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Hyderabad, Aug 5 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy urged Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil to arrange a meeting between the Telangana and Maharashtra governments on the long-pending issue of raising the height of the Tummidihetti barrage on the Pranahita river. Accompanied by Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Congress MPs, the

Chief Minister met CR Patil at his office in New Delhi on Wednesday. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy briefed the Union Minister on the importance of increasing the barrage's height without significant submergence issues in Maharashtra. He brought to the attention of CR Patil about the

necessity of the construction of Tummidihetti barrage and also the letter he wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking approvals, as well as the subsequent communication from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) forwarding the matter to the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

CM Chandrababu Naidu's special focus on Visakha Economic Region project

Amaravati, Aug 5: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu held a review meeting on the Visakhapatnam Economic Region development plans at the State Secretariat on Wednesday. In this meeting, the CM directed the officials on several key issues. He said that the Visakhapatnam Economic Region project has been under-

taken to attract investments of Rs. 9.50 lakh crore through key projects in various sectors. He revealed that the government is investing Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4 lakh crore. He said that activities are being planned to generate Rs. 5.30 lakh crore from the private sector. CM Chandrababu commented that the government is considering developing the Visakhapatnam region by keeping the Basety

project as the anchor project. He clarified that the aim of the VER project is to develop the entire Visakhapatnam region through a micro-level plan. He ordered that development plans be prepared by considering each area and each sector within the VER scope. He said that the focus should be on the ecosystem of AI data centers, port-based industries, tourism, hydrogen, and clean-tech energy.

The CM suggested that VER should be a part of the development from Moolapet Port to Rajahmundry Akhanda Godavari Project. CM Chandrababu made it clear that the Visakhapatnam Economic Region should achieve progress by connecting various projects. He suggested that development should be undertaken within the VER area through convergence of funds. He said that the VGF scheme should be implemented as required. CS Sai Prasad, senior officials of the Finance, Industries, Municipal Administration, Forest, Energy, and Tourism departments attended the review.



Harish accuses Telangana govt of failing to protect Godavari water rights

Hyderabad, Aug 5 : Former minister and BRS deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao alleged that the Telangana government has failed to protect the state's water interests ahead of the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) meeting scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on August 18. Addressing a press conference at Telangana

Bhavan on Wednesday, he claimed that while both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states had prepared separate agendas for the meeting, the Telangana government's continued silence raised serious.



Meta CEO Zuckerberg apologizes to PM Modi

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Meta has backed down regarding the removal of a video featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg has apologized to Prime Minister Modi for the incident. Expressing regret over the spread of CSAM and deepfake content, Meta admitted to accepting substantial payments to boost certain types of content.



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Srisaillam waters should be preserved until 2027 for El Nino effect

Amaravati, Aug 5: Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu said that water has been released from Srisaillam for the drinking water needs of Rayalaseema. Speaking to the media on Wednesday, he said that in the wake of El Nino, Srisaillam waters should be preserved for drinking water till June 2027. He said that in addition to the 119 TMCs present at Srisaillam today.

No Special Law For BC's in India : Minister Atchannaidu

Amaravati, Aug 5: Minister Atchannaidu said that there is no special law for BCs anywhere in the country. On Wednesday, the minister revealed the details of the BC Protection Act to the media. He said that they have been working hard for the past two years on the new law for BCs. He expressed anger that the weaker sections were oppressed during 2019-24. He said that a special law will be brought for the weaker sections in the manifesto. He said that a subcommittee has also been appointed to resolve the problems.



Jagan slams Andhra govt, accuses TDP of apathy towards tobacco farmers

Amaravati, Aug 5 : Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Wednesday slammed the NDA coalition government led by the TDP, for its "apathy" towards tobacco farmers and demanded that tobacco be procured through Markfed. Speaking to the media after interacting with the farmers at Devarapalli in East Godavari district, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said that tobacco farmers are in deep distress as the cultivation cost has gone up manifold on one hand and the procurement prices have been

falling, with companies forming a syndicate and manipulating market dynamics. The YSRCP chief said, "The average price has been drastically falling and the farmers who were assured by the Tobacco Board of procurement have reneged on their promise and the traders formed a cartel to keep the prices low, forcing the farmers to opt for distress sales. "The Chandrababu government is hand in glove with the syndicate and only 20 per cent of the crop is procured, though the Board has encouraged the farmers to go for tobacco farming assuring procurement, but has gone back (on its

word)." Reddy stated that during the YSRCP's term in 2023-24 the average price of tobacco was Rs 289 per kg and in 27 months after the coalition government led by the TDP assumed office, it has fallen to Rs 220. Farmers said that they were selling tobacco at even Rs 170 per kg. "We had a robust mechanism to safeguard the interest of farmers and made Markfed a buyer to increase competition and keep the prices higher. This apart we have given Rs 1 lakh zero per cent interest loans to farmers," Reddy said. The former Chief Minister alleged that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has done away with the zero

per cent interest and the farmers' plight is further aggravated with the cultivation cost going up and the produce not getting MSP. Now farmers are losing at least Rs 70 per kg. "A tobacco farmer Venkateswar Rao has committed suicide unable to bear the loss and there is no response from the government, no public representative had come to console his family," Reddy said. He said in a month's time buyers will shift to Karnataka for auctions and the prices will further fall pushing the farmers into further turmoil. The Rs 20 subsidy announced by the government will only help the traders to further reduce the prices.



YS Jagan demanded the government bring in Markfed to procure the produce and create competition, failing which farmers will further suffer. "In the 27 months after the coalition government was formed, farmers are not getting MSP to any of the crops be it

paddy, banana, tobacco, pulses and others and all sections of people are venting their anguish. Education, health, agriculture and all sectors have been affected under Chandrababu's governance. Anyone questioning the gov-

AI powers Telangana's dial 112: emergency response time cut by 30%

Hyderabad, Aug 5 : Telangana Police on Wednesday launched the Next-Generation Telangana Emergency Response Support System (TG-ERSS) - Dial 112, an AI-enabled integrated emergency response platform aimed at providing faster, smarter and more coordinated assistance across the State. The upgraded system was inaugurated by Director General of Police C.V. Anand at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC)



in Hyderabad. The programme was attended by Shikha Goel, Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, and Director, TGCSB & FSL; V.V. Srinivasa Rao, DGP, Technical Services; V.C. Sajjanar, Commissioner.

ED searches premises linked to YSR Congress leader in chit fund scam case

Visakhapatnam, Aug 5 : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday conducted searches at the premises linked to YSR Congress Party leader Malla Vijaya Prasad in a chit fund scam case. The ED officials conducted simultaneous searches at five places in Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad. The searches were conducted at the residence, office and

other premises of the former MLA and chairman of Welfare Group of Companies. The raids were reported to be part of the investigation by the Central agency into the allegations of money laundering probe into alleged multi-state chit fund scam. The Central agency is probing the allegations against Vijaya Prasad and Welfare Group of Companies. ED officials from Odisha and West Bengal are reported to be participating in the searches. Po-



lice and CRPF personnel made tight security arrangements during the searches. Vijaya Prasad is YSRCP's coordinator for Visakhapatnam West constituency. A few cases were filed against him in Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar and

Jharkhand in the past. In 2021, Odisha police arrested him for his alleged involvement in the 2019 chit fund case. He was then serving as the chairman of Andhra Pradesh Education and Welfare Development Corporation. Odisha Police had registered cases under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, PC and MC Schemes (Banning Act) of 1978 and OPID Act of 2011 in connection with the alleged chit fund fraud. There were allegations that he was involved in a Rs 1,200 crore chit fund scam in which thousands of depositors from Andhra Pradesh, Odisha,

J&K, Ladakh witnessed wide-ranging transformation since Article 370 abrogation: PM Modi

New Delhi, Aug 5 : As India marked the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed his government's commitment to the development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and the people residing there. He stated that in these seven

years, the Union Territories have witnessed significant transformation across sectors. Article 370 was abrogated on August 5, 2019, after the Central government led by Prime Minister Modi revoked the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir through a Presidential Order, ending the constitutional provisions that had granted it special au-

tonomy. "Seven years ago, on this day, Articles 370 and 35(A) became history, marking a decisive new chapter in the journey of Jammu and Kashmir as well as Ladakh," PM Modi posted on X. "Since then, the lives of the people of J&K and Ladakh have witnessed wide-ranging transformation. Infrastructure has expanded, opportunities in areas such as education, healthcare, entrepreneurship and sports have grown. Be it the women or the marginalised communities, those who were denied their basic constitutional rights for decades have been empowered thanks to the full application of the Constitu-

tion of India," he added. The Prime Minister said that this year, August 5 assumes "even greater significance" as the nation will commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh.



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Ministers review progress on Saidabad steel bridge, Musarambagh flyover

Hyderabad, Aug 5 : Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin and Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inspected the ongoing construction works of the Saidabad-Santosh Nagar steel bridge and the Musarambagh flyover in Hyderabad on Wednesday. The Ministers reviewed the progress of both projects along with GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Hyderabad District Collector Priyanka Ala, senior officials of GHMC, and

engineers. They closely inspected the pace and quality of the works and directed the officials to complete the projects within the stipulated time while maintaining the highest standards of quality and safety. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Mohammed Azharuddin said the state government under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is giving top priority to strengthening Hyderabad's infrastructure and improving urban connectivity. He said that the Saidabad-Santosh Nagar steel bridge and the Musarambagh flyover are important infrastructure projects that will significantly reduce traffic congestion, improve travel time, and provide safe and convenient transportation for thousands of commuters every day. The Minister stressed that quality should never be compromised and instructed the officials to ensure

timely completion of the projects so that the public can benefit at the earliest. Azharuddin reiterated that modern infrastructure is the foundation of a growing city and reaffirmed the government's commitment to implementing world-class infrastructure projects that improve public convenience, strengthen connectivity, and enhance the overall quality of life for the people of Hyderabad. Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said that the government would take a decision regarding the inauguration of the projects after reviewing the progress of the works. He stated that whichever project is completed first will be inaugurated accordingly. Ponnam Prabhakar further informed that the inauguration schedule will be finalised after consultations with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, senior officials, and the concerned departments, keeping in view the readiness of the projects and the Chief Minister's schedule. Both Ministers appreciated the dedicated efforts of the officials, engineers, public representatives, and local residents for their cooperation in ensuring the smooth execution of these important infrastructure works. The Saidabad-Santosh Nagar steel bridge and the Musarambagh flyover are expected to become major traffic relief corridors, providing faster connectivity and supporting Hyderabad's continued urban growth and development.

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Date: 05-08-2026

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1	PR01354 457 & PR01139 700	1. Tammisetty Manjunath, 2. Tammisetty Manga 3. Tammisetty Raghu	Rs.16,54,384/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Four Only)	4th August, 2026	All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No. 30-125/4, Sy No. 48, Ward No. 5, Block No. 30, Sai Baba Nagar, Gajularamaram Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal Malkajiri Dist 500055. East: 30 Wide Road, West: Neighbour House, North: House No. 30-125, South: Nala.	24th December 2025

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This publication is made in compliance with the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for the information of the borrower(s), guarantor(s), and the general public.

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Personnel and Training (DoPT), focused on enhancing international collaboration in asset recovery, extradition and information sharing. Delegates also discussed India's proposal to establish a BRICS Network of Law-Enforcement Practitioners to facilitate faster cooperation in tracing fugitive offenders wanted in corruption cases.

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Opinion Mail



Insulting Bhagwa, sants, Lord Ram highly objectionable, heinous offence: Baba Ramdev

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev on Saturday said that insulting Bhagwa (saffron), sants, Lord Ram, or any aspect of Sanatan heritage is highly objectionable and amounts to a heinous offence. His remarks came in response to an unusual protest staged in Parliament on Friday by Independent MP Pappu Yadav, who arrived dressed in saffron attire and enacted the alleged "theft" of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Yadav was joined by several Opposition MPs as they sought to press for a discussion on the issue in Parliament.

As part of the symbolic protest, MPs, including Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, were seen placing money into collection boxes, while Yadav symbolically slipped money into his pockets to portray the alleged misappropriation of donations meant for the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

The demonstration unfolded in the form of a street play. Opposition MPs acted as devotees and stepped forward to place donations into a collection box. During the performance, Pappu Yadav, portraying a priest, allegedly pocketed the money instead of depositing it in the donation box. An SP MP, acting as a devotee, then confronted him over the symbolic "illegal" act. Reacting to it, Baba Ramdev told IANS, "Insulting Bhagwa, sants, Bhagwan Ram, or any part of our Sanatan heritage is highly objectionable and a heinous offence."

When asked about the Cockroach Janata Party protest over the NEET paper leaks and whether such demonstrations should be permitted, Baba Ramdev said that the use of abusive language is not consistent with Indian culture and values.

"Using abusive language is not part of India's culture or values. We should not make our children abusive; we should make them skilled. They should not become addicts, drug users, runaways, or individuals with destructive mindsets. Instead, they should develop constructive thinking.

"Our approach should not be problem-oriented but solution-oriented. Those in power should remain accountable, and citizens should also fulfil their responsibilities. Creating such a mindset across the country is the responsibility of all elders. Every parent and every responsible member of society should contribute towards building such an environment," he said. Baba Ramdev further stated that protests lose their purpose when they descend into anarchy.

"If any movement turns anarchic, it does not bring any meaningful outcome. Instead, once the movement is over, it often creates long-term problems for those involved. Therefore, any form of anarchy in the name of protest should stop. If we have to oppose something, it should be done through democratic and constitutional means while upholding human values. Every movement should aim to achieve a constructive outcome," he added.

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Chinese firm near US air base draws scrutiny



Washington, Aug 5 : Republican Senator Bernie Moreno has asked Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to launch a formal national security review of a proposed real estate transaction involving a Chinese solar manufacturer seeking to establish operations near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, arguing that the deal warrants immediate scrutiny because of its proximity to one of America's most sensitive military installations. In a letter sent on Wednesday, Moreno requested that Bessent, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), conduct "a comprehensive national security review" of SolarSpace Technology Co., Ltd., a Chinese manufacturer of photovoltaic cells and modules.

According to the senator, the referral stems from a June 22 submission by the Dayton Development Coalition concerning a pending real estate transaction involving SolarSpace.

"It is my understanding that SolarSpace intends to lease or purchase a facility located at 2555 Woodman Drive, Kettering, Ohio, which is approximately 13 miles from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base," Moreno wrote.

Pakistan reactivates 70 terror launchpads in PoK, 800 terrorists ready for infiltration



New Delhi, Aug 5 : Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its army have reactivated at least 70 terror launchpads across the Line of Control and International Border, planning a mass infiltration of nearly 800 terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir, intelligence sources revealed on Wednesday. The Pakistan establishment aims to exploit the current global focus on the Middle East conflict and the ongoing state elections in India to facilitate the infiltration, an official said. Global attention has largely been centred on developments in the Middle East following the conflict between the US, Israel, and Iran. Even as Pakistan attempted to facilitate talks between the US and Iran, which failed, its Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), along with the army, has directed the reactivation of terror launchpads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Amid these global developments and the ongoing assembly elections in various states in India, the Pakistan establishment is believed to be seeking an opportunity to step up infiltration efforts, an official said. The numbers have been rising steadily, with several terrorists being moved into Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and kept ready on the launchpads for infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir. Intelligence inputs indicate that at least 70 launchpads are active across the border, including around 10 along the International Border and the rest along the Line of Control (LoC). Estimates suggest that nearly 800 terrorists are currently waiting for an opportunity to infiltrate. An official from the Intelligence Bureau said that the infiltration strategy has been revised after several attempts to enter Jammu and Kashmir in recent months were foiled due to heightened vigilance by security forces along the borders. "The plan now is to attempt coordinated infiltrations from multiple entry points to stretch security forces. Groups of 10 to 15

terrorists may be pushed in simultaneously, with the expectation that at least a few will manage to get through," the official said. He added that Pakistan is seeking to take advantage of ongoing developments in India and abroad, in the hope that any operational gap could be used to facilitate infiltration.

A sense of urgency has reportedly set in after Operation Sindoor in May last year, in which Indian armed forces targeted and destroyed terror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK. The operation was carried out in response to the Pahalgam attack in April last year that left 26 Indian tourists dead. Since then, Indian forces and security agencies have thwarted multiple infiltration attempts. Sources indicate that Pakistan's ISI and the army are facing pressure from terrorist groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba over the lack of operational activity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Officials said Jammu and Kashmir remains central to the functioning of these groups, making continued unrest a key objective for the Pakistan establishment, particularly in the context of local dynamics.

India can play key role in helping Africa's green energy push



New Delhi, Aug 5 : India can play a key role in helping Africa scale up its renewable energy, as the country has, over the last decade, successfully added over 130 gigawatts of solar and wind capacity, with renewables now accounting for just over half of installed electricity capacity, according to an article.

Across Africa, the energy transition is not a distant policy target; it is a practical attempt to turn sunlight, wind, and mineral wealth into hospitals with steady power, farms that can irrigate after sunset, and factories that can plug into something more reliable than expensive diesel generators, according to the India Narrative article. It points out that 600 million

people in Africa are still without electricity, although access rates are increasing and renewable energy projects are being set up. It sees immense potential for India to provide technology and institutional experience to drive this transition ahead. "India's expansion has been driven by competitive auctions, clear policy signals, and a focus on distributed solar

that reaches small town grids and rural households. For African governments, some of those lessons -- transparent tenders, predictable tariffs, and a strong domestic engineering base -- are transferable.



Nashik case flags emerging radicalisation pattern, PFI's Vision 2024 parallels under lens

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Radicalisation has become one of the biggest threats facing India. The agencies warn that radicalisation camps can come up at unassuming locations as they largely remain off the radar. The TCS case is one such example where the police found that professional seniority was used as a leverage to allegedly radicalise and also convert vulnerable junior employees between 2021 and 2026. While the probe is

ongoing, the agencies are set to look into a larger pattern. More such modules may be in the works in various other places and firms, and the agencies will study the patterns and possible links to the Nashik case, an official said. Another official said that it is becoming increasingly clear that the larger design is to set up more such radicalisation centres. The focus is more on radicalisation and changing the mindset of society rather than going in for conventional terror attacks. Outfits such as the Popular Front of India (PFI), Islamic State and Al-Qaeda have long focused largely on radicalisation.

Institutional failures fuel child marriages, forced conversions of minorities in Pakistan: Rights body

Islamabad, Aug 5 : A leading minority rights organisation expressed grave concern over a disturbing pattern of forced conversions and child marriage targeting minority girls in Pakistan, revealing that over 83 per cent of the victims are minors. According to the Voice of Pakistan Minority (VOPM), the persistent failure of state institutions—including the police, judiciary, and administrative authorities—to respond effectively has fostered an environment of near impunity for perpetrators.

The organisation said that affected families are often left to navigate a system stacked against them, while victims are denied both protection and a meaningful voice. Citing a recent report titled "Stolen Girls", presented at the European Parliament by US-based advocacy group Jubilee Campaign, it said that at least 210 cases of abduction, forced conversion.



Shravani Mela draws massive crowds to Deoghar's Baba Baidyanath Temple

New Delhi, Aug 5 : The annual Shravani Mela at Jharkhand's Baba Baidyanath Temple in Deoghar continued to witness an overwhelming turnout of devotees on its third day, with thousands of Kanwariyas and Lord Shiva devotees queuing up to offer Jalabhishek during the auspicious

month of Shravan on Wednesday. The month-long pilgrimage, which officially began on July 30, has transformed the temple town into a vibrant centre of devotion, with saffron-clad pilgrims arriving from across the country.



'Illegal and unacceptable': UN Special Rapporteur condemns detention of Afghan women over dress code

Kabul, Aug 5 : The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, has expressed concern over the detention of Afghan women for violating the Taliban's dress code, terming the action "illegal and unacceptable" and calling for their immediate release. Bennett's statement comes after Taliban morality police detained at least 21 women and girls in Herat for alleged non-compliance with the dress code, Amu TV reported, citing local sources. In a post on X, Bennett stated, "I am deeply alarmed that for a 3rd consecutive day, scores of women in Herat continue to

be arbitrarily arrested and detained for violating the Taliban's dress code. It is illegal and unacceptable. The arrests must stop, and the women must be released immediately." The sources revealed that Afghan women and girls were detained in several parts of Herat, including the southern road, Almas Market and the Qasr area, as per the report. The women who have been detained reportedly include a nurse who worked at Herat Regional Hospital. The arrest of Afghan women and girls comes after the Taliban's Directorate for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in Herat issued a directive, which ordered male family members to ensure that women follow the Taliban's interpretation of Islamic dress requirements. According to the directive, women seen in public without a prayer veil, uncovered faces, or wearing tight clothes or makeup could face detention and will be taken to a women's detention facility, Amu TV reported. The latest incident comes amid reports of increased implementation of the Taliban's morality law in several parts of Afghanistan.

South Korean prosecutors seek arrest warrant for chief of Army Special Warfare Command in martial law probe

Seoul, Aug 5 : South Korea's prosecutors on Wednesday sought an arrest warrant for the head of the Army Special Warfare Command over his role in President Yoon Suk Yeol's short-lived imposition of martial law. Lt. Gen. Kwak Jong-keun is accused of sending troops to the National Assembly when martial law was imposed on December 3, and allegedly colluding with Yoon and former Defence Minister Kim Yong-hyun to incite a riot to subvert the Constitution. Prosecutors sought the arrest warrant on charges of insurrection and abuse of power. The National Assembly voted on Saturday to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol over his botched imposition of martial law, suspending him from his duties until the Constitutional Court decides whether to reinstate him or remove him from office.



Sri Lankan court sentences ex-police chief to death over 2019 Easter attacks

Colombo, Aug 5 : A three-judge High Court panel in Sri Lanka has sentenced former Inspector General of Police Pujith Jayasundara to death after a majority of judges found him guilty of failing to prevent the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attacks despite receiving prior intelligence. The court on Wednesday convicted Jayasundara of dereliction of duty and aiding and abetting murder over his failure to act on warnings that suicide bombers planned to attack Catholic churches and tourist hotels in Colombo and surrounding areas. Judges Priyantha Liyanage and Thilakaratne Bandara delivered the majority verdict, while Judge Viraj Weerasuriya issued a dissenting judgment, reports Xinhua news agency. Announcing the majority decision, presiding Judge Liyanage said Jayasundara had served as the

country's police chief at the time and was responsible for protecting citizens and maintaining public security. The court said Nilantha Jayawardena, then director of the State Intelligence Service, had informed Jayasundara on the evening of April 20, 2019, that suicide attacks were expected against Catholic churches and tourist hotels the following day. However, Jayasundara failed to take measures to prevent the attacks, the court said. The majority judges said Jayasundara had neglected his responsibilities as the state official appointed to prevent crime and protect the public. They imposed the death sentence after considering the seriousness of the offences. In his dissenting judgment, Weerasuriya said the prosecution had failed to prove the charges against Jayasundara beyond a reasonable doubt and acquitted him.



North Korea's economy entering recovery phase amid closer ties with Russia, China: Seoul

Seoul, Aug 5 : North Korea's economy has entered a recovery phase thanks to closer relations with Russia and China, overcoming a period of recession, the unification ministry in Seoul said on Wednesday. The unification ministry made the assessment in its five-year plan for inter-Korean relations, covering 2026 to 2030, submitted to the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, reports Yonhap news agency. The unification ministry said that North Korea has "formed and is maintaining cooperative ties" similar to an alliance with Russia, including in

high-tech weapons and technology transfers, while seeking a practical recovery in relations with China, a trend that is putting the national economy on a recovery path. North Korea, in particular, is seeking to boost its "strategic autonomy" and "negotiating power" by leveraging the growing Sino-US rivalry while boosting diplomacy with countries in traditional friendship with the regime, the unification ministry said in its assessment. The blueprint for inter-Korean relations is drafted every five years.

Brunei, Singapore advance ties on agri-tech food zone

Bandar Seri Begawan, Aug 5 : Brunei's Ministry of Finance and Economy (MOFE), in collaboration with Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and the Singapore

Food Agency, will conduct a joint feasibility study on establishing a Brunei-Singapore Agri-Tech Food Zone (ATFZ). According to a press statement issued by MOFE on Wednesday, the ATFZ aims to strengthen food

supply resilience for both countries, attract high-value agri-food investments, create employment opportunities, and build local capabilities within the agri-food sector, Xinhua news agency reported. It also fosters agri-technology in-



novation and positions Brunei and Singapore as regional leaders in sustainable and technology-driven agri-food production.

North Korea decries NATO fuel network overhaul as 'unprecedented' war preparations

Seoul, Aug 5 : North Korea on Wednesday condemned the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) recently approved fuel network overhaul plan, casting it as an "unprecedented" effort to prepare for war and evidence that the alliance is becoming "a more aggressive military bloc." The condemnation came in a commentary carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), as NATO approved the Fuel Supply Chain Capability Programme Plan last month, which seeks to modernise and expand its Cold War-era military fuel pipeline and storage network across Europe. The commentary indicated that Pyongyang is keeping close tabs on NATO's military movements at a time when its forces have been deployed to support Russia in its war against Ukraine, while the transatlantic alliance continues to provide military assistance to Kyiv, reports Yonhap news agency. "Originally, there were disagreements among the member states because of the huge cost, but they were finally settled. This shows that



NATO is clinging to the provision of strategic reserves for war while regarding it as a vital matter," the commentary said. "What merits an attention is that foreign news are commenting that NATO worked out such an ambitious plan to cope with a potential war with Russia," it added. Pyongyang further alleged that the initiative reflected NATO's intention to stockpile military supplies for future conflicts, reports Yonhap news agency. "In a word, it is the evil intention of NATO to stockpile enough fuel and other war supplies and thus kindle the flames of war any time in any part of the world," the report said. "Several decades have passed since NATO was founded as a military bloc, but it is unprecedented that it prepares for war so openly as now." Moreover, the North accused NATO of expanding its military presence into the Asia-Pacific re-

gion, arguing that it frequently stages "adventurous military demonstrations in the vicinity of the Korean Peninsula in collusion with the hostile countries towards the DPRK," the KCNA said. DPRK stands for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The commentary pointed to the participation of Germany, Italy and other NATO members in the recently concluded biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise in and around the Hawaiian Islands, describing it as proof that the alliance "always keeps the Asia-Pacific region as the theatre of war." "The grave nature of NATO as a war bloc is becoming more obvious," the commentary said, warning that "to hasten war is to hasten NATO's ruin."

Infrastructure damage in Lebanon affects returnees: UN

United Nations, Aug 5 : UN humanitarian workers have said they are concerned that damage to southern Lebanon's water systems and other infrastructure is affecting the more than 1 million displaced people returning home. "A preliminary assessment by the South Lebanon Water Establishment found that damage to water systems in South and Nabatieh governorates has disrupted access to safe drinking water for more than 700,000 people," the UN Office for the

Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said on Wednesday (local time). It said that damage to reservoirs, pumping stations, boreholes and other facilities is increasing public health risks and affecting agriculture and livelihoods, reports Xinhua news agency.



Pak stares at \$1.2 billion of vaccine import bill by 2031 as India halts supply

New Delhi, Aug 5 : The disruption in affordable pharmaceutical imports from India, especially vaccines, has sharply increased Pakistan's financial burden and the country stares at an annual import bill of \$1.2 billion by 2031, according to reports. The disruption due to last year's military clashes exposed Islamabad's heavy reliance on foreign manufacturing and donor support for routine immunisation as the country provides 13 vaccines free of cost but with zero domestic vaccine production, reports said. Pakistan Health Minister Mustafa Kamal said a halt in Indian vaccine shipments is already hurting the economy and the situation could be more dire when international support for vaccine procurement ends by 2031.





‘House of cards collapsing’: NDA leaders on 20 Trinamool MPs writing to LS Speaker

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Amid reports that around 20 rebel Trinamool Congress MPs have extended support to the NDA government, leaders across the ruling alliance have launched a sharp attack on the party, alleging a deep internal crisis and lack of democracy within the West Bengal-based outfit. Reacting to the development, Rajya Sabha MP and JD(U) National Working President Sanjay Kumar Jha said the situation in the Trinamool reflected a breakdown of internal order. He said, “Booth capturing was something that the TMC was accused of doing, but now everything is coming out openly.

Gujarat rains: CM conducts late-night review; over 16,500 evacuated

Gandhinagar, Aug 5 : Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel made a surprise late-night visit to the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) on Wednesday to review the state's preparedness as forecasts indicated the possibility of a red alert in 10 districts on Saturday. During the review, the Chief Minister assessed the rainfall situation across the state and directed the collectors of the concerned districts to remain on high alert in anticipation of further heavy rainfall. The state government has also strengthened its emergency response arrangements, with two Army columns each placed on standby in Ahmedabad, Navsari and Surat to assist the civil administration if required. In addition, Indian Air Force helicopters have been kept

on standby at Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Vadodara and Pune to support rescue and relief operations should the situation escalate. Officials informed the Chief Minister that extensive precautionary measures undertaken by the administration had already resulted in the evacuation of more than 16,500 residents from vulnerable areas to safer locations. A further 41 people have been rescued during weather-related incidents. Rainfall was recorded in 201 talukas across Gujarat on

Wednesday, reflecting the widespread impact of the active monsoon system. The state has so far received 61.5 per cent of its seasonal rainfall. Reviewing the preparedness, Patel instructed district administrations likely to face severe weather conditions to maintain constant vigilance and ensure that all necessary arrangements remain in place for any emergency response.



DMK to hold internal polls through ballot after 12 years, to launch major organisational overhaul

Chennai, Aug 5 : The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) has initiated a comprehensive organisational restructuring exercise that will culminate in the conduct of internal party elections through ballot boxes for the first time in 12 years, marking a significant shift towards a more democratic process for selecting office-bearers. The move follows the party's setback in the recent Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. In the aftermath of the defeat, DMK President M.K. Stalin constituted a 10-member

committee to examine the party's organisational structure and recommend measures to strengthen its functioning at all levels. The committee has now submitted its report, outlining an extensive road map for restructuring the party. According to the recommendations, the DMK's organisational framework will be revamped from the grassroots branch level to the party headquarters. The committee has proposed a complete reorganisation of the party's administrative structure, including the bifurcation.

Govt unveils ‘Jalvahak’ to boost inland waterways

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Wednesday unveiled a major policy for cargo promotion -- 'Jalvahak'. Jalvahak is aimed at incentivising the movement of

long-haul cargo via National Waterways 1 (river Ganga) as well as for National Waterways 2 (river Brahmaputra) and National Waterways 16 (river Barak). “The government has made a concerted effort to realise the tremendous potential of our rich

network of inland waterways. With its advantage of being an economical, ecologically sound, and efficient mode of transportation, we want to boost cargo movement via waterways, to decongest the railways and roadways,” Sonowal said.



Jharkhand: Ayushman Bharat cards in demand, Sahebganj residents rush to the centre

Ranchi, Aug 5 : Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY), since its launch in 2018 has evolved into a game-changer scheme, playing an instrumental role in transforming the country's health landscape. Over the years, lakhs of people and their families have benefitted from the scheme, also called Ayushman Bharat. In Jharkhand's Sahebganj district, thousands of people have got their Ayushman Bharat cards issued under the PM-JAY scheme while thousand other applications are in the pipeline. Scores of people are making formal applications for getting Ayushman Health cards issued for them as well as their families.

Bangladesh unrest has delayed execution of some vital projects : Tripura CM



Agartala, Aug 5 : The ongoing unrest in Bangladesh has delayed the execution of various projects involving the neighbouring country, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said here on Wednesday. Laying the foundation stone of

seven projects at Udaipur in southern Tripura's Gomati district, the Chief Minister said the ‘Maitri Setu’ built over the Feni River connecting India and Bangladesh by road was ready for operation but due to unrest in the neighbouring country cannot be utilised yet. Besides the ‘Maitri Setu’, there are other projects which have also been delayed in view of the unrest in Bangladesh, he said, adding that the double-lane bridge would be the gateway for all the northeastern states.

Bengaluru court orders Meta to remove posts in AI-driven defamation case filed by BJP MLC Ravi

Bengaluru, Aug 5 : In a significant order concerning alleged AI-generated misinformation and online defamation, a Bengaluru civil court has granted an interim injunction restraining the publication and circulation of allegedly defamatory content targeting Karnataka Legislative Council member C.T. Ravi on social media platforms. Addressing a press conference at the Bengaluru Civil

Court premises on Wednesday, Advocate Nithin Gowda, appearing for C.T. Ravi, said the Principal City Civil and Sessions Court had directed Meta Platforms Inc. to immediately remove objectionable posts published on Facebook and Instagram and restrained the defendants from continuing any alleged defamatory campaign against the MLC pending disposal of the suit. Ravi had approached the court seeking permanent and mandatory injunctions, alleging



that defamatory images, videos, memes and posts generated using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other digital technologies were being circulated on social media with the intention of tarnishing his public image and political reputation. According to the suit, Indian Youth Congress Karnataka, administrators of several Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Afzalgunj Police recover 30 lost mobile phones, return them to owners

Hyderabad, Aug 5 : In a citizen-friendly initiative, the Crime Team of Afzalgunj Police Station recovered 30 stolen and lost mobile phones using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal and advanced technical in-

vestigation. The recovered devices were handed over to their rightful owners during a programme held at the police station. The recovery operation was carried out under the leadership of Inspector N Mohan Rao and DSI

V Narender Reddy, with the support of the crime staff Head Constables G. Madhu Sudhan and Srikanth Bidla, and Police Constables J. Jithender, G. Srikanth, and WPC S. Priyanka. Senior officers of the Golconda Zone appreciated the team's efforts and

announced rewards for successfully tracing the missing mobile phones. Police urged citizens to promptly report lost or stolen mobile phones through the CEIR portal to improve the chances of recovery.





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Sl No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor / Mortgagor/s	Give short description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, & Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	1. M/s. SRM HP GAS DKV, Prop: Mr. Kohir Raju (Borrower), H.No.1-14-21/1, Vil. & Md: Mogudampally, Sangareddy District, Telangana-502221. 2. Mr. Kohir Raju, H.No.1-14-21/1, Vil. & Md: Mogudampally, Sangareddy District, Telangana-502221. 3. Mrs. Padmashali Thukkamma (Guarantor), W/o Padmashali Ganapathi, H.No.3-68, Mogudampally, Zaheerabad Mandal, Dist: Sangareddy, Telangana-502221.	All that the part and parcel of Commercial area Acre 0.20 Guntas with Door No.14-21/1 admeasuring area 1490.39 Sq.yrds (plinth area 1050 Sq. feet TIN shed), in Sy.No.88/A situated at Mogudampally Village, and Mandal, Dist- Sangareddy District, Telangana. Bounded by: North: Sy.No.88 (Owners Land), South: Sy.No.94, East: Sy.No.88 (Owners Land), West: Road.	Rs. 39,89,600.63 as on 26.11.2025 + legal and other charges	25-08-2026 From 11.00 AM To 04.00 PM	1. Rs.76,35,000/- 2. Rs.7,63,500/- 3. Rs.15,000/-	Symbolic	17-08-2026 to 24-08-2026 from 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM

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1	M/S GN HYDRALIC EARTH MOVERS (Borrower) Represented by its proprietor, Mrs. Samina Begum, Plot No.05, H.No.3-2-140 C, Near Asian Function Hall, Zaheerabad, 502318. 2. Mrs. Samina Begum (Borrower), H.No 3-1-113, Gadi Street, Zaheerabad, Dist: Sangareddy-502220. 3. Mr. Nasim Baba (Guarantor), Plot No.17, Mary Gold Block, Brindavan Colony, Ram Nagar, Zaheerabad, Sangareddy Dist-502220.	All that the part and parcel of Residential plot bearing plot no 17 in Sy.no 27/E in LP No.320/08/HRO/H2 Mary Gold Block Plot admeasuring 240 Sq.yards situated at Brindavan enclave Hoti K, Zaheerabad Town and mandal under municipal limits of Zaheerabad , Sangareddy District standing in the name of Mr. Nasim Baba and bounded by: North: Plot No.18, South: Plot No.16, East: Plot No.20, West: 33ft Wide Road.	Rs.48,04,116 as on 28.10.2024 + legal and other charges	25-08-2026 From 11.00 AM To 04.00PM	1. Rs.55,00,000/- 2. Rs.5,50,000/- 3. Rs.20,000/-	Symbolic	17-08-2026 to 22-08-2026 from 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM

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Shree Cement's Q1 profit falls 17.7 pc to Rs 529 crore

Mumbai, Aug 5 : Shree Cement Limited on Wednesday reported a 17.7 per cent decline in consolidated net profit for the quarter ended June 30 (Q1 FY27), as elevated fuel and raw material costs weighed on margins despite robust growth in sales volumes

and revenue. The company's net profit stood at Rs 529 crore in the April-June quarter of FY27, compared with Rs 643 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations, however, rose 18 per cent year-on-year

to Rs 6,233 crore from Rs 5,281 crore, supported by higher cement dispatches and improved demand. At the operating level, EBITDA declined 4.5 per cent to Rs 1,272 crore from Rs 1,333 crore a year earlier. EBITDA margin contracted sharply to 20.4 per cent from 25.2

per cent, as per its regulatory filing. Shree Cement said higher fuel and raw material expenses, driven by the ongoing West Asia crisis, offset the benefits of higher sales volumes during the quarter. Despite the margin pressure, the company delivered healthy operational performance.



Maruti Suzuki India's consolidated Q1 profit slips over 9 pc to Rs 3,447 crore

Mumbai, Aug 5 : Maruti Suzuki India Limited on Wednesday reported a 9.1 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in its consolidated net profit for the quarter ended June 30 (Q1 FY27), as rising raw material and operating costs weighed on profitability. The country's largest carmaker posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 3,447 crore in the April-June quarter of FY27, compared with Rs 3,792 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. On a sequential basis, net profit declined 5.8 per cent from Rs 3,659 crore reported in the March quarter (Q4 FY26). Revenue from operations rose 36 per cent year-on-year to Rs 52,469 crore during the reporting quarter, up from Rs 38,605 crore a year

earlier, driven by higher domestic sales and exports, the carmaker said in its filing. However, operating performance remained under pressure. EBITDA stood at Rs 4,313 crore, while EBITDA margin narrowed to 8.9 per cent from 11.6 per cent in the year-ago period. Total expenses surged 40.5 per cent year-on-year to Rs 50,000 crore, outpacing revenue growth. Raw material costs climbed 45.9 per cent to Rs 32,013 crore during the quarter, while employee benefit expenses and other operating expenses increased 20.3 per cent and 17.7 per cent, respectively. The company registered robust growth across key vehicle segments during the quarter. Domestic sales of small cars rose 34.1 per cent, while SUV sales in-

creased 44.6 per cent. Exports also grew 28.6 per cent compared with the same period last financial year, as per its regulatory filing. Maruti Suzuki said its domestic market share expanded by 2.3 percentage points to 41.2 per cent, supported by higher production following the commissioning of its second manufacturing plant at Kharkhoda. In a strategic move to strengthen its clean energy initiatives, the company's board approved four compressed biogas (CBG) projects in the first phase with a total investment of Rs 5,610 million. Maruti Suzuki India said the board will consider expanding CBG manufacturing capacity based on the experience and performance of these initial projects.

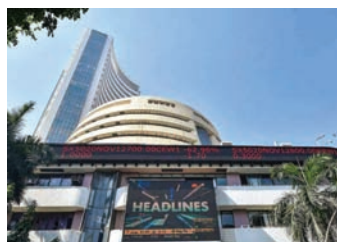
Indian Oil piles up Rs 2,661 crore loss in Q1 as crude prices soar amid West Asia crisis

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Indian Oil piled up a standalone net loss of Rs 2,661 crore for the first quarter (April-June) of 2026-27, as compared to a net profit of Rs 5,689 crore in Q1 2025-26, with the decrease in profitability mainly on account of rise in crude cost due to the West Asia conflict which was not passed on to consumers, according to a company statement. Indian Oil's revenue from operations during the first quarter of the current financial year registered a robust growth of 26 per cent to Rs 2,75,972 crore as compared to Rs 2,18,608 crore in the same quarter of the previous financial year. The company also achieved its highest-ever Q1 refineries crude throughput of 19.165 million metric tonnes (MMT) with 109.4 per cent capacity utilisation as compared to 18.683 MMT in Q1 25-26, improving by 3 per cent. Indian Oil's cross-country pipelines achieved combined throughput of 28.548 MMT in Q1 26-27 as compared to 26.256 MMT in Q1 25-26, improving by 9 per cent, the statement said. IOC also achieved its highest-ever quarterly sales of petrol at 4.522 MMT and diesel at 10.866 MMT. Total sales volume for Q1 26-27 was 26.211 MMT as compared to 26.328 MMT in Q1 25-26. The downstream oil giant increased its domestic market share by 1.6 per cent to 43.1 per cent in Q1 26-27 compared with 41.5 per cent in Q1 25-26. The natural gas sales volume went up to 1.873 MMT, which is 11 per cent higher than the corresponding figure of 1.685 MMT for the same quarter of the previous year.



Apple likely to outperform smartphone industry despite cost pressures: Experts

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Apple is expected to outperform the broader smartphone industry despite mounting component cost pressures driven by the strength of its ecosystem, pricing power and loyal customer base, industry experts said on Wednesday after the company reported record June-quarter revenue. According to Prabhu Ram, Head of the Industry Intelligence Group at CyberMedia Research (CMR), Apple delivered a fundamentally strong quarter, supported by record iPhone and Mac revenues, an all-time high installed base and resilient gross margins despite sustained memory cost inflation. "Apple's ecosystem strength, pricing power and loyal installed base continue to give it a competitive advantage over Android OEMs, many of whom face a more difficult trade-off between protecting margins and sustaining volumes as component costs continue to rise," Ram said. However, he noted that Apple's ability to absorb rising memory costs through inventory management and supply chain efficiencies is narrowing.



Indian market opens in green amid positive mixed global cues

Mumbai, Aug 5 : The Indian stock market jumped more than 600 points in early trade on Wednesday amid positive mixed global cues. At around 9:29 am, Sensex was trading at 78,665.83 after gaining 624.24 points or 0.80 per cent, while the Nifty was trading at 23,773.45 after gaining 185.95 points or 0.79 per cent. The market trend remained positive. On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), 1,223 stocks were trading in green, while 494 stocks were in red. According to experts, in the short run, there will be market rebounds which may be followed by renewed FII selling. "A sustained rally is possible only when we have indications of a growth revival in the economy. This is likely in early 2025," they said.

Adani Energy Solutions signs pact to buy IntelliSmart in Rs 3,050 crore deal

Ahmedabad, Aug 5 : India's leading energy solutions provider, Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL), on Wednesday announced that it has signed a binding securities purchase and subscription agreement (SPSA) to acquire a 100 per cent stake in smart metering company IntelliSmart Infrastructure

Private Limited in a transaction valued at Rs 3,050 crore. The proposed acquisition will strengthen AESL's position in the smart metering segment and take its total smart meter portfolio to more than 4.7 crore meters -- India's largest smart metering platform, according to the company. AESL said the transaction includes the acquisition of the en-

tire equity share capital of IntelliSmart as well as the redemption of optionally convertible debentures held by NIIF. The completion of the deal remains subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. IntelliSmart is a leading smart metering joint venture between the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).



India poised to lead global race towards 6G: COAI

New Delhi, Aug 5 : India is poised to lead the global race towards 6G, with an exciting opportunity to drive technological leadership, the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) said on Wednesday.

Urban Company swings into Rs 92 crore loss in Q1

Mumbai, Aug 5 : Urban Company on Wednesday swung to a consolidated net loss in the April-June quarter (Q1 FY27), hurt by continued investments in its growth initiatives, even as the home services platform reported robust revenue growth and strong expansion across its core businesses. The company posted a consolidated net loss of Rs 92.12 crore in the quarter ended June 30, 2026, compared with a net profit of Rs 6.94 crore in the corresponding period last financial year, according to a regulatory filing. On a sequential basis, however, the loss narrowed from Rs 161.16 crore reported in the January-March quarter (Q4 FY26). Revenue from operations rose 43.86 per cent year-on-year to Rs 528.34 crore during the quarter from Rs 367.27 crore in the same period a year ago. In its shareholder letter, the company said con-

solidated Net Transaction Value (NTV) grew 42 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,465 crore. Urban Company also added around 1.2 million new users during the quarter, marking the first time it

crossed the one-million user addition milestone in a single quarter. "Q1 FY27 was one of the strongest quarters in Urban Company's history.



Complaint against Bengal ex-Minister Indranil Sen, wife over 'misuse' of UNESCO name

Kolkata, Aug 5 : An international tourism company has lodged a police complaint against former state minister Indranil Sen and his wife, accusing them of illegally selling pre-Puja tickets by misusing the name of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The complaint was filed at the Bowbazar Police Station in central Kolkata. There are allegations that they were running an illegal commercial racket centred around Durga Puja. On behalf of the international organisation, Joydeep Mukherjee filed a complaint against the former minister, Indranil, and his wife.



J&K govt sanctions Rs 13.75 crore for heritage conservation projects

Srinagar, Aug 5 : The J&K government has approved two major heritage conservation projects worth Rs 13.75 crore for the restoration and revival of the historic heritage site of Purmandal in Samba and the conservation and upgradation of the historic Imambara Zadibal in Srinagar. The twin initiatives reaffirm the government's commitment to preserving Jammu & Kashmir's rich religious, cultural and architectural heritage while enhancing facilities for pilgrims, devotees and visitors. The government has approved a Rs 7.16 crore project for the restoration and revival of the historic heritage site of Purmandal in Samba. The initiative aims to preserve the site's unique heritage character while improving essential infrastructure to enhance the experience of pilgrims and tourists visiting the revered shrine town.

Haryana State Women Commission vice-chairperson, driver held for taking Rs 1 lakh bribe

Chandigarh, Aug 5 : The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) team of Jind on Wednesday evening arrested Sonia Aggarwal, vice-chairperson of the Haryana State Women Commission, while her personal assistant (PA)-cum-driver Kulbir was caught

red-handed while allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 1 lakh in lieu of making settlement in a marital dispute between a couple, an official said.



MP govt ramps up moong procurement, orders hassle-free purchase

Bhopal, Aug 5 : Madhya Pradesh Cooperation Minister Vishvas Kailash Sarang on Wednesday directed officials to ensure smooth procurement of moong and urad crops, stressing that farmers should not face any inconvenience during the ongoing purchase season. Chairing a review meeting of the Co-operation Department, the minister asked officials to work in mission mode to strengthen procurement arrangements, improve storage facilities and en-

hance cooperative banking services. "No farmer should face any inconvenience during the procurement of moong.



Kumaraswamy urges legally sound Mokedatu proposal, direct Cauvery talks with TN

Hassan, Aug 5 : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday advised the Karnataka government to prepare a legally robust revised proposal for the long-pending Mokedatu balancing reservoir project, while strongly criticising the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).

PM Modi's vision is to empower villages socially, financially: Tripura minister

Agartala, Aug 5 : Tripura Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath on Wednesday said that strengthening villages is essential for building a strong state and a stronger nation, asserting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been working with this vision by promoting the financial, social and infrastructure development of rural areas across the country. The minister made the remarks while inaugurating the Bijayanagar Smart and Boutique Gram Panchayat at Mohanpur in West Tripura district. Addressing the gathering, Nath said rural development

should remain the collective responsibility of everyone, as the progress of villages directly contributes to the progress of the state and the nation. "Everyone must work to strengthen our villages. People are well aware of how villages have changed over the years. If villages become stronger, the state will become stronger and more prosperous, and in turn, the country will also become stronger. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working with this vision by focusing on the financial, social and infrastructure development of villages," the Minister said. He noted that Bijayanagar Gram Panchayat stands as an example of this development model. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha are continuously working for the welfare of the people. Highlighting the development achieved in Bijayanagar Gram Panchayat over the past few years, Nath said there has been a remarkable improvement in housing, drinking water supply, road connectivity and sanitation facilities under the present government. He said that before the current government assumed office, only 34 houses had been provided under various government housing schemes in the panchayat and added that since then, as many as 543 houses have been constructed and handed over to beneficiaries, while another 89 houses have already been sanctioned.



"No eligible beneficiary will be left out. Our objective is to stand by every section of society and ensure that everyone receives the benefits of government welfare schemes," the minister said. Referring to the expansion of drinking water infrastructure, Nath said that earlier only 35 households had access to piped drinking water, and those connections were mostly limited to houses located along the roadside. "Today, 846

households have been provided with piped drinking water connections under various government initiatives, ensuring safe drinking water reaches people's homes," he said. The minister also pointed to the significant improvement in rural road infrastructure. Earlier, the Gram Panchayat had only one blacktopped road.



K'taka govt upgrades Aadhaar security infrastructure to boost cyber security

Bengaluru, Aug 5 : The Karnataka government has initiated an upgrade of the Hardware Security Module (HSM) that supports Aadhaar authentication services across various government departments, in a move aimed at strengthening cyber security, improving reliability and ensuring uninterrupted delivery of citizen services.

Bihar: Traffic Police bars constables, ASIs from vehicle checks

Patna, Aug 5 : Bihar Police Headquarters has introduced significant changes to roadside vehicle inspections and traffic management. Under the new directives, Constables and Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) will no longer be authorised to stop and inspect vehicles. The power to conduct vehicle checks will be restricted to Sub-Inspectors (SIs) and officers of higher rank. The directives were announced by ADG (Traffic) Sudhanshu Kumar during a press conference in Patna. He made it clear that police personnel below the rank of Sub-Inspector must not conduct vehicle inspections under any circumstances. Constables and ASIs will instead focus primarily on traffic regulation, congestion

management and maintaining smooth movement of vehicles. Police Headquarters will constitute a special inspection team to monitor compliance with the new instructions. Any Constable or ASI found conducting unauthorised vehicle checks, or against whom a complaint is received in this regard, could face immediate disciplinary action. The department has also made it mandatory for traffic and inspection personnel deployed on duty to keep their body-worn cameras switched on. If an officer's camera is found switched off during an inspection and a dispute subsequently occurs with a motorist, responsibility will rest with the concerned officer. Supervisory officers have also been instructed to remain physically present on roads during peak traffic hours, rather than manag-



ing traffic arrangements solely from their offices. The Bihar Traffic Police will initially introduce a 'Stretch Model' in Patna, inspired by the traffic management system followed in Kolkata. Under this system, police personnel will be assigned responsibility for an entire stretch of road rather than being confined to a single traffic point. The objective is to ensure continuous monitoring and quicker intervention when congestion develops. If the model produces satisfactory results in Patna, it may subsequently be implemented across other parts of Bihar. A Quick Response Team (QRT) will also be

dispatched immediately to locations where significant traffic congestion is reported. The ADG said that several parts of Patna are currently experiencing traffic pressure because of ongoing Metro construction. Consequently, one-way traffic arrangements are being implemented at various locations. The traffic police will also intensify efforts to remove encroachments from major roads. Officials will recommend measures such as no-parking zones, one-way systems and road-clearance drives to the relevant authorities wherever required. The department will continue regular inspections under the 'Roko-Toko' campaign. In another measure aimed at making vehicle checks more convenient for motorists, documents available through DigiLocker will be accepted during inspections.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme helping address Child Sex Ratio: Savitri Thakur

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur told the Lok Sabha on Wednesday that the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme helps to address Child Sex Ratio (CSR) across the nation. The Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) at the national level has increased from 918 in 2014-15 to 929 in 2025-26 (provisional), she said in a reply, citing the latest report of the Health Management Information System (HMIS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The Minister said the BBBP scheme tries to create a mindset and behavioural changes towards the girl child by informing, influencing, motivating, engaging,

and empowering various stakeholders. She said that in the 15th Finance Commission Period, BBBP as a component under the SAMBAL vertical of Mission Shakti has been expanded to cover all the districts of the country through multi-sectoral interventions encouraging greater spend on activities that have on-ground impact. She said BBBP has transformed from a policy initiative into a national movement by mobilising various stakeholders, including government.



UN envoy hopes for Syria's swift recovery after Assad's ouster

Damascus, Aug 5 : UN Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen said Wednesday that the UN is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving situation in the country and is looking forward to the next steps toward a political transition following the ouster of former President Bashar al-Assad on December 8. Speaking to reporters in Damascus, Pedersen emphasized the importance of Syrian state institutions fully resuming their functions under secure conditions, Xinhua news agency reported. "We are working with all segments of the Syrian people ... and we want to see no acts of

revenge. Instead, we must ensure that institutions return to work, backed by the necessary security measures," he said. The UN envoy expressed hope that the removal of sanctions on Syria would be expedited, paving the way for a swift start to

the nation's economic recovery. "We hope to see a quick end to sanctions so that the recovery process can begin soon," Pedersen added. While acknowledging the complexity of the political landscape.



Afghan children with heart disease receive free treatment

Kabul, Aug 5 : A total of 404 Afghan children with congenital heart disease (CHD) have received free surgical treatment over the past nine months in Afghanistan's capital Kabul, Mawlawi Mudassir Hamraz, spokesperson for the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) said on Wednesday. "The Afghan Red Crescent Society has facilitated free treatment for 404 children with congenital heart defects during the past nine months, and nearly 30,500 Afghan children with CHD, registered across the country, are in urgent need of treatment," the local media quoted Hamraz as saying. The treatment of each child costs \$750 to 2,350, fully covered by the ARCS, reports Xinhua, quoting private media outlet Tolo News. Most of the children treated come from low-income families who could not afford medical care due to severe economic hardships.

Bangladesh MP raises concern over worsening law and order situation

Dhaka, Aug 5 : Bangladeshi independent lawmaker Rumeen Farhana expressed grave concern over the worsening law and order situation in the country, local media reported. Citing statistics from Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), she said that the incidents of murder, abduction, and violence against women had surged during the Tarique Rahman-led Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government's first 100 days in office. Addressing the Parliament, she drew attention to the vacant seat of Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed, saying, "He was supposed to be present on Wednesday, but his chair is empty. What can I do? I must speak in his absence." Speaking on an issue of urgent public importance Rumeen said that Bangladesh witnessed 605 murders, 294 muggings, 90 robberies, and 196 abductions in March and April alone. She added that police came under attack in

129 incidents, while 2,214 theft cases were also recorded, Bangladesh's leading newspaper The Daily Star reported. Highlighting the violence against women and children, Rumeen noted that 3,496 cases of abuse were reported during the period, including 78–102 rapes, 30–36 gang rapes, and 49–71 child rapes. "These figures clearly show how fragile and alarming the law and order situation has become in just three months," she said. Rumeen argued that economy and law and order are key benchmarks for determining a government's success or failure.



Portugal expresses great concern over Ceuta migration crisis, backs Schengen border integrity

Lisbon, Aug 5 : The Portuguese government said on Wednesday it is following the migration crisis in Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta "with great concern" and reaffirmed its commitment to rigorous border control as a cornerstone of the Schengen area's integrity. In a statement published by Portuguese Prime Minister Luis Montenegro's office, the government expressed condolences for the lives lost in the crisis and said it has been kept informed by the Spanish government since the beginning of the crisis.

"The Portuguese government reaffirms that the integrity of the Schengen system depends on rigorous border controls and a determined fight against all forms of illegal immigration," the statement read, Xinhua News Agency reported. The Portuguese authorities said it remains in contact with both the Spanish and Moroccan governments, with Portuguese security forces, including the GNR gendarmerie and the Maritime Police, coordinating with their Spanish counterparts. It said Spain has given assurances

that, in close coordination with Moroccan authorities, it will reverse the flow of thousands of migrants that has intensified over recent weeks and particularly over the past two days. The death toll of those attempting to reach Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta by sea rose to at least 34 on Friday, while around 50,000 migrants have entered the enclave from neighbouring Morocco over the past two days. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez described the incident as a violation of Spain's territorial integrity.



Rise of Global South to push global economy through headwinds : Malaysian official

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 5 : The rise of the Global South countries is pushing the global economy through expected headwinds and keeping international trade vibrant, a Malaysian official said on Wednesday. These developments, in turn, will help unlock potential and facilitate cooperation in addressing a range of pressing issues, including managing climate change, enhancing supply chain resilience, ensuring food security.



India extends \$840K climate risk protection aid to Tanzania

United Nations, Aug 5 : India is giving Tanzania \$840,000 in aid for a programme to provide financial protection against risk from climate change, according to India's Permanent Mission to the UN. "India fully supports the Tanzanian Government's determination

to the proposed project which shall serve as an effective vehicle in dealing with the climate-related hazards threatening lives and livelihood", the mission said on Wednesday. The grant requested by the Tanzanian government will be routed through the India-UN Development Fund.

Greer said US will raise tariffs if no progress made on non-tariff barriers: South Korean FM

Seoul, Aug 5 : South Korea's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun said Wednesday that US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told him the United States will revert reciprocal tariffs to the pre-agreement level of 25 per cent if Seoul makes no progress on addressing non-tariff barriers. Cho shared details with law-

makers of his meeting with Greer in Washington last week, as Seoul seeks to keep the trade deal with the ally intact following US President Donald Trump's warning of raising the tariff rate from 15 per cent, citing South Korea's slow legislative process. "The US is seeking to raise tariffs on South Korea to reduce its trade deficit if there is no progress in

talks with Seoul over non-tariff barriers," Cho said at a National Assembly session, Yonhap news agency reported. Seoul has committed to investing US\$350 billion in the US in exchange for Washington lowering the duty to 15 per cent. But Trump threatened to raise tariffs on South Korea as legislation to implement the trade deal has remained pend-

ing in the National Assembly since its introduction in late November. Non-tariff barriers largely refer to South Korea's regulatory moves concerning digital platform services, like Google Inc., quarantine measures for agricultural imports, and certification requirements for autos, pharmaceuticals and other sectors. Washington has expressed con-

cerns that Seoul's push to tighten regulations on digital services is discriminatory and has called for easing existing requirements in agriculture and other sectors. According to Cho, Greer pointed to sluggish progress on the investment pledge and noted that discussions on non-tariff issues have yet to take place despite US calls to move the deal forward.



Trump touts record gains at Camp David



Washington, Aug 5 : US President Donald Trump used the first live televised Cabinet meeting ever held at Camp David to showcase what he described as major achievements across the economy, border security, healthcare, defence and government efficiency, while senior Cabinet officials outlined the administration's priorities ahead of the midterm elections.



Time to boost measures to prevent drowning, save children : WHO

New Delhi, Aug 5 : The World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday called on countries in the South-East Asia region to strengthen measures to prevent drowning, which disproportionately affects children and the vulnerable population. The region reported 83,000 drowning fatalities in 2021, which accounts to 28 per cent of the

global drowning burden and contributing substantially to the nearly 30 lives lost to drowning every hour, globally, according to WHO's first Global status report on drowning prevention. About 43 per cent drowning fatalities in the region involved children aged 14 years or younger.

India, Fiji discuss bilateral ties, possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita held a meeting with Fiji's Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development Esrom Immanuel in New Delhi on Wednesday, discussing bilateral ties, shared priorities, and

possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure. "Pleased to meet Hon. Esrom Immanuel, Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development of Fiji, this morning. Held productive discussions covering the entire gamut of India-Fiji bilateral relations and

shared priorities, with particular focus on development partnership, capacity building, and possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure, including ongoing collaboration and the way ahead," Margherita posted on X. On February 2, India's High Com-



missioner to Fiji Suneet Mehta held a meeting with Fiji Parliament Speaker Filimone Jitoko and discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation. Following their talks, India's High Commission in Fiji in a post on X stated, "High Commissioner Suneet Mehta was honoured to call on the Speaker of the Fiji Parliament, Filimone Jitoko. Productive discussions were held reaffirming strong parliamentary ties.



BJD alleges 23 paper leak incidents under BJP govt in Odisha, seeks probe into alleged Medical PG exam

Bhubaneswar, Aug 5 : In the wake of allegations of question paper leaks in the recently held Post Graduate medical MD/MS examination, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Wednesday alleged that the repeated incidents of question paper leaks in Odisha reflect the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led state government's failure to maintain control over the examination system. The opposition party in Odisha claimed that 23 question paper leak incidents have surfaced during the BJP government's 24 months in office and demanded a thorough probe into the alleged Medical PG examination paper leak.

Addressing a press conference at Sankha Bhawan, BJD MLA Arun Kumar Sahu and BJD Vice-President Pratap Jena criticised the state government over the alleged leak of the Odisha University of Health Sciences (OUHS) Medical PG examination held on July 27. Sahu alleged that question paper leaks have become a regular occurrence in both Odisha and the

country. Drawing a comparison with the Indian Premier League (IPL), the BJD MLA said that repeated paper leak incidents have become so common that people have started calling them the "Indian Paper Leak (IPL)". "While such incidents continue to occur regularly in Odisha, allegations have now surfaced regarding the leakage of the Medical PG examination conducted by the Odisha University of Health Sciences (OUHS) on July 27. According to the allegations, while the examination was in progress, the question paper was being circulated through WhatsApp across various mobile phones. Not only the question paper but even its answers were reportedly circulating on mobile devices," Sahu claimed. Senior BJD leader Jena said the NEET question paper leak had shocked the country, and the alleged leak of the Medical PG examination in Odisha has further raised concerns among people.

35 miners trapped under rubble in Afghanistan

Aybak, Aug 5 : About 35 miners were trapped under the rubble of a coal mine in Afghanistan's Samangan province, local officials said on Wednesday. The provincial health director Sayed Usman Hamidi counted 35 miners under the debris, saying rescue teams and health personnel have been dispatched to the area to rescue the trapped miners, Xinhua news agency reported. "Preliminary reports indicate that several miners were busy in a coal mine in Dara-i-Sufi

Payin district of Samangan province yesterday, but part of the mine caved in, and resultantly several miners were trapped under rubble," a statement from the provincial police office released on Sunday said. The statement further said that police personnel, local officials, and villagers have rushed to the site to rescue trapped miners from under the debris. Rescue operations were on to rescue workers trapped under the debris, but none have been freed yet, according to local Taliban officials. The incident occurred around 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to



Bakhtar News Agency.

Earlier this week, two workers died from gas exposure at a coal mine in Bamiyan province's Khwaja Ganj village. In February 2002, at least 10 miners lost their lives after being trapped underground when a coal mine collapsed in Afghanistan. In 2019, at least 30 people were killed in the collapse of a gold mine in Afghanistan, officials

said. The collapse occurred in the Kohistan district of Badakhshan province. Afghanistan houses vast resources of minerals but many of the mines are old and poorly maintained. Afghanistan's mining sector has seen frequent fatal accidents, often attributed to inadequate safety measures and a lack of proper equipment.

Philippines orders full evacuation amid possible volcanic re-eruption

Manila, Aug 5 : The Philippines on Wednesday ordered local government units to complete the evacuation of people within the six-km danger zone around Mount Kanlaon volcano by Thursday amid rising activity.



Kanlaon, which straddles the provinces of Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental on the island of Negros in central Philippines, erupted on December 9, spewing a voluminous plume that rose more than 4,000 meters into the sky, Xinhua news agency reported. The order, issued by Raul Fernandez, director of the Office of Civil Defense in Western Visayas, directed local government units of both provinces to complete the evacuation by Tues-

day. The order came in light of increased volcanic activity, prompting authorities to act swiftly to protect residents from potential hazards. However, some residents refused to leave the danger zone despite the threat of another explosive eruption.



Bangladesh in fiscal mess due to massive debt burden: Report

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Bangladesh's public finances are in a precarious position due to huge interest payments and repayment of loan instalments that the government has to make on the country's massive debt burden, according to an article in a Dhaka-based newspaper. The huge outgo of funds for this debt-servicing leaves very little funds to allocate for the country's economic development which is reflected in the rising levels of poverty, said the report in Dhaka-based The Business Standard. The country's economists are of the view that growing cost of interest payments is emerging as a major policy challenge that requires urgent action. The article cites economist Selim Jahan, former director of Human Development Report Office, UNDP as saying that Bangladesh may face vulnerabilities in the coming years as its external debt stock and interest obligations continue to rise, according to the report.

Punjab's textile sector set to grow with India-US pact, says state BJP chief

Amritsar, Aug 5 : Punjab Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Sunil Jakhar on Wednesday said that the India-US trade agreement has opened doors for the country's progress towards becoming a developed nation while providing a protective shield to Indian farmers. He told the

media that the agreement would act as a "runway" to take the country to new heights of development. Also, Punjab's textile sector will gain. Jakhar said the BJP "understands its responsibility and accountability towards the people, especially farmers, and therefore it is informing the public about various aspects of this trade agree-

ment". Urging the Opposition to refrain from misleading propaganda regarding the agreement, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserved congratulations for successfully securing a deal in the national interest amid challenging international circumstances. The state BJP chief said while the US President is working on the principle of



"Make America Great Again", Prime Minister Modi has pursued the policy of "Make India Great", ensuring that the agreement fully safeguards India's agriculture sector while enabling the country to sell its industrial products to the US and purchase advanced technologies as needed.



Piyush Goyal exhorts domestic plastics industry to double exports

Mumbai, Aug 5 : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday exhorted the Indian plastics industry to aim at doubling exports, focus on sustainability and adhere to international standards. In his address at an industry event here, the minister emphasised the need to continue to focus on the growth and global competitiveness of the sector by branding India as a high-quality and cost-competitive producer.

Indian Oil takes significant step forward in India's upstream progress

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Wednesday announced that it has taken an important step forward in India's upstream energy journey with the commencement of first domestic production from the Jyoti-1 well in Gujarat. Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced the development on social media, calling it a small but significant milestone in boosting the country's energy security. According to Puri, IOC began production from the Jyoti-1 well in Block CB-ONN-2005/9 at the IUVL site on November 14, 2025. "A small but significant step forward in India's upstream progress. Energy Maharatna @IndianOilcl has commenced first domestic production from the Jyoti-1 well in Block CB-

ONN-2005/9 at the IUVL site in Gujarat on November 14," the Union Minister said in a post on social media platform X. He said that this revival marks a turning point for the Energy Maharatna, which is now making a renewed push into the upstream sector. The minister added that the effort aligns with the government's broader goals of achieving greater energy independence and optimising domestic resources under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The minister also highlighted that

the achievement was the result of coordinated efforts between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and Indian Oil Corporation. He congratulated all teams involved for pushing forward India's upstream capabilities. This development comes at a time when the government has been focusing on strengthening India's energy security through multiple channels. Earlier in the day, in a major move to diversify fuel sourcing, Puri had announced that Indian public sector oil companies



had signed a one-year deal to import liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) from the United States for the first time. Calling it a "historic first," he said the agreement would help secure around 2.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of LPG for the contract year 2026. India, one of the world's largest and fastest-growing LPG markets, has been working on expanding both domestic production and international partnerships.

US moves to revoke citizenship of 17 immigrants

Washington, Aug 5 : The US Department of Justice has launched proceedings to revoke the citizenship of 17 naturalised Americans accused of concealing crimes or lying during the immigration process, including an Indian-origin businessman convicted in a visa fraud case.

The Justice Department said Wednesday that the denaturalisation actions, filed in federal courts across the country, target individuals accused of offences ranging from sexual abuse of minors and healthcare fraud to money laundering, securities fraud and immigration-related crimes. Among those named is Neeraj Sharma, 50, a native of India and former owner and chief executive officer of New Jersey-based staffing company Magnavision LLC.



According to the Justice Department, Sharma signed and filed 11 fraudulent H-1B visa petitions containing false representations that workers would be employed by a global financial institution. The petitions allegedly included forged signatures of company executives. In 2017, Sharma applied for US citizenship and, according to the complaint, falsely stated under penalty of perjury that he had never committed a crime for which he had not been arrested, never provided false information to US government officials and never lied to obtain immigration benefits. The Justice Department said Sharma became a US citizen

in December 2017. He was later convicted of fraud and misuse of visas for conduct that occurred between April 2015 and April 2017.

The government is seeking to revoke his citizenship, alleging that he failed to disclose unlawful acts, provided false testimony and concealed material facts during the naturalisation process. Announcing the actions, Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche said, "When criminal aliens exploit the naturalisation process by breaking the law, there are consequences. Criminal aliens are lying about their past crimes, including drug dealers, sexual predators, and fraudsters."

"Gaining US citizenship is a privilege and under the steadfast leadership of President Trump, this Department of Justice maintains a zero-tolerance policy for the abuse of this process," he said. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said citizenship "must be earned honestly". "If you come here break our laws, and lie in your immigration proceedings, you forfeit that privilege," Mullin said. The Justice Department said the 17 cases involve individuals originally from India, China, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica, Somalia, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago and several other countries.

Italy closes maritime and air borders with Spain

Rome, Aug 5 : The Ministry of Interior of Italy, Matteo Piantedosi, on Wednesday ordered the closure of maritime and air borders with Spain, amid the ongoing migrant crisis in Ceuta, with a large number of migrants arriving. The decision was taken following the most recent intelligence acquisitions analysed in particular by the Committee for Immigration and Border Security Analysis, which Minister Matteo Piantedosi chaired this morning at the Viminale, following the migratory crisis in Ceuta, Italian News Agency Adnkronos reported. Over 48,000 migrants have returned to Morocco from the Spanish enclave of Ceuta, where approximately 60,000 people have arrived in recent days. The Spanish Interior Ministry announced this in Madrid. Morocco's Interior Minister, Abdelouafi Laftit, assured the Madrid government regarding taking back all the migrants. "We will take everyone back, without any exception," stated the Minister after approximately 60,000 Moroccans arrived in Ceuta, the Spanish exclave considered a gateway to Europe, in recent days. The two countries "have committed to reviewing and implementing measures that allow the return, as soon as possible, of all people who entered Ceuta illegally," said Spanish Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska. The North African country "has no interest in projecting the image of a country in crisis," with young people ready to flee the country, just two days after King Mohamed



VI's Throne Speech, during which he asserted the strength of a growing, politically stable country ready to welcome foreign capital, said a Moroccan analyst interviewed by Adnkronos. A Morocco "that has become the leading car exporter in Africa," the king had said on Wednesday, where "the automotive, aeronautics, renewable energy, and agri-food sectors are the essential pillars of the national productive fabric, due to their ability to attract investment and their capacity to create wealth and employment." In Madrid, it is believed that the crisis was triggered by the Spanish Supreme Court's ruling of July 8, according to which migrants who arrived by swimming.



India and Kenya discuss further strengthening parliamentary exchanges

Nairobi, Aug 5 : India's High Commissioner to Kenya, Adarsh Swaika called on Kenya's National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula in Nairobi on Wednesday as the two sides held discussions on further strengthening parliamentary exchanges and advancing bilateral ties through the Friendship Groups. During the meeting, Swaika handed over a letter of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to Moses Wetang'ula, conveying the constitution of the India-Kenya Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Indian Parliament. "High Commissioner called on Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya Moses Wetang'ula and handed over a letter from Hon. Speaker of Lok Sabha Om Birla conveying the constitution of the

India-Kenya Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Indian Parliament," the Indian High Commission in Kenya posted on X. "Discussions pertained to further strengthening India-Kenya parliamentary engagement and advancing bilateral ties through the Friendship Groups. Also present were Convenor of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for India in Kenyan Parliament Hon. MP David Ouma Ochieng and member of the group, Indian-origin Hon. MP Rahim Dawood," it added. On Tuesday, Swaika called on Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Salim Mvurya, discussing strengthening co-operation in youth engagement, sports partnerships, and the creative economy, including capacity building, talent exchange, and skilling initiatives, according to the statement released by the Indian High Commission in Kenya. Swaika also met Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen, discussing bilateral ties and growing cooperation across multiple sectors.



UN OCHA warns funding shortage could disrupt humanitarian operations in Afghanistan

Kabul, Aug 5 : The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned on Wednesday that funding shortage could halt humanitarian work in Afghanistan between October-December, local media reported. OCHA said the potential disruption would impact life-saving assistance, including food supplies, clean water, education support and basic health services relied upon by millions of Afghan residents, Afghanistan's leading news agency Khaama Press reported. The agency emphasised that immediate funding is important for keeping humanitarian work operational, noting that even short gaps would have "serious humanitarian consequences" as the winter is approaching.



Peace summit on eastern DRC conflicts 'called off': DRC Presidency

Kinshasa, Aug 5 : A peace summit scheduled for Wednesday to address conflicts in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) was "called off," the DRC presidential office said. Angolan President Joao Lourenco was set to host DRC President Felix Tshisekedi and Rwandan President Paul Kagame in a bid to ease tensions gripping the eastern DRC, Xinhua news agency reported. According to Kinshasa, the Rwandan delegation refused to participate in the meeting, leading to its cancellation. Tshisekedi arrived in Luanda early Sunday for the summit and met with his Angolan counterpart.

Rights group condemns Dhaka University's action against teachers, cites threat to academic freedom

Paris, Aug 5 : Amid growing concerns over academic freedom and institutional autonomy in Bangladesh's higher education sector, a leading international human rights organisation strongly condemned the decision of the Dhaka University (DU) syndicate to suspend three teachers and to remove four others from their academic and administrative responsibilities. The remarks came after DU, on Aug 5.



South Korea, Argentina will usher in new era of cooperation: President Lee

Buenos Aires, Aug 5 : South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has said that South Korea and Argentina will usher in a new era of cooperation,

saying closer bilateral collaboration is strategically more important than ever. Lee made the remarks at a meeting on Wednesday (local time).



UK officially joins Asia-Pacific trade bloc CPTPP

London, Aug 5 : The U.K. officially joined the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) on Wednesday, becoming the first European nation to join the Asia-Pacific trade bloc. The 12-country landmark trade agreement is expected to boost the British economy by 2 billion pounds (about

2.52 billion U.S. dollars) annually in the long term, according to the Department for Business and Trade, Xinhua news agency. The department noted on its website that the UK's accession to CPTPP is a cornerstone of the government's Plan for Change, which aims to deliver economic growth and increase household incomes.

Afghan Police seize illicit drugs, arrest 21 smugglers

Kabul, Aug 5 : Afghan counter-narcotics police seized a quantity of illicit drugs, including crystal meth, and arrested 21 suspected smugglers in separate operations across multiple provinces, the Ministry of Interior Affairs said in a statement on Wednesday. The seizure included 86 kg of raw hashish, 5 kg of crystal meth, a quantity of methamphetamine, stimulant tablets, and some other types of narcotics. The drugs were discovered during a series of routine police operations, said the statement, Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel confirms attacking UN peacekeepers in Lebanon, citing 'misclassification' amid poor weather

Jerusalem, Aug 5 : The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed in a statement that it has opened fire at two UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon, citing misclassification "due to poor weather conditions." After identifying "two suspects" in the Al-Hamames area, Israeli troops fired warning shots and forced them to withdraw, but after a later review of the incident, the two were found out to be UN peacekeepers



patrolling in the area, it said. "The IDF emphasizes that no deliberate fire was directed toward UNIFIL soldiers, and the matter is being handled through official liaison channels," it said, adding that it will continue operations to "remove any threat" to Israel.



Arsenal agree 75 mn pound fee for Newcastle midfielder Guimaraes: Report

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Arsenal are set to complete their protracted move for Newcastle United captain Bruno Guimaraes as the Premier League club reportedly agreed to a 75 million pound fee for the Brazilian. The Gunners are now making preparations for the Brazil

midfielder's medical this week as the Brazilian has been given permission to travel for a medical, Sky Sports reports. Newcastle had agreed a package of 33.3 million plus around 6.5 million pounds in add-ons with French club Lyon to sign Guimaraes in 2022 until 2026. He has made 195 appearances for Newcastle, scoring 31 goals.



Golf: Shubhankar, Anirban join global field at India Championship

New Delhi, Aug 5 : Home heroes Shubhankar Sharma and Anirban Lahiri will lead Indian hopes when they join the global field gathering for the second edition of the India Championship. The duo will join a host of stars, including defending champion Tommy Fleetwood, career Grand Slam winner Rory McIlroy and newly crowned Open Champion Ryan Fox, in the highly-anticipated USD 4,000,000 event at Delhi Golf Club from October 15-18. Shubhankar became the youngest India player to win on the DP World Tour when he claimed the Joburg Open title in December 2017, aged just 21.



'6-fer against Pakistan felt extremely special,' says WI spinner Warrican

Port of Spain, Aug 5 : West Indies left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican said picking a six-wicket haul against Pakistan in the ongoing game at the Queen's Park Oval; as 'extremely special,' adding that stepping up to carry the bowling workload in the absence of injured captain Roston Chase made the performance even more gratifying. With Chase nursing an index

finger injury that restricted him to just seven overs, Warrican shouldered the bulk of the bowling duties, by sending down 46 overs. His figures of 6-112 helped West Indies trigger a Pakistani collapse on day three, thus restricting the visitors lead to just 43 runs after they lost eight wickets for 106 runs.

ICC Rankings: Edwards, Van der Merwe lead Netherlands surge in ODI charts

Dubai, Aug 5 : Netherlands players were rewarded for their recent performances in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 as several members of the Dutch side made significant gains in the latest ICC Men's ODI rankings released on Monday. The Netherlands have been in impressive form during the ongoing League 2 competition



and recently registered a 57-run victory over Nepal in Utrecht to strengthen their position inside the top four of the standings.



P.V. Sindhu and Shri Nara Lokesh unveil vision for P.V. Sindhu Centre for Sports Excellence in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, Aug 5 : P.V. Sindhu and Shri Nara Lokesh unveiled the vision for the P.V. Sindhu Centre for Sports Excellence in Visakhapatnam, marking the public launch of a land-

mark non-profit institution that aims to redefine sports development in India. Conceived by two-time Olympic medallist, World Champion and Padma Bhushan awardee P.V. Sindhu, the centre is

being developed as an integrated sports and education ecosystem that brings together seven sporting disciplines, high-performance coaching, sports science, recovery, nutrition, strength and conditioning, and academics under one campus. The ceremony marks more than the laying of a foundation stone. Construction is already well underway, with the basement and substructure complete and the superstructure taking shape. The project's vision evolved significantly following discussions with Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, who encouraged Sindhu and her husband, Venkata Datta Sai, to think not just about the next few years, but the next hundred. What began as a

badminton academy has since grown into a long-term institution designed to serve generations of athletes and students. Inspired by visits to some of the world's leading high-performance sports facilities, including Aspetar in Doha and the Inspire Institute of Sport, the centre has been designed around the belief that elite performance is created through the seamless integration of coaching, science, recovery, education and culture. The nearly two-lakh-square-foot campus will feature international-standard facilities, including specialised badminton infrastructure, a 25-metre competition swimming pool, Andhra Pradesh's first 25-metre shooting range, integrated sports sci-



ence and recovery spaces, and an on-campus school that will enable young athletes to pursue both education and sport without compromise. Located in Visakhapatnam, the centre seeks to establish the city

as a national destination for sport, education and high-performance training while creating wider opportunities through coaching, talent identification, research partnerships and community outreach.

England skipper Sciver-Brunt to miss WBBL 12, confirms Hobart Hurricanes coach Coleman

Hobart, Aug 5 : Reigning WBBL champions Hobart Hurricanes have suffered a major setback ahead of their title defence with England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt set to miss the up-

coming season in order to manage her injury workload, confirmed head coach Jude Coleman on Wednesday. Nat played a crucial role in leading the Hurricanes to their maiden WBBL title last sea-

son as their marquee international signing. But after managing persistent calf issues throughout the English summer, which forced her to play predominantly as a specialist batter.



Viv Richards urges Joseph and Sammy to resolve differences, rebuild mutual respect

Port of Spain, Aug 5 : Legendary West Indies batter Sir Vivian Richards has urged fast bowler Alzarri Joseph and head coach Daren Sammy to resolve their differences and rebuild respect for each other following a public disagreement over the pacer's decision to skip the ongoing Test series against Pakistan.

Joseph opted out of the two-match Test series, citing personal reasons, leading Sammy to remark that he had 'declined selection' - a comment the fast bowler later criticised as "controversial, without context". West Indies are currently 1-0 up in the series, with the second game still underway at Queen's

Park Oval. "This sometimes hampers guys' professional careers, you know. Such statements, if it's not true and stuff like that, a lot of things linger.

FIFA chief Infantino calls crisis meeting with senior staff in Morocco

New Delhi, Aug 5 : FIFA chief Gianni Infantino will hold a crisis meeting in Morocco on Wednesday after his plan to sell off FIFA's commercial and event operations faced fierce criticism. Infantino was forced to withdraw his plan to create FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE), a company to run the commercial and operational aspects of FIFA's tournaments, after it triggered widespread opposition from UEFA, Concacaf, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and several national associations, as well as criticism from within FIFA. According to the Sky Sports report, Infantino has asked senior leaders of football's world governing body to attend the meeting in Rabat.

