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Uttam orders war-footing drive to clear irrigation project bottlenecks

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday launched a war-footing drive to remove land acquisition and rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) bottlenecks delaying key irrigation projects across Telangana.

Telangana CM's visit to US not given political clearance as proposed programmes not appropriate : MEA

New Delhi, Aug 21 : The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday said that the Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's US trip was denied political clearance as the programmes proposed were not appropriate to the office held and the purpose of the visit "Let me say that the visits of Chief Ministers, as indeed those of other dignitaries, are assessed by the Ministry of External Affairs in order to accord political clearance. The programme proposed in such cases should be appropriate to the office held and the purpose of the visit. In this particular case, that was not so with respect to the United States. There-

fore, the clearance was denied and not given. Incidentally, let me also tell you that clearance was given for his visit to the United Kingdom," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated during a bi-weekly media briefing in New Delhi.

Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) of Telangana confirmed that the US visit of Reddy has been cancelled after the permission was denied by the MEA.



“Although the delegation led by the Chief Minister was scheduled to visit the UK and the USA, Revanth Reddy cancelled the US

leg of the trip after the Centre informed the state that permission was being denied on political grounds.”



PM Modi interacts with 20 space startups, calls for India to become global space tech hub

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday interacted with CEOs and founders of 20 Indian space startups at Seva Teerth here, highlighting the growing strength of the country's private space industry and calling for greater collaboration to position India as a global hub for space technology. The interaction brought together leaders of startups working across a wide range of areas, including rocket

and reusable semi-cryogenic launch vehicle development, avionics, satellites, advanced propulsion systems, space and defence intelligence, space debris removal, and AI-powered hyperlocal weather and climate intelligence. The startup founders highlighted the rapid progress made by India's private space sector and shared their vision for its future. They said their companies had invested significant time and effort in de-

veloping capabilities and technologies indigenously, while expressing gratitude for the support extended by the Prime Minister and the government. The industry leaders also underlined the strong ecosystem being created through government support and collaboration among companies. They said their teams were highly motivated and working with determination to achieve ambitious goals in the space sector.

Huge amount of cash seized at MP Avinash Reddy's residence : ED

Amaravati, Aug 21: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) announced that it had seized 24 lakh in unaccounted cash from the residence of Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy.

The ED issued an official statement regarding the murder case of former minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy on Friday, noting that it had also seized the keys to two bank lockers at the MP's residence.

It recalled that Dastagiri revealed the conspiracy to murder Viveka had been hatched a month in advance. It stated that Devireddy Sivashankar Reddy had offered ₹40 crore for the murder. The ED stated that Erra Gangi Reddy had lured Dastagiri with the promise of a 5 crore share out of 40 crore.



Sowcar Janaki passes away

Amaravati, Aug 21 : Sowcar Janaki demonstrated her talent not only as an actress but also as a producer. Here are some interesting details about the two films she produced, their outcomes, and the family members who followed in her footsteps into the film industry. Nasser, President of the Nadigar Sangam, issued an official statement regarding the passing of Sowcar Janaki. He announced that her mortal remains would be kept at Cenotaph Road in Teynampet from 5 PM on Friday, allowing fans, friends, and members of the film industry to pay their respects. Tekumalla Janaki was born on December 12, 1931, in Rajahmundry, East Godavari district.

Vivek assures polytechnic students of no disruption to existing benefits

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Minister for SHAKTI (Labour, Employment, Training & Factories) and Mines G. Vivek Venkataswamy on Friday assured polytechnic students that their existing academic and financial benefits would continue following the decision to bring polytechnic institutions under the SHAKTI department. The Minister visited protesting students at Masab Tank Polytechnic College in Hyderabad.



PIB, Central schemes must reach every citizen : Telangana Governor

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Friday stressed the crucial role of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) in taking Central Government schemes and welfare programmes to the people. A delegation led by Shruti Patil, Additional Director General, PIB, including Dr. Manas Krishnakanth, Joint Director, PIB, and K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Director.



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Congress legislators demand Konda Surekha’s dismissal, expulsion from party

Hyderabad, Aug 21: The controversy involving Telangana Congress Minister Konda Surekha and her daughter Konda Sushmita has intensified, with more than 15 Congress MLAs and MLCs holding an emergency press conference at the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) on Friday. The legislators unanimously demanded that Konda Surekha be immediately dismissed

from the State Cabinet and expelled from the Congress for allegedly failing to condemn her daughter’s remarks targeting Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Speaking on behalf of the legislators, Government Chief Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah said it was “highly strange” for a minister holding a responsible position to claim that she had nothing to do with her daughter’s remarks. “We strongly condemn the fact

that Minister Surekha has so far failed to condemn the controversial remarks made by her daughter Sushmita. If there are differences of opinion within the party, they should be raised at CLP or PCC meetings. It is completely inappropriate to make arbitrary public remarks targeting the Chief Minister and the party,” he said. Narketpally MLA Vemula Veeresham demanded stringent action by the party high command



against those making what he termed “false allegations” against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He alleged that Konda Surekha had previously also made inappro-

priate remarks that brought disrepute to the party. “Revanth Reddy and his brothers worked day and night to bring the Congress to power in the State.

The Konda family should immediately apologise to the Chief Minister. Surekha must be dismissed from the Cabinet and expelled from the party,” Veeresham demanded. Devarakonda MLA Balu Naik also condemned Konda Sushmita’s criticism of the Chief Minister and alleged that the Konda family was “implementing the Opposition’s conspiracies while remaining in the Congress.” “While good governance is being carried out in Telangana, Konda Surekha is behaving like an Opposition leader,” he alleged.



Greyhounds, octopus personnel deployed to curb rice miller defaults

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : The Telangana Civil Supplies Department has inducted 28 personnel from the Greyhounds and Octopus units into its Enforcement and Vigilance wing to crack down on defaulting rice millers. Civil Supplies Commissioner M. Stephen Raveendra briefed the personnel at Civil

Supplies Bhavan here on Friday. The teams have undergone specialised training in departmental procedures and legal provisions relating to essential commodities. The personnel will be deployed across Telangana for surprise inspections and intensive field-level enforcement. The Commissioner warned of a zero-tolerance policy, stating that criminal

cases and stringent legal action would follow against millers found violating government regulations. The department highlighted the record 154 lakh metric tonnes of paddy procured during KMS 2025-26, with the State spending around Rs.40,000 crore on procure-

Panchayat secretary caught taking Rs.13,000 bribe in Mancherial

Mancherial, Aug 21 : ACB officials from Adilabad caught Smt. J. Varalaxmi, Panchayat Secretary of Lingayipalli village in Jannaram mandal, Mancherial district, red-handed while accepting a Rs. 13,000 bribe for granting permission to construct a house and allotting a house number. The accused officer had initially demanded Rs.20,000 from the complainant but later agreed to accept Rs.13,000 following negotiations. Instead of taking the money in cash. , she instructed the complainant to transfer the amount through PhonePe to the account of another Panchayat Secretary, Lavanya.



TGSPDCL sets up single-window support for industries

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : TGSPDCL will introduce a Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) system to provide industrial consumers with a single point of contact for power supply and service-related issues, CMD Jitesh V. Patil, IAS, said at an FTCCI stakeholders’ meeting here. The guidelines for appointing Assistant Divisional Engineers as CRMs are expected within a month. TGSPDCL will also provide a dedicated email facility for industries to register and track complaints. The CMD directed officials to address frequent power interruptions reported by industries in Mallapur, Keesara, Balanagar, Shadnagar and Toopran. The utility will also share grid maps with FTCCI to help industries identify the nearest substations while seeking new connections. Key issues concerning Open Access, solar power, PM-KUSUM, wheeling and banking charges, TOD charges and EV charging infrastructure were discussed. TGSPDCL agreed to examine several representations, including the annual application of the 19% CUF requirement under PM-KUSUM PPAs and concerns over ABT meter settings. The meeting also reviewed a proposed One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for long-pending dues, which is currently under consideration with the Chief Secretary. The 5th FTCCI Stakeholders’ meeting, organised by its Energy Committee, brought together industry representatives and TGSPDCL officials to address operational and regulatory issues affecting industrial and commercial consumers. Vinod Kumar Agarwal, Vice President, FTCCI; Sushil Kumar Sancheti, Chair, Energy Committee, FTCCI; Co-Chairs, Advisors and Members of the Energy Committee; officials from TGSPDCL; and representatives from industry participated in the meeting.

**HDB Financial Services Ltd**
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Branch Office: #76-8-10/1, F.No.-4, Bhavani Towers, Swathi Theater Road, Beside Union Bank Of India Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada-520012.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General) - (Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)
The undersigned Authorized Officer of **HDB Financial Services Ltd**, has taken over Possession of the following property, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.
Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1. **Allabakshu Jewellery Works**, D.No:16-26-32, Majeti Nageswara Rao Veedhi, Sharoff bazar Tenali-522201 Andhra Pradesh **And Also:** W.No.10, B.No.6, T.S.No.495/18 101.5 Sq. Yds. Dr. No. 2-8-28, RCC Daba, E-D Rathaiah Prop, W-M Gali Bazar Tenali-522201. **And Also:** W.No.5, B.No.1, T.S.No.63, Dr. No. 16-26-32 Tenali Town, Shareef Bzr, Mmr St., 9 Sq. Yd. E-J Gali, V-Ch Srinivasarao, T.M Krishna Tenali-522201. 2. **Shaik Samshunnisha**, Door No: 19-1-47, New D No: 19-1-40/2 Andhra Ratna Road, M.S Palem, Tenali Tenali-522201 Andhra Pradesh. 3. **Shaik Allabakhshu**, Door No: 19-1-47, New D No: 19-1-40/2 Andhra Ratna Road, M.S Palem, Tenali Tenali-522201 Andhra Pradesh. 4. **Shaik Kaileshavali**, Door No: 19-1-47, New D No: 19-1-40/2 Andhra Ratna Road, M.S Palem Tenali-522201 Andhra Pradesh. **Loan A/c No's. 13303056, Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.29,29,220/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Two hundred Twenty Only)** as of 21-08-2026.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL.
Item No.1 : SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES-I: DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE/PROPERTY:- A an extent of 101.5 sq.yds site or 84.86 sq.mts site and RCC Daba house bearing Door No.2-8-28, Town Survey, Ward No.10, Block No.6, T.S.No.495/18 Ac.0.10 Cents, in which 204 Sq.yds, out of which southern side property. Situated in Tenali Municipal, Tenali Sub-Registry, Guntur District, being **bounded by:** North: Property of Bola Sriathla - 48' 6". South: Property of Allimunnisa Bibi by the site of house wall of this daba - 49 FT., East :Property of Devabakthuni Rathalah - 19' 1". West: Municipal Gali bazaar - 19' 2' 1/2".

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	EMD Last Date & Time	Auction Date & Time
Rs.65,71,600/-	Rs.6,57,160/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	21.09.2026 up to 06.00 P.M	22.09.2026 at 11.00 a.m to 12 Noon

SCHEDULE-B1: (DESCRIPTION OF LAND/PROPERTY): SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES II
Item No.2 : A n extent of 9 sq.yds site or 7.52 sq.mts site and in that 81 Sq.ft. RCC Daba Shop with all other amenities. bearing Door No. 16-26-32 western side, Ward No.5, Block No.1, T.S.No.63 situated in. Shareef Bazar, Majeti Nageswara Rao Street, Tenali Municipal, Tenali Sub-Registry, Guntur District, being **bounded by:** North: Joint Wall between this property and property of Yemini Sambaiah - 12' 06". South: 6 Ft. wide joint Gali - 12.05. East: Joint Gali - 6.06. West: Property of Chandu Srinivasa Rao, Thunuguntla Murali Krishna - 6' 06".
SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES -III : A n extent of 2.4.9 sq.yds site or 2.09 sq.mts site vacant steps site and in that joint half share L.e. 1.2.4 % Sq.yds, or 1.045 Sq.mts., site only, bearing Door No. 16-26-32 western side Ward No.5, Block No.1, T.S.No.63 situated in. Shareef Bazar, Majeti Nageswara Rao Street, Tenali Sub-Registry, Guntur District, being **bounded by:** North: Joint Wall between this property and property of Yemini Sambaiah - 3' 06". South: 6 Ft. wide joint Gali - 3' 06". East: Property of Chandu Srinivasa Rao, Thunuguntla Murali Krishna - 6' 06". West: Property sold by Tharani Satyanarayana in favour of R.Srinivas Naik - 6' 06".
SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES -IV : A n extent of 9 sq.yds site or 7.52 sq.mts site and RCC Daba Shop in which above open tenors right with all other amenities bearing Door No. 16-26-32, Ward No.5, Block No.1, T.S.No.63 situated in. Shareef Bazar, Majeti Nageswara Rao Street, Tenali Municipal, Tenali Sub-Registry, Guntur District, being **bounded by:** North: Joint Wall between this property and property of Yemini Sambaiah - 12' 06". South: 6 Ft. wide joint Gali - 12' 04". East: 1st item property - 6' 06". West: Joint steps site above 2nd item and R. Srinivasa Naik 6' 06".

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	EMD Last Date & Time	Auction Date & Time
Rs.37,65,000/-	Rs.3,76,500/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	21.09.2026 up to 06.00 P.M	22.09.2026 at 11.00 a.m to 12 Noon

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE:
(1) The auction sale shall be **"online e-auction"** bidding through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. (2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"HDB Financial Service Limited"** above After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Chalan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADED SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com>) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. (3) The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact **M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd**, Jyoti Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015. E-mail ID : support@bankauctions.com, **Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124/ 1125/ 1126, Sales Enquiries : sales@bankauctions.com, 7291981129.** (4) The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/ prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself/ itself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/Properties, before submitting the bids. (5) The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed. (6) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, **M/s.HDB Financial HDB Financial Services Ltd.** #76-8-10/1, F.No.-4, Bhavani Towers, Swathi Theater Road, Beside Union Bank Of India Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada-520012. **Auction venue:** #76-8-10/1, F.No.-4, Bhavani Towers, Swathi Theater Road, Beside Union Bank Of India Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada-520012. (7) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, **HDB Financial Services Limited**, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before **6pm on the 21-09-2026** of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified. (8) For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd** #76-8-10/1, F.No.-4, Bhavani Towers, Swathi Theater Road, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada-520012. **Ch.Srinivasa Rao (9963928773), Raghavendra (9848102103), & Shaik Abdul Kareem (9885391224).** The Properties is sold on **"As-is-where-is"** and **"As-is-what-is"** condition basis. (9) The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by **10:30am on the 22-09-2026** of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of **HDB Financial Services Limited.** (10) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. (11) The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. (12) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. (13) The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.
Date: 21.08.2026, Place: Tenali Sd/-Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd

**AXIS FINANCE LIMITED**

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Notice of 15 days for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below mentioned Borrower and/ Co- Borrower or their legal heirs/representatives (Borrowers) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to **Axis Finance Ltd.** (AFL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AFL, will be sold on **08-09-2026** on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and **"Whatever there is"** and without any recourse basis" for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by **E- Auction 11:00 AM** onwards on the said **08-09-2026**. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the AFL on or before **07-09-2026** till 4:00 PM at Branch address **Axis Finance Limited, Ground Floor, Block-C, Sanali Info Park, Road No-2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034**
The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below,

Sr. No.	Loan A/c No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative/ Guarantor(s)	Date of Demand Notice and amount mentioned in demand notice	Type of possession	Reserve Price	Outstanding as on
1	0456MMA 00009150	1.Mrs. Mangali Arundhadee (Borrower/Mortgagor) 2.Mr. Mangali Shivakumar (Co-Borrower)	17/02/2025 Rs.43,15,528/-(Rupees Forty Three Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and twenty eight Only)	Symbolic	Rs.56,09,655/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five only)	Rs.50,61,518 /- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Only) due as on 18/08/2026
Description of Immovable Secured Asset: All that part and parcel of Open Plot bearing Door no 4-8/A/1, in Survey no 89/B, admeasuring 380 sq. yds, or 317.72 sq. mtrs, or 169 sq ft situated at Fathepur Village and Municipality, Shankarpalli Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State bounded by: North: 14' -0" Wide Road, South: Wall, East: 20' -0" Wide Road, West: Signal Tower						
2	0456AHA 00010148 & 0456MMA 00017121	1.Mr. Raghunadha Reddy Alla (Borrower Cum Mortgagor), 2.Lakshya Health Care(Co-Borrower) 3.Mrs. Swetha Alla (Co-Borrower Cum Mortgagor)	27/09/2025 INR 3,28,74,233/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Eight Lakh Seventy Four Thousand two Hundred and thirty three Only)	Symbolic	Rs.3,86,11,485/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Six Lakhs Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five only)	Rs.3,65,02,961 /- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty One Only) due as on 18/08/2026
Description of Immovable Secured Asset: All that Part and Parcel of Residential Open Plot bearing SCB 4-21-031 (Part of old 3/A), total admeasuring 535 Sq. Yards or equivalent to 4815 Sq. feets, situated at Anjanma Compound, Picket, Secunderabad Cantonment Area, Telangana 50001 and bounded by: North: Neighbour's Land, South: Neighbour's Land and Temple, East: Road, West: Neighbour's Land.						
3	0456MMA 00008702	1.Mr. Yadadri Agro Farms Private Limited (Borrower Cum Mortgagor) Represented By Its Director Mr. Sai Kiran Kothapally 2.Mr. Sai Kiran Kothapally (Co-Borrower/Director) 3.Mr. Peesapat Ravi shankar(Co-Borrower)	26/06/2024 & Rs. 2,97,98,410/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety seven lakh Ninety eight thousand four hundred and ten only)	Symbolic	Rs.2,10,25,931/- (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One only)	Rs.3,87,30,181 /- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Only) due as on 18/08/2026
Description of Immovable Secured Asset: All that Part and Parcel of Commercial Building (Western Part of 3rd Floor) with super built up area of 3297 sqft (including two car parking in Cellar) together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 101.5 sqyds, out of 1015 sq. yds, constructed on Plot nos. 9 & 10, Municipal No. 8-2-248/11/7/9 & 10/3B situated at Panjagutta, known as Road no. 1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana and bounded on the: North by: Open to Sky, South by: Open to Sky, East by: Corridor, Staircase & Lift (East Part of 3rd Floor) West by: Open to Sky.						
4	0456MMA 00012359 & 0456MMA 00016846	1.Mr. Desharaj Santhosh Kumar, (Borrower Cum Mortgagor) 2.Mr. Desharaj Dhanalaxmi (Co-Borrower)	01/09/2025 INR 72,73,980/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Seventy Three Thousand nine Hundred and eighty Only)	Physical	Rs.78,24,600/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred only)	Rs.82,73,396/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Only) due as on 18/08/2026
Description of Immovable Secured Asset: All that part and parcel of entire 2nd Floor of Residential House bearing Municipal No.8-3- 229/D/6 (PTI no 1195500864) admeasuring 1124.25 Sq. ft & common area 163.75 Sq.ft. includes common stair case and lift, total plinth area admeasuring 1288 Sq.ft. along with car parking area 110 Sq.ft, together with proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 29.6 Sq.yds, out of total land admeasuring 148 Sq. Yards equivalent to 123.72 Sq.mtrs in Survey Nos.403, 120/4, 120/5, 120/6, T.S.No.3, Block B, Ward no 9, situated at Shaikpet Village, Shaikpet Mandal , Venkatagiri, Hyderabad and bounded by: Boundaries of Land: North: 30'-0" Wide road, South: 20'-0" Wide road, East: Premises No 8-3-229/D / 7 / A, West: Premises No 8-3-229/D / 5 / A Boundaries Of Second Floor: North: Corridor, Staircase & Lift, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky						

Note: The bidders are advised to conduct due diligence before submitting the bid. The auction shall be subject to the outcome of the litigation. Dispute if any.
At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and the terms and conditions prescribed:
The E-auction of the properties will take place through portal <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/> on 08.09.2026, 11:00 a.m. onwards. For further details please refer to the notice published in the newspapers and at websites: <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/> and www.axisfinance.com
Contact Person Details & Mob. Nos.:
Mr. Srinivas R Mob: 8106160151, Mr. Ayan Bhattacharya :Mob: 9811710558
Place: Mumbai
Date: 21/08/2026
Registered Address: At C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025.
CIN No. U65921MH1995PLC212875, Branch Address: Axis Finance Limited, Ground Floor, Block-C, Sanali Info Park, Road No-2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Finance Ltd.



Jwala Gutta backs revamped Khelo India Scheme, calls it a Game Changer

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Two-time Olympian and former world badminton championships medallist Jwala Gutta has backed the revamped Khelo India Scheme, describing it as a “gamechanger” that was “long overdue” and capable of transforming the face of sports

in India. Speaking at a media briefing in Hyderabad on Friday, Gutta said the new scheme’s focus on grassroots development, sustainability and athlete support would give parents greater confidence in encouraging their children to take up sport. “I am a government product myself and with-

out its support I would not have achieved whatever I have as a player. In its new avatar, the Khelo India Scheme looks extremely promising”, she added. Dr A. Sonibala Devi, the vice-chairperson and managing director of the Sports Authority of Telangana (SAT), Shri Vishnu Sudhakaran, the regional director of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru and Ms S. Hima Bindu, a SAI deputy director based in Delhi, were also present. The 2026–31 Khelo India Scheme has an outlay of Rs.29,054 crore, an eight-fold increase over the previous allocation, and targets a ten-fold rise in the number of athletes supported. SAI Deputy Director S. Hima Bindu said the scheme seeks to create a structured pathway from grassroots participation to Olympic excellence. It envisages a scientific and technology-enabled talent identification system through Khelo India Utkrishta

Vidyalayas, feeder schools and Khelo India Centres, along with a strengthened academy and coaching ecosystem. Telangana is among the key beneficiaries. As many as 33 Khelo India Centres have been notified in the State, supporting more than 601 athletes under Past Champion Athletes. A Khelo India State Centre of Excellence is also operational in Medchal-Malkajgiri, where 254 athletes are being supported in rowing, weightlifting and fencing. Nineteen Khelo India Accredited Academies have been notified across disciplines including athletics, gymnastics, shooting, badminton, table tennis, cycling, tennis and football. Under the Sports for Women initiative, 127 ASMITA leagues have been conducted in Telangana.



Revanth visits Oxford University, explores global education partnerships

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy arrived at Oxford University, the world’s oldest English-speaking university, with a history spanning over 900 years, on Friday as part of his official international tour. As part of the visit, the Chief Minister and his high-

level delegation visited the Blavatnik School of Government, one of the youngest and most prestigious public policy institutions under the Oxford umbrella. The Telangana delegation, which included Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao among other senior officials.

Proposals for the beautification of Sinare Kala Mandiram must be prepared : District Collector Garima Agrawal

Rajanna Sircilla (Vemulawada), Aug 21: District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed officials to prepare proposals for the beautification of Sinare Kala Mandiram in Vemulawada town. On Friday,

the District Collector inspected both the interior and the premises of the Sinare Kala Mandiram building. She instructed officials to draft comprehensive proposals covering the building’s beautification,

District Collector inspects Sinare Kala Mandiram in Vemulawada town.

lighting, seating arrangements, sound system, and the provision of basic amenities. Vemulawada RDO K.S.B.

Kumari, Municipal Commissioner Lokesh, Tahsildar Jayanth, the MPDO, TPO Ansar, and others participated in the inspection.



CHANGE OF NAME

I PAMU DEVI (NEW NAME), previously called PAMULA DEVI (Old Name), Resident of Door No.3-7, Kuraparthi Village, Vayalpad Mandal Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode 517299. Now Changed My Name from PAMULA DEVI (Old Name) To PAMU DEVI (New Name). Hence forth I will be called as PAMU DEVI (New Name) for all purpose.

Frankfinn wins three THSC awards; TG Tightens crackdown on Rice Millers

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Frankfinn Institute of Air Hostess Training has won three prestigious Training Partner Awards at the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council’s (THSC) Connect 2026 conference in New Delhi.

Frankfinn was recognised for Highest training centre affiliation, Private funded short-term training and Highest enrolment in training of trainers. THSC CEO Rajan Bahadur presented the awards to Frankfinn Group COO Sudhir

Malhotra at the event held at the India Habitat Centre on August 20. The latest honours add to Frankfinn’s record of five earlier Best Training Partner awards from THSC.



BJP hits out at Cong over CM's foreign trip clearance

Hyderabad, Aug 21 : Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Friday accused the Congress of unnecessarily politicising the denial of political clearance for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s proposed US visit. Talking to media persons at the state BJP office here, Rao said there was no political angle to the Centre’s decision and pointed out that permission had already been granted to officials accompanying the Chief Minister to pursue investment meetings and agreements. He said the Ministry of External Affairs considers several factors, including the purpose of a visit, diplomatic and security considerations, protocol and other regulatory requirements, before granting political clearance. Rao cited instances during the UPA regime when foreign visits proposed by then Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and Jharkhand Chief Minister Arjun Munda were denied clearance. He urged the Congress to avoid politicising the issue. He recalled how Congress MPs and leaders conspiratorially wrote letters to deny a US visa to Narendra Modi, who was the Chief Minister of Gujarat at the time.



Students Must Lead the Way for Positive Change in Society

Rajanna Sircilla, Aug 21: Sircilla DSP K. Nagendra Chari urged students to stay away from harmful habits and become torchbearers of positive change in society, noting that drug abuse severely impacts the future of the youth. An awareness program themed “Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan - Viksit Bharat Ki Pehchan” (Drug-Free India Campaign - Identity of a Developed India) was held on Friday at the Babu Jagjivan Ram Agricultural College, affiliated with Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University. Sircilla Sub-Divisional Police Officer Nagendra Chari and CI Nageshwar Rao attended as chief guests at the event, which was jointly organized by the college’s Anti-Drug Committee and the NSS unit. College Associate Dean Dr. S. Upender presided over the program. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guests educated the students about the physical, mental, social, and academic adverse effects of

Call by Sircilla DSP K. Nagendra Chari “Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan” Awareness Program at Sircilla Agricultural College

drug abuse. They advised the youth to shun drugs and adopt a healthy, responsible lifestyle. Speaking on the occasion, CI Nageswar Rao urged everyone to remain vigilant against drug abuse and addiction, advising the youth to safeguard their futures and raise awareness among others. Dr. S. Upender, Associate Dean of the Agricultural College, stated that a healthy youth population forms the strong foundation of a

developed India; he encouraged students to say “no” to drugs and choose a healthy lifestyle. Students, NSS volunteers, and college staff took a collective pledge to stay away from drugs, create awareness in society about the harmful effects of substance abuse, and contribute their best towards building a drug-free society.



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COURSE	Intake	Category 'B' Seats (25%)
B.Ed.	100	25

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Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)					
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorized 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 IIFL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. If the borrower clears the dues of the "IIFL 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 "IIFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IIFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mr. Guruswamy Mrs. B. Danalaxmi Guruswamy Mini Beed Bunk (Prospect No IL10249657)	All that piece & parcel of Syno/129, H.No.4/62, Joharapuram Village, Aspar Mandal, Joharapuram, Kumool, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518347 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Land, Area, Built, Up, Area Property Area: 479.00, 479.00 Bounded By: North: Pinjar Saitar House South: Kammarachedu Lakshmi Devi House And Road East: Pinjar Kasamma House West: Kammarachedu Lakshmi Devi House	Rs. 374393/-Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred And Ninety Three Rupees Only	09-01-2026	18-08-2026	
Mr. Gangapatta Venkateswarlu Mrs. Sowjanya Venkateswarlu Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10416401)	All that piece & parcel of H.No. 1-26, Sy No. 29-1, Nandigutta Village, Podlakur Mandal, Nellore District, Ap. 524409 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Land, Area, Built, Up, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 1852.00, 572.00, 400.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: G Chinnai Vengaiha East: Road West: Empty Land	Rs. 454348/-Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred And Forty Eight Rupees Only	03-11-2025	18-08-2026	
Mr. Pedda Pullaiah Suripaka Mrs. Puspa Suripaka Pedda Pullaiah Auto Services (Prospect No IL10444094)	All that piece & parcel of House No: 1100, Survey No: 534, Inukurthi Village, Podlakur Mandal, Nellore District, Ap. 524409 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1277 Bounded By: North: Meka Subramanyam South: C C Road East: C C Road West: Empty Place	Rs. 433554/-Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred And Fifty Four Rupees Only	05-01-2026	18-08-2026	
Mrs. Vidupankulu Nagamma Mr.V. Janardn Mr. Vidupankulu Nagaraju Nagamma Kirana General Store (Prospect No IL10738503)	All that piece & parcel of Sy No 592/A2, Door No 4-813, Alur Village, Podlakur Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518395 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Land, Area, Built, Up, Area Property Area: 520.00, 520.00 Bounded By: North: V.Gangappa South: Jayaramudu East: Road West: Vacant Place	Rs. 540412/-Rupees Five Lakh Four Thousand Four Hundred And Twelve Rupees Only	09-01-2026	18-08-2026	
Mr. Shivakar Chandrasekhkar Mrs. Shivakar Siresha Chandra Shekhar Tiles Work (Prospect No IL10754385)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No. 112, Survey No. 380, Village: Peddanelakuru, Mandal: Gonnegandla, District: Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India 518463 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No.115 East: Plot No.116 West: Vacant Place	Rs. 246245.66/-Rupees Two Lakh Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred And Forty Five & Sixty Six Paise	09-06-2026	18-08-2026	
Mrs. Mallepogu Syamala Mr. Kila Kirankumar Daily Lebur (Prospect No IL10787644)	All that piece & parcel of Sy No. 741C, 74E, 74G, 74H, Plot No 661, 35th Ward, Adoni, Near By Main Road, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India 518301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 436 Bounded By: North: 20 Ft Road South: Plot No 658 East: Plot No 662 West: Plot No 660	Rs. 241958.76 Rupees Two Lakh Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred And Fifty Eight & Seventy Six Paise	09-03-2026	19-08-2026	
Mrs. Bandi Shaheen Mr. Bandi Mohammed Ali Shaheen Mohammad Ali Daily Labor (Prospect No IL10627786)	All that piece & parcel of Survey No. 233, Old Biltraguda Village, Sainagar Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, India 518301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1080 Bounded By: North: House Of Koppolu Veeraswamy South: House Of Pandipalla Raghavulu East: Road West: House Of Elchiarla Chinnahai	Rs. 469296/-Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred And Ninety Six Rupees Only	09-06-2026	18-08-2026	
Mr. Vootkuri Yadagiri Mrs. Vootkuri Sridevi (Prospect No IL10369014)	All that piece & parcel of Door No.9-86, Perakondaram Village, Sainagar Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, India 518301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Land, Area, Built, Up, Area Property Area: 864.00, 183.00 Bounded By: North: Bazar South: House Of Macharla Yadagiri East: Balla West: Open Place Of Uduju Lingaiah	Rs. 318434/-Rupees Three Lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred And Thirty Four Rupees Only	06-11-2025	18-08-2026	
Mr. Vemula Venkanna Mrs. Vemula Neelamma Agriculture Tractor Owner (Prospect No IL10684671)	All that piece & parcel of H.No. 2-232, Assessment No. 232, Sainagar Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, India 518301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 3537 Bounded By: North: Road South: Land Of Enugu Madhukar East: Open Place Of Vemula Vinoda West: Road	Rs. 778776/-Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred And Seventy Six Paise Only	05-01-2026	18-08-2026	

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/borrower, guarantor, mortgagor 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 of Arcil - Trust - 2026 - 015, 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 availed by them. The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of 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 the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN R.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mrs. Pawani Surapally Mrs. Srinivas Madigala (Prospect No IL10118570)	All that piece & parcel of: Flat No A3-528, Fifth Floor, Block No A-3, Sitaru, Janapriya Lake Front, Sy No 663, 667, 668 & 671, Kapra Village, Keesara Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, TS 500013 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 965 Bounded By: North: Open To Sky South: Open To Sky East: Open To Sky West: Passage To Staircase	Rs. 3285375.58/-Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Three Hundred And Seventy Five & Fifty Eight Paise Only	06-01-2026	18-08-2026	
Mr. Madhusudan Reddy Kommidir Mr. Kommidir Srikanth Reddy Mrs. Kandari Manjula (Prospect No IL105274)	All that piece & parcel of Flat No 106, 1st Floor, Plot No 516 & 517, Prapaj Water Front City, Survey No. 411, 413, 42, 43, 57, 58 & 59, Muraharipally Village, Yadaram Gram Panchayat, Shammeepet Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District, Telangana, 501401 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Area, Adm. Property Area: 715 Bounded By: North: Condo South: Open To Sky East: Staircase And Open To Sky West: Open To Sky	Rs. 1050139.06/-Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred And Thirty Nine Rupees And Six Paise Only	06-01-2026	18-08-2026	

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 borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.

Place: Telangana Date: 22-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (In capacity as Trustee)

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India, Turkey should share production value chains instead of competing for entire factories

India and Turkey should focus on dividing production tasks across shared value chains rather than competing to own entire factories, a new report has said, pointing to the lost opportunity when both countries pursue the same industry and compete for multinational orders. The report from India Narrative argued that sectors such as automotive electronics, railway equipment, renewable-energy components, machinery parts and industrial software offer realistic opportunities for collaboration if both countries divide production across value chains. "Partnerships should share value chains, not compete for investment announcements," the report said, warning that incentives programmes in both countries risk becoming an expensive contest to "persuade the same multinational groups to place an entire plant on one side rather than the other."

India on March 30 approved 29 proposals under its Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme covering items such as flexible printed circuit boards, connectors, heat sinks, lithium-ion cells and rare-earth magnets. Turkey's HIT-30 programme targets many of the same industries with support packages including \$5 billion for electric vehicles, \$4.5 billion for batteries and \$5 billion for semiconductors, the report said, flagging an unnecessary competition. Turkey already hosts around 1,100 automotive component suppliers and exported roughly three-quarters of its vehicle output in 2025, while India offers a much larger domestic market, expanding electronics capacity and incentive programmes to deepen localisation. The publication noted that assets in both countries are complementary only if cooperation goes beyond one giant joint venture in one country.

As a practical first step, the report recommended starting with automotive electronics, with Indian firms producing flexible circuits or sensor assemblies while Turkish partners supply tooling, housings or thermal-management parts. The division should come from considerations related to cost, capability and buyer audits rather than a diplomatic assumption that India has software-related capabilities and Turkey has hardware expertise. "Renewable energy makes the risk of duplication clearer. India reported 172 GW of solar-module manufacturing capacity by March 2026. Turkey is supporting solar cells, wind-turbine components and batteries through HIT-30," the report said. The publication warned that building two protected supply chains for every technology may produce excess capacity in the same low-margin stages.

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Bangladesh measles outbreak claims eight more lives, death toll crosses 900

Dhaka, Aug 21 : At least eight children have died from the measles outbreak in Bangladesh on Friday, raising the total number of confirmed and suspected deaths to 902 this year, amid an escalating health crisis in the country, local media reported.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), the deaths were reported in the 24 hours leading up to Saturday morning. The latest eight fatalities from the disease were identified as suspected, Bangladeshi media outlet UNB reported. Reports suggest that while the number of confirmed deaths remained at 99, the total number of suspected deaths climbed to 803. The DGHS recorded a total of 728 new suspected measles cases during the 24-hour period, bringing the overall tally of suspected cases to 141,776. Additionally, 70 new confirmed cases were reported, increasing the total to 17,800 during the same period.

As Bangladesh continues to witness a sharp increase in measles cases, a leading international advocacy group recently described the 2026 outbreak as one of the country's worst public health crises in recent history, highlighting the concern that the disease is preventable through vaccination.



MEA Secretary highlights priorities of India's chairship at BRICS conference

Cairo, Aug 21 : Sripriya Ranganathan, Secretary (Consular of Passport and Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), highlighted the priorities of India's BRICS 2026 Chairship at the India-Egypt BRICS Partnership Conference. "Sripriya Ranganathan addressed the Inaugural Session of the India-Egypt BRICS Partnership Conference, organised by the Indian Embassy in Egypt in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs, at the Diplomatic Club in Cairo," the Indian Embassy in Egypt said on social media platform X on Friday. "Secretary Ranganathan highlighted the priorities of India's BRICS 2026 Chairship and underscored how India-Egypt Strategic Partnership provides a strong foundation for closer cooperation within BRICS and for advancing the priorities of the Global South," it added. Secretary Ranganathan is on an official visit to Egypt, Palestine and Lebanon from August 16-21.

According to the MEA, during her visit, Secretary Ranganathan will meet her counterparts

and various stakeholders. "The visit will focus on reinforcing India's friendly ties with these countries and also offer an opportunity for discussions on regional developments and other issues of mutual interest," the Ministry said. It also noted that Secretary Ranganathan will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural session of India-Egypt in "BRICS: Towards a Stronger Voice for the Global South", aimed at discussing ways to strengthen the India-Egypt partnership within BRICS. The MEA also mentioned that this is the Secretary's maiden visit to these countries in her current capacity and is expected to further strengthen India's ties with the region.

Punjab transfers 12 IPS officers in major police reshuffle

Chandigarh, Aug 21 : The Punjab government has ordered a significant administrative reshuffle in the state police department, transferring and reassigning 12 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers. The orders, issued by the Department of Home Affairs (Home-I Branch) on Friday, take effect immediately on administrative grounds. According to the release, V Neeraja, IPS (1994), has been posted as SAS Nagar Special Director General of Police (DGP). She moves from the post of Special DGP (Cyber Crime). Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal, IPS

(1997), who was serving as ADGP with additional charge of ADGP (Jails), has been appointed ADGP (Cyber Crime) at SAS Nagar. He will continue to hold the additional charge of ADGP (Jails) in Punjab and Chandigarh. Nanak Singh, IPS (2011), DIG (Ropar Range), has been posted as DIG (Internal Vigilance Cell) at Punjab and Chandigarh. He will also retain the additional charge of DIG (Ropar Range). Among other key changes, Vatsala Gupta, IPS (2016), has been appointed AIG (Personnel-II) in Punjab and Chandigarh against a vacant post. She was earlier Commandant of the 27th Battalion of Punjab Armed Police (PAP) at



Jalandhar, with additional charges of AIG (ANTF), Ludhiana, and AIG (ARP & SDRF), Jalandhar. Pragya Jain, IPS (2017), previously Punjab AIG (Law and Order), has been posted as AIG (ANTF) (Ludhiana Range). She will also hold the additional charge of AIG (Internal Security) in Punjab and Ludhiana, relieving Vatsala Gupta of that responsibility.

In the Deputy Commissioner of Police rank, Arvind Meena, IPS (2020), SP (Headquarters) at Ropar, has been appointed DCP (Law and Order) at Ludhiana, against a vacant post. Akarshi Jain, IPS (2020), Jalandhar ADCP, has been posted as DCP (Headquarters) at Amritsar against a vacant post. Jasroop Kaur Batth, IPS (2020), Amritsar ADCP, has been transferred as Jalandhar DCP (Law and Order). Aditya S Warriar, IPS (2020), SP (Investigation), Amritsar Rural, has been appointed DCP (City), Jalandhar. Jayant Puri, IPS (2021), has been shifted from ADCP (Investigation), Jalandhar, to ADCP (Investigation).

Ambassador Kwatra hails Indian diaspora's role in US ties

Washington, Aug 21: India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, on Friday praised the Indian diaspora for its contribution to India's development and the strengthening of India-US relations.

Kwatra spoke to IANS at the Indian Embassy marked India's 80th Independence Day at India House in Washington.

The celebrations included the hoisting of the Tricolour, cultural performances and recognition of young winners of painting and quiz competitions. "Today is a great day for all of us, all the Indians here, Indian diaspora, everywhere in the world, particularly in the United States," the Indian envoy to US said. "Last eight decades of our independence have been a great story of success and achievement, and have set ourselves up for our goal of achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047," Kwatra added. Viksit Bharat is India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047, the centenary of its independence. The Indian Ambassador to US placed the diaspora at the centre of that effort. He also underlined its role in building ties



between New Delhi and Washington. "I want to congratulate the members of the Indian diaspora who have been making remarkable contributions in the journey, not just of India, but also of India-US relationship," Kwatra said. "Strong India, developed India," he added. As part of the ceremony, Kwatra read out the address of President Droupadi Murmu. President Murmu praised Indians at home and abroad for contributing to nation-building and enhancing the country's standing on the global stage. She highlighted India's economic progress, digital infrastructure and expanding physical connectivity.

Former Chadian Prime Minister calls for forgiveness after presidential pardon

Yaounde, Aug 21 : Former Chadian Prime Minister and opposition leader Succes Masra called for forgiveness and reconciliation hours after being freed from prison under a presidential pardon.

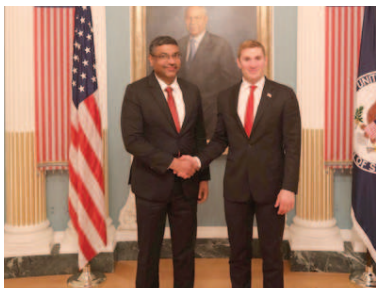
Masra was released on Friday and spoke to supporters at the headquarters of his party, The Transformers, in the capital N'Djamena, in the early hours of Saturday, around 1:50 a.m. local time.

"With an open heart, we forgive all those who have wronged us. We must forgive," Masra told the crowd, adding that he held no grudges, Xinhua News Agency reported. Chadian President Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno has signed two decrees granting presidential pardons to nine political leaders and partial sentence reductions to other convicts across the country, the presidency said Friday morning. Masra was among nine politicians granted clemency. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison and ordered to pay 1 billion CFA francs (about 1.76 US dollars) in damages. Eight leaders of the Consultation Group of Political Actors, including party presidents and secretaries-general, have also been pardoned following requests submitted to the head of state.

While the decision, initially announced by Mahamat Deby on August 10 on the eve of Chad's Independence Day, lifts the prison sentences, authorities said it does not cancel



civil penalties, which remain enforceable. "Chad has suffered too much from the horrors of war and division," as well as inter-communal conflicts "that sow death and grief," Mahamat said in an address to the nation on the eve of Independence Day, noting that the country's future depends on "its ability to remain united and stand together" despite the challenges it faces. Masra, president of Chad's opposition political party The Transformers, served as prime minister of the transitional government from January to May 2024. He was arrested in May 2025 and sentenced in August 2025 for "inciting hatred and revolt" and complicity in murder. Thanking Mahamat Deby for the pardon, Masra said he was ready to work with the government on reforms.



India, US discuss deeper cooperation in semiconductors, AI and critical minerals

New Delhi, Aug 21 : India and the United States discussed ways to deepen bilateral technological cooperation, with a focus on semiconductor manufacturing, artificial intelligence (AI), trusted supply chains and critical minerals, during a high-level meeting in Washington, it was announced on Friday.

In a post on social media platform X, the Embassy of India in Washington said that Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), S. Krishnan, met US Under Secretary of State Jacob S. Helberg to explore avenues to expand cooperation in key technology sectors. "MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan met with US Under Secretary of State Jacob S. Helberg to deepen bilateral technological cooperation," the Embassy said in the post.

BNP turning B'desh prisons into death traps: Awami League after youth wing leader dies in custody

Dhaka, Aug 21 : Amid mounting concerns over custodial deaths of Awami League members in Bangladesh, a leader of the party's youth wing, Jubo League, died in Chattogram Central Jail, local media reported. According to the jail authorities, the deceased, Nurul Alam, fell ill at Chattogram Central Jail on Friday. He was subsequently taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead. Nurul was arrested on June 23 in connection with a case registered under the Explosive Substances Act at Satkania Police Station back in 2024, Bangladeshi daily

Prothom Alo reported. This latest incident came just days after another Awami League activist allegedly died following torture in police custody, sparking widespread condemnation and renewed concerns over custodial deaths in the country. Condemning the death of Nurul, the Awami League accused the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government of turning prisons into "death traps," drawing parallels with conditions during the rule of former President and BNP founder Ziaur Rahman. "A prison is not supposed to be a person's final destination."



Trump says he instructed Pentagon chief to 'substantially' reduce South Korea-US military drills

Washington, Aug 21 : US President Donald Trump said Friday (local time) that he has instructed the Pentagon chief to "substantially" reduce joint US-South Korea military exercises, noting that those exercises are not only "costly" but also send a "totally inappropriate and hostile" signal to North Korea.

Trump made the remarks in a social media post as Seoul and Washington are set to kick off their annual Ulchi Freedom Shield exercise this week, which Pyongyang has long decried as war rehearsals, Yonhap news agency reported.

"Based on my very good relationship with Kim Jong Un, of North Korea, I am not happy with the fact that the United States has, long ago, agreed to participate in Joint Military Exercises with South Korea," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

"These exercises are not only costly, with much of these costs paid for by the United States of America (as usual!), but send a signal that is totally inappropriate and hostile, to a Country that, as long as Donald J. Trump has been President, has been unthreatening and respectful," he added. He then noted, "Based

on the fact that it is too late to cancel, I have instructed Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth, to substantially reduce the Joint Military Exercises!" He also said that he had recently asked South Korean President Lee Jae Myung if Seoul would like to join the effort to denuclearise Iran, and was told, "No thanks." He did not elaborate further.

"While somewhat unrelated, I recently asked the President of South Korea if they would like to join us in the Denuclearization of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and they said, 'No thanks!'" Trump wrote.

Indian envoy to Canada meets Speaker of House of Commons, discusses parliamentary cooperation

Ottawa, Aug 21 : In a bid to boost India-Canada parliamentary ties, Indian High Commissioner to Canada Dinesh K. Patnaik met Canadian Speaker of the House of Commons, Francis Scarpaleggia and discussed shared democratic values along with avenues for future cooperation between the two countries.

India is also set to host a del-

egation led by Speaker Scarpaleggia during the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of Commonwealth Countries (CSPOC) slated.

"High Commissioner Dinesh K. Patnaik met with the Speaker of the House of Commons Francis Scarpaleggia today to discuss advancing India-Canada parliamentary ties. Productive exchange on

shared democratic values and future collaboration. India looks forward to welcoming a delegation led by the Speaker at the 28th CSPOC next month," the Indian High Commission in Ottawa posted on X on Thursday (Indian time). On Wednesday, Patnaik held a productive meeting with Lena Metlege Diab, Canadian Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, where the



two sides explored ways to deepen bilateral cooperation between India and Canada. The talks also covered immigration processes, student-related issues, and a deeper understanding of respective systems.



Massive energy production increase needed to raise living standards of global poor: US Energy Secretary

United Nations, Aug 21 : The only way to better the lives of hundreds of millions of people living in poverty is to massively increase energy production, according to US Energy Secretary Chris Wright. At a briefing on "Energy, Critical Minerals, and Security" on Friday, he invoked the problems faced by the poor in the Global South as he criticised "aggressive climate policies" and expounded on President Donald Trump's administration's gospel of "energy abundance".

Looking around the Security Council chamber, he said that only one billion people in the world live lives of plenty like those there.

"Seven billion people aspire to the lives we have," he said. "The only road from here to there is massively more energy".

He gave the example of "two billion people, one-quarter of humanity today" who don't have clean cooking fuels and burn wood, charcoal, and dung, indoors to cook and heat. "The indoor air pollution from this alone kills over two million people, as estimated by the United Nations health agency," he said.



Ro Khanna sketches 2028 White House vision

Washington, Aug 21 : Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna, who has not ruled out a 2028 Presidential campaign, has said that Democrats need a new national economic project focused on workers, reindustrialisation and ensuring that artificial intelligence benefits communities beyond Silicon Valley. Khanna stopped short of announcing a White House bid on Friday. But the California Democrat presented what he called "economic patriotism" as his central vision for the country.

"For me, I'm most focused on a national economic vision for this country," Khanna told NBC News.

Khanna represents Silicon Valley, home to some of the world's largest technology companies and vast concentrations of wealth. "It's working for a few billionaires in a few places. But it's not working for people I grew up with," he said. Khanna added that the Democratic Party had lost ground by failing to address the concerns of working-class communities and areas hit by industrial decline.

"The Democrats' path back out of the wilderness is to have a clear national economic message," he said.

"We shafted too many communities that were de-industrialised. We left out the working class."

UN General Assembly, Security Council should function as complementary bodies: UNGA president

United Nations, Aug 21 : The UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the Security Council should function as complementary bodies, and strengthening cooperation between the two will boost the United Nations' credibility and capacity to respond effectively, said Philemon Yang, president of the 79th session of the UNGA.

In a written interview with Xinhua, Yang said that within the confines of the powers established by the UN Charter, when the Security Council is blocked, the General Assembly should be able to step in to uphold the UN's credibility and mission, ensuring a coordinated and effective response to global crises. Action 42 of the Pact for the Future, adopted in September 2025, reflects a formal commitment by member states to strengthen the role and authority of the General Assembly in addressing evolving global challenges, fully in accordance with the UN Charter, he said.

The Pact for the Future calls for the reform of the UN Security Council as a matter of priority and without delay. By advancing the reform of the Security Council, through the intergovernmental negotiations of the General Assembly, it is possible that the Security Council could become more effective in fulfilling its mandate.



US Senate sounds alarm on China's nuclear surge, AI war risks

Washington, Aug 21 : Top American Senators heard stark warnings about China's accelerating nuclear expansion and its move toward AI-enabled command systems, with witnesses telling lawmakers that Beijing is proceeding at a "breathhtaking pace" and could fundamentally shift the strategic balance across the Indo-Pacific.

The testimony carries significant implications for Asian security, including India, as China builds capabilities that extend far beyond regional boundaries.

Marshall Billingslea, the former Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Saturday (local time) that China is now "on pace to deploy as many operational nuclear weapons, strategic nuclear weapons as the United States by 2035, if not sooner."

"They're going faster than we previously briefed... It is alarming," he added.



Syria's diplomatic outreach unfolds as it grapples with internal unrest

Damascus, Aug 21 : As Syria's new leadership ramps up diplomatic efforts with visits to world capitals, it finds itself simultaneously confronting a deepening sectarian crisis at home, posing a critical test of its capacity to govern a fractured country.

Arunachal govt to enact law to regulate haphazard urbanisation

Itanagar, Aug 21 : The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet on Friday approved a draft bill to regulate the haphazard growth of urbanisation, officials said. The Cabinet in its meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved the introduction of the Draft Arunachal Pradesh Urban and

Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and it would be placed in the forthcoming state Assembly session.

The official quoting the discussion of the cabinet meeting said that in recent years, Arunachal Pradesh has been experiencing rapid urbanisation with 47 notified urban centres. He said planning in-

terventions are of utmost importance to regulate haphazard growth and development. Considering the vast geographical area and accessibility of urban towns in the state, such measures are vital to achieve the objectives and vision of the government.

The proposed bill is aimed to address these challenges, the official

said. The Cabinet has also approved "Arunachal Pradesh Municipal Property Tax Management Rule' 2025" prepared by the Directorate of Town Planning, Department of Urban Affairs. The Property Tax shall be implemented initially in all the Municipal areas of the state.



Govt launches 'Cell Broadcast Alert System' for real-time disaster warnings

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia, on Friday launched the 'Cell Broadcast Alert System', developed with the support of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), under the guidance of Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah. According to the government, the advanced system is designed to deliver critical information related to disasters, emergencies and public safety directly to citizens' mobile phones in real time. As part of the rollout, a nationwide test of the system was conducted successfully earlier in the day. During the test, mobile users across the country received

'emergency alert messages' accompanied by a beep sound on their devices, it said. The initiative is seen as a significant step towards ensuring swift and effective dissemination of information during natural disasters, severe weather events and other emergency situations, officials added.

Earlier in the day, the government tested the indigenous mobile emergency alert system across the country to strengthen preparedness and safeguard citizens during natural calamities.

The system is currently undergoing pan-India testing in the form of flash SMS messages issued by the NDMA.

"NDMA will test Cell Broadcast Alerts on May 2, 2026, in your area. On receiving the message on your mobile phone, no action is required. Please do not panic," the government said in a sample message. Officials noted that the alerts were delivered with a loud alarm tone and a flashing message on mobile phones.

Rajasthan: Political battle over Yamuna water agreement escalates as BJP-Cong engage in war of words

Jaipur, Aug 21 : The political battle over the Yamuna Water Agreement has escalated sharply in Rajasthan, with the ruling BJP and Opposition Congress locked in a war of words over who deserves credit for bringing Yamuna waters to the parched Shekhawati region. As former Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot, challenged the BJP government to deliver water on the ground rather than sign agreements, and Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra dubbed the latest pact a "false MoU", Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched a blistering counter-attack, accusing Congress of mislead-

ing the public and questioning its moral authority to comment on development. "Congress leaders lack an understanding of even basic concepts like MoAs and MoUs. Congress possesses an incomplete understanding and vision, which is why the party's image has become tarnished across the country," he said. Citing the Yamuna Water Agreement and the Kisau Dam project, he said that historic



work is being done under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure water availability for the state. In a strongly-worded response, Sharma said Congress should first account for its own five-year tenure before evaluating the BJP government's performance over the last two-and-a-half years.



Gurugram: Three arrested with illegal weapons for planning robbery

Gurugram, Aug 21 : A crime branch team of the Gurugram Police has arrested three accused with illegal weapons to commit robbery at gunpoint, police said. A senior official said that the team received information regarding an attempt by three suspects to rob passers-by at gunpoint near Laser Valley Park, Gurugram. He said that the police team acted promptly on the information and formed a special police team and raided the place, where three accused were arrested with weapons.

The official identified the accused as Roz Mohammad, Vishnu Sharma, and Anand Kumar, all residents of Bihar. "One pistol, one live cartridge, one iron rod, one knife, and one torch from the possession of the accused have been recovered. A case has also been registered against the accused under the relevant sections in police station DLF Sector-29, Gurugram," he said. He added that during police interrogation, the accused revealed that they had also committed four other incidents of theft from

Gurugram. "After examining the criminal records of the accused, it was found that accused Roz Mohammad has 11 cases registered against him for theft, one case under the Arms Act in Faridabad, and one case in relation to theft in Gurugram, while the accused Anand Kumar has seven cases registered against him for theft under the Arms Act in district Faridabad," he said.

The official said that the accused will be produced before the court for further action in the case, adding that the investigation of the case is ongoing.

CBI coordinates return of fugitive Aalok Kumar from UAE

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Wanted criminal Aalok Kumar alias Yashpal Singh has been brought back to India from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced on Friday.

The extradition was carried out by the CBI, in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Saturday, officials said. According to the CBI, Aalok Kumar was wanted in connection with a case registered by Haryana Police for offences including cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy and use of forged documents for obtaining passports fraudulently. The accused was a key conspirator in a well-organised racket involved in procuring Indian passports on the basis of forged documents and false information, officials said. They further mentioned that several individuals with criminal antecedents were allegedly facilitated by the accused in obtaining passports.



Rs 1,419 crore sanction for Qadian-Beas railway line a major milestone for Punjab: Ravneet Singh Bittu

Chandigarh, Aug 21 : Former Minister of State (MoS) for Railways and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ravneet Singh Bittu has hailed the sanction of the detailed estimate of Rs 1,419.05 crore for the 39.68-km Qadian-Beas new broad-gauge railway line, describing it as a major milestone for Punjab and a historic development for the Majha region. The project was initially conceived in 1928.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for taking forward the long-pending project and said on Sunday that the sanction marked a major breakthrough after years of efforts to revive and defreeze the railway line. "I personally pursued this long-pending project and ensured that the Qadian-Beas line, which had remained stuck for years, was defrozen and brought back into active consideration," Bittu told the media here.



Abbas Ansari's Assembly membership restored, UP Secretariat issues order

Lucknow, Aug 21 : The Assembly membership of Abbas Ansari, the elder son of late gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari and MLA from the Mau district of Uttar Pradesh, has been restored.

After the Allahabad High Court stayed his jail sentence, the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly Secretariat, on Friday, issued an order restoring Samajwadi Party leader Abbas Ansari's membership. After this decision, there will be no need for a by-election on the Mau Sadar Assembly seat.

The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly Secretariat clarified in its order that in accordance with the instructions of the High Court, the membership of Abbas Ansari is restored with immediate effect.



JP Nadda arrives in Gujarat for VGRC concluding session, meets state BJP chief

Surat/Ahmedabad, Aug 21 : Union Health Minister and former Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) J. P. Nadda arrived in Gujarat on Friday to attend the concluding session of the third edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) – South Gujarat in Surat. He is scheduled to address the valedictory programme alongside Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil.

Delhi Police busts interstate ganja trafficking network, seizes 183 Kg contraband worth Rs 1.5 Crore

New Delhi, Aug 21 : In a major crackdown on narcotics trafficking under the Government of India's flagship Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, the Anti-Auto Theft Squad (AATS) of the South-East District Police has busted an interstate ganja smuggling network and seized 183 kilograms of contraband valued at around Rs 1.5 crore in the illegal market. The operation led to the arrest of three key members of the syndicate, including the alleged mastermind and owner of the truck used to transport the narcot-

ics. According to Delhi Police, the contraband was ingeniously concealed inside a specially fabricated secret compartment built above the driver's cabin of a truck container. Police said the seizure has dealt a significant blow to an interstate trafficking network operating across Odisha.





X will make govt content takedown requests more transparent: Elon Musk

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Elon Musk has announced that social media platform X will make government requests to remove or restrict content more visible to users, as part of a broader effort to increase transparency around content moderation and official intervention in online speech. In a post on social media platform X, Musk said that any censorship required by governments is now clearly visible, signalling the platform's intention to provide users with greater insight into ac-

tions taken at the request of government authorities. "Any censorship required by governments is now clearly visible," Musk mentioned. Under the proposed changes, X users will be able to see when governments seek the removal of posts or request restrictions on accounts. The platform also plans to disclose details about the agencies making such requests and, where available, the legal grounds or justification cited for the action. The move is part of Musk's wider

push to make the platform's moderation and content-distribution systems more transparent. Since acquiring X, formerly known as Twitter, Musk has repeatedly argued that users should have greater visibility into how online content is moderated and ranked. According to a report by Crypto Briefing, X has complied with between 83 per cent and 98.8 per cent of government takedown requests under Musk's ownership, depending on the reporting period.

449 S. Korean YouTube channels taken down by Google over political content in Q2

Seoul, Aug 21 : Google shut down 449 South Korean YouTube channels in the second quarter of this year for their politically charged content, a report showed. According to "Influence Operations Bulletin Q2 2006" by Google's Threat Analysis Group, the U.S. company terminated 22 YouTube channels in Korean in April, 367 more in May and another 60 in June. The largest share came in May, just before the June 3 local elections, reports Yonhap news agency. Per the report, these channels were terminated for sharing content that was either critical or supportive of the South Korean government and for expressing support for or disapproval of particular South Korean political parties or political figures. Google had not terminated any South Korean YouTube

channel between the second quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026. During that span, Google shut down 9,173 channels linked to China, followed by 2,083 linked to Russia. Last week, South Korea's media watchdog concluded that U.S.-based Google and Apple violated related laws by abusing their dominance in their respective app marketplaces. The level of sanctions will be decided at a later date, the Korea Media Communications Commission (KMCC) said at a regular

meeting. The two U.S. tech companies are accused of bypassing the revision to the telecommunications business act passed in 2021, which aims to prevent large app market operators from forcing app developers to use only their in-app payment systems. Following the revision, Google and Apple had allowed customers to purchase apps through a third-party payment gateway but imposed a transaction fee of around 26 percent.



India's steel consumption likely to reach 192 million tonnes by 2030

Mumbai, Aug 21 : India's steel consumption rose to 149 million tonnes (mnt) in FY25 and is projected to reach 192 mnt by 2030, at a CAGR of about 6-7 per cent, according to a new report. The next phase of growth will be driven not only by infrastructure but also by higher-value steel, cleaner production and better management of price risks, according to the Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) report. The report further stated that construction and infrastructure currently account for 59 per cent of consumption and are expected to contribute 60-63 per cent of demand by 2030. It estimates that the infrastruc-

ture pipeline could unlock another 25-30 mnt of steel demand as logistics, financing and execution constraints ease. The report sees an opportunity for Indian producers to address the gap between domestic demand and supply of higher-value steel. "India continues to import some advanced and application-specific grades even as exports remain concentrated in lower-margin products. The specialty steel Production-Linked Incentive scheme is helping bridge this gap, with PLI 1.0-1.2 representing more than Rs 55,000 crore in committed investment," the findings showed. The product story is no longer about tonnes, it is about fit-for-purpose output, said the report launched during the 'Global Commodity Conclave' here last week.

Lalithaa Jewellery's promoters received SEBI summons, Rs 58.66 crore involved in legal cases: DRHP

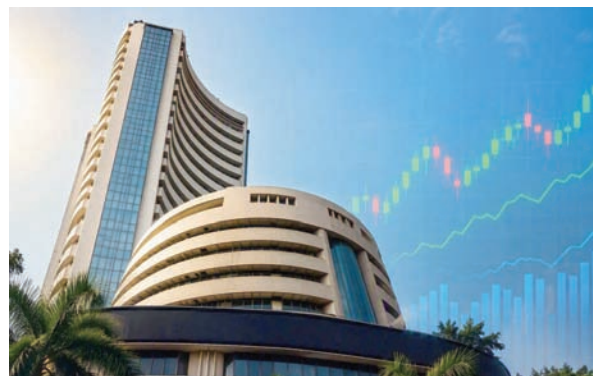
New Delhi, Aug 21: Lalithaa Jewellery Mart's Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) showed that the company, its subsidiaries, promoters, directors and key managerial personnel are involved in certain legal and regulatory proceedings pending before various tribunals, quasi-judicial authorities and appellate forums. According to the DRHP filed with the Securities and Ex-

change Board of India (SEBI), the company has disclosed one criminal proceeding and two tax proceedings against its promoters.



Some Groww users become millionaires, others lose money over tech glitch; now resolved

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Online trading platform Groww on Friday said some of its users faced discrepancy in stock prices, which was a temporary issue and has now been resolved. Earlier in the day, the tech glitch led to erroneous increases in users' investment values. Some users reported seeing their investments.



Nifty may face hurdle at 24,600 in next week, Sensex at 78,500-78,800: Analysts

Mumbai, Aug 21 : Indian equity markets are likely to remain in a cautious consolidation phase next week, with the Nifty facing resistance around 24,600-24,650 and the Sensex finding immediate support near 77,700-77,500, experts said on Friday. On the Sensex outlook, experts said the index mirrored the broader weakness and slipped back towards the psychologically important 78,000 level.

C-DOT, Synergy Quantum to develop key tech for drone-based systems

New Delhi, Aug 21 : In a major step toward advancing India's capabilities in secure communication, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Synergy Quantum India to place the country at the forefront of drone-based quantum secure communications. This partnership aims to jointly develop cutting-edge Quantum Key Distribution (QKD).



Indian economy has potential to do much better than China in near future: Jim Rogers

New Delhi, Aug 21 : India is going to be one of the most exciting investment destinations in the world and it will certainly be compared to China and, maybe, even do much better than China in coming years, ace investor Jim Rogers has said. In an interaction with IANS, he said that "I have been around the investment world for decades, and for the first time in my life, I see that the people in Delhi understand economics". "India's rising again. I think that the people in Delhi understand what needs to be done and are trying to do it. And that would be so wonderful for India and for the world. If India can actually open up and have trade with the whole world. You cannot believe how exciting India can be in the future," said the American investor and financial commentator. "I don't have investments in India right now, but I really, really want to invest more in the fastest-growing economy," he added, adding that if the market goes



down and stays down for a while, "I want to put more money in India". India is poised to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2026 with the country's nominal GDP rising to \$4,187.017 billion during the year to surpass Japan's GDP pegged at \$4,186.431 billion, according to the IMF's latest 'World Economic Outlook' report. On free trade agreement (FTAs), Rogers told IANS that more free trade is better for the world, especially India. "It will be extremely exciting for the world, including foreign investors," he mentioned. India has signed 13 FTAs with its trading partners.

50 pc Indian tech professionals now getting AI training at work: Report

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Nearly half of technology professionals in India are getting some level of Artificial Intelligence (AI) skilling support from their current employers, according to a report on Friday. The report, based on a survey conducted by job portal Naukri on National Technology Day, highlighted a significant trend in India's tech ecosystem. The survey, which gathered insights from over 16,000 technology professionals across industries, shows that while self-learning remains a key pathway, a clear shift to-

ward structured upskilling is visible. The report "signals that AI upskilling has firmly entered the mainstream, From freshers to experienced professionals, the direction is clear: the Indian workforce is leaning into the AI era". Among freshers, over half of them reported that either some basics have been covered or full-fledged AI training is underway. Cities like Bengaluru and Gurugram, long known as tech hubs, are seeing this shift firsthand. Around one-third of professionals (33 per cent) in these cities confirmed that their organisations are

actively training them on AI tools, the report said. Given the nature of work in the IT/Software Services sector, where tech evolution is part of daily operations, professionals in tech roles here are naturally seeing more structured upskilling opportunities compared to their peers in non-IT sectors.





Assam: Drugs worth Rs 9.5 crore seized, three held

Guwahati, Aug 21 : Assam Police seized drugs worth Rs 9.5 crore and arrested three drug peddlers, including a woman, in two separate operations, officials said on Friday. An Assam Police spokesman said that based on credible intelligence regarding the transportation of contraband from Silchar (southern Assam) to Guwahati via the Silchar--Coimbatore Express train, a team from Panbazar Police station was deployed at Guwahati railway station on Saturday. A female suspect was identified and apprehended upon the train's arrival, he said. Following due legal procedures and in the presence of independent witnesses, the search led to the recovery of 20,000 highly addictive methamphetamine tablets, valued at Rs 5 crore, one mobile handset and Rs 1,000 in cash. The ac-

cused, identified as Parvina Khatun Bibi (31), has been taken into custody. The detainee is a resident of Sadialer Khuti village in West Bengal's Cooch Behar district. In another operation, the Assam Police on Tuesday night arrested two drug peddlers at Salchapra in Silchar in the state's Cachar district, and seized 847 grams of heroin and 4.035 kg of opium from them. The total estimated value of the drugs is Rs 4.5 crore. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma appreciated the police for the seizure of the drugs. According to the police spokesman, legal actions were undertaken under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act 1985.



Tripura govt focuses on boosting exports and increasing production: Agriculture Minister

Agartala, Aug 21 : Tripura Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath on Friday said that the BJP government's main aim is to increase agricultural production and exports so that farmers can derive greater benefits. The Minister, along with Forest Minister Animesh Debbarma, flagged off a consignment of 3 metric tonnes (MT) of Kaalikhassa and

Harinarayan (both organic aromatic rice native to Tripura) paddy to Kolkata from Agartala Railway Station. Nath said that the main goal of the state government is to increase farmers' income. "We have been working towards this from day one, aiming to double farmers' income while ensuring the sustainable development of agriculture," he said.

K'taka ex-CM Bommai calls Emergency dark chapter, says Congress murdered democracy

Bengaluru, Aug 21 : Former Karnataka Chief Minister and BJP Member of Parliament Basavaraj Bommai on Friday described the Emergency imposed by the Congress government in 1975 as a "dark chapter" in India's history and called upon citizens to reaffirm their commitment to protecting democracy and the Constitution. In a post on social media platform X, Bommai said the 51st anniversary of the Emergency serves as a reminder of the period during which democratic institutions and fundamental rights were curtailed. "It has been 51 years since the Emergency was imposed on the



nation. The Emergency remains one of the darkest chapters in post-Independence India. It was a day when fundamental rights were curtailed, opposition leaders were jailed and democracy was virtually strangled," he said. Bommai alleged that the Emergency was imposed by the Congress leadership under former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to safeguard political power.

India must target \$10 trillion GDP to truly achieve Viksit Bharat 2047: Report

New Delhi/Jerusalem, Aug 21 : If India is to realise the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' in its true sense, the country will need to significantly expand the size of its economy, with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) required to reach at least \$10 trillion, according to a recent report. Former diplomat Mohan Kumar, in an opinion article published by The Jerusalem Post, said that while India can take pride in becoming the world's fourth-largest economy by GDP, its current economic size remains insufficient when considered against the country's enormous population. "While India can be legitimately proud of being the fourth-largest economy in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the world, the fact remains that for a population approaching 1.5 billion, the present GDP of \$4.5 trillion is a little below par," he wrote. According to the piece, India can move towards the \$10 trillion target by undertaking several key



measures, including increasing the country's share in global foreign trade, attracting greater Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), and implementing deep and structural economic reforms. It, however, stressed that simply accelerating economic growth would not be sufficient to achieve the larger objective of Viksit Bharat. The benefits of growth would also need to reach wider sections of society, particularly people at the bottom of the economic pyramid.

"While there is no question that the GDP must accelerate, that alone is not enough. Growth must be inclusive; it must percolate to the downtrodden people at the bottom of the pyramid," Mohan Kumar wrote. He also highlighted the need to create an economic ecosystem in which India's young population is encouraged to become entrepreneurs and job creators rather than remaining dependent solely on conventional employment opportunities.



Stranded tourists from Pune's Pimpri-Chinchwad area return safely from Dubai

Pune, Aug 21 : Around 40 tourists from Maharashtra's Pimpri-Chinchwad area who were stranded in Dubai for several days returned home safely late last night, bringing relief to their anxious families. The group, which included former Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) corporator Suman Netke, had been stuck in Dubai due to sudden difficulties that disrupted their travel plans and raised concerns among relatives back home. Family members had earlier appealed to the Centre to intervene and ensure the safe return of their loved ones.

Assam flood: Rs 150 crore interim relief disbursed, says CM Sarma

Guwahati, Aug 21: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said that nearly Rs 150 crore has been disbursed as interim relief to flood-affected people in the state, while directing officials to expedite the remaining compensation claims and restoration work. In a post on Friday on social media platform X, Sarma added that the remaining eligible relief claims would be cleared by Monday, underlining that the state government was working to ensure timely assistance reaches every affected household. He said the assessment of flood-related damage across the state was about 75 per

cent complete, with more than 1,000 surveyors deployed on the ground to complete the remaining assessment immediately. The Chief Minister added that the administration was simultaneously focusing on restoring essential public infrastructure damaged by the floods. "As many as 793 schools are currently under repair and will be made ready for the resumption of classes, while damaged roads and other public infrastructure are being rebuilt on priority," he said. In Sivasagar, high-capacity pumps have been deployed and are operating round the clock to drain water from low-lying areas and accelerate the dewatering process. The state government has also stepped up health interventions in



flood-affected areas, with health camps being expanded and authorities maintaining close surveillance for any possible outbreak of water-borne or other diseases following the floods. Chief Minister Sarma said the state government had also reviewed loan relief measures and insurance claims related to the flood damage and urged all eligible affected people to submit their claims by August 30. The Chief Minister added that the administration was mapping com-

pensation and other benefits to ensure that assistance reaches every affected household. "My instructions to officials are clear: no one gets left behind, speed is non-negotiable, and there's zero tolerance for a lackadaisical approach," Sarma said. The latest measures come as Assam continues its recovery and rehabilitation efforts following widespread flooding that affected several districts, damaging homes, roads.

Kerala couple held at Ahmedabad airport with gold jewellery worth Rs 28.87 lakh

Ahmedabad, Aug 21: Customs officials at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (SVPIA) in Ahmedabad seized 219.43 grams of gold jewellery worth Rs 28.87 lakh from a woman passenger, who arrived from Sharjah along with her husband, officials said. The couple, who are from Kasaragod in Kerala, arrived in Ahmedabad on Air Arabia flight G9-418 from Sharjah. Acting on intelligence developed through passenger profiling, officers of the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of Ahmedabad Customs on Sunday intercepted the two passengers for examination. During the examination, the female passenger was found carrying and wearing gold jewellery concealed inside her purse.



Delhi govt achieves target of 100 Atal Canteens in 8 months

New Delhi, Aug 21 : The Delhi government's 'Atal Canteen' scheme achieved a major milestone on Friday with the inauguration of the 100th facility, coinciding with the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, an official said. Former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 25 new Atal Canteens on Sunday from the Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station in the presence of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Manoj Tiwari, Delhi Minister Ashish Sood, and other dignitaries, an official statement said. The scheme was launched on December 25, 2025, on the occasion of Vajpayee's 100th birth anniversary. Speaking on the occasion, former Vice-President Naidu said that launching 100 Atal Canteens in Delhi is a highly commendable initiative. "Its goal is to provide affordable and nutritious food to the poor, slum dwellers, labourers, and people arriving in Delhi from various parts of the country in search of employment," he added. Naidu emphasised that



this is no ordinary scheme, but a true example of sensitivity and service toward the most vulnerable sections of society. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said that achieving the target of 100 Atal Canteens is a major milestone for the Delhi government. "This initiative is a meaningful tribute dedicated to the spirit of 'Antyodaya' (last mile delivery) and the ideals of public service upheld by revered Atal Ji. Atal Ji's life was devoted to the welfare of the person standing at the last mile of society and to the service of the nation," she added. "Carrying forward those very values, the Delhi government is striving to ensure that no needy person is deprived

of respectful and nutritious food," she said. She noted: "A canteen has also been opened on Sunday near the Delhi University Metro Station. In this university area, students live away from their families in hostels and PG accommodations; now students can access nutritious and affordable food at this canteen." Public representatives, including Surya Prakash Khatri, along with senior officials and staff from the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), were present at the event. On this occasion, all guests dined at the Atal Canteen and personally inspected the quality of food and operational arrangements provided under the scheme.

Women artisans thrive as ‘Shilp Didi’ boosts training, exports and entrepreneurship

New Delhi, Aug 21 : A quiet but powerful transformation is unfolding across India’s handicraft sector as women artisans, empowered through the government’s Shilp Didi initiative, are turning their skills into sustainable livelihoods, export opportunities, and community-led enterprises. Voices from the ground reveal

how the scheme is not only boosting income but redefining women’s confidence and economic aspects. For Nivedita Prajapati, a jewellery designer, the turning point came two years ago when she was selected under Shilp Didi. “My product is jewellery, and I create the designs myself. I have been working in export jewellery for some time, but it was through the Shilp Didi exhibitions

that I actually received export orders,” she said. The platform, she added, significantly expanded her customer base. “Because of Shilp Didi, my income has increased a lot. We are very happy that the Modi government is encouraging women to become entrepreneurs. Women should stand on their own feet — and in a true sense, Shilp Didi is women’s empowerment.” Similar success stories are emerg-

ing from other artisan clusters. Priya, a hand-embroidery artisan selected through DC Handicrafts in 2024, recalls how the journey began with an opportunity and grew into an enterprise. “Through Shilp Didi, I got a chance to showcase many of my products. We received multiple orders — even from small retailers,” she said. But fulfilling those orders came with challenges.



“At that time, we had very few women working with us. So we went door to door to train more women. We didn’t have money for

training, so we approached DC Handicrafts for support — and they provided training,” Priya explained.



Oman’s envoy expects Delhi-Muscat economic ties to grow stronger

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Oman’s Ambassador to India, Issa Saleh Abdullah Saleh Alshibani, said on Friday that the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which is likely to be signed soon, will provide an easy gateway for promoting trade and investment between the two countries. "A comprehensive economic agreement usually is a platform that makes an easy gateway for investments and would also serve to simplify a lot of the engagements in terms of invest-

ments. I think it's also one way of supporting the bilateral trade between the two countries. According to statistics, we have seen an increase in the bilateral trade," the Ambassador said in an exclusive interview with IANS. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to visit Oman next week to mark the celebration of 70 years of diplomatic relations, he expects bilateral collaboration between the two countries to grow stronger across various sectors.

No secondary classes, just 6 teachers: Baloch group flags dire state of girls' school in Khuzdar

Quetta, Aug 21 : The Baloch Literacy Campaign (BLC) -- an initiative of the Baloch Students Action Committee (BSAC) -- has expressed serious concern over the deteriorating condition of a girls' school in Balochistan's Khuzdar district, citing a lack of basic facilities and resources necessary for students' effective academic growth and development. According to the BLC, the Government Girls High School Sarrej in the Greshag area of Khuzdar is grappling with a severe shortage of staff, as only six to seven teachers are serving more than 200 students. "The students are facing the challenge of not being taught the basic subjects such as science, mathematics, and English, which are the basics for study in high

school," it added. The BLC alleged that the "illegal practice of alternate teachers, the replacement of the teacher on duty by another individual, is part of the problem within the concerned high school, resulting in disturbance in regular classes and tutoring with no training." Furthermore, it said that despite being registered as a high school, the facility has no secondary level classes, forcing students to discontinue their further studies and leaving a vast number of female students without access to higher schooling. It added that inadequate classrooms, textbooks, and the lack of access to clean drinking water further hamper the learning environment. The BLC called on the educational authorities in Balochistan to



take immediate notice of the situation and improve the current condition of the school, while ensuring a better academic environment for students. Last week, the BSAC strongly condemned the forced retirement of teachers and other government employees as well as the retaliatory actions taken

against them by the Pakistani authorities, describing the move as "undemocratic and regrettable". Expressing grave concern, the student body alleged that the process of forced retirement is being used as a tactic to deter these teachers and employees from raising their voices for their rights.



Bullion trader, wife killed in MP road accident

Agar Malwa (Madhya Pradesh), Aug 21 : Prominent bullion trader Gopal Das Soni and his wife Rekhabai lost their lives in a road accident near Panth Piplai on the Ujjain-Indore highway, police said. A young girl travelling with them sustained serious injuries and has been referred to Indore for advanced medical treatment. The incident took place early Sunday morning. According to police sources, Gopal Das Soni, 53, a resident of Madhya Pradesh's Agar Malwa, was travelling with his wife Rekhabai and a child to Indore to purchase merchandise. The family left home around 9 a.m. in their car. At approximately 12-12:30 noon, while passing through the Nanakheda police station area near Panth Piplai, the vehicle reportedly lost control at high speed. The car first struck a road divider and then veered off the road, slamming into a parked truck from behind. The force of the collision was devastating. The front portion of the car was completely crushed, trapping the occupants inside the wreckage. Nanakheda police personnel rushed to the spot after receiving information about the accident. After considerable effort.

India hands over specialised tools to Seychelles, improving safety and readiness of Coast Guard



Victoria, Aug 21 : India handed over specialised calibrated tools and repaired electronic units to Seychelles, strengthening defence and maritime cooperation, the Indian High Commission in Victoria said on Friday. "Strengthening India-Seychelles Defence and Maritime Security Cooperation. 3 repaired Dornier Main Electronic Units (MEUs), 18 sets of calibrated specialised aircraft tools, 50 safety helmets and seamanship ropes were handed over by Defence Adviser Capt. Shravan Sareen to Maj. Gen. Michael Rosette, CDF, SDF," the High Commission stated on X. According to the Indian mission, the items were repaired/calibrated at Indian Naval facilities free of cost and will enable in-house testing and faster repairs for the Dornier fleet that is used by the Seychelles Air Force for Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveillance, CASEVAC (Casualty Evacuation), and SAR (Search and Rescue). “The safety and seamanship gear will elevate personnel safety and op readiness of the Seychelles Coast Guard,” the High Commis-

sion highlighted. On Tuesday, India’s High Commissioner to Seychelles, Rohit Rathish, handed over five laser radial boats to the Seychelles Defence Force chief, fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s announcement during his state visit to the archipelagic island nation in the Indian Ocean in June. "Strengthening Maritime Partnership India, Seychelles. Following the announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his State Visit to Seychelles, five laser radial boats were handed over today by the High Commissioner of India to the Chief of Defence Forces, Seychelles Defence Force. The boats will help build seamanship skills of SDF personnel," the High Commissioner of India to Seychelles wrote on X. "The delivery reflects India’s steadfast commitment to strengthening the capacities and capabilities of the SDF and further deepens the enduring India–Seychelles defence and maritime partnership," it added. PM Modi paid a three-day state visit to Seychelles in June at the invitation of President Patrick Herminie.

North Korea's Kim writes to Putin, says expecting 'more excellent future' in ties with Russia

Seoul, Aug 21 : North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has said he expects a "more excellent future" in his country's ties with Russia in a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin, the North's state media reported on Friday. Kim voiced the expectations in response to Putin's congratulatory message to mark the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's 1910-45 colonial rule, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). "I am always proud to be able to expect more excellent future of the bilateral relations by leading, together with you, the DPRK-Russia ties that has carried forward the history of common struggle for justice and precious traditions of friendship," Kim said in the message dated Saturday. DPRK stands for North Korea's official name -- the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Kim also expressed his "firm belief" that Russia would accomplish "the sacred cause of defending the sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity of the country" in the message carried by the KCNA, reports Yonhap news agency. The message comes as the two countries have forged closer ties since they signed a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2024, which laid the groundwork for North Korea's military support for Russia in its war against Ukraine. Kim visited a memorial commemorating Soviet troops who fought against Japan during World War II on Friday, marking his third visit to the site on the occasion of Liberation Day. Kim laid a wreath bearing the phrase, "We will not forget the feats of the martyrs of the Soviet Army."



Trump fires homeland security secretary caught in controversies

New York, Aug 21 : US President Donald Trump has fired Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, who was caught in controversies over her handling of immigration raids and her personal life. He named Senator

Markwayne Mullin on Friday to replace Noem, the first cabinet official to leave his administration in his second term. It was a mighty fall for one of the most loyal and firebrand supporters of Trump, whose excesses in implementing immigration policies

were seen as beginning to hurt the administration ahead of the mid-term elections. The sprawling Homeland Security Department has a portfolio ranging from immigration and emergency relief to airport security and the Coast Guard.





Air-conditioned suburban train services to be extended to Bangaon on India-Bangladesh border

Kolkata, Aug 21 : The Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway (ER) will extend an air-conditioned EMU local train service up to Bangaon from August 20. The service that now runs between the Sealdah and Barasat stations will be extended up to Bangaon, officials said on Friday. This will provide a more comfortable journey for commuters. Bangaon, in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, is located along the border with Bangladesh. It is 79 km from Sealdah. Being a border town with an Integrated Check Post (ICP), it is a major trading point. "This move is aimed at making daily suburban travel cooler and far more comfortable. This upgraded air-conditioned service will run six days a week, from Monday to Saturday," an official said. The train will start from Sealdah at 10:33 a.m. and halt at

Barasat at 11:14 a.m. It will stop at all major stations along the route, including Bamangachhi, Duttapukur, Bira, Ashoknagar Road, Habra, Maslandapur, Gobardanga, Thakurnagar, and Chandpara and reach Bangaon Junction at 12:23 p.m. On its return journey, the Down Bangaon – Sealdah AC EMU local will leave Bangaon at 12:35 p.m., make scheduled halts at intermediate stations, and finally terminate at Sealdah at 14:25 p.m. Rajeev Saxena, Divisional Railway Manager at Sealdah, said that passenger comfort and convenience remain the railway's highest priority. "Extension of the AC local services to Bangaon directly addresses the growing demand from daily suburban commuters, ensuring that their everyday travel across North 24 Parganas is faster, more modern, and more pleasant."

Rajasthan: Citizens seek social investment policy for NRRs

Jaipur, Aug 21 : Emphasising the need for a framework that recognises the emotional and cultural commitment of Non-Resident Rajasthanis, a call was made for the Rajasthan government to introduce a dedicated Social Investment Policy—one that encourages contributions towards preserving ancestral havelis, supporting schools, hospitals, heritage assets and community initiatives, beyond

the scope of industrial investment. This appeal was made at the Pravasi Rajasthani Divas today by Kolkata-based culturalist.



Nagaland, Arunachal hold roundtable to boost cross-border cooperation and market linkages

Kohima, Aug 21 : The governments of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh on Friday held a roundtable meeting to foster dialogue on cross-border collaboration, market access and enterprise development between the two Northeastern states, officials said. Arunachal Pradesh was the state partner of the 10-day, 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival, which concluded on Wednesday night with glittering performances by

dozens of Naga tribes at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, near Kohima. A Nagaland government official said that the engagement of the two states underscored shared opportunities in trade, tourism, music, youth and sports development, art and culture and agriculture and allied knowledge exchange. As a state partner, Arunachal Pradesh showcased its products at the festival site at Kisama as part of the Hornbill Festival, highlighting the state's

cultural heritage and entrepreneurial initiatives. This emerged as a vibrant platform showcasing the State's cultural richness and entrepreneurial capability, the official said. The pavilion featured a diverse range of offerings, including GI-based handicrafts and textiles, homemade pickles, traditional rice wine and beverages, tea and wellness products, as well as candles and fragrance items. High visitor footfall and robust sales indicated growing demand

for authentic, locally crafted products from the region. Interactions during the engagement emphasised strengthening interstate value chains, facilitating B2B and B2G linkages, and supporting artisans and entrepreneurs through collaborations, knowledge exchange, and institutional partnerships. According to the official, both states reiterated their commitment to deepening cooperation to unlock sustainable economic opportunities through co-



operation and collective efforts to position the Northeast as a competitive and culturally unique investment destination. The engagement forms part of ongoing efforts

to leverage the Hornbill Festival as a platform not only for cultural celebration but also for meaningful economic collaboration.

High-level US team kicks off trade talks with Indian officials

New Delhi, Aug 21 : India's Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal and US Deputy Trade Representative Rick Switzer held discussions here on Friday on the proposed bilateral trade agreement between the two countries. "The two sides exchanged views on matters related to India-US trade and economic ties including on the ongoing negotiations for a mutually beneficial Bilateral Trade Agreement," the Commerce Ministry's Department of Commerce said in a post on X.



Switzer arrived in New Delhi along with a team of US officials for two days of trade discussions with their Indian counterparts. Ahead of his meeting with the Commerce Ministry officials, Switzer met Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.

Congress raps MP govt over 'no SC quota' in forest guard exam

Bhopal, Aug 21 : As the Madhya Pradesh Employees Selection Board (MPESB), earlier known as 'Vyapam' is set to conduct exams for the recruitment of forest guards, the Opposition Congress, on Friday, criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party-led state government for not "reserving" seats for the candidates belonging to the Schedule Castes. Madhya Pradesh Leader of Opposition (LoP) and veteran Congress leader Umang Singhar shared a post on his social media account, alleging that the "process of forest guard recruitment in Madhya Pradesh is under serious scrutiny". The Congress leader claimed

that not a single post is reserved for the Scheduled Caste category in the 728 recruitments of the forest guards. "Of these 728 posts, 310 are reserved for the unreserved category, 143 for Scheduled Tribe, 198 for Other Backward Class, and 77 for Economically Weaker Sections. This is not only a shocking statistic but also a direct injustice to the spirit of social justice and the Constitution," LoP Singhar said on X. The Congress leader alleged that it is not merely an administrative lapse but a disregard for the rights of the marginalised. The Leader of Opposition also demanded a reply from Chief

Minister Mohan Yadav on the matter, saying that "treatment of Scheduled Caste youth is highly condemnable and unacceptable". "The Chief Minister should immediately address this issue and ensure that the constitutionally mandated reservation system is fully adhered to, so that injustice is not infringed upon the rights and future of Dalit youth," LoP Singhar said. According to MBESB's notification on February 28, the exams will be conducted for recruitment of total 1,679 posts, including 728 for Forest Guard (Van Rakshak), while 169 Field Guard (Kshetra Rakshak) and 757 for Jail Prahari (Warder). For these three posts,



candidates must have passed Class 10 and the last date for submission of online applications is March 14, 2026. The computer-based examination is scheduled to begin from April 7, 2026. The minimum age limit for Forest Guard, Field Guard and Jail Prahari posts is 18 years, while the maximum age limit is 33 years.



Jharkhand missing girl case: Tooth DNA of recovered skeleton matches, HC seeks probe report

Ranchi, Aug 21 : In a fresh development in the case of 18-year-old Pushpa Kumari, who went missing nearly 11 months ago from Jharkhand's Bokaro district, the DNA extracted from a tooth of the recovered skeletal remains matches Pushpa's DNA profile, as per a forensic report. This was revealed in the Jharkhand High Court on Friday during a hearing in the case based on the report of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in Kolkata. However, the DNA of the entire skeleton has not yet been completely matched

with that of Pushpa's parents. Pushpa, a resident of the Pindrajora police station area in Bokaro, went missing on July 31, 2026. After failing to find any trace of her for a prolonged period, her mother, Rekha Devi, filed a habeas corpus petition in the Jharkhand High Court seeking her recovery. During the investigation, the police arrested Dinesh Kumar Mahto based on technical evidence and interrogation. According to the police, the accused confessed to having murdered the girl. A human skeleton was later recovered from a location identified by him. However, Pushpa's family has consistently disputed

the police's claim, maintaining that the recovered skeletal remains do not belong to her. In view of this dispute, the High Court had directed that DNA samples of the skeleton and the girl's family be sent to the CFSL in Kolkata. During Thursday's hearing, the court was apprised of the forensic findings. Members of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) were also present in the court. The High Court has now sought details of the proceedings underway in the lower court in connection with the case. The court also asked the state government what action has been taken so far against police officials allegedly negligent in the investigation. It further directed the police to complete the inquest (panchnama) of the recovered skeleton and other necessary legal formalities. The court was informed that Pushpa's family is still unwilling to accept that the recovered remains are hers. The High Court, in its observation, said that further action must be taken strictly in accordance with the available scientific evidence and legal provisions.



Odisha Congress infighting deepens as former MLA questions OPCC leadership

Bhubaneswar, Aug 21 : The infighting in Odisha Congress again came to the fore with senior party leader Mohammed Moquim raising questions over the leadership of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) President Bhakta Charan Das in a recent letter written to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi. Moquim, the ex-MLA and father of sitting Cuttack-Barabati MLA Sofia Firdous, in his letter written on Friday, stated that the party faced six consecutive losses in Odisha and three major defeats at the national level, which is alarming, heartbreaking, and unbearable for loyal workers like him.



through multiple bank accounts controlled by Rathore and his family members, withdrawn in cash, and used to purchase agricultural land in Gandhwani tehsil of Dhar district, it said.

ED attaches 56 residential plots in MP education scam case

Indore, Aug 21 : The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Indore Sub-Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 56 residential plots in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The attachment is part of an ongoing probe into the embezzlement of government funds amounting to Rs 20.47 crore from the Block Education Office (BEO), Katthiwada, in Alirajpur district, the ED said in a statement. The ED initiated the investigation based on an FIR registered at Police

Station Katthiwada concerning fraudulent treasury payments made between 2018 and 2023. Investigation revealed that the then Block Education Officer (BEO) Kamal Rathore, in connivance with other accused persons, siphoned off government funds from the treasury at Alirajpur, the statement said. The embezzled money was routed

Massive uprising erupts against Pakistani forces across Balochistan

Quetta, Aug 21 : Leading Baloch human rights defender Mir Yar Baloch on Friday highlighted that a massive uprising by the people of Balochistan has begun against the Pakistani forces across the province.

According to the human rights activist, the wave of protest was sparked by the call to resist the terrorist organisation ISI, which orchestrated a suicide attack on the Balochistan National Party (BNP) rally in Quetta on September 2, killing 15 Baloch people and injuring 35 others. "Since then, strikes and demonstrations have spread across the entire Republic of Balochistan. The protests are directed against Pakistan's ongoing state occupation, the genocide of the Baloch people, large-scale enforced disappearances, and the ISI's continued targetting of Baloch political activists through bomb blasts and suicide attacks," Mir Baloch posted on X. "Tensions have reached a breaking point. In Quetta — particularly in Sona Thana, Mian Ghundi, Saryab.



Qatar denies claims of detaining Iranian pilots

Doha, Aug 21: Qatar denied claims that it had detained Iranian pilots, describing them as misleading amid on-going diplomatic efforts aimed at de-escalating regional tensions. "We categorically deny the claims circulating regarding the detention of Iranian pilots and are surprised by these misleading statements at this particular time," Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed Al Ansari said in a post on social media platform X. Al Ansari said contact had been established with the pilots concerned after they violated Qatari airspace and authorities confirmed the trajectory of the targeting, Xinhua news agency reported. "After following the rules of engagement and attempting to communicate with them without receiving a response, the necessary measures were taken to defend our territory in accordance with international law," he said, adding that the circumstances had been clarified at the time through official channels. The spokesperson said Qatari search and rescue teams subsequently conducted operations to search for the remains of the pilots.



Two dead, four injured during wildfire on Greek island of Salamina

Athens, Aug 21 : Two bodies were found on Friday during a wildfire-fighting operation on the Greek island of Salamina, Greek national broadcaster ERT reported, citing Fire Service sources. The bodies, whose identities have not yet been established, were discovered near the area where a wildfire appears to have started around midday in a forested area of Peristeria. A second fire was burning in the Selinia area on the island, near Athens and Piraeus port. Four people were transferred from the area with burn injuries, according to Greek national news agency AMNA. The flames were spreading rapidly amid strong winds. A total of 146 firefighters, supported by volunteers, have been

deployed to tackle the blazes. Four water-dropping aircraft and six helicopters have been mobilised, Xinhua News Agency reported. As evacuation orders have been issued for people in the wider area, the Hellenic Coast Guard was placed on alert, with vessels ready to provide assis-



tance if required. The latest fires come as Greece has faced a high risk of wildfires over the past two weeks, with civil protection authorities warning of dangerous conditions across parts of mainland Greece and the Aegean islands in the coming days. With the latest reported fatalities on Salamina, the number of people who have lost their lives in wildfires across Greece this summer has risen to eight.

Cuba denounces new US sanctions as 'unilateral coercive measures'

Havana, Aug 21 : Cuba denounced new US sanctions as "unilateral coercive measures," saying that such actions demonstrate an intention to impose collective punishment on the Cuban people. "We firmly reject the recent unilateral coercive measures adopted" by the US government, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said on X.

These actions demonstrate an intention to impose collective punishment on the Cuban people, Rodriguez said. He noted that the announcement coincided, when millions of Cubans take to the streets to denounce the US blockade and the energy siege, Xinhua news agency reported. "These measures are extraterritorial in nature and violate the United Nations Charter," Rodriguez said, adding that the United States has no right to impose measures against Cuba or against third countries or parties. The comment came after US President Donald Trump on Friday signed an executive order imposing new sanctions on Cuba. Trump ordered that all property and interests in property that are in and coming within the United States, or are in or coming within the possession or control of US persons of the following persons are blocked and may



not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in. The "following persons" include those who operate in or have operated in the energy, defense and related materiel, metals and mining, financial services, or security sector of the Cuban economy, or any other sector of the Cuban economy, as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State. It also includes those who own or control, directly or indirectly, any person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order. The order also seeks to limit Cuba's access to the global banking system, imposing secondary sanctions on people, entities and financial institutions that conduct financial transactions with those already sanctioned because of their ties to Cuba. The order authorizes the US government to penalize foreign financial institutions that have conducted or facilitated any significant transaction for or on behalf of anyone with ties to the Cuban government.



Danish Foreign Minister to summon US Ambassador over reported espionage against Greenland

Oslo, Aug 21 : Danish Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen has said that he will summon the US Ambassador to Denmark for a meeting following media reports suggesting that Washington plans to intensify espionage activities targeting Greenland.

The move comes after The Wall Street Journal reported on Friday that US intelligence agencies have been instructed to identify individuals in Greenland and Denmark who support American strategic objectives for the Arctic island, citing anonymous sources.

"I have read the article, and it worries me a lot -- because we do not spy between friends," Rasmussen told Danish broadcaster DR on Wednesday on his way to a meeting of Foreign Ministers in Warsaw, Poland.

Acknowledging that the report could not be verified, Rasmussen noted that it had not been strongly denied by US officials, Xinhua news agency reported. "That worries me," he added. He confirmed that the American Ambassador will be summoned.



Kentucky Governor calls for end to Electoral College

Washington, Aug 21 : Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear has called for abolishing the US Electoral College and directly electing the President and Vice-President, saying that the current system leaves most states outside the Presidential campaign. Beshear, a Democrat considering a possible 2028 White House run, said on Friday that candidates should have to seek support across the country instead of concentrating their campaigns on a handful of competitive states. "I certainly think it's time," he told the CBS News. Beshear said Kentucky rarely

receives visits from Presidential candidates because the outcome in the Republican-leaning state is generally considered predictable. "In Kentucky we will never see a candidate for President or Vice-President unless they're from here," he added. "Why? Because people just expect that it'll go one way or the other. It's the idea that someone would get elected not just knowing about seven states, but having to earn votes all over the United States." Beshear included direct Presidential elections in a wider package of constitutional changes that he said could repair public confidence in the federal government. His proposals included Congressional and Supreme Court term limits, a ban on partisan redistricting and constitutional protection for parts of the Voting Rights Act.



Modern wars demand drone dominance : Pentagon

Washington, Aug 21 : The Pentagon told US lawmakers that modern warfare is being reshaped by cheap, mass-produced drones, warning that battlefield lessons from Ukraine and recent combat involving Iran make it imperative for the United States to rapidly build a domestic drone industry and arm troops with large numbers of unmanned systems. Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, senior Pentagon officials said small drones have become a decisive weapon on modern battlefields and that the US must accelerate production while reducing dependence on Chinese-linked supply chains.

From India to NIST: Raman outlines innovation agenda

Washington, Aug 21 : Arvind Raman, an Indian-born engineering scholar nominated to lead the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), told senators that the agency must focus on accelerating American innovation and setting global technology standards as the United States competes with China in emerging technologies.

Appearing before the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Raman described his journey from India to the United States as an example of the opportunities the country offers.

"I first came to the United States 35 years ago from India, actually to study engineering at Purdue University," Raman said. "I only had a few dollars in my pocket at the time."

He recalled that his first paycheck as a research assistant was still weeks away and that he survived through a university loan available to students without credit history and help from the local Goodwill store.



"And today I'm the dean of engineering at that great institution," he said, referring to Purdue University, where he has served as a faculty member for more than two decades and currently leads one of the largest engineering colleges in the United States.

Raman, nominated by President Donald Trump to serve as Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and director of NIST, told lawmakers the agency plays a critical role in strengthening American industry and technological leadership. "NIST has been foundational to advancing American industrial competitiveness," he said. For more than a century, he said, the institute has helped ensure that American industries and technologies operate on trusted standards that enable innovation and global competitiveness.



Greece, Egypt forge strategic agreement with focus on regional stability, migration

Athens, Aug 21 : Greece and Egypt have signed a strategic partnership agreement, with a focus on mi-

gration cooperation. Both countries agree to tackle regional challenges while deepening bilateral ties, Xinhua news agency reported.

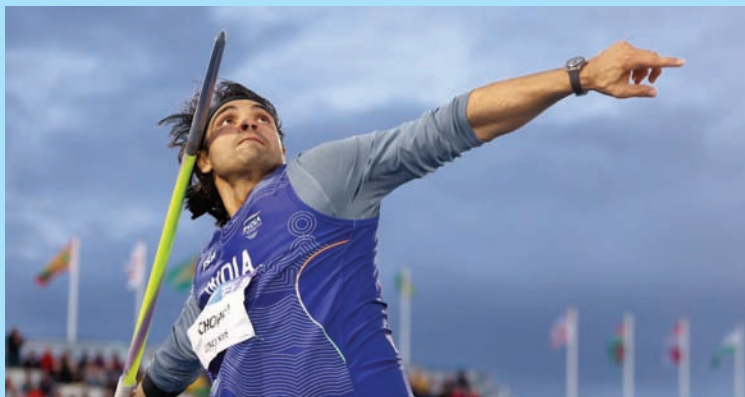
Spurs agree deal to sign Savinho from Man City: Report

New Delhi, Aug 21 : As the Premier League season kicks off, Tottenham Hotspur have reportedly agreed to sign forward Savinho from Manchester City. This came amidst reports of Spurs being in talks with City for a potential signing of Brazilian winger Savinho and Omar Marmoush. As per a report in the BBC, Spurs have agreed to a deal of 75 million pounds for Savinho, and there is a window for a further 10 million pounds addition to the deal. Spurs were looking to sign the Brazilian last year too, but he had opted to stay at the Etihad Stadium. However, Savinho had expressed his openness to leaving the club when Spurs showed interest. The Lilywhites had already boosted their midfield when they roped in Mateus Fernandes from West Ham and Sandro Tonali from Newcastle, but this signing will give a shot in the arm to their forward line. A report in the BBC also stated that Roberto de Zerbi's side is also interested in acquiring Marmoush from City and that the talks are in a positive direction. While Savinho joined City in 2024 for a sum of £30m from French club Troyes, Egyptian forward Marmoush was purchased from Eintracht Frankfurt for £59 in 2025.



Aiming to get back into Australia squad across all formats: Liam Scott

Adelaide, Aug 21 : Having experienced the feeling of being in international cricket during Australia's white-ball tour of Bangladesh earlier this year, rising all-rounder Liam Scott said he believes he is good enough to play for the national team across all three formats in future and is eager to get into the set-up again. Scott made his ODI debut in Dhaka, where he picked two wickets, after having a stellar 2025/26 domestic season, where he was named the Sheffield Shield player of the year with 496 runs and 23 wickets.



Neeraj set for Pathirage challenge: All you need to know about Lausanne Diamond League

New Delhi, Aug 21 : After his silver-winning show at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra is all set to participate in the Lausanne Diamond League, also known as Athletissima

Friday. The battle for a place in the 2026 Diamond League Final continues on Friday as a host of Olympic, world and newly crowned European champions descend on Lausanne for Athletissima. South Asia's two biggest stars will go head-to-head in the men's javelin as India's Neeraj Chopra takes on Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage.



F1 title leader Kimi Antonelli confirms grid penalty for home Monza race

New Delhi, Aug 21 : Formula 1 2026 title leader Kimi Antonelli has confirmed that he will take a grid penalty at his home Monza Grand Prix on September 6 for an additional power unit. Antonelli and his teammate George Russell were already on the verge of exceeding their allocated power unit components' limit. Each driver gets allocated a certain number of power unit components for a season, after which they start getting grid penalties.

Fils reaches third Masters 1000 SF of 2026 in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Aug 21 : Arthur Fils charged into his third ATP Masters 1000 semi-final of the season at the Cincinnati Open, when he dispatched first-time Masters 1000 quarter-finalist Thiago Agustin Tirante 6-3, 6-2 in 64 minutes. With the victory, the 22-year-old became the first Frenchman to reach three Masters 1000 semi-finals in a season since

Guy Forget, who achieved the feat in 1991. Since returning from an eight-month injury layoff in February, Fils has put together a solid season. The Frenchman has compiled a 30-10 tour-level record this year, according to the ATP Win/Loss Index, highlighted by a title in Barcelona and semi-final runs at Masters 1000 events in Miami and Madrid.

That consistency has put Fils into contention for his first appearance at the ATP Finals. Since adding 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic to his team (he's also coached by Ivan Cinkus), Fils has reached the quarterfinals or better in eight of 13 events, all but one coming at the 500 or 1000 level, the 2026 Cincinnati Open included. After clinching a decisive break



at 4-3 in the first set, Fils continued to fire off thunderous forehands, relentlessly putting Tirante on the back foot. The 22-year-old broke the Argentine's serve twice in the second set and never faced a break point of his own throughout the clash, according to ATP Stats.

'It's not stopping yet': Treesa-Gayatri on pulling off heist at BWF Worlds



New Delhi, Aug 21 : Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand pulled off a marvellous come-from-behind win in their quarterfinal meeting against World No. 4 Jia Yi Fan and Zhang Shu Xian in the BWF World Championships to march into the semifinals and confirm India's first medal at the ongoing edition here. After losing the first game against the Chinese duo, the Indian pair staged a comeback

for the ages to win the epic contest 16-21, 21-15, 21-13, which also sealed India's first medal in women's doubles since 2011 when Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa bagged a bronze. Speaking after their 70-minute battle against the Chinese, Treesa and Gayatri reflected on beating Jia and Zhang for the first time, while also stating that their journey is "not stopping yet". "We're really happy that we converted this win into this semifinal and getting a medal, but it's not stopping yet. There are matches coming tomorrow also," Treesa told reporters after the win. "And obviously, I want to thank, I think it's teamwork for us, everyone that helped us to achieve this, and really grateful, and obviously I want to thank the home crowd people. I think the crowd was amazing today; that was really giving positive vibes to us," she said. The duo also reflected on the message that chief national coach and legendary former shuttler Pullela Gopichand shared with them amidst the tense game at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. "From the start, he was telling that be in the present moment and very calm, because that helped us score the points, and that really worked today," Treesa added. "We were just be patient and waiting for the right time to score the points. I think that really worked," she said.



Kajal secures back-to-back gold to headline India's haul at U20 Wrestling Worlds

Slovakia, Aug 21 : Indian women's wrestling sensation Kajal Dhochak continued her incredible trajectory on the global stage, striking gold in the 76kg category to lead the Indian contingent's charge at the 2026 U20 Wrestling World Championships in Slovakia. Alongside Kajal's historic triumph, India secured two crucial Silver medals through Tanu

Sharma and Savita on an action-packed day of Women's Wrestling (WW). 18-year-old Kajal, competed in the 76kg championship bout. She delivered a masterclass against China's Jingru Sun, registering a flawless 7-0 victory on points (VPO) to lift the world title.

This triumph cements her status as one of India's brightest generational prospects, adding to a phenomenal resume that already includes the 2024 U17 World Championship (69kg) and the 2025 U20 World Championship (72kg) titles.