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**'Hardik Pandya is my idol':
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**Govt launches 'Intintaa Indiramma
Sewing Machines' scheme for BC women**

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : The Telangana government on Thursday formally launched its ambitious 'Intintaa Indiramma Sewing Machines' scheme aimed at economically empowering BC women and promoting self-employment through tailoring. Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampallaparthi Prabhakar launched the scheme at the Secretariat.



**"I can't be bought for
money" : Pocharam Srinivas reddy**

Kamareddy, Aug 13: Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy said he had never changed political loyalties for money or a ministerial post, asserting that he could not be "bought". Speaking at a workers' meeting.



**Revanth urges people
to safeguard their votes amid SIR**

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy appealed to the Telangana people to ensure their votes are not deleted in the ongoing SIR (Special Intensive Revision). The Chief Minister warned that some political forces were conspiring to delete votes in Telangana as West

Bengal witnessed the removal of lakhs of votes before the Assembly elections. Participating in the Minorities Excellence Summit at the Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills on Thursday, Revanth Reddy said that some forces were attempting to have votes deleted in the 'SIR'. Following their victory in West Bengal, some political parties

have set their sights on Telangana as their next target. However, Revanth Reddy asserted that the Congress would actively prevent any attempts to fraudulently delete voters' names from the electoral rolls in the State. The Chief Minister urged the Congress cadre to visit every household and check everyone's vote.

**BRS alleges auction of 'heritage'
land in Hyderabad; demands halt of proceedings**

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Deputy Leader in Telangana State Legislative Assembly, T. Harish Rao, on Thursday demanded an immediate halt to the proposed auction of 10.63 acres of alleged

'heritage' land in Raidurg, a prime location in Hyderabad's IT corridor. The former minister alleged conspiracies to sell off lands in various locations—such as Gachibowli, Lagacharla.



**Amaravati will be developed
as Deep Tech capital: Chandrababu Naidu**

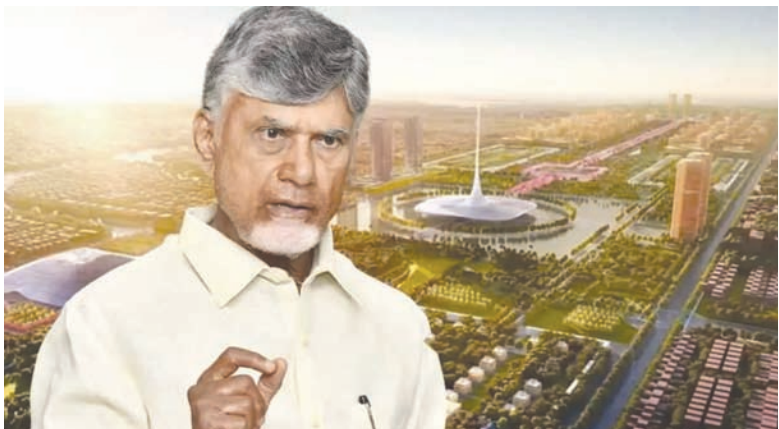


Amaravati, Aug 13: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu, on Thursday said that Amaravati will be developed into a Deep Tech

capital. He announced that the Andhra Pradesh capital will be transformed into a hub for Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing. Reiterating that

Amaravati will emerge as one of the top five cities in the world, he said it would be a completely pollution-free city. The Chief Minister was speaking at a public meeting after inaugurating Seed Access Road and steel bridges in Amaravati. He inaugurated the 'Seed Access Road E-3', a major thoroughfare connecting to the capital city, Amaravati. He also unveiled a plaque at Undavalli to mark the inauguration of the steel bridges that form part of the Seed Access Road network. The Seed Access Road has been constructed at a total cost of 1,519 crore. It has been developed with the primary objective of provid-

ing better road connectivity between Amaravati and the Mangalagiri and Vijayawada regions, while also reducing traffic congestion on the Karakatta (river embankment) road. He stated that the Seed Access Roads in the capital city are being constructed following the planning principles of the Indus Valley Civilisation. "This is merely the beginning of the city's construction. In the third phase, the Seed Access Road will connect to the National Highway at Tadepalli." He also stated that the Centre has also sanctioned a 190-km Outer Ring Road and a 96-km Inner Ring Road. CM Naidu was



confident that by 2028, Amaravati will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Stating that Amaravati is now unstoppable, he alleged that some individuals attempted to obstruct the construction of the capital's roads. "Such individuals pose a significant risk to the state. However, we are setting concrete goals for the state's development." Chandrababu Naidu recalled that

Cyberabad was built in the united Andhra Pradesh in a way that made the Telugu people proud. He stated that Andhra Pradesh suffered losses following the bifurcation as it was left without a capital city. The Chief Minister stated that since Guntur district is centrally located among the 25 parliamentary constituencies.

**Andhra CEO
orders faster hearing under SIR**

Amaravati, Aug 13 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Vivek Yadav on Thursday directed District Election Officers to accelerate the hearing process and streamline the disposal of claims and objections filed under SIR-2026 in strict adherence to Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines. He, along with Additional Chief Electoral Officer S. Dilli Rao, conducted a video conference to review the ongoing progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR-2026) and claims and ob-



jections across the state. All District Collectors and District Election Officers (DEOs), Additional DEOs and Deputy DEOs participated in the review. The CEO examined the status of activities connected with SIR, including generation of notices to electors not mapped or having discrepancies, delivery of notices, disposal of hearings.

**'Kumki' elephants reduced human
fatalities in Andhra Pradesh by 70 pc: Pawan Kalyan**



Visakhapatnam, Aug 13 : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Environment and Forests, Pawan Kalyan, on Thursday said that deployment of 'Kumki' elephants to check wild elephants creating havoc has resulted in 70 per cent reduction in human

fatalities in forest fringe areas. Addressing national-level World Elephant Day celebrations here, he said the elephant-human conflict management also led to decrease in crop damage. He noted that, with the assistance of the Karnataka government, four 'Kumki' elephants were brought and specially trained to help prevent human-wildlife conflicts, adding that these measures are yielding positive results in the agency areas. Pawan Kalyan thanked the Karnataka government for providing 'Kumki' el-



ephants to Andhra Pradesh. "This is not merely cooperation between two states; it is a collaborative effort for the welfare of people, nature, and wildlife. Kumki elephants have already assisted in 15 operations to curb the havoc caused by rogue elephants. This has led to a 70 per cent reduction in human fatalities in forest fringe areas, as well as a decrease in crop damage."

Putta Lakshman elected AISF National Vice-President

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : Student activist Putta Lakshman has been unanimously elected National Vice-President of the All India Students Federation (AISF) at its National Council meeting held in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh, as part of the organisation’s 90th-anniversary celebrations.

Lakshman thanked the AISF national and state leadership for placing their confidence in him and pledged to intensify the fight for public education, student scholarships and against privatisation of education.

BRS leaders move Lokayukta over alleged irregularities in lift irrigation scheme

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : Former BRS MLAs have approached the Lokayukta seeking a comprehensive probe into alleged irregularities in the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme being implemented in Narayanpet and Vikarabad districts. BRS Narayanpet district president and former MLA S. Rajendhar Reddy, former Makthal MLA

Chittam Rammohan Reddy and former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narendar Reddy lodged the complaint on Thursday, seeking action against those responsible if wrongdoing is established. Rajendhar Reddy alleged large-scale discrepancies in land acquisition near Perapalla village, including claims of fake passbooks being used to secure compensa-

tion. He also alleged mismatches between survey numbers and actual land locations and said some farmers were shown as losing land to water storage in Jayamma Cheruvu despite allegedly retaining



their land. The BRS leaders demanded transparency in the project and strict action against officials or others found responsible for corruption or violations. They said the Lokayukta inquiry would bring the facts to light and ensure proper utilisation of public funds.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shirram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Branch Office: Vemсор Road,,Sathupally, Khammam Dist., Zonal Office/ Authorised Officer Address: Zonal Office, SBI Building, Wyra Road, Khammam

RULE-8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE
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 13.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 09-11-2022."Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shirram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physical possession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, at Kothagudem in CrI.Mp No: 14/2026, under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 12th Day of August 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Shaikh Shaheen, W/O Shaikh Nisarazgar Pasha, Age: 44yrs, R/O Hno: 4-5-50, Gajularajam Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101. 2) Shaikh Nisar Azgar Pasha, S/O Shaikh Pasha, Age: 57yrs, R/O Hno: 4-5-50, Gajularajam Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101. 3) Kanjarla Madhukumaracharyulu, S/O Kondamacharyulu, Age: 38yrs, R/O Hno: 1-9, Nallagonda, Tippaipalli, Karim Nagar Dist, Pin: 505501. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 20,12,566/- (Rupees Twenty lakhs twelve thousand five hundred and sixty six only) as on 08.01.2026 with further interest if any under reference of Loan A/c No:- STPLTF121290003.
Description of Property
This Description of Property All That The House Bearing H No. 4-5-50, ACC Roof Built Up Area Of 200 SRT Out Of 449.3 Sq.Yards, In Sy.No.143, Situated At Gajula Rajam Basthi, Kothagudem Village And Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem District And SRO Kothagudem Is Within The Following Boundaries: East: House Of A.Venkateswarlu, West: Municipal Lane, North: Municipal Lane And Raj Kumar, South: House Of Laxmi Narayana
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Physical Possession of the immovable properties mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 12-08-2026, Place: Khammam
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shirram Finance Limited

Phoenix ARC Limited (Formerly known as 'Phoenix ARC Private Limited')
Regd. Office: 3rd Floor, Wallace Towers, 130/4/6/1, Crossing of Sahar Road and Western Express Highway, Vile Parle East, Mumbai- 400037, Tel: 022- 8868 9250, Fax: 022- 87412313, Ctn: U6190HK2007PLC168303, Email: info@phoenixarc.co.in & Website: www.phoenixarc.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, IFIL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/co-borrower, guarantors, mortgagors to repay the amount due, details of which are mentioned in the table below, And whereas subsequently, IFIL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 29-Dec-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by IFIL-HFL Bank to borrower/ guarantor(s) along with the underlying Immovable Property to Phoenix ARC Limited (Formerly known as 'Phoenix ARC Private Limited') acting in its capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust – FY 26-14 ("Phoenix") for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Phoenix now stands substituted in the place of IFIL-HFL and Phoenix shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Phoenix has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor's LAN	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rupees)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Vijay Kumar Nalavala, Mrs. Nalavala Srinivas (Loan Account No. IL10448413)	All that Piece and Parcel of Mortgaged Property of H.No.2-15, Tippannapet Village, Jagtial Mandal, Karimnagar District, Telangana, 505529, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Builtup Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 1161.00, 902.60, 902.60. Bounded By: North: House of Nalavala Redha Gangamallu, South: Road, East: House of Kotturi Malliah, West: House of Chiribhikuntala Raja Narasiah	Rs. 1276732/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two Only)	18/08/2025	11/08/2026
Mr. Toja Gundaveni Bhagathi, Mrs. Shirsisha Gundaveni (Loan Account No: IL10507641)	All that Piece & Parcel of Mortgaged Property of Door Number: 4-31 (Part), Asst. No. 315, Jagasagar Village, Metpally Mandal, Jagtial District, TS- 505325, Area Adm. (In SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Super Built Up Area, Property Area: 4002.80, 918.00, 734.40, 918.00 Bounded By: North: Remaining House Of Donor H No 4-31 Part, South: Road, East: Road, West: Open Place Of Gundaveni Ramagoud	Rs. 1044455/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Five Only)	17/10/2025	12/08/2026
Mr. Anil Mondeddula Rishardhi Paints And Pop Works, Mrs. Mondeddula Mondeddula (Loan Account No: IL10493939)	All that Piece and Parcel of Mortgaged Property of H.No 1-6-304/1 And 1-6-304/4, Sy.No.828/A, Metpally Town And Mandal, Karimnagar District, TS- 505325, Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 972.00, 770.00, 654.50, Bounded By: North: House of S.Komuravva, South: House of Gosangi Sangam, East: House of Kankavva, West: 21 Feet Wide Road.	Rs. 739641/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Forty One Only)	24/09/2025	12/08/2026
Mrs. Jetti Pradeep Mr. Jetti Pradeep Mr. Rajesham Mr. Rajesham (Loan Account No: IL10679945)	All that Piece and Parcel of Mortgaged Property of: Sy No 25/A/14, Konapur Village, Saranapudi Mandal, Karimnagar District, TS. - 505325 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Built Up Area, Property Area: 2178.00,832.10,790.10 Bounded By: North: House Of Dasarapu Rajendhar Shree: Open Land Of Sudafda Sudhishna East: Open Land Of Vangampalli Hanmath Rao West: Road.	Rs. 282920/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Only)	06/11/2025	11/08/2026

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Phoenix is in the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Phoenix and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Phoenix for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.

Place: Hyderabad Date: 14-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Phoenix ARC Limited (In capacity as Trustee)



Officials told to ensure foolproof arrangements for I-Day celebrations

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : Transport and R&B Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj on Thursday directed officials to expedite arrangements for the Independence Day celebrations to be held at Golconda

Fort on Saturday. Vikas Raj inspected the venue along with senior officials of the departments concerned and reviewed the arrangements for the celebrations. In view of the monsoon.

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-08.
Branch Office: M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd. Address: Shree Balaji Pwr Tower , 1 St Floor H No :- 1-8-616 , 1, Prakash Nagar , Begumpet , Hyderabad , Telangana 500016

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002
(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General)/Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)
The Undersigned As Authorized Officer Of Hdb Financial Services Limited Has Taken Over Symbolic Possession Of The Following Property Pursuant To The Notice Issued U/S 13(2) Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of The Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act 2002 In The Following Loan Accounts With A Right To Sell The Same On "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" For Realization Of Company's Dues.
Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1.) Amrishi Enterprises H No 21-6-548/4, Ghansi Bazar High Court Post Office Hyderabad-500002 Telangana And Aslo H No 21-6-548/4, 133, Sq Yards Babari Alawa Ghansi Bazar Hyderabad-500002 And Aslo Partion No:1 H-No 21-6-548, 68.06 Sq.Yards, Ghansi Bazar Gond Ki Bowli Hyderabad-500002 2.) Nirmala Bai H-No 21-6-544, Ghansi Bazar Charnimar Hyderabad-500002 Telangana 3.) Divesh Kumar H-No 21-6-544, Ghansi Bazar Charnimar Hyderabad-500002 Telangana 4.) Neetu Agarwal H-No 21-6-544, Ghansi Bazar Charnimar Near Jhula Hyderabad-500002 Telangana 5.) Amresh Agarwal H-No 21-6-544, Ghansi Bazar Charnimar Hyderabad-500002 Telangana 6.) Divesh Agarwal H-No 21-6-544, Ghansi Bazar Charnimar Hyderabad-500002 Telangana 7.) Jitesh Kumar Agarwal H-No 21-6-544, Ghansi Bazar Charnimar Hyderabad-500002 Telangana, Account No.3539710.13500122.18338822.
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.79,91,802 (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred & Two Only) As Of 23.02.2026 With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- All That The Portion No.1 Of House Bearing Municipal No 21-6-548, Admeasuring (68.06) Square Yards Equivalent (56, 90) Square Meters Situated At Gond Ki Bowli, Ghansi Bazar, Hyderabad, Telangana State, And Bounded By: (North - Lane) (South - Portion No.2 Of House No 21-6-548) (East - Lane And Common Passage) (West - Common Passage)

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.1,83,93,400/-	Rs.18,39,340/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 05:00 p.m

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1.) Tawakkal Chicken Center, H No 2-3-699/C/29/A, Lal Bagh Main Road Amberpet Circle 23 Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana And Aslo Flat No.207 And 2floor Of Prayaj Avenue Phase I H No 2-5-70 Hyderabad - 500013 And Aslo Flat No.205 and 2nd floor Of Prayaj Avenue Phase I H No 2-5-70 Hyderabad - 500013 2.) Mohammed Salman H No 2-2-70/F205 Turab Nagar Amberpet Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana 3.) Mohammed Saleem H No 2-2-70/F205 Turab Nagar Amberpet Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana 4.) Asmath M H Hs No 2-2-70/F205 Turab Nagar Amberpet Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana, Account No.43951879.
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.50,98,586 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Only) As Of 15.04.2026 With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- All That The Portion No. 205 Bearing Separate Municipal No 2-2-70/205 (Pln No 1090209512), In Second Floor, Having A Built Up Area Of 710.00 Sq.Ft, Car Parking Slot No.8 In Stilt Floor Admeasuring 142.5 Sq.Ft, Together With Uds Of 20.75 Sq.Yds.Or 17.34 Sq Ms, Out Of 2198.06 Sq Ms In The Complex Know As "Prayaj Avenue Apartment" Constructed In The Premises No 2-2-70, Situated Amberpet, Hyderabad And Bounded By -(North - Flat No.207 And Open To Sky), (South-Open To Sky),(East - Corridor And Open To Sky, (West - Open To Sky).

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.49,70,000/-	Rs.4,97,000/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 05:00 p.m

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1.) S M Fresh Chicken Market, H No 2-3-655/C/11/13, Durga Nagar Amberpet Moosarambhag Hyderabad - 500036 Telangana And Aslo H No 11-18-37 Old H No 11-18-192 Pno 531 Sarooramgar Village And Mandal L B Nagar Municipality Hyderabad - 500035 2.)Sanam Anitha H No 11-18-192 Bhagathi Singh Nagar Sarooramgar L B Nagar Hyderabad - 500035 Telangana 3.) Sanem Mahesh H No 2-3-655/C/11/13, Durga Nagar Amberpet Moosarambhag Hyderabad - 500036 Telangana , Account No.27995920.
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.24,16,839.1/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred And Thirty Nine And Paise One Only) As Of 15.04.2026 With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- All That The Plot No: 531 Admeasuring 87 Sq Yds, Or 72.74 Sq Mtrs, Situated At Sarooramgar Village And Revenue Mandal L B Nagar Municipality (Under Ghmc L B Nagar Circle), Ranga Reddy District and Bounded As Under: (North- Neighbour's House),(South -House Of Eshwaramma (East - Neighbour's House), (West -Road.)

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.72,72,480/-	Rs.7,27,248/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 05:00 p.m

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1.) Siddi Vinayaka Cycle And Auto Parts, Plot No 56 And 57 Ida Gandhi Nagar Idpl Colony Balanagar Hyderabad - 500037 Telangana, 2.) Biradhar Mounika H No 4038-8 Chenna Reddy Nagar Gandhi Nagar Hyderabad - 500037 Telangana And Also H No 4-38-7 Chenna Reddy Nagar Gandhi Nagar Hyderabad - 500037 Telangana 3.) Mukesh Biradar 4038-8 Chenna Reddy Nagar Gandhi Nagar Hyderabad - 500037 Telangana Telangana And Also H No 4038-7 Chenna Reddy Nagar Gandhi Nagar Hyderabad - 500037 Telangana , Account No.13890417,8129012.
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.24,03,554.37/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred And Fifty Four And Paise Thirty Seven Only) As On 30.10.2025
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- H No 85/6, With Plinth Area of 559.98 Sft Commercial In Ground Floor, 559.98 SR Residential In First Floor 559.98 Sft, Residential In Second Floor On Plot No 85/Part, Admeasuring 62.22 Sq Yds , or 52.01 Sq Mtrs In Survey No 374/ Cover Under Block No -227 Situated At CIE (Expansion Programme),IDA Kukapally Gandhi Nagar Iala, Qutubullapur Village and Mandal,Medchal Malkajgiri Dist Telangana State, (North-Part of Lot No: 85 Being Sold To Ganeswar More (Southpart of Plot No -85 Being Sold To T Sudhakar) (East -50-00 Ft Wide Road) (West - Part of Plot No85 Being Sold To Md Ghouse.)

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.58,67,400/-	Rs.5,86,740/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 05:00 p.m

**1.) Sneha Fresh Chicken, P No 2,Pedda Amberpet Kalan Hayathnagar Rangareddy Hyderabad - 501505 Telangana And Also H No 4-233/403 Flat No 403,Tara Harmony Block A 4th Floor Sy No 399 Plot No 18 And 19 Abdulapurmet Hyderabad - 501505 2.)Tanguturi Manjula H No 40-233/403 A Block Tara Harmony Pedda Amberpetw Abdulapurmet Hyderabad- 501505 Telangana 3.) Tanguturi Shekar Reddy H No 40-233/403 A Block Tara Harmony Pedda Amberpetw Abdulapurmet Hyderabad- 501505 Telangana , Account No.49712637 .
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.33,06,863.71/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred And Sixty Three And Paise Seventy One Only) As On 12.01.2026 , With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Portion Bearing Assessment No 1176008189 Of House No 4-233/403, Flat No 403, Block No A, In Fourth Floor Of "Tara Harmony" Together With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 27.59 Sq Mtrs Having Built Up Area 900 Sq Ft Including Common Areas Car Parking And Balconies In The Plot No 18 And 19 (Out Of 700 Sq Yards Equivalent To 585.27 Sq Mtrs) In Survey No 399 Situated At Pedda Amberpet Rev Village Abdulapurmet Rev Mandal Under Peddapurmet Municipality Ranga Reddy District With In The Registration Sub District Pedda Amberpet Bounded By: (North-Open To Sky),(South- staircase And Flat No 404, (East -Open To Sky) (West - Corridor)).

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.52,70,000/-	Rs.5,27,000/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 05:00 p.m

1.) Deccan Gases, Plot No 19 And 19/A Mazarrilguda Mamidipally Village Saroor Nagar Hyderabad- 500005 Telangana And Also H Municipal H No 1-5-17/A/73 Kishan Bagh Bahadurpura Hyderabad - 500064 2.)Syed Masood Ali H No 19-5-17-A/73, Mahmmod Nagar Kishan Bagh, Bahadurpura Hyderabad-500064 Telangana 3.) Syed Tariq Mansoor H-No H No 19-5-17-A/73, Mahmmod Nagar Kishan Bagh, Bahadurpura Hyderabad-500064 Telangana 4.)Syedtarig Mansoor H No 19-5-17-A/73, Mahmmod Nagar Kishan Bagh, Bahadurpura Hyderabad-500064 Telangana 5.) Farhat Jahan H-No 19-5-17-A/73/C, Mahmmod Nagar Kishan Bagh, Bahadurpura Hyderabad-500064 Telangana , Loan Account No. 2143680,5904619,**

Total Outstanding Amount: Rs: 42,86,629.44/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred And Twenty Nine Paise Forty Four Only) As On 10.10.2025 With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- All That Part And Parcel Of The Property House Bearing Municipal No 19-5-17/A/73, Admeasuring 220 Square Yards Equivalent To 188.57 Square Meters, Situated At Kishan Bagh, Hyderabad, Telangana State North: Nala, South: Neighbour's House, East: Nala, West: Road.

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.1,35,84,000/-	Rs.13,58,400/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 06:00 p.m

**1.) Laxmi Online Service H No 8-22/ Nn 65 Service Road Sri Venkateshwara Talkies Complex Urumadala Road Chhyala Nalgonda -508252 Telangana And Aslo Plot No 29 & 40 Survey No 344 Choutuppal Nalgonda -508252, 2.) Venkatesham Peddagoni H-No 5-350/3, Hanuman Nagar Choutuppal, Nalgonda Near Water Tank Nalgonda -508525 Telangana 3.) Ramesh Peddagoni H-No 5-350/3, Hanuman Nagar Choutuppal, Nalgonda Near Water Tank Nalgonda -508525 Telangana 4.) Peddagoni Dhanamma H-No 5-350/3, Hanuman Nagar Choutuppal, Nalgonda Near Water Tank Nalgonda -508525 Telangana 5.) Peddagoni Anjaiah H-No 5-350/3, Hanuman Nagar Choutuppal, Nalgonda Near Water Tank Nalgonda -508525 Telangana 6.) Swappa Peddagoni H-No 5-350/3, Hanuman Nagar Choutuppal, Nalgonda Near Water Tank Nalgonda -508525 Telangana 7.) Peddagoni Mounika H-No 5-350/3, Hanuman Nagar Choutuppal, Nalgonda Near Water Tank Nalgonda -508525 Telangana, Loan Account No. 37180220.
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs: 74,40,401.87 /- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Forty Thousand Four Hundred One And - Paise Eighty Seven Only) As On 17.07.2025 With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: NIL
Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities 1:- All That Piece And Parcel Of The House No- 5-530/3 Constructed On Plot No 39 And 40 Admeasuring 300 Sq Yards Or Equivalent To 250.80 Sq Mtrs With 1350sq Fts Plinth Area Covered With R.C.C Roof In Ground Floor In Survey No 344 Block No - 5 Hanuman Nagar Residential Area Situated At Choutuppal Village, Choutuppal Mandal Yaddadi Bhuvanagiri District, Telangana Under Regn: Sub Dist Choutuppal And Bounded As Follow North: 3 Feet Lane, South: 3 Feet Lane, East: 18 Feet Wide Road, West: 18 Feet Wide Road.

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.1,62,71,821/-	Rs.16,27,182/-	Rs.20,000/-	15/09/2026 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	14/09/2026 Up to 06:00 p.m

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property shall be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder/s/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder/s/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself/itself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/Properties, before submitting the bids.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE:
1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes.
2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem Building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail id: support@bankauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries : sales@bankauctions.com, 7291981129,9948182222 and for any property related query may contact Authorised Officer: Mr. A.Narsingarao (9703554646) & P.Krishna Pradeep (9059000515), during the working hours from Monday to Saturday.
3) The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft/PAY ORDER drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Commercial Bank in favor of " HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable At Hyderabad on or before date and time mentioned above (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above)
4) Bids that are not filled up or Bids received beyond last date will be considered as invalid Bid and shall be summarily rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, same cannot be withdrawn. If the bidder does not participate in the bid process, EMD deposited by the Bidder shall be forfeited without further recourse. However, EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded without interest.
5) The successful bidder shall be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price along with increment value of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty Thousand only). The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer.
6) The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately but not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of " HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable At HYDERABAD or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS", Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Company. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 10% of sale price, whatever may be the case shall be forfeited by the Company, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale or commits any default.
7) On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be borne by the purchaser.
8) Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission / NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any.
9) The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority, if any/ taxes/ utility bills etc. to the Municipal Corporation or any other authority/ agency and fees payable for stamp duty/ registration fees etc. for registration of the Sale Certificate.
10) The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice. The immovable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed necessary.
11) To the best of his knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesaid property.
12) Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its actual realization. Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned herein above, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to a Concerned Manager MRA.A.NARSINGARAO (9703554646) & P.KRISHNA PRADEEP (9059000515) at M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd. Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower , 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar , Begumpet , Hyderabad , Telangana 500016 on or before date and time mentioned above. (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above).
13) The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutory outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter, will not be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever.
14) This publication is also a '30' (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above along with upto date interest and expenses within 30 days from the date of this notice failing which the Secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above.
15) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.**

Place: Hyderabad, Date: 12/08/2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s. HDB Financial Services Limited



'Srimad Ramayanam' selected for Suravaram Pratap Reddy Telugu University Award

Hyderabad, Aug 13 : Srimad Ramayanam, a verse epic authored by noted poet and senior officer Shashikiran Komandur, Joint Secretary to the Governor of Telangana, has been selected for the prestigious Suravaram Pratap Reddy Telugu University Literary Award for 2024.

Komandur has pursued his literary interests for nearly two decades while simultaneously discharging his administrative responsibilities. Written in a simple and accessible idiom while adhering to classical metres, Srimad Ramayanam seeks to present the epic in a form that can be easily understood and appreciated by general readers. The book has been published by reputed publishing house Emesco. Apart from his literary accomplishments, Komandur is known among his colleagues for his integrity, ethical values and commitment to public service. His adherence to these principles was also evident when he was earlier considered for a Sahitya Akademi Award of the Government of India.

560 MPDOs trained for mandal-level Prajavani launch from Aug 17



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Efforts on to ensure safe drinking water to every tribal family: Chandrababu Naidu

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday said that the coalition government is making efforts to ensure that every tribal family has access to safe drinking water and housing by 2027.

To prevent people in remote tribal areas from depending on traditional methods of carrying patients in ‘dolis’, feeder ambulances, 108 and 104 mobile medical units have been arranged. Cell towers are also being established to strengthen digital connectivity in tribal regions. Addressing a meeting here to mark the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples, he stated that the government is committed to protecting the rights and welfare of tribal communities. He announced that 1.5 lakh tribal youth will be provided skill training to help them access employment and livelihood opportunities. Special efforts will also be made to prepare tribal students for competitive examinations. The Chief Minister said 19 MoUs signed on the occasion would benefit around 60,000 people, creating additional avenues for livelihoods and development. He said the government had established three districts specifically focused on tribal communities, giving them greater administrative priority. The Chief Minister said the Government had earlier brought GO No. 3 to ensure that local people received employment opportunities in tribal areas. He said the order had subsequently been struck down and added that the present government was examining alternatives to protect employment opportunities for local tribal youth. He called upon tribal communities to turn their aspirations into action and make their individual success a part of nation-building. The Chief Minister said tribal communities proved that when opportunities are created, they can achieve extraordinary success while preserving their culture and traditions.

Referring to President Droupadi Murmu, the Chief Minister said her journey from an ordinary tribal woman to a minister and Governor in Odisha and ultimately to the highest constitutional office in the country was an inspiration to every citizen.

With Independence Day approaching, the Chief Minister urged people to ask themselves what they could contribute to society and the country.

Stating that a tribal farmer who produces a better crop, a woman earning through self-employment, a student, teacher, employee, entrepreneur or worker who performs with dedication and excellence is itself contributing to the country, Naidu called upon citizens to work with the spirit of my country, my State, my village and my family. He stated that working for society was the highest form of patriotism. Every person who works sincerely is an asset to society, he added. The Chief Minister revealed that the State government has allocated Rs 4,764 crore for the comprehensive development of 27.39 lakh tribals in the state. Special focus has been placed through the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) on improving living standards, infrastructure, employment, livelihoods and skill development.



Russia explores railway route to Indian Ocean, eyes land connectivity with India

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Russia is exploring the possibility of developing a railway route that could eventually provide the country with land-based access to the Indian Ocean and connect it with India, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin has said.

In an interview with Russian news agency TASS, Khusnullin said Moscow should examine alternative transport routes to reduce its dependence on key maritime chokepoints, including the Bosphorus and the Strait of Hormuz.

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US widens \$4,000 H-1B extension fee

Washington, Aug 13 : The US Department of Homeland Security has expanded a \$4,000 fee on H-1B petitions and a \$4,500 levy on L-1 petitions to cover visa extensions filed by certain employers, even when workers remain with the same company. The final rule will take effect on September 9 and could significantly increase the recurring immigration costs faced by companies that depend heavily on foreign professionals. It applies only to employers with at least 50 employees in the United States when more than 50 per cent of their US workforce collectively holds H-1B, L-1A or L-1B status. Such employers will be required to pay the 9/11 Response and Biometric Entry-Exit Fee each time they seek an extension of a covered employee’s status. Until now, the fee generally applied to petitions seeking initial employment or a change of employer. An extension filed by the same employer for the same worker did not attract the fee when the separate fraud-prevention fee was not required. “The regulatory changes correct DHS’s interpretation of statutory language to require that covered employers submit the 9-11 Biometric Fee for all extension of status petitions, regardless of whether the related fraud prevention and detection fee applies,” DHS said. The change does not increase the fee amounts. It broadens the number of petitions on which the existing charges must be paid. Covered employers will pay \$4,000 for each qualifying H-1B petition and \$4,500 for each



qualifying L-1 petition. Amended petitions that do not seek an extension of the worker’s authorised status will remain exempt. The fee is paid by the employer, not the visa holder. DHS rejected suggestions that employees be permitted to pay it when their companies were unwilling to do so. “The statutes and existing regulations specify that the fee is required to be paid by the employer,” the department said. Documents noted that the rule could affect Indian technology and other skilled professionals indirectly if employers reconsider the cost of repeated visa extensions. Commenters had warned that higher expenses could discourage companies from retaining H-1B employees, reduce legal immigration and disadvantage workers caught in lengthy employment-based green-card queues. The department rejected those concerns. It said the fee applied only to a limited category of employers and was small compared with wages, relocation expenses and other costs associated with hiring foreign professionals. DHS also said demand for H-1B visas had exceeded their annual availability for more than a decade and it did not expect the rule to reduce the overall number of H-1B workers hired. The department estimates that additional payments to the US government will total \$37.9 million in fiscal 2026 and \$40 million in fiscal 2027.

South Korea: Rival parties set to kick off parliamentary probe into election ballot shortage

Seoul, Aug 13 : The South Korean National Assembly was set to launch a parliamentary probe on Thursday into an unprecedented shortage of ballots reported during the recent local elections. The ruling Democratic Party (DP) and the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) earlier agreed to seek parliamentary approval for the investigation plan and the appointment of members to a special committee that will oversee the probe. If approved at a plenary session later in the day, the 45-day parliamentary investigation will formally

kick off to look into the ballot shortage incident reported at more than a dozen polling stations in Seoul during the June 3 local elections. The National Election Commission has acknowledged that at least 26 polling stations nationwide had experienced at least a temporary shortage of ballot papers on election day. The committee, preemptively formed under an agreement between the rival parties, will be chaired by a PPP lawmaker and consist of nine members from the DP, seven from the main opposition party and two from non-negotiating parties. Rep. Yoon Sang-hyun of the PPP has



been nominated to chair the panel. On Tuesday, the DP and the PPP agreed to launch the parliamentary investigation into the election watchdog and its regional offices after reaching a compromise on the scope of the probe and the number of committee seats to be allotted to each party. The PPP had initially called for a broader investigation, including a

separate special counsel probe, while the DP maintained that such a move should be considered after a parliamentary investigation, Yonhap news agency reported. The presidential office and police, which the PPP earlier sought to include in the investigation, have also been excluded from the scope of the probe.



Tibetan advocacy group urges Canadian lawmakers to act against China's forced assimilation policies

Beijing/Ottawa, Aug 13 : The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) President Tencho Gyatso has called on the Canadian parliamentarians to take stronger action against China’s intensifying campaign of forced assimilation in Tibet. The appeal was made after Gyatso testified on Aug 13 before the Canadian House of Commons’s Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. According to the ICT, the briefing was convened pursuant to a September 23, 2025 motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development

and a Aug 13, 2026 motion adopted by the Subcommittee on International Human Rights to examine the situation of Tibetan children placed in schools administered by China. Gyatso appeared alongside Chemo Lhamo, a Tibetan-Canadian human rights activist; Gyal Lo, a Tibet specialist and educational sociologist; Lhadon Tethong, co-founder and director of Tibet Action Institute; and Tenzin Choekyi, a senior researcher at Tibet Watch. In her testimony, Gyatso warned that Beijing’s new ‘Ethnic Unity and Progress Law’, set to come into force on July 1, along with China’s state-run boarding school system, poses a direct threat to Tibetan language, religion, culture, and identity. “The new law makes the state’s ambitions unmistakably clear, laying a stark blueprint to erase Tibetan language, culture, and identity,” Gyatso told the subcommittee.

Policeman killed, another injured in attack in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Islamabad, Aug 13 : A police personnel was killed, and another injured after armed assailants attacked them in the Saeedkhel area of Lakki Marwat district in Pakistan’s Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Thursday, local media reported, citing police. District police officer’s spokesperson Quadratullah Khan said that the armed assailants opened fire on police personnel near the Saeedkhel graveyard while they were patrolling the area. He said that the deceased police personnel’s body and the injured policeman were taken to the hospital, the daily Dawn reported. Following the attack, a large police contingent rushed to the site of the incident and began a search operation to find the attackers. The incident took place amid a rise in attacks targeting law enforcement personnel in Pakistan, especially in the border provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.





India, Saudi Arabia discuss

ways to enhance Haj experience for Indian pilgrims

Jeddah, Aug 13 : Srivatsa Krishna, Secretary of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, on Thursday met Abdulaziz Al Mathami, Deputy Minister for Planning and Digital Transformation, Ministry of Haj and Umrah of Saudi Arabia and discussed the technical integration of Haj portals to improve the Haj experience for Indian pilgrims. "Dr Srivatsa Krishna, Secretary of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, accompanied by Consul General Mr Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri, met with H.E. Abdulaziz Al Mathami, Deputy Minister for Planning and Digital Transformation, Ministry of Haj and Umrah, KSA, and the Nusuk Masar team," the Consulate General of India in Jeddah wrote on X. "They held discussions on technical integration of Indian and Saudi Haj portals, and leveraging emerging technologies to enhance coordination, streamline services, and further improve the Haj experience for Indian pilgrims," it added. The delegation also met Abdulaziz bin Abdul Rahim Wazzan, Deputy Minister for Haj and Umrah and

held constructive discussions on enhancing Haj pilgrims' experience in Madinah, with particular emphasis on accommodation, transportation, coordination, and other essential pilgrimage arrangements. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation and ensuring a smooth, safe and comfortable Haj-2027 for Indian pilgrims. Earlier in the day, the delegation met Abdulfattah S. Mashat, Vice Minister for Haj and Umrah. "The delegation comprehensively discussed arrangements for upcoming Hajj-2027, with a focus on strengthening cooperation, fostering collaboration, and enhancing coordination to ensure a smooth and comfortable Hajj experience for Indian pilgrims," noted the Consul General. On Thursday, Secretary Srivatsa Krishna met Rumaih Mohammed Al-Rumaih, Vice Minister of Transport and Logistics Services in Riyadh and discussed arrangements for Hajj flights as well as other transport facilities.

Armed groups in Congo hinder Ebola response: UN

United Nations, Aug 13 : Violent armed groups, some briefly detaining aid workers, are obstructing the Ebola response in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), UN humanitarian workers said. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said that five response workers were briefly detained on Thursday by armed groups in Ituri prov-

ince, the epicenter of the Ebola outbreak, accounting for more than 90 percent of all confirmed cases. The office said that in South Kivu province, access remains heavily restricted in several areas as fighting continues to force civilians to flee. Nearly 20,000 people were forced from their homes on Monday, following clashes in Mwenga and Shabunda territories. Displaced families need food, shelter, health care, safe drinking water and protection. OCHA said that in Fizi territory, humanitarian access also remains under pressure, as repeated interference by armed groups continues to threaten aid delivery and the safety of humanitarian workers. In South Kivu alone, between January and May, at least



57 incidents directly affecting humanitarian workers were recorded, including threats against staff, interference in aid delivery, and movement restrictions, Xinhua news agency reported. "Despite these immense challenges, the United Nations and its humanitarian partners continue to support national authorities in containing the outbreak and deliver assistance," OCHA said.

Venezuela rejects US 'terrorist' designation of 'nonexistent' cartel

Caracas, Aug 13 : The Venezuelan government on Thursday rejected US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's designation of the "nonexistent" Cartel de los Soles as a terrorist organization. In a statement shared on social media by Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yvan Gil, the government condemned the move as a "vile lie," accusing the United States of using it as a pretext to justify an "illegitimate and illegal intervention against Venezuela."

The statement urged the US government to rectify this policy of aggression and threats, adding that the Venezuelan people will know how to safeguard peace and the highest interests of the country.



Afghan police seize narcotics, arrest six in Takhar

Kabul, Aug 13 : Afghan police have seized a quantity of narcotics and arrested six people in northern Takhar province, provincial police spokesman Nizamuddin Omir said Thursday. The suspects were arrested on Saturday night while allegedly transporting the narcotics,

which had been concealed in vehicles, Omir said, Xinhua News Agency reported. The case has been referred to relevant authorities, and preliminary investigations into the suspects are underway, he added. On July 16, Afghan police seized 241 kilograms of illicit drugs and arrested nine suspects.



India counters

'myths' over FCRA Bill

Washington, Aug 13 : India has pushed back against what it called "misunderstandings" surrounding its proposed FCRA amendment, saying the legislation would strengthen oversight of foreign funding without shutting down lawful civil society. India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, issued a detailed "Myth vs. Reality check" on Thursday on the proposed Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026. "There are many misunderstandings in the media and in civil society about the proposed Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill(FCRA), 2026," Kwatra said in a series of posts on X. Rejecting claims that India was framing a new law to cut off foreign aid to civil society.

Over 380,000 residents affected by severe weather in Philippines

Manila, Aug 13 : The enhanced southwest monsoon and tropical cyclones have affected more than 380,000 residents across eight regions in the Philippines, according to Philippine official media reports on Thursday. According to the Philippine News Agency, at least 110,000 families were affected, and the death toll remained at six, with seven injured persons recorded. The weather disturbances also damaged 148 houses, including 138 partially and 10 totally destroyed. Two of the fatalities were caused by a landslide triggered by heavy rain, two by a rockslide, and the remaining two by drowning and electrocution, respectively, ac-

cording to the official reports, Xinhua News Agency reported. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines said 86 evacuation centres have been activated, sheltering 2,200 families or 7,300 people. Another 1,132 families, or 3,700 persons, are staying outside evacuation centres. On Sunday, the state weather bureau said that the southwest monsoon will continue to bring heavy rains over large parts of the Philippines, including Metro Manila and several provinces in Luzon. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).



Timeline for wartime operational control transfer from US to be set in annual defence talks : Seoul

Seoul, Aug 13 : A timeline for the handover of wartime operational control (OPCON) to South Korea from the United States will be set in this year's annual ministerial meeting and proposed to the leaders of the two countries, Seoul's defence ministry said on Thursday. The remarks by a ministry official came after US Forces Korea (USFK) commander Gen. Xavier Brunson said the

allies aim to meet conditions required for the envisioned OPCON transfer no later than the first quarter of 2029. "Based on suggestions by South Korean and US military authorities, the defence ministers will make a decision in the Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) and propose it to the presidents of the two countries," ministry spokesperson Chung Binna said in a regular briefing when asked about Brunson's remarks.

The SCM is an annual defence ministerial meeting that takes place every autumn in either Seoul or Washington, reports Yonhap news agency. Noting that Seoul and Washington are pushing for the transfer in a "systemic, stable and consistent" manner, Chung said the defence ministry is seeking to promptly complete the transfer and is strengthening cooperation with the US side.

US lawmakers urge indictment of Cuban leader Raul Castro

Washington, Aug 13 : Four Republican lawmakers have urged President Donald Trump to direct the Justice Department to reopen a criminal probe into Cuban leader Raul Castro's alleged role in the 1996 shootdown of two civilian aircraft operated by Brothers to the Rescue, calling for possible charges and international arrest notices. Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar joined

Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart, Carlos Gimenez and Nicole Malliotakis in sending a letter to the President seeking a fresh review of the case. The letter asks the Department of Justice to "formally reopen the criminal investigation into Raul Castro's role" in the incident and to consider pursuing charges, including potential Interpol "red notices," against Castro and other Cuban officials involved. The lawmakers asked the Depart-

ment to "review previously compiled evidence, take a fresh look at command responsibility at the highest levels of the Cuban regime, and use every available legal tool to hold accountable those responsible for the killing of three American citizens and one US permanent resident." "For decades, Raul Castro and the regime officials who ordered this vile attack have hidden behind the protection of a brutal dictatorship,

escaping justice while the families of the victims were left to carry the pain alone. Now we have a real chance to correct this historic injustice," Salazar said. "We are calling on the Department of Justice to reopen the case, follow the evidence all the way to the top, and use every legal tool available, including international arrest notices, to hold those responsible for the murder of Americans accountable.





TN's Thoothukudi fishing community demands sea ambulance services to save lives

Thoothukudi, Aug 13 : The demand for a dedicated sea ambulance service is gaining momentum in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district, with the fishing community urging the authorities to establish an emergency medical response system to save fishermen facing life-threatening situations on the high seas. Fishermen say valuable time is often lost when a crew member suffers a serious illness or meets with an accident at sea, as fishing vessels have to travel several hours to reach the shore before the patient can be taken to a hospital. A sea ambulance equipped with emergency medical facilities could significantly reduce such delays. Thoothukudi district has a 163.5-km coastline stretching from Vembar in the north.

Twin pacts signed with HUDCO, IIM-A to advance 'Viksit Gujarat 2047' vision

Gandhinagar, Aug 13 : The Gujarat government on Thursday signed a strategic partnership agreement with Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) for long-term financing of up to Rs one lakh crore for major infrastructure projects across the state, while also entering into a separate agreement with the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) to provide technical and planning support for projects under the 'Viksit Gujarat 2047'

vision. The memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were signed in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, who described the partnership as "an important step" towards achieving the goal of 'Viksit Gujarat 2047' and aligning it with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'. According to the state government, HUDCO will provide long-term funding for infrastructure projects being implemented by various government departments.



Greater Chennai Police continue crackdown on drug syndicate, arrest four

Chennai, Aug 13 : The Greater Chennai Police have intensified their crackdown on drug syndicates and arrested four individuals.

In two separate cases, three men from Assam were caught with narcotics, including heroin, while another individual involved in methamphetamine peddling was apprehended.

In the first case, Egmore police arrested three suspects from Assam — Habibur Rahman (32), Dildar Hussain (22), and Reikibul Islam (20), all from Nagaon district. Acting on a tip-off, officers intercepted the trio near Egmore railway station and searched their bags, recovering three grams of heroin, eight grams of morphine,



and two kilograms of gutka. The three were produced before a magistrate and remanded in judicial custody.

In the second case, the Chetpet police arrested a 25-year-old man, R. Manikandan of Korattur, who had been absconding in a methamphetamine peddling case. The police seized three grams of methamphetamine from him.

MP allowed to procure 100 lakh metric tonnes of wheat

Bhopal, Aug 13 : In a significant move that underscores the commitment of the state administration towards agricultural prosperity, the government led by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has secured an approval from the Central government to procure a staggering one hundred lakh metric tonnes of wheat at the minimum support price. Earlier, the state government had been given a target to procure 78 lakh metric tonnes of wheat. This development marks a historic and unprecedented achievement for the state, further solidifying the image of the current admin-

istration as one that stands firmly with the farming community at every step of their journey. The announcement comes as a major boon for the agricultural sector during what has been designated as the Farmer Welfare Year. Originally, the procurement targets were set at a lower threshold.



Gujarat Police conducts crackdown on anti-national elements

Ahmedabad, Aug 13 : Gujarat Police has completed verification of 31,834 individuals linked to anti-national activities over the last 30 years, Director General of Police Vikas Sahay said. The special drive, ordered after Gujarat ATS recently seized weapons from suspected anti-national operatives and following the tragic bomb blast in Delhi.

Decisions must follow blueprint, not empty assurances: RJD MP on Ranchi protest deadlock

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha, speaking on the ongoing students' protest in Jharkhand on Thursday, said the deadlock between the government and protesting students must be brought to an end, stressing that any decision regarding their demands should be based on a clear blueprint rather than "empty assurances".

Jha said he believes that paper leaks and irregularities in competitive examinations are not limited to one state and represent a much larger issue, affecting Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and even his home state of Bihar. The students in Ranchi have been staging their protest continuously after alleged irregularities in the 14th Civil Services Preliminary Examination conducted by the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) came to light on July 2.

The demonstration entered its 16th day on Sunday with no signs of retreat, as the second round of talks between the pro-

testing students and the Hemant Soren-led state government once again failed to produce any breakthrough or agreement on their key demands.

Speaking to IANS about the protest, Jha said, "I believe all the deadlocks should be resolved, whether in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, or my own state of Bihar. Today, the largest section of the population consists of students and youth. The issue is not just about the cancellation of examinations; that is only a small part of the larger problem." "The bigger issue is that people do not have jobs and cannot see a way forward. So what will they

do? The government has to create opportunities based on hope and optimism, no matter where the government is. The deadlock should end, and the future decision should be based on a blueprint, not on empty assurances," the RJD MP added. Jha's remarks came amid the prolonged standoff in Ranchi, where students have continued to demand action over alleged irregularities in the recruitment examination process.

The RJD is an ally of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in the INDIA bloc.



ED chief Rahul Navin gets one-year extension in service till Aug 2027

New Delhi, Aug 13 : The Union government has given a one-year extension in service to Rahul Navin, Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director, starting August 13, an official said on Thursday. A circular issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions said, "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has ap-

proved extension in tenure of IRS officer Rahul Navin, as Director of Enforcement Directorate for a period of one year beyond August 13 i.e. up to August 13, 2027, including extension in service beyond the date of his superannuation i.e. July 31, 2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier."

MP: PCCF seeks Van Vihar's explanation on beef racket, fake meat licence scam

Bhopal, Aug 13 : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) of Madhya Pradesh, Subharanjan Sen, has issued a notice to Bhopal's Van Vihar National Park over its alleged involvement in a beef racket and fake meat licence scam, seeking an immediate explanation into the matter.

According to the PCCF (Wildlife), a probe by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation had unearthed serious irregularities, including the use of forged licences for meat supply. Despite directions to act, Van Vihar authorities allegedly failed to initiate any action, prompting the PCCF to intervene.

"Therefore, Bhopal Van Vihar National Park is directed to immediately inform this office

(PCCF) about the action taken in this regard," the notice, a copy of which is available with IANS, stated.

This is not the first time the park has come under scrutiny. Earlier, on February 4, the PCCF office had pointed out that meat supplied to Van Vihar was being procured using licences already declared fake by the Municipal Corporation.

The controversy is closely linked to a slaughterhouse in Bhopal's Jinsi area, which was sealed recently following allegations of cow slaughter amid protests. Investigations by the Municipal Corporation's veterinary branch revealed that all documents of Aslam Qureshi alias Aslam Chamda's slaughterhouse were fake, a fact established as far back



as May 5, 2025. Despite this, no FIR was registered, allegedly due to collusion among officials.

The matter came to light after wildlife activist Ajay Dubey lodged a complaint with the Forest Department, alleging deliberate protection of illegal activities

rather than routine administrative lapses.

Acting on the complaint, the PCCF ordered a probe into the roles of Van Vihar management, the Municipal Corporation, and the police, all of whom are now under intense scrutiny.



Odisha: Man gets 20-year RI for sexually abusing 11-year-old minor

Bhubaneswar, Aug 13 : A local court in Odisha's Keonjhar district on Thursday sentenced a person to undergo 20 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) for sexually abusing a minor girl in 2022. The convict was identified as Jagannath Munda alias Kunu, a resident of Sadar Police station area in Keonjhar district. The court has also

asked the convict Kunu to pay Rs 10,000 as fine. He would serve additional imprisonment of six months if he fails to pay the fine amount.

"The accused person and the minor victim belong to the same village under Keonjhar Sadar Police limits. The convict who used to visit the victim's house was known to her family.



Indian car industry likely to reach 6.1-6.3 million units by FY31: Maruti Suzuki India Chairman

New Delhi, Aug 13 : The Indian car industry is projected to grow to 6.1 to 6.3 million units by FY2030-31 and the share of the small car market would grow significantly faster than its pace of growth in the last five years, RC Bhargava, Chairman, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said on Thursday. Bhargava said that GST reforms have given a new impetus not only to the automobile industry but to several sectors of the economy and “We are in the process of making as accurate an estimate as possible of the likely growth of the car market in the next five years”. Maruti Suzuki India has released its ‘Annual Integrated Report

2025-26’, which highlights how the revival of the small car segment, the strengthening of the company’s SUV portfolio, its multi-powertrain strategy, focus on capacity expansion and robust export performance have created fresh momentum for growth. The automaker registered its highest-ever annual sales of 24.22 lakh vehicles and record exports of 4.47 lakh vehicles in FY 2025-26. Having achieved the 2 million sales mark for the third consecutive year, the company, supported by all the key growth drivers in place, is optimistic about reaching its next million-vehicle milestone earlier than anticipated, according to a state-

ment. Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director and CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, said that “we accelerated our capacity expansion plans. During FY2026-27, we added 500,000 units of manufacturing capacity”. “Customer expectations continue to evolve rapidly. The company has plans to introduce 7 SUVs in the next 5 to 6 years to further strengthen SUV portfolio,” Takeuchi informed. As India progresses towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, the automobile industry has both a responsibility and an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to this journey.

Seoul shares pare gains on foreign selling

Seoul, Aug 13 : South Korean shares pared earlier gains late on Thursday morning as foreign investors continued to sell big-cap tech shares despite bargain hunting by retail and institutional investors. After opening 0.76 per cent higher, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) added 25.15 points, or 0.4 per cent, at 6,283.92 as of 11.20 a.m., reports Yonhap news agency. Foreign investors sold nearly 619.7 billion won (US\$437.8 million), offsetting a combined 598.2 billion won worth of buying by retail and institutional investors. The KOSPI ended lower for a second straight session Fri-

day, weighed down by foreign selling. On Thursday (local time), Wall Street advanced, following U.S. job reports. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.28 per cent, while the S&P 500 added 0.62 percent to a fresh record. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index increased 1.3 percent. Korean technology stocks remained the bulwark of the market. After opening higher, market bellwether Samsung Electronics inched down 0.11 percent, while its chipmaking rival SK hynix climbed 0.84 percent. The Korean won was trading at 1,414.8 won against the U.S. dollar as of 11:20 a.m., down 5.3 won from the previous session's close. In Seoul, technology stocks led the gains, with individual and institutional investors snapping up shares on

bargain hunting. Market bellwether Samsung Electronics rose 2.49 percent, and its chipmaking rival SK hynix climbed 3.94 percent. The Korean won was trading at 1,412.1 won against the U.S. dollar as of 9:15 a.m., down 2.6 won from the previous session's close. Meanwhile, President Lee Jae Myung was set to preside over a meeting Monday to discuss ways to promptly implement a large-scale investment initiative for semiconductor manufacturing facilities and artificial intelligence (AI) data centres. The meeting will discuss support for the prompt implementation of the investment plans, as well as ways to spread the benefits from the investments.



WhatsApp users report media-sharing issues globally

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Meta-backed WhatsApp users reported issues with the messaging platform on Thursday with the disruption appearing to affect the sharing of photos, videos, stickers, GIFs and other media files across several

countries. According to outage-tracking platform Downdetector, users began registering reports early Wednesday morning. Among the reported issues, 41 per cent were related to messaging, 40 per cent to the app itself and 13 cent to notifications, the tracking platform showed.



Infosys Q4 net profit rises 28 pc in Q4, headcount falls over 8,000

New Delhi, Aug 13 : IT services major Infosys on Thursday reported a 28 per cent quarter-on-quarter growth in its consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter of FY26. The company posted a net profit (after non-controlling interests) of Rs 8,501 crore, an increase of 21 per cent (year-on-year) compared to Rs 7,033 crore in Q4 FY25. On a sequential basis, profit jumped 27.8 per

cent from Rs 6,654 crore in Q4. Operating profit stood at Rs 9,743 crore, up 13.6 per cent year-on-year and up 16.6 per cent on-month. In terms of revenue, the IT firm reported Rs 46,402 crore in Q4 FY26, up 13.4 per cent from Rs 40,925 crore in the same quarter last year. On a sequential basis, revenue rose 2 per cent from Rs 45,479 crore in the December quarter. The company maintained its operating margin at around 21 per cent on a yearly basis, while margins improved to 21 per cent in Q4 FY26 from 18.4 per cent in the previous quarter. Gross profit rose 16.1 per cent



year-on-year to Rs 14,344 crore, while total operating expenses increased 21.9 per cent to Rs 4,601 crore. Infosys’ voluntary attrition rate rose to 12.6 per cent in Q4 FY26 from 12.3 per cent in the previous quarter, though it declined from 14.1 per cent in the year-ago period. The company’s

headcount declined by 8,440 sequentially to 3,28,594 in the March quarter, it said in a post-market exchange filing. For FY27, the company has pegged revenue growth of up to 3.5 per cent in constant currency and operating margins of 20-22 per cent.

India plans PLI scheme for polysilicon manufacturing to reduce solar import dependence

New Delhi, Aug 13 : India is preparing a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to promote domestic manufacturing of polysilicon, a key raw material used in solar photo-

voltaic panels, as the government seeks to strengthen the country's clean energy supply chain and reduce dependence on imports from China. Speaking at a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).



A massive cyberattack hits X, tracing those behind it : Elon Musk

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Elon Musk on Thursday said a massive cyber attack has hit his X social media platform, that disabled millions of users across the globe, including in India, from accessing the popular platform.

Global major Nielsen bullish on India, opens new offices to boost innovation

Bengaluru, Aug 13 : India’s media market is experiencing rapid growth, driven by increasing digital consumption, evolving audience preferences and advancements in data-driven insights, global audience-measurement company Nielsen said on Thursday, as it inaugurated new offices in the domestic market to drive innovation. Nielsen inaugurated its new offices in Mumbai and



Bengaluru to expand operations, drive growth and build on its tech innovation capabilities in India. Located in Goregaon in Mumbai and Whitefield in Bengaluru, this move is part of the company’s broader vision to strengthen presence in the region, driving business growth and enhancing operations.

Big reforms on agenda of upcoming SEBI board meet

Mumbai, Aug 13 : In the upcoming first board meeting under the leadership of newly appointed Chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is slated to discuss several major regulatory proposals. The agenda on the cards includes UPI-like protections for demat accounts, ensuring the independence of clearing corporations, expanding the scope of qualified institutional buyers (QIBs), and changes in fee collection by research analysts. To enhance investor security, the SEBI has proposed implement-

ing a system similar to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for demat accounts. The proposal, introduced on Thursday, suggests that each investor’s unique client code be linked to the SIM of a mobile phone. This move aims to prevent unauthorised access, identity theft, SIM spoofing, and fraud. The independence of clearing corporations (CCs) from their parent stock exchanges is another key issue on SEBI’s agenda. In November 2024, SEBI board member Ananth Narayan highlighted the need for a review of the existing structure.



Madhya Pradesh: 16th Finance Commission likely to focus on CAG recommendations

Bhopal, Aug 13 : Despite slim chances, the Madhya Pradesh harbours aspirations for increased funds particularly for its ailing local bodies, some improvements are expected in accounting system in state's ailing local bodies as visiting 16th Finance Commission is likely to focus on certain suggestions provided by ace accounting body -- Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG). A meeting between the visiting 16th Finance Commission, led by Chairperson Arvind Panagariya, and K. Sanjay Murthy, head of the CAG.



Community's role in rural water delivery stressed at District Collectors' 'Peyjal Samvad'

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Har Ghar Jal under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has entered a crucial phase of transitioning towards community-owned and managed rural water service delivery, Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, said on Thursday. Addressing the 6th edition of the District Collectors' 'Peyjal Samvad', Meena said community ownership and management of water service is central to strengthening long-term functionality and quality. The event brought together senior officials, district administrations, and sector experts to deliberate on strengthening the implementation of Har Ghar Jal under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Karti Chidambaram warns against increasing LS seats, says it could widen North-South gap

Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu), Aug 13 : Congress MP Karti P. Chidambaram on Thursday cautioned against increasing the strength of the Lok Sabha as part of the proposed delimitation exercise, arguing that a proportional expansion of seats could further widen the numerical gap in parliamentary representation between Tamil Nadu and more populous states such as Uttar Pradesh. Speaking in Sivaganga, Chidambaram said the existing 543-member Lok Sabha already left MPs with limited opportunities to participate in debates, and an increase in its strength would not necessarily improve parliamentary functioning. Explaining his concerns, the Sivaganga MP pointed out that Tamil



Nadu and Puducherry together currently account for 40 Lok Sabha constituencies, compared with Uttar Pradesh's 80. If the number of constituencies were increased uniformly by 50 per cent, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry would have around 60 seats while Uttar Pradesh would rise to 120, he said.

Delhi BJP slams AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj's 'anarchist' act of burning newspaper

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Calling it a sign of anarchist ideology, the Delhi BJP on Thursday condemned the Opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for symbolically burning a newspaper as a protest against "unfavourable" media coverage. Delhi BJP Media Head Praveen Shankar Kapoor hit out at Delhi AAP Convenor Saurabh Bharadwaj's act of burning a newspaper during a press conference, ostensibly to threaten the media, restrict freedom of the press, and assert the anarchist mentality of his party. Kapoor said that perhaps for the first time in Delhi's political history, a political party leader has publicly burned a newspaper simply because it did not publish news in line with his viewpoint. He said that burning a newspaper is a repulsive act, like the oppressive cycle being run against the media — especially a particular media group — by the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab.



TN minister warns against delimitation, accuses DMK of 'secret understanding' with BJP

Madurai, Aug 13 : Tamil Nadu Minister Nirmal Kumar has strongly opposed the Centre's proposed delimitation exercise, warning that any reduction in the state's representation in Parliament would undermine its political rights, while accusing the DMK of preparing to indirectly support the BJP on the contentious issue. Speaking to reporters after participating in a marathon organised as part of an initiative to make Madurai a garbage-free city, Nirmal Kumar said all political parties in Tamil Nadu should unite against any delimitation formula that could reduce the state's representation on the basis of population. He alleged that the Union gov-

ernment was pushing ahead with delimitation for political reasons at a time when there was no need for such an exercise. Tamil Nadu, which has performed relatively well in population control, could lose parliamentary representation if seats were redistributed purely on the basis of population, he said. Nirmal Kumar argued that the proposed exercise could weaken the political voice of Tamil Nadu and marginalise sections of the population. Protecting the state's rights should therefore take precedence over political differences, and parties should present a united front against any proposal detrimental to Tamil Nadu's interests, he said.

How can six Bills be properly debated on last day of House, asks Punjab MLA Khaira



Chandigarh, Aug 13 : Congress lawmaker, Sukhpal Singh Khaira, on Thursday

urged the Punjab government and the Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan to extend the Assembly session by at least a few more days so that the six Bills proposed for consideration on the last day can be properly examined and debated. Khaira said that according to the official Legislative business, six Bills will be placed before the House on Monday. They included three digital universities, Goods and Services Tax (GST), outsourced personnel and contractual engagement and common infrastructure.

'Will teach you lesson': Sanjay Raut dares Shinde faction, BJP over defection rumours

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Amid intense speculation over a potential split among Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Members of Parliament, senior party leaders Sanjay Raut and Arvind Sawant on Thursday held a joint press conference to sound a fierce warning to any potential defectors. Invoking the aggressive legacy of party founder Balasaheb Thackeray, the leaders asserted that the party would no longer tolerate betrayal and would launch a political and legal offensive against those trying to engineer a split. The press conference was called just ahead of a crucial meeting of the Sena (UBT) parliamentary party at their Parliament office in New Delhi. Arvind Sawant, the party's leader in the Lok Sabha, confirmed that a formal, mandatory binding order -- a three-line whip -- had been officially issued to all party MPs. "The whip was hand-delivered to the residences of the MPs, and additionally transmitted via email and WhatsApp to ensure

legal compliance. The meeting was convened to assess the physical presence of the MPs in Delhi and to deliberate on key parliamentary strategies," he said. Addressing ongoing media speculation about a mass defection, Sanjay Raut took a sarcastic jibe at opponents, stating, "Looking at the media atmosphere, even though we officially have nine MPs, it feels like 15 will turn up today." Raut revealed that party chief Uddhav Thackeray had personally called to review the situation and issued clear directives on how to handle the political crisis. Furthermore, he highlighted that Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SP)

chief Sharad Pawar has extended complete solidarity to the Thackeray faction. "Pawar Saheb has reached out and expressed his readiness to hold joint public rallies in the home constituencies of any rebel MPs. This fight will be fought collectively by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, including Shiv Sena(UBT), NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar), and the Congress," Raut declared. Both leaders took turns sharply criticising the ruling Eknath Shinde-led faction and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).



Delhi Metro outshines global peers in punctuality, reliability: DMRC

New Delhi, Aug 13 : The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has ranked ahead of several established global metro systems, including those in Hong Kong, Paris and New York, in train punctuality and reliability, reaffirming its position as one of the leading urban rail networks in the world, the corporation said in a statement. The achievement assumes significance as the Delhi Metro follows a stringent benchmark for measuring punctuality. Unlike several metro systems that classify a train as delayed only after a few minutes,

the DMRC considers a train delayed if it reaches its destination station more than 59 seconds behind its scheduled time. According to the DMRC, train punctuality, which stood at 98.27 per cent in 2003, rose to 99.64 per cent in 2005, allowing the network to enter the league of metro systems recording more than 99 per cent punctuality within two years of its inception. "Since then, DMRC has constantly achieved 99.9 per cent train punctuality, year after year," the corporation said. Despite the expansion of its network and fleet, along with the in-

creasing maintenance challenges that typically affect the punctuality and reliability of large metro systems over time, the Delhi Metro has maintained its operational performance. After 23 years of operations, its punctuality stands at 99.95 per cent in 2026, according to the statement. The corporation also highlighted its reliability record, saying it has achieved a Mean Distance Between Failures (MDBF) of 2.72 million car-kilometres. MDBF measures the average distance travelled by metro trains before a service-affecting failure occurs.



Indonesia aircraft carrier acquisition may have implications on India

Kolkata, Aug 13 : India may have to look back over her shoulder every now and then by the end of this year, with Indonesia procuring an aircraft carrier from Italy. This will be the first aircraft carrier in India's vicinity. What is important is that Indonesia plans to station it in Ratai Bay in Lampung, in the southernmost tip of Sumatra, facing the Sunda Strait. This is about 850 nautical miles from India's Great Nicobar Island. While the carrier Giuseppe Garibaldi has been retired by the Italian Navy and is far from modern, its continuous presence in the region will require monitoring. According to latest reports, the Garibaldi is expected to reach Indonesia around September 20 and will be part of the country's Armed Forces Day celebrations on October 5. The light carrier will be despatched by Italy after removing all armaments. There is speculation that Indonesia is planning to procure some legacy AV-8B Harrier Jets for vertical take-offs and landings from its flight deck, which is too small to handle any modern aircraft that operate from carriers.

UN experts flag abductions, forced religious conversions of minorities in Pakistan

Geneva, Aug 13 : The United Nations experts expressed serious concern over the continued and widespread abduction and forced religious conversion and marriages targeting women and girls from minority communities in Pakistan, warning that the climate of impunity fuels the relentless practice across the country. "Any change of religion or belief must be genuinely free from coercion, and marriage must be based on full and free consent, which is not legally possible when the victim is a

child," the experts said. Experts mentioned that in 2025, around 75 per cent of the women and girls affected by forced conversion through marriage in Pakistan were Hindus, while 25 per cent were Christians. Nearly 80 per cent of incidents, they said, occurred in Pakistan's Sindh province, with girls aged between 14 and 18 being particularly targeted and some cases involving younger victims. According to the experts, women and girls facing poverty and marginalisation face heightened risks, and are often subjected to physical and sexual abuse, exploi-

tation, social stigma and severe trauma. "These women and girls endure a continuous sense of terror, face coercion and are deprived of their freedom of religion or belief and autonomy under patriarchal and political pressures. This must stop," the experts stressed. They noted that the scale and persistence of these grave human rights violations indicate systemic discrimination against non-Muslim women and girls across Pakistan who are coerced into converting to Islam to marry Muslim men. Reiterating their appeal, the experts urged Pakistani authorities to intensify efforts to eradicate forced conversions, to raise the minimum age for marriage to 18 in all provinces and territories, to criminalise forced religious con-

Growing urban population is challenging, villages need special attention: MP Minister Vijayvargiya

Bhopal, Aug 13 : Madhya Pradesh Urban Development and Housing Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya said on Thursday that for the planned development of the state, special attention must be given to the development of village panchayats located near urban areas. The Minister said that illegal colonies within village panchayats often create problems for the public and must be completely curbed.

He added that the growing population in urban regions affects not only the cities but also the adjoining village panchayats. Vijayvargiya made this statement addressing a workshop of panchayat representatives and state-level officials at the Kushabhau Thakre Convention Centre in Bhopal. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has envisioned a developed Bharat by 2047 and this vision can be realised in Madhya Pradesh only



when integrated plans for both rural and urban areas are prepared," he said. He told that an estimated 32 per cent of the state's population currently resides in urban areas, and this figure is expected to rise to nearly 50 per cent in the coming years, which will

present additional challenges. He emphasised the need for coordination committee meetings between officials of urban bodies and those of village panchayats adjacent to urban areas to ensure planned development.

Baloch students continue protests against enforced disappearance by Pak forces

Quetta, Aug 13 : As enforced disappearances of civilians continue unabated across Balochistan, students of Bolan Medical College in the provincial capital, Quetta, continued their protest for the second consecutive day on Thursday outside the college premises, demanding the immediate and safe recovery of a female student forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces.

According to the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC), Khadija Baloch

was abducted on Tuesday by Pakistani security forces from the BMC female hostel in Quetta and shifted to an undisclosed location.

Since her enforced disappearance, it said, no information about her whereabouts or condition has been provided to her family and fellow students.

"It must be remembered that the forcible disappearance of women in Balochistan is increasing with each passing day.



Indian-origin woman harassed by officials at China airport over Arunachal mention on passport

Shanghai, Aug 13 : An Indian-origin UK resident from Arunachal Pradesh has alleged that Chinese immigration authorities at Shanghai Pudong Airport detained and harassed her for hours after refusing to acknowledge her Indian passport during a transit stop. Prema Wangjom Thongdok, who was travelling from London to Japan on Thursday with a scheduled three-hour layover, said her ordeal stretched to 18 hours after officials declared her passport "invalid" because it listed Arunachal Pradesh as her birthplace. According to her, immigration personnel told her, "Arunachal Pradesh is part of China." She said several officers and China Eastern Airlines staff mocked her, laughed at her, and even suggested she "apply for a Chinese passport". What was supposed to be a routine transit, she claimed, turned into a prolonged confinement in the airport's transit area.



version as a distinct offence and to enforce applicable laws pertaining to human trafficking and sexual violence.

The experts echoed the recommendations from several UN treaty bodies, urging a prompt investigation into all allegations impartially and effectively, while ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable.



US has used 'almost all' interceptors, most Tomahawks in Iran war, warns Democratic Senator

Washington, Aug 13 : Democratic Senator Chris Murphy said that the United States had used "almost all" its interceptors and most of its Tomahawk missiles in the Iran war, warning that depleted stockpiles had left the country and its allies in a dangerous position. Murphy, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, made the assertion as the Pentagon seeks another \$67 billion in defence funding, partly to replace weapons expended during nearly five months of fighting. "We have used up almost all of

our interceptors, the majority of our tomahawks," the Connecticut senator told NBC News' "Meet the Press."

"We have put the United States in a dangerous position. We have allowed Russia and China to imagine things that they couldn't have imagined early because of our inability to defend ourselves and our

allies," he said. President Donald Trump has acknowledged uneven supplies among different categories of US munitions. "We have certain types of munitions that are very powerful, that we have unlimited virtual unlimited supply. We have others where it's a little bit tighter," Trump said in remarks aired by the programme. Murphy said he would oppose more money while the war continued. But he left the door open to financing a replenishment effort once the conflict ended. "If the war comes to an end, if the president ends this war, then, yes, of course, I and my colleagues will be ready to provide the funding to replenish the stores of munitions that have been spent," he said. Murphy argued that ending the conflict and reopening the Strait of Hormuz must take priority. He said he would be prepared to accept an unfavourable agreement because continued fighting was weakening the United States and raising prices.



Priyanka Chaturvedi flags trade, women's issues

Washington, Aug 13 : Former Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi on Thursday raised concerns over US-India trade negotiations and pushed for greater political representation for women. Speaking at the Hudson Institute's "New India Conference", Chaturvedi criticised the manner in which tariff discussions have been handled, particularly in the context of recent US measures. "We were negotiating on a tariff, which was imposed on us... and came to 18 per cent," Chaturvedi said, referring to ongoing trade talks between the two countries. She questioned the basis of ambitious bilateral trade targets, asking, "\$500 billion... where would it come from?" and warned that such projections have raised concerns among Indian farmers and dairy producers. Chaturvedi also flagged India's energy security concerns, especially in the context of external pressure on oil imports. "That is our autonomic decision, and that is something that we should be deciding... in terms of the energy security needs back home," she said.



Uyghur camp survivor slams Starmer for approving mega Chinese Embassy in London

London, Aug 13 : Sayragul Sauytbay, Vice President of East Turkestan's government-in-exile, has accused British Prime Minister Keir Starmer of "disrespecting human rights" over the approval of a Chinese mega-Embassy in London, a report has highlighted. Speaking to UK's 'The Independent', Sauytbay, an ethnic Kazakh, claimed to have witnessed serious abuses while being forced to work in one of China's Xinjiang internment camps in 2017. She criticised Starmer for prioritising economic and political interests over international law. "The recent activities of the current UK government have left us in deep anguish and fear."

UP girl sets herself on fire 'out of shame' after assault by neighbour

Lucknow, Aug 13 : A 17-year-old girl set herself on fire after allegedly being assaulted by a neighbour at her home in Lucknow's Malihabad area. She has been admitted to the civil hospital in critical condition, police said on Thursday. According to officials, the accused, identified as 23-year-old Rahul, allegedly entered the girl's house while she was alone and assaulted her.

Indian envoy meets Canadian leader, discusses strengthening bilateral ties

Ottawa, Aug 13 : In a significant step towards enhancing India-Canada bilateral ties, Indian High Commissioner to the North American country, Dinesh K Patnaik met the Premier of the Canadian province of Alberta, Danielle Smith. Both sides discussed important areas of bilateral partnership, including energy, trade, agriculture, technology collaboration, research, and people-to-people connections. "Honoured to meet Premier Danielle Smith. We had an excellent discussion on key aspects of our bilateral partnership — energy, trade, agriculture.



India's vision can guide global unity : RSS

Washington, Aug 13 : RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale outlined a civilisational vision of India rooted in unity, diversity and sustainability, arguing that the country is positioned to play a decisive role in shaping a more harmonious global order. Addressing an exclusive dinner reception on "India's Global Vision and Role in the Emerging World" in the Washington area, Hosabale said India's philosophical traditions offer a framework to address modern global challenges, from social fragmentation to environmental stress. "The vision of India... is that there is a oneness of unity and the oneness is present in all being, living and non-living," he said, stressing that this idea forms the basis of India's worldview. He argued that while humanity has made material progress, it faces deep contradictions. "We have multiplied our possessions, but our values... we have not," he said, describing a world with "more knowledge, but less judgment... more experts, but more problems."

Hosabale said India's approach differs in its attempt to balance material advancement with spiritual understanding. "India philosophy being that recognises nature as mother... enough for our need... but not to fulfil our greed," he said, linking traditional thought to contemporary debates on sustainability. He emphasised that diversity should be a strength, not a source of conflict. "Diversity should be celebrating... the beauty of human society," he said, adding that cultural uniqueness must coexist with a broader sense of unity. Expanding on the idea of global harmony, Hosabale said human society has long experimented with faith and relationships at multiple levels — "human to human... human being and nature... and the human being and the creator" — but stressed that these paths ultimately lead to a common truth. "The truth is one, and there will be many ways to approach," he said. Framing India's global role, Hosabale said the country's civilisational experience supports the idea of a shared human future. "When India say the world is one family, it says it from some expe-



rience of practice," he said, pointing to historical examples of religious communities living peacefully in India. He added that India's rise must be anchored in internal strength. "If India has to play that role, India has to be a self-confident, prosperous society," he said, underlining the need to combine "modernity" with "cultural ethos and civilisation values." Hosabale also said India's global engagement has historically been non-expansionist. "India has never invade anything. India has not enslaved anybody," he said, adding that Indians abroad have "contributed in nation building" while maintaining harmony in their host societies. Foreign policy scholar Walter Russell Mead reinforced the argument, saying a "strong, fully developed self-confident, outward looking India" could reshape global geopolitics and reduce the risk of conflict, particularly in Asia. "The world needs a vibrant, developed, harmonious, strong India," Mead said, adding that India's growth is "critically important for all of humanity."

Lasting peace in Manipur needs collective effort, says CM; warns against vested interests benefiting from conflict

Imphal, Aug 13 : Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said on Thursday that while the state government is making every possible effort to restore normalcy in the state, achieving lasting peace requires the active cooperation and participation of all sections of society. Addressing the eighth Foundation Day celebration of the Chingamakha Nambul Mapal Development Committee (CNMDC) at Chingamakha Yanglem Leikai Nambul Mapal in Imphal, the Chief Minister added that a small section of people continues to oppose peace because they derive benefits from the ongoing conflict and instability. He stressed the need to identify and expose such vested interests and urged citizens to work collectively towards restoring peace, harmony and normalcy across the state. Speaking on the importance of establishing lasting peace and normalcy in Manipur, Chief Minister Singh shared his recent experiences from visits to various conflict-affected areas.



758 irrigation projects completed in Vidarbha, says Maha minister

Mumbai, Aug 13 : Maharashtra Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan has said that 758 irrigation projects have been completed in the Vidarbha region, and another 87 were under implementation. In a written reply, the Minister told the state Assembly on Thursday that of the total 858 irrigation projects, 758 projects have been completed as of June 2025 by the Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation in the region. Of the balance 100 projects, the work on 13 projects could not start as the administrative approval, including permission from the forest department, had already lapsed. The remaining 87 irrigation projects are under various stages of implementation. He said this while responding to a question by Pravin Datke and others.

'PM Modi working for welfare of all communities without discrimination', says Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah Committee chief

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia Dargah Committee Chairman Syed Afsar Ali Nizami on Thursday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for attending the Sufi music festival 'Jahan-e-Khusro' and said that he gave the message of brotherhood and works for the welfare of all communities and religion without any discrimination. He also spoke about the Roza and Iftar arrangements made

for nearly 2,500 people fasting during the holy month of Ramzan. Commenting on the Roza and Iftar arrangements made for nearly 2,500 people fasting during Ramzan, Nizami told IANS: "People not only from Delhi but also from various parts of the country visit the Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah to offer their prayers." "People also observe Roza and Iftar at the Nizamuddin Dargah. Every year, the Nizamuddin Aulia

Dargah Committee makes arrangements of food and drinks for the people who visit the dargah," he said. Reacting to PM Modi welcoming the tradition of Sufi poet Amir Khusro at the 'Jahan-e-Khusro 2025' event, Nizami added: "Whatever PM Modi has said is right. Hazrat Amir Khusro was a great personality. He spread the message of love to everyone." Commenting on the Prime Minister giving the message of brother-

hood in the holy month of Ramzan, the Nizamuddin Aulia Dargah Committee Chairman said that the month of Ramzan is the "most beautiful and best month of the year". "There is always blessings from Allah during this month. It always brings happiness and success. All the Muslim brothers and sisters observing Roza find happiness in it. Along with it, our Hindu brothers or those from other religions also believe in Ramzan a lot."

Commenting on PM Modi's message of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas", Nizami said that Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister of the country and he works for everyone, be it Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian or people of any religion without any discrimination. Reacting to whether Prime Minister Modi is "anti-Muslim", he said: "When Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister of the country, he also did good work. PM Narendra Modi is also doing



good work. Muslims are not against anyone. There are some people who have defamed the entire Muslim community." Commenting on whether PM Modi is cementing his place in the hearts of Muslims, Nizami said: "Every citizen of the country wants it to move forward."

Defence Secretary opens robotic orthopaedic system at Delhi Cantt hospital

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Thursday inaugurated the Robotic Orthopaedic System and Maternity Operation Theatre at Cantonment General Hospital here and highlighted the government's commitment to ensuring high-quality medical services for residents. The new facilities inaugurated by the Defence Secretary, in the presence of Director General, Defence Estates, Shobha Gupta, will aid advanced healthcare services for the residents of the Cantonment and neighbouring municipal areas, said an official statement. The Director General of Defence Estates lauded the initiative, noting that such developments will significantly strengthen healthcare delivery systems within cantonment areas and contribute to overall community welfare.



Newlywed woman dies by suicide in Maha; husband arrested for dowry harassment

A m b e r n a t h (Maharashtra), Aug 13 : A 26-year-old newlywed woman in Maharashtra's Ambarnath allegedly died by suicide after facing continuous dowry-related harassment just one-and-a-half months after her marriage. The Shivajinagar Police have registered a case and arrested her husband, a doctor, while further investigations are underway. The deceased has been identified as Vishakha Tilekar (26), who married Dr. Nitin Tilekar, a resident of Ambarnath, on April 30. According to her family, the relationship appeared normal before the wedding, but the situation changed soon afterwards. Family members alleged that Vishakha was subjected to both mental and physical harassment over dowry demands. They claimed she was repeatedly taunted for not bringing sufficient money and jewellery from her parental home and was also criticised over what her in-laws considered inadequate respect and arrange-



ments during the wedding ceremony. The family further alleged that Dr. Nitin Tilekar had installed CCTV cameras inside and outside the house to monitor Vishakha's activities. They claimed that she was not allowed to communicate freely with family members and was constantly kept under surveillance. According to the complaint, Vishakha was allegedly assaulted for interacting with neighbours. Two days before the incident, her husband reportedly beat her for speaking to a female neighbour. Before taking the extreme step, Vishakha had informed her mother about the difficulties and harassment she was facing at her matrimonial home.

India assures 'positive collaborative approach' to polar issues

New Delhi, Aug 13 : India on Thursday highlighted that the polar region is rapidly becoming integral to the global climate system, global economy and global security matrix. Addressing the inaugural session of Science and Geopolitics of Arctic-Antarctic (SaGAA) VIII 2025 titled 'Confrontation to Collaboration in a Fractured World', Secretary (West) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Sibi George highlighted India's polar approach, calling for stakeholders to engage globally, contribute scientifically and act responsibly. "He alluded to India's rich maritime history and its Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) which is based on the principle of rules based maritime order anchored in UNCLOS and assured of India's positive collaborative ap-



proach to the polar issues," the MEA stated. On the margins of the conference, Secretary George also had a meeting with Camilla Brekke, Director, Norwegian Polar Institute and discussed India's bilateral cooperation with Norway in the Arctic region, the MEA mentioned. The event has brought together over 50 leaders from science, industry, and policy to strengthen collaboration and science diplomacy in addressing challenges across the Arctic, Antarctic, and Himalayan cryosphere. India has maintained that it envisages Indo-Pacific as a free, open, inclusive, peaceful and prosperous region built on rules-based international order, with respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, freedom of navigation and overflight.



Farmers to get permanent electricity connection at Rs 5: MP CM

Bhopal, Aug 13 : Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday announced that the Madhya Pradesh government will provide permanent electricity connection for farmers at Rs. 5. While directing the immediate implementation of this scheme in the central region, he stated that it would be gradually extended across the entire state. Chief Minister informed that in the past few months, more than 1.5 lakh farmers with temporary connections were given permanent ones at a reduced cost. Farmers using 3 HP pumps will pay only 5 per cent of the cost, while those with 5 to 7.5 HP pumps will contribute 10 per cent. Yadav made these announcements while addressing farmers who had gathered at the Chief Minister's residence.



Cholera outbreak kills over 200 people in Angola

Luanda, Aug 13 : The number of people killed in the latest cholera outbreak in Angola has risen to 201, the country's Health Ministry has announced. A total of 5,574 people have been infected, the ministry said. Cholera cases have been reported in 13 of Angola's 21 provinces. The outbreak originated in the capital province of Luanda, which has recorded the highest number of cases, followed by the neighbouring provinces of Bengo and Icolo e Bengo, Xinhua news agency re-

ported. Recently, the province of Cunene registered its first case, putting health services on alert. According to the WHO, Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by consuming food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*. It is a global public health threat and indicates inequity and lack of social and economic development. Access to safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene is essential to prevent cholera and other waterborne diseases.

US Congressman Ro Khanna slams Trump on Taiwan policy

Washington, Aug 13 : A senior Democratic lawmaker has sharply criticised President Donald Trump over remarks suggesting he discussed future US arms sales to Taiwan with Chinese President Xi Jinping, calling the move a break from long-standing American policy. Indian American Congressman Ro Khanna, Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, said Thursday that Trump's comments were "alarming."

"Trump's admission that he is discussing future US arms sales to Taiwan with Xi is alarming and a blatant violation of US policy and the Six Assurances," Khanna said in a statement. His remarks followed President Donald Trump's comments about consulting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping regarding arms sales to Taiwan — an issue that sits at the heart of US-China strategic tensions. Khanna argued that such consultations would run counter to established US commitments toward Taiwan, particularly the so-called Six Assurances, a set of



policy principles dating back to the Reagan administration. "His statement shows just how Trump treats Taiwan as a 'bargaining chip' in trade negotiations with China. It shows he is more eager to make bad deals with America's strategic competitors than

strengthen ties with long-standing friends like Taiwan. It is not only an affront to the security of Taiwan's 23 million people, but a stain on America's global credibility," Khanna said. He urged the White House to provide clarity and reaffirm continuity in policy.



Two Koreas, not external actors, should lead peninsular issues: South Korea's Unification Minister

Seoul, Aug 13 : South Korea's Unification Minister Chung Dong-young said Thursday that South and North Korea, not outside powers, should lead in resolving security issues on the Korean Peninsula. "The leading players on Korean Peninsula issues are South and North Korea. That is the constant," Chung said at the fourth meeting of the ministry's peace advisory council held at the Office of Inter-Korean Dialogue. "Other countries are only variables," Chung said, "But they have come to override the constant. That is a tragedy." His remarks appeared to reflect a concern that Seoul could be sidelined as international attention shifts back to the Korean Peninsula, Yonhap News Agency reported. With a string of summits among the United States, China, Russia and North Korea having recently wrapped up, and the US-Iran war apparently winding down under a new peace deal, global focus could soon turn back toward security issues on the peninsula.

Cambodian FM says ASEM needs to strive for peace, sustainable development, shared prosperity

Phnom Penh, Aug 13 : Cambodian Foreign Minister Prak Sokhonn said that the biennial Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) needed to continue to strive for peace, sustainable development and shared prosperity for all its partners. In a message to mark the ASEM Day, Sokhonn, who is also deputy prime minister, said the ASEM Day commemorated the founding of a vital multilateral process that has spanned nearly three decades, aimed at fostering enduring partnerships of cooperation across all sectors between Asia and Europe, Xinhua news agency reported. Since its establishment in 1996, ASEM has proven to be a platform of global importance, he said, adding that with 53 partners from both Asia and Europe, it represents approximately 65 per cent of the global GDP, 60 per

cent of the world's population, 75 per cent of global tourism, and 68 per cent of global trade. "Built on the principles of consensus, equal partnership, mutual respect, and shared interests, ASEM has achieved significant milestones," he said. "Through its political, economic, and socio-cultural pillars, ASEM has driven substantial progress in areas such as political dialogue, economic cooperation, trade and investment and joint efforts to tackle global challenges, which include advancing connectivity, addressing climate change and confronting a wide range of security issues, from counter-terrorism to irregular migration, maritime security, and cybersecurity," he added. Sokhonn said as the world faces mounting pressure from geopolitical competition and conflicts in many countries, the resilience of the ASEM partnership has never been more crucial.



"It is essential that ASEM continues to strive for peace, sustainable development, and shared prosperity for all its partners," he said. He added that despite the current challenges, Cambodia remains confident that ASEM will continue to be a dynamic platform for multilateralism to address present and future global challenges. "Cambodia will continue to actively engage in the ASEM process, contributing to the ongoing strengthening of Asia-Europe relations," Sokhonn said.

UNDP official urges urgent intl support for Lebanon's stability, recovery

Beirut, Aug 13 : The deputy head of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) called for urgent international support for Lebanon to restore its security and revitalise its economy, according to a statement by Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA). "In this critical phase for Lebanon, international support can play a decisive role in fostering stability, recovery, and reconstruction," Xu Haoliang, also undersecretary-general of the UN, stated. He made the appeal during his two-day visit to Lebanon, where he met with Lebanese President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam and traveled to southern Lebanon, engaging with local authorities and displaced residents, Xinhua news agency reported. "UNDP remains committed to working alongside the government, civil society, and international partners to



support essential reforms, promote good governance, and drive recovery efforts. We will continue collaborating with our partners on the ground to ensure inclusivity, leaving no one behind in Lebanon's path toward stability and lasting peace," he said. "The road to recovery will be challenging, and the new government must act swiftly despite financial constraints," Xu added. UNDP, in collaboration with the Lebanese government.

IS-related ADF kills 23 civilians in eastern Congo, kidnaps dozens: UN



United Nations, Aug 13 : Attacks by the Islamic State (IS)-related Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have killed at least 23 civilians, UN humanitarian said. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), citing local authorities, said the deadly escalation occurred in several Ituri Province villages on Thursday "Dozens more people were kidnapped in the raids, while

other villagers fled to neighbouring areas for safety," OCHA said. "ADF attacks were also reported in Beni Territory of North Kivu Province on Wednesday, killing 17 civilians." The ADF, an affiliate of the Islamic State in Central Africa, is a Ugandan rebel group operating in the forests of the eastern DRC. The rebel group is blamed for causing havoc in villages in the eastern DRC. The office said that in South Kivu Province, insecurity remains a significant concern, in-

cluding in the provincial capital, Bukavu, where local medical sources report that explosions on Thursday at an M23 rally killed at least 11 people and injured dozens more in Bukavu city centre. OCHA said its partners temporarily suspended assessments of humanitarian needs in the area following the explosions. They have since resumed. "Local authorities in South Kivu also estimate that more than 125,000 people have been displaced since early February amid clashes in the south-east of Bukavu," the humanitarians said. "Most of these people have sought shelter in schools, churches and soccer fields, and ongoing clashes in the area are hindering humanitarian access.

Armed forces on patrol in response to Russian activity: UK Defence Ministry

London, Aug 13 : The UK Armed Forces have stepped up patrolling the seas from the English Channel to the northernmost parts of the High North after "increased Russian activities", which London termed as "threatening" its waters. In a press statement released on Thursday, November 26, Britain's Defence Ministry recounted that in the past fortnight, the Royal Navy's patrol ship HMS Severn intercepted Russian corvette RFN Stoikiy and tanker Yelnya off the UK coast. Following a round-the-clock shadowing operation, it was reported that the Russian vessels sailed through the Dover Strait and westward through the English Channel. "HMS Severn later handed over monitoring duties to a NATO ally off the coast of Brittany, but continued to observe from a distance and remained ready to respond to any unexpected activity," it stated.



Indian ambassador meets Republican lawmaker, promotes India-US tech ties

Washington, Aug 13 : India's Ambassador to the United States Vinay Kwatra met with Republican Representative Jay Obernolte on Thursday and discussed India-US collaboration in science and technology. In a post on X, Kwatra said, "Enjoyed my conversation with Rep. @JayObernolte, Chair of the House Science, Space, and Technology Research and Technology Subcommittee. Highlighted opportunities for stronger US-India cooperation in science, tech, AI & innovation." The meeting comes days after the Indian Ambassador held a series of discussions with Republican Congress members and trade-focused committee chairs. Last week, Kwatra met the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Jason Smith and Vice Chairman Vern Buchanan. After meeting Smith, the ambassador posted on X, "Honoured to meet with @WaysandMeansGOP Chair-

man @RepJasonSmith today - briefed him on India-US discussions on a fair, balanced, and mutually beneficial trade deal. Appreciate his strong support to bilateral trade ties." In addition, the Indian Ambassador held talks with the Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference, Blake Moore and briefed him on the "ongoing India-US trade talks and other key areas of bilateral collaboration." He also attended a special dialogue with experts and analysts from the conservative think tank, the Heritage Foundation in Washington. In a post on X, Kwatra wrote, "Had an excellent roundtable discussion with the experts at the @Heritage Foundation, a strong supporter of the India-U.S. ties. I shared my thoughts on developments under key pillars of our strategic partnership, including shared economic priorities, a fair, balanced and mutually beneficial trade arrangement and oil and gas trade."



'I want to give the best of my abilities': Sakshi eyes Asian Games 2026 after CWG glory

New Delhi, Aug 13 : Commonwealth Games gold medallist Sakshi Chaudhary said that she has already shifted her attention to the Asian Games 2026, with the Indian boxer determined to build on her impressive campaign in Glasgow and challenge for another major international title. Sakshi produced a dominant performance in the women's 51kg boxing category at the Commonwealth Games, defeating England's Ruby White 5-0 in the final to claim the gold medal. The Indian remained unbeaten throughout the competition and maintained a perfect 5-0 unanimous-decision record from the pre-quarterfinals through to the final. Her gold medal-winning performance in Glasgow was built on sharp movement, composed defence.

Swiatek holds off Svitolina; Rybakina beats Gauff to reach Toronto final

Toronto, Aug 13 : Iga Swiatek overcame Elina Svitolina at the Canadian Open to reach her first final on the WTA Tour in nearly a year with a 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 semifinal win. Facing a third set against the Ukrainian for a third time in three 2026 meetings, Swiatek found completed her first win against Svitolina in three meeting, as well as advance to her 14th career WTA 1000 final.

Taking to the court an hour after their originally scheduled start time due to rain, Swiatek saved a couple of break points in the opening game before seizing control. She won the first four games to start the match and broke in Svitolina's first three service games. The Ukrainian did not manage a hold until she was down 5-2 and only managed to recover one of the breaks. However, she upped the aggression in the second set and it paid dividends. Svitolina refused to rally with the Pole, taking big cuts on every ball in sight. She was rewarded with two breaks on her way to a 5-0 lead. The Ukrainian nearly managed a bagel with three set points on Swiatek's serve, but had to settle for a breadstick.



'We know how to bounce back': Badoni reflects on South Delhi Superstarz's win over East Delhi Riders

New Delhi, Aug 13 : South Delhi Superstarz delivered a polished performance with both bat and ball, earning a convincing nine-wicket win against East Delhi Riders in the Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2026, and captain Ayush Badoni emphasised the team's positive mindset in light of their strong performance.

"It was a very good win for us. We lost two matches earlier, but the team environment remained positive throughout. That is the best thing about our side, we always stay positive and know how to bounce back, and that is exactly what happened today," said Badoni after the match.



Starc surpasses Rangana Herath to become leading left-arm bowler in Tests

Darwin, Aug 13 : Veteran Australia fast bowler Mitchell Starc surpassed Sri Lanka great Rangana Herath to become the most successful left-arm bowler in the history of Test cricket. Starc reached the landmark during the opening Test against Bangladesh at Marrara Cricket Ground when he dismissed opener Shadman Islam. The wicket took his Test tally to 434, moving him one clear of Herath's 433 wickets. The milestone came in Starc's 106th Test and added another significant achievement to an already decorated career. He is now level with former India captain Kapil Dev on 434 Test wickets and is closing in on South Africa pace legend Dale Steyn, who sits 10th on the all-time list with 439 scalps. Starc needs six more wickets to move past Steyn and enter the top 10 of Test cricket's leading wicket-takers. The Australian's achievement also strengthens his position at the top of the left-

arm wicket-taking charts. Herath is second with 433 wickets, followed by Pakistan great Wasim Akram with 414. New Zealand's Daniel Vettori has 362, while Sri Lanka's Chaminda Vaas has 355. India's Ravindra Jadeja is sixth among left-arm bowlers with 348 Test wickets. Starc had entered the Bangladesh series with 433 wickets and the possibility of overtaking both Kapil Dev and Steyn firmly in sight. Ahead of the series, however, the 36-year-old played down the importance of personal milestones, stressing that Australia's wider objectives remained his priority.



BWF World C'ships in India reinforces our commitment to Olympic Movement : IOA

New Delhi, Aug 13 : The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) welcomes the global badminton community to New Delhi for the BWF World Championships 2026, to be held from August 17-23 at the iconic Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, stating that the upcoming world championships further "reinforce India's commitment to the Olympic Movement" and the "development of sport." Bringing together the world's leading badminton players, the Championships represent one of the sport's most prestigious competitions and mark another significant milestone in India's emergence as a trusted destination for hosting major international sporting events. The successful hosting of the Championships reflects the continued support of the Government of India, under the vi-

sionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in strengthening India's sporting ecosystem and positioning the country as a leading global sporting nation. The Championships also form part of India's broader vision of becoming a preferred destination for continental and world championships across multiple sports in the years ahead. P. T. Usha, president of the Indian Olympic Association, said, "The BWF World Championships 2026 represent another important milestone in India's sporting journey. We are delighted to welcome the world's leading badminton players, officials and fans to New Delhi. India has consistently demonstrated its ability to host major international sporting events to the highest standards, and these championships further reinforce our commitment to the Olympic Movement and the development of sport." Through sustained investments in sports infrastructure, athlete development, high-performance programmes and international event hosting.

Gardner requests for privacy amid personal controversy, as CA retains her as vice-captain

London, Aug 13 : Australia women's team vice-captain Ashleigh Gardner on Thursday broke her silence regarding her ongoing personal controversy and urged the public to respect her privacy, while confirming that Cricket Australia (CA) has retained her as the vice-captain. Ashleigh has been at the centre of public scrutiny after her estranged wife, Monica Wright, made serious infidelity allegations regarding events during the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup in India, while also questioning the national board's decision to keep the all-rounder in her vice-captaincy role. "While my separation from my wife is a personal matter, I understand my current relationship status needed to be addressed by Cricket Australia given my position as vice-captain. "I am grateful that the CA Board has chosen to support my continued leadership. I look forward to playing a strong role as a leader and providing the best possible support for my teammates in the season to come," Ashleigh wrote on her Instagram Stories. Ashleigh and Monica got married in April 2025, before their relationship hit a rough patch during last year's ODI World Cup.



'Hardik Pandya is my idol': APL's top wicket-taker credits Indian all-rounder for success

Guwahati, Aug 13 : Dibrugarh Warriors all-rounder Doikho Das has credited India star Hardik Pandya as his idol, saying he is trying to model his game on the dynamic all-rounder's aggressive approach as he continues to make his mark in the inaugural Assam Premier League (APL) 2026. Das has been one of the standout performers for the Warriors.

