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## Congress in Telangana till 2034, no future for BRS: CM Revanth

**Hyderabad, July 4 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has reiterated that the Congress party will remain in power in Telangana until 2034. The Chief Minister made the remarks during a thanksgiving meeting in Midjil, Mahabub nagar district on Saturday, held to commemorate his 20-year

political journey. The event saw the attendance of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao and Vakiti Srihari, along with several MPs, MLAs, and MLCs. During his speech, the Chief Minister remarked that the people of Telangana should be thankful to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for

the establishment of the state during the UPA government at the national level. "Join me in this effort, support me, and let us work towards making Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister. The initial step towards this goal must originate from Midjil mandal," Revanth Reddy urged. He expressed his commitment to the development



of Midjil mandal, aspiring for it to serve as a model for the entire district. "For this reason, I am asking Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to take this mandal under his wing. It must evolve into a prosperous area," he said. The Chief Minister went on to accuse the previous BRS government of failing to serve the people and claimed that former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao accrued a debt of 8.21 lakh crore over a decade in Telangana.

## Jupally welcomes NITI Aayog's endorsement of Telangana tourism model

**Hyderabad, July 4 :** Minister for Tourism, Culture, Prohibition & Excise Jupally Krishna Rao has welcomed NITI Aayog's appreciation of Telangana's tourism and hospitality reforms, describing it as a significant endorsement of the State's progressive policy framework and investor-friendly governance. Referring to NITI Aayog's recent report.



## ECI rejects Kavitha's TRS party name, gives 15-day ultimatum

**Hyderabad, July 4 :** In a major setback to Kalvakuntla Kavitha, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has rejected the name of her newly floated party, the 'Telangana Rakshana Sena' (TRS). Citing an outpouring of public opposition, the regulatory body issued explicit directives stating that the acronym 'TRS' cannot be retained. The ECI has given Kavitha a 15-day window to propose three alternative names for her political outfit, warning that failure to comply will result in the outright rejection of her party registration application.



## Govt deposits 7,135 crore to 67.45 lakh farmers in record 5 days : Tummala

**Hyderabad, July 4 :** Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, and Handlooms & Textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that the state government is fulfilling its promise to farmers by depositing 'Rythu Bharosa' funds into their accounts at a record level. He noted that the government set another record by directly depositing 7,135.77 crore into the bank accounts of 67.45 lakh farmers within just five days of launching the fund release program on June 30.



## Kaleshwaram barrages to resume only after NDSA, CWC clearance : Uttam

**Nagarjuna Sagar, July 4 :** Making it clear that there would be no compromise on safety irrigation projects, Minister for Irrigation N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has declared that the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages would be operated after all rehabilitation works are completed.

## We will produce gold in Kuppam too : CM Chandrababu

**Chittoor, July 4 :** Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that the government is implementing a special action plan for the development of the Kuppam constituency. Speaking at a program held in Kuppam, he mentioned that gold fields had been inaugurated at Jonnagiri and noted that, given reports of gold deposits in Kuppam as well, steps would be taken to make them operational. They stated that the previous government had attempted to encroach upon people's lands

and that they are currently resolving issues related to lands under dispute. Chief Minister Chandrababu announced that temples in Kuppam would be developed at a cost of 734 crore using TTD funds. He criticized the previous government for acting vindictively regarding Kuppam's development, stating that they misled the public by erecting movie-style sets to create the illusion that they had brought water to the region. He stated that tourism projects such as elephant safaris, rock climbing, and trekking are being developed to provide a novel experience to everyone visiting Kuppam. The Chief Minister revealed that a master plan for the comprehensive development of Kuppam is being formulated in collaboration with renowned organizations like Surbana Jurong and IIT Kanpur. Speaking about politics in this context, CM Chandrababu clarified that while he always maintains a gentle de-



meanor towards the public, he deals sternly with anti-social elements. He remarked that the days of making movies about Rayalaseema factionalism are over, as conditions in the region have completely changed. He also noted that his political career would complete 50 years in another two years. He criticized the fact that the entry of rowdies into politics in the state has led to numerous untoward incidents. CM Chandrababu pointed out that he was held responsible for events such as the murder of Vivekananda Reddy and the 'Kodi Kathi' incident.



## Rains to continue in AP for another two days; IMD issues warning to major ports

**Amaravati, July 4 :** The Amaravati Meteorological Centre has forecast heavy rains in several parts of Andhra Pradesh over the next two

days, with light to moderate rainfall expected in other areas. It stated that rains would occur across the state due to the influence of a cyclonic circulation and a trough formed over the Bay of Bengal.

## Khamenei's farewell: Iranian Speaker Ghalibaf, FM Araghchi break down in tears

**New Delhi, July 4 :** Funeral ceremonies for Iran's former Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, commenced in Tehran drawing senior Iranian officials, foreign dignitaries and high-level delegations from across the world. The solemn proceedings were marked by emo-

tional scenes, with Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi breaking down in tears during the farewell ceremony. According to Iran's Fars News Agency, Tehran Governor Mohammad Sadeq Motamedian said.



## Good news for onion farmers from the Centre: Minimum Support Price hiked

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Central Government has brought good news for onion farmers by raising the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for onions by 13 percent. With this latest hike, the price per quintal has in-

creased from 1,875 to 2,125. The Centre took this decision to boost onion procurement and benefit farmers, announcing that the increase comes into effect immediately. The government has raised the price multiple times this season.



## Pruthvi Toyota Inaugurates State-of-the-Art Dealership & Service Facility at Bhimavaram



**Bhimavaram, July 4 :** Pruthvi Toyota, an authorized dealer partner of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, proudly inaugurated its new world-class dealership and service facility in **Bhimavaram**, marking a significant milestone in strengthening Toyota's presence in the West Godavari region. The grand inauguration was graced by **Hon'ble Shri K. Raghu Rama Krishna Raju**,

Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, as the **Chief Guest**. The event was further honored by the presence of distinguished **Guests of Honour:**

**Shri P. Ramanjaneyulu (Anji Babu)**, Hon'ble MLA, Bhimavaram  
The inauguration commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a warm welcome address from the

Managing Director of Pruthvi Toyota. In his speech, he highlighted the company's commitment to delivering Toyota's globally renowned standards of quality, safety, reliability, and customer satisfaction to the people of Bhimavaram and neighboring districts. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest appreciated Toyota's continued investment in Andhra Pradesh and lauded Pruthvi Toyota for creating employment opportunities, strengthening the local economy, and bringing world-class automotive sales and after-sales services closer to customers in the region.

The dignitaries congratulated the Pruthvi Toyota management on this important milestone and expressed confidence that the new dealership would contribute significantly to the economic growth of the region while providing exceptional customer experiences. As a token of gratitude, Pruthvi Toyota presented commemorative mementoes to the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour in recognition of their esteemed presence. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman of Pruthvi Toyota thanked Toyota Kirloskar Motor, the distinguished guests, customers, business associates, media representatives, partners, and the entire Pruthvi Toyota team for their unwavering support in making the project a reality. The newly inaugurated dealership features a modern showroom showcasing Toyota's complete range of passenger vehicles, a fully equipped service workshop with advanced diagnostic technology, genuine Toyota parts, skilled technicians, customer lounges, and dedicated facilities designed to deliver an exceptional ownership experience.



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## We are encouraging Trupti Canteens to economically empower Dwakra women: Minister Narayana

**Eluru, July 4 :** Dwakra Andhra Pradesh Municipal Minister Narayana commented that Trupti canteens are being promoted to empower women economically. He said that Trupti canteens are being organized as part of the decision taken to make women entrepreneurs. He

visited Eluru on Saturday and participated in several programs. The minister inspected the Trupti canteen organized under the auspices of MEPMA. Minister Narayana, MLA Badeti Chanti, Mayor Noorjahan, and Collector Vetri Selvi had breakfast in this canteen. Minister Narayana spoke on the

occasion. He said that there are Trupti canteens in 8 areas of AP. He said that they are ready to open eight more Trupti canteens. Minister Narayana stated that steps are being taken to open another Trupti canteen in Eluru.



## CS orders continuous inspections to curb food adulteration

**Hyderabad, July 4 :** As per instructions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju directed officials to take stringent measures to safeguard public health. He emphasised that the strict enforcement of food safety regulations across the State and instructed officials to conduct continuous inspections with special focus on adulterated food products. The Chief Secretary chaired a review meeting with senior officials.

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**Indian Overseas Bank**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(No.54 of 2002) whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS** and **AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues of **Rs. 5, 41, 09,761.00 (Rupees Five Crores, Forty One Lakhs Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One only)** as on **30.06.2026**. This is as per Court order said amount is due for payment of **Rs. 1,43,73,510.00** as per Hon DRT-1, Bangalore Final Order dated **27.01.2018**, together interest there on at the rate **12.70%** with monthly rest from the date of application i.e. **04.01.2016** to till the date of realization of our entire dues. plus interest & costs till realization of our entire dues and where as consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal <https://baanknet.com/>.

**Name & address of the Borrowers:** 1. M/s. Vijaya Mining Company, Office Address: S. No. 185, Obalapuram Village, D. Hiralal Mandal, Ananthpur Dist. (AP) - 515 272, Represented by its Partners: a) **Mr. Gopi K M S/o Mariswamy T**, b) **Mrs Radha Rani G W/o: Mr. Gopi K M**, 2. M/s. Vijaya Enterprises, Office Address: Saptagiri Nivas, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Neharu Colony, Bellary, Guarantors: 1. **Mr. Gopi K M S/o: Mariswamy T**, 2. **Mrs Radha Rani G**, W/o: **Mr. Gopi K M**, Both Are resident of D. No. 2150, Red Wood, 2nd Stage, B.M. Kaval, Mychael Palya, Indira Nagar, Bangalore - 560 038.

Date of NPA: 30-11-2011 for SI No. 1 & 21-04-2011 for SI No. 2 | Date of Demand Notice: 11-08-2025  
Date of Possession : 25-02-2026

**Dues claimed in Demand Notice : Rs. 4,75,89,170.78 as on 24-06-2025 with further interest & costs. Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs. 5,18,00,710.60 as on 24-02-2026 with further interest & costs Rs. 5, 41, 09,761.00 as on 30.06.2026 with further interest & costs**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** All that, Piece and Parcel of non Agri Cultural Land and Appurtenances there on situated at S no 185, Obalapuram Village D Hiralal Mandal, Anantpur District Andhra Pradesh admeasuring 5.63 acres in name of Mrs. Radha rani G W/o Mr. Gopi KM, Bounded By: East : land of Virupaksha Gowda, West : Remaining Land of Same Survey No. 185, North: Road, South: land belongs to Upendraiah and Others Land

**Reserve Price : Rs.1,25,67,677/- | EMD : Rs. 12,56,768/- | Bid increase amount : Rs.50,000/-**

**Date & Time of auction: 23-07-2026 Time:10.00 AM to 04:00 PM** Auto extension time: 10 minutes

**Inspection Date: 04-07-2026 to 22-07-2026, Inspection Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** Onwards Any Working Days  
Last Date for Submission of online application for BID : **23.07.2026 up to 4:00 PM**

\*Outstanding dues (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc) - Not known \*Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.For terms and conditions Please visit: <https://baanknet.com/>

**Date: 03.07.2026**  
**Place: Bellary**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Indian Overseas Bank**

SHRIRAM Finance

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**

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

Office Address: Shriram Finance Ltd, Zonal Office, D.No: 8-4-1, Opp. LIC Divisional Office, Ganesh Nagar, Karimnagar-505001; And Branch Office At: H.No:8-4-34/C, Beside E Seva, Kamareddy Road, Sircilla.

**E AUCTION SALE NOTICE IN RESPECT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BELONGS TO: MR. NEDURI VAMSHI**

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 after expiry of 30 days of the Intending sale Notice dated.28.08.2025. 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 Borrower/Co Borrower/Guarantor and Mortgagor 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 **04.08.2026 11.00 A.M. to 01.00P.M.** for recovery of dues of **Rs. Rs.36,74,564/-** as on **24.04.2024** with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from 25.04.2024 due to the **Shriram Finance Limited**, Secured Creditor as per Demand Notice dated **24.04.2024** issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantor(s) mentioned below.

**Agreement No.: SIRCITE2406220006. Name And Address of the Borrower/Guarantor(s):** 1) **Neduri Roshan S/o. Ravi**, Age:26 Years, Occ: Business (Roshan Fashions), H.No:2-100, Balara Jupally, Marripalli, Vemulawada, Karimnagar, Pincode:505403. 2) **Neduri Vamshi S/o. Ravi**, Age:32 Years, Occ:Business, H.No:H.No:2-100, Balarajupally, Marripalli, Vemulawada, Karimnagar, Pincode:505403. 3) **Avunuri Sandhya C/o. Avunuri Rajalingaiah**, Age:25 Years, Occ:House Wife, H.No:1-78/2, Yen Katampalle, Marripalli, Vemulawada, Karimnagar, Pincode:505403. 4) **Arigela Anunkumar S/o. Shankaraiah**, Age: 32 Years, Occ:Driver, H.No: 1-71/1, Marripalli, Vemula Wada, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505403.

**Description of immovable property: (Property belongs to Neduri Vamshi):** The Open place admeasuring to an extent of 366.66 Sq. yards or 306.56 Sq. Mtrs., out of Sy. No. 387, Situated at Shivar Kodimally Village & Mandal, Jagtial District, Registration District: Karimnagar & Sub-District: Malliall having the following the boundaries: **East:** Open place of Chiluvuri Rajavaa presently Now (House of Construction Building of others, **West:** Open place of Narsinga Rao Presently Now (House of Construction Building of Others, **North:** Open place of Chiluvuri Shashikaia & others, **South:** 20 feet wide Road.

| Agreement No.     | Reserve Price of the Property                                                             | EMD Amount                                                                        | By way of Sub EMD                   | Bid Increase Amt. | Auction Date | EMD Sub Date | Property Inspection Date |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| SIRCITE2406220006 | Rs.20,53,296/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Six only) | Rs.2,05,329/- (Rupees Two lakhs Five Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Nine Only) | DD in favour of Shriram Finance Ltd | Rs.10,000/-       | 04.08.2026   | 03.08.2026   | 01.08.2026               |

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 Namboodiri, Contact No.9833922941 Mr. Gaurav Namboodiri <gaurav@samil.in>** and for any property related query may contact **Shriram Finance Limited Authorized Officer, Ramakrishna Thandu, Ph. No: 9848216022**, 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/auction> 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: Sircilla, Date: 01-07-2026**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.**

## Alluri Sitarama Raju Jayanti 2026 Home Minister Anita Press Tribute Symbol of Courage Patriotism

**Anakapalli, July 4:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of freedom fighter and hero of the country, Alluri Seetharamaraju, Home Minister Anitha garlanded the statue of Alluri at the Nakkapalli MPDO office and paid tribute. Later, saplings were planted in the premises.

State Bank of India

Cheyyeru Branch, Cheyyeru, East Godavari District

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
(For movable and Immoveable properties)

**WHEREAS**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India, Cheyyeru Branch, Cheyyeru, East Godavari District**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice (Abridged)** dated 29-04-2026, calling upon the **Borrower:** (1) **Sri. Jana Vana Veera Naga Siva Sai Sankar**, S/o. Uma Maheswararao, 10-124/1, Netaji nager, Cheyyeru, Vinayaka temple, East Godavari District (HL 39653338211, Suraksha 39656746704) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 17,53,692/- (Seventeen lakh fifty-three thousand six hundred ninety-two Rupees Only)** as on 06-03-2026. Plus interest, costs, charges etc., less amount repaid subsequently within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower / guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken constructive possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this 29 June 2026.

The borrower / guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, for an amount **Rs. 17,53,692/- (Seventeen lakh fifty-three thousand six hundred ninety-two Rupees Only)** as on 06-03-2026. Plus interest, costs and incidental charges etc., there on less further payments made by you if any.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIE**

Property Belongs to: **Sri. Jana Vana Veera Naga Siva Sai Sankar S/o. Uma Maheswararao**

East Godavari District, Amalapuram Sub Registrar Office, Amalapuram Rural Mandal, Edarapalli Gram Panchayat, Amalapuram Revenue village, an extent of 210.11 sq yards Equal to 175.65 sq. mts out of middle ac.0:05 cts out of full ac.4:99 cts of Zeroyotti Dry in R.S.No.145/1 with R.C.C. building bearing D.No.5-162 East Godavari District with Assessment No.1513 bounded by :-

**Boundaries:** **East :** Site of Rayudu Venkata Padmavthi - 279"; **South :** Daba, site of Balla Veera venkata satyanarayana - 61"; **West :** Panchayat Cement Road - 343"; **North :** Daba, site of Rayudu Venkata Padmavthi -61".

The above stated property with R.C.C. building within above boundaries with all usual ways, easement right ect.

**Date : 04-07-2026**  
**Place : Cheyyeru,**

**Authorised Officer**  
**State Bank of India**

Indian Overseas Bank

HI-TECH CITY BRANCH: # 1-98/8/8, Ground Floor, Plot No.43, Arunodaya Colony, Madhapur Hyderabad 500081, Telangana. Tel: 040-23421541, ISFC Code: IOBA0001904, E-mail: iob1904@iob.in

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
[Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules] "APPENDIX- IV-A"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the **Secured Creditor, Indian Overseas Bank** the **Constructive/ Symbolic/ Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank/ Secured Creditor**, will be sold on "**As is where is**", "**As is what is**", and "**Whatever there is**" on **23.07.2026**, for recovery of **Rs.Rs.39,23,367.17 (Rupees Thirty-Nine Lakhs Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven rupees and Seventeen Paise Only)** due as on 30.06.2026 to the **Indian Overseas Bank, Hi-tech city Branch Secured Creditor from Borrower, Sri Gowrishetty Srinivas**.

**Schedule of Secured Assets**

All that the House No.2-68/5/118/1, Assessment (PTIN) No.1000014868, on Plot No.118 Western Park, in survey No.'s 96,102,105 and 106, admeasuring 100 Sq Yds. or 83.6 Sq Mts., having Plinth area 96,102,105 and 106, and First Floor 522 Sft., total Plinth area 1044 Sft., with RCC Roofing, situated at Chengicherla Village, under Boduppal Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Under SRO Narappally, and **bounded as follows: North: 40'-0" Wide Road, South: Plot No.119, East: Plot No.118 Eastern Park, West: 25'-0" Wide Road.**

**The Reserve Price: Rs.39,61,000/-, EMD: Rs.3,96,100/-, Bid Multiplier: Rs.1,00,000/-**

**Auction Date: 23.07.2026 and Last date of submission of bid with EMD: 22.07.2026 till 11:59 PM.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e. [www.ioib.in/e-Auctions.aspx](http://www.ioib.in/e-Auctions.aspx) and also <https://baanknet.com>

This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.

**Date: 01.07.2026**  
**Place: Hyderabad**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Indian Overseas Bank**

Indian Overseas Bank

HI-TECH CITY BRANCH: # 1-98/8/8, Ground Floor, Plot No.43, Arunodaya Colony, Madhapur Hyderabad 500081, Telangana. Tel: 040-23421541, ISFC Code: IOBA0001904, E-mail: iob1904@iob.in

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**Schedule of Secured Assets**

All that the Entire Ground Floor House bearing Municipal No.13-4-232(Old No.1570) Block No.1 having a Built up area of 1800 square feet together with the Undivided share of land admeasuring 103.5 square yards 86.53 square meters, out of 207 square yards, situated at Panipura Road.Beside Sharfi Chaman Nargah, Sabzmandi, Hyderabad, which is bounded by: **North: H.No.13-4-231 of Narayandas, South: 20' Wide Road, East: 15' Wide Road, West: Sherfi Chaman Dargah.**

**The Reserve Price: Rs.46,40,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,64,000/-, Bid Multiplier: Rs.1,00,000/-**

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**Place: Hyderabad**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Indian Overseas Bank**

## Ensure no voter loses right to vote during SIR exercise, says Karnataka Deputy CM

**Belagavi, July 4 :** Referring to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Karnataka, state Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Saturday said the SIR exercise should be carried out carefully to ensure that no eligible voter is deprived of the right to vote, and that every effort should be made to ensure that no voter loses the right to vote. He urged Congress workers to

work unitedly to strengthen the party and continue striving for the welfare of the poor, Dalits, backward classes and minorities. Addressing party leaders and workers during his visit to the Belagavi District Congress office, Parameshwara said the SIR exercise has triggered discussions across the country regarding its merits and shortcomings. Keeping in mind the challenges witnessed during electoral processes in other

states, Karnataka must ensure that voters' rights are fully protected, he said. He said the SIR process should be conducted properly in every Assembly constituency.



## How SHE-LEAPS aims to propel data-driven growth to reach 6 crore 'Lakhpati Didis'

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The SHE-LEAPS (Self-Help Entrepreneur-Livelihoods and Enterprise Application for Prosperity and Sustainability) digital initiative, just launched by the Centre to strengthen the empowerment of rural women, is expected to play a key role in achieving the target of 6 crore 'Lakhpati Didis', according to an official

factsheet issued on Saturday. SHE-LEAPS is a digital platform for empowering women associated with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across rural India. This is being accomplished through a unified platform for enterprise creation and performance tracking. The initiative supports livelihood creation, enterprise growth, and financial inclusion for rural women. It supports both farm and non-



farm rural enterprises, aiming to build a stronger and more sustainable rural economy, the statement explained. SHE-LEAPS will strengthen the 'Lakhpati Didi' mission by providing end-to-end digital tracking of income growth and enterprise performance.



## Step towards strengthening India-Iran ties: BJP on PM Modi's telephonic conversation with Prez Masoud

**Patna, July 4 :** Reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's telephonic conversation with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, the BJP on Saturday described the interaction as a significant step towards strengthening India-Iran relations while reiterating New Delhi's commitment to peace, stability, and dialogue in West Asia. Speaking to IANS, BJP Bihar President Sanjay Saraogi said, "Prime Minister Modi is a global leader and one of the most popular leaders in the world. He discusses global issues and also raises India's concerns. A large quantity of petroleum products reached India through the Strait of Hormuz, and he has conveyed India's concerns regarding the security of this crucial maritime route." Senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said, "Prime Minister Modi has consistently emphasised that stability, security, and peace in different regions are essential. He has repeatedly stated that solutions to crises should be achieved through dialogue.

## Bengal court issues fresh summons to Abhishek Banerjee for collection of voice samples

**Kolkata, July 4 :** A district court in North 24 Parganas district in West Bengal, on Saturday issued a notice to Trinamool Congress general secretary and the party's Lok Sabha member, Abhishek Banerjee, to be present at the court so that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) sleuths can collect his voice samples in a case where he is accused of making violence-inciting statements and threatening Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a campaign rally. In the fresh summons issued on Wednesday, Abhishek, the nephew of former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, was asked to present at the same district court on July 8, so that the CID sleuths could collect his voice samples in the presence of the

judicial magistrate and forensic experts. On Wednesday, the Judicial Magistrate of Bidhannagar Court at Salt Lake in North 24 Parganas district directed the Diamond Harbour MP to be present at the court by 10 a.m. on July 8. Abhishek was scheduled to be present before the district court on Tuesday for the same purpose. However, he did not turn up at the district court on Tuesday because of a parallel hearing in a single-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court on his petition challenging



the district court's earlier order relating to the collection of his voice samples. However, on Tuesday, the single-judge bench of Justice Tirthankar Ghosh refused to entertain his plea for relief from the collection of voice samples and also observed

that when Abhishek had already been granted interim protection from coercive police action, including arrest in the main case by another single-judge bench of the same court, there was no need for fresh protection from submitting voice samples in this case. Justice Ghosh also observed that the court could not dictate to any investigating agency which line of investigation the latter should follow. Thereafter, Justice Ghosh announced his decision to recuse himself from further hearing in the matter. The matter was then referred to the Calcutta High Court's Acting Chief Justice, Tapabrata Chakraborty, who will now decide which new bench will hear it.

## Delhi HC takedown order a step against coordinated online defamation campaign: Raghav Chadha's lawyers

**New Delhi, July 4 :** Counsel representing BJP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha on Saturday welcomed the Delhi High Court's order directing the removal of five prima facie defamatory online posts, saying the decision reinforces that freedom of speech cannot be used to run "paid

orchestrated campaigns" of defamation and character assassination. Earlier in the day, the Delhi High Court ordered the removal of five prima facie defamatory online posts against Chadha while

refusing to grant any blanket interim direction for the removal of all the content flagged by him or wider protection of his personality and publicity rights. In a statement issued after the de-



cision, advocates Satatya Anand and Nikhil Aradhe.

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| Borrower Name and Address                                                                                                                                                                          | Amount due as per Demand Notice                                                                  |
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| 1. Vishwanath Seelam, S/o. Seelam Bhaskar Rao, H.No:9-6-98, Gajupeti, Dist:Nizamabad, Pincode:503001. 2. Seelam Datadri, S/o. Bhaskar Rao, H.No:9-6-98, Gajupeti, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode:503001. | <b>Rs.30,25,490/-</b><br>(Thirty Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred And Ninety Rupees only) |

**Description of Property:** NIZBRTF2301030001 - Description Of The Immovable Property: (Property Holder Name is Vishwanath Seelam, S/o. Seelam Bhaskar Rao Mortgage Deed Dated 03.07.2023. Registered As Document No 50/2023 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Nizamabad). **Schedule Of Immovable Property:** Vishwanath Seelam, S/o. Seelam Bhaskar Rao: All That The Part Of Plot No.21 Lies In Sy No.1864 Of Nizamabad Shivar, Mandal And District Nizamabad Admeasuring 200.48 Sq. Yds Or 167.96 Sq.Mtrs Situated In Ward No.10, Block No.10 At Indrapur, Nizamabad Of Nizamabad District Within The Limits Of Municipal Corporation, Nizamabad Under The Regn.Sub Dist Nizamabad, Dist Regd.Nizamabad (Subject Matter Of The Regd. Release Deed Document No.10535/2022 Dt.26.10.2022 S/o Nizamabad, Towards **North:** Remaining Part Of Plot No.21, Towards **South:** 40-0 Wide Road, Towards **East:** Plot No.22, Towards **West:** Plot No.19 (Present House Is Their).

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**Place:** Nizamabad, **Date:** 03.07.2026 **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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| Borrower Name and Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Amount due as per Demand Notice                                                                 |
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| 1. Syed Mubeen S/O. Syed Malang, Occ:Business (S.M & Sons General Fruit Merchant),Fruit Market, Nri Colony,Arsapally, Dist:Nizamabad, H.No:9-497, Barkatpur, Dist:Nizamabad,Pincode:503001. 2. Raisa Begum W/o. Syed Mubeen, H.No:9-497, Barkatpur, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode:503001. 3. Mohammed Aslam, S/o. Mohammed Afzar, Occ: Business, H.No:9-17-239, Hashmi Colony, Dist:Nizamabad, Pincode: 503001. | <b>Rs. 2902466/-</b><br>(Twenty Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Four Hundred And Sixty Six Rupees only) |

**Description of Property:** NIZBRTF1806300001 - Description Of The Immovable Property (Property holder Name is Syed Mubeen S/o. Syed Malang Mortgage deed dated 03.07.2016 Registered as Document No 6347/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Nizamabad): Schedule Of Immovable Property: That The Existing Tin Shead Roofed House With Open Place Bearing Mpl.No.9-17-455, In Ward No.(9), Block No.(17) Situated At Hashmi Colony, Nizamabad,Admeasuring To An Extent Of 132.Sq. Yards Or 110.37 Sq. Mtrs. Tinshead Roof Plinth Area 240.00 Sft,Situated At Nizamabad Town & District, Registration District:Nizamabad & Sub-District:Nizamabad, Towards **North:** Plot Of Md.Ibrahim, Towards **South:** Plot Of Youngs Abdul Gaffar, Towards **East:** Open Yard, Towards **West:** 20 Feet Wide Road.

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**Place:** Nizamabad, **Date:** 03.07.2026 **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

## Dirty politics will come back to bite you, enemies rising within, Raj Thackeray warns BJP

**Thane (Maharashtra), July 4 :** Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the current political landscape in the state and the country, describing it as "dirty and horrifying". Speaking at a press conference in Thane, Thackeray targeted the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and took a sharp dig at the rebel

MPs and MLAs who split from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction. Commenting on the shifting loyalties and split within the political parties, the MNS chief did not mince his words, using a stark analogy to describe political defections. "The question right now is not about those who are buying, but about those who are up for sale. If they are willing to sell their bodies, buyers will always be ready," he said, targeting the breakaway faction of MPs and MLAs. Raj



Thackeray warned that the political culture taking shape today would have damaging consequences for future generations. "Politicians seem to have no realisation of the precedents they are setting.



## 30 injured in two road accidents in J&K's Budgam, Baramulla

**Srinagar, July 4 :** At least 30 people were injured in two road accidents in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said here. The officials said 25 people, including the driver, were injured after a passenger bus met with an accident at Kawnr, near Nasrullahpora in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The bus was travelling from Beerwah to Budgam when the accident occurred. The circumstances leading to the mishap were not immediately known. Before emergency responders reached the scene.

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BEGUM BAZAR BRANCH - HYDERABAD  
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**DEMAND NOTICE**  
**NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.**  
Whereas at the request of you, the below mentioned persons, have been granted Credit facility by **Central Bank of India, Begum Bazar Branch** mentioned hereunder by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned hereunder. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank,Your accounts have been classified as Non Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the **Demand Notice Date: 22.04.2026** under Sec 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 that were sent to you all calling upon you to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned unserved, we are issuing this notice.

**Name of the Borrowers:** **1) Mr. Mulugu Yeeswara Chandra Vidya Sagara Hareesh S/o. Nageswararao Mulugu**, Plot No. 308, H. No. 8-6-311, Road No. 5, Srinivasapuram Colony, Vanastalipuram, Yellama Temple Hayathnagar, Telengana - 500070, **2) Mr. Mulugu Yeeswara Chandra Vidya Sagara Hareesh S/o. Nageswararao Mulugu**, Flat No B-311, 3rd Floor, Block-B, VASUSRI PRIDE, Dundigal Village, Gandimaisamma Mandal, Dundigal Municipality, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist, Telangana-500043.  
**Loan A/c No. 5689850855** **Non-Performing Asset on 20.04.2026**  
**Outstanding Amount: Rs.63,16,769.20/-** as on 22.04.2026 with future interest and incidental expenses, costs thereon.  
**Description of the Immovable Property: (Detailed description of the secured asset/ Mortgaged Property/ Hypothecated Goods):** **Immovable asset:** Complete detailed description of immovable property Land & Building and details of title deed with its boundaries: All that the Flat No B-311, in 3rd Floor of Block B of "VASUSRI PRIDE" with built up area of 1380.00 Sq. Fts (including Common area and Two car parking area), along with undivided share of land admeasuring 58.00 Sq. yards (out of which 18763Sq. yards) in Sy No 600/a/s/2, 602/a/s/2, 602/a/s/3, and 602/a/s/3, situated at Dundigal Village, Gandimaisamma Mandal, under Dundigal Municipality. Medchal Malkajgiri Dist, Telangana State., in the name Mr. Mulugu Yeeswara Chandra Vidya Sagara Hareesh S/o Nageswararao Mulugu and property bounded by **Boundaries of Land: North:** Vasusri Pride Commercial Block 1 and 2, **South:** ORR Service Road, **East:** Land in Sy No 600 and 602S, **West:** Land Belongs to M/s Vasu Sri Infra Projects and Neighbours land in Sy No 601. **Boundaries for Flat: North:** Open to Sky, **South:** Open to Sky, **East:** Open to Sky, **West:** Corridor and Open to Sky.  
If you the above mentioned person's fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act. Within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section(4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said-Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings,as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law. Borrower's and guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Date: 22.04.2026** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Place: Hyderabad** **Central Bank of India**

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| Borrower Name and Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Amount due as per Demand Notice                                                                   |
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| 1) Narsimha Yacharapu, S/o: Kistaiah Yacharapu, Aged About 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 6-24, Mogulavampu (V), Yacharam (M), Rangareddy Dist-501509, B/O: Proprietor Of 'M/S. Narsing Communication (E-Seva Centre)' At 'K- 3-82, Yacharam, Nalgonda Dist. 2) Chaitanya Aravanti, C/O. Yacharapu Narsimha, Age: 33 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 6-24, Mogulavampu (V), Yacharam (M), Rangareddy Dist-501509, 3) Shravan Choudhary, S/o: Tejaram Choudhary, Age: 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No. 4-51, Yacharam, Rangareddy Dist-501509, B/O: Proprietor Of "Hard Ware Shop", At # Adhibatla Police Station, Hyderabad, <b>Barrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs</b> | <b>Rs.2183905/-</b><br>(Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Five Only) |

**lbptmt211120002-Description Of The Immovable Property:** Property Holder Name is Yacharapu Narsimha, Mortgage Deed Dated 12.11.2021 Registered s Document No 12508/2021 on the File of the office of Sub-Registrar at Devarakonda) **Item No.:** All That Open Plot Bearing No 13, In Survey No 53/A1, Admeasuring 89 Square Yards Or 74.415 Square Meters In Block No 7, Situated At Chinthipally Village, Chinthipally Mandal, Nalgonda District and **Bounded as Follows: Towards East:** Chinthipally Varkala Pwd Road. **Towards West:** 25 Feet Wide Internal Cc Road. **Towards North:** Plot No 12. **Towards South:** Place of other. **Item No.:** All That Open Plot Bearing No 21, In Survey No 79/A3,78/E, Admeasuring 70.21 Square Yards Or 59.179 Square Meters In Block No 7, Situated At Chinthipally Village, Chinthipally Mandal, Nalgonda District and **Bounded as Follows: Towards East:** Palt No 22. **Towards West:** 30 Feet Wide Internal Road. **Towards North:** 24 Feet Wide. **Towards South:** Plot No 21 Part.

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**Place:** Nalgonda **Date:** 02.07.2026 **- Sd/- Authorized Officer**  
**Shriram Finance Limited**

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## Former bureaucrats recall PM Modi's role in Digital India journey

Eleven years ago, Digital India was merely a concept. Today, it stands as one of the most transformative initiatives in independent India, reshaping governance, economy, and daily life for millions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal vision and relentless drive turned this idea into a national mission that has bridged the digital divide and empowered citizens like never before. Two former bureaucrats shared their experiences on the X handle of Modi Story about how "Digital India" came to reality. Soon after assuming office in 2014, Prime Minister Modi entrusted senior bureaucrat Tapan Ray with steering the Digital India and e-Governance agenda. His ambition was vast: building robust digital infrastructure, extending broadband connectivity to every village, boosting electronics manufacturing, and ensuring technology benefits reached the last mile. Ray recalled the Prime Minister's deep personal involvement, noting that PM Modi himself finalised the iconic Digital India logo, reflecting his hands-on approach from the outset. The formal launch took place on July 1, 2015. Another former bureaucrat, RS Sharma, who was closely involved in the preparations, remembered briefing the Prime Minister on key components such as DigiLocker, online hospital registrations, and digital KYC (know your customer) processes. At one point, PM Modi posed a straightforward yet profound question: "How will you explain DigiLocker to an ordinary citizen?" When officials struggled with technical jargon, the Prime Minister stepped in with a simple, relatable analogy. He described a job applicant rushing to an interview, fumbling through physical certificates. "If all documents are safely stored in a DigiLocker on the phone," PM Modi explained, "they can be accessed and shared instantly whenever needed." This ability to simplify complex technological concepts into everyday language that common citizens use today highlights PM Modi's unique strength. He not only grasped advanced digital tools but also ensured they were designed with the commoners in mind. Over the past decade, Digital India has delivered remarkable outcomes. Villages once cut off from the world now enjoy broadband access. Revolutionary platforms like UPI have transformed payments, while Direct Benefit Transfer has plugged leakages in welfare schemes. India has built one of the world's most advanced digital public infrastructures, enabling seamless services in areas ranging from banking and healthcare to education and governance. What began as a bold vision in 2014 has today become an integral part of Indian life, fostering transparency, efficiency, and inclusion. As the nation marks another milestone in its digital journey, the story of Digital India remains a powerful testament to visionary leadership that prioritises people-centric innovation.

## SIT doing its job, no need to interfere : Shia cleric on Owaisi's Ram Mandir remarks

**Lucknow, July 4 :** All India Shia Personal Law Board (AISPLB) spokesperson Maulana Yasoob Abbas on Saturday said that All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi should not interfere in the internal politics of Uttar Pradesh following the latter's remarks over the investigation into Ayodhya's Ram Temple donation embezzlement case. Addressing a rally in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor on Monday, Owaisi, while taking a jibe at the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh

government, said that if there had been a Muslim in the Ram Mandir Trust, the government would have shot him in an encounter and bulldozed his house by now. "They should have kept a Muslim in the temple trust and closed the case with his encounter and by bulldozing his house. But currently the accused are enjoying," Owaisi had said. Reacting to this, Shia cleric Abbas told IANS, "There is no need to make such statements, as the Ayodhya issue is a very serious one."

## Bihar's health department to instal CCTV cameras in all government hospitals: Nishant Kumar

**Patna, July 4 :** Bihar Health Minister Nishant Kumar has announced a series of measures aimed at improving the functioning of government hospitals, including the installation of CCTV cameras across all state-run healthcare facilities and the deployment of additional ambulances on highways. The announcements were made on Wednesday after the minister heard public grievances during a Janata Darbar at the JD(U) state office in Patna. Nishant Kumar said CCTV cameras will be installed in all government hospitals in Bihar to facilitate continuous monitoring of hospital operations. According to the minister, the surveillance system will be connected to a control room in Patna, enabling officials to monitor staff attendance and the functioning of hospitals. He noted that complaints are

frequently received regarding doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff not reporting for duty on time. He said disciplinary action would be taken against personnel found negligent through the monitoring process. The Health Minister stated that government hospitals are expected to stock 504 categories of medicines, but currently only around 350 varieties are available. He directed officials to ensure that all designated medicines are supplied regularly so that patients can access the prescribed drugs without facing shortages. Nishant Kumar also stressed the need to keep essential medical equipment operational. He said special attention would be given to the maintenance of MRI machines, CT scanners, and other diagnostic equipment. The minister noted that situations where equipment remains



non-functional for months or years should not occur. If hospitals lack trained technicians or operators, appointments will be made to ensure diagnostic services remain available. To improve emergency medical response, Nishant Kumar announced that the government plans to deploy 100 ambulances along national and state highways across Bihar. He also revealed plans to strengthen trauma care infrastructure through the establishment of 11 level-3 trauma centres and 5 level-3 trauma hospitals. The proposed facilities are in-

tended to provide quicker treatment to accident victims and improve emergency healthcare services. Nishant Kumar said improving healthcare services remains a priority for the state government, and that hospital performance will be monitored continuously. Referring to his recent inspection of Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), he recalled expressing dissatisfaction with the conditions there and stated that surprise inspections of government hospitals across Bihar would continue to ensure better service delivery and accountability.

## Prasoon Joshi to be honoured with inaugural 'NBT Bhushan Samman' at NBT Utsav 2026

**New Delhi, July 4 :** Acclaimed writer, lyricist and screenwriter Prasoon Joshi is set to be honoured with the inaugural 'NBT Bhushan Samman' at the Navbharat Times (NBT) Utsav 2026 on July 4. The special honour has been instituted by NBT Delhi to reward outstanding and enduring contributions in the fields of literature, culture, creativity, and mass communication. The celebrated creative icon will receive the NBT Bhushan Samman by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during NBT Utsav 2026, slated for July 4 in the national capital. Prasoon Joshi is among India's most distinguished creative minds, whose words have transcended cinema to become expressions of hope, emotion, patriotism, and social change. Through memorable works in films such as Rang De Basanti, Taare Zameen Par, Bhaag Milkha Bhaag, and Neerja, he has forged a lasting connection with audiences across generations. His writing reflects the aspirations of youth, the spirit of the nation, and the depth of human relationships, making his work an integral part of contemporary Indian cultural life. Beyond cinema, Prasoon Joshi has established himself as a leading voice in literature and advertising. His poetry and prose are celebrated for their emotional depth, while his acclaimed advertising campaigns are known for their simplicity, creativity, and ability to connect with millions. His exceptional command over language and distinctive storytelling have earned him recognition as one of India's most influential creative personalities. "Prasoon Joshi's remarkable creative journey continues to inspire generations of young Indians. It is with this vision that the publication is institut-



ing the NBT Bhushan Samman, beginning with one of the country's most respected cultural icons," NBT Delhi said in a press statement. "The award will honour individuals whose extraordinary contributions have enriched Indian society, culture, and public life," it further said about the purpose behind introducing a new honour at its annual flagship event. Notably, Prasoon Joshi was recently appointed as the head of a study group set up by the Centre to recommend measures for strengthening the Indian film industry and expanding theatre infrastructure in the country. Joshi, the chairman of Prasar Bharati and long-time advertising and film professional, will chair the study group. The panel will also include industry experts and technology partners and will submit its report to the ministry within three months.



## SSB seizes Rs 16 lakh cash in two interceptions near India-Nepal border

**Kolkata, July 4 :** The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) seized large sums of Indian currency along the India-Nepal border in Siliguri, West Bengal, officials said on Saturday. The money was seized on Saturday in two interceptions and was being taken to Nepal without any proper documentation. Two persons -- an Indian and a Nepali citizen -- have been detained and handed over to the Customs department for further legal proceedings. Large sums of money being taken to Nepal have to be disclosed at the border customs office. The first incident occurred around 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday during routine checking on the BIT New Bridge, Panitanki, by troops of the 41 Bn SSB Ranidanga. During the search, Rs 800,000 in Rs 500 currency notes was found hidden in the luggage of a man travelling to Nepal by public transport. The man was identified as Bigyan Rai (27), a resident of Khotang in Sagarmatha, Nepal. He was unable to provide details about the large sum of money in his possession.

## KYCs of 6 lakh beneficiaries in 100-day job scheme under MGNREGA not updated in previous regime in South 24 Parganas

**Kolkata, July 4 :** Around six lakh beneficiaries of the 100-day job scheme from South 24 Parganas under the former Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the previous Mamata Banerjee-led regime in West Bengal will not be a part of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Scheme because their e-KYC is pending. Insiders from the state secretariat of Nabanna explained that Aadhaar-based filtering and filling up of e-KYC is mandatory in the VB-G RAM G Scheme, which comes into effect in West Bengal from

Saturday. Now, said a state government official on condition of anonymity, this filtering process revealed irregularities in the implementation of the MGNREGA scheme during the previous Trinamool Congress regime in South 24 Parganas district. "Out of a total of 23,40,050 job card holders in 29 blocks in South 24 Parganas district, 5,82,998 job card holders currently have e-KYC pending and there has been no initiative so far on part of these beneficiaries to update the KYC. Our strong suspicion is that these 5.82 lakh odd beneficiaries had been fake job card holders who had been enjoying the benefits of the previous MGNREGA scheme so far illegally," alleged the state government official.



"This, as we think, is just the tip of the iceberg. Shortly, detailed and district-wise data on the missing beneficiaries will be compiled and released," claimed the state government official. He further said that in South 24 Parganas, although the Block Development Officers (BDOs) issued repeated instructions for the missing beneficiaries to update their e-KYC, it failed to evoke a response. The state government official explained that

the state government had identified four major reasons why these missing beneficiaries could have refrained from updating their e-KYC. "The first reason is the fear of getting identified as a fake job-card holder in the biometric system of recognition. Second is the fear of revealing the forgery where money was allotted in the previous regime in the name of deceased beneficiaries.

## South Korea's Industry minister says fuel price cap system already showing price stabilisation effect

**Seoul, July 4 :** South Korea's Industry Minister Kim Jung-kwan said Saturday the government's fuel price cap system is already showing signs of stabilising prices less than a day after taking effect. Kim held a meeting with officials from South Korean oil refineries, gas stations and the Korea National Oil Corporation to review the domestic energy markets on the first day of the fuel price cap system's implementation, Yonhap News Agency reported. The temporary cap system took effect at midnight Thursday as part of the government's efforts to ease soaring fuel prices and reduce burdens on consumers, setting maximum prices of products oil refineries supply to gas stations and distributors. The initial price



ceiling was set at 1,724 won (USD 1.16) per litre for regular gasoline, 1,713 won per litre for diesel and 1,320 won per litre for lamp oil. The maximum price threshold will be readjusted every two weeks to reflect changes in international oil prices until the government decides to end the system when it determines that domestic fuel prices have been stabilized. After the meeting, Kim told reporters the market is already experiencing price cuts on the first day of the system, noting that gas stations and oil refineries are actively cooperating with the program. Kim asked gas stations during the meeting to cooperate with the program as price ceilings.



## US mulls shipping waiver amid oil shock

**Washington, July 4 :** Facing a sharp rise in fuel prices and disruptions in global shipping routes, the White House is considering a temporary waiver of the century-old Jones Act to allow more vessels to deliver energy and agricultural supplies to US ports. Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed that this major move is under consideration but has not yet been finalised. “In the interest of national defense, the White House is considering waiving the Jones Act for a limited period of time to ensure vital energy products and agricultural necessities are flowing freely to US ports,” Leavitt told IANS. “This action has not been finalised,” she said in response to a question. The Jones Act, enacted in 1920, requires that goods transported between US ports be carried on ships that are American-built, American-owned, and American-crewed.

## Canadian businessman Maninder Sidhu appointed as International Trade Minister

**Ottawa, July 4 :** Canadian businessman Maninder Sidhu, who was a parliamentary secretary, has been appointed as International Trade Minister. Sidhu, 41, who was sworn in as a minister on Saturday, is an entrepreneur who runs his own international trade specialist business. He says in his LinkedIn page that he “worked with businesses across Canada to provide strategic advice with a focus on trade, tariffs and growth opportunities”. Elected to parliament in 2019, he did a short stint as the parliamentary secretary to the Foreign Minister. Sidhu next parlayed his business



experience to become the parliamentary secretary to the International Trade Minister and has now jumped to Prime Minister Mark Carney's cabinet, assuming that portfolio. He said in an X post that Carney has placed his confidence in him “to diversify trade, support Canadian businesses in reaching new global markets.

## India-Brazil-South Africa fund drives women's empowerment through development



**United Nations, July 4 :** The India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Fund has emerged as a strong vehicle of South-South cooperation promoting women's empowerment through development, according to leaders from the three nations. The Fund is “a far-sighted joint initiative of the government of India, Brazil and South Africa, that has proven its utility by supporting over 50 development assistance projects across close to 40 countries since its establishment in 2004”, Savitri Thakur, India's Minister of State for Women and Child Development, said on Saturday. “To walk the talk, we have supported many projects relating to the development of women”, she said at an event commemorating the success stories of Women-Led Development and South-South Cooperation. “South-South cooperation holds profound value for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls”, said Sindisiwe Chikunga, South Africa's Minister for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities. She said that “at a time when multilateralism is under pressure and development finance is increasingly conditional and contested”, the role of the IBSA Fund becomes important.

## Pakistan: Young doctors announce suspension of emergency facilities in Quetta

**Quetta, July 4 :** Protesting young doctors have announced the suspension of all emergency services and routine medical facilities in public sectors hospitals, including Civil Hospital Quetta, after they were stopped from holding a protest sit-in in Red Zone of capital of Pakistan's southwestern province Balochistan, local media reported on Saturday. Doctors have been holding protest against the acid attack on a female doctor inside a hospital in Quetta.

Previously, the Young Doctors Association (YDA) leadership had announced a sit-in near the Red Zone to raise their demands, leading Pakistani daily Dawn reported. However, ahead of the protest, the local authorities deployed heavy contingents of police at all gates of Civil Hospital and blocked roads leading to the Red Zone. Despite the restrictions imposed by the authorities, doctors managed to reach Anscomb Road and tried to break through the police blockade but failed. They held protest and shouted slogans against the government before being turned back by police.



According to the doctors, the police manhandled some of their colleagues who were protesting. However, the police and local authorities have denied the allegations, stating that authorities had only blocked the roads and hospital gates. Speaking to reporters, YDA Supreme Council chairman Dr Hafeez slammed authorities for stopping what he said was a peaceful protest, Dawn reported. “Although the protesting doctors were carrying no weapons.



## US lawmakers urge action on China law

**Washington, July 4 :** A bipartisan group of 14 members of the US House of Representatives has urged Secretary of State Marco Rubio to publicly condemn China's new Ethnic Unity Law, calling it a tool of "forced assimilation, ideological control, and transnational repression" targeting Tibetans, Uyghurs, Southern Mongolians and other ethnic minority communities. The appeal, led by Congressmen Jim McGovern, Chris Smith and Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna, comes a day before the law takes effect on July 1. "Far from promoting genuine equality among ethnic groups, this law codifies and expands the Chinese Communist Party's majoritarian campaign of forced assimilation against Tibetans, Uyghurs, Southern Mongolians, and other non-Han Chinese communities," the lawmakers wrote in their letter to Rubio. "We respectfully urge the Department of State to respond publicly and forcefully to this law before it goes into effect on July 1, 2026, and to make clear that the United States rejects the CCP's attempt to disguise forced assimilation as 'ethnic unity'," they said. According to the lawmakers, China's Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress, adopted by the National People's Congress on March 12, contradicts the country's own constitutional guarantees of regional ethnic autonomy while giving legal force to policies of assimilation against minority communities. The letter argues that the legislation extends policies previously implemented in Tibet and Xinjiang across China, placing minority languages, cultures, religions and identities beneath what it describes as a Han Chinese-dominated national identity. The lawmakers also expressed concern over the law's extraterritorial provisions.



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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**  
SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002  
Whereas Mr. Dendi Madhukar Reddy, H.No.8-1-18/1, Kranthi Nagar Colony, Karmanghat, Saroonagar, Hyderabad-500079 has borrowed monies from Indian Overseas Bank against the mortgage of the immovable properties more fully described in the schedule hereunder and on upon classification of the account as NPA, the Bank has issued a demand notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 (Act) on 03.01.2026 calling upon the Borrower & Mortgagor: Mr. Dendi Madhukar Reddy, H.No.8-1-18/1, Kranthi Nagar Colony, Karmanghat, Saroonagar, Hyderabad-500079. Also at: H.No.6-3 (Plot No.2 (North Part) & 3 (South Part)), Near Gurunanak Engineering College, JB's Serene City (Phase-II), Khalsa Ibrahimpatnam (Village Mandal) Cherla Parelveda (GP), Ranga Reddy (District), Telangana-501506. Also at: Mrs. Deendi Kalpana, H.No.8-1-18/1, Kranthi Nagar Colony, Karmanghat, Saroonagar, Hyderabad-500079. Also at: H.No.6-3 (Plot No.2 (North Part) & 3 (South Part)), Near Gurunanak Engineering College, JB's Serene City (Phase-II), Khalsa Ibrahimpatnam (Village Mandal) Cherla Parelveda (GP), Ranga Reddy (District), Telangana-501506. Guarantor: Dendi Sai Deekshith Reddy, H.No.8-1-18/1, Kranthi Nagar Colony, Karmanghat, Saroonagar, Hyderabad-500079. Also at: H.No.6-3 (Plot No.2 (North Part) & 3 (South Part)), Near Gurunanak Engineering College, JB's Serene City (Phase-II), Khalsa Ibrahimpatnam (Village Mandal) Cherla Parelveda (GP), Ranga Reddy (District), Telangana-501506, to pay the amount due to the Bank, being Rs.1,10,30,506.50 as on 04.12.2025 payable together with further interest at contractual rates and rests along with costs, charges etc till date of repayment, after reckoning repayments, if any since the date mentioned in the demand notice.  
The dues of the borrower as on 01.07.2026 is Rs.1,13,11,402.20 (One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Two Rupees and Twenty Países Only) + interest at contractual rate from 05.06.2026 is due after reckoning repayments/ recoveries of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lacs Only) subsequent to the Bank issuing demand notice.  
The undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Banks dues by sale of the under mentioned properties.  
**Schedule of Secured Asset:** All that the piece and parcel of the premises bearing H.No.6-3 (Assessment Number 603) constructed on Plot No.2 (North Part) admeasuring 66 Sq.yards & Plot No.3 (South Part) admeasuring 234 Sq.yards Totally admeasuring 300 Sq.yards or 250.83 Sq.mtrs. having plinth area of Ground Floor 1320 Sq.ft, First Floor 1510 Sq.ft and Second Floor 140 Sq.ft. Total plinth area 2970 Sq.ft. with RCC Roof in Survey No.621, 622 & 623 of JB's Serene City (Phase-II) (HMDA) situated at Khalsa Ibrahimpatnam Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Cherla Pateleda Gram Panchayat, Ranga Reddy District and Bounded by: North: Plot No.3 (North Part), South: Plot No.2 (South Part), East: JB's Serene City Club House, West: 50' wide Road.  
**Date and time of e-auction:** 23-07-2026 & Time between 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed.  
**Reserve Price:** Rs.1,24,60,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)  
**Earnest Money Deposit:** Rs.12,46,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Forty Six Thousand Only)  
**EMD Remittance:** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to Deposit through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS Transfer in favour of "SARFAESI SALE PARKING ACCOUNT" to the credit of A/c No.02000113035001, Indian Overseas Bank, Branch Code: IFSC Code: IOBA0000200.  
It shall be paid online through NEFT/ RTGS mode (After generation of Challan from <https://baanknet.com> which will provide account details) in bidder Global EMD Wallet account.  
**Bid Multiplier:** Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)  
**Inspection of properties:** Any working day till 20.07.2026 during working hours (Contact branch for details)  
**Submission of online application forbid with EMD Starts from:** 06.07.2026 onwards  
**Last date for submission of online application for bid with EMD:** 22.07.2026  
**Known Encumbrance if any:** Not Known  
**Outstanding dues of Local Self Government:** Not Known  
For terms and conditions Please visit: <https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx>, <https://www.publishtenders.gov.in>, <https://www.baanknet.com> (web portal of e-auction of secure provider)  
**Date:** 02.07.2026  
**Place:** Hyderabad  
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Indian Overseas Bank**



**Indian Overseas Bank**  
HI-TECH CITY BRANCH: # 1-98/8/8, Ground Floor, Plot No.43, Arunodaya Colony, Madhapur Hyderabad 500084, Telangana.  
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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
[Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules] "APPENDIX- IV-A"  
**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.** Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, Indian Overseas Bank the Constructive/ Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23.07.2026, for recovery of of Rs. 40,60,036.01 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Sixty Thousand Thirty-Six Rupees and One Paisa Only) due as on 30.06.2026 to the Indian Overseas Bank, Hi-tech City Branch, Secured Creditor from Borrower, Smt. Thummapuri Pravekha.  
**Schedule of Secured Assets**  
All that the Entire First Floor House bearing Municipal No.13-4-232(Old No.1570) Block No.1 having a Built up area of 1800 square feet together with the Undivided share of land admeasuring 103.5 square yards 86.52 square meters, out of 207 Square Yards, situated at Panipura Road, Beside Sharfi Chaman Dargah, Sabzimandi, Hyderabad, which is bounded by: North: H.No.13-4-231 of Narayandas, South: Open to Sky towards 20' Wide Road, East: Open to Sky towards 15' Wide Road, West: Sherfi Chaman Dargah.  
Sale of Ground Floor (in the name of Sri Thummapuri Venkata Ramana Rao) and First Floor (in the name of Mrs. Thummapuri Pravekha) will be conducted together and the prospective buyer must participate in both auctions jointly.  
\* The sale/auction of the secured asset is being conducted subject to the outcome of the pending S.A. No. 73 of 2026 before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Hyderabad  
**The Reserve Price: Rs.46,40,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,64,000/-, Bid Multiplier: Rs.1,00,000/-**  
**Auction Date: 23.07.2026 and last date of submission of bid with EMD: 22.07.2026 till 11:59 PM.**  
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e. [www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx](http://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx) and also <https://baanknet.com>.  
This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.  
**Date: 01.07.2026**  
**Place: Hyderabad**  
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Indian Overseas Bank**



**Bank of Baroda**  
Gaddiannaram Branch, Plot No-3C, Survey No-7D, Green Hills Colony, Road No-2, Saroonagar, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, 500035. Phone: 91 040 24465127, 7993316546

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property/ies) (13-4)**  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)  
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 09.02.2026, calling upon the Borrower M/s Radar Enterprises 7-1/RCA/401 to 405, Survey No.111, AKMS Dharma Rao Signature, Madinaguda, Hyderabad-500 050, Partners Mr. Devireddy Ashok Reddy S/o. Mr. Devireddy Adi Reddy, Permanent Address: 509, Mellacheruvu, Gudimalkapuram, Nalgonda - 508 246, Telangana. Present Address: Flat No. 417, Emerald Block, Sai Sukha Vistas, Green Hills Colony, Habsiguda, Hyderabad -500 007. and Mr. Devireddy Rajashekar Reddy S/o. Mr. Devireddy Adi Reddy Permanent Address: 2-9, Mellacheruvu, Gudimalkapuram, Nalgonda -508 246, Telangana. Present Address: Flat No. 417, Emerald Block, Sai Sukha Vistas, Green Hills Colony, Habsiguda, Hyderabad -500 007 the (Guarantor) Mr. Devireddy Adi Reddy (Guarantor) S/o. Mr. Devireddy Rami Reddy 2-9, Mellacheruvu, Gudimalkapuram, Nalgonda -508 246, Telangana, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.89,90,347.54 (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Seven and paise Fifty-Four only) and 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 Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of 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 2nd day of July of the year 2026.  
The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of Rs.89,90,347.54 (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Seven and paise Fifty-Four only) and further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.  
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.  
**Description of the Immovable Property**  
Mortgage created on 01.06.2023 vide Doc No. 4144/ 2023 and extension of MODT created on 17.12.2024 vide Doc No. 7501/2024 executed by Mr. Devireddy Ashok Reddy and Mr. Devireddy Adi Reddy.  
1) Mortgage of the property of Open land bearing Plot no. 39 North part admeasuring 220.00 sq. yards or its equivalent to 183.92 sq. meters in Survey Nos. 51/A/4/A & 51/B/A situated at Pipligur village, Abdullapurmet Revenue mandal, Ranga Reddy District under Pipligur Grampanchayat registration Sub District Abdullapurmet standing in the name of Mr. Devireddy Ashok Reddy and Bounded by: North: 100' wide road South: Plot no. 39 South part East: Plot No.38 West: 30' wide road  
2) Mortgage of the property of Open land in Survey No.69/A2/1 admeasuring Ac.1-00 gts or 4840 sq.yards situated at Gudimalkapuram village, Chinthalapalam Mandal, Suryapet District registration Sub District Huzurnagar standing in the name of Mr. Devireddy Adi Reddy and Bounded by: North: Others Devireddy Venkat Reddy South: Others Devireddy Venkat Reddy East: Chinthalapalam to Dondapada Road West: Others Gram Panchayat Road  
**Date:** 02-07-2026  
**Place:** Hyderabad  
**Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorized Officer**  
**Bank of Baroda**



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Gaddiannaram Branch, Plot No.3C, Survey No.7D, Green Hills Colony, Road No.2, Saroonagar, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500035. Phone: +91 040-24465127, 7993316546

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor/Secured Assets/Debits/ Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

| Sl. No. | Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor/s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any (Mortgaged by)                                                                                                                         | Total Dues<br>Rs.1,26,01,493.87<br>(One Crore Twenty Six Lakhs One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three and Eighty Seven Paise only) as on 03.10.2025 + Unapplied + Unserviced Interest +Legal Charges + other Charges till date of Realization together with further interest and other charges thereon onwards at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment minus payment made, if any. | Date of e-Auction<br>Time of E-Auction Start Time to End Time<br>Date of e-Auction: 06-08-2026<br>Time of e-Auction: Start Time 02.00 PM to End Time 06.00 PM | 1. Reserve Price<br>2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)<br>3. Bid Increase Amount<br>Reserve Price: Rs.88,33,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Eight Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Only)<br>Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.8,83,300/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Only)<br>Bid Incremental Amount: Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand Only) | Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical) | Property Inspection date & Time                    |
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| 1       | (i) M/s. Vidi Foods, 15-9-44, 1st and 2nd Floor, Maharaj Gunji, Hyderabad-500012. (ii) Mrs. Chetna Jain (Borrower), 15-9-68 to 78, F.No.503, 5th Floor, Rajashankaraiah Enclave Maharajgunji, Hyderabad-500001. (iii) Mr. Vikas Kumar Jain (borrower), 15-09-68 to 78, F.No.503, 5th Floor, Rajashankaraiah Enclave Maharajgunji, Hyderabad-500001. | Residential Flat No.503, 5th floor, Rajashankaraiah Enclave, Building premises No.15-9-68, 68/1A, 15-9-69 to 71, 15-9-136 and western part of 15-09-137, Maharaj Gunji, GHMC Circle Limits, Hyderabad, Telangana State. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Physical                                       | 28.07.2026 to 04.08.2026 from 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM |

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://bankoffbaroda.bank.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Baanknet.com . Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No.040-2346 5127. Mobile 8940528188  
**Date:** 01-07-2026, **Place:** Hyderabad  
**Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

## 'Serious consequences for criminal justice administration': Delhi HC flags practice of parallel bail pleas

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Delhi High Court has expressed serious concerns over the practice of filing parallel bail applications before different courts without disclosure. A single-judge Bench of Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma disapproved of the fact that the accused had moved a fresh bail plea before the trial court without disclosing that a similar application was already pending before the Delhi High Court.

While declining to interfere with the regular bail already granted to an accused in an FIR registered under Sections 363, 376, and 506 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, Justice Sharma observed that curtailing his liberty at this stage would not serve the ends of justice. "It is with a sense of disapproval, that this court notes that in the contents of the bail application filed before the learned trial court on behalf of the petitioner, it is nowhere disclosed

that the present bail application had been filed before this court and notice had been issued," the bench said, adding that such conduct "would essentially amount to suppression of a material fact". It stressed that every advocate is expected to act with "fairness, candour, and transparency", and withholding the pendency of a bail application before a superior court was not acceptable. An FIR was registered at Mohan Garden police station based on a complaint

from the mother of a 15-year-old girl, who accused a neighbour known to the family of repeatedly sexually assaulting her, threatening her, and forcing her into silence. In its order, the Delhi High Court noted that the accused's earlier bail applications had been dismissed by the trial court on May 13 and July 10, 2025. Subsequently, while the bail plea was pending before the Delhi HC and listed for hearing on September 24, 2025, the trial court granted



bail to the accused on September 4, 2025, after the victim turned hostile during her testimony. Justice Sharma observed that the pendency of the bail application be-

fore it was "well within the knowledge of the Investigating Officer", who had expressly stated in his reply before the trial court that the



## PM Modi's leadership inspires innovation, says Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat

**Jaipur, July 4 :** Union Culture and Tourism Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Saturday, recalled an inspiring interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing him as a leader who recognises the potential of others and amplifies it in a way that motivates everyone. Sharing the anecdote on social media platform X, Union Minister Shekhawat said the incident left a deep imprint on him and continues to guide his public life. Recounting the moment from 2017, when he was serving as a Member of Parliament, the Union Minister added that he had gone to meet the Prime Minister regarding an issue regarding his Assembly constituency. After addressing the matter, PM Modi asked Union Minister Shekhawat to stay back and posed an unusual but thoughtful question: "As a Sansaad (Member of

Parliament), what kind of work have you been doing apart from raising issues?" The Union Minister briefly explained an initiative he had started -- an internship programme inviting students from IITs, IIMs, and other premier institutions to work on local problems and contribute towards fresh ideas. For Union Minister Shekhawat, it was just a five-minute explanation, but for the Prime Minister, it became an idea worth highlighting. At the very next meeting with BJP MPs, PM Modi not only mentioned Union Minister Shekhawat's initiative but also placed it at the centre of his address. According to Union Minister Shekhawat, the Prime Minister praised the programme both at the beginning and end of his speech, urging other MPs to adopt similar innovative ap-

## Left stone on our head while we slept, Sanjay Raut blasts Sachin Ahir's defection; calls for introspection

**Mumbai, July 4 :** Launching a scathing attack on party legislator and deputy leader Sachin Ahir for his switch, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday said that Ahir left them in the dark, dropping a stone on their heads while they were asleep. "Even if you call this your political journey, history will remember it as a tainted one. If you choose to leave even after being given everything, it means political greed is destroying you. Try poaching workers who desire absolutely nothing. A kind of decay and degradation is underway in the state," Raut said. He further observed that

loyal party workers who stand by the organisation through thick and thin have become a rarity. The remarks by Raut came a day after Ahir jumped the ship to join the Shinde camp and filed his nomination for the post of Maharashtra Legislative Council Deputy Chairperson. Recalling Ahir's political trajectory, Raut told reporters that Ahir's career had hit a roadblock after his defeat by Sunil Shinde. However, Aaditya Thackeray revived his political future by making him an MLC, appointing him as a deputy leader, making him the working president of the Bhartiya Kamgar Sena, and handing over the entire responsibility of Pune district to him.

"Sachin Ahir was an extremely close associate of Aaditya Thackeray. He cannot claim that no one was meeting him or listening to him, because Aaditya Thackeray and Uddhav Saheb met him daily," Raut asserted. When asked if Sachin Ahir's defection would increase difficulties

for Aaditya Thackeray in the Worli Assembly constituency, Raut remarked that contentment is crucial for any human being. Raut made a candid statement raising questions about the party's current predicament and admitted, "For our political future.



## Youth arrested for sexually harassing woman in Chennai

**Chennai, July 4 :** A man from Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu has been arrested for allegedly sexually harassing a woman software engineer in Chennai's Perungudi locality. According to the police, the incident occurred on Tuesday night in Perungudi, an area known for housing several IT companies. The victim, a young woman hailing from Kerala, is employed at a private IT firm in the area. She was reportedly attacked, gagged, and sexually harassed by the accused while returning to her residence. Based on the woman's complaint, the Chennai city police launched a swift investigation and traced the accused, identified as 30-year-old Lokeshwaran, a native of Ramanathapuram. He was taken into custody and interrogated by the police. During questioning, Lokeshwaran confessed to having committed the crime while under the influence of alcohol. Police said the accused did not know the victim personally, and the assault appeared to be random. The victim, deeply shaken by the incident, was provided immediate medical attention and counselling support.

## Delhi govt to introduce lifetime licensing to ease legal metrology framework : Minister Sirsa

**New Delhi, July 4 :** In a push to improve the business climate, the Delhi government has decided to discontinue periodic licence renewal for manufacturers, dealers and repairers under the Weights and Measures rules and replace it with a self-declaration-based approval system, an official said on Saturday. The reform is part of Delhi's Deregulation Exercise 2.0, which seeks to reduce compliance burden and rationalise regulatory frameworks across departments, said Industries and Food Supplies Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa. "The objective is to reduce friction, improve trust, and build a regulatory system that supports growth while retaining accountability," Sirsa said. The reform amends the Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011, to remove the requirement of physical site inspection before the grant of a licence and allow licences to be issued on a self-declaration basis, said Sirsa. The move is expected to substantially improve the ease of starting and operating businesses in the sector by



reducing delays, procedural bottlenecks and unnecessary interface points, he said. "Delhi is moving towards a governance model that is reform-driven, trust-based and responsive to the needs of industry. Honest businesses should not be weighed down by repetitive and avoidable procedures," Sirsa said. Currently, the Weights and Measures Department supports a robust ecosystem of 600-plus active businesses across the national capital, comprising 154 licensed manufacturers, 421 dealers, and 24 repairers.

## Amid Sabarimala case heat, ex-Devaswom Minister meets Ramesh Chennithala

**Thiruvananthapuram, July 4 :** A surprise visit by former Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran to the official residence of Kerala Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala on Wednesday has triggered political speculation, with the purpose of the meeting remaining unclear. Surendran, one of the tallest CPI(M) leaders in the state capital city, who arrived riding a scooter accompanied by another person, told waiting reporters that he had come to meet the minister with a recommendation on behalf of his companion. However, he did not disclose the nature of the recommendation. The absence of any official clarification has fuelled discussion in political circles, particularly in the backdrop of developments in the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the alleged Sabarimala gold scam. The timing of the meeting has attracted attention as the SIT



is understood to be in the final stages of submitting its chargesheet in the cases registered in connection with the alleged scam. Surendran had served as Devaswom Minister during the period covered by one of the two cases under investigation. While there is no suggestion that Saturday's meeting was connected to the investigation, the unexpected visit to the Home Minister's official residence has inevitably raised political eyebrows. Surendran was until recently the MLA representing Kazhakootam but lost the constituency in the April Assembly election to BJP leader V. Muraliedharan. The visit also drew attention for an unrelated reason.

## Govt grants Miniratna status to MECON Limited

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Ministry of Steel has approved the granting of Miniratna Category-I status to engineering major MECON Limited, as the Central Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) has achieved the required financial milestones which include generating continuous profits in the last three years, according to an official statement issued on Saturday.



## Congress questions govt's 'silence' on Ayatollah Khamenei's assassination

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Congress party on Saturday expressed its disapproval of the government's reaction to the recent assassination of Ayatollah Khamenei, claiming that there has been a lack of response re-

garding the matter, and even Parliament has failed to make an obituary reference. In a social media post on X, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh stated: "Ayatollah Khamenei, the constitutional head of state in Iran.

## Mahindra & Mahindra reports 37 pc rise in June sales at 1,06,207 units

**New Delhi, July 4 :** Leading automaker Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. on Saturday said its overall auto sales for June 2026 stood at 1,06,207 vehicles, a growth of 37 per cent YoY, including exports. Utility vehicle domestic sales were 60,393 units, up 28 per cent year-on-year, while total UV sales, including exports, were 61,504 units, a release from Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd said. Nalinikanth Gollagunta, CEO, Automotive Division, M&M Ltd. said the company achieved SUV sales of 60,393 units and LCV <3.5T segment sales of 26,076 units, delivering robust growth of 28 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively in June. The company added that total exports for the month were 5,918 vehicles, marking a YoY growth of 125



per cent. It reported light commercial vehicle (LCV) sales of 39,896 units. The auto firm saw strong performance across light commercial vehicle subsegments, with LCVs under 2 tonnes at 3,508 units, surging 36 per cent, and LCVs of 2 tonnes–3.5 tonnes at 22,568 units, rising 35 per cent. In addition, three-wheelers showed a 63 per cent sharp surge, with sales of 13,820 units compared to 8,454 in the prior year. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.'s Farm Equipment Business (FEB) announced that domestic tractor sales in June 2026 stood at 58,177 units, reflecting a 12 per cent year-on-year growth. Total tractor sales

during June 2026 were at 59,935 units, as against 53,392 units for the same period last year. Exports for the month stood at 1,758 units. "While it is early to assess the full impact of emerging El Niño conditions, strong government interventions like sustained fertilizer subsidies and targeted support measures at the local level are expected to mitigate some of the risk to farmers and cushion its impact to the Kharif season," said Veejay Nakra, President – Farm Equipment Business, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.



## Seoul launches probe into Google's alleged fair trade violation

**Seoul, July 4 :** Seoul's antitrust watchdog said on Saturday it has launched an investigation into US-based Google, as well as its Singaporean and South Korean offices, over allegations of violations of the fair trade law involving game developers on its app marketplace. The Fair Trade Commission (FTC) said its examiners' report showed Google has abused its dominance in the Android mar-

ketplace, with related sales totaling US\$9.21 billion. Under the law, the watchdog may impose a fine of up to 6 per cent of the amount following its deliberations. The FTC said Google signed the Games Velocity Program (GVP) agreements with major game developers at home and abroad to prevent their potential departure from its app marketplace, reports Yonhap news agency.

The programme centres on subsidising game developers' costs for using Google services, such as Google Cloud and advertising, on the condition that they give Google most favourable treatment compared to other app marketplaces, including earlier release dates. The FTC said its examiners had concluded that the agreements had significantly hindered game developers from entering rival app marketplaces.

## FASTag annual pass traffic surges to 19 pc of all toll pass traffic

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The number of motorists using FASTag annual passes on highways has shot up to 19 per cent of all toll pass traffic, which represents a six percentage point growth in the last six months from around 13 per cent in December 2025, according to figures compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The total vehicle trips through toll gates in June this year touched 44.4 crore, in which annual passes accounted for 8.4 crore. The 36 crore trips cumulatively raised Rs 7,214 crore during the month. During June 2025, FASTag reported 38.6 crore trips, raising Rs 6,973 crore. While the cumulative volume growth stood at 15 per cent, the value growth stood at 3.5 percent. The slower pace of collections was due to the increased use of annual passes, the data showed.



## Auto sales in June: Maruti Suzuki India crosses 2 lakh units, Toyota rises 7 pc

**New Delhi, July 4 :** India's passenger vehicle market ended June 2026 on a positive note, with major automakers reporting healthy sales, led by strong demand and sustained export momentum. While Maruti Suzuki India crossed the 2 lakh-unit sales mark, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) posted a 7 pc year-on-year increase in monthly sales. Hyundai Motor India reported over 51,000 units in total sales despite a temporary production disruption caused by a fire at a supplier's facility. Maruti Suzuki India sold a total of 200,390 units in June 2026, comprising 150,150 units in the domestic market, 7,472 units supplied to other OEMs, and 42,768 units exported, underscoring its continued leadership in the country's passenger vehicle segment.

## Sensex, Nifty open a tad lower amid mixed global cues

**Mumbai, July 4 :** The domestic benchmark indices opened lower on Saturday amid mixed global cues, as selling was seen in the auto, PSU bank and financial service sectors in the early trade. At around 9.31 am, Sensex was trading 40.79 points or 0.05 per cent down at 82,018.63 while the Nifty declined 22.10 point or 0.09 per cent at 24,923.35.



## More than 7 crore ITRs filed so far: Income Tax Department

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Income Tax Department on Saturday said that over 7 crore income tax returns (ITRs) have already been filed for the Assessment Year (AY) 2025-26, as the deadline of September 16 draws to a close. In a post on social media platform X, the Department thanked taxpayers and tax professionals for helping achieve this milestone and urged those who have not yet filed their returns to do so at the earliest. "More than 7 crore ITRs have been filed so far and still counting.



## Jivial Industries shares list at 20 pc discount, extend losses after weak debut

**Mumbai, July 4 :** Jivial Industries made a weak debut on the BSE SME platform on Saturday, with its shares listing significantly below the initial public offering (IPO) price. The stock opened at Rs 156.80 per share, reflecting a discount of 20 per cent compared to its issue price of Rs 196. Selling pressure continued after the listing, dragging the stock down by nearly 4 per cent from its opening level. At one stage, the share price had declined 22.83 per cent from the IPO price, highlighting a disappointing market debut for the SME-listed company.



## BEL posts 18 pc jump in Q4 net profit at Rs 2,127 crore, declares dividend

**New Delhi, July 4 :** Government-owned Navratna company Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) on Saturday reported an 18 per cent growth in net profit to Rs 2,127 crore for the January-March quarter of financial year 2024-25 compared with the corresponding figure of Rs 1,797 crore in the same period of the previous year. The company's revenue from operations came in at Rs 9,150 crore, which was a 7 per cent increase over the Rs 8,564 crore reported in the same period of the previous financial year. BEL's board of directors have recommended a final dividend

of Rs 0.90 per equity share for the financial year 2024-25. Meanwhile, BEL has secured additional orders worth Rs 572 crore in May since the last disclosure on April 7, 2025. Major orders received include Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (IDDIS).



## Govt dismisses reports calling E20 programme an 'experiment' as false

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Office of the Attorney General (AG) of India has dismissed as false, media reports claiming that the Centre had described its Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, including the 20 per cent ethanol blending (E20) initiative, as an "ongoing experiment" before the Supreme Court. In a clarification, the AG's office stated that certain reports published on Saturday had incorrectly attributed submissions to Attorney General R. Venkataramani — the Centre's highest law officer — during the hearing of a special leave petition

(SLP) filed by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) in the ethanol allocation matter. "The reports state that the Government's 20 per cent Ethanol Blended Petrol (E20) Programme is 'still an ongoing experiment' and that 'the impact of the policy would become clearer by next year'. These reports are completely false and do not reflect anything even close to the actual submissions made before the Hon'ble Court," the clarification said. Rejecting the reports in categorical terms, the AG's office said: "At no stage was any submission made that the Government's Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme or the E20 blending programme



is an 'experiment'. It is clarified in explicit terms that any suggestion that the Government described the E20 programme before the Hon'ble Supreme Court as an 'experiment' is incorrect and does not represent the submissions made on behalf of the Union of India." The clarification said that during the hearing, AG Venkataramani had informed the apex court that similar writ petitions involving identical issues relating to ethanol

allocation to dedicated ethanol plants were pending before different High Courts. It was submitted that transfer petitions were being filed before the Supreme Court so that common questions of law arising out of the same contractual framework could be decided together, avoiding parallel proceedings and the possibility of conflicting judicial decisions.



## Tamil Nadu moves SC against Madras HC's statewide cow slaughter ban order

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Tamil Nadu government has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Madras High Court's order directing the immediate enforcement of a statewide ban on cow slaughter by implementing a 1976 Government Order. The special leave petition (SLP), filed by the Secretary to the Government, Animal Husbandry Department, is presently under the apex court's defect list and is yet to be listed for hearing. In its plea, the Tamil Nadu government has challenged the May 27 order of the Madras

High Court, which directed the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police to ensure that no cow or calf is slaughtered anywhere in the state, either during Bakrid celebrations or on any other day. The state government has contended that the High Court's directions travel beyond the statutory framework governing animal slaughter in Tamil Nadu. According to the petition, while the Tamil Nadu Animal Preservation Act, 1958, regulates the slaughter of cattle by prescribing conditions under which it may be permitted, it does not impose a blanket prohibition. The state government has also relied on other applicable laws, including the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules, 2001, the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 and the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023.



### Former AIADMK Minister C. Vijayabaskar to join TVK, calls it 'new beginning' in political journey

**Chennai, July 4 :** Former Tamil Nadu Health Minister and former AIADMK MLA C. Vijayabaskar has officially announced that he will join Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay-led Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) on Thursday (July 2), marking another significant political gain for the ruling party as it continues to attract senior leaders from the opposition. The induction ceremony is scheduled to be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel in Mamallapuram.



### Assam govt initiatives benefit over 36 lakh students, says CM Himanta Sarma

**Guwahati, July 4 :** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said the state government's education-focused initiatives are benefiting more than 36 lakh students, asserting that various welfare measures have significantly reduced the financial burden on families while enabling children to pursue their academic aspirations. Highlighting the impact of the government's interventions in the education sector, the Chief Minister said the initiatives have reached thousands of educational institutions across the state, aimed at making quality education more accessible and affordable. In a post on social media platform X, CM Sarma said, "Our numerous initiatives are making an impact on over 36 lakh students of Assam."

## Northern Command GoC-in-C calls on J&K LG, reviews security developments

**Srinagar, July 4 :** Lieutenant General, Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) Northern Command, called on Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday. Officials said that Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, GoC-in-C Northern Command, called on Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha on Wednesday and briefed him on the latest developments and different aspects pertaining to the prevailing security scenario. "He was accompanied by Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps," they said. This is the first meeting between the top Army commander and the J&K LG after de-escalation of tension between India and Pakistan. The Northern Command of the In-

dian Army is responsible for the security of the 740-km-long Line of Control (LoC) in J&K and also for tackling terrorism in the hinterland, working in synergy with the UT's police and the security forces. After the Indian Air Force carried out precision strikes at the training camps and headquarters of terrorist groups in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) and in Pakistan, the military response from Pakistan focussed on heavy mortar shelling on civilian areas along the LoC and the International Border in J&K. The



worst damage was suffered in Poonch, Rajouri, Baramulla and Kupwara districts. In addition to loss of 18 civilian lives, over 200 houses and shops were destroyed in Pakistan artillery fire on civilian areas in J&K. Hundreds of border residents were shifted to safer places by



## K'taka govt likely to hike RTC bus fares; Minister says need to survive while running free travel scheme

**Bengaluru, July 4 :** The Karnataka government is to increase state-run RTC bus fares following successive hikes in diesel prices, with the proposal expected to come up for approval at the next Cabinet meeting, according to official sources. Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh has indicated that a fare revision has become necessary to ensure the financial sustainability of the state-run transport corporations while continuing the Shakti free travel scheme for women. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on Saturday, Suresh said the Shakti scheme is a unique welfare initiative that provides free bus travel for women and has significantly benefited commuters across the state. However, he stressed that the transport corporations must also remain financially viable. "The Shakti free travel scheme is a unique initiative. At the same time, our transport corporations also need to survive. If they are to remain sustainable, we will have to increase ticket prices, at least marginally," the minister said. He said the government

would carefully weigh all the pros and cons before taking a decision and would ensure that the impact on the public is kept to a minimum. "We need additional funds to continue the Shakti scheme, and ticket prices may have to be increased. We will take an appropriate decision keeping the interests of the people in mind," he added. Suresh also pointed out that the government has pending dues amounting to several hundred crore rupees towards reimbursement for the Shakti scheme and said the Transport Department is awaiting clearance from the Finance Department.

## Kolkata Police cop arrested on charges of involvement in robbery

**Kolkata, July 4 :** Kolkata Police said on Saturday that a cop attached to the Special Task Force (STF) has been arrested on charges of his involvement in a robbery where a hefty amount of a foreign exchange trading entity was looted in broad daylight and on the open roads in city earlier this month.

The arrested cop has been identified as Mintu Sarkar, who was attached to the STF of the city police. Sarkar, an original resident of South Dinajpur district in the northern sector of West Bengal, was arrested late Tuesday night by the sleuths of the Detective Department of the city police, which was carrying out an investigation in the matter, an insider from the city police said. Sarkar is the seventh arrest made in the case. Sources said that the investigation is on whether Sarkar was directly involved in the robbery or just acted as a go-between in the case.



## Protest erupts in Jharkhand's Latehar over man's death in police custody

**Latehar (Jharkhand), July 4 :** Tension flared in Jharkhand's Latehar district on Saturday after the death of 55-year-old Dukhi Sao, allegedly due to police assault in the Herhanj police station area. Angry villagers and family members staged a protest by placing his body on the Na-

tional Highway near Dharmapur, blocking traffic for several hours. The agitation led to a long traffic jam on both sides of the road. The protesters demanded action against the policemen accused of beating Dukhi Sao. Senior police and administrative officials reached the spot to pacify the crowd, but when talks failed,

the police resorted to a lathi charge to disperse the demonstrators. The blockade was cleared around 1 p.m., but resentment continues to simmer in the area. SDPO Arvind Kumar, who was present at the protest site, said a medical board has been formed to conduct a post-mortem. "If the report confirms custodial assault,

strict legal action will be taken," he said. According to Dukhi Sao's family, a police team in plain clothes barged into their house on the night of May 12 in connection with a land dispute. They allege that the police brutally assaulted Dukhi Sao, along with women and children in the household.



### Delhi Police nabs two vehicle thieves, 4 stolen two-wheelers recovered

**New Delhi, July 4 :** In a significant breakthrough against motor vehicle theft, an alert patrolling team of Delhi Police arrested two vehicle thieves and recovered four stolen two-wheelers from the accused.

## RSS meet in K'taka from July 10 amid row over Priyank Kharge's 'registration' demand

**New Delhi/Bengaluru, July 4 :** The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) will hold its three-day Prant Pracharak (State Pracharak) meeting in Belagavi, Karnataka, from July 10 to 12, according to sources. The development has assumed significance amid Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge repeatedly demanding that the RSS furnish its registration documents.

The annual organisational meeting is expected to bring together the RSS's top leadership and senior functionaries from across the country, including its chief Mohan Bhagwat, Sarkaryawah Dattatreya Hosabale, all Prant Pracharaks, and organisational secretaries representing various affiliated organisations.

Sources said the meeting will review the Sangh's organisational activities over the past year and finalise plans for programmes and expansion initiatives to be undertaken in the coming months. The deliberations are expected to focus on strengthening organisational coordination, reviewing the implementation of



ongoing activities, expanding outreach programmes, and setting priorities for the RSS and its affiliated organisations.



## DMK launches major organisational overhaul after 2026 poll defeat

**Chennai, July 4 :** In its first major organisational exercise after losing power in the 2026 Assembly elections, the DMK has constituted a 10-member advisory committee to recom-

mend sweeping structural reforms across the party, signalling an effort to rebuild its organisation and reconnect with the people after its electoral setback. The defeat in the 2026 Assembly polls, which paved the way for the party's ouster from power after five years.

## Ethiopia rejects Sudan's drone strike accusation

**Addis Ababa, July 4 :** The Ethiopian government on Saturday rejected Sudan's recent accusation of drone strikes as "baseless." Sudan recalled its Ambassador to Ethiopia after accusing Addis Ababa of a series of drone attacks that hit its international airport on Monday. Sudan's Foreign Minister Mohi El-Din Salem said in a statement on Tuesday that his country is "ready to enter into an open confrontation with Ethiopia." "The drones that attacked Sudanese facilities yesterday (Monday) were launched from Ethiopia's Bahir Dar Airport," he said, Xinhua news agency reported. Sudan has the legal right to respond to the "aggression" in the manner it deems appropriate, he added. "We do not seek to initiate aggression against any country, but whoever attacks us will be responded to."

Asim Awad Abdelwahab, spokesperson of the Sudanese Armed Forces, said in a statement that the armed forces "will respond twice as hard," noting that the army has "confirmed information regarding Ethiopia's participation in the aggression against Sudan." In a statement is-



sued Tuesday, the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected Sudan's "baseless accusations" made against it, while accusing Khartoum of violating Ethiopia's territorial integrity. "In recognition of the fraternal ties between the two nations, the Ethiopian government has exercised restraint and refrained from publicising the grave violations of Ethiopia's territorial integrity and national security committed by some belligerents in the Sudanese civil war," the ministry said.

## CBI arrests two postal officials in UP's Jalaun in bribery case

**Lucknow, July 4 :** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two postal department officials in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh for allegedly demanding and accepting bribes in connection with official work, a statement said on Saturday. Those arrested have been identified as Pratik Bhargava, Sub-

Divisional Inspector (SDI), Sub-Division Post Office, Konch, Jalaun; and Amir Hassan, Branch Post Master, Chandurra Post Office, Jalaun. According to the CBI, a case was registered on December 15 on the basis of a complaint alleging that the accused officials demanded an undue advantage of Rs 15,000 from the complainant. The bribe was allegedly sought for

relieving him following his transfer order, passing his salary for the month of October, and for the re-verification of his caste certificate. The complaint further alleged that the SDI Bhargava had earlier extorted Rs 5,000 from the complainant by threatening and coercing him. Following negotiations, the accused reportedly agreed to reduce the total bribe amount to

Rs 12,500. Out of this, the SDI Bhargava allegedly received an additional Rs 2,500 from the complainant. Acting on the complaint, the CBI laid a trap on Tuesday, December 16, and caught both the accused officials red-handed while they were allegedly demanding and accepting the remaining bribe amount of Rs 5,000 from the complainant.



## Minority Education Act comes into effect in Uttarakhand; replaces Madrasa Board

**Dehradun, July 4 :** The 'Uttarakhand Minority Education Act' has come into effect in Uttarakhand from Saturday (July 4), Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced. With this, the Madrasa Education Board in Uttarakhand has been completely dissolved as of July 4.

In a post on X, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami wrote, "Today, the 'Uttarakhand Minorities Education Act' has come into effect. Along with this, the Madrasa Education Board Act and the Recognition Rules for Non-Governmental Arabic-Persian Madrasas have been repealed." Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, CM Dhami said that the BJP government is committed to establishing an education system in the state that is "modern, transparent, high-quality, accountable, and rooted in the values of nation-building". "The new system will ensure an equitable and transparent recognition process for all minority educational institutions," he said. "Our resolve is clear: the youth of the state, empowered by modern education, science, technology, skills, and Indian life values, will play a meaningful role in building a Viksit Uttarakhand and a Viksit Bharat. With this goal in mind, we are moving forward relentlessly," the Chief Minister added. A new State Minority Education Authority has come into existence in the state as of Saturday.

## J&K Police's Counter Intelligence wing attaches property of former KCCI chief

**Srinagar, July 4 :** The Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Saturday that it has attached the property of former Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) president, Dr Mubeen Ahmed Shah. The CIK officials said the property of Dr Mubeen Shah was attached as part of an ongoing investigation into a case registered in 2020. Officials said the attachment involved 12 marlas of land situated in Buchwara in Srinagar district. The action was carried out in connection with FIR No. 07/2020 registered by Police Station CIK after completing the required legal formalities. A Counter Intelligence Kashmir team executed the attachment proceedings in the presence of the local revenue authorities, who completed the necessary documentation on the spot. Dr Mubeen Shah, a well-



known industrialist who headed the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry between 2006 and 2008, has been living in Malaysia with his family since late 2019. The attachment of the property forms part of the ongoing investigation.

## US launches labour probe on 60 economies

**Washington, July 4 :** The United States has launched investigations into 60 economies, including the European Union, India, Japan, and China, to determine whether their failure to ban imports made with forced labour unfairly harms American workers and businesses. The sweeping probe was initiated by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on Saturday under Section 301(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 and targets some of Washington's largest trading partners. The investigations will examine whether the acts.



## India's mobility pacts with 23 countries must be expanded to protect migrants: MOS Kirti Vardhan Singh

**United Nation, July 4 :** India has made 27 migration and mobility agreements with 23 countries and such partnerships must be expanded to provide safe pathways for emigration and protection of the diaspora, according to Kirti Vardhan Singh, the Minister of State for External Affairs. The agreements facilitate "structured and skills-based mobility, with a strong emphasis on worker welfare,

social protection, and fair recruitment practices", he said on Saturday at the Second International Migration Review Forum (IMRF). "We believe such partnerships must continue to be strengthened and expanded for safeguarding the rights of our citizens abroad", he said. Among the agreements covering worker mobility, the significant ones include pact with the European Union signed in January.

## 23 killed in Boko Haram attack in Chad

**N'Djamena, July 4 :** Twenty-three Chadian soldiers were killed and 26 others injured after Boko Haram militants raided a military base in the Lake Chad region, Chadian army spokesman Issakha Acheikh Chanane said on Saturday. The militants launched the assault on the Barka Tolorom island base in Lake Chad province at about 10 p.m. local time on Monday, Chanane said in a statement. He noted that Chadian forces responded to the attack, killing a

"significant number" of Boko Haram militants and seizing their weapons, Xinhua news agency reported. "I express the nation's deepest condolences, and to the wounded soldiers receiving care, I wish a speedy recovery," Chadian President Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno said in a message posted on his social media platforms after visiting the injured soldiers in a hospital. He added that Chad remains "united and unwavering" in the face of the attack.



## Short-term energy shock for long-term security, says US Energy Secretary

**Washington, July 4 :** The world is facing a "significant disruption in the short term" to secure global energy flows in the long run, US Energy Secretary Chris Wright said, defending Washington's decision to release oil reserves amid the war involving Iran. "We're in the midst of a significant disruption in the short term to fix the security of energy flow for the long term," Wright said in an interview with CNN.

## K'taka ex-CM Bommai flags 'pressure' during SIR, urges ECI to ensure no ineligible person gets in voter list

**Bengaluru, July 4 :** Former Karnataka Chief Minister and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday urged officials involved in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to function impartially and not succumb to any political pressure during the voter verification process. "Officials should not yield to any kind of political pressure and must ensure that no ineligible person is included in the electoral rolls and that no eligible voter is excluded," Bommai said. In a statement, Bommai said the SIR process commenced on Tuesday with the distribution of enumeration forms across the state. He noted that reports were circulating alleging that some officials had been instructed to act under pressure from the Karnataka government and the Congress party during the revision of electoral rolls. Bommai further said such reports had raised concerns and stressed that the integrity of the electoral process must be protected. He appealed to all District Election Officers, Deputy Commissioners, election officials, Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs), and Revenue Department officials engaged in the voter list revision exercise to discharge their responsibilities in a completely impartial manner.



## SC Collegium recommends elevation of two judicial officers as Punjab and Haryana HC judges

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, has recommended the appointment of two judicial officers as judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The recommendation for the appointment of judicial officers Ramesh Chander Dimri and Neerja Kulwant Kalson was originally initiated by the Chief Justice of the P&H High Court in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues.

"The Supreme Court Collegium, in its meeting held on 16th December, 2025, has approved the proposal for appointment of the following Judicial Officers as Judges of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana: (i) Shri Ramesh Chander Dimri, and (ii) Ms. Neerja Kulwant Kalson," said a statement uploaded on the website of the apex court.

As per the memorandum of procedure (MoP) governing the appointment of High Court judges, the proposal for the appointment should be initiated by the Chief Justice. If the Chief Minister wishes to recommend any name, it must be forwarded to the Chief Justice for consideration. The Governor, as advised by the Chief Minister, should forward his recommendation along with the entire set of papers to the Union Minister of Law & Justice as early as possible.

## Govt debunks deepfake video of Defence Secretary, blames Pakistani propaganda

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The Centre on Saturday debunked an AI-generated deepfake video falsely showing Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh saying that India's cyber systems were jammed on May 10 last year, attributing it to Pakistani propaganda accounts. As India will mark the first anniversary of the successful military action -- Operation Sindoor -- against the high-value terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan, the propaganda accounts of the neighbouring rogue nation are actively spreading fake information relating to last year's conflict.

In a post on X, the government's PIB Fact Check stated, "Pakistani propaganda accounts are circulating a digitally altered video of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh making false claims that Pakistan jammed India's systems on May 10." The manipulated clip repurposes an original statement by the Secretary on India's defence exports growth and global demand, with no mention of Pakistan or jamming incidents. The government also shared the origi-



nal video and warned the citizens against believing this information.

"Beware! This is an AI-generated deepfake video being circulated to spread misinformation... Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh did NOT give any such statement... Don't be misled by edited videos. Verify before sharing," the government added.

On April 22, 2025, Pakistan-backed terrorists carried out the Pahalgam terror attack and brutally massacred 26 people.



## Centre okays Rs 4,886 crore package to buy sunflower, gram at MSP to help farmers

**New Delhi, July 4 :** Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved an additional outlay of Rs 4,886.46 crore to buy sunflower and more gram at the minimum support price (MSP) to benefit farmers in Karnataka and Maharashtra, according to an official statement issued on Saturday. Approving a proposal from the Karnataka government, Chouhan sanctioned the procurement of 9,023 metric tonnes of sunflower under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for the Rabi 2026 season. The total MSP value of this approval exceeds Rs 69.66 crore.

## Gurugram: Three members of 'Thak-Thak' gang, involved in theft cases, arrested

**Gurugram, July 4 :** A crime branch of the Gurugram Police has arrested three members of 'Thak-Thak' who were involved in two dozen theft incidents in Delhi and Gurugram, police said.

The suspects have been identified as Surya Swamy, Romit (alias Johnny) and Karan, all residents of Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi. , a person lodged a com-

plaint at Police Station DLF Phase-1, Gurugram, regarding that on March 10/11, an unknown person broke the glass of his car near DLF Phase-1, Gurugram, and stole his laptop, purse, and other goods.

On this complaint, a case was registered under the relevant sections at Police Station DLF Phase-1, Gurugram. The police team of Crime



Branch Sector-43, Gurugram, took action and arrested three accused in the matter.

"Accused Surya Swamy was arrested in Gurugram on May 8, and accused Karan was arrested in Aya Nagar, Delhi.



## Bamboo can drive Mizoram's economy, generate jobs : CM Lalduhoma

**Aizawl, July 4 :** Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Saturday emphasised that bamboo is a valuable resource in the state, one that can be utilised efficiently and sustainably while it can become a key driver of the local economy and create a significant number of jobs.

Inaugurating key bamboo processing units, the Chief Minister expressed satisfaction at the new initiative under the National Bamboo Mission, describing it as a major development in bamboo-based indus-

trial activity. The bamboo processing units were established with a funding of Rs 252.826 lakh at the Sairang Horticulture Centre under the National Bamboo Mission. The facilities include a bamboo treatment and seasoning plant, a bamboo depot and godown, and an activated charcoal unit (used for charcoal production). The Chief Minister said that with the advancement in bamboo processing, it can become a key driver of the local economy and create a significant number of jobs.

## India's defence production jumped 174 pc to Rs 1.54 lakh crore in last 10 years: Jitendra Singh

**Prayagraj, July 4 :** Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said on Saturday that in the last decade, India has transitioned from being a major importer of defence equipment to an emerging exporter, with defence production recording a 174 per cent leap to Rs 1.54 lakh crore while exports grew 34 times to Rs 23,622 crore. The Minister said a substantial contribution of around Rs 15,000 crore to total exports came from the private sector.



## CM Yogi launches second phase of 'school chalo abhiyan' from Saharanpur, hails dip in dropout rate

**Lucknow, July 4 :** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the second phase of the state-wide 'School Chalo Abhiyan-2026' from Saharanpur on Wednesday, emphasising how education remains the strongest cornerstone of nation-building. The Chief Minister,

addressing a public gathering, underscored the importance of quality education, explaining how it shapes good citizens, teachers, doctors, officials, and public representatives. He urged everyone to ensure enrolment of every child in school within the next 15 days and called upon teachers, civil society and public representatives to turn the campaign into a mass movement. "Quality education not only instils good values and fosters self-reliance in children but also

prepares them to play an effective role in the development of society and the country," CM Yogi said.

The Chief Minister also told the crowd that Uttar Pradesh has achieved remarkably good progress in the school dropout rate. "The drop-out rate, which stood at 19-20 per cent in previous regimes, has now been reduced to 3-4 per cent because of improved amenities and services," he stated.

## South Korea's Defence Ministry reviews progress on conditions for OPCON transfer

**Seoul, July 4 :** South Korea's defence ministry on Saturday reviewed the progress of Seoul's push to complete the verification of full operational capability (FOC) within this year, as it seeks to expedite the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) from Washington. The move comes as South Korea's Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back vowed to hold such meetings every quarter this year as part of efforts to complete the transition within South Korean President Lee Jae Myung's five-year term ending in 2030. FOC refers to the second part of a three-stage program to assess Seoul's capabilities to lead the allies' combined forces for the retaking of wartime control. Seoul is currently in the second phase of the assessment required for the transfer, Yonhap News Agency reported. Wednesday's meeting came amid what is seen as a possible gap between Seoul and Washington over the timing of the OPCON transfer. Seoul has sought to move up



the timeline for the planned transfer, while the US side has highlighted fully meeting the conditions. The meeting, presided over by Ahn, also touched on the progress of drawing up a road map with the United States, which Seoul hopes to wrap up before the defence chiefs of both countries meet for the annual Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) in October. During the meeting, Ahn was also briefed on the military's progress in turning the special operations command of the South Korea-US Combined Forces

Command (CFC) into a standing unit. It plans to transition the command into a permanent unit within the year, according to officials. Four of the six component commands, including the air, ground and naval components, have completed their transition as standing component commands within the CFC structure. Through the transition, the component command, previously only activated during contingency operations, will allow American troops to be regularly assigned as members.

### India urges Pakistan to expedite release and repatriation of 188 Indian fishermen, civil prisoners



**New Delhi, July 4 :** India on Saturday urged Pakistan to expedite the release and repatriation of 188 Indian fishermen and civil prisoners, who have completed their sentences. As both countries exchanged - through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad - the lists of civilian prisoners and fishermen in each other's custody, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) called for early release and repatriation of civil prisoners, fishermen along with their boats.



## Pakistan's crackdown fails as PoK movement grows beyond its leaders

**New Delhi, July 4 :** There is panic and anxiety within Pakistan's establishment with the protests in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) continuing unabated despite a massive crackdown. After using brute force against the protesters, the establishment now hopes that these people can be demoralised if top-level arrests are made. The arrest of Shaukat Nawaz Mir, a prominent voice in PoK and a top leader of the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) was meant to deter the

protesters. Mir was picked up in a coordinated operation by the Intelligence, local police and Pakistan Rangers before being shifted to Rawalpindi. An Intelligence Bureau official said that there appears to be a shift in strategy by Pakistan. The numerous forced disappearances, firing at the protesters including women and children and threats have not worked. In fact these actions have only increased the resolve of the people of PoK, who have only intensified their protests.



### Prof Raj Kumar, Shashi Tharoor address Japan's parliament as JGU deepens academic ties

**Tokyo, July 4 :** On the eve of the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to India, Professor C. Raj Kumar, Founding Vice Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU), and Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, addressed a distinguished bipartisan gathering of Members of the National Diet of Japan at the National Diet Building in Tokyo. The significance of the interaction was heightened by coinciding with the official visit of the Prime Minister of Japan.



## Afghanistan claims airstrikes on ISIS-linked targets in Pakistan

**Kabul, July 4 :** Afghanistan's Ministry of Defence on Saturday claimed that its forces carried out airstrikes against alleged ISIS-linked targets in Pakistan. In a statement, the Afghan Ministry said the attacks were carried out on Friday night against what it described as ISIS facilities in Pakistan's Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces. "The air forces of the Afghan Ministry of Defence tonight conducted airstrikes on an ISIS joint centre and elements of evil and corruption in the Saranan area of the Pishin district, Balochistan province.

## Pakistan: Rights body demands probe after Lahore tuition centre roof collapse kills 14 children

**Islamabad, July 4 :** The Human Rights Council (HRC) of Pakistan has expressed serious concern over the tragic roof collapse at a private tuition centre in Lahore's Kahna area, which claimed the lives of 14 children and left several others injured. The incident occurred on Tuesday when the roof of a private tuition academy collapsed, killing at least 14 children and injuring several others, local media reported, citing officials. Confirming the death toll, Punjab province Health Minister Khawaja Imran Nazeer said "around 20 people" were trapped under the debris, including the 14 children who were brought dead to the Kahna Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital. Following the completion of the search and rescue operation, a Rescue 1122 spokesperson, Farooq Ahmed, said that a female teacher and eight children were admitted to Lahore General Hospital (LGH) with multiple injuries. He added that five of the children were in critical condition. "The children were very young, and there were two



rooms in use. The ceilings collapsed and trapped the children," Dawn quoted Ahmed as saying. The HRC alleged that the failure to inspect the construction quality of such academies and buildings in residential areas amounts to gross negligence, which has resulted in the loss of innocent lives. The rights body called on the Pakistani government and relevant authorities to conduct an immediate and transparent inquiry into this incident to identify those responsible for the negligence. It also urged the administration to provide the best medical facilities

to the injured children and ensure all possible financial and psychological support to the affected families. "The protection of innocent children and the establishment of a safe educational environment for them is the state's primary responsibility, and immediate and stringent measures are essential to prevent such incidents in the future," the HRC noted. Reports suggest that roof and building collapses are a recurring problem in Pakistan, where weak safety enforcement and substandard construction materials have repeatedly contributed to such tragedies. Earlier on Monday, two minor sisters were killed, and their cousin was injured after the boundary wall of their house collapsed in Alipur tehsil of Punjab's Muzaffargarh district.

## Pakistan's escalating minority persecution no longer a 'quiet crisis'

**Islamabad, July 4 :** A leading minority rights organisation on Saturday warned that escalating persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan is no longer a "quiet crisis" but a glaring indictment of both national failure and global indifference. According to the Voice of Pakistan Minority (VOPM), year after year, reports reflect the same grim pattern: "targeted violence, systemic discrimination, and a justice system that

too often turns away from those most in need of protection", with the situation continuing to deteriorate. Citing the latest findings from the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, the rights body stated that the report reinforced a long-known reality — "Pakistan remains a place where faith can become a fatal liability". It added that Pakistan's continued designation as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) is not merely bureaucratic language —



"but a reflection of lived fear, shattered families, and silenced voices." The rights body highlighted a more disturbing pattern of forced conversions and marriages involving Christian girls across the country, some of them barely in their teens. "These are not isolated incidents — they form a recurring narrative of abduction, coercion, and legal erasure. Families are left powerless.



## ISI's hidden Khalistan card: Why the KLA is the biggest threat yet

**New Delhi, July 4 :** In the last 18 months, the names of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) and Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) have been doing the rounds. All these terror groups who are working under the patronage of the ISI have been instructed to revive the Khalistan movement in Punjab. However, the Khalistan Liberation Army (KLA) is the ISI's hidden weapon and the biggest threat yet to India. While the ISI has been pushing the BKI to take the lead and strike in Punjab, the Indian agencies have learnt that the most potent and dangerous Khalistani terror groups is awaiting formal re-activation.

## Brazil's democracy, sovereignty 'non-negotiable': Lula

**New York, July 4 :** Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has rejected the Trump administration's 50 per cent tariffs on Brazilian products and defended the country's democratic institutions and other policies. Affirming Brazil's openness to negotiate "anything that can bring mutual benefits," Lula, in an opinion piece published in The New York Times, stressed that "Brazil's democracy and sovereignty are not on the table." In the article titled "Brazilian democracy and sovereignty are non-negotiable," Lula said that while the United States has its legitimate goals, such as reindustrialisation, resorting to unilateral tariffs is "misguided" and "illogical," Xinhua news agency reported, citing The New York Times op-ed. He pointed out that Washington has recorded a 410 billion US dollar surplus in goods and services trade with Brazil over the past 15 years, with nearly three-quarters of its exports entering Brazil duty-free.



## No organs in Indian seafarer's body who died in Venezuela, says autopsy report; family seeks probe

**New Delhi, July 4 :** The family of an Indian seafarer, who allegedly died of a cardiac arrest in Venezuela in May, has claimed that several of his internal organs, including the brain, heart and lungs, were missing when his body was repatriated to India, prompting the Federation of Sea-

farers' Unions of India (FSUI) to demand a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death. The allegations surfaced after a re-autopsy was conducted in India on the body of 33-year-old Rakesh Chauhan, a resident of Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district, whose remains were brought back from the South American country nearly a month after his death.



## FIFA WC: 'We have many things to correct,' says Messi after Argentina survive Cape Verde test

Miami, July 4 : Argentina captain Lionel Messi admitted his side have 'many things to correct' after surviving a major scare to defeat Cape Verde 3-2 after extra time and book their place in the Round of 16 of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The defending champions needed an extra-time own goal, forced by Messi's corner, to overcome a spirited Cape Verde side after being pushed back twice during a thrilling contest at the Miami Stadium on Saturday. Argentina will now face Egypt in the last 16. Reflecting on the performance, Messi stressed that qualification alone was not enough and said the team must learn from their mistakes ahead of the knockout stages. "Today, we put in a huge effort, as always, playing well and playing badly, just like we always say, but I think the important thing now is to rest, think

about what's coming next and try to take positives from today's game. Beyond just qualifying, I think there are positives because we did some good things, and we also need to correct the bad ones, which I think were many today as well," Messi said after the match as quoted by ESPN. Messi, who opened the scoring in the 29th minute to extend his remarkable record of scoring in eight consecutive FIFA World Cup matches, acknowledged that Argentina struggled to maintain control after taking the lead. "We knew it was going to be a very tough match; this team hadn't lost to Spain and Uruguay for a reason. We did the hardest part, which was finding the first goal. We thought that from then on, we would start to find our game and be more relaxed, but it was the complete opposite.



## 'Sooryavanshi will do wonders for India, don't pressurise him': Chaminda Vaas

Hyderabad, July 4 : Former Sri Lanka fast bowler Chaminda Vaas, currently serving as the official mentor of the Palamuru Strikers in the Telangana T20 League (TG20), believes teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has all the ingredients to enjoy a successful international career but urged fans and experts not to burden the 15-year-old with unrealistic expectations. Speaking to IANS, Vaas said India has consistently produced world-class young cricketers over the years and expressed confidence that Sooryavanshi will eventually establish himself in the national side if allowed to develop naturally. "Well, India has produced so many young talent over so many years. And this new sensation, Sooryavanshi, is still young, and I am sure he will get the opportunity to play for India and do well, but one thing I will ask of the people is that he is still young and not to pressurise him, and I am sure he will do wonders for Indian cricket." Sooryavanshi, who grabbed headlines by amassing 776 runs at a staggering strike-rate of 237.30 to bag the Player-of-the-Tournament honour in IPL 2026 for Rajasthan Royals, is currently eyeing a much-anticipated international debut for India in the ongoing five-match T201 series against England. Sooryavanshi was unused in Ireland, as India suffered a shock 2-0 series loss. Vaas also lauded the TG20, saying tournaments of this nature are crucial in identifying and nurturing young talent while providing aspiring cricketers with a pathway to the IPL and eventually the Indian team. "Hyderabad Cricket Association organizing the first Telangana T20 is good for the youngsters.

## Women's T20 WC: Unbeaten heavyweights Australia and England clash for ultimate glory at Lord's

London, July 4 : Arch-rivals Australia and England will lock horns in a clash of unbeaten teams when cricket's most celebrated rivalry takes centre stage in the final of the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground on Sunday. The title clash has all the ingredients to deliver a blockbuster finale and decide the winner of the 12-team tournament. Six-time champions Australia are

gunning for their seventh title and standing on the cusp of a milestone 150th women's T20I victory. They have historically dominated England in global tournament finals, emerging victorious in all three of their previous T20 World Cup final encounters in 2012, 2014, and 2018. Australia have won six of their last eight T20Is against England, including in their last three consecutive meetings. But England, the hosts and 2009 winners, will lean on their immaculate record at the 'Home of Cricket'. England boast a perfect four-from-four T20I record at Lord's, a streak that includes their maiden T20 World Cup triumph back in 2009. Australia's primary concern revolves around the



fitness of veteran seam-bowling all-rounder Ellyse Perry, who sustained a quad injury during their semi-final victory over the West Indies. Head coach Shelley Nitschke hinted that the management's tolerance for playing a partially fit Ellyse remains high given what is at stake.

## FIFA WC: 'Winning mentality will make the difference,' says Phelan ahead of round of 16 matches

New Delhi, July 4 : Former Republic of Ireland and Manchester City defender Terry Phelan believes mentality and concentration will prove decisive as the FIFA World Cup 2026 enters the knockout stage, where every mistake could prove costly. With the tournament reaching the Round of 16, Phelan stressed that the margin for error has disappeared and only teams capable of handling the pressure will progress. "It's a do-or-die situation now. The top players have to show that



winning mentality individually and collectively because there's no margin for mistakes. A lapse of concentration can cost you," said Phelan, who is part of expert panel in Zee5 FIFA World Cup 2026 coverage.

## 'My father took that decision instantly': Samson recalls how he shifted base to Kerala after rejection in Delhi

New Delhi, July 4 : Struggling to break into Delhi's competitive cricket circuit, flamboyant India batter Sanju Samson on Saturday revealed how a sudden, life-changing decision was made by his father Viswanathan to shift the entire family to Kerala, which later turned out to be the turning point of his eventual cricketing career. Samson had a breakthrough time by hitting three consecutive fifties to take India to T20 World Cup glory at home earlier this year and became Player of the Tournament. But Samson hasn't been at his best of late – making five and zero in the series defeat to Ireland and posting just one in the abandoned T20I against England in Durham. Samson, though, will be backed to find his rhythm when India take on England in the second T20I at Old Trafford on Saturday. "Back in school, I used to see friends wear the DDCA jacket and talk about playing for the state cricket team of Delhi.



## Wimbledon: Djokovic equals Federer's record with resilient third-round win

London, July 4 : Seven-time champion Novak Djokovic did not look as sharp as he would have liked, dropped a set, but still pulled through to the fourth round at Wimbledon on Friday, equaling Roger Federer's record of most men's singles matches won at the grass-court major. Djokovic, the most successful player in the history of Grand Slam tennis, faced a fightback from Arthur Rinderknech at Centre Court before carving out a 7-5, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(4) third-round vic-

tory. With this, the Serbian former World No.1 has 105 singles wins at Wimbledon as the 39-year-old tied with Federer for the all-time record among men, with former WTA No. 1 Martina Navratilova (120) the only player boasting more. In Friday's third-round clash, Djokovic locked in on the big moments and found a way to halt the Frenchman's big serving and scraped through to the next round. "To be able to make history in this sport is a huge honour and a huge privilege."