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Indraprastha Gas' Q1 profit drops 33 pc sequentially
Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) on Tuesday reported a 33 per cent decline in profitability for the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY27). The city gas distributor posted a net... **07**



Pant becomes first Indian player to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket
Rishabh Pant has etched his name into the history books as he has become the first-ever Indian cricketer to have hit 100 sixes in Test cricket. The star wicketkeeper-batter achieved... **08**



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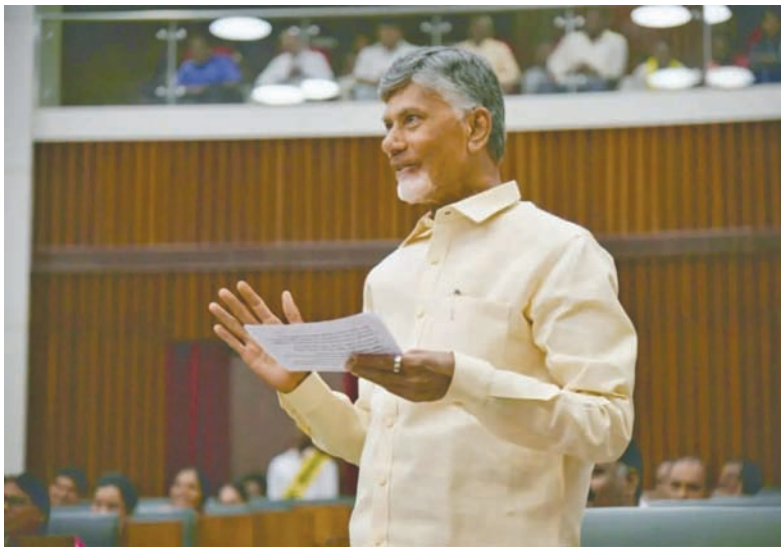
34% reservation for BCs in municipalities: CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, Aug 18 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu stated that the coalition government is according top priority to the welfare of Backward Classes (BCs). Speaking during the AP Assembly session, he announced that 34 percent reservation is being provided to BCs in municipalities. Chandrababu clarified that pro-

viding 34 percent reservation to BCs is not merely an election promise but an integral part of their political ideology. Chief Minister Chandrababu stated that they are not stopping at making promises but are actively implementing them. The Chief Minister stated that a special cabinet meeting was held to rectify the injustice done to the BCs regarding reservations by the

previous government. He attributed the massive victory in the 2024 elections to the BC community. He noted that achieving a 94% strike rate and securing 57% of the votes was possible solely due to the BCs and the trust placed in the leadership. He added that he, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and BJP leaders had decided to ensure justice for the BCs even before the elections. He stated that

reservations of 34% in rural local bodies and 33.33% in urban local bodies would be implemented to provide greater political representation to Backward Classes (BCs), explaining that the relevant provisions already exist in the laws. Chandrababu also announced that Mayors and municipal chairpersons in urban local bodies would be elected through direct elections.



6,534 Teacher Posts in AP: Jobs Without a Written Exam

Amaravati, Aug 18 : A significant opportunity has arisen for candidates awaiting teacher jobs in Andhra Pradesh. The School Education Department has decided to fill 6,534 'Academic Instructor' posts to address the shortage of teachers in government schools; these positions are commonly referred to as 'Education Volunteer' posts. No written ex-



amination will be conducted for these roles; candidates will be selected based solely on their educational qualifications and academic merit.



Jagan calls for intensified operations to trace missing fishermen

Amaravati, Aug 18 : YSR Congress Party President and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday expressed concern over the disappearance of a fishing boat carrying eight fishermen and urged the government to intensify search operations and use all available resources to bring them back safely. The fishermen hail from Odalarevu, Dummalapeta, and Vasalatippa villages.

Nitin Nabin urges BJP cadre to follow Venkaiah Naidus fighting spirit push Viksit AP VWP

Visakhapatnam, Aug 18 : BJP National President Nitin Nabin urged party cadres to move forward drawing inspiration from the struggles of former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, who rose from a grassroots worker to a national leader. He met with party cadres in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, BJP chief Nitin Nabin stated that the BJP is the largest party in the world. They urged every party worker to resolve to make the country even stronger. They noted that the nation is experiencing good governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He thanked the people of the state for delivering a resounding victory to the alliance. He stated that the state would move forward on the path of development under the lead-



ership of CM Chandrababu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. He explained that the alliance was formed to bring the fruits of development to the people of the state. He also noted that foundation stones for numerous projects are being laid under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. He noted that Prime Minister Modi is paying special attention to Andhra Pradesh and stated that the people are recognizing the party that fulfills their aspirations. He remarked that the "double-engine government" is working towards the state's development through numerous projects.



Gaddar synonymous with people's movements: Komatireddy

Hyderabad, Aug 18 : Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said legendary balladeer Gaddar was synonymous with people's movements and that it was the collective responsibility of everyone to uphold his ideals and carry forward the spirit of struggle he inspired. The Minister released the poster of the documentary "Prajya Yuddha Nauka Gaddar" at his residence in Hyderabad on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said Gaddar was not merely an individual but the voice of the oppressed and marginalised people of Telangana. Through his songs and performances, Gaddar had mobilised and united millions of people during various movements, leaving an indelible mark on the history of Telangana, he said. The Minister recalled that both he and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had great admiration for Gaddar and noted that the State government had instituted the Gaddar Cine Awards in his honour.

Ours is the first government to settle the accounts of BCs : CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, Aug 18: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy hailed the heroic struggle of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud as remarkable. He emphasized that the statue of Papanna should be accorded the same significance as the Martyrs' Memorial. The 376th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud were held on a grand scale in Hyderabad on Tuesday, with CM Revanth Reddy attending as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he remarked that we have lagged behind in recounting history. He lashed out at the BRS party, accusing it of spreading malicious propaganda against the Congress government using ill-gotten wealth. CM Revanth predicted that the Congress government would come to power in 2029.



Uttam calls for prudent water management amid rainfall uncertainty

Hyderabad, Aug 18 : Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday called for a judicious balance between safeguarding drinking-water requirements and meeting the irrigation needs of farmers, particularly in view of prevailing El Niño conditions and uncertainty over rainfall during the remaining monsoon period. Reviewing reservoir levels and irrigation prospects for the remaining Kharif season at Jal Soudha, the Minister said water management in the coming months must be guided by prudence, scientific assessment and actual availability rather than optimistic assumptions about future rainfall. He said drinking-water security would remain a paramount consideration, but stressed that this should not result in withholding irrigation water where reservoirs and other dependable sources had adequate supplies.



"Our approach must be judicious. We have to protect drinking-water requirements while ensuring that water available beyond those requirements reaches standing crops. Every release must be based on actual usable storage, dependable inflows and a realistic assessment of rainfall," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The Minister stated that major reservoirs in the Krishna basin were at 76.63 per cent of their capacity.



Telangana targets global hub for clean energy technologies: Bhatti

Hyderabad, Aug 18 : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced that Telangana is positioning itself to become a major global manufacturing hub for clean energy technologies, moving beyond its role as a power consumer.



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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation dt.30-11-2022) 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 Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 13th day august of 2026

Borrower Name and Address
1) Vijayalaxmi Kanakabandi, W/O Kanakabani Harinath Babu, Age: 54yrs, R/O H.NO: 2-1-118/3, Tekulapalli, Khammam Urban, Khanapuram Haveli, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507002. (Borrower No.1) 2) Kanakabandi Harinath Babu, S/O Kanakabandi Sita Rama Rao, Age: 46yrs, R/O H.NO: 2-1-118/3, Tekulapalli, Khammam Urban, Khanapuram Haveli, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507002. (Coborrower/ Guarantor No.1.) 3) Modala Saidulu, S/O Lachaiiah, Age: 45yrs, R/O H.NO: 2-1-62, Tekulapally, Khammam urban, Khanapuram Havili, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507002. (Coborrower/Guarantor No.2.) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 26,05,666/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six Only)

Description of Property
KHMMATF1803270007- Description Of The Immovable Property property Holder Name: Kanakabandi Haranadh Babu With Document No: 3872/2018 Item No.1 Open Site Admeasuring To An Extent Of 178.00 Sq.Yards Within The Dismantled H.No: 15-3-9/A Situated At Tekulapally Village, Khammam City And District Is Bounded By: North: Vacant Place Of K.Ravi, South: Vacant Place Of K. Seethaiah Item No 2 : Open Site Admeasuring To An Extent Of 200.00 Sq.Yards Within The Dismantled H.No: 15-3-9/A Situated At Tekulapally Village, Khammam City And District Is Bounded By: North: Vacant Place Of K.Ravi, South: Vacant Place Of Podila Yadagiri, East: Others Vacant Place, West: 20ftwide Road Laid By The Vendor This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL. Date: 13-08-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Khammam Shriram Finance Limited



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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 13th day August of 2026

Borrower Name and Address
1) Ganesh Kairamkonda, S/O Somaiah, Age: 51yrs, R/O H.NO: 2-9/1, Gandhi Nagar, Bayyaram, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507211. (Borrower No.1) 2) Kairamkonda Nagamani, W/O Ganesh, Age: 46yrs, R/O H.NO: 2-9/1, Gandhi Nagar, Bayyaram, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507211. (Coborrower/ Guarantor No.1.) 3) Maram Yakub Reddy, S/O Maram Venkat Reddy, Age: 32yrs, R/O H.NO: 2-68, Kotha Irsulapuram, Irsulapuram, Bayyaram, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507211. (Coborrower/ Guarantor No.2.) Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 26,17,829/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Only)

Description of Property
MABOBTf2211280001- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Kairamkonda Ganesh With Document No: 14901/2022 Open Plot Bearing No.42 And 43 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 245.50 Sq.Yards Or Equivalent To 205.26 Sq.Mts. In And Out Of Sy.No. 153/1A, 154/1A, 163/1A, 164/1A, And 466/C/1 Without Any Structures Therin And Not Pertaining To Any Ward Or Block Situated At Mahabubabad Town And Mandal, Mahabubabad District., North: Plot No.41, South: 30 Ft.Wide Road, East: 24 Ft.Wide Road, West: Place Of Vendor This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL. Date: 13-08-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Khammam Shriram Finance Limited



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DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.
The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1. Panjala Narsimha Goud S/o. Panjala Laxma Goud, Age: 43 Years, Occ. Transport Business, O/o. M/s. Narsimha Lorry Transport And Harvester Business, Wargal Mandal, Medak Dist. R/o. H.No. 9-26, Seetharampalli Village, Wargal Mandal, Medak Dist-502336. And Also At Panjala Narsimha Goud S/o. Panjala Laxma Goud, R/o. H.No. 1-1-9/78/1, Survey No.1/*A2/2, Seetharampalli Village, Wargal Mandal, Siddipet District-502336. 2. Panjala Anitha W/o. Panjala Narsimha Goud, Age: 36 Years, Occ. Transport Business, O/o. M/s. Narsimha Lorry Transport And Harvester Business, Wargal Mandal, Medak Dist. R/o. H.No. 9-26, Seetharampalli Village, Wargal Mandal, Medak Dist-502336. 3.Panjala Venkatesh S/o. Panjala Kista Goud, Age: 33 Years, Occ. Employee, O/o. Mission Bagiradha Engineer, Medak, R/o. H.No. 7-29, Seetharampalli Village, Wargal Mandal, Medak Dist-502336. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
08.07.2022	28.07.2026	Rs. 21,26,508.00/-	Rs. 13,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KSHDATF2101270003 DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the House bearing No. 1-1-9/78/1, on open plot in Survey No.1/*A2/2, admeasuring an area of 242 square yards situated at Seetharampalli Village and Grampanchayat, Wargal Mandal, Siddipet District and bounded as follows: (R.C.C Built up Area 1332.45 Sq. Feet) North: Open Place of Panjala Nag Goud, South: Open Place of Panjala Krishna Goud, East: C.C. Road, West: Open Place of Chalamgarl Bharathi
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.
Date: 18-08-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Wargal Shriram Finance Limited

Major Fire Accident in Sircilla



- One person burned alive; three laborers escaped with their lives
- Fire broke out at a furniture shop and warehouse
- Firefighting personnel worked to bring the blaze under control using three fire tenders
- District SP and BRS leaders inspected the scene

Rajanna Sircilla, Aug 18: A massive fire broke out at the Mahalakshmi Furniture Shop and warehouse located on the Pedduru main road within the Sircilla municipal limits. One person was burned alive in the incident. The victim, who died in the accident that occurred on Tuesday morning, has been identified as Mohammad Islam, a laborer from Uttar Pradesh. Four laborers from Uttar Pradesh were sleeping inside the premises when the fire erupted; while three managed to escape safely, Islam was trapped and burned alive amidst the raging flames. The

shop is owned by Addagatla Devadasu, a director of the Sircilla Cooperative Urban Bank, and property damage is estimated at approximately 50 lakhs. The owner has reportedly expressed suspicions regarding the cause of the fire, questioning whether it was triggered by a short circuit or an act of arson. Locals alerted the fire department and police immediately after the fire suddenly broke out in the shop. Fire personnel arrived at the scene and initiated efforts to bring the raging flames under control. The furniture in the showroom was completely gutted by the soaring flames. Firefighters worked strenuously for approximately two hours to contain the fire. Although three fire tenders were present, the water supply proved insufficient; consequently, the crew



KBR Park One Way Traffic Creates Confusion and Massive Traffic Jams In Jubilee Hills

Hyderabad, Aug 18: Confusion continues among motorists as the traffic police implement one-way around KBR. Motorists are confused about where to go. Some are taking the wrong route without knowing the way. Traffic problems have increased since the morning due to the KBR one-way effect. Motorists are shouting with sirens and horns, stuck in traffic. Motorists have appealed to follow the instructions of the traffic po-

lice. A large number of vehicles have stopped at the Jubilee Hills Road No. 5 signal. Motorists are also facing difficulties due to traffic jams in the surrounding areas of Venkatagiri. There is heavy traffic from the Jubilee Hills check post to the Road No. 5 signal. Traffic congestion continues from Road No. 10-C to the Road No. 5 signal.

Revanth Reddy's government snatches away the lands of the poor : Kavitha



Hyderabad, Aug 18 : Telangana Defence Sena President Kalvakuntla Kavitha said that if they come to power, they will distribute land to the poor in the name of 'Bhulakshmi'. She warned that if the Revanth Reddy government snatches the lands of the poor, they will watch and remain silent. Kavitha spoke to the media at the TRS office in Banjara Hills,

Hyderabad on Tuesday. She questioned why social justice is not seen in practice despite saying that BCs will be given a big seat. Kavitha said that activists like Vijayashanti were left aside and were not given ministerial posts and were made to accept MLC posts. She protested why social justice is not seen in the salaries of advisors appointed by the government. Revanth Reddy says social justice.. but in practice, is it will justice..? She questioned. If the upper class speaks, one kind of action will be taken..



attempted to extinguish the blaze by utilizing water from a nearby pit. As the fire remained un-controlled, relief operations continued. Personnel used a JCB machine to break down the wall and the shutter. The massive flames caused panic among the local residents. Local CI Srinivas and the police arrived at the scene and brought the situation under control. District SP Mahesh B. Githe also visited the site to inspect the situation.

BRS Leaders Inspect Accident Site and Visit Victims at the Hospital
BRS Town President Jindam Chakrapani and other party leaders inspected the site of the fire accident in Sircilla town. They visited the District Government Hospital, gathered details about the deceased and the causes of the accident, and spoke with the affected individuals. They were accompanied by Urban Bank Vice Chairman Addagatla Murali, Councilor Boora Balu, former Councilor Gentyala Srinivas, BRS Sircilla General Secretary Mana Ravi, and Konda Shankar.



POSSESSION NOTICE				
Whereas, IIFL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 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, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IIFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30-11-2025 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 IIFL-HFL, Bank to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee Arcil Trust -2026-015 ("Arcil") for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Arcil, now stands substituted in the place of IIFL-HFL and Arcil 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 advanced 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 Arcil 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 the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s)	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)	Total Outstanding Dues (in Rupees)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Shaik Faiz Vahi, Mr. Shavalli Sheik, (Prospect No. 942909)	All that piece and parcel of: Unit 201, Municipal No. 2-250/201, Second Floor, Vijaya Vinayaka Enclave, Plot No. 56, Premises No. 2-250, Syno. 885/1, Vaniganagar, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad 500020, Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring, Property Area: 168, Bounded By: North: Unit No.202, South: Open To Sky, East: Corridor, West: Open To Sky	Rs. 1581993.22 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three and Twenty Two Paise Only)	06/01/2026	13/08/2026
Mr. Raghava Reddy Nennam, Mrs. Neenam Shoba Rani Roc Restaurant Maintenance (Prospect No. IL1029466)	All that piece and parcel of: Flat No. SF6, Block No.C House No. 45-121/51/C-15, MANJUSHANAKARA APARTMENTS House No.45-120/94, On Plot No. 98 & 104, In Survey No. 631/1, 633 at Pradhranth Nagar Behind Railway Quarters, GHMC, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. AP 501401, Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring, Property Area: 855, Bounded By: North: Block No. D, South: Flat No. 2, East: Staircase, West: Flat No.5	Rs. 1583311.71 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eleven and Seventy One Paise Only)	06/01/2026	13/08/2026
Mr. Syed Ghani, Mrs. Shaheda Begum United Motor Works (Prospect No. IL10171806)	All that piece and parcel of: Flat No. 202, In Second Floor on Plot No. 13, In Survey No. 133/5, SRI BHAVANI RESIDENCY Municipal No. 2-8-160/13, at Macha Bolaram, Ahal Municipality, Medchal Dist. AP 500095, Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring, Property Area: 864, Bounded By: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: 6ft Wide Road, West: Open to Sky	Rs. 2020954.24 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four and Twenty Four Paise Only)	06/01/2026	13/08/2026
Mr. Bandari Sunny, Mr. Raj Kumar Bandari, Mrs. Showrli Bandari (Prospect No. IL10139224)	All that piece and parcel of: Unit No. F-2, Plot No. 3-9-83/RNO F-2/F, SRI SEETHA RAMA RESIDENCY, Premises No. 3-9-83, In Survey No. 8, Situated at Samrat Colony, West Mareddyapally, Secunderabad, TS 500026, Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Super Built Up, Area, Property Area: 980, Bounded By: North: Open To Sky, South: Corridor, East: Unit No.F-1, West: Corridor	Rs. 1452721.02 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty One and Two Paise Only)	02/01/2026	13/08/2026
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil 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 Arcil and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Arcil 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. Date: 19/08/2026 Place: Telangana Sd/- Authorised Officer Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)				
ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD. CIN No.-U65999MH2002PLC134884 Website: www.arcil.co.in Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028. Tel: +91 2266581300.				



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Corporate Office: Cerebrum IT Park B2 Building, 5th Floor, Kalyani Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra - 411014, Branch Office: Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd, 2nd Floor, City One, 7-1-22/2, Leela Nagar, Greenland Road, Ameerpet, Near Begumpet Flyover, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500016. Authorized Officer's Details: Name: Shreshail Badiger , email id: shreshail.badiger@bajajhousing.co.in.MOB No. +91 8073273577 / 9916551047

APPENDIX IV -A [Rule 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of the security interest act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken over by the Authorized Officer of the Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" for recovery of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd, as detailed below.

Details Of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor(S) And Loan Details	1.Date & Time of E-Auction, 2. Last Date of Submission of EMD, 3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD of the Property, 3. Bid Increment
LAN:- H400HLD1201579 and H400HLT1206681, 1. Gونغuntla Vijaya Lakshmi (Borrower), 2. Gonguntla Ramarao (Co-Borrower), Both The Above At Flat No. 204, Om Nivas Shreedha Homes, Plot No. 12, Multivellyguda Village, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Outstanding dues of Rs.26,70,759/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Only) as on 17/08/26 along with future interest and charges accrued w.e.f. 17/08/26.	1) E-Auction Date: 08/09/2026 Between 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM With Unlimited Extension Of 5 Minutes, 2) Last Date Of Submission Of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) With Kyc is: 07/09/2026 Up To 5:00p.M. (lst.) 3) Date Of Inspection:20/08/2026 to 07/09/2026 Between 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (lst).	1) Reserve Price For Immovable Property Rs.24,32,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Only), 2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.2,43,200/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred Only) 10% Of Reserve Price, 3) Bid Increment:Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Only) & In Such Multiples.
Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule Of The Property: Semi-Finished Flat No. 204 In Second Floor Om Nivas With A Built Up Area Of 775 Sq. Ft., (Including Common Area And One Car Parking Area) Together With Proportionate Undivided Share Of Land Measuring 26.9 Sq. Yds., Or 22.48 Sq. Mtrs., Out Of 538 Sq. Yds., Constructed On Plot No. 12 In Survey No. 74/E Part Situated At "Shreedha Homes II" Multivellyguda Village, Kachiwani Singaram Gram Panchayat Ghatkesar Mandal Medchal Malkajgiri District Under S.R.O Narapally Boundaries For Flat No. 204 In Second Floor East: Open To Sky, West: Corridor & Staircase, North: Flat No. 203, South: Open To Sky.	Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under: ● The Secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve price. ● The Auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal. ● The e-Auction will take place through portal https://bankauctions.in , on 08/09/2026 from 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes each. ● For detailed terms and conditions please refer company website URL: https://www.bajajhousingfinance.in . In auction notices or for any clarification please connect with Authorized officer. Notice Date: 18/07/2026 Place: Hyderabad	

Intellectuals' JAC sought to address Dharani, Bhu-Bharati land issues



Hyderabad, Aug 18 : Retired IAS officer M.V. Reddy has called for the formation of a special Joint Action Committee (JAC) comprising intellectuals to exert pressure on the Telangana government to resolve problems faced by farmers and landowners under the Dharani and Bhu-Bharati land initiatives. Speaking at a debate titled "Let us discuss the problems created by Dharani and Bhu-Bharati! Let us question the government!", organised by Telangana Samakhya

at the Basheerbagh Press Club here on Tuesday, Reddy urged the government to issue title deeds for assigned lands and provide landowners with No Objection Certificate (NOC) rights. He said the Section 22-A land classification issue should be resolved within six to nine months instead of being allowed to become more complicated. He also expressed concern over the lack of clarity regarding the Rythu Bima farmers’ insurance scheme.

German doner Kebab makes india debut with Hyd outlet

Hyderabad, Aug.18 : Global quick-service restaurant brand German Doner Kebab (GDK) has entered the Indian market with its first outlet at Film Nagar, Tollywood Lane here in Jubilee Hills. Telangana Transport Minister Ponnampet Prabhakar inaugurated the outlet and welcomed the international brand to the State. He said Hyderabad has emerged as a preferred destination for global brands and stressed the

importance of quality, taste and hygiene in the food sector. Founded in Berlin and headquartered in the UK, GDK operates across several international markets, including the UK, US, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Sweden and Ireland. The brand specialises in flame-grilled doner served with fresh ingredients, signature sauces and toasted waffle bread. GDK India, launched in partnership with GBC India, plans to expand into markets including Mohali, Chandigarh and other Tier-I and Tier-II cities through company-owned and franchise outlets. The company has set a long-term target of more than 450



outlets across India. Vikrant Tomer, CEO of GDK India, said the company aimed not merely to establish a restaurant chain but to develop the Doner category in India. Musician, actor and filmmaker Parmish Verma has been ap

pointed as the brand’s Cultural Partner to strengthen its connect with younger consumers. The Hyderabad outlet is expected to serve as the launchpad for GDK’s nationwide expansion.

AP Government should recognize citizenship as a Brahmin caste profession

Vijayawada, Aug 18 : On behalf of the Andhra Pradesh Purohita Brahmin Samakhya, we express our gratitude to Anaparthi MLA Sri Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy garu during the Question Hour in the Legislative Assembly today for his demand that the govern

ment should recognize the Purohita Samakhya as a Brahmin caste profession. Similarly, the government should provide adequate representation to the Purohita Samakhya in the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams and the government should utilize the services of the Purohita

Samakhya representatives for every Pushkara meeting. Now, regarding the alliance manifesto on the issue of temples-Brahmin welfare, the Andhra Pradesh Purohita Brahmin Samakhya is bringing the following matters to the attention of the government. Under the leadership of the founder and

honorary president of the Andhra Pradesh Purohita Brahmin Samakhya, Yamijala Narasimha Murthy, State President Tenneti Sunil Sharma, State General Secretary Varanasi Sridhar Sharma, State Treasurer Katta Balasubrahmanyam, State Youth President Sishta Manikantha, State Youth Sec



retary Yamijala Krishna, State Vice President Kaushik Prasad and others, the issue of “Temples - Brahmin Welfare”

being included in the manifesto of the upcoming assembly sessions has been discussed in the assembly.

Governor hails ISKCON Abids' contribution to spirituality, social welfare

Hyderabad, Aug 18 : The five-decade journey of Sri Sri Radha Madanmohan Mandir at Abids, Hyderabad, has been a spiritual journey rooted in devotion, service, compassion and human welfare, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said. The Governor, along with his wife Janaki Shukla, participated in the

Golden Jubilee celebrations of Sri Sri Radha Madanmohan Mandir, Abids, on Tuesday. The ISKCON organisers and devotees accorded a warm welcome to the Governor and his wife. The Governor and Janaki Shukla offered prayers and had darshan of Sri Sri Radha Madanmohan Swamy.



Ponguleti urges cement companies to partner with Indiramma Indlu scheme

Hyderabad, Aug 18 : Minister for Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has appealed to cement companies to partner with the Telangana government’s prestigious Indiramma Indlu scheme by supplying cement required for house construction at reduced prices. The Minister held a meeting with representatives of cement companies at the Secretariat on Tuesday to discuss measures to reduce the cost of cement for beneficiaries constructing Indiramma houses. Speaking on the occasion, Srinivasa Reddy said the Indiramma Indlu scheme was not merely a housing programme but a major initiative aimed at providing poor families with a dignified life, social security and self-respect. He said 4.50 lakh Indiramma houses had been sanctioned in the first phase across the State, excluding Hyderabad. Slab work had been completed in 85 per cent of the houses, while

construction of the remaining 15 per cent was progressing at various stages. In the second phase, 2,000 houses have been sanctioned in each Assembly constituency, totalling 2.50 lakh houses across the State, the Minister said. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy further stated that the State government has also set a target of constructing one lakh houses within the CURE limits and has experimentally launched the Indiramma Towers project in 16 Assembly constituencies. The Minister said Telangana was the only State in the country providing financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh with 100 per cent subsidy for the construction of houses for the poor.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)				
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IFIL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFIL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice is issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IFIL HFL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by IFIL HFL and no further step shall be taken by IFIL HFL for transfer or sale of the secured assets.				
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand	Date of Possession
Mrs. Rajitha Bhanavath Mr. Srinuak Vaidithe Rajitha Milk Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10315294)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.294, Sy No.770,Kalkavuthi Village, Kalkavuthi Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, TS 509324 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Property Area: 1224 Bounded By: North: Plot No.293 South: Plot No.357 East: Colony Road West: Plot No.289	Rs.971035/-Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy One Thousand Thirty Five Only	05-01-2026	13-08-2026
Mr. Kuparala Rajubabu Mrs. Kuparala Venkata Lakshmi Lakshmi Triffin Centre (Prospect No IL10340424)	All that piece and parcel of Door No.6-47, Assessment No.1047, Survey No.453, Chelupali Village, Narsipatnam Mandal, Anantapur Dist, Ap 531038 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Property Area: 462.00, 450.00 Bounded By: North: M.Raju Property South: Road East: K.Nukuraju Property West: K.Gopalakrishna Property	Rs.411792/-Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred And Ninety Two Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Bangaru Subba Rao Miss. Bangaravaram Raju Fashion Tailor (Prospect No IL1032685)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.2, Sy.Nos. 134p, 135/2p, 136/2p, Gowripatnam Village, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Ap 531036 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up, Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Empty Site South: Road East: Plot No.3 West: Plot No.11	Rs.309152/-Rupees Three Lakh Nine Hundred And Fifty Two Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Miss. Venkatakalakshmi Seera Pan Shop (Prospect No IL1036896)	All that piece and parcel of Rs.No. 116p, Plot No. 10, Sector, Jagannala Colony, Tattabanda, Near Ramalayam, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, 531025 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 654 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 9 South: Survey No. 114 East: Layout Road West: Plot No. 4	Rs.172366/-Rupees One Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred And Sixty Six Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Madhava Chopala Miss. Chopala Rajamma Madhava Fish Point Rajamma Pan Shop (Prospect No IL10400619)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 1-1, Assessment No. 318, Sy No. 336-1, Guduvada Village, S Rayavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, Presently In Anakapalli, A-531053 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 2795 Bounded By: North: Site Of G Jagga And Site Of D Satyaroa East: Hous Of Chopala Rajarao West: C C Road	Rs.503136/-Rupees Five Lakh Three Thousand One Hundred And Ninety Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Kala Nayk Naranavathu Mrs. Kanaakaratham Srinivasa Rao Auto Travels (Prospect No IL10420339)	All that piece and parcel of Rs.No. 5022a, Plot 342, Sector, Jagannala Colony, Ravikamatham, Near Current Office, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, 531025 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 648 Bounded By: North: Plot No.339 South: Plot No.161 West: Plot No.343	Rs.265843/-Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred And Forty Three Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Kala Nayk Naranavathu Mrs. Kanaakaratham Srinivasa Rao Auto Travels (Prospect No IL10420339)	All that piece and parcel of House No: 6-108a, Asst. No.492, Survey No.309, Ujigirra Village, Inuru Mandal, Palnadu District, Ap-522688 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 1742.00, 800.00, 640.00 Bounded By: North: Naxos Road East: Plot No.20 West: Plot No.18 South: Plot No.15 South: Road East: Plot No.20 West: Plot No.18	Rs.595955/-Rupees Five Lakh Nine Thousand Five Hundred And Ninety Five Rupees Only	03-11-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Naidu Senapathi Miss. Senapathi Rajulamma Mrs. Senapathi Annaji Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10700253)	All that piece and parcel of Block No. A1, Flat No. 4, Survey No. 14/21, 14/22, 18/2, 18/3, Yelamanchili Municipality, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh 531055 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 144.00, 240.00 Bounded By: North: Road A Ground Floor Flat 3 South: Parking Space & Ground Floor Flat No. 5 East: A2 Block & Open Space West: C3 Block & Ground Floor Flat 9	Rs.306714/-Rupees Three Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred And Four Hundred And Ninety Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Miss. Nagaratham Mrs. Nagaratham Loverajug Nagaratham Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10787535)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.14, Yr Jagannala Colony, Thimmapuram Village, S Rayavaram Mandal, Nellore Dist, Near Yr Colony, Visakhapatnam, A.P. India, 531060 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 648 Bounded By: North: Plot No.15 South: Road East: Plot No.20 West: Plot No.18	Rs.376509/-Rupees Three Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred And Ninety Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Ravu Satyanarayana Daily Labour Work (Prospect No IL10816881)	All that piece and parcel of 247/2P, Plot No. 14, Yr Jagannala Colony, Near Nagar Colony, Yelamanchili Mandal, Yelamanchili, Near Yr Colony, Visakhapatnam, A.P. India, 531081 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Adm. Property Area: 432 Bounded By: North: Plot No.40 South: 30 Ft Road East: Plot No.15 West: Plot No.13	Rs.298263/-Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred And Three Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Chintala Ramanajiah Mrs. Chintala Swamalatha Chintala Venkataramana Proprietorship West (Prospect No IL10258278)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 242, Survey Nos. 311, 312, 313, 314, 321, & 322, At Inamudugu Village, Kovvuru Mandal, Nellore Dist, Ap 524137 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up, Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 241 South: Plot No. 243 East: Road West: Plot No. 222	Rs.293500/-Rupees Two Lakh Nine Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Tagaram Maryamma Mrs. Tagara Rajesh Rakesh Kiranam Store (Prospect No IL10409920)	All that piece and parcel of Dr.No:1192, Sy.No:46, Gangavaram Village, Yemmalagunur Mandal, Kumool District, Andhra Pradesh, 518345 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Property Area: 1306.80, 668.20 Bounded By: North: Road South: Place Of Chauras East: Place Of Yerrakshi Reddy West: Place Of Shanbhau	Rs.321682/-Rupees Three Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred And Eighty Two Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mrs. Kuruva Bhagyalakshmi Mr. Kuruva Lakshminarayana Bhagyalakshmi Lakshmi naryana Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10636397)	All that piece and parcel of Sy No. 85,86/A, Mandagiri Village, Adoni Mandal, Kumool District, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 1678 South: Plot No. 91 East: Plot No. 114 West: Plot No. 114	Rs.237350/-Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mrs. K Sharfurnissa Begum Mr. K Rasool Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10895925)	All that piece and parcel of Sy No. 10-11/a, 12,15/c,16,Plot 983 Yemmalagunur Municipality, Yemmalagunur, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, 531021 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Saleable Area Property Area: 350.00, 350.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports	Rs.251242/-Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred And Forty Two Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Jagajankanti Peddiah Mrs. Jagajankanti Peddiah Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10896702)	All that piece and parcel of Rs.No:10,11a 12,15/c,16, Plot No 1703, Yemmalagunur, Yemmalagunur, Enigabala, Enigabala, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518360 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 1678 South: Road East: Plot No. 1704 West: Plot No. 1702	Rs.298835/-Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred And Ninety Five Rupees Only	09-01-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Bara Tofiq Mr. Bara Noor Ahamed Mrs. B Mashitha Bee Vegetable Seller (Prospect No IL10916449)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.1518, Sy.No.85,86/A, Mandagiri Village, Adoni Mandal, Kumool District, Ap. 518001 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 435 Bounded By: North: Plot No.1519 South: Plot No.1517 East: Plot No.1536 West: Road	Rs.156897/-Rupees One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred And Ninety Seven Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mrs. Shaiq Sophia Mr. Shikshavalli Talaring (Prospect No IL10950648)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.1904, Sy.No.85,86/A,Mandagiri Village, Adoni Mandal, Kumool District, Andhra Pradesh, India, 531021 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up, Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No.1951 South: Road East: Open Space West: Plot No.1905	Rs.251242/-Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred And Twenty Five Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mrs. M Lakshmi Mr. M Devendra Didi Labar Manson Work (Prospect No IL10953050)	All that piece and parcel of RsNo 74/C,74/E,74/G, 74/H Plot No 1264, Mandagiri, Adoni, Adoni, Near By Main Road, Kumool, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 436 Bounded By: North: Open Plot South: Plot No 1265 East: Road West: Plot No 1262	Rs.234342/-Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Forty Two Rupees Only	09-03-2026	14-08-2026
Mrs. Ramulu Devarakonda Mr. Venkata Ramana Devarakonda, Ramulu Fancy (Prospect No IL10609418)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 739, S.No.2207, SPGR Nellore, Nellore, Ap. 524001, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up, Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No. 738, East: Road, West: Plot No. 726	Rs.330690/-Rupees Three Lakh Six Hundred And Ninety Rupees Only	10-02-2026	14-08-2026
Mr. Mohammed Khaja Azeemuddin Mrs. Wahied Bee Tractor Owner (Prospect No IL10874973)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 1-97, Kohir Mandal, Madri Village, Digwal, Water Block, Madri, Andhra Pradesh, India, 522321 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Property Area: 1800.00, 1800.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: C.C Road East: House Of Edigi Pentaiah West: Road	Rs.870560/-Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred And Sixty Rupees Only	09-01-2026	14-08-2026

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Want to serve as catalyst to take Indo-German friendship to new level

Germany's new Ambassador to India, Jasper Wieck, said on Thursday that he wants to serve as a "matchmaker, enabler and catalyst" to take friendship between the two nations to a new level. In a video posted on X, Wieck recalled his first visit to India when he was a student. He later served as the Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy. He also spoke about meeting the Embassy team in New Delhi and described them as a "true engine" behind the operations carried out by the mission. "For me, coming to India is like coming home. I am an old friend of India. I first came to India 35 years ago. I was still a student, immediately I felt thrilled by the country and its people. Many years later, together with Cordula, I returned to India as Deputy Head of the German Embassy. We have fond memories of these years. And here we are again. We have just arrived from Berlin. On my first day, I met with the entire Embassy team. They are the true engine behind our operations," Wieck said in the video. He stated that it is an honour for him to serve as Germany's Ambassador to India and that the Indian diaspora is growing in Germany while the German investments are increasing in India. "Once I have presented my credentials in the coming weeks, I want to serve as a matchmaker, as an enabler, and as a catalyst to bring the Indo-German friendship to a new level. We are building new bridges between our nations every day. The Indian diaspora in Germany is growing as the German investments in India. In these dynamic times, it's a great honour to serve as the German Ambassador to India, together with the entire Embassy team and our four general consulates across the country," said Wieck. Prior to joining the German Embassy in India, Wieck served as Political Director in Germany's Federal Ministry of Defence. He served as Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in New Delhi from 2017-2020. Germany is one of India's most important partners in Europe. India was one of the first nations to establish diplomatic ties with Germany after the Second World War in 1951. The year 2026 marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The strategic partnership between India and Germany is based on the Agenda for the Indo-German Partnership in the 21st Century, which was adopted in May 2000 and updated by further joint declarations, such as the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement of 2022.



Former Nepal PM Deuba returns home after five months abroad amid money-laundering probe

Kathmandu, Aug, 18 : Krishna Prasad Sitaula, Former Nepali Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba on Tuesday returned home to a rousing welcome from his supporters at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, five months after he had left for Singapore to get a "medical check-up". A large crowd of leaders and party workers, including former office-bearers of the party — then acting President Purna Bahadur Khadka,

Prakash Man Singh, Bimalendra Nidhi and Prakash Sharan Mahat, among others welcomed Deuba as he arrived at the airport via Thailand. Supporters chanted slogans in support of Deuba who is facing both legal and political challenge at home as he was ousted by the contested Special General Convention in January.

Singapore envoy, CDS
General Raja Subramani discuss bilateral defence ties

New Delhi, Aug 18 : Singapore's High Commissioner to India, Simon Wong, held a meeting with Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General NS Raja Subramani on Tuesday, discussing defence cooperation between the armed forces of two nations through exercises, exchanges and established dialogues. During the meeting, Simon Wong congratulated General Subramani on his appointment as India's CDS. "Had an introductory call today on Chief of Defence Staff of the Indian Armed Forces, General NS Raja Subramani. Congratulated him on his recent appointment and reflected on the breadth of long-

running defence cooperation between the armed forces of both countries through major exercises, exchanges, and established dialogues. Also shared views on furthering this strong partnership under General Subramani's leadership. - HC Wong," Singapore's High Commissioner to India posted on X. Last month, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held a meeting with the Defence Ministers of Singapore and New Zealand on the sidelines of Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, with discussions focussed on strengthening bilateral ties, enhancing maritime cooperation, advancing information-sharing mechanisms. In a statement



shared on X, Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence stated, "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh held productive interactions with Defence Minister of New Zealand Mr Chris Penk and Minister for Defence of Singapore Mr Chan Chun Sing on the sidelines of Shangri-La Dialogue 2026." "The engagements focused on strengthening bilateral defence ties, enhancing maritime cooperation, advancing information-sharing mechanisms, and reaffirming a shared commit-

ment to a secure, stable and inclusive Indo-Pacific," it added. Rajesh Kumar Singh also met Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam at the Istana reception hosted on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue. "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh interacted with Singapore President Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam at the Istana reception hosted on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue 2026. The discussions focused on further strengthening bilateral strategic ties and advancing cooperation in areas of mutual interest," Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, posted on X. Earlier in April, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sunayna visited Singapore's Changi Naval Base for a port call as part of the IOS SAGAR deployment under the vision of MAHASAGAR.

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Legacy of Air India Flight 182 demands remembrance, also vigilance: Canadian PM

Ottawa, Aug 18 : Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney on Tuesday paid tribute to the victims of 1985 bombing of Air India Flight 182, emphasising on 'National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism' that the legacy of deadliest terrorist attack in country's history not only demands remembrance, but also vigilance. "Forty-one years ago today, the bombing of Air India Flight 182 claimed 329 innocent lives, including 268 Canadians. It remains the deadliest terrorist attack in Canada's history," read a statement issued by Carney on Tuesday. "On this National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism, we honour the victims of Flight 182 and all those who have lost their lives to acts of terrorism and violent extremism. We stand with the survivors, families, and communities who carry this loss," he added.

India attends 56th OAS General Assembly in Panama

Panama City, Aug 18 : India's Ambassador to Panama, Sumit Seth, represented India at the opening of the 56th Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly in Panama. Sumit Seth congratulated Panama President Jose Raul Mulino for his leadership and conveyed his best wishes for the success of the event. The 56th OAS General Assembly is being held in Panama. Panama is hosting the the OAS General Assembly for the third time. It has previously hosted the OAS General Assembly in 1996 and 2007. In a post on X, India's Embassy in Panama stated, "India at the 56th OAS General Assembly in Panama. Ambassador Sumit Seth represented India at the opening of the 56th OAS General Assembly in Panama City today. India is a Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States." "Ambassador congratulated President of Panama Jose Raul Mulino for his leadership and conveyed his best wishes for the success of the event," it added. The theme of the 56th General Assembly is: "The Americas United on the Bicentennial of the Amphictyonic Congress of Panama," and its topic is: "Firm Multilateralism in Defence of Democracy, Hemispheric Security, and Stability in the Member States." The General Assembly is the principal organ of the OAS and comprises delegations from all member states, generally headed by Ministers of Foreign Af-



fairs. Each member state has one vote. Decisions of the Assembly are generally taken by majority vote, although in some cases, the rules require a two-thirds majority. The OAS tradition is to adopt resolutions by consensus, according to the official statement. The Assembly is responsible for defining the policies and mandates of the OAS and the structure and functions of its organs. The Assembly is also responsible for electing members of the OAS's decentralised and autonomous bodies, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Juridical Committee.



EAM Jaishankar pays tribute to Kanishka bombing victims, reaffirms India's commitment to combat terrorism

Ulaanbaatar, Aug 18 : External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Tuesday paid homage to the victims of the 1985 Air India 'Kanishka' bombing and reaffirmed India's commitment to combatting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. "Today, on the 41st anniversary of Air India 182 'Kanishka' bombing, we honour the memory of those who lost their precious lives in this horrific terror incident. Reaffirm our commitment to combating terrorism in all its

forms and manifestations," EAM Jaishankar, currently on a two-day visit to Mongolia, posted on X. Air India Flight 182 was en route from Montreal to Mumbai via London and Delhi when it was destroyed mid-air over the Atlantic Ocean on June 23, 1985, after a bomb exploded in its cargo hold. The aircraft had made a scheduled stop at Montreal's Mirabel airport, where additional passengers boarded. The flight resumed its journey towards London before it vanished from radar shortly after establish-

ing contact with Shannon Air Traffic Control in Ireland. The explosion, which occurred off the Irish coast, killed all 329 people on board, including 22 crew members. Meanwhile, Canada's High Commissioner to India, Chris Cotter and Ireland's Deputy Ambassador to India, Raymond Mullen, also paid tribute to the victims of the Air India Flight 182 bombing on Tuesday during a commemorative ceremony held at Canada House in New Delhi to mark the 41st anniversary of the terrorist attack. Senior officials from the Indian government and members of the diplomatic community attended the ceremony. Participants laid wreaths at the memorial tree planted at Canada House in 2025 in remembrance of the victims and observed a moment of silence. They also signed the remembrance book in honour of the victims. Chris Cotter termed the bombing a "painful chapter" in Canada's history and expressed solidarity with the families of the victims.

Tripura gets 1st public electric vehicle charging station; plans 94 more in state

Agartala, Aug 18 : Tripura's first public electric vehicle (EV) charging station was inaugurated in Agartala on Tuesday, marking a significant step towards promoting clean and sustainable transportation in the state while facilitating convenient charging facilities for EV users, officials said. A senior official of the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) said that as the nodal agency for the Central government's PM E-Drive Scheme, the corporation has already submitted a proposal for the establishment of 94 public EV charging stations at various locations across the state. The official described the development as a major boost for existing electric vehicle owners as well as those planning to purchase EVs in the future.



US tariffs place 'substantial strain' on Switzerland's export-oriented economy

Geneva, Aug 18 : The US tariffs place "a substantial strain" on Switzerland's export-oriented economy, the Swiss government said, vowing to continue negotiations with the US to reduce the 39 per cent additional tariffs imposed on the country, which came into force Tuesday. The decision was made following the trip of a Swiss delegation to the United States from Tuesday to Wednesday, led by President Karin Keller-Sutter and Vice President Guy

Parmelin, the Federal Council said in a statement. The 39 per cent tariff rate, announced by US President Donald Trump on July 31, was one of the highest globally and also higher than the 31 per cent rate threatened by Trump in early April, Xinhua news agency reported. Nearly 60 per cent of Swiss exports to the US are subject to the new tariffs, which are "particularly steep" compared with other US trading partners such as the European Union and Britain, the statement said, adding that it is not



considering tariff countermeasures for fear of "additional costs on the economy." According to Swiss customs data, the US has been Switzerland's biggest export market since 2021, with Swiss exports to the United States accounted for 18.6 per cent of the country's total exports in 2024. The US also stood as the top market for major Swiss industries including chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

China using Buddhism as tool for political control: Report

Beijing, Aug 18 : The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has described religion as superstition, a relic of feudalism, and a distraction from socialist modernisation. However, China has been tolerating and actively promoting Buddhism as it has become Beijing's tool for political control, a report has detailed. According to a report in the Journal of Democracy, the ideological foundation of the CCP is based on Marxism, and religion, according to it, is a distraction from class struggle and revolutionary progress. For years, temples were destroyed, monks defrocked, and scriptures burned in China, particularly during the Cultural Revolution. Later, the CCP

learnt that religion cannot be eliminated through decree. "China is officially atheist. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has long declared religion to be superstition, a relic of feudalism, and a distraction from socialist modernisation. Yet walk through Beijing, Shanghai, or Chengdu today, and you will find Buddhist temples restored, incense burning, monks in saffron robes chanting sutras," Khedroop Thondup, nephew of the 14th Dalai Lama, wrote in the Journal of Democracy.



Indonesia's Mount Dukono erupts, triggers aviation warning, safety advisory

Jakarta, Aug 18 : Mount Dukono, located in Indonesia's North Maluku province, erupted on Tuesday, prompting the country's Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation Centre to issue an aviation warning. The volcano, situated on Halmahera Island, spewed a column of ash up to 2,000 metres into the sky. Thick white-to-grey clouds drifted south of the crater.



West continuing aggressive policies and actions against Russia: Putin

Moscow, Aug 18 : Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday said that Western countries are openly talking about preparing for war with Russia and continue to increase their military budgets, local media reported. Putin made these comments at a meeting with graduates of higher military educational institutions, Russia's state-owned Tass media reported. "We see that while NATO countries previously limited themselves to supporting the Kyiv regime, which came to power through illegal armed means and a coup d'etat, now the West is openly saying that they are preparing for war with us and are increasing their military offensive budgets," noted the Russian President. According to him, the "pseudo-democratic West" first create threats against Russia, which forces the country to take actions necessary for self-defence and then accuses Russia of "all mortal sins" to justify continuing its aggressive policies and actions against Russia. Putin also noted that the "rules" imposed by the West conceal neo-colonialist ambitions and disrespect for others' sovereignty, and Russia is not satisfied with that. The statement was part of his greeting to participants of the 12th International Scientific and Expert Forum 'Primakov Readings'.

The greetings were read by Yuri Ushakov, the Russian leader's aide for international affairs. "As is well known, Western countries advocate for a certain rules-based world. However, it was not difficult to see that this slogan conceals blatant neocolonial ambitions, disrespect for the sovereignty of independent states, a desire to interfere in their internal affairs, and force them to change their foreign policy priorities," read Putin's statement. "Russia, like many others in the world, is categorically unsatisfied with such 'rules,'" Putin said in his greeting. "We advocate for other, truly democratic foundations of world order, binding norms of international law, the indisputable authority of the UN Security Council, mutual respect and equality for all countries, and their free choice of development paths," it added. The statement also said that the theme of the Primakov Readings, 'A World Without Rules: A Power Game,' very accurately characterises the alarming trends that have become clearly evident in contemporary international relations.



Taiwan President asks universities to be cautious of China's influence

Taipei, Aug 18 : Asserting that democracy and academic independence are invaluable, Taiwan's President William Lai said on Tuesday asked universities to be cautious about any exchanges with China. He was speaking at the 2025 National Conference for the University Presidents of Taiwan at an academic conference in Yilan. "Institutions must be aware of the risks and join the government in protecting the country's core key technologies. , research, and competitiveness regarding China's influence in the education system. Taiwan's freedom and democratic way of life are precious assets," Lai stated according to a report in Taiwan's leading newspaper Taipei Times. Taiwan has blacklisted two Chinese universities - Huaqiao University in Xiamen and Quanzhou and Jinan University in Guangzhou - from conducting academic exchange programmes in the nation after reports that the institutes are arms of Beijing's United Front Work Department, Taiwan's Minister of Education Cheng Ying-yao said in an interview on Wednesday. Citing reports by national security officials, Cheng said that both these institutions had 600 and 1500 Taiwanese on their rolls, respectively and are under direct control of the Chinese government's political warfare branch. The measure is necessary to prevent China from systematically targeting Taiwanese students with its 'united front' work, he said, adding that education providers must protect national security.

South Korean govt to ease visa rules, expand regional airport entry for inbound tourism

Seoul, Aug 18 : The South Korean government unveiled Tuesday a series of measures aimed at promoting inbound tourism across South Korea, including easing of visa rules and expanding entry points at regional airports. The measures were announced during an expanded national tourism strategy meeting held at the presidential office Cheong Wa Dae and chaired by South Korean President Lee Jae Myung, with the attendance of officials from relevant ministries, Yonhap News Agency reported. Under the proposed measures, the government plans to make visa and entry procedures for foreign tourists more flexible. Indonesia will be included in a pilot visa waiver program for group tourists of three or more people. The government will also seek to introduce five-year multiple-entry visas for travellers from China and Southeast Asian countries who have prior records of visiting South Korea, and 10-year multiple-entry visas for those from major cities in China and Vietnam. An automated immigration clearance system will be expanded from the current 18 countries, including Japan, Singapore and Australia, to European Union member states.



3 empty buses explode in suspected terror attack near Tel Aviv

Jerusalem, Aug 18 : Three empty buses exploded simultaneously in Israel's Tel Aviv area, while explosive devices were found on at least two others before they could detonate, in what police said was a "suspected terror attack". No injuries have been reported, Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said on Tuesday.

Pakistan: Children from underprivileged families continue to face structural barriers

Islamabad, Aug 18 : Children from underprivileged families in Pakistan face structural barriers while children from wealthy families in the country continue to receive high-quality schooling and better opportunities leading to prestigious careers, a report has detailed. According to estimates, approximately 26.2 million children, including 13.4 million girls, remain out of school in Pakistan. Around 20-28 per cent of school-age children are not enrolled in school, with many forced to prioritise survival over education.



"Why do some children enjoy their right to education while others are denied it? Why are quality schools reserved for those who can afford them, while millions are left with inadequate alterna-

tives? Why do we continue to tolerate a system that reinforces inequality from one generation to the next? Children enter the world equal and without any bias or class difference.



Mizoram: Drugs valued at Rs 2.41 crore seized, 4 arrested

Aizawl, Aug 18 : The Assam Rifles and Mizoram Police, in three separate joint and coordinated operations, seized drugs worth around Rs 2.41 crore and arrested four alleged drug peddlers in Mizoram’s Saitual district, officials said on Tuesday.

A police official said that a special team of the police, in a joint operation with Assam Rifles troops, conducted a check at the outskirts of Keifang in Saitual district and recovered 868 grams of heroin concealed in 73 soap cases from a truck. The seized heroin was valued at around Rs 1.74 crore. The driver and his assistant of the vehicle, identified as Monwar Singh Barbhuiya and Abdul Kayum Munna, both residents of Cachar district.

Punjab Police foil terror plots, seize RPG and arms cache

Chandigarh, Aug 18 : In yet another major blow to the terror conspiracy involving Pakistan-backed Inter-Services Intelligence and the pro-Khalistan terrorist network involved in the Shambhu railway track attempted improvised explosive device blast case, Punjab Police have averted major terror plots with the recovery of another substantial cache of militant hardware, including a rocket-propelled grenade, hand grenade, explosives, and high-end pistols, said Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday. The recovered military hardware includes one rocket-propelled grenade, one metallic improvised explosive device (sticky bomb) weighing 2.296 kg, along with three detonators with electric wire and one battery, two packs of RDX weighing 1.456 kg, one P-86 hand grenade, three pistols, 9 mm Glock-18 CX ‘Austria’, .30 bore PX5 Storm and .30 bore Star Mark, along with five magazines and 84 cartridges, two wireless sets Baofeng, one headphone, and two timer switches. The development came in continuation of the investigation into an explosion at a railway track near Shambhu in Patiala district on Monday night, which resulted in the death of one Jagroop Singh, alias Jupa, who was attempting to plant an improvised explosive device that apparently detonated prematurely. Pertinently, in less than 12 hours, police teams had arrested four highly radicalised individuals of this module, identified as Pardeep Singh Khalsa, Kulwinder Singh, alias Bgga, Satnam



Singh, alias Satta, and Gurpreet Singh, alias Gopi, and recovered one hand grenade, two .30 bore pistols, technically sophisticated communication devices, and laptops from their possession.

Director General of Police Yadav said that Wednesday’s significant recovery from Panjwarh Khurd village in Tarn Taran district is based on the disclosures by the arrested accused Satnam, the brother of prime accused Jagroop Singh, who died while setting off the improvised explosive device.

“Investigations have revealed that this terror module was backed by a Malaysia-based entity, with financial support being routed through Malaysia by the main handler using the name Jujhar Singh,” said the Director General of Police.



Arunachal: Assam Rifles foil insurgent network, ULFA (I) cadre nabbed

Itanagar/Guwahati, Aug 18 : Security forces apprehended an armed NSCN (Khango) extremist and an overground worker in Arunachal Pradesh, officials said on Tuesday. A defence spokesman stated that, acting on specific intelligence inputs regarding the presence of an overground worker in contact with an armed Naga extremist in the Rima-Putok circle of Changlang district, and further corroborated by internal sources, the Assam Rifles launched a well-coordinated, intelligence-based operation on Thursday. During the operation, security forces successfully.

Centre rolls out special kharif plan for 315 vulnerable districts amid El Nino worries

New Delhi, Aug 18 : The Central government on Tuesday unveiled a special contingency plan amid concerns over a possible El Nino weather phenomenon that could lead to a weak monsoon this year and adversely impact the kharif crop in 315 vulnerable districts in the country. Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a high-level virtual meeting with state Agriculture Minis-

ters, senior officials, experts from the ICAR, ICAR-CRIDA, and the India Meteorological Department to review the situation across the country. Addressing a press conference after the meeting, Chouhan said that the southwest monsoon is significantly delayed this year, and rainfall so far has been around 43 per cent below normal. According to IMD forecasts, rainfall is likely to remain weak even during the week ending July 2. This could directly affect kharif crops, particularly in

rainfed regions where agriculture is heavily dependent on monsoon rains. The minister said that around 315 districts have been identified that could be potentially affected by weak monsoon conditions. Of these, 111 districts have been categorised as high priority, where irrigation coverage is below 25 per cent. Another 76 districts fall under the medium-priority category with irrigation coverage between 25 and 50 per cent, while 128 districts have been classified as low

priority owing to relatively better irrigation facilities through dams and other sources. A majority of these districts are located across 12 states—Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. Detailed discussions were held with Agriculture Ministers and District Collectors of these states, and they were urged to expedite preparedness at the local level, he said. Chouhan informed that the ICAR



and ICAR-CRIDA have prepared District Agriculture Contingency Plans for all districts. These plans incorporate district-specific climatic conditions, cropping pat-

terns, water resources and risk factors and prescribe measures such as suitable alternative crops under low rainfall conditions.



K'taka cabinet clears Premises Regulation Bill, Sandhya Kiran healthcare scheme

Bengaluru, Aug 18 : The Karnataka Cabinet on Tuesday approved the Karnataka Regulation of Use of Government Premises and Public Property Bill, 2026, aimed at regulating the use of government premises and public property by private individuals, organisations, associations, societies and other entities. Speaking about the Cabinet decision, Home Minister Priyank Kharge said the proposed legislation would provide a legal framework to safeguard and preserve government property and ensure its responsible utilisation for public benefit. The Bill seeks to regulate the use of government lands, buildings, playgrounds, parks, roads and other public assets, while preventing their misuse. Kharge dismissed speculation that the legislation was intended to target any particular institution, association, organisation, society, club, union, syndicate or NGO. “Why is everyone thinking this is to curtail or curb any particular institution, association, organisation, society, club, union, syndicate or NGO? Beats me,” he remarked. Meanwhile, the Cabinet also approved the launch of the “Sandhya

Kiran” contributory cashless healthcare scheme for State Government pensioners below 70 years of age, family pensioners and their eligible dependent family members. The scheme has been formulated under the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) framework. It will initially cover around 3.11 lakh State Government pensioners and their eligible dependents, taking the total number of beneficiaries to approximately 4.93 lakh. Under the scheme, eligible families will be entitled to cashless secondary, tertiary and emergency medical treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh per year on a family floater basis. Beneficiaries can avail themselves of treatment at hospitals empanelled under the scheme, with AB-ArK benefit packages and revised package rates applicable. Service pensioners will contribute 1.25 per cent of their basic pension, while family pensioners will contribute 0.75 per cent of their basic family pension. The scheme is expected to generate around Rs 117 crore annually through premium contributions.

Punjab BJP chief writes to World Bank head on rural economy

Chandigarh, Aug 18 : Punjab Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Kewal Singh Dhillon has written to World Bank Group President Ajay Banga, acknowledging his remarks on the state’s rural economy. In a letter, Dhillon said Banga’s observations had opened an important conversation on Punjab’s economic realities, one that deserved thoughtful engagement rather than political point-scoring. Referring to Banga’s remarks, Dhillon noted that Punjab’s youth faced economic vulnerability, cautioning that one-time wealth from land sales could not substitute for sustainable livelihoods and long-term rural transformation. Dhillon said this assessment

reflected ground realities that the BJP in Punjab had consistently raised and that demanded serious attention from the state government. He emphasised that the challenges faced by rural families in Punjab must not be reduced to narrow stereotypes but understood in the context of the deep economic and social transitions underway in rural society, which require political will and administrative action at the state level. The BJP chief pointed out that Punjab had played a historic role in ensuring India’s food security for generations, often at high personal, social, and environmental cost. He said its contribution to the nation deserved recognition, empathy, and decisive action – not silence from an Aam Aadmi Party

(AAP) government that had failed to deliver. “Punjab’s families are not facing an individual crisis in isolation; they are navigating a larger economic transition. Many rural communities are moving away from traditional agrarian systems without adequate alternative livelihoods, skill development



pathways, or financial support mechanisms. This is a failure of governance that the AAP government must own,” Dhillon said.

Addressing concerns related to drug abuse, Dhillon reiterated the BJP’s firm commitment to eliminating the menace. He said the party viewed the issue not merely as a political concern but as a social responsibility requiring strong law enforcement, de-addiction support, and community participation – all of which remained absent under the current state government. Dhillon invited Banga to engage directly with him so that his understanding of the state’s challenges and strengths was grounded in its lived realities.

Expressing confidence in Punjab’s future, Dhillon said the state had the resilience, capability.

SC stays Lokpal decision on power to entertain complaint against HC judges

New Delhi, Aug 18 : In an interim order passed on Tuesday, the Supreme Court stayed the operation of a decision of the Lokpal holding that the anti-corruption body can entertain complaints against High Court judges. A bench of Justices B.R. Gavai, Surya Kant and Abhay S. Oka was hearing a suo moto (on its own motion) after Lokpal referred the two complaints to the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) containing the allegations that a sitting additional judge of a high court influenced his colleague and an additional

district judge who had to deal with the suit filed against the complainant by a private company. “Something very very disturbing,” remarked Justice Gavai-led Bench as it issued notice to the Union government.



'Khet Bachao Abhiyan': CMFRI reaches out to farmers

Kochi, Aug 18 : As part of the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan, ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) scientists engaged with more than 200 farmers, highlighting the need for balanced fertiliser application and a shift towards natural farming methods amid rising concerns over soil degradation caused by excessive chemical inputs. The awareness programme focused on the growing impact of indis-



criminate fertiliser use on soil health, water resources, and aquatic ecosystems. Experts said that overdependence on chemical fertilisers was disturbing nutrient balance and contributing to pollution.

Indraprastha Gas' Q1 profit drops 33 pc sequentially

New Delhi, Aug 18 : Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) on Tuesday reported a 33 per cent decline in profitability for the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY27). The city gas distributor posted a net profit of Rs 186 crore in the June quarter, down 32.9 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) from Rs 277 crore reported in the preceding quarter (Q4 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations, however, rose 10.1 per cent sequentially to Rs 4,583 crore in Q1 FY27, compared with Rs 4,163 crore in the previous quarter. At the operating level, the company's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) declined 30.3 per cent to Rs 295 crore from Rs 423 crore in the earlier quarter. The weaker operating performance also weighed on margins. IGL's EBITDA margin contracted to 6.4 per cent in the June quarter from 10.2 per

cent in the preceding quarter, as per its regulatory filing. Following the earnings announcement, investor sentiment remained subdued. Shares of Indraprastha Gas were trading about 1 per cent lower at Rs 152.90 apiece at around 2:40 pm on Thursday. In comparison, the Sensex was trading largely flat with a negative bias at 77,918.06. Over the last five days, the company's stock has declined by 1.35 per cent, or Rs 2.07. Over the past month, the stock fell 0.86 per cent, or Rs 1.31. Over the last six months, the company's shares have declined by 8.88 per cent, or Rs 14.79. On a year-to-date basis, the stock has

fallen 20.94 per cent, or Rs 40.20. Over the past year, the company's shares have dropped 26.45 per cent, or Rs 54.49. Meanwhile, earlier this year, the gas distributor announced a fresh increase in compressed natural gas (CNG) prices, marking the fourth hike in less than two weeks. CNG prices in Delhi have been hiked by Rs 2 per kg on May 26. Following the latest revision by IGL, CNG in Delhi will now cost Rs 83.09 per kg, up from Rs 81.09 per kg.



Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Q1 profit plunges 80 pc to Rs 775 crore

Mumbai, Aug 18 : Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited on Tuesday reported a sharp decline in profitability for the first quarter of FY27, with consolidated net profit falling more than 80 per cent year-on-year (YoY). According to the company's regulatory filing, consolidated net profit dropped 80.3 per cent to Rs 775 crore in the June quarter from Rs 3,924 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26). The automaker's revenue rose 9.3 per cent year-on-year (YoY)

to Rs 95,799 crore, compared with Rs 87,677 crore in the year-ago quarter, it added in its filing. At the operating level, performance remained under pressure. EBITDA declined 17.2 per cent to Rs 6,326 crore during the quarter from Rs 7,639 crore a year earlier. As a result, the company's EBITDA margin narrowed to 6.6 per cent, compared with 8.7 per cent in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year, as per the filing. Commenting on the performance, Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director & CEO,

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited said that Q1 FY27 marked a strong start to the year for Tata Motors PV, with industry-beating 46 per cent YoY volume growth driven by robust customer demand and the success of our recent launches. "Our leadership in electric mobility strengthened further, with record quarterly EV volumes of over 34,000 units and 112 per cent YoY growth," he added. "The new avatars of Tiago and Punch have received a strong response, with robust bookings across powertrains.

Force Motors' Q4 profit drops 40 pc to Rs 278.5 crore

Mumbai, Aug 18 : Force Motors on Tuesday reported a sharp 40 per cent decline in profitability for the March quarter (Q4 FY26). The company's net profit fell to Rs 278.5 crore, compared to Rs 434.7 crore in the same period previous financial year (Q4 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing. Despite the drop in bottom line, the automaker maintained steady growth in its topline. Revenue for the quarter rose 8.2 per cent to Rs 2,550 crore from Rs 2,356 crore.

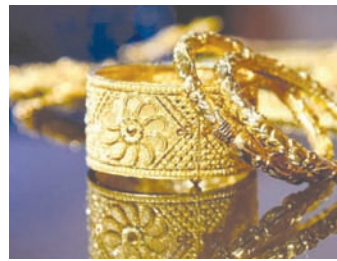


GMM Pfaudler's Q1 net profit falls 54 pc to Rs 10.1 crore

Mumbai, Aug 18 : Process equipment manufacturer GMM Pfaudler Limited on Tuesday reported a sharp decline of 53.7 per cent in its net profit for the April-June quarter (Q1) of FY26. The company's net profit fell to Rs 10.1 crore, compared to Rs 21.8 crore in the same period previous year, according to its stock exchange filing. While profits took a hit, the company posted a modest 1.1 per cent increase in revenue from operations, reaching Rs 794 crore for the quarter. On the operational front, however, GMM Pfaudler showed improvement.

Gold derivatives can boost financial markets, price discovery in India: Report

Mumbai, Aug 18 : The evolution of gold derivatives reflects a broader opportunity for India's commodity markets -- to build stronger domestic price references, enable businesses to hedge price risk within India, create investment avenues and develop a deeper risk-management ecosystem across commodities, a new report has said.



India's gold market is moving from physical ownership towards a more financialised market.



India needs quantum jump into manufacturing high-value pharma products: Economists

New Delhi, Aug 18 : India, which is one of the world's largest suppliers of generic medicines and a major provider of vaccines and essential drugs, needs to make a quantum jump into manufacturing high-value pharmaceuticals and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), and there has to be strong Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes to achieve this, economists said on Tuesday. Commenting on the NITI Aayog report on pharmaceutical trade that came out on Tuesday, economist Ved Jain told IANS that the time is ripe to make a jump into exporting high-value pharmaceutical products. "We should invest in research innovation on basic drugs and facilities and for that, I believe there has to be a strong PLI scheme for valued products, like high basic drugs and API products," he mentioned. According to the NITI Aayog report, India's comparative advantage remains concentrated in formulations, particularly retail medicaments and generic drugs, where it remains highly competitive even in regulated markets such as the United States and Europe. Jain said that we need to further remove regulatory barriers, ramp up production and, at the same time, increase the production of high-value pharmaceutical products which can be exported.

Indiabulls' Q4 profit jumps 46.4 pc to Rs 194 crore

Mumbai, Aug 18 : Indiabulls Limited on Tuesday reported a 46.4 per cent rise in profitability for the March quarter (Q4 FY26), closing a transformational financial year marked by its merger and strategic shift towards a real estate-led business model supported by diversified financial services. The company posted a profit after tax of Rs 194 crore for the quarter ended March 31, according to the financial statement. Revenue during the quarter stood at Rs 418 crore, it added in its financial statement. For the full financial year FY26, Indiabulls reported a profit after tax of Rs 346 crore on revenue of Rs 880 crore, resulting in a healthy profit margin of 39.3 per cent. The performance reflects the company's successful repositioning and improved operational efficiency following its restructuring.



Maruti Suzuki's new mid-term plan aims to make India an export hub, launch more EVs

New Delhi, Aug 18 : The Suzuki Motor Corporation of Japan, the parent company of Maruti Suzuki India, on Tuesday announced a new mid-term plan with a "rethink" in its strategy as "the business environment has changed due to declining market share in India" and the growing electrical vehicles segment. In its new mid-term plan for

2025-30, the company has identified India as its "most important market". Maruti Suzuki aims to create a manufacturing capacity of producing 4 million cars annually to reclaim a 50 per cent market share in India and use the country as a global export hub as well. The auto major plans to expand its EV lineup starting with the e-Vitara, and is aiming to launch four new EV models by FY30 in a segment where its rivals like Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra already have a varied EV portfolio in India.

Adani Portfolio clocks highest ever TTM EBITDA of Rs 86,789 crore, core infra biz surges

Ahmedabad, Aug 18 : Led by its core infrastructure business, the Adani Portfolio has delivered the highest-ever trailing-twelve-month (TTM) EBITDA of Rs 86,789 crore, the Adani Group said on Tuesday. The core infrastructure businesses (utility, transport, and incubating infra businesses under Adani Enterprises Ltd) accounted for 84 per cent of total EBITDA.



Pant becomes first Indian player to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket

Galle, Aug 18 : Rishabh Pant has etched his name into the history books as he has become the first-ever Indian cricketer to have hit 100 sixes in Test cricket. The star wicketkeeper-batter achieved the milestone during Day 4 of the first Test match between India and Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on Tuesday. Coming into the match, Pant had 97 sixes to his name and needed three to reach the elusive milestone. He had smashed one in the first innings when he hit 39 from 62 balls, an innings which had four fours as well. The Southpaw hit a couple of maximums in the second innings to reach the milestone. He smashed Lahiru Kumara for a maximum straight and out of the ground in the first session.

Pant had to wait for quite some time in the second session as he was tested by bouncers from Asitha Fernando and some good bowling from Keshara Nuwantha. He played smart to find regular boundaries before tonking a six off Lahiru Kumara over deep fine leg to get to his 100th six. The shot also brought up his fifty off 53 balls. While Pant is the first Indian cricketer to hit 100 sixes in the longest international format, he is also just the fourth one to bring up a century of maximums.



From village fields to national team: Khelo India strengthens Jharkhand's hockey ecosystem

Ranchi, Aug 18 : As the senior Indian women's team scripts its fortunes at the ongoing FIH World Cup Hockey Championships in the Netherlands and Belgium, three districts in Jharkhand – Simdega, Khunti and Gumla – are quietly pursuing a tradition that they have been practising over decades. Few states have shaped Indian hockey quite like Jharkhand. The current Indian captain, Salima Tete, is a glaring example and she is just one among many. From Olympic legends to members of today's Indian teams, the state's contribution has been remarkable. Yet, behind every international player lies an ecosystem built over decades—one that combines community passion, government support and, increasingly,



Zverev ousts Atmane; Jodar beats Tabilo to enter Round of 16 in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Aug 18 : Alexander Zverev has advanced to the fourth round of the Cincinnati Open after a late twist to overcome Terence Atmane 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8). The German held two match points at 6/4 in the second-set tie-break. Atmane erased the first with an ace out wide, and Zverev committed a double fault on the second one to level the tie-break at 6/6. The 29-year-old, however, steadied himself, reeling off the next two points to seal a straight-sets victory in two hours and nine minutes, ATP reports. Meanwhile, the 19-year-old Rafael Jodar defeated Alejandro Tabilo 6-2, 6-1 and the fourth round at the ATP Masters 1000

event, continuing his spectacular 2026 season. With his 75-minute victory, Jodar joined Carlos Alcaraz and Ben Shelton as the only teenagers to reach the Round of 16 in Cincinnati this decade. The Spaniard will next meet World No. 10 Flavio Cobolli, who earlier found a late surge to overcome Alexander Blockx 7-5, 4-6, 7-5. The 24-year-old Italian won four consecutive games from 3-5 down in the final set to reach the

fourth round at a Masters 1000 event for the fourth time in his career. In other action, Arthur Fils survived a major test from Jiri Lehecka to upset the ninth seed 6-1, 6-7(7), 6-3. Fils held a match point at 7/6 in the second-set tie-break before Lehecka fended it off to force a third set. The Frenchman eventually overcame the wobble to seal the win in two hours and one minute. Fils will next face fifth seed Alex

de Minaur, who also survived some drama of his own earlier in the day to defeat Arthur Fery 7-5, 7-6(3). In a match that was thrice disrupted by rain delays, the Australian held a comfortable 5-1 lead in the second set before Fery reeled off six consecutive games to go ahead 6-5. But De Minaur held his nerve and stormed through a water-tight tie-break to seal a straight-sets triumph, ATP reports.



'We couldn't pick the game': Ashith Surya rues missed chances after losing Badminton World C'ships opener

New Delhi, Aug 18 : Ashith Surya was left to rue a string of missed opportunities after he and Amrutha Pramuthesh squandered multiple match points in a dramatic opening-round defeat to Turkey's Emre Sonmez and Yasemen Bektas at the BWF World Championships at the Indira

Gandhi Stadium on Tuesday. The Indian mixed doubles pair, making their World Championships debut, took the opening game 21-16 but could not close out the contest, eventually going down 29-30, 22-24 in the next two sets. For Surya, the manner of the defeat made the result particularly difficult to accept. The Indians had chances to finish the contest but were unable to convert them when it mattered most.

FIH Hockey WC: India-Pakistan rivalry takes centre stage SF spot beckons

Amstelveen, Aug 18 : Few contests in world hockey carry the weight, history and emotion of an India-Pakistan encounter; and when the two arch-rivals meet at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 on Wednesday, the stakes could hardly be higher. The pressure-cooker game at the Wagener Hockey Stadium will decide who stays in the race to the semi-finals as India and Pakistan renew one of hockey's most storied rivalries in a Pool D clash, knowing that there is little room for error. The equation is clear for both sides. India currently occupy second place in Pool D with three points, having opened their campaign with a 3-1 victory over Wales before suffering a 2-4 defeat



to England. Pakistan, meanwhile, have one point from their two matches after drawing against Wales and going down 1-4 to England.



'Strictly said, 'focus and play': Unnati reveals coach's words after win in BWF World C'ships opener

New Delhi, Aug 18 : Indian shuttler Unnati Hooda admitted she briefly took her foot off the pedal after building a commanding lead in the second game against Thet Htar Thuzar, prompting her coach to intervene and remind her to focus on finishing the match. Hooda went on to beat the Myanmar shuttler 22-20, 21-16 in the opening round of the BWF World Championships

at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on Tuesday, recovering from a tight opening game to make a strong start to her campaign. With the youngster comfortably ahead in the second game.



Warner convicted and fined AUD 1500 for drink-driving case

Sydney, Aug 18 : Former Australia opener David Warner has been convicted in the drink-driving case in a Sydney court and will need an interlock device to drive a vehicle. The 39-year-old was also fined AUD 1500 for mid-range drink-driving after he tried to

switch seats with a passenger when approaching a random breath-testing site on Easter Sunday. The former Test opener was charged with mid-range drink driving after blowing more than twice the legal limit in a random breath test after he stopped short

of a roadside test in Sydney's east on April 5. Last month, Warner pleaded guilty to a drink-driving charge in a Sydney court. The incident unfolded when on April 5, also Easter Sunday, Warner, behind the wheel of a van, drew attention after stopping short

of a random breath-testing site. The court had scheduled August 18 for handing down the final sentence in the matter, where Warner faced penalties under local traffic laws for the mid-range drink-driving infraction