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Bharti Airtel's Q1 profit jumps 37 pc to Rs 8,167 crore
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Andhra Pradesh to finish land re-survey by 2027

Amaravati, Aug 10 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday announced that the land re-survey process would be completed by 2027 and Pattadar Passbooks bearing the official State emblem would be issued to farmers and landowners. Participating in the distribution of 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku' Pattadar Passbooks at Kalidindi in the Kaikaluru Assembly constituency in Eluru district, he said the coalition government was working with the sole agenda of resolving revenue-related problems. Naidu stated that the Revenue Records Reforms 2026 were introduced to cleanse and stream-

line land records. He issued a Pattadar Passbook bearing the State emblem to a woman farmer, Nallajarla Durga Bhavani. Later addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the double-engine government at the Centre and in the State was driving development at bullet speed and had resolved the issue of land allotted to ex-servicemen who had participated in the Second World War, which were placed under Section 22-A, and issued them pattas. He said the destruction caused by the previous government between 2019 and 2024 damaged revenue records, with lands and properties digitally placed under 22-A, creating disputes. When the coalition government came to power in

2024, a large number of complaints relating to land issues started pouring in. Naidu said the State government was incorporating strong security features, similar to those used for currency, into Pattadar Passbooks. Blockchain technology has been used to prevent tampering with property details, while QR codes and other technology-based security features have also been incorporated. So far, 32.22 lakh Pattadar Passbooks have been handed over to farmers and landowners. During the next seven months, the government will complete the re-survey in 9,365 villages and issue 68.64 lakh Pattadar Passbooks, he said. The Chief Minister said land-related problems covering nearly



41,000 acres had been resolved so far, benefiting more than 1.27 lakh farmers, industries and members of the public. He said 1.36 lakh acres had been freed from freehold restrictions. The government has taken up digitisation of old land records, including 1-B, Adangal, DKT, ARC, Inam and Ceiling records. All link documents will be made available online. So far, nearly nine lakh people have been provided the facility of auto-mutation. The re-survey is being conducted in the presence of farmers. After obtaining e-KYC, Pattadar Passbooks bearing the State emblem are being printed and distributed by conducting Gram Sabhas to ensure transparency.

Interest-free loan of Rs 50,000 for tobacco farmers

Guntur, Aug 10 : Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu announced that a loan of 50,000 would be provided to each tobacco farmer. He clarified that this 50,000 loan would be interest-free for a period of two years. He also stated that the government would provide an additional 1,000 per quintal and assured that measures would be taken to ensure the funds are credited to the farmers' accounts within nine days of the tobacco purchase.



YSRCP condemns police crackdown on protests over DSC irregularities

Amaravati, Aug 10 : The YSR Congress Party on Monday condemned police highhandedness and attempt to intimidate its cadres holding peaceful protests across Andhra Pradesh demanding a CBI enquiry into the alleged irregularities in DSC recruitment and resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh. YSRCP national spokesperson, Y. Karthik, said that instead of answering the serious questions being asked by DSC aspirants, the government is using the police to suppress the democratic protest across constituencies. "YSRCP leaders and cadres are being stopped, detained, prevented from participating in these peace-



ful demonstrations. What is the government really afraid of? Why are police being deployed to block political leaders and activists who are only demanding justice for unemployed youth?," he asked.

Union Ministry of Jal Shakti provides clarity on the Polavaram project; details revealed in the Rajya Sabha.

New Delhi, Aug 10 : The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti revealed that the revised estimated cost approved by the Central Government for the first phase of the Polavaram project is 30,436.95 crore. It stated that the project construction in the first phase would be carried out up to a height of 41.15 meters. It noted that the Centre has released funds amounting to 12,620.53 crore for the Polavaram project over the past five years, with the highest allocation of 5,512.40 crore made in the 2024-25 financial year. It was revealed. The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti provided a written reply to a



question asked by BJP MP R. Krishnaiah in the Rajya Sabha regarding the progress of the Polavaram project. In this context, the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti stated that 96.87 per cent of the earthwork for the spillway construction has been completed so far. It revealed that 98.84 per cent of the concrete work and 92.9 per cent.

Revanth prays God to bless Telangana with rains



Nagarjuna Sagar, Aug 10 : The 'Maha Varuna Yagam', organised by the Telangana government to invoke the blessings of the deities for abundant rainfall across the State, concluded successfully on Monday. The Yagam was performed with devotion and in strict accordance with scriptural tra-

ditions, with Vedic scholars and priests conducting rituals and chanting mantras as part of the sacred proceedings. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his wife participated in the sacred ritual performed on the banks of river Krishna at 'Vijay Viharam' in Nagarjuna Sagar. Priests (Ruthviks) concluded the rituals by offering Purnahuti (fi-

nal oblation) in the presence of Chief Minister. Under the guidance of priests and Vedic scholars from the Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, 108 Ruthviks conducted the 'Homa' rituals across 11 Homa Kundas (sacrificial fire pits) in the traditional Vedic manner, seeking the blessings of Lord Varuna.

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Sri N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and his wife participated in the sacred day long Yagam. Amidst a divine spiritual atmosphere, the Chief Minister prayed for bountiful rains in Krishna and Godavari river basins. He said the Varuna Yagam was performed with a resolve that the people of the Telangana state should live in

happiness, prosperity, and well-being. Revanth Reddy stated that performing Yagams, Yagnas, and offering Pujas for rains is a centuries old spiritual tradition inherited from ancestors in Indian culture. While the government is already moving forward with scientific assessments and planning.

Bhatti visits QuantumScape HQ, explores advanced battery technology opportunities

Hyderabad, Aug 10 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka visited the headquarters of QuantumScape in San Jose in the United States, where he met the company's President and CEO, Dr. Siva Sivaram, and members of its senior leadership team. Dr. Sivaram presented an overview of QuantumScape's work in next-generation solid-state lithium-metal battery technology, including the company's

efforts to develop batteries with the potential for higher energy density, faster charging and improved safety. He also briefed the Deputy Chief Minister on what differentiates the company's technology from conventional lithium-ion batteries and the challenges involved in taking such technologies from research to commercial-scale manufacturing. The discussions also covered the broader global battery supply chain, spanning critical minerals,

advanced materials and components, cell manufacturing and integration with electric vehicles. The two sides exchanged views on how emerging battery technologies could reshape existing supply chains and create opportunities for greater diversification and new manufacturing partnerships across geographies. Against this backdrop, the Deputy Chief Minister and the QuantumScape leadership discussed India's growing electric-mobility and advanced-manufacturing ecosystem.



Parliament passes Taxation Bill, Sitharaman says no fee on UPI transactions

New Delhi, Aug 10 : The Parliament approved the Taxation and other Laws (Amendment) Bill on Monday, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman making it clear that the legislation does not impose any tax or transaction charge on users making payments through the Unified Payments In-



terface (UPI). The Bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha last week, was returned by the Rajya Sabha with a voice vote after a brief discussion and reply by the Finance Minister. Speaking on the floor of the Upper House.

Maha Varuna Yagam begins at Nagarjuna Sagar with prayers for abundant rains



Nagarjuna Sagar, Aug 10 : Long before the morning sun touched the waters of the Krishna, the silence enveloping Nagarjuna Sagar was broken by the solemn chanting of Vedic hymns invoking Lord Varuna, the deity of rains and waters, for his blessings upon Telangana. The Maha Varuna Yagam commenced at Vijay Vihar on the banks of Nagarjuna Sagar during the sacred hours of Brahma Muhurtham on Monday, with 108 Ruthviks, Vedic scholars and priests joining the day-long ritual to pray for widespread rainfall, flowing rivers, replenished

reservoirs and prosperity for farmers. Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, accompanied by his wife and Kodad MLA Padmavati Uttam Kumar Reddy, participated in the early rituals as priests prepared the Yagashala for the invocation. The ceremony began with Chaturveda Pathanam, the recita-

tion of the four Vedas — Rigveda, Yajurveda, Samaveda and Atharvana Veda. Thirty-two Ruthviks took their designated positions around the Yagashala to perform the principal rituals, while the remaining members of the 108-mem-



ber group joined in continuous Vedic chanting and japam.

Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud's 376th birth anniversary held in Rabindra Bharati and statue should be installed on Tank Bund : Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud...



Hyderabad, Aug 10 : V. Srinivas Goud attended the Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud Jayanti celebration held at Rabindra Bharati. He garlanded

the portrait of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud and paid tributes. Speaking on the occasion, he said, Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud was the first emperor and Bahujan

leader in Asia, and after the formation of Telangana state, he spoke to the then Chief Minister KCR and gave a G.O to officially organize the birth anniversary and death anniversary celebrations of that great man. He said that the land for the installation of the Papanna Goud statue on the Tank Bund has been inspected and Rs. 3 crore has been allocated. He said that excise raids on Geeta workers should be stopped, closed toddy shops should be opened in the state, and the caste profession should be protected. He said that the completed Neera Center should be opened in Nandanam in



Nallagonda district and Neera-based products should be manufactured. An ex-gratia of Rs. 10 lakh should be released to Geeta workers who died due to an accident and fell from a tree. He wanted to name Janagama district as Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud district. He wanted to undertake Bhoomi Puja on 5 acres worth Rs. 1000 crores allocated by KCR to the Gouda Caste Society in Kokapet. Leaders of several Gouda groups and others participated in this program.

KCR built the double-bedroom houses : BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy



Hyderabad, Aug 10 : BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy on Monday claimed that the double-bedroom houses being handed over to beneficiaries in

Kamalapur mandal were sanctioned and constructed during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Speaking to the media after inau-

gurating the houses, Kaushik Reddy criticised Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Ponnam Prabhakar Goud for allegedly making politically motivated and factually incorrect remarks during the inauguration. "This is not a platform for playing politics. Present the facts before the people", he said, urging the Ministers to give credit to KCR for the housing project. Kaushik Reddy said public representatives had a responsibility to explain facts rather than engage in political criticism at an event meant for handing over houses to beneficiaries.



He also urged the Ministers to address the problems faced by residents of the double-bedroom colonies instead of merely inaugurating the houses and leaving.



Hoist the tricolour, celebrate patriotism: T-BJP Chief NRR

Hyderabad, Aug 10 : Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Monday urged citizens to hoist the national flag at their homes as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign ahead of Independence Day on August 15. Rao said the campaign was an opportunity to honour the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation. He said he participated in the programme along with youth from his village and neighbourhood and hoisted the Tricolour at his residence. He appealed to people to par-

ticipate voluntarily and display the national flag at their homes. Rao also announced that a grand 'Tiranga Yatra' would be held near Tank Bund in Hyderabad on August 14. Rally was not linked to any particular political party, but was aimed at projecting national unity and the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. Calling on Hyderabad residents to rise above caste, religion and political differences, Rao urged citizens to participate in large numbers and make the Tiranga Yatra a success.

'Gupta Nidhulu' scam busted in Hyd; four held, Rs.1 cr fraud unearthed

Hyderabad, Aug 10 : The Commissioner's Task Force, Shamshabad Zone, in coordination with Rajendra Nagar Police, busted a cheating racket that allegedly duped

gullible people by promising to locate hidden treasure or 'Gupta Nidhulu' buried beneath the houses. Four persons - Mohd Munawar alias Munna (36), Syed Ali Ashraf (40), Mohd Haji (25)

and Mohd Salman (29) - were arrested in connection with the racket. Police seized two cars, an auto-rickshaw, two motorcycles, four mobile phones, 25 fake gold-coated coins, six kg of coal.



"Revanth must step down" :

BRS seeks probe into fourth city land deal

Hyderabad, Aug 10 : BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank has accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of misusing his office to further the business interests of family members and demanded an independent probe into the allotment of government land in the Fourth City area to Tesser-

act Advanced Systems Pvt. Ltd. Krishank alleged that the company, whose chairman is Anumula Kondal Reddy, the Chief Minister's brother, was allotted around 20,234 square metres of land at Raviryal at Rs.3,707 per square metre. He questioned how such a valuable parcel could be allotted to a company that, according to corporate records cited by him, has a paid-up capital of Rs.1 lakh and reported zero employees.

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Agastya Corporate Park, Opposite Fire Brigade Station,
Kamani Junction, L.B.S. Main Road, Kuria (west) Mumbai-400070.
CORRIGENDUM
Please refer to the "POSSESSION NOTICE" published in this newspaper on 26-07-2026 pertaining to Borrower/Co-Borrowers & Guarantor: Mr. Mrs. Thummala Malleshham (Borrower), Mrs. Thummala Laxmi (Co-Borrower), Mr. Chennu Mallesh (Guarantor). In this notice, Agreement No./Fin No. should be read as "XRESMEP01159794/1557691," instead of "XRESMEP01159794/1556756". All other details remain same.
Date: 10-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Karimnagar & Nizamabad Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd.

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden
Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009.
Regional Office: #76-B-10/1, F.No.4, Bhavani Towers, Swathi Theater
Road, Beside Union Bank Of India Bhavanipalem, Vijayawada-520012.
APPENDIX IV (POSSESSION NOTICE)
See Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & r/w Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and issued Demand Notice dated 18-05-2026, calling upon the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor in Loan Account No. 30038731, 1) Kharimmi Rice And Provisions, Shop No-1, New Vegetable Market, Ongole, Prakasam, Ongole-523001, Andhra Pradesh. And Also: Bapatla District, Door No.16-185, 16-186 Addanki Mandal, Assessment No.1147003778 Addanki Municipalityarea, Sahebulpalem area, Addanki-523201. 2) Shaik Abdulkarim, Dno.21-1-78/5, Ongole Ganuga Palem, Prakasam Ongole-523001, Andhra Pradesh. 3) Shaik Arifa, Dno.21-1-78/5, Ganuga Palem Prakasam, Ongole-523001, Andhra Pradesh. 5) Shaik Abdul Rahiman S/o. Babavali, D.No.16-185 Dama Vari Palem, Dama Vari Palem, Addanki Prakasam, Addanki-523201 Andhra Pradesh. 6) Shaik Sanimun, Dno.16-185, Dama Vari Palem, Dama Vari Palem, Addanki -523201 Andhra Pradesh, within 60 days from the date and receipt of this notice. The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, R/w Rule 8 And 9, on this 07th Day of August of year 2025. The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd., for an amount of Rs.21,28,972.4/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two and Paise Forty Only) as of 13.05.2026 and interest and charges thereon. The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor attention is invited to provision of Sub Section 8 of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES - I: All that piece and parcel Bapatla Distr. Addanki S.R. - Addanki Mandal - Addanki Municipality Area North Addanki Village S.No. 1038 - Assessment No.1147003778- Door No.16-185, 16-186- Sahebulpalem area - RCC, ACC house and site owned by: East Galla Bazar, South: House of Shaik Daryuvalli West: Municipal Pazgar North: House of Shaik Kaleshavlai, Shaik Khassim Saheb within the bcc building an extent of 122.87 Sq. Yards of site, wherein 729 Sq. Feet of ground floor RCC durables and 351 Sq. Feet of 1st floor ACC iron Sheet house or 1216 Sq. Feet of ACC sit out and bathrooms with all fixtures and easement rights. Date: 07-08-2026 Authorized Officer,
Place: Addanki For HDB Financial Services Ltd.

Bengal govt issues notification announcing enhanced DA payment from Oct 1

Kolkata, Aug 10 : The West Bengal Finance department has issued a notification announcing the enhanced dearness allowance payment to the tune of 38 per cent to the state government employees with effect from October 1 this year.

The enhanced dearness allowance payment for the state government employees to the tune of 38 per cent was announced by the West Bengal Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta, a journalist-turned-politician, on Monday while presenting his budget proposals for the financial year 2026-27 on the floor of the West Bengal Assembly on June 22.

On Monday night, the state Finance department (audit branch) has announced the date from which the enhanced dearness allowances will be paid to the permanent state government employees.

As per the notification, besides the permanent state government employees, the enhanced dearness allowances will be paid to the teaching and non-teaching staff in state-run and state-aid schools as well as the employees in statutory bodies, government undertakings, panchayats (including panchayat workers), municipal corporations, municipalities and other local bodies.

At the same time, an enhanced dearness relief (will be paid to the pensioners and family pen-

sioners) of the state. They will get dearness relief at the rate of 38 per cent of the revised basic pension or revised family pension from October 1.

The guidelines said that the pension paying authority will correctly calculate the amount of dearness relief payable on the revised pension or family pension in each individual case.

The Principal Accountant General of West Bengal Anindya Dasgupta will issue necessary instructions in this regard to various government banks in the case of Kolkata and to the concerned accountant general in the case of other districts.

For employees who are still in the pre-revised or unrevised pay structure as recommended by



the Fifth Pay Commission, the rate of dearness allowance has also been increased in one step from 171 per cent to 223 per cent, which will be effective from October 1.

Similarly, as per the notification, the dearness relief has been increased from 171 per cent to 223 per cent for those who are still

getting pre-revised pension or family pension as per ROPA (Revision of Pay and Allowance), 2009. In addition, the daily wage of all government daily wage workers or daily rated workers whose wages are not regulated by any statutory provision like the Minimum Wages Act has been increased by an ad-hoc increase of Rs 110.

This new wage increase will also be effective from October 1. The state Finance department's guidelines clearly state that in the case of government undertakings or statutory bodies, all the expenses of this additional dearness allowance and dearness relief will have to be borne from their own funds or from the financial assistance received in the budget.



MP govt procures 59 lakh quintals of wheat, target set at 7.8 MT

Bhopal, Aug 10 : Wheat procurement in Madhya Pradesh has gained pace this season, with the state government stepping up arrangements to handle higher arrivals and ensure smooth purchase at the Minimum Support Price, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister Govind Singh Rajput said on Monday.

From Maoist Bastion to tourism Hub :

DGP Anand Unveils New Vision For Karreguttalu

Mulugu, Aug 10 : Telangana DGP C.V. Anand on Monday visited Karreguttalu (Black Hills), once considered a major Maoist stronghold on the 60-km long hill range along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh-Odisha border, and announced plans to transform the remote region into a tourism destination with improved infrastructure.

Inspecting ongoing road works, Anand unfurled the National Flag and released white doves as a symbol of peace, marking the region's transition from decades of Left Wing Extremism to development.

The DGP said coordinated operations by the Telangana Police, Greyhounds, CRPF, CoBRA and Chhattisgarh Police had significantly weakened Maoist activity. Nearly 700 Maoists had surrendered during Operation Kagar, while several senior leaders were killed in encounters and others returned to the mainstream, he said.

He assured that surrendered Maoists would receive rehabilitation support, including financial assistance, land and livelihood opportunities, to facilitate their reintegration into society.

Further, Anand said the government planned to develop Karregutta's tourism potential while adhering to environmental and legal norms.

The road from Pamuru to Chalamadava has been completed, while blacktopping works are set to begin shortly.

Electricity, mobile connectivity and other basic facilities will also be developed, he added.

During the visit, the DGP distributed essential commodities to Gutti Koya families near the Pamuru camp and assured them of continued government support.

He also lauded the CRPF, particularly the personnel of its 196 Battalion, for their sustained service in difficult terrain and their contribution to restoring peace in the region.

Additional DGP Sanjay Jain, IG Chandra Shekhar Reddy, Intelligence IG Karthikeya, SIB SP Sindhu Sharma, Mulugu Collector Borkade Hemanth Sahadeorao, Mulugu SP Sudhir Ramnath Kekan.

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Registered Office: Sri. Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
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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) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. and Branch office at **Hanumakonda** (hereinafter referred as We/ the 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) Peter Appikatta S/o Israel , Age: 64 Years, Occ: M/S Florence Chikent Centre, Warangal. # 16-9-585, Puppalgutta, Warangal. 2) Nikhil Kumar Appikatta S/o Peter , Age: 37 Years, Occ: Business, # 16-9-585, Puppalgutta, Warangal. 3) Rajeshwari Arikilla W/o Appikatta Peter , Age: 62 Years, Occ: Bio.Science (ZPHS, Chandanapur, Karimnagar), # 18-5-1, Swathanthra Chowk, Ramagundam, Karimnagar. 4) Mallesh Arkillas/O Pochalaiah , Age: 57 Years, Occ: Govt. Employee (E.C.P. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti), # 1-93/1, New Colony, Appanapeta, Peddapalli, Karimnagar.			

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
31.01.2017	22.07.2026	Rs. 26,82,843.31/-	Rs. 6,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: (Property holder Name is **APPIKATLA NIKHIL KUMAR** Mortgage deed dated 03.03.2016Registered as Document No.1756/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at **WARANGAL**) **HANDATF1602290014- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** The house and open place bearing Municipal corporation H.No. 16-9-585 (part) admeasuring 436.00 Sq.yards or 364.53 Sq.Mtrs situated at Puppalgutta warangal city and District within the city Municipal corporation limits, warangal and within the registration district warangal and sub-registrar, warangal fort, is **Bounded as follows: East:** H.No.16-9-585 (part) of Donor, **West:** H.No.16-9-585 (part) open plot of K.Chandrakala & H.No.16-9-585/1, **North:** Open plot of A.Sushasini & others, **South:** 100 Ft Road

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-struction 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: 10-08-2026, **Place:** Hanumakonda. **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)					
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IFFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IFFL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. If the borrower clears the dues of the "IFFL HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IFFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IFFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mr. Kummari Kumara Swamy Mrs. Annagamma Kummari (Prospect No IL10194739)	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 102, In First Floor, Vishahani Enclave, House No. 16-2-835/67/102, Migh, 33/A, At Ward No. 16, Block No. 2, Saidabad, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500059 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Super, Built Up Area Property Area: 365.00,756.00,1008.00. Bounded By: North: Flat No.103 South: Flat No.101 East: Corridor West: Open To Sky	Rs.3680029/- Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Eighty Thousand Twenty Nine Only	08-10-2025	06-08-2026	
Mr. Charan Kumar Burra Mrs. Veenra Potnuri (Prospect No IL10487123)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No.170, Survey Nos.56 And 57, Kurnulaguda Village, Balapur Revenue Mandal, Under Badangpet Municipal Corporation, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana, 501510 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 972.00, 972.00, 843.20 Bounded By: North: Plot No.169 South: 20 Feet Wide Road East: Plot No.171 West: Plot No.168.	Rs.2495867/- Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Only	14-05-2026	06-08-2026	
Mr.Bipindi Shanthi Balaji M/s Shanthi Dealers Mrs. Anju Sarath chandran Nair (Prospect No's IL10899691 & IL1149211)	All that piece and parcel of Flat No.404, 4th Floor, Geethanjali Apartments, Bearing Sy No 25, Door No.3-7-Gta, A.G Colony, Nalaganda Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana, GHMC Rajendranagar Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana 500048 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Super, Built Up Area Property Area: 458.00, 1128.00, 1475.00 Bounded By: North: Open To Sky South: Corridor East: Open To Sky West: Lobby, Lift And Staircase	Rs.4081453.32/- Rupees Forty Lakh Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Three Only & Rs.234596/- Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Only	08-05-2026	06-08-2026	
Mr.Venkata Badarinarayana Sanagapalli Mss. S. Smitha Sanagapalli Mrs. Sunitha Sanagapalli Aakshya Traders (Prospect No IL10382424)	All that piece and parcel of 153/6, D.No.3-13 Elagorolu Village, Irbhimpattam Mandal, Krishna, Ilapur, Near Panchayathi Office, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh, India, 521228 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 1728.00, 1601.60 Bounded By: North: Panchayathi Road South: Ramcharan Rao Property East: Govardhana Rao Property West: Shiva Prasad And Keshava Rao	Rs.3101968/- Rupees Thirty One Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Only	09-01-2026	06-08-2026	

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** H.No: 2-5-478 Adhalaithi Circle, Oppo DEO Office,DC Plaza, 1st Floor,Hanumakonda, Warangal - 506001 / D.No.5-9-22/6501/5th Floor, My Home Sarovar Plaza, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad-500004/ India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd, 2nd Floor, Chand Imperial Plaza, 40-1-60, Benz Circle Opp Grand Modern Super Market, Vijayawada - 520010 / or Corporate Office: Plot No.58, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana **Date:** 11-08-2026 **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, For IFFL Home Finance Ltd.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(Under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd** (assignee of SBFC Finance Limited vide assignment agreement dated 24.12.2025) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 11th April 2026 calling upon the borrower **Birudula Novahu And Birudula Padha** having loan account no. **PR01242011 & PR01259115** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.9,43,288/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only)**, within 60 days from the date, of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) on this the **7th day of August of the Year 2026;** The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of **Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited** for an amount **Rs.9,43,288/-** and interest thereon. 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.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Amount Due	Date of 13(4) Notice	Description of Secured Asset	Due Date
1	PR01242011 & PR01259115	1. Birudula Novahu	Rs.9,43,288 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only)	7th August, 2026	All that piece and parcel of Property S No: 33/1 A.D.No.4-16, Patimedhapalem Village Padamati Naidupalem Grama Panchayat, Chimakurty Mandal, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh - 523264, East- House Of Birudula Samuel, West- Bazaar, North- House Of Birudula Aharon, South- Bazaar.	24th December, 2025
		2. Birudula Padha				

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd** (assignee of SBFC Finance Limited vide assignment agreement dated 07.11.2025) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 13th February 2026 calling upon the borrower **Mr. Pullamsetty Srinivasarao And Mrs.Pullamsetty Sunitha** having loan account no. **PR01279643** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.8,91,807/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date, of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) on this the **7th day of August of the Year 2026;** The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of **Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited** for an amount **Rs.8,91,807/-** and interest thereon. 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.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Amount Due	Date of 13(4) Notice	Description of Secured Asset	Due Date
2	PR01279643	1. Mr. Pullamsetty Srinivasarao	Rs. 8,91,807/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Only)	7th August, 2026	S. No 97/8, D No 56-1-5(35) & d no 56-1-5/33, Block No 6, Ward no 6, Pothurajupalem, Ongole Municipal Corporation, Ongole, Prakasam, Dist. Andhra Pradesh-523001. East- 8 th Joint Bazar West-Vanadi colony, North-Property of Pullamsetty Seshagiri, South- Remaining extent of property Pullamsetty Lakshamma & Others's & between joint wail of owner's property.	7th November 2025
		2. Mrs.Pullamsetty Sunitha				

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd** (assignee of SBFC Finance Limited vide assignment agreement dated 24.12.2025) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 21st March 2026 calling upon the borrower **Annamm Sudhakar And Annamm Ramadevi** having loan account no. **PR01318951** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.11,95,115/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Only)** within 60 days from the date, of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) on this the **7th day of August of the Year 2026;** The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of **Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited** for an amount **Rs.11,95,115/-** and interest thereon. 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.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Amount Due	Date of 13(4) Notice	Description of Secured Asset	Due Date
3	PR01318951	1. Annamm Sudhakar	Rs.11,95,115 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Only)	7th August 2026	All that piece and parcel of the Property Door No.8-167, Assessment No.339, 800Sq.ft. of RCC, Palnadu District, Narasaraopet Reg. Dist. Krosur Sub-District, Atchampet Mandal, Chigurupadu Sivaru, Rokatiguntavaripalem grama Panchayat, Chigurupadu village D.No.191- 2, An extent 242 Sq.yards or 203.28 Sq.mtrs. East- Panchayathi Bazar, West- House of Annamm Venkata Narayana. North- House of Annamm Hari Babu. South-House of Annamm Rama Krishna.	24th December 2025
		2. Annamm Ramadevi				

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) are hereby cautioned not to deal with or dispose of, by way of sale, lease, mortgage, charge, or otherwise, the secured asset(s) described above without the prior written consent of the Secured Creditor. This publication is made in compliance with the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for the information of the borrower(s), guarantor(s), and the general public. In case of any queries, please contact the undersigned at the following contact details: **Phone: 011-46562584 ; Email: admin@alchemyastarc.com, ashutosh@alchemyastarc.com**

Date: 07-08-2026 **Place:** Andhra Pradesh **Sd/(Authorised Officer)** Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (acting in its capacity as Trustee of Alchemist XLVII Trust) Secured Creditor

TGSRTC, UBI hand over 50 lakh insurance cover to injured driver's family

Hyderabad, Aug 10 : The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), in partnership with Union Bank of India (UBI), has extended financial assistance of 750 lakh to the family of a driver who was left permanently disabled following a severe on-duty accident.

The driver, MD. Madar, attached to the Korutla depot in Karimnagar district, lost a leg in a road mishap on October 9 last year.

Rendered bedridden and permanently disabled, the sole breadwinner's condition plunged his family into severe financial distress. However, the relief arrived through TGSRTC's mandatory 'Super Salary Saving Account' scheme with UBI.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PALLI ARUNA**, W/o Palli Chinna govaraju, Resident of Door no. 3-140, Babanagar, Gadimoga Village & Panchayat, Tallarevu Mandal, Kakinada District, A.P. Have Changed my name from **CHELLE DURGA RATNAM**, D/o Chelle Venkataramana (Old name) to **PALLI ARUNA**, W/o Palli Chinna Govaraju (New name). Hence after all my documents (passport...etc) and correspondence will continue with my new name **PALLI ARUNA**, W/o Palli Chinna Govaraju.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; Tel: 022 4241 0400 , 022 4060 3100; Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auction>
Branch Office Address: Shriram Finance Ltd., H.No.7-1-615, FLAT NO.204, 205 (2nd Floor) & 118 (1st Floor), Rahmat Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500016

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

To:

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Srinivasa Constructions and Developers Represented By Its Managing Partner M.Venkata Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Madala Krishna Mohan , Aged about 47 Yrs R/o. H.No. 12-1-94/1, 2 nd Floor, Near Bandlaguda X Road, Ramalayam Temple, Sri Madhavi Nilayam, Bandlaguda X Road, Nagole, Hyderabad-500068. (Borrower)
2.	Madala Venkata Srinivasa Rao S/o. Madala Krishna Mohan , Aged about 47 Yrs, Occ : Business, R/o. H.No. 3-9-591/1, Flat No.62, Sri Balaji Nagar, Road No.2, Ragala Enclave, Opp. Sahara Apartments, Mansoorabad, L B Nagar, Ranga Reddy Dist-500068. (Borrower)
3.	Madala Madhavi W/o. Madala Venkata Srinivas Rao , Aged About 41 Yrs, Occ : Business, R/o. H.No. 3-9-591/1, Flat No.62, Sri Balaji Nagar, Road No.2, Near Ragala Enclave, Opp. Sahara Apartments, Mansoorabad, L B Nagar, Ranga Reddy Dist-500068. (CO-Borrower)
4.	Koyyada Narsing Rao S/o. K.Lakshmi Narayana , Aged about 62 Yrs, Occ : Business, R/o. Plot No: 10, Road No.2, Near Mansoorabad, Pedda Cheruvu, Madhura Nagar Colony, Mansoorabad, LB Nagar, Ranga Reddy Dist-500068. (Guarantor)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to Madala Venkata Srinivasa Rao (BORROWER) in the account of AMRPTTF1901310021 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, Ameerpet - Branch**, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **18.04.2022** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 53,79,779/- (Fifty Three Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Rupees Only)** within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 21.11.2023. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to **Shriram Finance Limited**. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to **Shriram Finance Limited** along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by **Shriram Finance Limited** before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: (Property holder Name is **MADALA VENKATA SRINIVASA RAO** Mortgage deed dated 06.02.2019 Registered as Document No.3641/2019 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (YADAGIRIGUTTA))

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY – ITEM NO.I All That The Open Plot Bearing No. 41 In Survey No.21 Total Admeasuring An Area Of 250 Sq.Yards Situated At Near Sruth Nagar, Bhongir Town And Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District And Bounded By: **BOUNDARIES:** North: Plot No: 33, South: 30 Wide Road, **East:** Plot No: 40, **West:** Plot No: 42

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY – ITEM NO.II All That The Open Plot Bearing No. 552 In Survey No.518/DA/2 And 518 Total Admeasuring An Area Of 160 Sq.Yards Situated At Temple City, Raigiri Village,Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri - Bhuvanagiri District And Bounded By: **BOUNDARIES :** North: Plot No: 551, South: Plot No: 553, **East:** 30 Wide Road, **West:** Plot No: 586.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY – ITEM NO.III All That The Open Plot Bearing No. 351 Of Srinidhi's Western Meridian Park In Survey No.374 Total Admeasuring An Area Of 200 Sq.Yards Situated At Wangapally Village, Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri - Bhuvanagiri District And Bounded By: **BOUNDARIES:** North: Plot No: 350, South: Plot No: 352, **East:** 40 Wide Road, **West:** Plot No: 418

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY – ITEM NO.IV All That The Open Plot Bearing No. 581 of Srinidhi's Western Meridian Park in Survey No.373 Total Admeasuring An Area Of 200 Sq.Yards Situated At Wangapally Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadri - Bhuvanagiri District And Bounded By: **BOUNDARIES:** North : Plot No: 582, South: Plot No: 580, **East:** Plot No: 560, **West:** 30 feet Wide Road.

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

Date: 08-08-2026, **Place:** Ameerpet. **Sd/-** Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

Opinion Mail



Andhra govt to extend subsidised power to aqua farmers in non-aqua zones

The Andhra Pradesh government on Tuesday decided to extend subsidised electricity to aqua farmers located in non-aqua zones from this month. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to provide electricity to farmers in non-aqua zones at the same subsidised rate of Rs 1.50 per unit that is currently available in designated aqua zones. He instructed officials to implement the decision from this month. The move is expected to benefit around 12,500 aqua farmers across the state. Reviewing challenges in the aqua sector, the Chief Minister directed officials to prepare a special action plan to control shrimp feed prices. He said the State government is in discussions with the Centre to reduce fish meal exports by 50 per cent and instructed officials to ensure that shrimp feed prices remain stable until the Centre takes a decision. The Chief Minister reviewed the impact of El Niño, deficient rainfall, crop cultivation and water resources with officials at the Secretariat on Tuesday. He directed officials and public representatives to reach every farmer in the state with the El Niño Mitigation Action Plan, explaining the government's initiatives as well as alternative cultivation strategies that farmers should adopt. He instructed officials to launch farmer awareness programmes from August 7. In view of forecasts indicating below-normal rainfall across the state until October due to El Niño, the Chief Minister stressed the need to encourage farmers to adopt suitable contingency plans. He directed officials to educate farmers on the opportunities available under the PMDS cultivation system and provide them with clear guidance on managing severe weather conditions such as El Niño. The Chief Minister also instructed officials to disseminate timely field-level information through the Rythu App. He noted that while rainfall has declined, the cultivated area has increased, and directed departments to align their action plans with these changing ground realities. He emphasised the effective implementation of the El Niño Effect Mitigation Action Plan and instructed that livestock fodder management should also be integrated with the VBG Ram G programme. Naidu directed officials to implement a support price of Rs 10 per kilogram for off-style tobacco from Wednesday. He instructed officials to procure 94 million kilograms of off-style tobacco, which is expected to benefit around 44,000 farmers. He also directed the formation of a five-member committee comprising representatives of the State government, the Tobacco Board and farmers to monitor and review implementation. Officials informed the Chief Minister that 48.27 million kilograms of FCV tobacco have already been procured. To support tobacco growers further, the Chief Minister instructed officials to launch a scheme providing loans of Rs 50,000 per tobacco curing barn (barrel).

EDITORIAL

the indian mail

Vadodara students' landmark research finds glowing bacteria in Ratnagiri waters

New Delhi, Aug 10 : Two B.Sc. Microbiology students from M.K. Amin College in Gujarat's Vadodara, Arnab Dhamdhare and Hariom Pathak, have made a notable scientific discovery by isolating bioluminescent bacteria from seawater samples collected off the Ratnagiri coast in Maharashtra. The bacteria are capable of naturally emitting light in darkness, a rare biological phenomenon with wide-ranging scientific applications. The discovery was made under the guidance of Prof. Devarshi Gajjar and Dr Priya Mishra after nearly 11 months of sustained laboratory research, experimentation, and microbial analysis. The students collected seawater

samples from coastal regions, including Ratnagiri, and successfully isolated the luminous bacteria through a detailed scientific process. Explaining the origin of the idea, student Hariom Pathak said, "We were reading about molecules and came to know that oceans glow at night because of bioluminescent bacteria. That inspired us to take up this experiment." He also added that samples were collected from coastal waters during field visits, including a trip to Goa. "In our institution, we have an open house every year where we interact with school students. We wanted to do something different to make them curious. That is how we thought of working on bioluminescent bacteria."



He further noted that the research required consistent experimentation over a long period. Another student, Arnab Dhamdhare, said, "We were experimenting on different samples to isolate the bacteria. We got the successful sample last year in April, and the entire process took around one year, including identification work." The research involved meticulous laboratory work and continuous analysis to isolate and confirm the presence of bioluminescent microorganisms. Experts say such bacteria have significant potential applications in pollution monitoring, environmental diagnostics, medical research, and biotechnology. The samples are currently undergoing further pathological analysis to determine broader scientific applications. The work was conducted at M.K. Amin College, part of the Maharaja Sayajirao University system in Vadodara. The achievement has been seen as a boost for student-led scientific innovation. The Gujarat government, under Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, has been actively promoting research and innovation, providing encouragement to young scientists engaging in advanced studies. The discovery is expected to contribute to future research in marine microbiology and open new possibilities in bio-luminescence-based scientific applications.



Attack on Melbourne defence manufacturer under investigation as act of terrorism

Melbourne, Aug 10 : Australian authorities said on Monday that a 2025 attack on a Melbourne defence manufacturer is being investigated as an act of terrorism. Lovitt Technologies in the north-east suburbs of Melbourne was targeted in the early hours of July 5, 2025, with several vehicles set alight and the premises vandalised, reports Xinhua news agency. The Australian Federal Police (AFP), Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) and Victoria Police said in a joint statement on Wednesday that the incident is being investigated as an act of terrorism. They said that the Victorian Joint Counter Terrorism Team

(JCTT), a joint initiative between the three agencies, is investigating the attack as an act of terrorism, potentially orchestrated by far-left extremists with anarchist and revolutionary ideologies. The JCTT alleges that masked members of a group later posted a video online claiming responsibility for the attack. In the video, the alleged offenders outlined their support for Palestine and provided instructions on how to create an incendiary device similar to one believed to have been used in the July 2025 attack. A video shared online following the incident by an individual wearing a mask, who claimed to speak on behalf of the "Anonymous

cell," expressed support for Palestine and alleged that Lovitt Technologies was targeted because of its involvement in the global F-35 joint strike fighter programme, aircraft that have been used by the Israeli military. Authorities said that the alleged offenders targeted the company in the belief it was part of the Australian Defense Force supply chain. Lovitt Technologies' website says the company supports Lockheed Martin's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program as well as several Boeing military aircraft production programs. The JCTT said that the alleged offenders could face life imprisonment if convicted of engaging in a terrorist act.



Every fourth household in Pakistan's Islamabad has child as domestic worker: Report

Islamabad, Aug 10 : Every fourth household in Pakistan's Islamabad has a child as domestic worker as the implementation of the legislation on child domestic labour remains far from satisfactory, local media reported. Executive Director of the Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (Sparc), Asiya Arif, made these remarks during an event organised by Sparc in collaboration with the National Commission on the Rights of the Child (NCRC) to mark the World Day Against Child Labour 2026, Pakistan-based daily Dawn reported. She underscored the need to have collective red card against child labour and called for addressing the issue across several sectors like supply chains, hotels, automobile workshops and the brick kiln industry. She called for making coordinated and sustained efforts through strong implementation mechanisms.

Former diplomat slams BNP govt, says Sheikh Hasina not treated fairly by Bangladesh judiciary

New Delhi, Aug 10 : Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's desire to return to Dhaka and file an appeal against the death sentence awarded by the country's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) is "fair" and should not be judged politically, Veena Sikri, India's former High Commissioner to Bangladesh, told IANS on Monday. "I don't consider it as a political activity. She just said she wants to go back. She has been given a death sentence by something described as a kangaroo court in Bangladesh. That court is not authorised to

try her. They didn't allow her to bring her own defence. So she had been tried in absentia. They gave her a defence lawyer who never did anything, who was just sitting there. So obviously, she had not been treated fairly by the judiciary in Bangladesh," said Sikri. The former diplomat urged that there must be a "proper hearing" where Hasina must be allowed to have her own lawyer. "It's not political. So saying that it will affect bilateral relations, I don't understand, first of all, on what basis the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government is saying it will affect bilateral relations. I would say that the BNP

government itself is not interested in having good bilateral relations with India," remarked Sikri. Highlighting the recent appointment of Dinesh Trivedi as the new High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, Sikri reflected on the ongoing political turmoil in Dhaka. "He (Dinesh Trivedi) is a political appointee. He's a cabinet-rank person. He's almost like a special envoy of Prime Minister Modi. And when he reached there in Bangladesh, first, they tried to make a controversy about some statement that he made. Jamaat-e-Islami tried to make a big controversy and then they did not give him the appointment to present



credentials. He had to wait almost three weeks, which is quite unprecedented," the former diplomat mentioned. "It's very routine and normal for the new High Commissioner to call on the Prime Minister. And that call has still not taken place. So, our High Commissioner has not been able to talk directly to the Prime Minister. I don't think these are indications that

Bangladesh wants good relations with India," Sikri added. Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman had given assurance before elections regarding lifting the executive order banning political participation by the Awami League and that he would make the first visit to India.

Rights group urges Pakistan to restore rights of Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi Khan

Islamabad, Aug 10 : Leading international human rights organisation Amnesty International on Monday urged the Pakistani authorities to unconditionally restore Imran Khan, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, and his wife Bushra Bibi Khan's right to see their family and lawyers. "For three years, Pakistan's authorities have systematically denied Imran Khan the right to a fair trial.



Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister holds discussions with US Ambassador Gor

New Delhi, Aug 10 : Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov has met Ambassador Sergio Gor, Special Representative of the President of US for South and Central Asia, in New Delhi. They held an in-depth exchange of views on Monday on further enhancing dialogue at the highest

and high levels, as well as on the priority areas of bilateral. "Glad to meet Ambassador Sergio Gor, Special Representative of the President of the United States for South and Central Asia, today in New Delhi. Particularly noted the steady development of the Uzbekistan-US strategic partnership across all areas. We held an

in-depth exchange of views on further enhancing dialogue at the highest and high levels, as well as on the priority areas of bilateral cooperation," Saidov said on social media platform X. "Also discussed cooperation within the C5+1 format, preparations for upcoming joint events, and current regional and interna-

tional issues. At the conclusion of the meeting, we agreed to continue the open and trust-based dialogue between Uzbekistan and the United States and to further expand practical cooperation," he added. Earlier on Tuesday, Saidov held a meeting with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, discussing ways to deepen inter-Parliamentary dialogue, enhance the activities of friendship groups, and promote the exchange of experience in the field of lawmaking between India and Uzbekistan.



Birla said that he and Bakhtiyor Saidov held discussions on further strengthening ties between India and Uzbekistan, with a special focus on enhancing Parliamentary cooperation, trade, investment.

Army nearly downed military drone during flight test: South Korean lawmaker

Seoul, Aug 10 : A front-line Army unit nearly shot down a South Korean military drone during a flight test earlier this week, an opposition lawmaker said on Monday, just days after the same unit mistook a US spy drone for an enemy threat. The 1st Army Corps, based along the western front bordering North Korea, issued an air defence alert and stood ready to shoot down the drone as it flew through airspace under its jurisdiction on Monday, Rep. Sung Il-jong of the main opposition People Power Party said in a press conference at the National Assembly. The drone was with the Army Test and Evaluation Group conducting a flight test. The test group had notified the 1st Corps of its plan to carry out the trial in advance, the lawmaker claimed, Yonhap News

Agency reported. The incident followed a similar mishap involving the same unit and the US military, in which the 1st Corps mistook a US drone for a potential threat due to a communication mix-up and mobilised artillery to take it down. The commander of the 1st Corps has been relieved of duty pending a disciplinary evaluation related to the US drone incident and other issues. Calling the latest incident another "major blunder" at the Army Corps.



IOM launches housing scheme for 600 displaced families in Mogadishu

Mogadishu, Aug 10 : The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the UN migration agency, has said that it has completed Somalia's Garasbaley housing project, providing improved shelter for 600 vulnerable households. The project was delivered in partnership with the Iskaashi Union, a key community representative body, and the Banadir Regional Administration's Durable So-

lutions Unit (BRA-DSU). "Access to housing is much more than a roof over someone's head. It is about safety, dignity, stability, and the opportunity for families to rebuild their lives," Prestage Murima, deputy chief of mission of IOM Somalia, said on Monday in a statement, Xinhua news agency reported. Murima said rapid urbanisation and the internal displacement of more than 3.5 million people have severely strained cities such as Mogadishu, making sus-

tainable housing solutions an urgent priority. Funded by the EU, the project benefits displacement-affected communities in Mogadishu, providing vulnerable families with safer living conditions while reducing their exposure to evictions. IOM said it partnered with BRA-DSU, legal experts, landowners and community representatives to secure land tenure agreements, memoranda of understanding and rental arrangements. These measures provide participating households with at least five years of tenure security and strong protection against forced evictions, according to IOM. To ensure long-term sustainability, the project trained government representatives, community leaders, camp committees and technical teams. IOM said the capacity-building efforts focused on housing solutions, tenure security, accountability, disaster risk reduction and community engagement. The agency developed a

new settlement in the Garasbaley district and built 400 transitional housing units, 100 shared latrines, water access points, solar lighting and drainage systems. It also constructed all-weather roads, footpaths and a community multipurpose centre. Meanwhile, 200 nearby households received shelter repair kits, tools and technical support to improve their living conditions. Batulo, a mother of three displaced from the Lower Shabelle region, spent years moving between temporary shelters that offered little protection, stability or sense of home. She and her family lived under the constant threat of eviction and lacked any real sense of security. Reflecting on the impact of the project, Batulo said: "Now, we feel that we are living in permanent, secure homes. I no longer fear eviction. My children feel safe, and we finally have stability."

US ready for '78 Super Bowls in 38 days': DHS chief

Washington, Aug 10 : The United States is prepared to host one of the largest sporting events in its history despite significant security and logistical challenges, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said, describing the FIFA World Cup as the equivalent of "78 Super Bowls in 38 days". With millions of visitors expected to travel across North America for the tournament, Mullin on Monday added that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was confident in its security posture across

host cities in the United States. "Are we safe? Yes, we're going to have a safe and one of the best World Cups in the history of this event," he said during an interview on CNN's State of the Union. The Secretary said between five and seven million visitors are expected during the competition, creating an enormous security challenge for federal, state and local authorities. "There's not specific threats. There's a threat because of the amount of people coming in," Mullin added. The United States is serving as a

principal host of the expanded FIFA World Cup, with matches taking place across multiple cities. Mullin said each venue must be treated as a major national security event. "We have, keep in mind, 78 Super Bowls in 38 days throughout the United States and 11 different host cities," he added. Each one of those had to be treated like a Super Bowl. Each one of those will have a bigger audience than the Super Bowl." According to Mullin, DHS has the lead responsibility for security planning and coordination, work-

ing closely with local law enforcement agencies and international partners. He acknowledged that funding delays earlier in the year created additional complications for preparations. "The truth is, though, with the Democrats defunding ICE and CBP for 115 days and DHS for 76 days, it made it tough," Mullin said. He added that delayed reimbursements affected local law enforcement agencies that are helping secure venues, transport hubs and team facilities. "Our MOUs that we had with our local law enforcement, the reimbursement was be-



hind," he said. "We can't do this without our local partnerships." Despite those challenges, Mullin insisted that security agencies were fully prepared for the tournament. "We feel very confident on our posture in each one of these

places," he said. The Secretary also noted the scale of operations required to protect not only stadiums but team base camps, transportation networks and public gathering areas.

Central Europe calls for EU coordination in combating foot-and-mouth disease

Prague, Aug 10 : Central European states are seeking European Union (EU)-wide coordination to contain the spread of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), Czech Minister of Agriculture Marek Vyborný said. The minister told journalists on Monday that the objective is to present a unified proposal to the European Commission together with partners from the Visegrad Group (V4) -- Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary -- and neighbouring Austria and Germany. "The current situation requires a coordinated response at the EU level to prevent further spread of the disease and to protect livestock in individual member states," he said. Also, on Wednesday, the



Czech government approved the deployment of military veterinarians to assist in border controls in response to the current situation surrounding FMD. Up to 20 military veterinarians are expected to support the State Veterinary Administration and contribute to inspections of cargo transport from Thursday or Friday, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, reports Xinhua news agency. The minister added that extraordinary veterinary measures are already in place, and an emergency status would only be declared if an outbreak was confirmed.

Qatar says US-Iran mediation efforts ongoing, draft agreement under discussion

Doha, Aug 10 : Qatar confirmed on Monday that mediation efforts between the United States and Iran remain underway, with draft language for a possible agreement continuing to be exchanged between the two sides as regional mediators work to prevent further escalation. "We can confirm that the efforts are still ongoing with all the parties," said Majed Al Ansari, adviser to Qatar's prime minister and spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during a weekly press briefing, Xinhua News Agency reported. "We are looking towards diplomatic resolution as we are speaking right now," Al Ansari said, noting that the talks had reached "very progressive stages." The official said Qatar and Oman were coordinating closely to facilitate indirect contacts between Washington and Tehran. Asked about the Strait of Hormuz, Al Ansari said Qatar's immediate priority was "avoiding escalation, reopening the strait and reopening the door for diplomacy between the parties." "What we do not want to see right now is a major escalation in our region," he added, stressing that mediators were working toward a short-term diplomatic solution that would help restart negotiations. Al Ansari noted there were no direct talks sched-

uled between the United States and Iran but expressed hope that mediation efforts would soon lead to the resumption of negotiations. "Right now we don't have anything on the books when it comes to direct talks," he said. "But we are hopeful that if we can get a resumption of the talks anytime

soon, we'd be able to push forward towards a major deal." On the possibility of reaching an agreement, Al Ansari said no timeline could be set. Earlier in the day, US President Donald Trump said that talks with Iran are "going on right now."





Gujarat man held for posing as Hindu widower on matrimonial site, cheating women

Ahmedabad, Aug 10 : A 44-year-old man has been arrested in Ahmedabad for allegedly posing as a Hindu widower on a matrimonial website, using forged documents and false claims about his personal life to gain the trust of widowed women before cheating them of money and property, officials said on Monday.

The accused, identified as Karim Sipai, a resident of Sarghatani Ghati in Kadi, Mehsana district, was arrested by the Ahmedabad Crime Branch after a case was registered at the Mahila West Police Station.

According to investigators, Sipai created a profile on a well-known matrimonial platform under the name “Aditya Patel”, concealing his identity and presenting himself as a Hindu widower without children.

Police said he specifically targeted widowed women living alone, developing relationships with them by claiming that his wife had died and that he was leading a solitary life.

Inherited Rs 14,191 crore liability, says Punjab minister on HC order over DA arrears

Chandigarh, Aug 10 : Emphasising that Punjab already paid some of the highest government pay scales in the country, state Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema has said that the state government has inherited a Rs 14,191 crore liability of employees' pay commission arrears. He said on Monday that the state government has already cleared more than Rs 6,000 crore under a High Court-approved liquidation plan and remained committed

to paying all constitutionally and legally valid dues while examining the court's Monday's judgment and the available legal remedies. Cheema told the media here that the employee pay commission report was originally formulated in 2016 during the tenure of the Shiromani Akali Dal-BJP government but remained unimplemented for years. "The report was implemented only in July 2021. As a result, dearness allowance (DA) arrears from January 1, 2016, to July 2021 were frozen, creating a liability of Rs 14,191 crore," he said. The

state Finance Minister said that although the process of implementing the pay commission recommendations had been initiated under the previous government, the then Congress government remained in power without releasing even a single rupee towards clearing these arrears, leaving the entire financial burden for the present Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led state government. Explaining the steps taken by the current AAP government, Minister Cheema said after various employees approached the High Court the state government



prepared a structured liquidation plan, which was accepted by the court. "Out of the total liability of Rs 14,191 crore, the AAP government has already paid over Rs 6,000

crore to employees. The High Court accepted the liquidation plan, and its implementation is proceeding smoothly," he added.

K'taka Congress defends Speaker, Chairman candidate announcement

Bengaluru, Aug 10 : Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B.K. Hariprasad on Monday defended the Congress' announcement of candidates for the posts of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Council, rejecting Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) allegations of constitutional impropriety.

The BJP had accused the Congress of violating constitutional norms by declaring names for the posts before they fell vacant. The Congress high command has nominated G.S. Patil as Speaker, A.S. Ponnanna as Deputy Speaker, Saleem Ahmed as Chairperson of the Legislative Council and Umashree as Deputy Chairperson. Hariprasad said the party had only announced its candidates and had



not appointed anyone to constitutional offices. "The BJP leaders should first read the Constitution and then read the Congress party's letterhead," he remarked. He cited Articles 178 and 182 of the Constitution, which state that the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Assem-

bly and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Council are elected by the respective Houses. He accused the BJP of deliberately confusing candidate announcements with the constitutional election process. "What else can it be called but ignorance when the BJP describes the announcement of party candidates as unconstitutional?"



India's Atmanirbhar policy in fertiliser sector cushions farmers from global shocks

New Delhi, Aug 10 : Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the last 12 years, the Department of Fertilisers has achieved monumental milestones, driving India toward complete self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) and insulating its farmers from unprecedented global market disruptions. Despite the West Asia crisis triggering a sharp rise in fertiliser prices and disrupting ship movement, the Union government has been able to mount a proactive response to ensure adequate supplies to farmers for the ongoing kharif season. This has been made possible due to a massive boost in self-reliance in fertiliser production under the Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign over the last 12 years, according to an official statement issued on Monday.

Six new mega urea plants have been established since 2014, adding a robust annual capacity increase of 76.2 lakh metric tonnes (LMT). Two more high-capacity urea plants with a combined annual capacity of 25.4 LMT are set to commence production shortly, the statement said. As a result, India's domestic urea production surged from a mere 225 LMT in 2014-15 to an all-time record high of 314.07 LMT in 2023-24. In 2024-25, production remained steady at 306.67 LMT.

Haryana govt fully committed to development of cities: Minister

Chandigarh, Aug 10 : Haryana Cabinet Minister Vipul Goel on Monday said the government is fully committed to the development of cities and development works will be done at a faster pace in the coming time. Chairing a joint meeting, Goel directed officials of the Municipal Corporation and the Electricity Department to work in coordination with all councillors and not to keep any development project pending unnecessarily. He also directed the

officials that whatever development work is currently going on, it should be completed within the stipulated timeframe. "If there is unnecessary delay in any work, it will be considered as negligence of the officer concerned and appropriate action will be taken against him," he said. Food, Civil Supplies Minister Rajesh Nagar was also present at the meeting, whose objective was to establish better coordination between all departments and public representatives so that development works of the wards can be conducted



smoothly and high-quality facilities can be provided to the citizens of Faridabad. Goel clarified that the drainage system should be repaired in time so that people do not face any kind of inconvenience during the rainy season. He

directed the Municipal Corporation officials to start the work of cleaning drains and sewer lines with immediate effect and monitor it regularly. He also reviewed the water supply, sanitation system, health services and other basic

facilities and directed all the departments concerned to work together so that citizens can get better services.



AIMPLB condemns Taslima Nasrin's defamatory remarks against madrasas

New Delhi, Aug 10 : The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Monday condemned the allegedly "inflammatory, misleading, and factually baseless" remarks made by Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasrin against madrasas. "Defaming such institutions, which render invaluable national service, is not only unjust but also detrimental to the country's educational and social harmony,"

said AIMPLB Spokesperson S.Q.R. Ilyas. The AIMPLB calls upon the Union government to take serious cognisance of these inflammatory remarks and prevent foreign refugees from interfering in India's internal and religious affairs, Ilyas added. He said the Union government must ensure that the country's constitutional and social fabric is not allowed to become a casualty of the hate-driven politics of any foreign individual. He said Taslima Nasrin, while speaking to the media in Kolkata, made highly provocative statements regarding the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

India aims to become world's innovation partner: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Aug 10 : India is working to transform itself into the world's innovation partner and deepen global collaboration in emerging technologies, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. Addressing the gathering at the inauguration of the Bharat Innovates summit in Nice, France, Goyal said that while the theme of Bharat Innovates is to serve as a global accelerator for India's innovation ecosystem, the broader objective is to translate that vision into concrete action and position India as a trusted innovation partner for the world. "While the theme of Bharat Innovates is a global accelerator for India's education system, the real spirit is to concretise our efforts to be the world's innovation partner," he said. "The year 2026, which is being celebrated as the India-France Year of Innovation, gives this initiative an appropriate setting."



Change in SIR schedule in Maha, final electoral roll to be published on Oct 27

Mumbai, Aug 10 : The Election Commission of India has revised the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls currently underway in Maharashtra, with reference to the qualifying date of October 1. According to the revised schedule, the house-to-house visitation drive by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be conducted from June 30 to August 17, 2026. The rationalisation and restructuring of polling stations will be completed on August 17.

The draft electoral roll will be published on August 24, 2026. Claims and objections will be accepted between August 24 and September 23. The hearing and disposal of the received claims and objections will take place from August 24 to October 22, 2026. After completing all necessary processes, the final electoral roll will be published on October 27, 2026, said the ECI release. Government sources said that the door-to-door verification drive launched by BLOs on June 30, 2026.

Bharti Airtel's Q1 profit jumps 37 pc to Rs 8,167 crore

Mumbai, Aug 10 : Telecom major Bharti Airtel on Monday reported a robust 37.3 per cent year-on-year (YoY) rise in consolidated net profit for the June quarter (Q1 FY27), driven by strong subscriber additions, growing adoption of premium plans and healthy performance across its India and Africa businesses. The company's consolidated net profit rose to Rs 8,167 crore in the quarter ended June

30, compared with Rs 5,948 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations grew 18.4 per cent year-on-year and 5.7 per cent sequentially to Rs 58,539 crore, as per its regulatory filing. Commenting on the performance, Bharti Airtel Vice Chairman and Managing Director Gopal Vittal said the company delivered a strong quarter with healthy growth across both India and Africa op-

erations. "Our balance sheet remains strong, reflecting disciplined capital allocation and focused investments to future-proof Airtel," he mentioned. Consolidated EBITDA stood at Rs 33,599 crore during the quarter, translating into an EBITDA margin of 57.4 per cent. Airtel continued to strengthen its subscriber base during the quarter, adding 14.9 million customers and taking its total customer count to 681 million across 15



countries. The company said it recorded its highest-ever quarterly addition of postpaid customers, adding one million users during the period. Its postpaid subscriber base now stands at 30 million. Airtel also

reported strong growth in smartphone users, with its smartphone data customer base increasing by 21.1 million over the past year, representing growth of 7.5 per cent.



India's downstream textile sector gets support from QCO revocation amid US tariffs

New Delhi, Aug 10 : The government's recent decision to rescind the Quality Control Order (QCO) on several polymer and fibre intermediates will ease raw-material costs for the readymade garments sector, according to a report on Monday. The move will provide respite to the tariff-impacted downstream textiles segments, particularly readymade garments, which will now have access to more competitively priced raw material imports, said the report from Crisil Ratings.

The rating agency's analysis of 20 polyester yarn makers, representing 40-45 per cent of the sector's revenue, found that the move will increase competition for upstream polyester yarn makers.

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers withdrew the QCO on November 12, 2025, which removed mandatory BIS certification on imported yarn. The mandatory BIS certification was imposed in October 2023 to curb cheaper polyester imports from China.

8 of India's top-10 valued firms add Rs 1.90 trillion in market value last week

Mumbai, Aug 10 : The combined market valuation of eight of India's 10 most-valued companies surged by Rs 1.90 trillion last week, driven by a strong rally in domestic equities. The positive momentum came as benchmark indices posted solid gains during the week. The Sensex climbed 1,284.61 points, or 1.73 per cent, while the Nifty advanced 256.2 points, or 1 per cent. Market sentiment remained upbeat amid optimism over a possible peace agreement between the United States and Iran, which raised hopes of easing geopolitical tensions and bringing stability to global energy markets. The improved outlook boosted investor confidence and supported gains across several heavyweight stocks. Among the top-10 most-valued firms, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, ICICI



Bank, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, and Hindustan Unilever recorded gains in their market capitalisation. In contrast, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) witnessed a decline in valuation. ICICI Bank topped the chart in terms of weekly gains, with its market capitalisation rising by Rs 56,223 crore to Rs 9.61 lakh crore. HDFC Bank added Rs 38,571 crore, taking its valuation to Rs 11.89 lakh crore, while State Bank of India saw its market value increase by Rs 36,138 crore to Rs 9.39 lakh crore.

Dabur issues clarification on FSSAI order, says 'stands by purity and quality of its products'

New Delhi, Aug 10 : After the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a prohibition order against Dabur India Limited over the sale of food products carrying allegedly misleading "100 per cent" claims, the company said on Monday that its product labels comply with the prevailing legal and regulatory framework. In a filing with the BSE and the NSE, Dabur India said it stood by the quality and purity of its products. "Dabur India Limited believes that the declaration on our product labels comply with the prevailing legal and regulatory framework and are consistent with long-standing industry practices. Dabur stands by the purity and quality of its products and has never made any misleading claims," the company said in its fil-

ing. Earlier, the country's food regulator directed the FMCG major to immediately cease the sale of products bearing claims such as "100 per cent Natural", "100 per cent Pure", "100 per cent Purity Guaranteed", "100 per cent Organic" and "100 per cent Tender Coconut Water".



Coupang swings to Q2 loss on data breach fines

Seoul, Aug 10 : E-commerce giant Coupang said on Monday it swung to a net loss in the second quarter from a year earlier due to fines related to a massive data breach. In the three months that ended in June, the U.S.-listed company shifted to a net loss of 865 billion won (US\$570 million) from a net profit of

43.5 billion won in the same period last year, it said in a press release. Coupang, which generates most of its revenue from its Korean operations, has faced strong public backlash following the disclosure of a data breach in November 2025 involving more than 37 million customers, reports Yonhap news agency. In June, the Personal Information Protection Commission imposed

a record fine of 624.7 billion won over the data breach and the collection of users' online activity without their consent. Sales in the Product Commerce segment, its core online shopping business.



RBI projects GDP growth at 6.7 pc for FY27 as India remains fastest-growing economy

New Delhi, Aug 10 : Terming India as the fastest-growing economy amid persistent global uncertainties, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday projected real GDP growth at 6.7 per cent for FY27, 10 bps higher than its previous projection of 6.6 per cent in the prevision Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. In his address, RBI Governor

Sanjay Malhotra pegged Q1 FY27 GDP growth at 7 per cent, Q2 at 6.4 per cent, Q3 at 6.5 per cent, and Q4 at 6.8 per cent. He said that supply-side pressures from the West Asia conflict have eased somewhat since June 2026. However, the re-escalation of the conflict since the first week of July has amplified volatility in energy prices and renewed uncertainty around supply chains.

India's EV sales likely to grow 55 pc annually through 2034

New Delhi, Aug 10 : India's shift to electric vehicles is becoming a key economic driver, with EV sales rising 46-fold from about 50,000 units in 2016 to 2.3 million units in 2025 and the market is projected to grow to \$191.04 billion by 2034 at a CAGR of 54.94 per cent, the government said on Monday. India's growth has outpaced glo-

bal trends, where EV sales increased roughly 20 times-from 9.18 lakh in 2016 to 18.78 million in 2024, an official statement said. The EV battery market is likely to grow from \$2.71 billion in 2025 to \$15.90 billion by 2034 at a CAGR of 21.70 per cent. India aims for 30 per cent of all vehicle sales to be electric by 2030 and plans 1.32 million charging stations by 2030 to strengthen the ecosystem.



Chhattisgarh's first solar village: Nathukonha now powered by free energy

Dhamtari, Aug 10 : In an important step aimed at promoting renewable energy and ensuring electricity access to every household, Nathukonha village in Dhamtari district has become Chhattisgarh's first solar-powered village under the Prime Minister Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. The announcement was made recently during the visit of Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to Dhamtari. The minister handed over a certificate to the village head, Akbar Mandavi, officially recognising Nathukonha as a solar village. According to information, all households in the village have been equipped with solar panels under this scheme. Now the residents are getting free electricity. Houses are full of bright lights like never before. This scheme provides subsidies from the central and state governments to those who want to install

solar panels in their homes. The aim is to deliver free electricity to citizens. and also to encourage the use of solar energy to make the country self-reliant in power generation. Located along the banks of the Madamsilli Dam, Nathukonha is surrounded by forests and hills and is home to 27 tribal families. The installation of solar panels under the scheme ensures that villagers now have electricity throughout the year, greatly improving their quality of life. The villagers, who previously relied on kerosene lamps and a limited grid supply, can now power lights, fans, and small appliances, transforming daily life and creating opportunities for education and economic activities. Village head Akbar Mandavi expressed pride and gratitude on behalf of the community.



Hockey World Cup 2026: New format puts greater emphasis on pool-stage results

New Delhi, Aug 10 : The FIH Hockey Men's and Women's World Cup 2026 will feature a revamped competition structure, with the traditional quarterfinal stage scrapped and the top two teams from each of the two crossover pools advancing directly to the semi-finals as Belgium and the Netherlands jointly host the tournament from August 15 to 30. The new format means teams will have little margin for error from the outset, with results from the opening pool stage potentially carrying over into the next phase. India's men have been drawn alongside

England, Pakistan and Wales in Pool D, while the Indian women will face China, England and South Africa in their Pool D campaign. The tournament will begin with the 16 teams in each competition split across four pools of four. From August 15 to 20, every team will play three matches against the other sides in its pool, with the final standings determining the composition of the next phase. The top two teams from Pools A and D will move into Pool E, while the leading two teams from Pools B and C will form Pool F. The teams finishing third and fourth in Pools A and D will make up Pool G, with the corresponding teams from Pools B and C placed in Pool H. The second phase, scheduled from August 21 to 24, will see teams play three more matches. However, one result from the opening phase will carry forward — the outcome of the Phase 1 match between the two teams that progress from the same original pool. This makes every pool match particularly significant, especially for sides targeting the semi-finals. The top two



finishers from Pool E and Pool F will advance directly to the last four. The semi-final match-ups will be Pool E winners vs Pool F runners-up and Pool F winners vs Pool E runners-up. The remaining teams will compete in classification matches for positions 5th to 16th. Indian women's team's chief coach Sjoerd Marijne acknowledged that while he would have preferred the traditional quarterfinal route, the new structure presents opportunities that his team must exploit.



Mindset-wise, it's always about how to make the team win, says Jemimah on inaugural Champions Trophy

New Delhi, Aug 10 : India batter Jemimah Rodrigues has expressed her excitement for the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy, scheduled to be played in early 2027, adding that from a mindset perspective, the thought of always making the team win will remain the same. The inaugural 2027 ICC Women's Champions Trophy will take place in Sri Lanka from February 14 to 28, 2027. "We've tasted success once, and we know what it feels like to be at the top."



Sciver-Brunt, Matthews, Samarawickrama nominated for ICC Women's Player of Month award

New Delhi, Aug 10 : England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt, West Indies skipper Hayley Matthews and Sri Lankan batter Harshitha Samarawickrama have been named as the nominees for the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for July 2026. Nat earned her nomination after leading England's batting effort in the knockout stages of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 on home soil.

UEFA, AFC and CONCACAF launch fresh attack on Infantino over FIFA rights row

New Delhi, Aug 10 : UEFA, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and CONCACAF launched an unprecedented attack on FIFA president Gianni Infantino on Monday, accusing him of breaking trust through "deception" and placing himself above the collective after his controversial proposal to sell a stake in the commercial rights to the World Cup.

In an open letter to the football community, the three confederations didn't explicitly call for Infantino to resign. However, they demanded an independent investigation into the events surrounding the now-abandoned proposal. "Football's strength has always been its unity," the confederations said in their letter. "We call for that unity to be honoured now, for leadership that serves football, not seeks to command it."

The Swiss administrator has faced increasing opposition in the football world since proposing a plan to sell off 20% of the World Cup's commercial rights to private investors. This scheme aimed to raise around \$4.2 billion.

UEFA, supported by the AFC and CONCACAF, has threat-



ened to boycott FIFA tournaments unless it gets assurances that similar proposals regarding commercial rights will not be made in the future.

"Leadership in football is not a possession," the three confederations said. "It is not about holding — or demanding — power to be held. It is a duty of service to the football family that entrusts it."

"When trust is broken through deception, when an individual places himself above the collective that entrusted him with authority, that duty has been abandoned," they added.

Shelton survives Fonseca test to reach Montreal QF

Montreal, Aug 10 : Defending champion Ben Shelton overcame the challenge of in-form teenager Joao Fonseca to book his place in the quarter-finals of the National Bank Open, defeating the Brazilian 6-3, 7-6(3) in a hard-fought fourth-round encounter.

The American, seeded fifth and ranked No. 10 in the ATP Rankings, was forced to dig deep in windy conditions after falling behind early in both

sets. Shelton, however, responded each time to maintain his unbeaten run in Montreal this week and secure his 30th victory of the season.

"It was tough out there today and I competed well. It wasn't easy conditions to play in. I struggled to find my footing on a lot of balls, as did he. A lot of it just comes down to grit in a match like this. So to come through with a win against a really high-quality player like Joao is huge for me," Shelton

was quoted by ATP. The opening set saw both players exchange breaks before Shelton found the decisive opening at 4-3. A sharp forehand winner helped him earn another break, and he subsequently served out the set.

Fonseca, who had already eliminated former World No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas and ninth seed Casper Ruud in Montreal, responded strongly at the start of the second set, racing to a 3-0 advantage. His momentum was briefly

interrupted when he appeared to hurt his right ankle while attempting to chase down an overhead during a break-point opportunity. Shelton capitalised, recovering the break and drawing level at 3-3. Fonseca continued to battle and saved a break point at 5-5, but the American produced his best tennis when it mattered most, dominating the tie-break to close out the contest in one hour and 48 minutes. Shelton's attacking approach was central to his success.

He won 78 per cent of his first-serve points and claimed 14 of 18 points at the net, underlining his willingness to move forward and take time away from his opponent. "For me, it's about playing aggressive tennis. I look to try to get to the net and be aggressive and take the time away."



'I would like to set my own benchmark': Ayush Shetty keen to carve his own path at World Championships

New Delhi, Aug 10 : Indian badminton youngster Ayush Shetty is determined to approach his World Championships debut on his own terms, refusing to measure himself against the legacy of India's celebrated men's singles play-

ers as he prepares to face China's world No. 1 Shi Yu Qi in the opening round of the tournament.

The 21-year-old, who shot into the spotlight with a runner-up finish at the Badminton Asia Championships in Ningbo earlier this year, will have a formidable challenge immediately on his World Championships debut.



Padikkal's innings in practice game was really good, says India batting coach Kotak

Colombo, Aug 10 : India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak praised left-handed top-order batter Devdutt Padikkal for hitting an exquisite unbeaten 142 in the team's six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka Cricket XI in their three-day warm-up match, and called his knock 'really good.' Padikkal hitting 18 boundaries in his knock comes as a big relief for India in terms of filling number three slot.



'I almost decided to quit': Shooter Vidarsa's remarkable journey from borrowed rifle to Asian Games

New Delhi, Aug 10 : For Vidarsa K Vinod, a place in India's Asian Games shooting squad represents far more than the culmination of a successful sporting campaign. The 27-year-old from Kozhikode, Kerala, who will compete in the 10m Air Rifle and 50m Rifle 3 Positions events at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian

Games, has reached the continental stage after overcoming financial constraints, a pandemic-induced break, life in a new city and a point when she was ready to walk away from shooting.