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## PM Modi inaugurates Bhogapuram Greenfield International Airport



**Visakhapatnam, Aug 1 :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district, near here, on Saturday. After landing at the runway of the Greenfield Airport, the Prime Minister inaugurated the passenger terminal building and undertook a walk-through along with Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Civil Aviation Minister K.

Ram Mohan Naidu. The top leadership of GMR Group and the Civil Aviation Minister explained the special features of the airport to the Prime Minister. The terminal was decorated to showcase the culture, traditions, and arts of Andhra Pradesh. PM Modi had a close look at large-scale Etikoppaka artwork displayed at the airport's welcome gate. When the PM stepped out of the airport and headed towards the venue of the public meeting on a special vehicle along with Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister

and others, tribal women performed the traditional 'Dhimsa' dance to welcome him. According to officials, the 'Dhimsa' dance by 13,500 tribal women created a Guinness World Record. The Prime Minister was seen clapping to appreciate the colourful and impressive dance performance by tribal women. At the public meeting venue, PM Modi will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development



projects worth over 17,900 crore in Bhogapuram and address the gathering on the occasion. Developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode at a cost of over 5,640 crore, the Greenfield airport has been designed to handle 6 million passengers annually. The airport is expected to provide a significant boost to tourism, trade, investment and employment generation in Andhra Pradesh while strengthening air connectivity in the region.



## Tribal girls' Thimsa dance is amazing: CM Chandrababu

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed his delight at the welcome accorded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by 13,500 tribal girl students and women per-

forming the Thimsa dance during the inauguration of the Bhogapuram Airport. Taking to the social media platform X, he praised the Thimsa dance performance by the tribal girls at the event as magnificent.

They stated that a world-record-setting performance was presented featuring over 13,000 tribal girls. They noted that the Thimsa dance showcased the culture and traditions of Andhra Pradesh to the world. The Chief Minister praised the grand welcome accorded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by tribal girls.



## Telangana's economic development is scaling new heights : CM Revanth Reddy

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that Telangana's economic development is reaching new heights. He revealed that the state's per capita income has reached Rs. 4,18,931 in the financial year 2025-26, an increase of Rs. 38,900 compared to the previous year. He said

that registering a growth of 10.23 percent in a single year is a testament to Telangana's economic growth. Stating that Telangana has emerged as one of the best performing states in the country, he said that these results have been possible due to investment attraction, employment generation, industrial development and economic growth. Rapid development with investments and employment: Revanth Reddy said that Telangana's development.



### KTR asks Congress to rein in leaders before bringing Hate Speech Bill

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** BRS working president KT Rama Rao stated that the Congress government should first ensure its own leaders cease making inflammatory remarks before proceeding with the proposed Hate Speech Bill in the Assembly.

Speaking at a seminar hosted by the Telugu newspaper Nava Telangana in Hyderabad on Saturday, he suggested that the government should lead by example, urging Congress leaders to moderate their language before criticizing others for hate speech. The BRS working president further accused both state and central governments of attempting to censor media content and publications. He claimed that numerous posts and reels shared on social media over the past four days had been removed under duress, and alleged that individuals were being imprisoned for speaking or sharing truthful information. As an illustration, he cited the case of Nalla Balu, who was detained for 15 days in Telangana for simply reposting content on X that was not objectionable. Referencing TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud's comments on combating fake news online, KT Rama Rao emphasised the need for fact-checking content across both mainstream and social media.

## Tummala orders complete digitisation of market committees, tighter monitoring

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Minister for Agriculture, Marketing and Cooperation Tummala Nageswara Rao has directed officials to expedite measures to make the Agricultural Marketing department more transparent and efficient through the extensive use of technology. Chairing a review meeting of the Marketing department at the Secretariat on Saturday, the Minister reviewed the department's functioning.



## Komatireddy calls for collective efforts for village development

**Nalgonda, Aug 1 :** Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkata Reddy on Saturday called upon villagers to work together to ensure the overall development of their villages. The Minister participated in various development

programmes in Nalgonda and Thipparthi mandals of Nalgonda district. He inaugurated a PWD road constructed at a cost of ₹1.35 crore at Pavuralagudem, a hamlet of Chinna Suraram village in Nalgonda mandal. He also interacted with residents during meetings held in Chinna Suraram, Pedda Suraram and Chandanapally villages.

# Pawan Kalyan orders probe into death of tiger in Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve

**Amaravati, Aug 1 :** Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Environment and Forests, Pawan Kalyan, on Saturday ordered a probe into the death of a tiger at the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve. He said the incident of a tiger's death in the Racharla Beat of the Giddalur Division within the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) came to his attention. He posted on 'X' that for nature's balance to remain undisturbed, the conservation of tigers is of utmost importance. "The loss of even a single tiger's life is a matter of grave concern. This incident serves as yet another reminder of our responsibility to protect our forests and wildlife," he said. Pawan Kalyan said he had directed the NSTR Field Director to conduct a comprehensive and transparent investigation to uncover the reasons behind this

death. "Was it a natural death? Or was there any human intervention, such as poaching, poisoning, or other mischief? A thorough enquiry must be carried out from these angles. A post-mortem and forensic tests should be conducted in accordance with wildlife conservation regulations to determine the actual cause



of death," he said. To prevent such incidents from recurring in the future, he instructed forest department officials to immediately increase patrolling in forest areas and strengthen field-level vigilance. "Protecting Andhra Pradesh's forest wealth and the biodiversity here is the duty of all of us. The coalition government is committed to forest conservation and wildlife protection.

Telangana Police

Recruitment-2026 Notification Released

Hyderabad, Aug 1 :

The state government released the Telangana Police Recruitment-2026 notification on Saturday. The notification has been released for the recruitment of a total of 7,437 posts. It has been clarified that applications are being accepted online only. It has been said that applications are being accepted from August 19th to September 9th.

# Investigation of pending cases should be expedited and charge sheets should be filed quickly : District SP Smt. D. Janaki, IPS

**Mahabubnagar, Aug 1 :** District SP Smt. D. Janaki, IPS has ordered to expedite the investigation of pending criminal cases under the jurisdiction of all police stations in the district and file charge sheets within the stipulated time. On Saturday,

the SP held a review meeting with court duty officers and court liaison officers at the conference hall of the district police headquarters. On this occasion, all the police station house officers of the district participated in the meeting through SHOs online. Pending

matters related to court matters, progress of investigation, filing of charge sheets, coordination of court hearings and other issues were discussed in detail. Speaking on this occasion, the SP directed the officers to complete the investigation in every case with



quality and speed, submit charge sheets and other relevant documents to the courts on time, and upload the necessary records online within the stipulated time. Similarly, she suggested that efforts should be made to present witnesses to the court on time during court hearings.

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| NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1. Ravi Peddi, S/O: Rajeshwer, H.No: 7-31, Vill: Pipri, MDL: Armoor, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode: 503224. 2. Peddi Rajeshwar, S/O: Vishwanatham, H.No: 7-65, Vill: Pipri, MDL: Armoor, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode: 503224. 3.Gaddam Chaithanya, W/O: Pedda Rajanna, H.No: 7-19, Vill: Pipri, MDL: Armoor, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode: 503224. |
| <b>NPA DATE</b> <b>DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE</b> <b>OUTSTANDING AMOUNT</b> <b>LOAN AMOUNT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09.04.2022      08.07.2026      Rs. 28,12,933/-      Rs. 15,00,000/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS:** NIRMALTF1903300013-Description of the Immovable Property (Property holder Name is **RAVI PEDDI S/O: RAJESHWER** Mortgage deed dated 30.04.2021 Registered as Document No 3976/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at **ARMOOR**. Open Plot In Sy.No.310/2 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 870.83 Sq. Yards Or 728.12 Sq.Mtrs. Situated At Armoor Town & Mandal, Nizamabad District. **Towards North:** Road (Armoor To Pipri) **Towards South:** Land Of Harijanawada **Towards East:** Open Plot Of Vendee **Towards West:**Land Of Mujahid

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:01-08-2026, Place: Armoor.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



# Hyd hosts Global uro-oncology summit

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Hyderabad emerged as the hub of global uro-oncology research with the commencement of SOGOCON 2026, the fifth annual conference of the Society of Genitourinary Oncologists, bringing together over 200 leading cancer specialists from India and abroad to discuss the latest advances in precision cancer care. The two-day conference, hosted by Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute (BIACH&RI) in association with Apollo Hospitals, is centred on the theme "Precision

Oncology in Action". The scientific sessions focus on innovations in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate, bladder, kidney, testicular and penile cancers through precision medicine, molecular diagnostics, robotic surgery, advanced radiation therapy, targeted treatments, immunotherapy and multidisciplinary care. The conference was inaugurated by Nara Brahmani, trust board member of BIACH&RI, who highlighted the growing importance of precision oncology in delivering personalised.

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| NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1) Nenavath Darjan, W/O: Nenavath Ramja, Age: 33 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address 1: Plot No: 68, Sri Ragavendra Colony, Nadergul, Rangareddy-501510, Address 2: H No: 5-159, Pilligundla Thanda, Neradugummu, Nalgonda-508248, B/O: "Shakra Food Products", Food Manufacturing, At # H No: 10-34, Jaya Surya Patnam, Ibrahimpatnam, Nadergul, Near Spoorthy Engineering College, Rangareddy-501510. 2) Dhanavath Saritha, W/O: Dhanavath Saidha Nayak @Aksias Dhanavath Saida Nayak, Age: 33 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: Plot No: 58, Dynamic Colony, Meerpet, Hyderabad-500097. 3) Nenavath Ragu, S/O: Nenavath Ramja, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 5-159, Pilligundla Thanda, Neradugummu, Nalgonda-508248. 4) Banavath Manjunath, S/O: Banavath Vasa, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 8-8-493, Plot No: 73, Green Park Colony, Near Water Tank, Karmanghat, Hyderabad-500035. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) |
| <b>NPA DATE</b> <b>DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE</b> <b>OUTSTANDING AMOUNT</b> <b>LOAN AMOUNT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 07.01.2022      10.06.2026      Rs. 40,24,067/-      Rs. 15,00,000/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS:** SANNGTF2104290009- Description Of The Immovable Property All That The Piece And Parcel Of Land Bearing Plot No. 592. (In Ganesh Garden- II), Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards Or Equivalent To 167. 226 Sq. Mtrs. In Survey Nos. 7, 18, 19, 20, 22, 26, 23 Part & 31, Situated At Mangalpally(V), Ibrahimpatnam(M), Rangareddy(D), And Bounded As Follows: **Towards East:** Road, **Towards West:** Plot No: 605, **Towards North:** Plot No: 591, **Towards South:** Plot No: 593.

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:01-08-2026, Place: Rangareddy & Nalgonda.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

**IDBI Bank Limited,**  
3rd Floor, D.No.5-9-89/1 and 2, Chapel Road, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana, Tel: 040-67694177/ 67674053, www.idbibank.in

**PROPOSAL OF WILFUL DEFAULTERS' IDENTIFICATION COMMITTEE**  
**Borrower/s:** M/s Saptagiri Fertilizer Depo, represented by its Proprietor Shri K.Ramesh Reddy, House No.16-7-41, Near Old Grain Market, Warangal, Telangana-506001.

**Notice to the persons/ entities herein below mentioned**  
IDBI Bank Ltd. ("Bank") had initiated proceedings under the 'Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Treatment of Wilful Defaulters and Large Defaulters) Directions, 2025' dated November 28, 2025 ("RBI Master Directions") against the entities / persons herein below mentioned ("you"/"your") and had issued the **Show Cause Notice ("SCN")** dated 16-03-2026, based on the "Wilful Defaulter Identification Committee II" ("WDIC II")'s prima facie view that one or more events of "Wilful Default" appear to have involved. Pursuant thereto, upon perusal of the records and having regard to the facts and circumstances, the WDIC II was satisfied that you are fit to be declared as "Wilful Defaulter(s)" on the below mentioned criteria.

| Name & Address                                                                       | Designation                                 | Criteria for Wilful Default                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| K.Ramesh Reddy, House No.16-7-41, Near Old Grain Market, Warangal, Telangana-506001. | Proprietor of M/s Saptagiri Fertilizer Depo | "Wilful Defaulter(s)" in terms of Clause Nos. 3(1)(xviii)(A)(a) and 3(1)(xviii)(A)(c) read with 3(1)(xvi) of RBI's 'Master Directions |

Accordingly, a letter was issued to you for communicating that (i) the WDIC II shall submit its proposal before 'Wilful Defaulters Review Committee II' ("WDRC II") of the Bank for further proceedings under the RBI Master Directions, thereby duly attaching its proposal, and that (ii) in terms of Para 5(7) of the RBI Master Directions, to give you an opportunity to submit your written representation before the WDRC II, if any, on the said proposal within 15 (fifteen) days, as to why you may not be classified as a "Wilful Defaulter".

Since the said letter was returned / un-served; notice is hereby given to you about the said proposal, and is hereby informed on the aforementioned time period for submitting your written representation before the WDRC II, if any, on the said proposal.

Please note that, in case your written representation to the WDRC II, is not received within the said **15 (fifteen) days**, it will be deemed that you have nothing to submit via any written representation, and the Bank shall proceed further in accordance with the the RBI Master Direction.

Your attention is also invited to Para 5(9) of the RBI Master Direction in respect of availing the opportunity of personal hearing before the WDRC II, in case you wish.

You may obtain the said letter/proposal of WDIC II from the Bank at **IDBI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor, D.No. 5-9-89/1 and 2, Chapel Road, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana**, either in person or through a duly authorised representative (by producing the proof of identity) or by email sent to the Bank from your registered email ID at **purnachander.gattu@idbi.co.in** , addressed to **Mr. Purna Chander Gattu**. This Notice shall be treated as valid and sufficient service of the said letter/proposal of WDIC upon you, notwithstanding the said letter/proposal is obtained by you from the Bank or not.

Date: 02-08-2026 Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- (DV Krishna Reddy) Deputy General Manager IDBI Bank Limited



# Azharuddin meets Timor-Leste envoy, discusses strengthening bilateral ties

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin on Saturday met Karlito Nunes, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Aurélio Barros, First Secretary, and discussed ways to further strengthen ties between India and Timor-Leste. The meeting was held in the presence of Nawab Mir Najaf Ali Khan, grandson of Mir Osman Ali Khan, the last Nizam of Hyderabad. The dignitaries exchanged views on promoting mutual cooperation across various sectors, strengthening people-to-people ties and exploring new opportunities for collaboration in areas of common interest. Azharuddin appreciated the growing diplomatic engagement between the two countries and expressed confidence that such interactions would contribute to stronger bilateral relations and lasting friendship.

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| 1) Tarannum Saba, D/O: Basheer Ahmed, Age: 50 Years, R/O: H No: 8-3-315/61172 (Or) 8-3-3/ S/611/72 (Or) 8-4-315/61/72 (Or) 8-3-315/61/72, Erragadda, Rahmath Towers, Near Metro Station, Hyderabad-500018, B/O: Rahmath Handloom House'. 2) Attaulah Md, S/O: Rahamatullah, Age: 57 Years, R/O: H No: 5-5-82 (Or) 5-7-609, Darasalem, Nampally Amirth Office, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) |
| <b>NPA DATE</b> <b>DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE</b> <b>OUTSTANDING AMOUNT</b> <b>LOAN AMOUNT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 31.08.2012      19.06.2026      Rs. 1,21,78,118/-      Rs. 15,00,000/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS:** DLSKNTF01310003-Description Of The Immovable Property All That The Property Bearing Semi Finished Flat No. 113. 114. And 115. (Part Of Old No. 1 To 4) In D Block In First Floor Of The Building Complex Known As Lakshmi Complex In The Premises Bearing Mch No. 8-4-315/6/L/76 (Old No. 8-4-315/6/1 And 2) Admeasuring 1000 Sq. Ft. Out Of 2500 Sq. Ft (Including Common Areas And Parking Areas) Along With Proportionate Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 12 Sq. Yard Out Of 30 Sq. Yards Situated At Near Sanath Nagar Flyover Bridge, Erragadda, Hyderabad, **And Bounded As Follows:** **Towards East:** Flat No. 112 (Part Of Old Nos. 1 To 4), **Towards West:** Flat No. 116 (Part Of Old Nos. 1 To 4, **Towards North:** Staircase And Corridor, **Towards South:** Open To Sky.

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:01-08-2026, Place: Hyderabad.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

## Assam exports 1st consignment of Purabi Ice Cream to Bhutan in 'sweet milestone for India'

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** The first international consignment of 5,627 litres of Purabi Ice Cream has been exported from Assam to Bhutan, opening new avenues for value-added dairy exports from the region, according to an official statement issued on Saturday. The export consignment, flagged off by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Guwahati, will reach key markets across Bhutan, including

Thimphu, Paro, Phuentsholing and Wangdue, strengthening the presence of dairy products from Assam and the northeastern Region in neighbouring international markets, the statement said, Manufactured by the West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Limited (WAMUL) and marketed by North East Dairy and Foods Limited (NEDFL), Purabi Ice Cream is produced using milk procured through Purabi Dairy's extensive cooperative network of

dairy farmers across Assam. The inaugural consignment comprises a diverse range of products, including cups, family packs, cones and gallon packs, catering to both retail consumers and institutional buyers in Bhutan. Commenting on the development, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, said it was "a sweet milestone for India!" "Facilitated by APEDA, this achievement reflects the growing strength and global competitive-



ness of India's dairy sector while opening new avenues for our dairy farmers. The initiative will create new income opportunities, expand access to international markets and strengthen the livelihoods of our dairy farmers across

the northeastern region," the minister added. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the shipment by extending support in export documentation, regulatory compliance, market access facilitation and stakeholder coordination, ensuring the seamless movement of the consignment to Bhutan while strengthening the export ecosystem for processed dairy products from the northeastern region. APEDA has been consistently promoting exports of agricultural and processed food products from the northeastern region by facilitating exporters in meeting inter-

national standards and accessing overseas markets. The export reflects APEDA's continued efforts to promote value-added products from the region and expand their global market reach, the statement said. Bhutan's geographical proximity provides a natural advantage for expanding dairy exports from Assam and serves as an important gateway for enhancing the presence of Made-in-Assam dairy products in neighbouring international markets. Going forward, the NEDFL plans to diversify its export portfolio by introducing additional Purabi Dairy products. with longer shelf life and pro-

## IIT Kanpur Professor booked after wife alleges domestic violence, harassment

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** A professor at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has been booked by the Kalyanpur police following a complaint filed by his wife, who has alleged domestic violence, physical assault, mental harassment and marital cruelty. The complainant is also a faculty member at IIT Kanpur, serving as an assistant professor. According to the complaint, the woman married IIT Kanpur professor Nishith Srivastava in December 2012. The couple has two minor children. The woman has alleged that she and her children have been living under con-

stant mental stress and fear for the past several months due to the alleged behaviour of her husband. In her complaint, the woman has alleged that her husband was involved in a relationship with a married PhD scholar who was working under him in 2022. She has further alleged that since November 2025, he has been involved in another alleged inappropriate relationship with a female professor. The complainant claimed that when she objected to the alleged relationships, her husband's behaviour became more aggressive. She alleged that she was pressured to accept the situation and remain silent. The woman has accused her hus-



band of physical violence and intimidation. She alleged that on November 11, 2025, her husband damaged household items, threw belongings and destroyed her children's books during an argument. She further alleged that he threatened her with a kitchen knife during the incident. The complaint also mentions an alleged incident on January 15, 2026. The woman claimed that after she confronted her husband over the alleged relationship, he

assaulted her, resulting in injuries to her eye, ear and head. The complainant has also alleged that on July 5, 2026, her husband attempted to enter the house against her wishes, following which she called security personnel and a dispute took place. She further alleged that CCTV cameras installed at the residence were being used to continuously monitor her and her children's activities.



## Tripura emerges fastest-growing economies in NE, attracts Rs 2,000 cr investment interest at Bengaluru conclave

**Bengaluru/Agartala, Aug 1 :** Tripura has emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies in the Northeastern region, with GDP performance comparing favourably with other states, a top official said. Tripura Industries and Commerce Department Secretary Kiran Gitte, while addressing a Business Conclave in Bengaluru, said on Saturday that sustained public investment, improved governance outcomes, and a growing focus on private sector participation are steadily reshaping perceptions about the state's economic potential. Addressing the gathering, the senior IAS officer said that the Tripura government is proactively strengthening the

Ease of Doing Business framework through a series of policy reforms, procedural simplifications, and time-bound approval mechanisms. He emphasised that Tripura offers significant untapped potential across both emerging and traditional sectors. This is supported by a skilled talent pool, improving connectivity, and a responsive institutional framework. He encouraged industry participants to explore long-term partnership opportunities with the state. The Bengaluru roadshow and Business Conclave was organised as a focused outreach initiative aimed at engaging industry leaders, investors, startups, and institutional stakeholders from southern India.



## Delhi court convicts Bihar MLA Raju Kumar Singh for culpable homicide in celebratory firing case

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** A Delhi court has convicted Bihar BJP MLA Raju Kumar Singh for culpable homicide not amounting to murder and violation of provisions of the Arms Act in connection with the death of a woman architect during celebratory firing at a New Year's Eve party hosted at a farmhouse in the national capital in 2018. The Rouse Avenue Court held Singh guilty under Section 304 Part II of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 30 of the Arms Act, stating that his act of firing from a licensed pistol at a crowded gathering was done with the knowledge that it was likely to cause death. The court directed that Singh be taken into custody following the conviction. The quantum of sentence will be decided after hearing arguments on June 9.



## 'Jal Ganga Samvardhan' campaign to be linked with 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh', says CM Mohan Yadav

**Bhopal, Aug 1 :** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav on Saturday said that the Jal Ganga Samvardhan Campaign will be linked with the state government's 'Krishak Kalyan Varsh' (Farmer Welfare Year) to strengthen water conservation efforts and improve farmers' livelihoods. Addressing a review meeting at the Chief Minister's residence, Dr Yadav said that the campaign is currently being implemented across Madhya Pradesh with a focus on constructing water structures and reviving dried water sources through recharge. He emphasised that farmers are among the primary beneficiaries of these initiatives. "The Jal Ganga Samvardhan Campaign will undoubtedly support the objectives of Krishak Kalyan

Varsh. It should be linked through joint activities and collective efforts," the Chief Minister said in a statement. Highlighting the importance of farmers, Yadav described them as the backbone of the state's traditions and the foundation of a secure future. "Farmers not only produce food for their families but for the entire society. It is our responsibility to bring joy and celebration into the lives of these Annadatas."



## Mayawati's nephew Akash Anand to kickstart BSP's poll campaign from Hathras, next month

**Lucknow, Aug 1 :** Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati's nephew Akash Anand is set to formally launch the party's election campaign for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections from Hathras district on August 10. This will kickstart the beginning of an extensive statewide outreach

programme aimed at energising the party cadre, particularly its youth base and also mobilising supporters for the high-voltage poll battle next year. Akash Anand, the BSP national coordinator will address a public meeting in the Sadabad assembly constituency of Hathras.

## Oppn criticises Colonel Purohit's promotion to Brigadier rank



**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** The Congress and NCP-SP on Saturday criticised the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Shrikant Purohit, who was acquitted in the 2008 Malegaon blast case last year, to the rank of Brigadier by

the Indian Army. The Indian Army cleared Colonel Purohit's promotion, marking a significant development in a long-running service dispute linked to his career progression.

## Jaipur gears up to host 3-day global judicial conference on 'Peace Mediation Declaration'

**Jaipur, Aug 1 :** Rajasthan's capital Jaipur is set to become the global centre of judicial dialogue as delegates from all 52 Commonwealth nations gather for the Commonwealth Peace Mediation and Rule of

Law Conference from July 31 to August 2. The three-day summit is expected to culminate in the adoption of the landmark 'Jaipur Peace Mediation Declaration', a first-of-its-kind framework aimed at promoting



peaceful dispute resolution and strengthening the rule of law across Commonwealth countries.

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PM Modi to launch ‘Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan’ on August 2

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the “Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan” on August 2 with the aim of inspiring young people across the country to actively participate in the mission to build a drug-free India. The campaign will begin as a nationwide Jan Bhagidari (people’s participation) movement, led by MY Bharat youth volunteers, with the objective of uniting the country’s youth in a collective effort against substance abuse. The initiative is designed to encourage young citizens to contribute towards the vision of a Nasha Mukta Bharat while supporting the broader goal of Viksit Bharat 2047. According to the campaign plan, nearly 10,000 locations across India will participate simultaneously following the Prime Minister’s launch, with more than one crore (10 million) youth expected to take part in the national pledge against drug abuse. The campaign will bring together a wide range of organisations and institutions, including MY Bharat volunteers, the National Service Scheme (NSS), youth clubs, schools, colleges, universities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), industrial associations, and more than 125 spiritual organisations, making it a large-scale, community-driven movement. Under the initiative, over one crore young people are expected to take the Nasha Mukti Pledge and dedicate themselves to serving the nation as Nasha Mukta Yuva Volunteers. Organisers said volunteers and organisations making significant contributions to the campaign will be recognised and honoured at the 50th, 75th and the 100th week milestones. A key feature of the programme is that it is not intended to be a one-day event. Instead, it has been conceived as a 100-week sustained Jan Bhagidari movement, aimed at maintaining long-term public participation and awareness on the issue of substance abuse. As part of the campaign, a range of activities will be organised every Sunday over the next 100 weeks. These will include sports events, walkathons, meditation sessions, cultural programmes, art competitions, nukkad natak (street plays), and community engagement activities. The objective is to channel the positive energy of young people towards nation-building while encouraging healthy lifestyles and discouraging substance abuse. The campaign is aligned with Prime Minister Modi’s vision of a “Nasha Mukta Bharat” and seeks to strengthen the national resolve towards achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047 through public participation. The central message of the initiative, according to the campaign organisers, is that “drug-free youth are the greatest strength of Viksit Bharat”. Through the nationwide movement, the government aims to take this message to young citizens across the country and encourage their active participation in creating a healthier and drug-free society.

VDCs in J&K’s Doda district given specialised training in automatic weapons, guerrilla warfare

**Srinagar, Aug 1 :** Village Defence Committee (VDC) members in Jammu and Kashmir’s Doda district have been given specialised training in handling automatic weapons and techniques of guerrilla warfare. VDC members of Doda district have expressed confidence in tackling any security challenge following specialized training in handling automatic weapons and guerrilla warfare techniques, officials said on Saturday. As part of efforts to strengthen security in far-flung border villages, the Special Operations Group (SOG) of Doda Police conducted a training programme for VDC members from villages adjoining Himachal Pradesh’s Chamba district. A police spokesperson said the initiative was aimed at enhancing internal security and improving the preparedness of



local defence volunteers to effectively counter possible terrorist activities in vulnerable areas. The training, led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (Operations), Amit Kumar, focussed on the handling of Self-Loading Rifles (SLRs) recently issued to VDC members and imparted skills related to guerrilla warfare. The programme was held at Lower Bheja village and attended by VDC members from Katyara.

Every 10 unit rise in annual PM2.5 exposure raising death risk in Indians : Study

Every 10 micrograms per cubic metre of air increase in annual exposure to fine particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5) is associated with an 8.6 per cent increased risk for mortality across India, finds a study. The study, published in the journal Lancet Planetary Health, revealed that long-term exposure to PM2.5 pollution concentrations higher than the 5 micrograms per cubic meter annual average recommended by the WHO is potentially associated with 1.5 million deaths a year in India. The findings showed that the 1.4 billion people in India live in areas with PM2.5 concentrations above that recommended by the WHO guidelines. "High levels of annual PM2.5 exposures are observed in India causing a huge mortality burden (not limited to cities that are highlighted during the extreme pollution episodes), signaling the need for systematic and not symptomatic approach,” said Suganthi Jaganathan, doctoral researcher, Centre for Health Analytics Research and Trends (CHART), Ashoka University.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's China visit reflects mature foreign policy : Report

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's visit to China demonstrates a cautious but deliberate move to stabilise one of Asia's most consequential bilateral ties and reflects India's mature foreign policy, a report said, noting that it should not be considered a breakthrough but a reset in tone and intent. "It reflects a mature foreign policy -- one confident enough to recognise complexity, to accept that rivals can still talk, trade, and set guardrails around their competition without pretending the underlying rivalry has disappeared. The real test will lie in follow-through: whether this round of dialogue translates into sustained calm at the border, fairer economic terms over time, and resilient channels of contact that can withstand the next crisis of confidence," Arjun Mehta wrote in a report in India Narrative. "In a fractured global order where great-power relationships increasingly default to confrontation, even modest, hard-won stability between India and China is a strategic asset worth pursuing — not because it resolves their rivalry, but because it makes that rivalry safer to live with," he added. Border stability remained at the centre of Misri's visit to China. India's stance on China has remained that normalcy in bilateral ties depends on tranquillity at the border, not the other way around. Foreign Secretary's meetings during his China visit indicate that a final settlement on the boundary question remains years away; however, the two nations now know the importance of maintaining contact through patrol protocols, hotlines and military-to-military talks that stop a local skirmish from escalating into something graver, according to the report. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday said that India and China were moving ahead with their earlier understanding on the resumption of border trade through the designated trading points of Lipulekh, Shipki La and Nathu La Pass.



On Monday, Misri and China's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Hua Chunying held a meeting and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral ties. The two sides acknowledged the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas. “Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri met H.E. Ms Hua Chunying, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. They reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations. They discussed means of advancing the vision of the two leaders that India and China are partners and development opportunities for each other, including through mutually beneficial outcomes across trade and economic ties, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. Both sides acknowledged the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas,” the Embassy of India in China stated on X. The Foreign Secretary discussed ways to enhance bilateral exchanges between India and China at the political and people-to-people levels during his meeting with Hong Liang, Deputy Secretary General of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), in Beijing. He also met Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International Department of the CPC's Central Committee, and discussed ways to deepen implementation of the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping for bilateral ties. “Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri commenced his official visit to China today with a meeting with H.E. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. They discussed ways to deepen implementation of the guidance of the leaders for bilateral relations, including addressing issues of priority to both sides and by promoting political, people-to-people, academic and think-tank exchanges,” the Indian Embassy noted.

Calls for global intervention grow amid brutal crackdown by Pakistani forces on PoK protesters

**Islamabad, Aug 1:** As unrest in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) continues to escalate, a human rights documentation and monitoring body has called on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to intervene fol-

lowing reports of lethal firing by Pakistani forces on peaceful protestors in the occupied territory that left over 40 civilians dead and dozens injured. In its urgent appeal to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, the PoK-based group Jammu Kashmir Human Rights Observatory (JKHRO) stated that the killings occurred after the peaceful Long March organised by Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC).

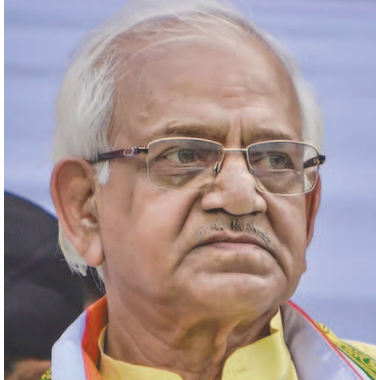


London: BNM exposes Pakistan's human rights abuses in Balochistan

**London, Aug 1 :** The Baloch National Movement (BNM) staged a protest in London outside the Prime Minister’s House against ongoing human rights violations across Balochistan, including enforced disappearances, collective punishment, and the “genocide” of civilians by the Pakistani forces. The demonstrations held this week were part of the month-long BNM Global Campaign running from March 10 and brought together a large number of members of the Baloch diaspora. According to the BNM, during the protests, a structured awareness campaign was launched, with activists distributing pamphlets at key political.

Fresh tussle in Trinamool as Sovandeb Chattopadhyay shares resolution naming him LoP

**Kolkata, Aug 1 :** A fresh political slugfest erupted in West Bengal on Saturday after senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) legislator Sovandeb Chattopadhyay made public a resolution dated May 6, signed by 67 party MLAs, endorsing him as the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the state Assembly. However, expelled Trinamool Congress legislator Ritabrata Banerjee, who is officially the leader of the Trinamool Congress’s legislative party and also the official leader of the opposition, ridiculed Chattopadhyay’s move, pointing out that the signatures of many of the legislators were put in block letters. Banerjee also questioned whether the alleged nomination letter had been formally submitted to the Speaker’s office. He further flagged discrepancies in the document, noting that the colour of the third page did not match the first two and that it lacked any signatures. He further said that since a Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probe in the matter was going on, it would not be wise on his part to make more



comments on this. “All I can say is that the truth will be known only if forensic experts examine this document thoroughly and track the tower location of the MLAs on that day. All I can say is that this letter will further fuel the investigation that has begun into the signature forgery case, he said. Last month, Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee had sent a letter to the office of the new Speaker of the West Bengal Assembly, Rathindra Bose, naming Sovandeb Chattopadhyay as the Leader of Opposition, Nayna Bandopadhyay and Asima Patra as the two deputy leaders of the opposition, and Firhad Hakim as the Chief Whip of Trinamool Congress’s legislative party in the Assembly.

\$2.2 trillion in infra investment to help India become \$7 trillion economy by 2030

An estimated investment of \$2.2 trillion into infrastructure development is imperative to support India’s GDP size to expand to \$7 trillion by 2030, according to a report. To achieve an economic size of \$7 trillion, India’s economy is required to grow at a CAGR of 10.1 per cent between 2024-2030, according to the report by Knight Frank India. The investment opportunity for private participation in infrastructure development in India ranges between \$103.2 billion to \$324 billion. “India stands at the cusp of a transformative era in infrastructure development. By harnessing the power of private investment.



## Syrian constitution, parliament suspended for three months: report

**Damascus, Aug 1 :** The Syrian constitution and parliament have reportedly been suspended for three months, according to Sawt al-Asima, a news outlet supportive of militant groups that overthrew the Assad government. The outlet reported the development on Saturday, citing unnamed sources, but did not provide details on how the suspension would be implemented. Earlier, Syria's Military Operations Administration announced Monday that it has lifted the curfew previously imposed on Damascus and its surrounding areas, calling on residents to resume their daily activities and return to their workplaces. In a statement, the administration encouraged citizens to "contribute to building the new Syria".



## Indian UN peacekeeping award winner calls for dialogue, diplomacy to end Lebanon conflict

**United Nations, Aug 1 :** Indian Army Major Abhilasha Barak, who received a UN peacekeeping award, has urged diplomacy to find an end to the conflict in Lebanon so that rebuilding can begin in the war-devastated country where she is a peacekeeper. "What I foresee further is that talks should take place, diplomacy should come into action, and hopefully the ceasefire will continue", Barak said at a news conference on Saturday (local time) "And then we can move on to rebuilding the community, not just physically with their roads and destroyed homes, but also (healing) the post-trauma, which they are going under", she said when asked about the situation in Lebanon. "We must work on that as a community, as a government, and as peacekeepers, and rebuild Lebanon", she said. Barak earlier received the 2025 Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award from Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Calling her a role model, Guterres said, "As a frontline commander, she has engaged

thousands of women and girls through vocational training and programmes for education and health" and is "transforming the lives of women and girls, even under the most challenging circumstances". Barak is the Engagement Team Commander and Gender Focal Point in the Indian Battalion deployed with the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) that operates in an area where clashes between Tehran-backed Hezbollah and Israel have heightened since the Iran war began. UNIFIL is currently the most dangerous operation, and seven peacekeepers have been killed since March, the most recent fatality on Wednesday. US President Donald Trump brokered a ceasefire there that has often been broken, and vast areas of Lebanon have been devastated. Peace in Lebanon is linked to ending the Iran war and opening the Hormuz Strait,



the closure of which has affected India's gas and petrol supplies. Tehran has made a ceasefire in Lebanon between Israel and Hezbollah a condition for suspending hostilities with the US. About her work in Lebanon, she said, "As an engagement team commander, my aim was to interact and engage with all the members of the community, especially with women and adolescent girls who had a resistance in interacting with the male peacekeepers". She said to make the women and girls self-reliant and financially independent, they organised programmes like vocational training. "At the same time, we provided them with awareness sessions for education and health. We carried out physical fitness activities, recreational activities, and we also did some cultural exchange programs", she added. Barak is the first Indian Army woman combat helicopter pilot. She said that she was also an air traffic controller.

## Heads of Ukrainian, Iranian foreign ministries hold phone call after vessel attack



**Kyiv, Aug 1 :** Ukraine's acting Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said that he called Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi by phone. In a post on X, Sybiha wrote that during the "frank conversation" he stressed that Ukraine's goal is "to avoid unnecessary escalation." Iran accused Ukraine of attacking an Iranian commercial ship in the Caspian Sea on Saturday, leading to the vessel's explosion and a sailor's death, Xinhua news agency reported. Sybiha said he had reiterated that all of Ukraine's actions

were "aimed solely at defending our country" and "never intended to target civilian vessels or people." "This is also true with regard to Iran's statements about their national who died and a civilian vessel that was targeted in a recent incident," he noted. "I emphasised the necessity to refrain from any escalatory steps," he added. Araghchi said on Saturday that his Ukrainian counterpart, Andrii Sybiha, has assured him that Ukraine's Saturday attack on an Iranian commercial ship was "unintentional" and that Ukraine "does not seek escalation."

## US revives drug origin debate, cites Indian exports

**Washington, Aug 1 :** US lawmakers renewed a push to require country-of-origin labeling on prescription drugs, citing temporary restrictions on pharmaceutical exports during the Covid-19 pandemic by India as evidence that America's drug supply remains vulnerable to foreign disruptions. The call came during a hearing of the Senate Special Com-

mittee on Aging titled "Truth in Labeling: Americans Deserve to Know Where Their Drugs Come From." Committee Chairman Rick Scott announced his CLEAR LABELS Act, legislation that would require prescription drugs sold in the United States to disclose where they and their key ingredients are made. "What we uncovered during this investigation will shock you,"

Scott said. He said 91 per cent of prescriptions in the United States are for generic drugs. Of those, "almost 94 per cent use APIs produced and processed overseas and factories predominantly in Communist China and India." Scott said the lack of transparency leaves patients, doctors, and pharmacists without basic information about the medicines they use. He argued that overseas manufactur-

ing also complicates federal oversight. When US regulators inspect foreign drug plants, Scott said, they often give advance notice. That allows facilities time to prepare before inspectors arrive. "That's crazy," he said, citing reports of unsanitary conditions found even after warnings. Scott framed the issue as both a health and security concern.



## UK govt unveils updated framework to boost house building

**London, Aug 1 :** The Labour government in the United Kingdom (UK) on Saturday unveiled updated measures aimed at overhauling the planning system for new housing development, requiring local councils to commit to a house-building timetable. As part of its broader plan to construct 1.5 million homes before the next general election, the government introduced housing targets for councils. This initiative builds on the Labour Party's commitment to deliver an annual target of 370,000 new homes in England, addressing the needs of approximately 1.3 million households currently on social housing waiting lists. The updated measures also include specific guidelines for releasing land from the Green Belt -- protected areas surrounding urban regions designed to prevent urban sprawl and preserve natural landscapes.



## South Korea: Lee says paying full respects to those killed in service an important 'social duty'

**Seoul, Aug 1 :** South Korean President Lee Jae Myung said Saturday honoring and paying due respects to those killed while serving the country is a social duty the nation should uphold. Lee made the remarks in a speech at a Memorial Day ceremony, a national holiday commemorating those who sacrificed themselves while serving the country, including those who fought for independence from Japan's 1910-45 colonial rule of Korea. Saturday's ceremony at Seoul National Cemetery was attended by 3,000 uniformed service members, government officials, national merit recipients and their families. Among the attendees were the family members of a 34-year-old Coast Guard officer who was killed last year while trying to rescue a person from a tidal flat, as well as the fami-

lies of two service members killed in an Army helicopter crash in February. "Commemorating the spirit of the patriots and paying them full respect is a social duty that we should faithfully uphold," the president said. The president highlighted the enactment next year of a law expanding benefits for the families of independence fighters, saying the government is also faithfully fulfilling its promise to provide financial support to the spouses of war veterans. The president also reaffirmed his commitment to expanding the network of veterans hospitals into remote areas, including Gangwon Province and Jeju Island. "Respect for devotion is the driving force that sustains and advances the national community," Lee said, adding the government "will not fail to reward such noble devotion."

## North Korea and Russia united by bridge, least visible connection to satellites: Report



**Moscow/Pyongyang, Aug 1 :** Russia and North Korea are completing the first direct road connection, with the construction of a two-lane bridge, one kilometre long and about seven metres wide, over the Tumen River, between the localities of Khasan and Tumangang, which runs alongside the already existing railway connection. The infrastructure, the result of a project launched after the strategic partnership agreement signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Supreme Leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un in June 2024 - and which should have been inaugurated last June but is not yet completed on the Russian

side - seems to signal Moscow and Pyongyang's intention to strengthen their military cooperation, with the transport of North Korean soldiers and engineers to Russia, and Russian high-tech military components to North Korea, Italian News Agency Adnkronos reported. North Korea's road network is much more extensive than its railway network, making it more difficult to monitor in its entirety. Loading and unloading operations can be done anywhere and faster, so loads are less exposed to satellite passage. And while trucks always appear the same in satellite images, train wagons reveal much of their content in satellite-taken images. In addition, the new infrastructure cost 100 million dol-

lars against a trade exchange of 34 million (2024 data). Tourism is also limited to escorted tours for no more than 10,000 people per year (in 2025), with a final destination 500 kilometres from the crossing. The railway tracks in the two countries have different gauges, so trains must be modified before crossing the border. North Korea had sent 14,000 soldiers to fight alongside the Russians in Kursk, after the incursion of Ukrainian forces in August 2024, two thousand of whom reportedly fell on the front. Volodymyr Zelensky has announced that Pyongyang intends to send another 30,000 troops now.

## Rajasthan: BJP legislator accuses ex-CM Ashok Gehlot of corruption, Cong Dy LoP attacks BJP govt on SIR

**Jaipur, Aug 1 :** The Rajasthan Assembly witnessed intense political sparring as members of the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress traded sharp allegations during the debate on the Governor's address. Corruption, governance failures, and welfare schemes dominated the discussion, leading to repeated disruptions in the

House on Saturday. BJP MLA Atul Bhansali launched a strong attack on the Congress, alleging large-scale corruption during its tenure. He claimed that a Rs 25 crore scam occurred in the Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project in Jodhpur, the former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's own Lok Sabha constituency of Sardarpura. Bhansali said the BJP government had delivered

on its promise of zero tolerance towards corruption, citing action taken in the paper leak case and pointing out that a Minister from the previous Congress-led Rajasthan government was jailed. Mahesh Joshi, a former Rajasthan Minister, was sent to jail on corruption charges in Jal Jeevan Mission case. "Scams committed during the previous Congress government are now being exposed. Cor-



ruption in one's own Lok Sabha constituency is the most shameful act," Bhansali added. Hitting back at BJP leader Atul Bhansali, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Ramkesh Meena accused the BJP of large-scale irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision scheme.



## 'Operation Tiger' active year-round: Maha Minister Sarnaik

**Mumbai, Aug 1 :** Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik responded on Saturday regarding the Shiv Sena's 'Operation Tiger.' He stated that their 'Operation Tiger' remains active 365 days a year. If any individual subscribes to the ideology of the late Balasaheb Thackeray or Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and wishes to join their ranks, they will not be turned away; however, everything will be conducted openly and transparently. Speaking to reporters, Sarnaik said several Shiv Sena (UBT) MLAs came to meet him during the Legislative Assembly session. "As the Transport Minister, it is my responsibility to address everyone's grievances. As for 'Operation Tiger,' we do not hold clandestine meetings. Anyone

who wishes to align with our ideology is welcome," he said. Regarding the court's directive to inspect the electronic voting machines in the Chandivali Assembly constituency, Sarnaik stated that the court's order would be fully respected. "The court has directed an inquiry; therefore, the inquiry must proceed. It is the responsibility of all of us to abide by the court's decision," he remarked. The Transport Minister expressed his support for the Central Government's decision to make toll plazas completely cashless. "He said, 'This decision was taken under the leadership of Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari. We, on behalf of the State Government, are also working in this direction. This is a necessary step to eliminate traffic congestion at toll plazas.'"

## Must act now to implement women quota before 2029 polls, Rijiju tells Kharge

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Countering Congress' allegation that the government is "hurrying" the implementation of the Women's Reservation (Amendment) Bill, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Saturday that not acting now may make the quota's implementation by 2029 general elections difficult. "If we don't act now, it is possible that women's reservation may not be implemented in time for the 2029 elections," Union Minister Rijiju said, offering to respond to some of the concerns raised by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in a letter addressed to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kharge's letter came in the backdrop of the Union government proposing a Special Session of Parliament next week to deliberate on and pass the Bill. He disagreed with Kharge's allegation that the special session of Parliament was convened without consulting the Opposition. Urging the Congress President to join efforts to move forward with necessary amendments, Union Minister Rijiju said, "Should we allow a possible delay in implementation or make our best efforts to meet the expectations of the people to implement it as soon as possible?" "In our humble view,



this is the most appropriate and logical moment to move forward with the necessary amendments," the Union Minister added. Union Minister Rijiju also dismissed the Rajya Sabha Opposition leader's allegations of the Central government not consulting the Opposition on the key legislation.

### AAP questions Congress ex-CM Bhattal's assertion on bomb blasts in Punjab

**Chandigarh, Aug 1 :** The Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab on Saturday slammed the Congress leadership for maintaining a "criminal silence" over the shocking statements made by its former Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhattal.



## India remains world's fastest-growing economy despite global uncertainty: Defence Minister Singh

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that at a time when many countries are facing economic uncertainty, India continues to stand out as the world's fastest-growing major economy. He further said that India's economy grew by 7.7 per cent

in FY 2025-26, with growth accelerating to 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter, underscoring its resilience and the underlying strength built over the last 12 years through the mantra of 'Reform, Perform, Transform'. Defence Minister Singh took to social media 'X' and said, "At a time when many countries are fac-

ing economic uncertainty, India continues to stand out as the world's fastest-growing major economy. India's economy grew by 7.7 per cent in FY 2025-26, with growth accelerating to 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter, underscoring its resilience and underlying strength built over the last 12 years through the mantra

of 'Reform, Perform, Transform'. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has combined economic growth with stability, confidence, sustainability, and credibility. His unwavering commitment to nation-building, focus on innovation, infrastructure, and entrepreneurship.



### Punjab launches 'Next Generation Road Renovation Programme'

**Chandigarh, Aug 1 :** In a significant step to upgrade urban road infrastructure, the Punjab government has launched the "Next Generation Road Renovation Programme". The initiative focuses on the rapid upgradation of major roads and key junctions in the state's largest urban centre to improve connectivity and ease of movement for commuters. The project will be executed on the NHAI pattern under the hybrid annuity model to ensure durable roads along with a 10-year maintenance framework. Elaborating on the project, Housing and Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian on Saturday said the government is making focused efforts to strengthen road infrastructure across the state to ensure better connectivity and smooth transportation facilities for the people.

## Bengal CM hails police after illegal arms recovered from Sandeshkhali pond

**Kolkata, Aug 1 :** Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Saturday praised the West Bengal Police after a large cache of illegal firearms was recovered from a pond in Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district.

In a post on X, Adhikari said, "Kudos to the West Bengal Police for a Major Breakthrough. On precise intelligence inputs, the Special Task Force (STF) conducted extensive raids across multiple locations near Sarberia Bazaar in Kumrakhali, Basanti, and

Sandeshkhali areas. Forces have successfully seized a massive cache of illegal firearms and ammunition hidden away to disrupt peace." The comments from the Chief Minister came after a huge cache of firearms and cartridges hidden

in a pond belonging to a Trinamool Congress leader was recovered on Saturday morning. Special Task Force (STF) of West Bengal Police searched the Manipur area in Sandeshkhali in the morning, based on a tip-off from a secret source. The officers



uncovered a cache of weapons in the pond.

### Jamnagar's JCC heart institute suspended from PMJAY-MA scheme over cardiology irregularities

**Ahmedabad, Aug 1 :** Gujarat state health department has intensified its crackdown on hospitals flouting norms under the government's flagship Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana -- Mukhyamantri Amrutam (PMJAY-MA) scheme. As part of this ongoing action, Jamnagar's JCC Heart Institute has been suspended from the scheme for violations of guidelines and irregularities in cardiology and cardiovascular thoracic surgery procedures. The hospital has been fined over Rs 6

lakh for irregularities found in 105 cardiac procedures, while Dr Parshv Vohra (G-28538) has been suspended with immediate effect for medical lapses in cardiology and cardiovascular surgeries. Health Minister Praful Pansheriya stated that the state government is committed to ensuring transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric healthcare, adding that PMJAY-MA is a "blessing for the poor and needy," and any form of malpractice or negligence will not be tolerated. According to the investigation, the hospital manipulated laboratory and ECG reports in three cases to falsely



show the need for cardiac procedures. A further state-level review of 262 cases revealed discrepancies in 53 cases, where cardiac procedures were performed even when not medically required. In addition, during surprise inspections, the health department also found violations at two other private hospitals. Sadbhaavna Hospital in Palanpur was fined for performing surgeries through unempanelled doctors, and Samanvay Hospital in Junagadh was penalized for overcharging and booking patients under higher-priced packages than permitted.



### PM Modi-led FTA strategy opens access to \$60 trillion markets: Piyush Goyal

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** India's recent Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with major economies are opening access to markets worth nearly \$60 trillion and supporting the country's push to become a global export hub, Union Commerce

and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday, crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for the trade expansion strategy. A video shared by the minister on social media platform X highlighted that the FTAs negotiated under PM Modi's leadership were aimed at expanding market opportunities for Indian exporters.



## RBI slaps Rs 41.80 lakh fine on Canara Bank

**Mumbai, Aug 1 :** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Saturday imposed a penalty of Rs 41.80 lakh on Canara Bank for not complying with certain provisions of directions issued by the central bank on 'Know Your Customer (KYC)' and 'Unclaimed Deposits and Inoperative Accounts in banks'. An inspection of Canara Bank carried out by the RBI revealed that the bank did not upload KYC records of certain customers onto the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) within the prescribed timeline. Canara Bank also classified certain accounts as inoperative, despite the last customer-induced transaction being less than one year old in such accounts, according to a Reserve Bank statement. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers conferred.

## Over 1.20 crore senior citizens enrolled under ABVV scheme

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** More than 1.20 crore senior citizens have been enrolled under the Ayushman Bharat Vay Vandana scheme, which has delivered over 13.84 lakh treatments worth Rs 3,000 crore, the government said on Saturday. The Mission Indradhanush drive vaccinated 5.46 crore children and 1.32 crore pregnant women who had not been immunised earlier, the statement noted. The share of zero-dose children -- those who have received no vaccines at all -- fell from 0.11 per cent of the population in 2023 to 0.06 per cent in 2024. The government runs the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP), which targets 2.67 crore newborns and 2.9 crore pregnant women annually, offering free vaccines against 12 diseases.



## S. Korea's debt-to-GDP ratio projected to reach 60 pc by 2030

**Seoul, Aug 1 :** South Korea's national debt is projected to approach 60 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) by 2030, government data showed on Saturday, with the pace of increase widely expected to accelerate amid slowing growth and growing fiscal burdens. The country's debt-to-GDP ratio stood at 49 percent last year, up 3 percentage points from a year earlier, according to the national settlement report from the fi-

nance ministry, reports Yonhap news agency. The increase marks the largest annual gain in five years, after a 5.7 percentage-point surge in 2020, when the economy was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the national fiscal management plan submitted by the finance ministry to the parliament in September, the country's debt-to-GDP ratio is forecast to rise from 51.6 percent in 2026 to 53.8 percent in 2027, 56.2 percent in 2028 and 58 per-

cent in 2029. Industry observers, however, believe the rise may further accelerate if GDP growth slows this year or fiscal pressures intensify. Major economic organisations have lowered their growth forecasts for South Korea this year amid a prolonged conflict in the Middle East. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) projects the country's economy will grow 1.7 percent this year.

## Sensex ends lower ahead of US Fed rate decision, Nifty at 24,198

**Mumbai, Aug 1 :** The domestic benchmark indices closed in red on Saturday amid weak global cues as market sentiment remained cautious ahead of the key US Fed meeting. US Fed Chair Jerome Powell was set to release the policy statement late on Friday (US time) during the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. According to experts, the Indian market is experiencing a breakdown in the early Santa Claus rally, with the impact

being more pronounced in India compared to developed markets due to the rapid appreciation of the dollar. Market sentiment remains cautious which is further influenced by India's premium valuation, which is significantly above the current earnings growth trajectory that has slowed over the last two quarters. On Wednesday, heavy selling was seen in the media, PSE, PSU Bank, financial service, metal, private bank and commodities sectors of the Nifty at the end of trad-



ing. At closing Sensex settled at 80,182.20 down by 502.25 points, or 0.62 per cent and Nifty ended at 24,198.85 down by 137.15 points, or 0.56 per cent. Nifty Bank ended at 52,139.55, down by 695.25 points or 1.32 per cent. The Nifty Midcap 100 index closed at 58,723.25 at the end of trading after dropping 378.65 points or 0.64 per cent. Nifty Smallcap 100 index closed at 19,230.35 after dropping 168.10 points or 0.87 per cent. On the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), 1,447 shares



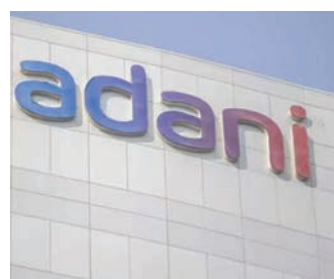
## Pine Labs reports 67 pc sequential fall in Q1 net profit

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Fintech company Pine Labs on Saturday reported a 67 per cent quarter-on-quarter decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 19.57 crore for the first quarter of FY27, even as revenue from operations registered sequential growth. The company had reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 59.36 crore in the January-March quarter of FY26. However, on a year-on-year basis, the company's net profit rose more than fourfold from Rs 4.79 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal, supported by strong growth in income. Revenue from operations rose to Rs 736.92 crore during the April-June quarter from Rs 700.51 crore in the preceding quarter. On a year-on-year basis, revenue increased

from Rs 615.91 crore. Total income stood at Rs 765.87 crore during the quarter under review, compared with Rs 741.44 crore in the previous quarter and Rs 653.08 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. Total expenses increased to Rs 728.14 crore during the quarter from Rs 681.92 crore in the preceding quarter and Rs 657.86 crore a year earlier. Profit before tax (PBT) came in at Rs 31.73 crore for the April-June quarter, down from Rs 68.41 crore in the previous quarter but higher than Rs 4.84 crore reported in the year-ago period.

*Adani Group's advertisement on wind turbines, not just commercial but a beacon of hope*

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** A unique and out-of-the-box advertisement, on wind turbines and renewable energy by the Adani Group, is taking the internet by storm as it comes across as not just a commercial but a beacon of hope for millions, still living in darkness or facing long bouts of power cuts. The 1.30-minute video, with the tagline 'Pehle Pankha Aayega, Phir Bijli Aayegi' takes the viewers by surprise and also goes on to illustrate how clean energy can light up lives, without polluting the environment. The short but incisive video narrates the story of Tamtu, a young boy from a village who along with his father has been spending nights in darkness, waiting for the electricity to knock on their doors. When out of curiosity, Tamtu asks his father, "Papa, when will the electricity come?"



## Bitcoin plummets below \$60,000 for first time since October 2024

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Bitcoin fell below \$60,000 for the first time since October 2024, extending a broad reversal that has seen the largest cryptocurrency lose more than half its value from an October peak above \$126,000. The cryptocurrency slid as much as 7 per cent to \$59,101, and was trading at \$59,743.21 apiece early on Saturday. Bitcoin is suffering from liquidity shifts especially by institutional



investors and capital rotation into sectors drawing fresh investor attention such as artificial intelligence, defence, energy and infrastructure.

## PLI scheme for White Goods: 13 firms commit Rs 1,914 crore investment in 4th round

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Thirteen companies have filed applications with a net committed investment of Rs. 1,914 crore in the fourth round of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for White Goods (Air Conditioners and LED Lights), the government said on Saturday. The application window was open from September 15, 2025 to November 10, 2025. To date, the PLI scheme for White Goods has attracted Rs 10,335 crore of committed investment from 80 approved beneficiaries. The Scheme is ex-

pected to generate production worth Rs. 1.72 lakh crore and create around 60,000 direct jobs across the country. In the fourth round, over 50 per cent of the new applicants are Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), reflecting the growing confidence of small and medium enterprises in joining the air conditioner and LED components manufacturing value chain, according to an IT Ministry statement. The statement further said that among the 13 applicants, one is an existing beneficiary under the PLI Scheme for White Goods, committing an additional investment of Rs 15

crore. According to the ministry, nine applicants, representing 75 per cent of the total, have applied for manufacturing Air Conditioner components with a cumulative investment of Rs 1,816 crore. These investments focus on manufacturing copper tubes, aluminium stock, compressors, motors, heat exchangers, control assemblies, and other high-value components. The remaining four applicants have proposed investments worth Rs. 98 crore for LED component manufacturing, including LED chips, drivers, and heat sinks. The proposed investments cover six states across 13 dis-



tricts and 23 locations, contributing to regional industrial growth and employment generation. Approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 7, 2021, the PLI Scheme for White Goods — with a total outlay of Rs 6,238 crore — aims to establish a

complete component ecosystem for Air Conditioners and LED Lights in India. It is projected to increase domestic value addition from the current 15–20 per cent to 75–80 per cent, positioning India as a key global manufacturing hub for white goods.

## 'It's about time I repay them': Foden after signing new City deal

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Phil Foden says he is determined to repay Manchester City's faith in him after signing a new long-term contract, with the England midfielder viewing the arrival of new manager Enzo Maresca as the perfect opportunity for a fresh start following two difficult seasons. The 26-year-old recently extended his contract at the Etihad Stadium until 2030. He admitted that the club's decision to offer him a new deal, despite his recent struggles, has given him renewed confidence. "It has made me feel relaxed,

and I can just concentrate on being the best version of me and give back to the football club for trusting in me," Foden said. "It's nice to see the support from the club, and it means a lot. It's about time I try to repay them and give back to the club." Foden had the best season of his career in 2023-24, scoring 19 goals as City won the Premier League title. He earned both the PFA Players' Player of the Year and Premier League Player of the Season awards. However, he has not been able to match that success over the past two seasons, managing only 10 goals last sea-

son and failing to score in his last 31 appearances for club and country. The academy graduate made his senior debut under former manager Pep Guardiola at 17. Since then, he has made 369 appearances for City, winning six Premier League titles, one UEFA Champions League, and two FA Cups. With Guardiola leaving at the end of last season and former assistant Enzo Maresca taking over, Foden believes the club has entered a new and exciting chapter. "Very good—a fresh start, a new manager, and so far, I'm really enjoying it," he said.



## 'Incredible and proud day for Sri Lanka' – Sangakkara praises Pathirage for CWG Javelin gold

**London, Aug 1 :** Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara said Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage winning a historic gold medal in men's Javelin Throw at the 2026 Commonwealth Games here has led to an incredible and proud day for his nation to rejoice. Pathirage, 23, became only the fifth Sri Lankan to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal.



## Taipei Open: Tanvi Sharma enters final with dominant straight-games win

**Taipei, Aug 1 :** Tanvi Sharma continued her impressive run at the Taipei Open 2026 by storming into the women's singles final with a commanding straight-games victory, keeping India's title hopes alive at the BWF Super 300 tournament. At the Taipei Arena on Saturday, world number 34 beat the fifth seed and home favourite Huang Yu-hsun 21-17, 21-11, completing the victory in just 33 minutes and thus securing her spot in the final on Sunday against Nguyen Thuy Linh from Vietnam. In contrast to her quarterfinal match against Thailand's fourth seed Supanida Katethong, in which she had to recover from a setback during the match to win in three games,



Tanvi was in full control during the semifinal and kept the home crowd from having any chance of a comeback, concluding the match in straight games with a confident all-round performance. The last achievement marks a major milestone in the young player's swift ascent over the last two years. As part of India's gold-medal-winning team at the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships.

## West Indies aim to turn home conditions into 'fortress', says captain Roston Chase

**New Delhi, Aug 1 :** Buoyed by success in recent performances, West Indies skipper Roston Chase said his side wants to make their home conditions in the Caribbean a 'fortress,' where visiting teams struggle to win, as they prepare for the second and final Test against Pakistan starting on Sunday. West Indies hold a 1-0 lead in

the two-match series following their 90-run victory in the opening Test at Tarouba last week, coming on the heels of a series win over Sri Lanka. "We're very blessed and very happy for the results that we've been having at home so far. But I want to make home our fortress, where we make it very difficult for teams to come to the Caribbean and beat us. "Because it's our own conditions,

we know them inside out, and better than the opposition. So I think we want to really make home advantage count, and we've been doing that well so far. So, as I said, we're lucky to continue in the vein of form that we've been in, and to take victory in this second game," Chase told reporters. A victory in the upcoming clash at the Queen's Park Oval will help West Indies overtake England and

be at seventh spot in the World Test Championship (WTC) points table. "After having the year last year, we sat down with the plan and said that this is where we want to be. And as I said, we're exactly where we want to be. We want to level up. "We want to just come into this second Test, not take anything for granted, just go through the processes that we've sat down and talked about.



## CWG 2026: Preeti clinches women's 54kg boxing gold with dominant unanimous victory

**Glasgow, Aug 1 :** India's Preeti produced a commanding performance to win the gold medal in the women's 54kg boxing event at the Commonwealth Games 2026, defeating Canada's S.S. Delgado by a unanimous 5-0 decision in the final at the SEC Hall 5 on Saturday. Preeti dominated the contest from the opening bell, with all five judges scoring each of the three rounds 10-9 in her favour for a perfect 30-27 verdict. She also registered a knockdown during the bout, underlining her superiority over the Canadian boxer. The Indian pugilist displayed excellent footwork, sharp combinations and tactical discipline throughout the contest.



## 'Football is not for sale': UEFA hails FIFA's withdrawal of controversial WC investment plan

**Geneva, Aug 1 :** UEFA has welcomed FIFA's decision to abandon its controversial proposal to sell a stake in the commercial rights of its competitions, including the FIFA World Cup, calling the reversal "a victory for the whole game" while urging world football's governing body to rebuild trust through greater transparency and accountability.

In a strongly worded statement issued after FIFA President Gianni Infantino confirmed the withdrawal of the proposed FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE) project, UEFA said the plan had been unanimously rejected by its member

associations and opposed by federations and confederations worldwide. "UEFA welcomes FIFA's decision to withdraw its plan to sell a stake in its competitions, including the World Cup, into private hands."

## 'No need to rip everything up' - Root eager to blend Bazball mindset with tactical smarts in second stint

**London, Aug 1:** Reappointed as England's Test captain, veteran batter Joe Root has stated that he will not completely rip apart the fearless approach built by the side over the last four years, but plans to sharpen certain areas to turn the team into a more 'formidable' unit starting with the upcoming series against Pakistan. For the series against Pakistan starting on August 19, Root will team up with interim head coach Marcus Trescothick, with newly appointed

Test coach Stephen Fleming to join from the series against South Africa, set to happen later this year. "I've spoken briefly (with him). If I'm being really honest, there was a big reason why I wanted to do it. I'm very excited by the way he sees the game, where he sees us sit as a team and the work that we have to do to get to where we want to get to.

