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project in Telangana : CM Revanth**

Hyderabad, July 8 : Telangana CM Revanth Reddy met Godrej Industries Group President (Corporate Affairs) Rakesh Swamy and Godrej Agrovet Oil Palm Business CEO Sougato Niyogi at the Bodhi Pavilion of MCRHRD on Wednesday. Rakesh Swamy submitted a report to the Chief Minister on the expansion of oil palm cultivation under the auspices of Godrej Agrovet Company. The first private integrated oil palm complex in Telangana will be launched soon. In this context, the CM discussed several key issues. This project, which is being set up with an investment of Rs. 300 crore in Khammam district, will provide employment to more than 700 people. The state government has allotted 113.5 acres of land to Godrej Agrovet in Gubbagurthi vil-



lage of Konijarla mandal of Khammam district for setting up an oil palm processing, nursery, R&D center and seed garden. The company has requested the government to allocate an additional 35 to 40 acres of land for the seed garden. Representatives of the company have requested the Chief Minister to widen the road for the processing mill.

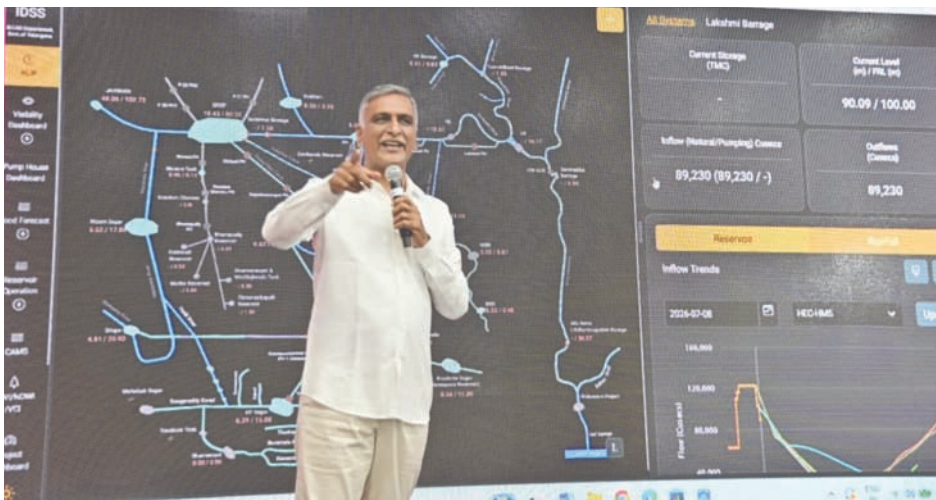
**Visit to Indonesia opened new avenues for
cooperation in defence, digital innovation : PM Modi**

Jakarta, July 8 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that his visit to Indonesia has opened new avenues for cooperation in defence and security, maritime collaboration, critical and emerging technologies, artificial intelligence, digital innovation and capacity building. In a statement shared on X, PM



Modi expressed gratitude to the people of Indonesia and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto for the warmth extended to him during his three-day visit.

**Kaleshwaram face-off
Harish challenges CM Revanth
to hand over irrigation dept for 3 months**



Hyderabad, July 8 : Senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao on Friday issued a high-stakes challenge to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, demanding control of the state's irrigation department for just three months to prove the operational viability of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. "If I fail to lift water from the Kannepalli pumps and fill all designated reservoirs to supply farmers, I will permanently retire from politics," Harish Rao declared during a detailed press conference at Telangana

Bhavan. Backing his presentation with official records and technical data, the BRS deputy floor leader strongly refuted Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent criticisms of the project. He accused the ruling Congress government of weaponizing misinformation to obscure its own administrative shortcomings in water management.



Allocate all Godavari valley coal blocks to SCCL: Bhatti

Hyderabad, July 8 : Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has urged the Union Ministry of Coal to allocate all remaining coal blocks in the Godavari Valley coalfields exclusively to the state-owned Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). "Since SCCL is a pub-

lic sector undertaking, it alone has the legal authority to undertake coal mining in these areas. This has been communicated to the Centre through several letters. If Union Coal Minister Kishan Reddy truly has concern for Singareni, he should allocate all coal blocks located in the Godavari Valley coalfields to Singareni," Bhatti Vikramarka said. Addressing a media conference at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan on Wednesday.

**"Be job Creators, not job
Seekers" : Governor's
call to Engineering graduates**

Hyderabad, July 8 : Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday urged the engineering graduates to become job creators, innovators and entrepreneurs instead of merely seeking employment, asserting that the country's progress depends on the creativity and leadership of its youth. Delivering the convocation address at the sixth Graduation Day ceremony.



**AP Govt.has decided to increase
the mess charges of hostels and Gurukuls**

Amaravati, July 8: The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to increase the mess charges of hostels and Gurukuls. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu held a review meeting with the ministers of welfare departments at the Secretariat on Wednesday.

In this order, the CM gave directions on several key issues. The CM stated that a decision has been taken to increase the charges being given by 10 percent. The Chief Minister has given the green signal for the sanction of Rs. 500 crore for the permanent buildings of MJP schools. CM Chandrababu has ordered to pro-

vide all kinds of basic facilities in hostels and Gurukuls. Minister Savita is happy about the increase in mess charges: Minister Savita expressed her happiness over the increase in mess charges. She thanked CM Chandrababu on this occasion.



**Lokesh inaugurated the APEX-Korea
center under the auspices of APEDB in Busan**

Amaravati, July 8 : AP Minister Nara Lokesh's visit to South Korea continues. Discussions are being held with Korean companies on investments in AP. APEX-Korea Investor Assistance Center has been opened in Busan. Lokesh inaugurated the APEX-Korea center under the auspices of APEDB. APEX-Korea will serve as a connecting platform between Korean companies and the AP government. It will provide full support to Korean companies interested in in-

vesting in AP. APEX-Korea will provide services to Korean companies already in AP. APEX-Korea was established with the aim of attracting investments and expanding industries. On this occasion, Minister Lokesh met with industrialists in Busan. He explained the investment opportunities in AP to Korean companies. The minister met with high-level representatives of BNK Financial Group. He invited them to set up a BNK Financial branch in

Amaravati. He appealed to provide infrastructure finance to Amaravati and industrial parks. Investments were invited in the electronics, semiconductors and shipbuilding sectors. Korean companies were called upon to choose AP as an investment and production hub. The minister invited BNK to participate in RTIH to support startups and MSMEs. BNK representatives said that they will examine the AP government's proposals and take a decision.



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Borrower Name and Address
1. Parikipandla Swamy S/O: P Laxminarayana , H.No:3-2-251, Hamalwadi, Bagyanagar, Dist:-Adilabad, Pincode: 504001. 2. Parikipandla Laxminarayana S/O: Veeraiah , H.No:3-2-251, Hamalwadi, Bagyanagar, Dist:-Adilabad, Pincode: 504001. 3. Parikipandla Laxmi W/O: P.Laxminarayana , H.No:3-2-251, Hamalwadi, Bagyanagar, Dist:-Adilabad,Pincode: 504001. 4. Gedam Sanjay S/O: Gunavath Rao , H.No:3-621/2, Taliguda, Dist:-Adilabad, Pincode: 504001. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 21,64,066/- (Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Sixty Six Rupees only)

Description of Property
ADILDTF2203290008 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is PARIKIPANDLA LAXMI, W/O: P LAXMINARAYANA Mortgage deed dated 31.03.2022 Registered as Document No 2679/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at ADILABAD(R.O)) Schedule Of Immovable Property All That The House Bearing No. 3-1-237/3/1/11, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 2750 Sq. Fts 305.55 Sq. Yards Or 255.47 Sq.Mtrs. Out Of Sy.No.101, Situated At Bhagyanagar, Adilabad Town & District, With In The Limits Of Adilabad Municipality With In The Jurisdiction Of Sub-District And Registration District Adilabad. Boundaries Towards East: Open Plot Of K.Shanker Towards West : Open Plot Of Balaji Towards North : Road Towards South : Boundary Wall Of Govt.Hospital

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

Date: 06-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Adilabad. Shriram Finance Limited



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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **M/s. Shriram Finance Limited** (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai- 600032 and branch office at **Karimnagar I**, (hereinafter referred as Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/ guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/ guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers / guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1. Sathish Siliveri S/O.Shankar , Age: 40 Years, Occ: Business (M/S Sri Laxmi Narasimha Electricals & Winding Works), H.No:1-3-47/2, Shanthinagar, Peddapalli, Karimnagar,Ind H.No:1-3-47/5/3, Shanthi Nagar, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505172. 2. Silveri Laxmi W/O.Shankar , Age:54 Years, Occ:House Wife, H.No:1-3-47/2, Shanthinagar, Pedda Palli, Karimnagar,Ind H.No:1-3-47/5/3, Shanthinagar, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Pincode:505172. And Also At Silveri Laxmi W/O.Shankar , Age:54 Years, Occ: House Wife, All That The Part And Parcel Of Open Plot In Sy. No. 523 To An Extent Of 181.50 Sq. Yards, Eq. To 151.75 Sq. Meters Situated At Shanthi Nagar Locality Of Pedda Pally Village Code No. (2016012) Nagara Panchayati Peddapally, Mandal Peddapally, District Karim Nagar, Registration District Karim Nagar And Sub District Peddapally. 3. Thokala Ramesh S/O. Malliah , Age:49 Years, Occ:KH-Helper (South Central Railway),Q.No.44/4, Railway Colony, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505172.

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
28.02.2014	16.06.2026	Rs. 23,58,358/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KMNGRTF1209240002-Description of the Immovable Property (Property holder Name is SILIVERI LAXMI Mortgage deed dated 05.09.2012 Registered as Document No 5856/2012 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Peddapally. The Constructed a house in the Open land pertaining to and its H.No: 1-3-47/5/3, All that the part and parcel of Open Plot In Sy. No. 523 to an extent of 181.50 Sq. Yards, eq. to 151.75 Sq. Meters is **Bounded by:- East:** H. No. 1-3-47/4/A of Thogari Chandraiah, **West:** Open land of Vendor Presently Now Sirigiri Rama swamy, H.No. 1-3-47/4/C, & Open Place, **North:** 21 Feet Plot Road, **South:** 18 Feet Plot Road Presently Now House of Others Situated at Shanthi Nagar Locality of Peddapally Village Code No. (2016012) Nagara Panchayati Peddapally, Mandal Peddapally, District Karimnagar, Registration District Karimnagar and sub District Peddapally.

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

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

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



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Borrower Name and Address
1) Banavath Gopi Naik, S/O: Panthya Naik Banavath , Age: 31 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/ O: Address-I: H. No. 8-67/A, Plot No.26, Laxminagar Colony, Near Gayatri Nagar X Road, Karmanghat, Hyderabad-500079, Address-II: H.No: 17-1-381, Plot No. 141, Press Colony, Opp Amaravathi Bar, Champapet, Saroor Nagar,Karmanghat, Hyderabad-500079, B/O Proprior Of "Grand Cafe Family Restuarant", At # Nalgonda, Near I R Office. 2) Panthya Naik Banavath, S/O: Gashya Lavudi , Age: 60 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: H. No. 8-67/A, Plot No.26, Laxminagar Colony, Near Gayatri Nagar X Road, Karmanghat, Hyderabad-500079, Address-II: R/O H.No: 8-124, Thunga Pahad, Lavudi Thanda, Miryala Guda(M), Nalgonda, Pincode: 508207, Address-III: H. No. 20-405/1, Hanuman Nagar, Devarakonda, Nalgonda, Pincode: 508248, B/O "Auto Driver" At # Laxmi Nagar Colony Karmanghat. 3) Linga Lavudi, S/O: Gashya Lavudi , Age: 33 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: H.No. 20-437/5, Hanuman Nagar, Devarakonda, Nalgonda-508248, Address-II: R/O H.No: 8-5822, Thunga Pahad, Lavudi Thanda, Miryala Guda(M), Nalgonda-508207, B/O: Proprior Of "Civil Contractor", At # Devarakonda, Nalgonda. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 29,26,266/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Only)
Description of Property
SANNGTF1812300005 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is BANAVATH PANTHYA NAIK, Mortgage deed dated 03.01.2018 Registered as Document No 118/2019 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at VANASTHALIPURAM) All That Piece And Parcel Of The Open Land Bearing Plot No. 21, (After Mortgage Newly Constructed House), Admeasuring 106 Square Yards Or Equivalent To 88.62 Square Meters, In Survey No.162/Far., Situated At Inajpur Village And Gram Panchayati, Hayath Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 20 Feet Wide Road, Towards West: Neighbours Land, Towards North: Plot No.20, Towards South: Plot No.21/1.

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Date: 03-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Rangareddy. Shriram Finance Limited



Awareness seminar on trauma informed care for staff of Government Hospital Sakhi in Nellore

Nellore, July 8 : An awareness seminar on the Trauma-Informed Care approach was held for the staff of the Government Hospital’s Sakhi (One Stop Centre) in Nellore city. The programme was organized jointly with the National Commission for Women (NCW). The seminar was inaugurated by State Women’s Commission Chairperson Dr. Rayapati Shailaja. Speaking on the occasion, she said that the

training focuses on providing effective support and services to women who have experienced violence, sexual harassment, domestic abuse, accidents, or other traumatic incidents that significantly impact their mental health and well-being.

Human Chain Protest Held at Nellore RTC Against Privatization of RTC 2nd Depot

Nellore, July 8 : Leaders of workers’ unions and public organizations participated in a human chain protest at the Nellore RTC Bus Stand on Tuesday, opposing the proposed privatization of the RTC 2nd Depot. The protest was organized by workers’ and public organizations against the government’s reported plan to privatize the RTC 2nd Depot. Addressing the gathering, State Vice President of the Tenant Farmers’ Association, Srinivasa Rao, alleged that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led coalition government is planning to shut down the RTC 2nd Depot, located in the heart of Nellore city, and hand over its nearly five-acre land, valued at around ' 300 crore, to a company named Pinacle under the pretext of operating electric buses. He stated that around 500 employees currently working at the depot are being transferred to various other

depots, while RTC buses serving surrounding villages on a daily basis are also being shifted elsewhere. As a result, he said, the number of buses available to the public would decrease, affecting free bus travel for women and persons with disabilities, as well as fare concessions for students and senior citizens. Srinivasa Rao demanded that the depot remain under government ownership and operation, stating that it is unjust to hand over an RTC facility built through the hard work of employees over many years to a private company. He asserted that RTC has the capability to operate electric buses on its own and urged the government.





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Borrower Name and Address
1) Podugu Arundhati, W/O: Laxmi Narsaiah, D/O: Peddi Satyanarayana , Age: 50 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Flat No: 104, St No: 13, Viswapiya Castle, Vijayapuri Colony, Near Vijayapuri Bhavan, Kothapet, Hyderabad-500035, B/O: " Divyanjali Enterprises Works Pvt Ltd", At # Plot No: 1, Near Uppal Metro Station, Ida, Uppal, Hyderabad- 500039. 2) P Laxmi Narsaiah @Alias Podugu Lakshmi Narsaiah, S/O: P Narsaiah @Alias Narasaiah , Age: 64 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Flat No: 104, St No: 13, Viswapiya Castle, Vijayapuri Colony, Kothapet, Hyderabad-500035, B/O: " Divyanjali Electricals". 3) B Mallesh, S/O: B Veeraiah , Age: 50 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/O: H No: 3-31, Panthangiri Village, Choutuppal, Yadadri - Bhuvanagiri- 508252, O/O: "Central Power Distribution". 4) Ch Bhaskar, S/O: Lingaiah , Age: 48 Years, R/O: H No: 2-3-494/1, Saingar Colony, Nagole, Hyderabad- 500068. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.31,66,512/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred And Twelve Only)

Description of Property
DLSKNTF1406060001 - Description Of The Immovable Property Property holder Name is PODUGU LAKSHMI NARASIAH, Mortgage deed dated 28.05.2014 Registered as Document No 2191/2014 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at HYDERABAD (EAST) All That Piece And Parcel Of The Open Land Bearing Plot No. 117 Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yds., Or 167.23 Sq.Mts., In S. No. 207 And 215 Situated At Midhalapuri, Papagudem Of Kunturu Village, Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy District, Sub - Regn District At Hyderabad East. And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No. 125, Towards West: Road, Towards North: Plot No. 116, Towards South: Plot No. 118.

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Date: 04-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Rangareddy. Shriram Finance Limited



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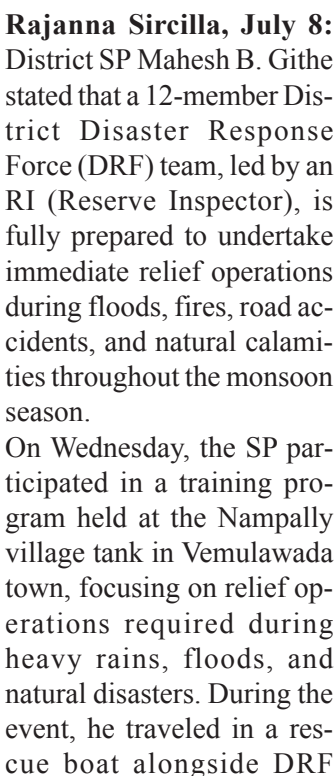
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Borrower Name and Address
1. Akheel Shaik, S/O: Shaik Cooli Pasha , H.No:2-2-300/3, Shaik Sahebpet, Dist: Nirmal, Pin Code: 504106. 2. Abdul Muejeeb, S/O: Gaffar , H.No:4-2-4, Naiduwada, Dist: Nirmal, Pin Code: 504109. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 28,92,510/- (Twenty Eight Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred And Ten Rupees only)
Description of Property
NIRMLTF1604300009 - Description Of The Immovable Property (Property holder Name is AKHEEL SHAIK, S/O: SHAIK COOLI PASHA Mortgage deed dated 03.05.2016 Registered as Document No 2818/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NIRMAL) Schedule Of Immovable Property The House Bearing No. 2-2-22/25 Constructed In Plot No. 13 Of Sy. No. 831, 831/1, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 1600.00 Square Feet = 177.77 Square Yards Or 148.64 Sq. Meters, Situated At Kurannapet, Nirmal Town & Mandal, Adilabad District, Registration District Adilabad And Sub District Nirmal. Boundaries Towards East: 20 Feet Wide Road Towards West : Open Plot No. 7 Towards North : Open Plot No. 4 And 5 Towards South : Plot No. 14

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

Date: 06-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Nirmal. Shriram Finance Limited

According to police, the complainant, Rajitha Srinivas Godari, reported on June 30 that gold ornaments had been stolen from her residence at Siri Priya Residency, Masab Tank.



members and inspected the execution of relief operations. Subsequently, he issued instructions to DRF officers and personnel, directing them to remain constantly prepared to respond swiftly to emergencies and save lives. Speaking on the occasion, the SP advised the district's residents to remain vigilant during the monsoon season. He assured that in the event of heavy rains, floods, fires, or other natural disasters, the District Disaster Response Force team, along with the district police, would be ready to immediately carry out relief operations. It was stated that the District DRF team is equipped with modern gear, including rescue boats, motors, medical stretchers, life jackets, life buoys, and wood-cutting machines.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors			
1) Kaja Mohammad S/O: Mohammad Imam, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Proprietor (M/S. Md Kaja General Store And Toy Shop), H.No: 10-5-30/1, Laxmi Puram, Vemulavada, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505302.			
2) Mohammad Hussien Bee W/O: Mohammad Imam, Age: 50 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No: 10-5-30/1, Laxmipuram, Vemulavada, Karim Nagar, Pincode: 505302. And Also At Mohammad Hussien Bee W/O: Mohammad Imam Age: 50 Years, Occ: House Wife, Open Plot Bearing Sy.No.571, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 316.38 Sq. Yards Or 364.53 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At Vemulavada Town & Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla District, Registration District: Rajanna Sircilla & Sub-District: Vemulavada 3) Mudurukola Prabhakar S/O: Kotaiah, Age: 31 Years, Occ: Business, H.No: 2-72/1A, Asifnagar, Bavpet, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505401.			
NP/DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
07.01.2025	16.06.2026	Rs. 29,17,324/-	Rs. 20,00,000/-
PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: SUCIT2309290003-Description of the Immoveable Property (Property holder name is MOHAMMAD HUSSEN BEE Mortgage deed dated 29.09.2023 Registered as Document No.7666/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Vemulavada. Open Plot bearing Sy.No.571, admeasuring to an extent of 316.38 Sq. Yards or 364.53 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Vemulavada Town & Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla District, Registration District: Rajanna Sircilla & Sub-District: Vemulavada having the following the boundaries: East: 10 Feet Road, West: Land Of Lysetty Malleshham, North: Open Plot Of Vendors, South: Open Plot Of Vendors			
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.			
Date : 07-07-2026. Place: Vemulavada.		Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited	

E-AUCTION NOTICE										
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 8 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.										
The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower is particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)/of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on " AS IS WHERE IS BASIS " and " AS IS WHAT IS BASIS " on the date as prescribed as here under.										
Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 05.07.2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date & Time of submission of Bid
1	47481160000012	1) Mr. Mohammed Ahmed/ Mr. Mohammed Mahmood Ahmed, 2) Mrs. Hajira Jabeen, 3) Mr. Mohammed Shafeeq Ahmed	18-02-2026	06-05-2026	Rs.53,70,295.14 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Five and Fourteen Paise Only)	29.07.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Thousand Only)	Rs.5,10,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Ten Thousand Only)	12.08.2026 @ 02:00 PM	11.08.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Near to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
Details of Secured Assets: All that the Flat No.301, bearing Municipal No.10-3-290/2/301 (PTIN No.1071002543) on Third Floor, of the complex known as "TAIBA RESIDENCY" admeasuring 1000.00 Sq.feet, (including common area) i.e 775.00 Sq.feet, plinth area and 225.00 Sq.feet, common area along with unvided share of land admeasuring 19.00 Sq.yards, or equivalent to 15.88 Sq.meters, out of 307.5 Sq.yards in premises bearing Municipal No.10-3-290/2, situated at Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana State and Bounded by: East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat No.302 & corridor, South: Open to Sky.										
The properties are being held on " AS IS WHERE IS BASIS " & " AS IS WHAT IS BASIS " and the E-Auction will be conducted " On Line ". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. Auctionbazaar.com at the web portal contact@auctionbazaar.com , support@auctionbazaar.com , www.auctionbazaar.com . For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. Auctionbazaar.com ; Contact Auctionbazaar Contact Number: 837096969/ 7997043999 . Email id: contact@auctionbazaar.com , support@auctionbazaar.com .										
For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Umesh (Mob.No.8050194617), Mr. Kaushik B (Mob. No.7019949040) & Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362958553) . To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagees about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.										
Date: 08.07.2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited										

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India, Mali strengthen trade and investment ties

In a significant step towards strengthening bilateral economic ties, India and Mali institutionalised their growing commercial partnership through the inaugural India-Mali Forum for the Promotion of Exports, setting the stage for deeper trade and investment cooperation between the two countries, according to a statement issued by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Friday. The two-day forum, held in Bamako under the theme "Reinforcing Trade and Strategic Partnerships", was presided over by the Prime Minister of the Transition Government of Mali, Major General Abdoulaye Maiga.

As a concrete next step, Mali announced a dedicated investment forum to be held on 3–4 December 2026, at which additional bankable projects will be made available to international investors. Mali reaffirmed its commitment to positioning itself as a strategic investment hub for West Africa under its Vision Mali 2063 roadmap.

The Forum brought together senior officials from both governments and around 30 Indian business leaders. The Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (FT-Africa), Department of Commerce, Amit Kumar. The mission was represented by N. Nandakumar, Ambassador of India to Mali. India and Mali have witnessed robust growth in bilateral trade, which surpassed US\$326.61 million in FY 2025–26, registering a 55 per cent increase over the previous financial year. Mali's principal exports to India include raw cotton, finished leather, cashew, lead, gum arabic and sesame, while India's major exports comprise pharmaceuticals, cotton fabrics, two- and three-wheelers, and bicycles. India's Duty-Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) Scheme has been the primary catalyst in strengthening bilateral trade.

Against Mali's global exports of approximately \$4 billion, untapped export potential in the Indian market is estimated at nearly \$3.96 billion, signalling substantial room for growth. Following the inaugural session and a visit to the Indian and Malian exhibition stands, featuring Sonalika tractors and vehicles manufactured by Mahindra and Tata Motors, the delegations participated in an intensive series of Business-to-Business (B2B), Business-to-Government (B2G) and Government-to-Government (G2G) matchmaking meetings. The discussions covered renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, textiles, automotive manufacturing and mining, to convert business opportunities into commercial partnerships and Memorandums of Understanding. On the second day, the Indian delegation met the Minister of Industry and Trade of Mali, Moussa Alassane Diallo. APEX-Mali also presented "Ready-Made Business Plans" for immediate investment opportunities. The delegation later called on the Prime Minister of the Transition Government of Mali. Both sides identified cotton and textiles, mining and energy, agro-industry and shea processing, pharmaceuticals, and social infrastructure, including health and education, as priority sectors for expanding bilateral cooperation.

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Andhra provides Rs 1 lakh assistance each to 333 Hajj pilgrims

Amaravati, July 8 : The Andhra Pradesh government provided financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh each to 333 Hajj pilgrims who departed from the Vijayawada embarkation point. State Hajj Committee Chairman Haji Shaik Hasan Basha on Wednesday expressed happiness that all Hajj pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh had returned home safely. He told a press conference that approximately 2,000 pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh travelled to the holy city of Mecca via embarkation points in Vijayawada, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad. They completed their religious rituals and returned home safely. Basha stated that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu fulfilled his election promise by providing financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh to every eligible pilgrim who travelled via the Vijayawada embarkation point.

Following the Chief Minister's directives and under the supervision of Minority Welfare Minister N.M.D. Farooq, Rs 1 lakh each has been deposited via the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) method into the personal bank accounts of 333 eligible Hajj pilgrims who departed from Vijayawada. The pilgrims personally confirmed receipt of this financial assistance via phone and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Minister and the state government. They also mentioned offering special prayers in the holy land of Mecca for the welfare of the state's people and the government's development initiatives, he said. The TDP-led coalition government last year announced that every pilgrim departing from the Vijayawada embarkation point would be assisted with Rs 1 lakh.



Tibetan activist dies after self-immolating outside UN headquarters in New York

New York, July 8 : Tibetan activist Lobga Rangzen died after self-immolating outside the United Nations headquarters in New York. The tragic incident unfolded on Wednesday evening-- a day after Beijing's new legislation, the "Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress Law", came into force. This legislation has drawn widespread criticism from the global community, with UN experts warning that it risks "entrenching forced assimilation and encouraging transnational repression." Moments before the incident, Rangzen livestreamed a message on his social media platform calling for Tibetan independence and unity. He later succumbed to his burn injuries at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

Tencho Gyatso, President of the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT), expressed grief over the incident, urging the global community to address the worsening human rights situation in Tibet and hold the Chinese government accountable for its "policies of repression and forced assimilation." "We are deeply saddened by the passing of Lobga, also known as Lobga Rangzen, following his self-immolation at the UN headquarters in New York on Thursday evening. Lobga was a tireless advocate for Tibet who devoted himself to peacefully raising awareness of the human rights crisis in Tibet, and he will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to justice and the Tibetan cause. Lobga's passing is one day after the implementation of China's new so-called Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress Law," Gyatso stated.



"In his final statement, which he posted on his Facebook account, Lobga warned that China's policies threaten the very survival of Tibetan identity, language, and culture and called on all Tibetans to be united in their fight for the cause of the Tibetan struggle. While we mourn this tragic loss, it is imperative that the international community heed the message behind his profound despair by addressing the worsening human rights situation in Tibet and holding the Chinese government accountable for its policies of repression and forced assimilation," she added. On Wednesday, the Tibetan communities held demonstrations across the globe, including in the US and Belgium.



Assam: 10 lakh students to plant one crore saplings

Guwahati, July 8 : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday announced a statewide mega plantation campaign under the 'Brikhya Bandhu' initiative, under which 10 lakh students will plant and nurture one crore saplings to commemorate India's 80th Independence Day. Sharing details of the programme on social media, the Chief Minister said the unique initiative aims to encourage environmental stewardship among students while significantly enhancing the state's green cover. "While some chase green flags, Assam's students are expanding green forests," Sarma said. According to the Chief Minister, the plantation drive will be held from August 10 to 14, during which students across the state will plant saplings and take responsibility for nurturing them over the coming months. "To mark India's 80th Independence Day, Assam is taking up a unique celebration where 10 lakh students will plant one crore saplings and nurture them under the 'Brikhya Bandhu' initiative," he said. The campaign is expected to involve schools across Assam,

making it one of the largest student-led afforestation programmes undertaken by the state government. In addition to increasing forest cover, the initiative seeks to instil environmental awareness and a sense of responsibility among young people. Officials said students will not only plant saplings but will also monitor their growth, ensuring higher survival rates and encouraging long-term community participation in conservation efforts.

The state government has been placing increasing emphasis on climate resilience, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development through large-scale plantation drives and community participation programmes.

The 'Brikhya Bandhu' initiative is expected to complement Assam's ongoing efforts to expand green cover, restore degraded landscapes and strengthen ecological balance while engaging educational institutions in environmental protection.



Congress, Shiv Sena-UBT question RSS' 'late stance' over Ram Temple embezzlement row

New Delhi, July 8 : The Congress and the Shiv Sena-UBT on Wednesday said that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) was "late" in seeking justice against the alleged misappropriation of donations and offerings at the Ram Temple, questioning its efforts "while thefts were taking place at the temple?" The reactions come after the RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale cautioned the Hindu community to exercise restraint and not get misled by anti-national forces using the Ram Temple donation theft to defame the religion and society.

BRO constructs vital bridge in remote Arunachal to boost strategic links in forward areas

Itanagar, July 8 : The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has completed the construction of a 180-foot Bailey Bridge in the remote Kurung Kumey district of Arunachal Pradesh, significantly enhancing strategic connectivity to forward border areas of the Northeastern state. Defence spokesman Lt Col Mahendra Rawat said on Wednesday that the bridge was constructed under Project Arunank, a key BRO initiative aimed at strengthening strategic infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh. He said the 180-foot Bailey Bridge was launched by personnel of the 85 Road Construction Company (RCC) and the 756 Border Roads Task Force under extremely challenging conditions, including relentless rainfall, flash-



flood threats and treacherous mountainous terrain. Officials said BRO personnel worked round the clock to overcome severe logistical and environmental challenges during the execution of the project, ensuring its timely completion despite adverse weather and difficult terrain. Lt Col Rawat said the newly completed Triple-Double Reinforced (TDR) Bailey Bridge would significantly enhance the movement of security forces, military equipment and essential supplies in the strategically important sector.

Indian Navy's reconnaissance aircraft arrives in Hawaii for key maritime exercise

Honolulu, July 8 : Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft has arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, to participate in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise RIMPAC 2026. "Indian Navy's P-8I Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance and Anti-Submarine Warfare aircraft has arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, to participate in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise - RIMPAC 2026," the spokesperson of the Indian Navy wrote on X. The 30th edition of RIMPAC, one of the world's largest multinational maritime exercises, is being conducted from July 1 to July 31.

"The deployment reaffirms Indian Navy's commitment to a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific while enhancing interoperability, maritime domain awareness and operational cooperation with partner navies," noted the Indian Navy.

Thirty nations, over 30 surface ships, five submarines, 15 national land forces, more than 206 aircraft and 30,000 personnel will train and operate in and around the Hawaiian Islands during the exercise, which runs through July 31.



ED files chargesheet in Rs 4.64 crore cooperative society scam in Indore

Indore, July 8 : The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Indore Sub Zonal Office, has filed a chargesheet before the Special Court (PMLA), Indore, against Shrikant Ghante, Subhash Chandra Dubey, Rakesh Jain, Antim Joshi, and Anand Shah. It was registered on Wednesday under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, for their alleged involvement in causing

wrongful loss amounting to Rs 4.64 crore to Nav Bharat Grah Nirman Cooperative Society, Indore. The Special Court has issued notices for a pre-cognisance hearing on the same day. The ED initiated its probe based on an FIR registered by Police Station MG Road, Indore, against Ghante and other office bearers of Nav Bharat Grih Nirman Cooperative Society Ltd. The FIR invoked various sections



of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, which are scheduled offences under the PMLA, for financial irregularities and fraudulent activities within the society. Investigations revealed a well-orchestrated scam involving the Chairman, Vice-President, and members of the Board of Directors.



Women remain the backbone of Nagaland's rural economy: Chief Secretary

Kohima, July 8 : Stressing the pivotal role of women in Nagaland's rural economy, Chief Secretary Sentianger Imchen on Wednesday said the state's next phase of agricultural and rural growth must be driven by innovation, technology and climate-smart solutions to ensure sustainable and inclusive development. Inaugurating a one-day programme on "Women-Led Rural Enterprises for a Climate-Smart Nagaland", the senior IAS officer stressed the need to equip women entrepreneurs with modern technology, clean energy solutions, financial inclusion and better market access to build resilient and sustainable rural enterprises. Imchen said that women have long been the backbone and key stakeholders of Nagaland's rural economy and that the next phase of devel-

opment must be driven by innovation, technology and climate-smart solutions. The event was organised by an organisation in collaboration with the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM) to promote climate-smart and energy-efficient technologies among Self-Help Group (SHG) members and rural entrepreneurs across the state. Highlighting the achievements of the NSRLM, the Chief Secretary noted that over 1.17 lakh rural households have been mobilised into 15,445 SHGs across 1,231 villages in all 17 districts. While acknowledging the success of the SHG movement, he said many women entrepreneurs still face challenges in accessing technology, finance and markets.



Online application window for 7th National Water Awards open till Aug 28

New Delhi, July 8 : The Jal Shakti Ministry is inviting applications till August 28 for the 7th National Water Awards on the Rashtriya Puraskar portal to honour States, Districts, Urban Local Bodies, Dam Owning Agencies and Industries which excel in water conservation and management, an official said on Wednesday. An official statement said that all applications received for the 7th National Water Awards would be scrutinised/shortlisted by a Screening Committee, and shortlisted applications would be placed before the Jury Committee constituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The recommendations of the Committee would be submitted to the Minister (Jal Shakti) for approval, said the statement. Each winner would be provided a trophy with a citation, it said. In the category for states, there will be three winners in each of three sub-categories.



Kedarnath pilgrim footfall rising every year after PM Modi performed meditation : U'khand minister

Dehradun, July 8 : Uttarakhand Minister Bharat Singh Chaudhary said on Wednesday that the popularity of Kedarnath Dham has increased significantly across the country and abroad after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's spiritual retreat there, resulting in a continuous rise in the number of pilgrims visiting the shrine every year. Speaking to IANS, Chaudhary, also the Rural Development, Small and Micro-Medium Enterprises, Khadi and Village Industries, and Language Minister, said that more than seven lakh devotees have already visited Kedarnath this year, reflecting the growing faith and enthusiasm among pilgrims. "Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed 'tapasya' (meditation) in Kedarnath, the craze for Kedarnath has increased tremendously in the country and across the world. The number of pilgrims is continuously

increasing every year, and a positive growth is being witnessed regularly. Even this time, more than seven lakh pilgrims have visited Kedarnath," he said. Highlighting the state government's preparations and arrangements for pilgrims, the Minister added that continuous improvements are being made in facilities at the shrine. "There has been constant improvement in the arrangements there. Hospitals have been continuously networked and health assistance centres have also been established at short distances for the convenience of pilgrims," he said. The Minister also told that he chaired a review meeting at his residence with officials of all departments functioning under his authority, where progress reports of various schemes and projects were presented. "Today, I organised a meeting of all the departments under my authority at my residence. All of-

ficials participated and presented the progress report of their departments. Almost all departments are performing very well. If Khadi Gramodyog is kept aside as an exception, the progress reports of all other departments have been highly impressive," he said. However, Chaudhary stressed that there is always room for improvement and directed officials to further strengthen implementation so that Uttarakhand continues to remain ahead in the country in schemes related to the Rural Development Department. The Minister also launched a sharp attack on the Congress, claiming that it is steadily losing relevance in public life and politics. "Congress is on the path of collapse. As a political party, Congress is continuously struggling on issues related to popularity and public interest. The party is becoming increasingly irrelevant on issues of public importance," he said.

K'taka: Gruha Lakshmi beneficiaries disappointed over delay in payouts

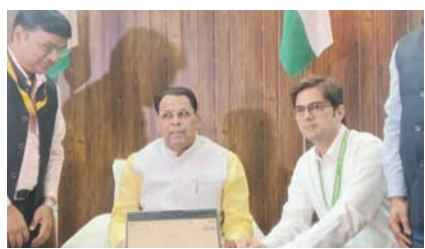
Bengaluru, July 8 : The lapses in the monthly payment of Rs 2,000 to more than 1 crore poor women, under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, have left them disappointed and upset. Many of them are speaking out about financial difficulties arising out of it and urging the state government to restart the monetary assistance, as stipulated under the scheme. The alleged lapses in the transfer of monetary assistance came into the spotlight during the recent Assembly session, when BJP MLA Mahesh Teninakai flagged the issue of pending instalments to women beneficiaries. Karnataka Women and Child Development Min-



ister Laxmi Hebbalkar assured of clearing the pending instalments and cited procedural hurdles as the reason behind the lapse. Notably, under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, launched in August 2023, about 1.2 crore women of poor households across Karnataka are entitled to monthly income assistance of Rs 2,000.

UP minister Narendra Kashyap participates in Census 2027 self-enumeration campaign

Lucknow, July 8 : The Uttar Pradesh government has intensified preparations for Census 2027 with a strong focus on transparency, technology-driven data collection, and public participation, an official press statement said on Wednesday. As part of the initiative, Narendra Kashyap, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and Divyangjan Empowerment, on Friday completed his self-enumeration process at his official residence. The development marked his participation in the state's newly launched digital census campaign. The move comes a day after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath formally inaugurated the first phase of Census 2027 in the state on Thursday. Under the self-enumeration initiative, citizens will be able to submit personal and family details online through the census portal, allowing residents to participate directly in the nationwide exercise. The Uttar Pradesh government has appealed to people across the state to actively participate and support the successful implementation of the process. According to officials, the new digital mechanism is aimed at accelerating data



collection while ensuring greater accuracy and minimising errors. The state government has also assured citizens that all standards related to data security and confidentiality will be strictly followed during the self-enumeration phase. The self-enumeration process will continue for 15 days, after which formal house-listing operations will begin from May 22, officials said. To ensure maximum participation, the state government has planned to launch an extensive awareness campaign from the state level down to districts and villages. Instructions have also been issued for the establishment of help desks and assistance centres to support citizens during the process. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Narendra Kashyap directed officials and employees to ensure effective implementation of the programme in accordance with the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He also urged them to encourage greater public participation in the campaign.

Protest rally in Imphal: Manipur Guv takes chopper ride from airport to Raj Bhavan

Imphal, July 8 : Amid the ongoing agitation by a Meitei apex body, tension flaring up in Imphal while Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Wednesday had to take a helicopter ride from the airport to Kangla Fort adjacent to Raj Bhavan. An official said that the Governor arrived in Imphal on Monday afternoon from Delhi and in view of the protests, he flew in an Army helicopter to reach Kangla Fort, located around 300 metres from the Raj Bhavan. After a 48-hour shutdown in six Imphal valley region on May 21-23, the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), the Meitei community apex body, has started their second phase of agitation from Sunday in protest against the removal of the state's name from a government bus.



Kerala to set up special anti-drug task force as 'Operation Toofan' intensifies

Kochi, July 8 : The Kerala government said on Wednesday that the formation of a Special Task Force, led by the State Police Chief Ravada A. Chandrasekhar, to intensify the fight against drug trafficking as part of the next phase of 'Operation Toofan', the state's flagship anti-narcotics campaign. Inaugurating 'Toofan Jagaran' at Perumbavoor, State Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala said the new task force would coordinate anti-drug operations across Kerala and lead efforts to dismantle inter-state narcotics networks through intelligence sharing and joint operations with neighbouring states.

He added that a meeting of the Directors General of Police of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Telangana has been convened on July 10 to strengthen coordinated action against drug syndicates operating across state borders. Additional police personnel will also be deployed in Perumbavoor to bolster enforcement. Describing Perumbavoor as the Plywood Capital of Asia, the Minister said drug mafias had attempted to exploit the town's thriving migrant workforce and industrial profile as a cover for narcotics trafficking. "Operation Toofan is a mission to restore Perumbavoor's true identity.

India's ornamental fisheries exports reach Rs 41 crore

New Delhi, July 8 : India's ornamental fisheries exports are estimated at around Rs 41 crore, reflecting the sector's growing contribution to the economy, an official statement said on Wednesday. India hosts about 700 indigenous freshwater and over 300 marine species available domestically, reflecting vast resource potential. Under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), ornamental fisheries are emerging as a high-potential sector in India, supported by rich biodiversity and growing domestic and global demand, according to the Min-

istry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. A total of 1,986 Backyard Ornamental Fish Rearing Units, 6,018 fish kiosks and aquariums, and 117 retail markets including dedicated ornamental fish and aquarium markets have been supported under the PMMSY. Additionally, five Freshwater Ornamental Fish Brood Banks and 199 Integrated Ornamental Fish Units have been established, significantly strengthening the ornamental fisheries value chain and enhancing production, marketing and livelihood opportunities across the country. Notably, the Department of fisheries has notified 34 fisheries pro-

duction and processing clusters across key areas across India, including Ornamental fisheries Cluster in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, visited Ornamental Fisheries Brood Bank at Mangrul Village in Raigad, Maharashtra, established by Yashodhara Sanjay Khandagale under PMMSY. The Secretary also interacted with beneficiaries of PMMSY to understand the gaps and challenges faced on ground. The Brood Bank visited by the union secretary is first initiative of its kind in India.



Business loans to entrepreneurs outpace those to commercial entities: Report

New Delhi, July 8 : Business loans to individual entrepreneurs grew faster than those to commercial entities over three years even as outstanding commercial credit rose to Rs 65.8 lakh crore, up 14 per cent YoY, a report said on Friday. The report from TransUnion CIBIL and SIDBI said loans to individuals accounted for 28 per cent of outstanding commercial balances while loans to entities made up 72 per cent. Individual borrower balances grew 1.8 times during the

three-year period between March 2023 and March 2026, compared with 1.5 times growth in entity borrower balances during the same period. "India's commercial credit market is seeing a shift in borrower composition, with individual borrowers with business-oriented loans now forming a meaningful share of overall commercial credit balances," the report said. As of March 2026, 2.8 crore individual borrowers had active business-oriented loans, with 43 per cent classified as early-stage commercial entities with less than 24

months of credit history. Almost half (48 per cent) of the share of the total Non-Banking Financial Companies' (NBFCs) Commercial Balances pertained to individual borrowers. All other lender categories have a much lower share, with private banks the second largest at 24 per cent of the commercial balance share among individual borrowers. The individual borrower segment has been increasingly visible across key commercial credit products.



SEBI revamps rules for unpaid shares; securities remain in investors' demat accounts

New Delhi, July 8 : The Securities and Exchange Board of India on Wednesday said that shares allotted to investors but not fully paid for must remain in clients' demat accounts, while brokers have a formal pledge over them until outstanding dues are cleared. Under the revised framework, unpaid securities will be credited first to the investor's demat account and then automatically pledged in favour of the broker through a dedicated

"Client Unpaid Securities Pledge Account" (CUSPA), the regulator said. The move aims to enhance investor protection and align regulations with the current market structure, where securities are directly credited to investors' demat accounts. Brokers must notify clients by email or SMS about pending payment obligations and the possibility that the securities may be sold if dues are not settled, the regulator said. All trading members must maintain a policy for handling unpaid securities and communicate the same to all clients prior to implementation, it added.

Early loan disbursement recovery points to healthier credit growth in India in FY27

New Delhi, July 8 : Early signs of recovery in loan disbursements across most retail and vehicle segments point to a healthier growth in credit cycle in India in FY27, a report said on Wednesday. The report from JM Financial Institutional Securities said that disbursement momentum across sub-

segments rose 6 per cent and 35 per cent year-on-year in H1 FY26 and Q2 FY26.



Urban Company's Q4 loss skyrockets 57 times to Rs 161 crore

New Delhi, July 8 : Home services provider Urban Company on Wednesday reported a consolidated loss of Rs 161 crore in the Q4 FY26 as its rapid expansion of InstaHelp, the 10-minute services arm, drove heavier losses from supply onboarding, and marketing for new trials. The company lost about Rs 447 on every InstaHelp order it serviced during the quarter, about 17 per cent more than the Rs 381 loss per order it saw in the prior quarter, Founder and CEO Abhiraj Singh Bhal said in his annual shareholder letter. The losses swelled 57 times in the quarter under review despite a 43 per cent jump in its Q4FY26 revenue from operations, which stood at Rs 426 crore compared to Rs 298 crore in the corresponding period of the last financial year. The Net Transaction Value (NTV) excluding KSA (Saudi Arabia) was up 33 per cent year-on-year and net revenue (Ex-KSA) grew 41 per cent, the company said. In the fourth quarter alone, consolidated NTV grew 42 per cent year-on-year, and adjusted EBITDA (excluding InstaHelp) grew nearly ninefold from Rs 12 crore to Rs 106 crore. InstaHelp reported an adjusted EBITDA loss of Rs 119 crore in Q4FY26. The consolidated loss of Rs 161 crore is a sharp surge from Rs 2.8 crore loss a year earlier.



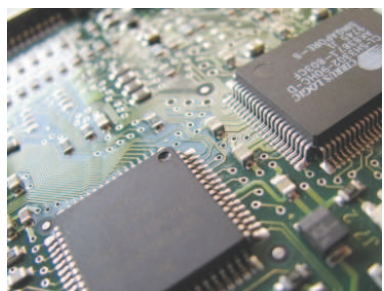
State reforms to triple India's commercial and industrial RE capacity by 2032: Report

New Delhi, July 8 : India's commercial and industrial renewable capacity could jump from 32 gigawatts (GW) in 2025 to as much as 100 gigawatts by 2032, and energy storage system installations in the segment will leap more than tenfold to about 31 gigawatt-hours, a report said on Wednesday. The report from India Energy Storage Alliance and Customised Energy Solutions attributes the explosive growth to corporate decarbonisation goals, soaring grid tariffs and a rising need for energy resilience, with state-level regulatory innovation accelerating adoption. The report will be released at India Energy Storage Week (IESW) 2026 held from July 8-10 at Yashobhoomi (IICC), New Delhi, and will draw over 200 exhibitors and over 10,000 industry leaders, offering the definitive platform for policy discussion, technical exchange, and showcasing innovation across the clean energy value chain. Senior officials from key ministries, including Heavy Industries, Mines, Power, Electronics, and Environment,

will join forces with state representatives and regulatory bodies in open dialogue at IESW 2026. The event will feature candid discussions on policy bottlenecks, state-level reforms, and industry needs, aiming to deliver actionable solutions for accelerating India's clean energy transition, the release said. "Our new research shows India's C&I energy storage market is not just growing; it's accelerating toward a new era. With forward-thinking state policies and rising corporate demand, storage is becoming a strategic tool for resilience and decarbonization, not just backup. The momentum we're seeing now will define the sector for the next decade," said Debmalya Sen, President of IESA. The report highlighted Maharashtra's new renewable energy and storage policy.

South Korean, Japanese biz leaders agree to boost cooperation in AI, chips

Seoul, July 8 : Business leaders of South Korea and Japan on Wednesday agreed to expand bilateral cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI), semiconductors and other key sectors while supporting Seoul's efforts to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).



Defence stocks surge up to 10 pc as Index rises for 6th straight session

Mumbai, July 8 : Defence stocks in India saw a strong rally on Wednesday with the Nifty India Defence index rising nearly 1 per cent to trade above 8,715. This marks the sixth straight day of gains for the index, even as broader markets remained volatile. The top performer on the index was Unimech Aerospace and Manufacturing, whose shares surged 10 per cent to hit the upper circuit at Rs 1,179.50.

BJP is playing 'politics of revenge' in country: Omar Abdullah

Srinagar, July 8 : J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its leader in the UT Assembly of playing the "politics of revenge". Talking to reporters here, Abdullah alleged that the Leader of Opposition (LOP) Sunil Sharma is waiting to somehow get the Chief Minister's chair in J&K. Replying to a question about the statement made by Sharma that there could be defections in the ruling National Confer-

ence (NC), he said: "The LOP should remember that elections are not going to be held here before 2029" and that "there are no Eknath Shindes in the National Conference. Nobody is going to the party". His reference was to the senior Shiv Sena leader who split the party and led to the downfall of the Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA government in Maharashtra. Abdullah said the people must understand the intentions of the BJP by Sharma's statement. "Eknath Shinde left because the BJP helped him leave the party. People must understand the intentions of

the BJP through the statement made by the LOP." He added that "we have already suffered enough at their hands". "The delimitation was done here only with the intention of helping the BJP and its supporters. They are threatening the people over the statehood issue. They don't appear to have any intention to give statehood to J&K. Cabinet expansion here is not being done because they haven't given us the statehood.



U'khand Waqf Board Chairman calls for timely registration of properties on UMMEED portal

Udhham Singh Nagar, July 8 : Uttarakhand Waqf Board Chairman Shadab Shams on Wednesday urged all stakeholders to ensure the timely registration of Waqf properties on the UMMEED portal, following the extension of the deadline for online registration. He said the initiative aims to protect Waqf assets and ensure that their benefits reach poor and deserving sections of the Muslim community. Speaking to reporters, Shams said that the Waqf Amendment Act introduced by the Modi government has renewed hope among poor Muslims. He alleged that for decades, Waqf properties had been misused and looted, depriving orphans, widows, and the underprivileged of their rightful benefits. "The Modi government

brought the Waqf Amendment Act, which has given new hope to poor Muslims. Over the years, the Waqf Board had become a nexus of thieves. Properties that were meant for the welfare of the poor, orphans, and widows were ruthlessly looted. Like vultures, people tore apart and consumed Waqf assets," Shams said. He said that through the UMMEED Act, there is now an opportunity to expose and stop the alleged plunder of Waqf properties. "Today, through the UMMEED Act, we have hope that poor Muslims will finally get their rightful share. These properties involve the rights of orphans and funds from charity, zakat, and donations. Many people sacrificed their livelihoods and dedicated their properties as Waqf for public welfare.

Ex-CM Gehlot criticises Bhajan Lal Sharma-led Rajasthan govt over its functioning

Jaipur, July 8 : Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has once again criticised the Bhajan Lal Sharma-led government over its functioning while speaking to the media at the Circuit House in Bhilwara. "I have no opposition to CM Bhajan Lal Sharma or his government. My sympathy is with the common people. The government should prioritise public welfare and work for the people," he said, adding generally after three years of a government's formation, a wave of public resentment begins. "But this is the first time in Rajasthan that protests started immediately after the formation of a government. People's work is not being done, crime is rising, and fear prevails across the state, yet no one is listening.



Congress protests in Ranchi demanding 'Sarna Religion Code' for tribals in census

Ranchi, July 8 : The demand for a separate Sarna religion code for tribals in the national census has intensified in Jharkhand, with the Congress staging a protest outside Raj Bhavan in Ranchi on Wednesday. The protest was led by Jharkhand Congress in-charge K. Raju, co-in-charge Sirivella Prasad, and state party President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh. After the sit-in, a delegation met Governor Santosh Gangwar and submitted a memorandum urging the Centre to recognise the independent religious identity of tribals by providing a separate column for Sarna followers in

the census form. "Sarna is not just a belief system, it is a way of life rooted in nature worship. The tribal community deserves a distinct religious code to reflect their unique identity," said Raju while addressing party workers. The memorandum pointed out that the census currently allows coding for only six religions -- Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism -- and excludes tribal faiths such as Sarna, which are followed by large sections of Adivasis in Jharkhand and other states. Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey stressed that the Sarna code must be included in the seventh column of the census form. "Tribal society values equality and the freedom to follow its own faith. Denying them a separate code is an

'Trikal' brand controversy: MP Minister demands action against proprietors

Bhopal, July 8 : Amid escalating controversy over a liquor brand 'Trikal', senior Madhya Pradesh Animal Husbandry Minister Lakhan Patel said that this title has hurt the sentiments of the Hindu community, and demanded strict action against the proprietors. Patel said that the word 'Trikal' is related to the

Sanatan Dharma, and it is used for Lord Shiva. He stated that using such a title for the liquor brand could be a conspiracy against Sanatan Dharma, which won't be tolerated.



Chhattisgarh to come up with AI-based data centre, new transformer unit in Raipur

Raipur, July 8 : Chhattisgarh is poised to make a significant leap in the country's digital landscape with a ground-breaking investment initiative. ESDS Software Solution Ltd has proposed an investment of over Rs 600 crore to establish a cutting-edge artificial intelligence-based data centre in Raipur. During a meeting with the state Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at Chhattisgarh Sadan in New Delhi, ESDS Chairman Piyush Somani and Vice Chairman Lokesh Sharma emphasised that this project would not only propel Chhattisgarh into the future of digital innovation but also contribute to India's technological advancement. The initiative aims to position the state as a leader in AI, cloud technology, cybersecurity, and digital storage. Welcoming the proposal, Chief Minister Sai remarked, "This investment will be a landmark in realising the vision of Digital India in Chhattisgarh.

Vande Mataram row: Religion always comes after nation, says BJP on Owaisi's remarks

New Delhi, July 8 : Political leaders across parties reacted sharply on Wednesday after AIMIM Chief Asaduddin Owaisi remarked that "Vande Mataram" cannot be treated on par with the national anthem, triggering a fresh political debate over nationalism, religion, and constitutional values. Owaisi, in a post on social media platform X, said, "Vande Mataram is an ode to a goddess. It cannot be treated on par with the national anthem. 'Jana Gana Mana' celebrates India and its people, not a particular religion. Religion is not equal to the nation." Reacting to the remarks, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Rohan Gupta said that it was "very sad" that objections were being raised over "Vande Mataram".



Let judicial probe take its course in Bharat Tiwari case, says Jitan Ram Manjhi



Patna, July 8 : The political debate surrounding the high-profile Bharat Tiwari encounter in Bihar's Bhojpur district continues to intensify. While opposition parties have raised questions over the police action, Union Minister and Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) chief Jitan Ram Manjhi has defended the police, saying they acted within the framework of law and established procedures. He urged people not to reach conclusions before the ongoing judicial inquiry is completed. Speaking to reporters in Patna, Manjhi said the primary responsibility of the police is to maintain law and order. He argued that the officers had to act in a difficult situation and suggested that they themselves could have come under attack had they failed to respond. He emphasised that a judicial inquiry into the encounter is already underway and said any assessment of the incident should be based on the findings of that inquiry rather than speculation. Asked about Union Minister Chirag Paswan's visit to Bharat Tiwari's family and his proposed participation in a Mahapanchayat, Manjhi said every political leader has their own style of functioning and approach to public issues. "Must we do exactly what Chirag does? We have our own clear standpoint, and we act accordingly," he said.

India targeting \$1 trillion exports in 2026-27: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, July 8 : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday that India is aiming to achieve an ambitious target of \$1 trillion in exports during the current financial year, with a robust double-digit growth from \$863 billion in 2025-26. Addressing the Board of Trade Meeting here, Goyal said the country is targeting a 17 per cent surge in merchandise exports to about \$530 billion, while services exports are projected to increase by around 11 per cent



to nearly \$470 billion in the current financial year. At the same time, services exports are expected to increase from \$421 billion to nearly \$470 billion, requiring growth of around 11 per cent. "If we look at the figures up to June, we are well on track," he observed.

UN-Habitat reaffirms commitment to sustainable urbanisation despite geopolitical uncertainties

Nairobi, July 8 : The momentum toward creation of smart, resilient and inclusive cities is on course despite challenges posed by the climate crisis, geopolitical tremors and global economic slowdown, a senior United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) official said on Wednesday. Anaclaudia Rossbach, Executive Director

of UN-Habitat, said that sustainable urbanisation is an imperative to help secure a more equal, cohesive and green future for humanity. "Our mandate of enabling inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable urbanisation has become increasingly clear and recognised," Rossbach told the opening plenary of the third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent



Representatives (OECPR-3) in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital. A precursor to the resumed second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly, slated for Thursday, the OECPR runs from Monday to

Wednesday to discuss themes that are likely to shape the future for cities and their inhabitants. Rossbach said that during the three-day OECPR meeting,

Hundreds march in Switzerland against China's ethnic unity law, seek global intervention

Zurich, July 8 : Over 400 participants took part in a peaceful march in Switzerland, demonstrating from Werdmuhleplatz to the Chinese Consulate General in Zurich, to protest against China's recently enacted "Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress". The protest was organised by the Tibetan Community of Switzerland and Liechtenstein in partnership with the Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE), the Swiss Tibetan Friendship Association (GSTF), the World Uyghur Congress, the Swiss Tibetan Women's Association, and the Church of Almighty God. The participants marched through the streets of Zurich to the Chinese Consulate General, calling on the international community to reject the legislation and take concrete action to protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Tibetans, Uyghurs, and other affected communities in China. The event began with an opening ceremony featuring addresses by Thinlay Chukki, Representative of the Dalai Lama to Central and Eastern Europe, and Venerable Khenpo Tenzin Jangchup of Rikon Monastery. Representatives of the World



Uyghur Congress, the Swiss Tibetan Women's Association, and The Church of Almighty God also expressed their grave concerns over China's Ethnic Unity Law, describing it as "a policy that threatens the cultural, linguistic, and religious identities of Tibetans, Uyghurs, and other ethnic minorities". Addressing the gathering, Representative Thinlay Chukki said, "We have also seen the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights call for the repeal of this law because it is clear that this legislation is not intended to promote unity. Rather, it is designed to facilitate the complete erasure and forced assimilation of Tibetans, Uyghurs, and other so-called ethnic minorities." "Today, I also stand in solidarity with the more than 157 Tibetans who have self-immolated in Tibet, calling for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and for freedom in Tibet.



Two tonnes of crystal meth seized in Indonesia

Jakarta, July 8 : Indonesian security authorities have seized around two tonnes of crystal meth in the waters of Riau Island province, claiming it the biggest illicit drug bust in the country. At a press conference held in the city of Batam in the Riau Islands province on Wednesday, the country's narcotics agency BNN told reporters that the illicit drugs were carried by a vessel which was intercepted by authorities on Wednesday last week. Chief of BNN Marthinus Hukom said that narcotics hidden in tea packets were stored in 67 sacks within a special compartment of the ship's hull. As many as six boat crews were arrested, including two Thai citizens and four Indonesian citizens. According to Hukom, the case is the biggest achievement in the drug eradication in Indonesia. The drug seizure comes after the country's Navy two weeks ago intercepted a foreign vessel, called Aungtoetoe 99, suspected of attempting to smuggle nearly two tonnes of illicit drugs into the country through the waters in the same province. One Thai national and four Myanmar nationals were also arrested. Under Indonesia's strict drug laws, those involved in drug-related crimes face severe penalties, ranging from five years' imprisonment to the death penalty.

Nicusor Dan sworn in Romanian President, calls for 'change'

Bucharest, July 8 : Nicusor Dan assumed office as President of Romania on Wednesday, following a swearing-in ceremony in the country's Parliament. In his inaugural address, Dan emphasised the need for "fundamental change" within the framework of the rule of law. He called on citizens to maintain "positive pressure" on state institutions to drive reform and pledged to remain receptive to public voices. "Romanian society has proven itself to be



alive and strong," Dan said. "I will be a President open to the voice of society and working as a partner with society." The 55-year-old independent candidate secured 53.6 per cent of the votes in the presidential runoff.

Maharashtra launches statewide sterilisation push to tackle stray dog menace

Mumbai, July 8 : Confronting the rapidly rising stray dog menace across Maharashtra, the state government has launched a comprehensive statewide intervention. All urban and rural local bodies have been directed to strictly enforce sterilisation and anti-rabies vaccination protocols in full alignment with the Central Government's Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, and directives issued by the Supreme Court. The announcement was made by Industries Minister Uday Samant during the Question Hour in the Legislative Assembly. The issue was brought to the floor through a question raised by MLA Arjun Khotkar regarding the escalating safety risks posed by stray dogs. Other members, including Amin Patel, Sneha Dubey, Namita Mundada and Sana Malik, participated in the high-decibel debate. Minister Samant presented official baseline census data detailing the scale of the stray canine population and the current pace of the civic response. He said that there are 14.8 lakh stray dogs

in the state, of which 94,000 are in Mumbai alone. This year, 65,000 stray dogs have been neutered or sterilised across Maharashtra, while 97,960 stray dogs have been administered anti-rabies vaccines. Underscoring the urgency of the situation, the minister highlighted a worrying surge in dog-bite injuries. In Ahilyanagar (formerly Ahmednagar) district alone, 7,230 dog-bite cases were recorded between January and February 2026. This marks an alarming increase of 463 cases compared to the corresponding period last year. To humanely and effectively mitigate the crisis, the minister outlined a multi-pronged roadmap focusing on dedicated infrastructure, specialised municipal wings and hospital safety measures. The government has pledged to establish dedicated stray dog shelters in Mumbai within the next six months. The Revenue Department has already been formally requested to allocate land parcels at three designated sites. Nearly 3,000 square feet of land has been sought at Mulund and Malad each, while at Nahur, a larger parcel measuring 8,411 square feet has been identified. In compliance with the Supreme Court's recommendations, five major municipal corporations in the state's premier



urban centres have resolved to establish independent, standalone Animal Birth Control Departments. These dedicated wings will operate in Mumbai, Pune, Kalyan-Dombivli, Pimpri-Chinchwad and Nashik, the minister said. Responding to specific complaints about stray dogs compromising public healthcare facilities, Minister Samant confirmed that the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has deployed specialised animal control teams to clear the premises of Dr R N Cooper Hospital. Regular sterilisation and rabies vaccination drives are being carried out in and around the hospital precincts to safeguard patients, visitors and medical staff.

No Pakistani university ranked among world's top 350: Report

Islamabad, July 8 : No Pakistani university has been ranked among the top 350 universities of the world in the recently revealed QS World Universities Rankings 2027, local media reported. The Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) ranked at the 381 spot globally is Pakistan's top position in QS World University Rankings 2027, local media reported. "The rankings are, at best, a rough measure of quality. But they do reveal a lot. If we do not have a university in the top 350, it does say quite a bit about the priority accorded to education in Pakistan. And, knowing our budget allocations for education in general as well as higher education, and our other spending priorities, it is not a surprise," Faisal Bari, a senior research fellow at the Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives and an Associate Professor of economics at Lums, wrote in a report in Pakistan-based daily Dawn. "If our government spends less than one per cent of GDP on education, including expenditure on school education, is it any surprise that we do not have any universities in the top 350?," the author stated. The countries which have universities in the top 200 rankings include India, Chile, Qatar, Brazil, Mexico, the UAE, Kazakhstan, South Africa.



All these nations have per capita income higher than Pakistan and whose spending on education as a percentage of GDP is more. Though Pakistan's universities have not been ranked among top universities. However, it would actually be a surprise if Pakistan's universities get ranked among top universities as the Pakistani authorities do not spend the type of money that quality higher education institutions, private or government, require. In addition, Pakistan does not have enough money for research or paying salaries to faculties. Writing in Dawn, Faisal Bari asked, "So, how do we get top-ranked universities? More importantly, should we even try for one to reach the top 100 or 200 when the entire higher education sector is plagued with serious challenges?"

US Republicans push stricter deportation rules

Washington, July 8 : The US Republican party advanced two immigration-focused bills that would tighten deportation rules for fraud and for crimes involving harm to law enforcement animals, sharpening enforcement measures and expanding grounds for removal. The House Rules Committee cleared the way for floor debate on the Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2026 and the so-called Bow Wow Act, both of which target non-citizens accused of specific offences. Under the proposed legislation, undocumented immigrants found to have defrauded government programmes or harmed law enforcement animals could be made inadmissible and deportable. Crucially, both bills remove the requirement for a criminal conviction in certain cases. Republicans argued that the changes are needed to address gaps in the current law. One lawmaker said the goal was straightforward: "If you are a guest here

in our country and you defraud our country, you must leave and cannot return." Supporters said existing provisions often rely on the broader "moral turpitude" standard, which can be tied up in litigation for years. They argued that individuals who admit to fraud or other misconduct should not be allowed to remain in the country while cases move slowly through the courts. The Bow Wow Act focuses on protecting animals used by federal agencies in enforcement operations. Prominent among these include trained dogs and horses that assist officers in border security, customs inspections, and law enforcement duties. Such animals are deployed to detect contraband, track suspects, screen luggage, and patrol difficult terrain. Republican lawmakers pointed to a case involving a trained detection dog at Dulles International Airport that was kicked by a passenger after alerting officers to undeclared items. They said such



incidents underline the need for stricter consequences. "These animals play a vital role in keeping America safe," one lawmaker said, adding that those who harm them should face removal from the country. Democrats, however, strongly opposed the bills, calling them unnecessary and legally flawed. Ranking member Jim McGovern said the measures were part of a broader attempt to "demonise immigrants". He argued that fraud and animal cruelty are already criminal offences and can lead to deportation after conviction under existing law. Democratic witnesses also warned that removing the conviction requirement could undermine due process.



Himachal Police execute 19 preventive detention orders in drug crackdown

Shimla, July 8 : Himachal Pradesh Police has intensified its crackdown against drug traffickers by extensively invoking the provisions of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988. In a significant state-wide action on Wednesday, the police successfully obtained and executed 19 preventive detention orders from the competent authority against habitual drug traffickers involved in the illegal narcotics trade, particularly ‘chitta’ and heroin. The detained individuals are repeat and organised.

Himachal Guv advocates for promoting adventure tourism

Shimla, July 8 : Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday released the poster of the ‘Chalo Himachal’ campaign here. The initiative of the Govind Sagar Adventure & Water Sports Association aims to promote adventure tourism and water sports activities across the state, particularly in major reservoirs and lakes. Releasing the campaign poster, the Governor lauded the association's efforts to promote Himachal Pradesh as a premier destination for adventure and eco-tourism. He said that tourism is one of the major pillars of the state's economy.



BJP govt to continue focus on indigenous communities: Assam Minister

Guwahati, July 8 : Assam Cabinet Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah on Wednesday said the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government would continue to focus on the development of indigenous communities and backward regions of the state, asserting that the National Democratic Alliance's electoral success reflected growing public confidence in its governance model. Speaking to reporters, Baruah said the people of Assam had strongly endorsed the government's development agenda, particularly its efforts to strengthen infrastructure, welfare schemes and inclusive growth across different communities and regions. “The people of Assam have developed confidence that the present government is committed to the overall development of the state and its indigenous communities. This support has been reflected in the election results,” he said. The minister stated that the government remained committed to addressing the concerns of various indigenous groups, including Rabha, Bodo and other ethnic communities living in different parts of Assam. He said the Bharatiya Janata Party government had consistently worked to resolve long-standing issues affecting indigenous populations and to ensure balanced development in remote and backward areas. He highlighted the government's welfare initiatives and said several schemes launched over the past few years had directly benefited the people. Referring to the Orunodoi scheme, he said the government had significantly expanded its outreach.



“Last year, around 1.5 lakh beneficiaries received support under this cash benefit transfer scheme. This year, the government aims to further widen the coverage of welfare schemes so that more people can benefit,” he added. The minister also underlined the importance of safeguarding the rights and identity of indigenous communities while ensuring economic progress and better connectivity in rural and border areas. According to him, the Bharatiya Janata Party-led administration has adopted a policy of engaging directly with communities and stakeholders in order to resolve issues through discussion and consensus. “After the election victory, we have continued holding discussions with people from different communities and regions. We are interacting with local organisations and community representatives to understand their concerns and take necessary steps,” he said.

Meghalaya losing PGI marks due to poor reporting, not poor performance: CM Sangma

Shillong, July 8 : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Wednesday said the state's Performance Grading Index (PGI) ranking in the education sector does not accurately reflect the progress made over the years, asserting that the government has been losing valuable marks due to gaps in reporting by schools rather than shortcomings in performance. Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of the Sohkh

Government Higher Secondary School and attending a felicitation programme for meritorious students at Sohkh in West Jaintia Hills district, the Chief Minister called for strengthening reporting mechanisms across educational institutions to ensure that the state's achievements are properly captured. "Sadly, the ranking reflected in the PGI is not a fair representation of Meghalaya's education system. The issue is not always performance, but how we report it," Sangma said. He explained that schools have been

missing out on marks for basic indicators despite having the required facilities and activities in place. According to him, simple measures such as reporting the availability of reading spaces or organising and documenting cyber safety awareness programmes could have significantly improved Meghalaya's score. "In many cases, small efforts like conducting a one-day awareness programme or correctly reporting available facilities could have earned us crucial points. We have lost nearly 100 marks due to gaps in communication and re-



porting," he said. Describing it as a "low-hanging opportunity," the Chief Minister urged school heads and officials of the Education Department to ensure accurate and timely submission of data. Sangma said the government has made substantial investments in the education sector over the past eight years by upgrading more than 2,000 schools.



Karandlaje alleges K'taka govt trying to issue residence certificates to illegal Bangladeshi immigrants

Bengaluru, July 8 : Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour & Employment, Shobha Karandlaje, on Wednesday alleged that illegal birth certificates were being issued through cyber centres in Karnataka after the commencement of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to intervene. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state headquarters, Jagannath Bhavan, in Bengaluru, Karandlaje alleged, "In Karnataka, birth certificates

are being issued illegally through cyber centres. The issuance of such certificates has increased after the SIR process started. The Chief Minister has also said that permanent residence certificates would be issued. Those who were born and have lived here do not require such certificates. We have our homes and our names are already in the electoral rolls." The Union Minister claimed that the state government was attempting to issue residence certificates to illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

HC seeks Punjab govt's stand on withdrawal of RS MP Rajinder Gupta's security cover

Chandigarh, July 8 : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday sought the Punjab government's stand on the withdrawal of security cover provided to Rajya Sabha MP and industrialist Rajinder Gupta, while also directing that no harm should come to his family within the state in view of recent incidents. Advocate Chetan Mittal, appearing for Gupta, told court that the Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab and Chairman Emeritus of the Trident Group had approached the High Court challenging the withdrawal of his security cover by the Punjab government. "He had approached the High Court stating that for the past two decades, he was provided security cover of six Punjab Police personnel," Mittal told reporters outside the court. He also said that Gupta's threat perception was reviewed in September-October 2025, following which his security cover was enhanced to nine personnel. Of these, Gupta himself was paying for four security personnel, he added. Mittal al-



leged that immediately after Gupta resigned from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and joined the BJP in April this year, all nine security personnel were withdrawn. "However, the day after he resigned from AAP and joined BJP in April, all nine security personnel were withdrawn. There were incidents at his residences, and an FIR was also registered in Chandigarh regarding the same," he said. The advocate termed the withdrawal of security "illegal, arbitrary, and with malafide intent". According to Mittal, the Punjab government's counsel told the High Court that a report regarding the matter had been submitted in a sealed cover and that the Central government.

Absconding for years, mastermind behind inter-state illegal drug syndicate lands in police net

Jaipur, July 8 : In a significant breakthrough, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of Rajasthan's Special Operations Group (SOG) has arrested the mastermind behind a multi-crore illegal drug syndicate operating through fake firms in Nagaland, Assam, Gurugram, and Nepal. The accused, Sushil Karnani, had been on the run since 2021 and was arrested in Nepal, an official said on Wednesday. A resident of Nokha, Bikaner, he had a reward of Rs 50,000 on his head. He was presented in the NDPS court in Ajmer on Monday and has been sent to six-day police remand. Authorities will now question him to trace other absconding members of the network. According to SP Satvir Singh of the ANTF, a case was first registered in 2021 at Ramganj Police Station, Ajmer, after a major drug seizure. Investigations revealed that Karnani had established fake pharmaceutical firms in Nagaland and other regions to illegally purchase narcotics.



With time, breakaway Trinamool faction distancing itself from Mamata legacy

New Delhi, July 8 : With every passing day and supplementary claims of being the “real” Trinamool Congress coming from separate factions, Mamata Banerjee's face as the leading rebel bloc members. Even as the Trinamool Congress began disintegrating after an adverse mandate in the West Bengal Assembly election this year, it appeared the larger ire of the rebels was aimed at party General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee. His aunt and founder-Chairperson Mamata Banerjee was, meanwhile, intermittently being hailed as “leader” and even suggested as an “advisor” to the breakaway group. The “Kalighat faction” — named after the party's official headquarters at Mamata's residence — obviously stoutly swears by her name. Most of the disgruntled members, including Ritabrata Banerjee — seen as one of the key faces in the dissident MLAs camp — significantly claimed early last month that they would like Mamata as an “advisor”. Even party veteran Arup Roy, who was named

Trinamool Chairperson at a special session convened by the party's rebel bloc on June 22, has also said at times that Mamata is the leader, and that the party was founded by her in 1998. So did iterate some of the party MPs who have since announced their merger with the till-then little-known National Citizen Party of India (NCPI). However, speaking to the media in Delhi on Thursday, Ritabrata said that in the June 22 special session, a new working committee was formed, where neither Mamata nor her nephew has found a place. Ritabrata said this in Delhi after coming out of a meeting with the Election Commission's full bench with a team of his colleagues. The current Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly shared that they had sought time earlier from the poll body to inform them about their working committee. Both factions have sought recognition from the Election Commission as the All India Trinamool Congress and the right to use the election symbol of twin florets.

NCW chief Rahatkar calls for parole ban in heinous sexual crime cases

New Delhi, July 8 : National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson, Vijaya Rahatkar, said that the Commission will recommend to the Central government a complete prohibition on parole for individuals convicted in cases of rape, aggravated sexual assault, and other serious offences against women and children. The proposed recommendations by the Commission may include amendments to prison and parole rules to classify rape, aggravated sexual assault, repeat sexual offences, and serious offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, as categories ineligible for parole or temporary release from jail, said an official statement on Wednesday. The Commission may also recommend additional safeguards, including mandatory risk assessment, strengthened police verification, electronic monitoring, and consultation with survivors or their families prior to granting any temporary release. Expressing concern over the existing parole framework in the wake of the recent Nasrapur sexual assault case in Pune district.



China's new unity law pushes ethnic minorities to integrate or face consequences: Report

Beijing, July 8 : China's new Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law, which came into effect on July 8, is pushing the ethnic minorities to integrate with Chinese identity and mandating that parents guide their children to "love" the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The law also "bans acts that 'undermine ethnic unity or create ethnic division' among China's 56 officially recognised

ethnicities, which include a Han Chinese majority that makes up over 90 per cent of the country's 1.4 billion people," a CNN report detailed. The law also says that the curriculum of students forges a strong sense of the community of the Chinese people. "For years, Chinese leader Xi Jinping has pushed ethnic minority groups like Tibetans and Uyghurs to adopt an identity

rooted in Chinese nationality and allegiance to the ruling Communist Party," the CNN report mentioned. In April, the United Nations human rights experts, through a letter, said the law "could have serious implications for the linguistic, cultural, and religious autonomy of ethnic communities, including Tibetans, Uyghurs, and Mongols." The experts also warned of the potential

for "transnational repression." The new law gives Beijing the right to target people outside of its borders who it believes violate its rules. China's Communist Party "faced allegations of widespread transnational repression. A 2022 report from human rights campaigner Safeguard Defenders said it had found evidence of more than 100 so-called overseas police stations across the globe to monitor.



India, Oman discuss enhancing interoperability, joint training and professional exchanges in Air Force

Muscat, July 8 : Air Vice Marshal SK Taliyan of the Indian Air Force and Air Commodore Khalid Mohammed Abdullah Al Abri of the Royal Air Force of Oman on Wednesday held discussions on enhancing interoperability, joint training and professional exchanges between the two countries. "The 11th Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman Air Staff Talks were held at Muscat in Oman, from July 1 to 2. The talks were co-chaired by Air Vice Marshal SK Taliyan of the Indian Air Force and Air Commodore Khalid Mohammed Abdullah Al Abri of the Royal Air Force of Oman," the Indian Air Force wrote on social media platform X. "The talks centred on enhancing interoperability, joint training and professional exchanges, to strengthen



bilateral defence cooperation and further shared national visions," it added. The IAF delegation also visited state-of-the-art training and maintenance facilities of the Royal Air Force of Oman. On Wednesday, Air Vice Marshal Taliyan interacted with India's Ambassador to Oman, Prashant Pise and briefed him on the progress of bilateral defence cooperation between the Indian Air Force and the Royal Air Force of Oman. "During an official visit to Muscat, Air Vice Marshal Sanjeev Kumar Taliyan, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (International Defence Cooperation).

Hindu prayer for peace, unity offered at White House event

Washington, July 8 : A Hindu prayer for peace and unity was delivered at the White House during the National Day of Prayer, marking a moment of religious diversity as the United States approaches its 250th year. A volunteer from the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) participated in the event, offering prayers rooted in Hindu tradition, BAPS said. "I request that we all please close your eyes and fold your hands," the volunteer said, opening the prayer with a call for reflection. The invocation continued with repeated chants: "Shanti Ram Shanti Ram Shanti Ram Shanti Ram Shanti Ram Shanti Ram Shanti Ram Om Shanti Shanti Shanti Sushanti Bhavatu." The prayer emphasised universal peace across all elements of existence. "May there be peace in the sky and in space," the speaker said. "May there be peace across earth, in water, and for all beings. May there be peace throughout nature and in the environment. May the peace of heaven spread throughout the universe." The prayer also extended to individual well-being, stating: "May we all have peace physically, mentally, and spiritually." The speaker concluded by expressing gratitude on behalf of the organisation. "On behalf of the entire BAPS Sovereign Fellowship, The Swaminarayan Ukshara County in Robbinsville, New

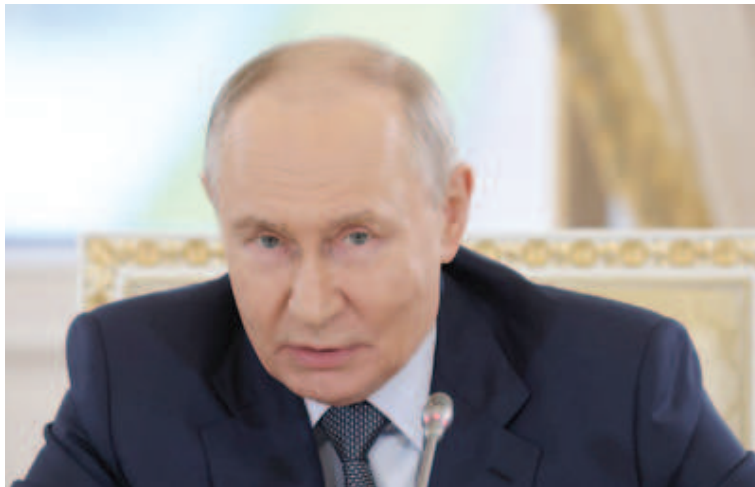


Jersey, and our Guru, Guru Hari Mohan Swami Maharaj, we thank you for this opportunity," the volunteer said. In a post on social media, BAPS Public Affairs said it was "honored to participate" in the National Day of Prayer at the White House. The organisation added that "moments like these remind us that faith, service, and shared values continue to strengthen our communities." On National Day of Prayer, President Trump earlier said in his message: "This National Day of Prayer, we honor America's enduring tradition of prayer, faith, and trust in Almighty God. And as we celebrate 250 glorious years of American independence, we pledge to never forget the countless blessings God has bestowed upon our people and our country."

Russia claims full control of Konstantinovka city in eastern Ukraine

Moscow, July 8 : Russia claimed that its armed forces had taken full control of the city of Konstantinovka in eastern Ukraine. "The main news is that Konstantinovka has been completely taken," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov was quoted by RIA Novosti as saying on Wednesday. Konstantinovka is a key stronghold located in Ukraine's Donetsk region, reports Xinhua news agency. Following the announcement,

Russian President Vladimir Putin said the capture of Konstantinovka "carries great strategic significance," while visiting one of the temporary command posts of the joint force grouping on Wednesday. "As we all know, the city is a key transportation hub and a major industrial center of Donbas," Putin said, adding that Russian forces have taken control of 133 settlements and more than 3,000 square km across Donbas and Novorossiia since the start of



2026. The more Ukraine attempts to strike civilian facilities in Russia, the more Russia must do to protect those facilities and its civilians, Putin noted, adding that

"the more such attempts the enemy makes, the larger the security buffer zone we will have to establish in the adjacent territory."



India and Malaysia reaffirm commitment to strengthen long-term cooperation

New Delhi, July 8 : The 12th Meeting of the India-Malaysia Joint Sub-Committee on Defence Science, Technology and Industry Cooperation was held on Wednesday in New Delhi, where both countries reaffirmed their commitment to long-term cooperation and strengthening defence industrial ties. "The 12th Meeting of the India-Malaysia Joint Sub-Committee on Defence Science, Technology and Industry Cooperation was held on 3 July 2026 in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Vijay Namdeo rao Zade, Joint Secretary (Naval Systems), Department of De-

fence Production, Ministry of Defence, from the Indian side, and Mr. Mohd Nizam Bin Mohd Khir, Undersecretary, Defence Industry Division, Ministry of Defence, from the Malaysian side," the Department of Defence Production of India wrote on X. "Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to long-term cooperation and strengthening defence industrial ties between the two countries," it added. On Wednesday, the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy held discussions focused on strengthening bilateral engagements, enhancing maritime cooperation and collaborative.

Geneva: Baloch activist exposes ongoing minority persecution in Pakistan

Geneva, July 8 : Naseem Baloch, Chairman of the Baloch National Movement (BNM), has alleged that Hindu and Christian girls across Pakistan are being abducted, forcibly converted, and married off, describing the ongoing practice as a violation of their identity, dignity, freedom of conscience, family life, and fundamental human rights. Addressing an event titled 'Forced Conversions and Minority Women' on the sidelines of the 62nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC 62) at the Geneva Press Club, Naseem called on the global community to take urgent notice of the persecution of religious minorities as well as the violence against Baloch people in Pakistan. "Forced conversion is not a private matter. It is not a family dispute. It is not a simple change of faith. It is a violation of identity, dignity, freedom of conscience, family life, and basic human rights.



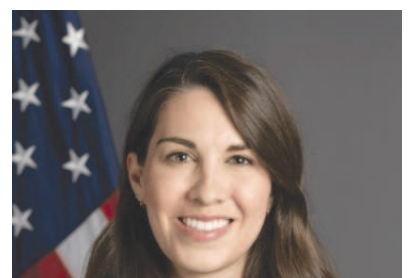
UN Special Rapporteur 'dismayed' by Pak's strike in Kabul, urges de-escalation

Kabul, July 8 : The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, on Wednesday expressed his distress over reports of Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan and resulting civilian casualties. He urged Afghanistan and Pakistan to de-escalate, exercise maximum restraint and respect international law, including the protection of civilians and civilian objects like hospitals. Bennett's statement comes as Afghan officials reported that Pakistani airstrike targeted the 2,000-bed Omid Addiction Treatment Hospital in Kabul's Pul-e-Charkhi area, killing at least 400 people and injuring 250 others. In a post on social media 'X,' Richard Bennett said, "Dismayed by fresh reports of

Pakistan airstrikes in Afghanistan and resulting civilian casualties. My condolences. I urge parties to de-escalate, exercise maximum restraint & respect international law, including the protection of civilians & civilian objects such as hospitals." Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior spokesperson Abdul Matin Qane on Tuesday warned that the country will give a "teeth-breaking response" to the deadly airstrikes carried out by Pakistan in Kabul.

US pushes AI access, flags security risks

Washington, July 8 : The United States wants countries in South and Central Asia, including India, to have access to "world class technology" while avoiding dependence on adversarial nations, a senior State Department official said, underscoring Washington's push to expand AI cooperation with New Delhi. Addressing the US-India AI and Emerging Technology Forum, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Bethany Morrison said the focus is on ensuring technology access trans-



lates into tangible benefits for societies. "We want to make sure that countries in our region have access to world class technology and are able to get that integrated into their society to deliver the best value results.



'Not good enough, we let you down: Balogun offers apology for USA's FIFA WC failure

New Delhi, July 8 : USA striker Folarin Balogun issued an apology to fans after his team's humiliating FIFA World Cup exit, saying the team was not at its best when it mattered the most. Balogun into the international spotlight when set to serve a one-match suspension after receiving a red card for a foul on Bosnia-Herzegovina defender Tarik Muharemovic in the Round of 32 victory before US president Donald Trump's intervention helped get his ban overturned so he was able to play against Belgium. His presence on the field was not enough to secure a win in Seattle as Belgium shattered co-hosts' dream in the last 16 with a 4-1 victory. "My debut World Cup... it hurts to wait 4 years to compete at the highest level our sport has to offer. I want to say sorry to our fans; it was not good enough when it mattered most, and we let you down. Soccer in America will only become bigger the belief, the talent, and the passion are continually growing, and I know the best days are in front of us. The future belongs to those who never stop believing; this moment will fuel us. We will be back," Balogun shared in his Instagram post.



Giving KKR trials at 14 in front of Ganguly sir and Buchanan felt surreal, says Samson

New Delhi, July 8 : India wicketkeeper-batsman Sanju Samson has opened up about how it felt 'surreal' for him to give IPL selection trials for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at the tender age of 14 in front of legends like former India skipper Sourav Ganguly and John Buchanan. Samson has been out of India's playing eleven since the Manchester T20I against England, after having endured two low scores in Ireland. But on a trip down the memory lane, Samson, who played for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in IPL 2026, credited his childhood coach Biju George for shaping his early career and opening doors for him to attend KKR trials. "After I went on to perform well for Kerala in the Under-13 tournament.

WI hand maiden senior call-up to teenage sensation Vitel Lawes for NZ ODIs

Guyana, July 8 : Cricket West Indies (CWI) has named 19-year-old wrist spinner Vitel Lawes in the squad for the opening three ODIs against New Zealand, to be played in Guyana and Barbados from July 11, handing the promising youngster his maiden senior international call-up. Lawes, who has been training with the senior squad since the pre-series camp ahead of the home assignment, earned his first selection after impressing at the ICC Under-19 World Cup earlier this year. The leg-spinner was named in the tournament's Team of



the Tournament after claiming 10 wickets and bowling the highest number of dot balls during the competition. To aid his transition into international cricket, former West Indies spinner Nikita Miller has been added to the team management group for the Guyana leg of the series to provide specialist coaching support.

'Amazing battle with a legend': Auger-Aliassime reflects on Djokovic heartbreak at Wimbledon

London, July 8 : Felix Auger-Aliassime admitted he was left disappointed after narrowly missing out on his maiden Wimbledon semi-final following a five-set defeat to seven-time champion Novak Djokovic in the men's singles quarter-finals on Centre Court, but said he could still take pride in pushing the 24-time Grand Slam winner to the limit in one of the longest matches in the tournament's history. Despite the disappointment of another Grand Slam exit at the last-eight stage, Auger-Aliassime chose to focus on the level he produced against the 24-time major champion, saying the contest offered valuable lessons for future opportunities. "Obviously it's tough for me. Quarters in Paris, here. I had other chances in my career where tight matches like this didn't go my way. I'll have to see what I can do so it goes my way the next time. For now, I can be proud of the fight and then I move on, move on to what's next," Felix was quoted as saying by ATP. The Canadian had pushed Djokovic to the brink after recovering from a break down in the fourth set to force a deciding fifth. Reflecting on where the momentum shifted, Auger-Aliassime admitted a brief lapse in concentration proved costly before he fought his way back into the contest.



Babar Azam set for T20I captaincy return after regaining Test leadership : Report

Lahore, July 8 : Pakistan batter Babar Azam could be set for another stint as the country's T20I captain, with reports suggesting the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is considering restoring him to the role ahead of the team's upcoming assignments. According to a report by Pakistani publication Daily Ausaf, the PCB is weighing a leadership change in the shortest format following an assessment of the national team's recent performances. If the move is approved, Babar is expected to replace Salman Ali Agha, who has been leading the side during the team's transition phase. The development comes shortly after Babar regained Pakistan's Test captaincy, indicating that the board may once again be placing its faith in one of the country's most experienced leaders across formats. No official confirmation has been issued by the PCB, but the report said Babar has emerged as the leading candidate to take charge of the T20I side once again as Pakistan begins preparations for upcoming international fixtures and future ICC events. Babar previously captained Pakistan across all three formats and enjoyed considerable success in T20 internationals. Under his leadership, Pakistan reached the semifinals of the 2021 T20 World Cup before finishing runners-up in the 2022 edition. He also recorded one of the best winning percentages among Pakistan's T20I captains during his previous tenure.



'India has talent but not the ecosystem to produce world champions': India's No. 1 golfer Yuvraj Sandhu

New Delhi, July 8 : Indian golf has produced trailblazers who have made their mark on the global stage, but the search for consistent world-beaters continues. India's No. 1 golfer Yuvraj Sandhu believes the country isn't lacking in talent or ambition; the real gap lies in building an eco-

system that nurtures golfers to think and compete like world-class athletes from a young age. In an exclusive interview with IANS, Sandhu spoke candidly about why Indian golfers struggle to become regular winners on the DP World Tour and PGA Tour, the brutal realities of life on the profes-

sional circuit, overcoming a career-threatening slump, and why "pressure is a privilege". The 29-year-old also reflected on his Olympic aspirations, the changes Indian golf desperately needs at the grassroots level, and the long-term vision required to transform India into a genuine golfing powerhouse.

FIFA WC: 'Morocco must be brave with the ball,' says Aboukhhal ahead of France QF clash

Rabat, July 8 : Former Morocco winger Zakaria Aboukhhal has warned the Atlas Lions that they cannot afford to rely solely on defensive resilience against France, insisting they must also be brave in possession when the two sides renew their FIFA World Cup rivalry in Friday's quarterfinal. The fixture marks the first World Cup meeting between the nations since France defeated Morocco 2-0 in the semi-finals of the 2022 tournament in Qatar, ending the Atlas Lions' historic run as the first African and Arab nation to reach the last four. Aboukhhal, who came on as a second-half substitute in that semi-final, said France remain one of the most dangerous teams in world football because of their ability to capitalise on the smallest errors. "I remember the intensity and the feeling that we were still in the game. Even though we were behind, we kept believing and pushing. France were difficult because they punished every small mistake. They have speed, experience, and players who can decide a match in one moment. Sometimes you feel you are in control, but one transition can change everything," Aboukhhal told FIFA. The Torino winger believes Morocco's task goes be-



yond containing France star Kylian Mbappé, stressing that Les Bleus possess match-winners all over the pitch. "Of course, Mbappe is one of the best players in the world, so you have to be aware of him. But France are not only Mbappé. They have quality everywhere. "Morocco will have to defend together, stay compact, and not give France too much space in transition. But they also have to be brave with the ball. Against France, you cannot survive. You need moments where you make them defend as well," he added.