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**Telangana to promote alternative
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Hyderabad, Oct 9 : The Telangana government will intensify awareness among farmers about alternative crops in view of the El Nino phenomenon and encourage horticulture cultivation, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said here on Friday. During a review meeting at the Secretariat with Horticulture Department and Oilfed officials, he called for expanding vegetable cultivation, ensuring quality seeds and improving



marketing facilities to explore opportunities for interstate exports. Officials reported significant growth in horticulture, with spice cultivation rising by 65%, red chillies by 83%.

**Bye-elections : PM Modi hails party
workers, voters' support for BJP victory**

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hailed the hard work of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers, NDA allies and the continuous support of electorate for ensuring the party's impressive performance in the Lok Sabha and Assembly bye-elections. In a message on social

media platform X, PM Modi said, "Gratitude to the people for their continuous blessings! The Lok Sabha result of Nagaon (Assam) and Assembly results of Nandigram as well as Rejinagar (West Bengal), show yet again that the people have a deep-rooted connect with the good governance agenda of BJP-NDA."



**World Egg Day celebrations
mark poultry india expo 2026 launch**

Hyderabad, Oct 9 : The Telangana Poultry Federation and the National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC), Hyderabad Zone, celebrated World Egg Day at Peddamberpet here on Friday, highlighting the nutritional benefits of eggs and their role in promoting healthy living. The event, supported by IPEMA-Poultry India.

**Hyderabad to emerge as
‘Global Confidence Centre’: Sridhar Babu**

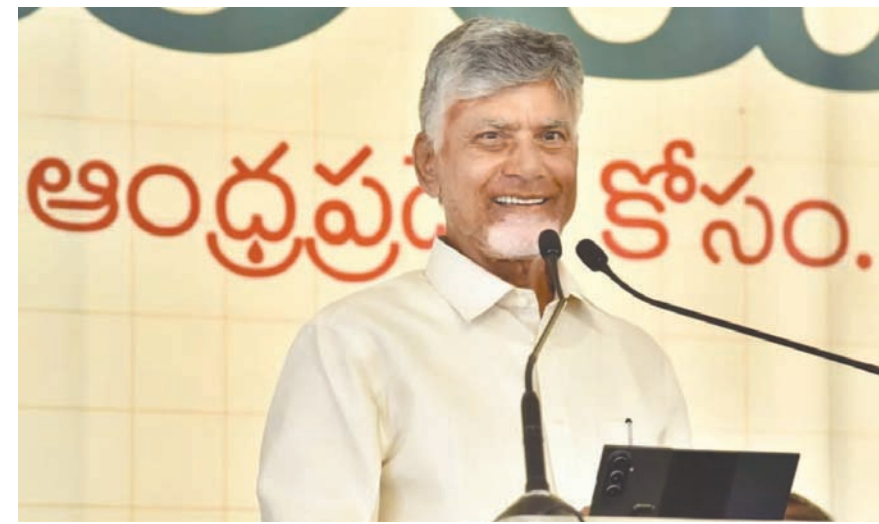


Hyderabad, Oct 9 : Telangana aims to position Hyderabad as a “Global Confidence Centre” where global companies develop solutions to address global challenges, rather than merely as a destination for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said on Friday.

Inaugurating the development centre of Netherlands-based fintech company Backbase in Hitec City, the Minister said the State was building a robust ecosystem to attract global companies and enable them to respond to evolving market requirements and technological advancements. The 30,000-square-foot facility is expected to generate 300 skilled jobs and support the development of digital banking solutions and software products for banks and financial institutions worldwide, he said. Sridhar Babu said Hyderabad had emerged as a major destination for technology, digital banking and fintech companies. Backbase's expansion further strengthened the city's position in the global technology ecosystem, he added. The State government was



also focusing on equipping Telangana's youth with skills aligned with emerging employment opportunities in software engineering, product development, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, data analytics, cybersecurity and digital banking, the Minister said. He said the government was strengthening digital infrastructure to meet the requirements of global companies. Technology could also play a crucial role in addressing societal challenges, and the State would support innovators developing solutions with wider applications, he added.



**NDA will allot 34 pc tickets to Backward
Classes in local body polls, says Andhra Pradesh CM**

Amaravati, Oct 9 : The NDA in Andhra Pradesh will allocate 34 per cent of tickets in the upcoming local body elections to the Backward Classes (BCs), said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday after the Supreme Court dismissed the state government's plea challenging the Andhra Pradesh High Court ruling that struck down 34 per cent reservation for BCs in local body elections. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President said the ruling alliance will field more than 34 per cent candidates from the BCs. He was addressing a public meeting after distribution of pattadar pass books among farmers at Narsingolu in Prakasam district.

Chandrababu Naidu was speaking after the Supreme Court dismissed the state government's petition challenging the High Court order. On October 1, the Andhra Pradesh High Court struck down two government orders providing 34 per cent reservation for BCs in local body elections, holding that the quota breached the 50 per cent ceiling on total reservations. The High Court observed that the aggregate reservation for all categories in local bodies should not exceed 50 per cent in accordance with the Supreme Court's guidelines. Chief Minister Naidu had announced the enhanced quota on August 18, stating that BCs would get 34 per cent reservation in rural local bodies and 33.33 per cent in urban local bodies. Stating that BCs constitute more than 50 per cent of society, the Chief Minister claimed on Friday that they have stood as the backbone and a source of support for the TDP for 45 years.

**Supreme Court gives green signal for
AP local body elections; issues key directives
on voter lists and BC reservations**

Amaravati, Oct 9 : The Supreme Court has paved the way for holding local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. The State Election Commission (SEC) informed the Supreme Court that it is prepared to issue the election notification within the six-week timeframe stipulated by the Andhra Pradesh High Court. A bench led by Justice Surya Kant issued key orders in the case, directing that the process move forward without any delay. The Supreme Court has clarified that if the 'Special Intensive Revision' (SIR) process is completed by the time the election notification is issued, the elections must be conducted based on the newly prepared comprehensive electoral roll; however, if the SIR process is not completed by the time of the notification,



the local body elections must be held using the existing electoral roll. The Supreme Court dismissed the petition filed by the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) challenging the delimitation of wards. A bench led by Justice Surya Kant sharply questioned, "Why is the YSRCP facing a problem that neither the enumerators nor the Central Government has?" The Court remarked that the petition appeared to be motivated by an intent to deliberately delay the local body elections and was contrary to public interest.

**Nobel Peace
Prize for woman of Indian origin**

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Navanethem 'Navi' Pillay, a South African of Indian origin, has received a rare honor. She has been awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize for 2026. The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced her selection for the award in recognition of her efforts to promote peace and international law. Navanethem worked extensively for human rights on an international level. Her ancestors hailed from Tamil Nadu and had migrated to South Africa many years ago; they had left India in 1890 as indentured laborers to work on sugar plantations in South Africa. Navanethem served as



the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008–2014). She also served as a judge at the International Criminal Court from 2003 to 2008.



**We will ensure due representation
for BCs in local body elections : Atchannaidu**

Amaravati, Oct 9 : State Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu stated that due representation would be provided to Backward Classes (BCs) in the upcoming local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. He noted that the alliance government is striving to enhance the political representation of BCs in these elections.



Rajasthan's Panchna dam reignites water war after 20 years amid minister's warning, Pilot's appeal

Jaipur, Oct 9 : Drought on one side and a reservoir full of water on the other, the irony captures the essence of the Panchna Dam controversy that has once again exploded into a major political and social flashpoint in eastern Rajasthan. What began as a dispute over irrigation water has now evolved into a complex political and social battle involving rehabilitation, compensation, community interests, court orders and political pressure.

Komatireddy calls for grand arrangements for IRC conference

Hyderabad, Oct 9 : Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has directed officials to make elaborate arrangements for the 85th Indian Road Congress (IRC) national conference, scheduled to be held at HITEX in Hyderabad from November 19 to 22, on a prestigious scale comparable to those planned for the upcoming Global Summit. At a review meeting held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Secretariat on Friday, the Minister stressed the need for close coordination among all departments to ensure the successful organisation of the four-day national conference. He directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for accommodation, transportation, food, hospitality and visits to tourist destinations to ensure a hassle-free experience for delegates arriving from across the country. The Minister also called for extensive publicity for the IRC conference through print, electronic, digital and social media. He stressed the need

for coordinated planning to use the event as an opportunity to attract investments ahead of the Invest Telangana Global Summit, scheduled to be organised by the State government in December under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said around 3,000 delegates, including Ministers, secretaries, IAS and IPS officers, engineers, national and international road experts, academicians and technical specialists from various States,



were expected to attend the conference. Around 400 exhibition stalls would be set up at HITEX as part of the event, providing a platform to showcase developments and innovations in the road and infrastructure sectors. The conference will feature discussions on road construction, modern technologies, road safety and infrastructure development across the country. The Minister expressed confidence that bringing representatives and experts from various States onto a common platform would enhance Telangana's national profile and create new opportunities for investment in the State.



Cyberabad she teams strengthen women's safety, rescue trafficking victims

Hyderabad, Oct 9 : Cyberabad Police continued their efforts to ensure women's safety, prevent human trafficking, address family disputes and create awareness about crimes against women and children through various enforcement and outreach initiatives. Cyberabad SHE Teams conducted 101 decoy operations across the Cyberabad Commissionerate and caught 55 persons red-handed while allegedly indulging in indecent acts, eve-teasing and harassment of women in public places. The police booked 48 petty cases in connection with these incidents. The SHE Teams also received 34 complaints from women victims through various channels, demonstrating the importance of accessible grievance-redressal mechanisms for women facing harassment and other forms of abuse. The Cyberabad Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) rescued three victims and apprehended six accused persons in connection with two cases registered under the Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act (PITA). The initiative highlights Cyberabad Police's continued efforts to combat human trafficking.

AI labs to sports hubs: BJP's five-year roadmap for Gandhinagar civic polls

Gandhinagar, Oct 9 : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday unveiled its manifesto for the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation election, pitching AI-enabled civic infrastructure, smart roads, new sports facilities, decentralised municipal services and expanded public transport as key priorities for the state capital over the next five years. Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi, who released the manifesto in Gandhinagar, said the party's vision is to develop

the city as a "Sports Capital, Knowledge Hub and Cultural Centre", while retaining its green character. "The BJP manifesto resolves to make Gandhinagar more facility-rich, smart, clean, beautiful, green, a cultural centre, a sports centre and inclusive over the next five years," Sanghavi said. The manifesto proposes AI-based traffic signals, development of Ch-Road as an iconic road and Road Nos. 2 and 3, as well as the Gh-7-Pethapur stretch, as smart roads. Approach roads to different sectors would be modernised, and city

roads would be gradually converted into concrete roads. The plan also includes taking forward the proposed K-2-Vavol overbridge and completing the overbridge from K-7 towards Randheja. Sanghavi said, "Gandhinagar's individual sectors would be given distinct identities through theme-based urban design, including sector-specific entry gates, modern footpaths and coordinated beautification of major roads and public spaces." A major component of the mani-



festo is technology-led education. AI laboratories would be established in municipal schools, alongside smart classrooms, digital learning, STEM and robotics-based education. The BJP has also proposed expanding smart schools under the Gyankunj project and developing

a robotics-based sports facility. Development of data centres would be encouraged to strengthen the city's digital infrastructure. A modern Namo Library would be developed for students and those preparing for competitive examinations.



220 Nurses attend critical care workshop at Basavatarakam hospital

Hyderabad, Oct 9 : More than 220 nursing professionals participated in the Critical Care Nursing Workshop 2026 organised by Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute as part of the 6th World Conference on Comprehensive Critical Care (W4C 2026). Led by Dr. Basanth Kumar Rayani, Head of Onco Anaesthesia, the workshop featured expert sessions and hands-on training in

ventilator management, oxygen therapy, airway management, ABG interpretation and other critical care practices. Topics included delirium management, nutrition, end-of-life care, patient mobilisation and early recognition of clinical deterioration. The sessions also highlighted the vital role of nurses in recognising early signs of clinical deterioration, responding promptly to changing patient conditions.

Minister reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission projects in Lower Assam

Guwahati, Oct 9 : Assam Public Health Engineering (PHE) Minister Krishnendu Paul on Friday reviewed the progress of various drinking water supply projects being implemented under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Lower Assam during a high-level meeting held at Janata Bhawan here. The review meeting was attended by se-

nior officials of the Public Health Engineering Department, including engineers and district-level functionaries associated with the implementation of the flagship rural drinking water programme. During the meeting, the minister took stock of the status of ongoing projects across districts in Lower Assam and assessed the pace of work being carried out under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Discussions focused on the completion of household tap water connections, infrastructure development, quality control measures and the timely execution of pending works. Officials presented district-wise progress reports and briefed the minister on the challenges being faced in implementing the schemes, particularly in remote and geographically challenging



areas. The minister directed officials to ensure that all projects are completed within the stipulated timelines so that safe and adequate drinking water reaches every rural household.

Bengal: Absconding BDO moves SC, skips HC deadline to surrender

Kolkata, Oct 9 : Prashant Burman, the absconding Block Development Officer (BDO) from Raiganj in North Dinajpur district of West Bengal and an accused in the murder of a gold trader in the state, failed to comply with the deadline set by the Calcutta High Court to surrender within 48 hours of its October 6 order. Instead of surrendering, Burman approached the Supreme Court challenging the Calcutta High Court's order in the matter. On October 6, a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court headed by Chief Justice Ravindra Vithalrao Ghuge and Justice Om Narayan Rai directed that steps be initiated for the attachment of Burman's properties unless



he surrendered in connection with the murder of gold trader Swapan Kamilya. The Division Bench also directed the state government to stop payment of his salary with immediate effect. However, the matter has now taken a new turn, with Burman choosing to move the apex court instead of complying with the High Court's direction to surrender. In October last year, Prashant Burman, the suspended BDO of Raiganj in Jalpaiguri district, was named as an accused in the murder of gold trader

Swapan Kamilya, a resident of West Midnapore. He did not surrender before the lower court despite a Supreme Court order directing him to do so in January. Burman was subsequently arrested in a separate case involving alleged violations of road-safety rules and was granted bail the following day. The state government had informed the High Court that Burman was untraceable. The court had earlier questioned the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) over its failure to locate him. Last year, Burman, then serving as the BDO of Raiganj, was identified as the principal accused in the alleged kidnapping and murder of gold trader Swapan Kamilya in the Duttabad area of Salt Lake. He has remained absconding since then.



'Clean Bengaluru' campaign another loot by Congress: K'taka BJP

Bengaluru, Oct 9 : Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka on Friday accused the Congress government of burdening Bengaluru residents with additional charges in the name of keeping the city clean. Reacting to the Greater Bengaluru Authority's (GBA) decision to levy sanitation charges on vacant sites, Ashoka said there was no opposition to keeping Bengaluru clean and beautiful.

LoP Ritabrata Banerjee backs ex-Trinamool Treasurer's demand to freeze party bank accounts

Kolkata, Oct 9 : Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly, Ritabrata Banerjee, has supported former Trinamool Congress treasurer Aroop Biswas after he wrote to a private bank demanding the freezing of the party's bank accounts. Addressing a press conference on Friday, Ritabrata Banerjee said: "Aroop Biswas' letter has substance. What guarantee is there that there is no stolen money or embezzled money in



this account? I support the request to freeze Trinamool's account." According to a political analyst, there is little doubt that Ritabrata Banerjee.

Students should develop an interest in education from an early age

Adilabad, Oct 9 (TIM Bureau) : A free medical camp was organized as part of the “Polisulu Mee Kosam” program under the auspices of the district police, with the aim of bringing medical services closer to the people and further strengthening police-public relations in Mediguda village of Satnala mandal, Adilabad district. District SP Akhil Mahajan IPS participated in this program as the chief guest. The village people gave the SP a grand welcome with tribal traditions. The district SP inaugurated a medical camp with doctors and school students and inspected the medical services being provided to the villagers by expert doctors. Doctors specializing in neurology, gynecology, dentistry, pediatrics, and ophthalmology conducted medical examinations on approximately 200 villagers and

students and provided necessary advice and treatment. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that higher education is very important for a bright future and advised students to develop an interest in education from a young age. He hoped that today’s students would be the citizens of tomorrow, and that through education they would grow to the point where they could play a key role in the development of society and the country’s economy. The SP advised people to consult qualified government or private doctors when facing health problems and not to be fooled by fake babas. He warned that legal action will be taken against those who take advantage of the innocence of the people and collect money illegally. The SP said that steps are being taken to provide free eye treatment to those suffering from cataract problems as part of the medical camp. The SP advised the youth to stay away from marijuana and other drugs. He warned that strict action will be taken as per the law if anyone is involved in the cultivation, transportation and sale of marijuana. He said that support will be provided to provide treatment through de-addiction centers to those who are already addicted. The SP suggested that people in villages near the Maharashtra border should install CCTV cameras at their homes. He said that CCTV cameras are very useful in controlling crime as well as identifying people who commit crimes.



He advised that everyone should wear a helmet while riding a two-wheeler and follow traffic rules, creating awareness about road safety. In this program, Jainath CI G. Shravan, SI P. Gautam, village sarpanch Lakshmbibai, deputy sarpanch Nausar, Doctors Naveen Reddy, Siddharth, Bhagyalakshmi, Anand, Ramakrishna, L.V. Prasad hospital staff, village elders Ram Reddy, Siva Prasad Reddy, village people, youth, students and others participated.

Naidu government pushing Andhra's aqua sector into crisis, says YSRCP

Tadepalli (Andhra Pradesh), Oct 9 : The YSR Congress Party on Friday accused the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh led by TDP National President and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, of pushing the aqua sector into crisis and working in tandem with aqua feed

companies at the cost of poor farmers. Speaking to the media here on Friday, Party Coordinator Vaddi Raghuram said, the coalition government.



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POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **BANK OF INDIA**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **04-08-2026** calling upon the Borrowers **Mrs. Bollagoni Yadamma**, Flat No 401, 4th Floor, Welcome Infra Developers, Adithya Nagar Colony, Gurruguda, Hyderabad-501510 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 15, 58,370.50/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy & Fifty Paise)** contractual dues up to **03-07-2026** with further interest thereon @**8.50% p.a (Star Home Loan)** compounded with monthly rests in respect of Housing Loan facility together with costs, expenses, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **9th October, 2026**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be taken to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA, Saroornagar Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 15, 58,370.50/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy & Fifty Paise)** contractual dues up to **03-07-2026** with further interest thereon @**8.50% p.a (Star Home Loan)** at monthly rests.

After taking into consideration the repayment/recovery in the account there after the amount outstanding as on the date of this notice is of **Rs.15,58,370.50/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy & Fifty Paise)** contractual dues up to **03-07-2026** with further interest thereon @**8.50% p.a (Star Home Loan)** at monthly rests. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of Property: All that piece and parcel of Flat No 401, in fourth floor, having plinth area 1000 Sq.ft (including common area and car parking), along with undivided share of land addressing 47 Sq. yards or 39.26 Sq.Mtrs., (out of 375.5 sq. Yards), building known as "Welcome Infra Developers", Constructed on Plot No 244, South Part, in Survey No. 190, situated at Gurruguda H.No. Nadergul Village, Balapur Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Registration Sub-District Champapet and bounded by: **Boundaries of the Entire Land: North:** Plot No.244 North Part, **South:** Plot No. 243, **East:** Plot No.253, **West:** 30' Wide Road, **Boundaries of the Flat: North:** Lift & Corridor And Flat No.402, **South:** Open To Sky, **East:** Open To Sky, **West:** Open To Sky.

Date: 09-10-2026
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
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E-AUCTION-SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagee(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Hanamkonda Branch, Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagee(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Asset/s/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Name And Address of Borrowers/ Guarantor/s and Mortgagee/s: Borrower/ Mortgagee/s: Mr. Bonagiri Suresh (Borrower), Address: H.No.4-7-144/A, Kumarpally, Hanamkonda, Hanamkonda District, Telangana. PIN Code: 506001.

Description of the Immovable Property/s: All that the Open Plot No.14 to an extent of 2668.00Sq.Yds., or 2230.71Sq.Mts., in finished multistoried building (5St+5 Upper Floors) named as Mythri Residency in Sy.No.215/G3(Old), 215/G3/1(New) of Gorekunta Revenue Village (Reddypalem), Geesugonda Mandal, Warangal District, within the limits of GWMC, Warangal and within the Registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Warangal (Rural) and bounded by: **Boundaries: East:** 30'-0" Wide Road, **West:** 33'-0" Wide Road, **North:** 30'-0" Wide Road, **South:** Plot No.13.

SCHEDULE-B (Flat): All that the residential Flat bearing No.302 in Third Floor in the multistoried building named as **MYTHRI RESIDENCY**, Block-A, out of Sy.No. 215/G3(Old), 215/G3/1(New) of Gorekunta Revenue Village (Reddypalem) to the extent of 44.46 Sq.Yds., being undivided, unspecified and undivisible share of right in total extent of 2668.00 Sq.Yds., apartments building complex therein the plinth area covered by 1140.00 Sq.Fts., inclusive of common areas and one car parking slot area of 100 Sq.Fts., situated at Gorekunta Revenue Village (Reddypalem), Geesugonda Mandal, Warangal District, within the limits of GWMC, Warangal and within the Registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Warangal (Rural) and bounded by: **Boundaries: East:** Open to sky, **West:** Corridor & Staircase, **North:** Open to sky, **South:** Open to sky.

Type of Possession: Physical Possession **Known Encumbrances:** NIL

Due to the Bank: Rs.43,21,047/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Twenty One Thousand and Forty Seven only) as on 09-02-2026 together with further interest thereon with effect from 09-02-2026 at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

Reserve Price: Rs.49,66,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.4,96,600/-

Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-

Date & Time of E-auction: 26.10.2026 From 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM

AUCTION ID : 365941

Property Inspection Date & Time: from 10.10.2026 to 24.10.2026 From 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM

Note: For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Banknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorized Officer on Tel No: 0870 2448501 & Mobile No: 7993316630

Place: Hanamkonda **Sd/- Sr. Manager (G.Charan Bank)**
Date: 09-10-2026 **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

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Branch Office: Door No.38-8-28, 3rd Floor, Above Ktm Bike Showroom, Opp To All India Radio Station, Punamra Thota, M.G. Road, Vijayawada - 520010, Authorized Officer's Details: Name: Rathish Ramachandran, Email Id: rathish.ramachandran@bajajhousing.co.in ; Mob. No. +91 9340155459 / 9700739007

APPENDIX IV-A. [Rule 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of the security interest act 2002 read with proviso to rule 6(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken over by the Authorized Officer of the Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" for recovery of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd as detailed below.

Details of Borrower/Co-Borrowers / Guarantor(s) and Loan Details	1.Date & Time of E-Auction, 2. Last Date of Submission of EMD, 3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD of the Property, 3. Bid Increment
LAN:- 409HSL66148470 and 409TSH66231807, 1. Shaik Gali Shaheed At D No 11-13, Jenda Chettu Cneter, Kondapalli, Andhra Pradesh-521228. Outstanding dues - Rs.43,78,548/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Eight Only) as on 08/10/2026 along with future interest and charges accrued w.e.f. 08/10/2026.	1) E-Auction Date: 13/11/2026 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM With Unlimited Extension Of 5 Minutes, 2) Last Date Of Submission Of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) With Kyc is: 12/11/2026 Up To 5:00 P.M. (Isr.), 3) Date of Inspection:10/10/2026 To 12/11/2026 Between 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Isr).	1) Reserve Price: For Immovable property Rs.21,38,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Only), 2) The Earnest Money Deposit Will Be Rs.2,13,800/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Only) 10% Of Reserve Price. 3) Bid Increment: Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand and Only) & In Such Multiples.

Description of the Secured/Mortgaged Immovable Property: Schedule: An Extent Of 32 Sq.Yards (26.75 Sq.Mts) Of Undivided Share In A Total Extent Of 354.29 Sq.Yards (296.23 Sq.Mts) Of Site Along With A Flat Therein Bearing Flat No.101 In The First Floor Of Alpha Maruthi Enclave, Consisting Of 800 Sq.Ft. Of Plinth Area (Including Common Area), 50 Sq. Ft. Of Parking Area, Situated In Near Dr.15-56, Sec.No.403/1, Of Kondapalli Village, Do Panchayat, Ibrahimpatnam Sub-Registry, Krishna Dist. Flat Boundaries: Flat No.101. In The First Floor: East: Corridor, West: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, North: Flat No.102 Of V.Ravindra Babu.

Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:

- The Secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve price.
- The Auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal.
- The e-Auction will take place through portal <https://bankauctions.in/>, on 13/11/2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes each.
- For detailed terms and conditions please refer company website URL <https://www.bajajhousingfinance.in/auction-notices> or for any clarification please connect with authorized officer.

Notice Date: 09-10-2026 **Authorized Officer (Rathish Ramachandran)**
Place: Krishna **Bajaj Housing Finance Limited**

Possession Notice

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil Arcil - Trust - 2026 - 015 ("Arcil") under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("2002 Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice dated, calling upon the borrower viz., the guarantors and the mortgagees to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below:

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagee(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.

Name of the Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rs.)	Date of Demand	Date of Possession
Mr. Nagamalleswari Mrs. Shalaja Aavushetty (Prospect No IL1008458 & IL10184386)	All that piece & parcel of: Residential Independent House Bearing No. 7-9/3/24 With 880 Sft. Plinth Area On Plot No.24 Admesuring 150 Sq.Yds In Sy.No.387 Part Of Phawarali Enclave Phawal Mandal, Situated At H.O. Nagaram Village, Dammaguda Grampanchayat, Keesara Mandal, R.R.District 500047 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Admesuring Property Area: 950 Bounded By: North: Plot No.25 South: Plot No.23 East: Plot No.51 West: 30 Ft Wide Road	Rs. 13,097,03.26/- Rupees Thirteen Lakh Nine Thousand Seven Hundred And Three & Twenty Six Paise Only For 757973 & Rs. 477,658.77/- Rupees Four Lakh Seven Thousand Six Hundred And Fifty Eight & Seventy Seven Paise Only For 952646	13-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Jellapuram Ganesh Sri Sai Dry Cleaning Mr. Jellapuram Naveen Kumar Mrs. Jellapuram Anna (Prospect No 968621 & IL10186416)	All that piece & parcel of: Quarter/Block No. 33/Ef, Municipal No 2-4-680 (2-4-680/E/F/33) Situated At Ramgopalpet, Secunderabadm. T.S. 500003 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 650.00, 1150.00 Bounded By: North: Lane 8 Wide South: H.No.2-4-681 East: Lane 2 Wide West: H.No.2-4-683	Rs. 88,254.77/-Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred And Forty Seven & Seventy Paise Only For 968621 & Rs. 11,608.93/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred And Thirty Nine & Nine Paise Only For IL10186416	13-01-2026	06-10-2026
Mr. Sairam Taduri Mrs. Swapna Pandam (Prospect No IL1008458 & IL10184386)	All that piece & parcel of: Flat No. 303, Third Floor, Block B, Sri Sai Sudha Residency, House Nos. 19-67 & 19-69, Pt. No. 27 & 29, In Survey Nos. 871 & 872, Goutham Nagar Colony, Malkajgiri Municipality And Mandal, Ranga Reddy District 500047 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Super Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Passage South: Open To Sky And Flat No. 302 East: Open To Sky West: Corridor	Rs. 21,205,21.95/- Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred And Twenty One & Nine Paise Only For IL1008458 & Rs. 84,537.43/- Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred And Seventy Five Paise Only For IL10184386	13-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Kiran Mouli Kuligapuri Mrs. Podishetty Divya (Prospect No IL10234643 & IL10730973)	All that piece & parcel of: Flat No 101, In First Floor, Of Spoorthi Residency, On Plot Np 27, House No 3-100/263/101, In Sy No 114/2, Situated At Bodupal Village, Medapally Mandal, Medapally Municipality, T.S. 500039 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 1200 Bounded By: North: Open To Sky South: Flat No. 102 East: Open To Sky West: Corridor	Rs.377,635.81 Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred & Sixty Five & Eighty One Paise Only For IL10234643 & Rs. 56,991.43 Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred & Eleven & Forty Three Paise Only For IL10730973	13-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Keshavnath Samudhi S R Sounds And L R Sounds Mrs. Samudhi Keerthi (Prospect No IL10492768 & IL10776593)	All that piece & parcel of: H.No.4-622, Plot No.89 South Part, Plot No.89 North Part, In Survey No. 15, 191/1, 520, 521, 522, 523, Vr Enclave, Dammaguda Village, Keesara Mandal, Mn Dist, Ts. 501301 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 945.00, 680.00 Bounded By: North: H.No.4-621 South: Neighbours House East: Neighbours House West: 30ft Wide Road	Rs. 31,350,12.98/- Rupees Thirty One Lakh Thirty Five Thousand And Twelve & Ninety Eight Paise Only For IL10492768 & Rs. 10,926.40/- Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred And Forty & Twenty Seven Paise Only For IL10776593	13-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Adarsh Babu Ramagiri Swadish Mrs. Navya (Prospect No IL10504229 & IL10636470)	All that piece & parcel of: Sy No 86, Plot No 97/A, H No 27-16/18/6/3/1, Ground And First Floor, Sri Krishna Nagar, Nanded, H.No.27-16/18/6/3/1, Ground And First Floor, India, 500056 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 900.00, 1754.00 Bounded By: North: Neighbours House South: Neighbours House East: Neighbours House West: 20 Feet Wide Road	Rs. 45,561,17.17/- Rupees Forty Five Lakh Fifty One Thousand One Hundred And Ninety Three Paise Only For IL10504229 & Rs. 11,572,25.9/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred And Ninety Three Paise Only For IL10636470	13-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Polkam Prasanna Kumar Mr. Sulochana Polkam Mrs. Polkam Radha Krishna (Prospect No IL10545348 & IL10636264)	All that piece & parcel of: Plot No.29/Northern Part, Sy.No. 71/A,70/Ru,70/P71/B,70/M,71/C, Chengi Cherla Village Ghatkesar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Ts. 500098 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Super Built Up Area Property Area: 751.50, 690.00, 690.00 Bounded By: North: House South: Open Land East: 30ft Wide Road West: House	Rs. 17,192,29.93/- Rupees Seventeen Lakh Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Nine & Thirty Nine Paise Only & Rs. 11,830,12.1/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Eight Hundred And Twelve & Eleven Paise Only	13-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Bhaskar Erraju Raju Kavitha Erraju Bhaskar Centring Works (Prospect No IL10529291)	All that piece & parcel of: Survey No. 6/A1, Raghavapur Village, Siddipet Rural Mandal, Siddipet District, Ts. 502107 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 2722.50, 1066.00 Bounded By: North: Road (Main Road) South: Open Place Of Manda Padma Estate: House Of Jagory Balahai And Open Place West: Open Place Of Doran	Rs. 11,488,64.84/-Rupees Eleven Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred And Eighty Four Rupees And Sixty Four Paise Only	02-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Shemk Imraan Mr. Shaik Taher Mr. Shaik Aleem Mrs. Shek Bipasha Aleem Gouds Carriage Mkt Foot Wear (Prospect No IL10730271)	All that piece & parcel of: G.F. No 4-113a/Kannapally Village, Nizamabad District, Ts. 503202 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 6714.00, 1700.00 Bounded By: North: Canal South: Field Canal East: Land Of A Sayreddy West: R&B Road	Rs. 11,231,69.93/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred And Sixty Nine Rupees And Ninety Three Paise Only	05-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Divya Thademi Chintal Mrs. Chintal Thademi Raju (Prospect No IL10603196)	All that piece & parcel of: Hs No.10-10-19/A/1, Indrapur Village, Nizamabad Mandal, Nizamabad District, Ts. 503001 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 395.10, 260.00 Bounded By: North: House South: House East: 12 Feet Road West: House	Rs. 71,310,1.42/- Rupees Seven Lakh Thirteen Thousand One Hundred And One Rupees And Forty Two Paise Only	05-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mrs. Rajyalakshmi Yelati Mr. Jayakar Jaipal Yelati (Prospect No IL10350064)	All that piece & parcel of: Flat No.506, Fourth Floor, Kings Arcade, Sy.No.610/1, Vizianagaram Town, Mandal And District, Andhra Pradesh, Ts. 505128 Area Admesuring (In SQ. FT.): Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 960 Bounded By: North: Lift South: Flat No: 508 East: Open To Sky West: Common Corridor	Rs. 28,126,09/- Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred and Nine Rupees Only	05-01-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Surenred Bodasu Miss. Bodasu Bhagya Lakshmi (Prospect No IL10607553)	All that piece & parcel of: Survey No: 1032/B/00, Vll:Narsapuram, Old Gp Narsapuram,Narsapuram, Dist: Siddipet, Telangana, Siddipet, Near By Water Tank,Siddipet,Telangana,India-502103 Area Adm.(In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 2178.00, 1305.00,1044.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: Yellama Temple East: House Of M Narayana West: Road	Rs. 12,538,10/- Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred And Ten Rupees Only	05-08-2025	07-10-2026
Mr. Srinu Rapally Mrs. Rapally Manjula Sri Venkateshwarra Dismantles Works (Prospect No IL10770170)	All that piece & parcel of: Hs No. 10-10-580, Nizamabad Urban, Nizamabad District, TS-503001 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 1112.50, 900.00,720.00 Bounded By: North: House Of A Gangamani South: House Of M Satyam East: House Of M Narayana West: Road	Rs. 87,328.2/- Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred And Eighty Two Rupees Only	24-10-2025	07-10-2026

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

Place: Hyderabad, **Date:** 10-10-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (In capacity as Trustee)**

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Media representatives should thoroughly examine the facts before publishing news

Adilabad, Oct 9 (TIM Bureau) : District Collector Rajarshi Shah suggested that media representatives should thoroughly examine the facts before publishing news and provide it to the public only after verifying the facts. He was speaking on Friday at a two-day training program for journalists being organized by the Telangana State Media Academy at the local TTDC hall. He said that with the expansion of social media and digital media, there is a risk of fake news and misinformation spreading rapidly. He advised people to raise awareness about AI technology and not spread unverified information. He stated that the media should act responsibly in bringing public issues to light by acting as a bridge between the people and the government. Telangana State Media Academy Chairman Srinivas Reddy said that journalists should develop their skills in line with changing technology. He suggested that



reality and credibility should be prioritized over speed in news. He said that the role of local journalists is crucial in bringing to light public issues and the implementation of government schemes in rural areas. He said that in addition to providing training to journalists, the Media Academy will work to resolve their problems.

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Name of the Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rs.)	Date of Demand	Date of Possession
Mr. Mahesh Kumar Kapulu Mrs. Ramyansi Domala (Prospect No 877915, 919741 & IL10239704)	All that piece & parcel of: Unit No.303, In Third Floor, Bearing Municipal No. 20-41/T-303, In The Building Known As Movva Residency Premises No.20-41, On Plot No.524, In Survey Nos.870, 871 And 872, Malkajgiri Circle And Mandal, Medchal -Malkajgiri, District, Telangana -500047 Area Admesuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 135.00, 465.00, 620.00 Bounded By: North: Corridor And Staircase South: Open To Sky East: Unit No.302 West: Open To Sky	Rs. 11,712,15/-Rupees Eleven Lakh Seven Thousand One Hundred & Fifteen Only For 877915, Rs. 3,85,204/-Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred & Four Only For 919741 & Rs. 48,997.6/- Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred & Seventy Six Only For IL10239704	10-10-2025	06-10-2026
Mrs. Surenred Bodasu Miss. Bodasu Bhagya Lakshmi (Prospect No IL10607553)	All that piece & parcel of: Survey No: 1032/B/00, Vll:Narsapuram, Old Gp Narsapuram,Narsapuram, Dist: Siddipet, Telangana, Siddipet, Near By Water Tank,Siddipet,Telangana,India-502103 Area Adm.(In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 2178.00, 1305.00,1044.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: Yellama Temple East: House Of M Narayana West: Road	Rs. 12,538,10/- Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred And Ten Rupees Only	05-08-2025	07-10-2026
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Opinion Mail



Andhra Pradesh secured Rs 22 lakh crore investment in 28 months: Chandrababu Naidu

Andhra Pradesh secured investments totalling Rs 22 lakh crore during the past 28 months, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu said on Thursday. The state government is moving forward with the "Build AP" motto, aiming to transform Andhra Pradesh into the country's premier destination for investments, industries, and employment generation, he said at the CII Partnership Summit 2026 curtain-raiser event in New Delhi, in the presence of Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. According to an official release, Naidu briefed industrialists on investment opportunities in the state, the support provided by the Centre, ongoing projects across various sectors, and the future roadmap. The Chief Minister noted that agreements worth Rs 13.50 lakh crore were signed during the partnership summit held last year, emphasising that the focus is not merely on signing MoUs but on converting them into tangible investments. He said prominent companies, such as ArcelorMittal and Google, are setting up operations in Andhra Pradesh. The industrial incentives escrow account, as previously declared, would be launched on November 12-13, he said, and revealed that the NALA Act, which posed a hurdle to investments, has been repealed. He affirmed that Andhra Pradesh is ready to immediately implement any policy that fosters state progress. The Chief Minister noted that "Speed of Doing Business" is being implemented to capitalise on the immense opportunities available in the agriculture, industrial, and service sectors. He stated that interconnecting the Godavari, Krishna, Penna, Tungabhadra, and Cauvery rivers would eliminate water scarcity for Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. He mentioned the goal of transforming Rayalaseema into a global horticulture hub and reiterated the aim of making Andhra Pradesh a gateway to Southeast Asia. He told investors that agreements for generating 110 gigawatts of power have already been signed as part of the 500-gigawatt green energy target and mentioned plans to establish a green energy transmission corridor. He further revealed that Mazagon Dockyard Limited has come forward to set up a shipbuilding centre at Dugarajapatnam, while Goa Shipyard has agreed to establish a shipbuilding facility at Machilipatnam. He highlighted that the state's revenue has increased significantly due to the implementation of AI-based technology in GST tax collection. CM Naidu also requested the Central government to establish an international-standard convention centre to host CII partnership summits. He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is playing a key role in strengthening the nation across all sectors. He congratulated the Prime Minister for his 25 years of uninterrupted public service.

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Trust institutions; defeat govts through elections, says former SC Judge Hemant Gupta

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Former Supreme Court judge Hemant Gupta on Friday urged people to trust institutions, saying that those dissatisfied with the government should seek to defeat it through elections rather than question the system after electoral losses. Speaking to IANS, Gupta said, "My point would be that you should trust institutions. You may have issues with the governments, elections will come, and you can defeat them then. It is simple. But when you fail to win, claiming that only what you say on the streets is correct is wrong. That is not how a system works." He pointed out that opposition parties had formed governments in some places through the same electoral system, while other parties had done so elsewhere. Recalling the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Gupta said the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, had claimed that the Congress had defeated the BJP. However, he questioned the assertion, noting that Congress had won 99 seats and failed to secure a majority. "That statement was misleading back then, and today the rhetoric is even more misleading," he said.



Gupta also emphasised that the tenure of an Election Commissioner was protected by law, similar to that of a judge, and that they could not be removed arbitrarily. "An Election Commissioner's tenure is as secure as that of a judge; they can only be removed through impeachment, not arbitrarily. Anyone can demand a resignation, but some individuals use extremely offensive language," he said. Objecting to what he described as disrespectful language against Election Commissioners, Gupta said they deserved to be addressed appropriately. "The Commissioners are old enough, the same age as one's father or grandfather. Referring to someone disrespectfully as 'Gyanu' is unacceptable. Would anyone address their own father in such a manner? Even if one chooses not to use honorifics like 'Shri' or 'Ji', they should at least address them properly by name," he told IANS. Reacting to a letter written by 42 former judges in support of the Election Commission, Gupta

said a lack of trust in institutions could undermine public confidence in the country's system. "If we don't trust institutions, the nation's trust collapses. We approach the court with every grievance, and Members of Parliament raise issues in Parliament. If you start disbelieving every institution, where will the system go? This is a manufactured distrust created to serve political ends," he said. Gupta also commented on the recent demonstrations and media coverage surrounding the Election Commission, saying that the developments had prompted responses from different sides. "Over the last two or three days, there has been a lot of movement, demonstrations and a public narrative in the media. A counter-version had to come," he said. Referring to a report in the leading Indian daily about alleged internal differences or the non-approval of certain Special Intensive Revision (SIR) resolutions, Gupta said an explanation had also emerged that all decisions were unanimous. "During discussions, different views naturally emerge, just like in court, before a unanimous opinion is reached," he told.

Madras HC defers verdict on CM Vijay's plea to dismiss election case to Oct 14

Chennai, Oct 9 : The Madras High Court on Friday deferred to October 14 its judgment on a petition filed by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay seeking dismissal of an election case challenging his victory from the Perambur Assembly constituency. Justice V. Lakshminarayanan heard arguments on CM Vijay's plea to reject the election petition filed by Dinesh, a voter in the Assembly constituency. Vijay won the Perambur seat by a margin of 53,715 votes. During the hearing, counsel representing the Chief Minister said that CM Vijay had disclosed all the required particulars in his nomination papers and had not suppressed any information. CM Vijay's side sought dismissal of the challenge to his election.



Union Minister Gadkari assures Manipur CM of Centre's support for NH projects, other issues

New Delhi/Imphal, Oct 9 : Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Friday assured the Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh of taking up all projects and issues raised by the state government, including the development of two vital National Highways. A senior official of Chief Minister's Office (CMO) in Imphal said that the Manipur Chief Minister on Friday called on Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways.



Kerala to hold special drive for voter enrolment and roll revision

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 9 : Kerala will conduct a state-wide special drive for electoral roll revision and enrolment of new voters from October 15 to 31, Chief Electoral Officer Dr D. Sajith Babu announced on Friday. Instructions have been issued to all District Col-

lectors. Form distribution centres and digital help desks will be set up around Village Offices during the drive. Eligible people can apply to add their names to the electoral roll by submitting Form 6. Applications can also be filed online through the Citizen Service Portal or the Voter Helpline App. Appli-

cants will have to submit an approved document as proof of identity, age, and address. Those submitting Aadhaar cards as proof will have to provide an additional supporting document. Booth Level Officers will carry out further verification after the applications are received.

Punjab to invest Rs 1,300 crore in horticulture

Chandigarh, Oct 9 : Punjab Horticulture Minister Mohinder Bhagat on Friday said Punjab is set to witness a major positive change in the horticulture sector with a proposed investment of about Rs 1,300 crore, which will help increase farmers' income and create new opportunities in value addition and exports. Addressing the media here, the minister said Punjab will adopt successful practices from the Maharashtra horticulture model so that farmers in the state can earn better profits through organised farming, processing and better market linkages. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed with

Sahyadri Farmers Producer Company Ltd in Maharashtra's Nashik to strengthen Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in Punjab through training and institutional support. Bhagat said his visit to Nashik was very useful as the delegation studied how farmers can work together through FPOs to improve production, grading, packaging, processing and exports. He said Sahyadri is working with thousands of farmers over more than 30,000 acres and exports fruits and vegetables to 42 countries, which shows how collective efforts can bring prosperity to farmers. The minister said the delegation visited modern packhouses, processing units, research farms and training centres,



where they interacted directly with farmers and experts. He said state farmers can benefit from scientific crop planning, better quality control and strong market connections, which were key features of the model studied during the visit. Talking about the pact, the minister said it would help form strong farmer groups in Punjab, providing training, technology support and guidance so that farmers can benefit from working collectively and get better prices for their produce. Bhagat reiterated that the state government is fully committed to promoting crop diversification towards horticulture, increasing value addition and creating sustainable income opportunities for farmers.

AAP lying, no lapses in distribution of 1.3 lakh cycles to school girls : Delhi Minister

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Delhi Legislative Affairs Minister Parvesh Verma on Friday categorically rejected the allegations of Opposition AAP MLAs regarding irregularities in the distribution of 1.3 lakh cycles to Class IX girl students under the Vidya Vahini Yojana. In a statement issued on behalf of the Rekha Gupta government, he said the entire procurement has been carried out through transparent open tendering, strictly in accordance with CVC guidelines and prescribed financial procedures. "It is unfortunate that the Opposition is trying to create unnecessary controversy around a pro-women initiative aimed at supporting girls' education and mobility," he said. The same pattern is visible in their opposition to other women-centric measures, including the Rs 2,500 monthly assistance to women of Delhi, he said. Instead of politicising

every initiative benefiting women and girls, the Opposition should support their empowerment, said Parvesh Verma, adding that the AAP leaders' repeated attempts to obstruct such measures only expose the anti-women mindset of their party. "It is even more unfortunate to see allegations being made against the Assembly Speaker.



US senator seeks law on military base access

Washington, Oct 9 : A senior Democratic senator said that he plans to pursue legislation requiring the Pentagon to allow members of Congress access to American military bases overseas after being denied entry to a major US installation in Qatar during a visit to the Gulf. Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut accused the Defence Department of obstructing congressional oversight of the war with Iran after it refused to allow him to visit Al Udeid Air Base, one of the most important American military installations in the Middle East. The Pentagon rejected suggestions that Murphy had been singled out, saying restrictions on travel to the region had been imposed in March and were being applied uniformly.

Murphy said he would consider legislative language explicitly protecting lawmakers' access to overseas military facilities as Congress prepares future defence spending and authorisation legislation. He acknowledged that such a measure was unlikely to pass before the end of the year but said the issue should become part of congressional discussions in 2027. The senator, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, returned from a congressional visit to Qatar and Saudi Arabia during which he met senior Gulf leaders and sought information about the consequences of the Iran conflict. Murphy said he had requested permission to visit Al Udeid through a letter and a direct appeal to US Central Command leadership. He also said he was unable to obtain



a briefing from American military commanders during his visit. Murphy argued that lawmakers responsible for authorising military operations and approving defence expenditure needed direct access to facilities and personnel to assess the consequences of armed conflict. He compared the restrictions with his previous congressional visits to American installations during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The senator alleged that the administration was attempting to limit public and congressional scrutiny of the damage inflicted on US military installations during the Iran war. The Pentagon disputed the suggestion that the decision was politically motivated. A senior Defence Department official said Murphy's office had been informed before his departure that the department would not support his requested visit to Al Udeid.

China urges US not to project its 'hegemonic logic' onto China

Beijing, Oct 9 : China urges the United States not to project its hegemonic logic onto China or view China-US relations through an outdated Cold War mentality, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said in Beijing on Friday. Guo made the remarks at a regular press briefing in response to a media query on a US report that claimed China was the United States' top military and cyber threat.



India-EU ties in focus: Ambassador Saurabh Kumar meets MEP Angelika Niebler

Brussels, Oct 9 : Focussing on enhancing India-European Union ties, Ambassador of India to the EU, Saurabh Kumar on Friday met Angelika Niebler, Member of European Parliament (MEP) and Chair of Delegation for Relations with India, following her visit to India for Raisina Dialogue. During their meeting, they discussed opportunities to strengthen parliamentary cooperation through high-level interactions after the European Commission visited India last month.



US lawmakers slam Trump administration for suspending tech firms green card route

Washington, Oct 9: Two Democratic lawmakers have sharply criticised the Trump administration's decision to suspend Microsoft and other technology companies from a key employment-based green-card programme.



India backs regional energy action plan at ASEAN meet in Manila

New Delhi, Oct 9 : India on Friday welcomed the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2026–2030 and assured the bloc of cooperation under the ASEAN India Plan of Action 2026–2030, including the ASEAN Power Grid, regional power transmission, multilateral power trade, clean energy, and energy security, according to an official statement. Addressing the 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting in Manila, India's Minister of State for Power, Shripad Yesso Naik said that India and Singapore are exploring options for a proposed 2,000 MW cross-border power interconnection. One option under consideration is a land-based transmission corridor of approxi-

US senators warn of China threat to 6G

Washington, Oct 9 : Two US senators have warned that China could gain a strategic advantage in shaping global 6G and satellite communications rules unless the Trump administration moves quickly to appoint the American delegation's leader for a major international telecommunications conference in Shanghai next year. Democratic Senator Ruben Gallego of Arizona and Republican Senator Jim Banks of Indiana have urged Secretary of State Marco Rubio to designate a US head of delegation before November 30, when regional negotiations are scheduled to begin in Bogotá, Colombia. In a bipartisan letter released this week, the senators said the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference, known as WRC-27, would determine important international rules governing radio spectrum used by next-generation wireless networks and satellite communications. The conference is scheduled to take place in Shanghai in October and November 2027, bringing together the United States and 193 other member states. The senators warned that China, as host, could use its



position to influence negotiations in favour of its domestic technology companies, including Huawei. "As host, the People's Republic of China (PRC) will enjoy a homefield advantage as it attempts to sway spectrum and technology standards a direction that supports the interests of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its subservient companies such as Huawei," they wrote. They argued that Washington needed to coordinate its negotiating positions with allies well before the conference.

"A strong US delegation, coordinating its position well in advance alongside likeminded allies and partners, is the best defense against the CCP's authoritarian agenda," the senators said. The letter, dated September 29, identified the selection of a delegation chief as an immediate priority. Gallego and Banks warned against repeating difficulties encountered during preparations for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference.



India stands in solidarity with Kenya to combat Ebola

Nairobi, Oct 9 : The High Commission of India in Kenya on Friday stated that India stands in solidarity with Kenya to combat Ebola virus and is committed to supporting public health preparedness and response. "India stands in solidarity with Kenya in its efforts to combat Ebola Virus Disease. We remain committed to supporting Kenya's public health preparedness and response, and to further strengthening our longstanding partnership in healthcare," the High Commission stated on X. The statement came in response to the Kenyan Ministry of Health

announcing confirmation of an imported Ebola case involving a traveller from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), who died on Friday. "Kenya remains safe, open and vigilant following confirmation of an imported Ebola case involving a traveller from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), who died on 6 October 2026," the ministry stated on X. India also provided 6,000 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to support the response. Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale gave the assurance during a high-level engagement with members of the Diplomatic Corps, international

organisations and development partners. "He provided an update on Kenya's preparedness measures and ongoing response, noting that one imported case is not evidence of widespread transmission in the country. The response continues to be guided by verified epidemiological information, scientific evidence and established public health protocols," stated the Ministry. It said that the National Incident Management System has been operational since May 2026, with national and county emergency response structures on high alert.



Pakistani forces extrajudicially kill one more civilian in Balochistan

Quetta, Oct 9 : Another Baloch civilian was extrajudicially killed by Pakistani forces in Balochistan, a leading human rights organisation said on Friday. This latest incident comes against the backdrop of a growing wave of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances across the province. Human rights body Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) mentioned that 28-year-old farmer Yasin Baloch was killed by the Pakistani Army on October 5 near the Kor Nali Patek area of Balochistan's Dalbandin. According to the rights body, army personnel opened fire on Yasin while he was passing through a checkpoint, killing him and injuring his colleague, Sami.



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ABRIDGED VEHICLE E-AUCTION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), and Guarantor (s) that Bank has repossessed/seized the Hypothecated Motor Vehicle mentioned below in exercise of the powers conferred under Hypothecation/Loan Agreement executed by the parties and Vehicle will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Vehicle/Total Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

1

Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Akavaram Praveen Kumar Reddy, Address: Plot No.65 & 66, Flat No.001, Hill Crest Apt., Sai Ram Colony, Puppalguda, Manikonda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500089. **A/c No.46220600000314. Total Dues: Rs.8,65,831.97 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty One and Paise Ninety Seven Only) as on 04-10-2026 + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).**

Description of the Vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD
Vehicle: MARUTI CELERIO ZXI AMT(O) BSVI, Reg No. TS 07 GC 1312	Rs.2,16,000/-	Rs.21,600/-
Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-		

Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 07-10-2026 to 25-10-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

2

Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Esambatta Venkatesh, Address: H.No.5-89/1, 504, 5th Floor, Iswarya Nilayam, Rada Nagar Colony, H.S. Darga, Hyderabad, Telangana-500008. **A/c No.462206000001921. Total Dues: Rs.18,62,969.86 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine and Paise Eighty Six Only) as on 04-10-2026 + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).**

Description of the Vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD
Vehicle: TOYOTA INNOVA CHRYSTA 2.7G (75) BSVI, Reg No. TS 13 UD 0123	Rs.13,05,000/-	Rs.1,30,500/-
Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.20,000/-		

Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 07-10-2026 to 25-10-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

3

Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Ganta Rambabu, Address: Pent House Sri Malayadri Nilayam Balaji Hills, Colony Beside Blossom School, Nizampet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500049. **A/c No.462206000001705. Total Dues: Rs.5,45,270.01 (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and Paise One Only) as on 04-10-2026 + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).**

Description of the Vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD
Vehicle: HYUNDAI AURA 1.2 MT CNG S BSVI, Reg No. TS 08 JK 1338	Rs.3,35,000/-	Rs.33,500/-
Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-		

Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 07-11-2026 to 11-11-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

4

Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Indukuri Varun Chakravarthy & Indukuri Sravan Chakravarthy. **A/c 46220600001544 Total Dues: Rs.4,87,234.62 (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Sixty Two Only) as on 04-10-2026 + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).**

Description of the Vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD
Vehicle: GRAND I10 NIOS 1.2, Reg No. TS 07 JJ 9968	Rs.4,05,000/-	Rs.40,500/-
Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-		

Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 07-10-2026 to 25-10-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

5

Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Mykala Mallavva, Address: House No.202, Sri Lakshmi Apartments, Srinivas Nagar, Sri Ram Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500062. **A/c No.46220600002485 Total Dues: Rs.10,40,359.47 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine and Paise Forty Seven Only) as on 04-10-2026 + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).**

Description of the Vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD
Vehicle: TATA PUNCH ACC DZ 1.2 CNG S BSVI-PH2, Reg No. TS 08 KD 8228	Rs.6,00,000/-	Rs.60,000/-
Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-		

Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 07-11-2026 to 11-11-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

A/c No.46220013201006, A/c Name: SARFAESI Auction Proceeds Collection A/c., IFSC Code: BARB0SERILI (5th digit zero), Name of Bank & Branch: Bank of Baroda, Serilingampally Branch.

Vehicle Auction through Online mode: https://www.baanknet.com

Date & Time of E-auction: 12-11-2026 From 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM (with auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed). Last date of submission of bid: 12-11-2026 before 05:00PM.

Vehicles Parking Yard: Bright Securities Management Services Pvt.Ltd, Flat No.408, Road No.5A, Gopal Nagar, Kukatapally. Mob. No.9989894455

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.banknet.com prospective bidders may contact to Mr. Dilip Maleedu (Branch Head), Mobile No.+91 7993316568

Note: 1. The bidder shall bear all the RTO related charges and expenses. 2. The successful bidders shall pay the parking charges also.

Date: 08-10-2026, Place: Serilingampally Sd/- Branch Head, Bank of Baroda



'Chief Minister should contest election from here': Akhilesh Yadav's dare to Adityanath in Ayodhya

Ayodhya, Oct 9 : Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav, during his visit to the holy city on Friday, issued a direct challenge to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to contest the upcoming UP Assembly elections from Ayodhya. Akhilesh Yadav's dare to the Chief Minister ignites public interest because the BJP, having championed the cause of the Ram Mandir movement, was vanquished by the SP candidate in the previous elections. The SP chief, who refrained from visiting the Ram Temple despite his third trip to the holy city since its inauguration in 2024, said that the BJP was struggling to find a candidate in Ayodhya and its "internal surveys are hinting at another rout". "If the Chief Minister who makes tall claims and re-

mains so confident, he should contest the election from Ayodhya," the SP leader mockingly said, eliciting cheers from the supporters. "Ever since we announced our candidate for Ayodhya, the BJP has been conducting survey after survey. In every single survey, it is falling behind. There is growing buzz that the party is unable to even find a suitable candidate for Ayodhya," he further said, adding that their 'false prestige' will be stripped away. Reiterating the party's poll pledge.

Workers themselves pushing for Congress-mukt Bharat : BJP

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Launching a sharp attack on the Congress, the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday claimed that the grand old party has descended into complete chaos and its own workers are now openly rebelling against the Gandhi-Vadra family leadership, effectively working towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "Congress-mukt Bharat". Addressing the media at the BJP headquarters here, National Spokesperson of the BJP, Pradeep Bhandari, said the Congress is fighting bitter internal battles on multiple fronts. "In Karnataka, the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister are locked in an ugly power tussle. In Bihar, party workers are publicly accusing the Gandhi-Vadra family of ticket theft and large-scale manipulation.



Assam govt launches 20,000-LPD milk plant, CM Sarma says dairy farmers to benefit

Guwahati, Oct 9 : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday said the state's dairy sector had received a major boost with the launch of operations at a 20,000-litre-per-day (LPD) milk processing plant in Sonitpur, with the entire milk supply to be sourced from local dairy farmers. Sarma said the new facility was another step towards the state government's target of increasing milk production in Assam to 10 lakh litres per day. In a post on X, the Chief Minister said the milk processed at the Sonitpur facility would be procured entirely from local dairy farmers associated with dairy co-operative societies. "This will boost their income, give them an assured market and support a lot of allied activities in the North Bank of the Brahmaputra," Sarma said. He described the ini-

tiative as another step towards promoting locally produced, or "Made in Assam", products while strengthening the livelihoods of dairy farmers across the state. The Chief Minister said the government was taking several measures to strengthen the dairy ecosystem and ensure greater economic opportunities for farmers involved in milk production and allied activities. Among the initiatives highlighted by Sarma was direct milk subsidy support for dairy farmers. The government is also undertaking digital registration of milk co-operative societies to strengthen the co-operative network and improve the formalisation of the dairy sector. Sarma further said the government was encouraging young people and women to take up dairy farming and allied activities through schemes.

Man held for objectionable post against Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj

New Delhi, Oct 9 : A man has been arrested for allegedly making objectionable remarks against Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj in Mumbai. The accused has been identified as 50-year-old Wajid Hazrat Momin. In a post on social media, Wajid said: "Don't know how Aurangzeb killed him, the painful screams are heard till date." Wajid has been booked for inciting religious sentiments. Malvani Police are conducting an investigation. On Friday, a journalist was arrested for derogatory remarks about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his son Chhatrapati Sambhaji. The accused, identified as Prashant Koratkar was arrested from Telangana. Koratkar was booked under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Kortakar was booked on the basis of his audio conversation with Kolhapur-based historian Indrajeet Sawant.



Satheesan must clarify Congress' stand: Kerala BJP on 'legally elected' row

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 9 : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kerala president Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Friday asked Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan to clarify the Congress national leadership's alleged stand that the Kerala government was not "legally" elected. He said the Chief Minister should make his position clear to the people of Kerala. "If the

Congress national leadership has taken such a position, the Chief Minister should clarify it," Chandrasekhar, who is also an MLA, said. He said the Chief Minister should not remain silent on the issue. Chandrasekhar was speaking at the BJP's 'Mission 2029' state leadership meeting in Thiruvananthapuram. He said the BJP had emerged as a political alternative in Kerala.

The narrative that the BJP could not win elections in Kerala had changed after the recent Assembly election, he claimed. "We have to strengthen the feeling among the people that the BJP is the main Opposition in Kerala," he said. He said the 2029 election would be crucial for the country and called on party workers to begin preparations immediately. The party should work to ensure

victory in all areas, he added. Chandrasekhar said service to the people should be the basis of the BJP's politics. "Posting on Facebook alone will not bring political results," he said. Party workers should reach out to people, understand their problems and explain the party's policies and the development initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said every vote was important



for the BJP and the party should reach out to every section of society. Chandrasekhar also attacked the United Democratic Front (UDF) government in Kerala. He claimed that the government

had completed 140 days but had failed to deliver on its promise of a new Kerala. Instead, people were facing power cuts, price rise, unemployment and a lack of development, he alleged.

CHANGE OF NAME

PEDAPUDI SRINIVASA RAO (New Name) S/o Verriyya previously called **PEDAPUDI SRINIVASU** (Old Name) Resident of Door No.1-38 Edarada Village, Mamidikuru Mandal, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andrapradesh pin-53324 Now Changed My Name from **PEDAPUDI SRINIVASU** (Old Name) To **PEDAPUDI SRINIVASA RAO** (New Name). Hence forth I will be called as **PEDAPUDI SRINIVASA RAO** (New Name) for all purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public, financial institutions, authorities, and third parties that my/our original Power of Attorney (POA) dated: 27th March 2019, executed by Mr Ameet Kela, Company Secretary of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd., C/o The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29, Sneapati Bapat Marg, Dada (West), Mumbai-400028, in favor of Mr Ganta Sreeram, S/o G Sanayasi Raju, C/o 207, Bhuvana Towers, S.D.Road, Secunderabad-500003, notarized at the Mumbai for appoint pleaders, advocates and solicitors to appear, file and act on behalf of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (Arcil) in any court of justice or before any revenue and/or tribunals, quasi tribunals and or before other forums including the National Company Law Tribunal under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 has been filed in the court in vide O.S.No.320/2010 before Secunderabad Civil Court and the original case record has been misplaced in the court session. The General Public is hereby cautioned and advised not to deal, negotiate, or enter into any transaction of any kind with any person(s) on the basis of the said original Power of Attorney. If any person finds or comes into possession of the said original document or has any claims or dealings with respect to it, they are requested to immediately return or report the same in writing to the undersigned at the address given below within 7 days of the publication of this notice. Any transaction or dealing carried out by any person using the said lost original POA henceforth shall be done at their own risk, cost, and consequence, and the undersigned/principal shall not be bound or liable for any such acts. **Place: Hyderabad Date: 07.10.2026** Sd/- **Name: Ganta Sreeram Address: 207, Bhuvana Towers, S.D.Road, Sec'bad-03, Contact No.: 9849724797**

Telangana statehood was achieved through students' sacrifices: Harish Rao

Siddipet, Oct 9 : Former Minister and BRS leader T. Harish Rao has said that Telangana statehood was achieved through the sacrifices of countless students and the relentless efforts of leaders who dedicated their lives to the statehood movement.

Harish Rao, along with renowned writer Nandini Sidda Reddy, participated in an event held at a government degree college in Siddipet district as part of the 'Siddipet District Decennial Celebrations'. Speaking on the oc-

casion, Harish Rao stressed the importance of understanding the history of Siddipet and Telangana. He recalled the contributions of Professor K. Jayashankar, who dedicated his life to the Telangana movement.



CHANGE OF NAME

MAILABATHULA EMELIYAMMA W/o Chittibabu Resident of Door no - 3-117, Gondi Village, Sakshinipalli Mandal, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District. A.P. Have changed my name from **MYLABATHULA EMELIYAMMA** (Old name) to **MAILABATHULA EMELIYAMMA** (New name). Hence after all my documents (passport... etc) and correspondence will continue with my new name **MAILABATHULA EMELIYAMMA**.

JP Nadda, Delhi CM launch JOSH teams to accelerate youth-led TB elimination efforts

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday launched JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) Teams under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaany to strengthen youth-led community participation in efforts to eliminate tuberculosis. Describing the launch of JOSH Teams as a milestone

in the collective fight against tuberculosis, Nadda said a WHO report shows India has recorded a 21 per cent decline in TB incidence and treatment.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8(1)				
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the payment of IIFL-HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. If the borrower clears the dues of the "IIFL-HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IIFL-HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IIFL-HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.				
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Eudadu Swarna Mrs. Prasanna Swarna Eudadu Daily Form (Prospect No IL10517293)	All that piece and parcel of Ass: No. 2697, Survey No. 4471, Kaligiri Village, Kaligiri Mandal, Nellore District, Ap. 524224 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 1533 Bounded By: North: Site Of Swarna Jamstee South: Site Of Swarna Kondiah East: Bazar West: Site Of Swarna Kondiah	Rs. 1380086/- Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Thousand And Eighty Six Rupees Only	09-06-2026	07-10-2026
Miss. Malathi Kande Mr. Kande Babu Malathi Tailoring Works (Prospect No IL10454851)	All that piece and parcel of House No:7-354, Survey No. 369/2, Battapedu Village, Almakur Mandal, Nellore District, Ap. 524322 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 1034 Bounded By: North: Ragi Yamadaiah South: Kande Seneiah East: Road West: Road	Rs. 411145/- Rupees Four Lakh Twenty One Thousand One Hundred And Forty Five Rupees Only	09-06-2026	07-10-2026
Mr. Shaik Sadik Mrs. Khadarunnisa Shaik Sadik Auto Service (Prospect No IL10336963)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 112, Survey No. 1, Ward No. 21, At Athmakuru Village, Athmakuru Mandal, Nellore Dist. Ap. 524222 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 490 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No. 111 East: Plot No. 113 West: Plot No. 97	Rs. 322169/- Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred And Sixty Nine Rupees Only	04-12-2025	06-10-2026
Mrs. Marthamma Budhala Mr. Budhala Vengiah Vengiah Meason Works (Prospect No IL10704743)	All that piece and parcel of Sy No 29-1, Nandigunta Village, Virajamuru Mandal, Sps: Nellore District, Ap. 524226 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 1936 Bounded By: North: Gangapatta Ramanaiah Land South: Road East: Budhala Vengiah Land West: Road	Rs. 826252/- Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred And Fifty Two Rupees Only	09-06-2026	07-10-2026
For further details please contact to Authorized Officer at Branch Office: Saibaba Temple, Swatatra Park Street, Gandhibomma Centre, Pogathota, Nellore - 524002 or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana. Place: Nellore, Date: 10-10-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd				



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RULE-8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE

Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physical possession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, At Nalgonda, In Cr.M.P. NO.45 OF 2026, under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 08th October- 2026.

Borrower Name and Address

1) Ashala Madhu @ Madhu Ashala, S/O: Shambulingam Age: 46 Years Occ: Business R/O: Door No:4-10-1549 Flat No:203 Srisai Homes Sriram Nagar Colony DVK Road Nalgonda District-508001.

2) A.Sugunamma @ Ashala Sugunamma, W/O: Late Shambulingam Age: 58 Years R/O: H.No: 4-10-1549 Flat No:203 Srisai Homes Sriram Nagar Colony DVK Road Nalgonda district-508001.

3) Samala Sandhya, D/O: Sadanandam Age: 28 Years R/O: H.No:4-74 Ward No: 4 Kolkonda Village Devaruppalu Mandal Warangal District-508303 4) A.Kiran @ Akkenapally Kiran, S/O: A.Anjaiah Age: 41 Years R/O: Door No:1-16 Gudapur Village Munugode Mandal Nalgonda District-508244.

Amount due as per Sec-14 Petition : Rs.63,90,029-00 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Ninety Thousand Twenty Nine Only)

Description of Property

NLGD2TF1903310004- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Ashala Sugunamma With Document No: 7455 Of 2019 All That Flat No:203 In First Floor (House No:4-10-159/203) Admeasuring 1000.0 Sq.Feet Including Common Area Together With Undivided Share Of Land 32.0 Sq.Yards =26.75 Sq.Meters Out Of 574.0 Sq.Yards Known As Srisai Homes Situated At Sreeram Nagar Colony Nalgonda Town Nalgonda District Boundaries For Flat No: 203 North: Open To Sky, South: Lift/Open To Sky, East: Open To Sky, West: Corridor And Flat No:204 Land Bounded By: North: 30'0" Wide Road, South: House Of Y. Pushpa, East: 20'0" Wide Road, West: House Of Bushi Reddy

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FM Sitharaman to hold high-level meetings with Singapore leadership, top CEOs

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman embarked on an official visit to Singapore from October 9-11, where she will hold a series of high-level engagements with the leadership of Singapore, senior members of the business and investment community, and global institutional investors. Sitharaman will call on Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of Singapore; Lawrence Wong, Prime Minister of Singapore; Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore; and Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Foreign Minister of Singapore, according to an official statement. "The discussions will cover key areas of the India-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and take forward the outcomes of the ISMR, including cooperation in trade and investment, digital financial connectivity, capital markets, taxation, semiconductors, advanced manufacturing, skilling and aviation," said the statement.

India targets 100 GW nuclear energy by 2047, opens sector to private players

New Delhi, Oct 9 : The recently announced nuclear mission aims to generate 100 gigawatts (GW) of nuclear energy by 2047, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh told the Parliament on Friday. Addressing the Rajya Sabha, the MoS said this constitutes 10 per cent of India's total energy needs. To achieve this, the government has taken a bold step by opening the nuclear sector to private players. Dr Singh said the move was "previously considered unthinkable". "This is a historic decision that breaks past taboos. The nuclear programme has traditionally operated behind a veil of secrecy, but under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have now paved the way for private sector participation," he stated. Calling it "a groundbreaking initiative".



Bosch India Q1 profit falls nearly 37 pc to Rs 706 crore

Mumbai, Oct 9 : Bosch Limited on Friday reported a sharp decline in its first-quarter profit, with consolidated net profit falling 36.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 706.1 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2026 (Q1 FY27). The company had posted a net profit of Rs 1,116.1 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Despite the decline in bottom-line performance, the technology and engineering major registered strong growth in revenue. Revenue from operations rose 22 per cent to Rs 5,841.9 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 4,788.6 crore a year earlier. The company's operating performance remained robust during the reporting period. Earn-

ings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) increased 28.4 per cent to Rs 821.1 crore from Rs 639.3 crore in the year-ago quarter. EBITDA margin improved to 14.1 per cent from 13.4 per cent, as per its regulatory filing. Following the earnings announcement, Bosch shares ended the day at Rs 43,085 on the BSE, up 0.31 per cent or Rs 135. Over the past five trading sessions, the stock has gained nearly 5 per cent.

Oberoi Hotels owner EIH posts 52 pc sequential decline in Q1 profit to Rs 120 crore; revenue falls 26 pc

New Delhi, Oct 9 : EIH Ltd - the Oberoi Group-backed hospitality firm -- has posted a nearly 52 per cent sequential decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 120.31 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, from Rs 249.10 crore in the preceding quarter. The company's revenue from operations stood at Rs 656.96 crore in the first quarter of FY27, a decrease of 26.61 per cent from Rs 895.22 crore in the March quarter but up from

Rs 573.58 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago, according to the company's exchange filing. However, PAT increased from Rs 36.88 crore in the year-ago quarter. In addition, total income during the quarter declined by 26.83 per cent to Rs 697.94 crore, compared with Rs 953.95 crore in the preceding quarter and increased 14 per cent from Rs 609.06 crore in the year-ago period. Total expenses came at Rs 533.02 crore against Rs 605.33 crore in the March quarter, while they were

higher than Rs 452.95 crore in the year-ago quarter. Profit before exceptional items, share of profit of associates and joint ventures and tax stood at Rs 164.92 crore in the June quarter, against Rs 348.62 crore in the preceding quarter and Rs 156.11 crore a year earlier. Profit before exceptional items and tax stood at Rs 169.31 crore, compared with Rs 368.34 crore in the March quarter and Rs 164.67 crore in the year-ago quarter. The company reported no excep-



tional item in the June quarter. In the year-ago quarter, exceptional items amounted to Rs 110.49

crore, while the March quarter had exceptional items of Rs 132.08 crore.



90 pc of Indian CEOs optimistic about prioritising investments in operations, acquisitions

New Delhi, Oct 9 : About 90 per cent of Indian CEOs believe that investments in existing operations and new areas through joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions are critical for growth, a report showed on Friday. Indian CEOs are more confident than their global counterpart on cost of doing business, revenue and competitive position, according to the latest EY-Parthenon CEO Outlook Survey: Global Confidence Index 2026. They are very optimistic that they can successfully reimagine their business model for the future through transformation. The survey also found that 86 per cent CEOs recognise the pivotal role of emerging technologies, marking them as a key investment priority for the next 12 months, while 90 per cent believe successful AI adoption and workforce upskilling will define industry leaders.

No evidence of systems breach as hacker group claims employee data exposure : HCLTech

New Delhi, Oct 9 : IT services provider HCLTech has said its initial investigation found no evidence of a breach of the company's systems or any impact on client engagements following claims by a hacker group regarding the potential exposure of employee-related data. In a stock exchange filing, HCLTech said it was responding to media reports that cited allegations by a hacker group about possible exposure of limited data elements relating to its employees. "The company's initial investigation has revealed that the aforesaid data may be limited and dated to a few years back," the IT firm said. It added that there was no evidence of breach at the company's systems or en-

gagement with any of the company's clients. HCLTech said it is continuing to investigate the matter and will disclose any material findings, if any, arising from the review. "The company considers cyber security as its top priority and remains committed to protecting the information entrusted to it," it said. The disclosure comes after peer Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) issued a similar clarification following threat-intelligence alerts that alleged possible exposure of certain employee information. On Friday, TCS told stock exchanges that it found no credible evidence of a breach of its systems or customer environments after investigating the claims.



TCS Q2 net profit jumps 4 pc to Rs 13,884 crore in FY27

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) -- India's largest IT services provider -- posted a marginal rise in its consolidated net profit at Rs 13,884 crore for the second quarter of FY27 on Friday. The IT company's net profit rose 4 per cent sequentially from Rs 13,349 crore in the June quarter which included an exceptional loss of Rs 668 crore related to a legal claim settlement. In addition, consolidated revenue from operations rose 1.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 73,188 crore from Rs 72,275 crore, the company said in an exchange filing. Moreover, workforce strength

stood at 598,056 as of September 30, while LTM attrition in IT Services was at 13.3 per cent. Apart from earnings, the company's Board has declared a second interim dividend of Rs 12 per equity share of Re 1 each for FY27 that will be paid by the end of October to shareholders whose names appear on record as on October 14. Commenting on the results, K Krithivasan, CEO and Managing Director, said, "We are pleased with the broad-based growth in all our international markets and most industry segments." Krithivasan further noted that this quarter we announced two

unique deals with Porsche and Best Buy which represent a new category of transformation partnerships. Together with our clients, we are building repeatable value platforms that will industrialise AI at scale. Ahead of the results, shares of TCS ended 0.42 per cent lower at Rs 2,075.25 on the BSE on Friday. The stock has touched a 52-week high of Rs 3,336.70 and a 52-week low of Rs 1,976, according to the exchange data. In the last month, the IT stock has declined about 8 per cent. On a YTD basis, it plunged 35.7 per cent. Over one year, the stock is down over 30 per cent.

Foreign investors pump Rs 31,000 crore into Indian stocks as market rebounds

Mumbai, Oct 9 : Foreign investors have injected nearly Rs 31,000 crore into Indian equity markets in the last six trading sessions of August, according to the latest depository data. This surge in investment is mainly due to attractive stock valuations.



PM-KISAN scheme boosts farming in Kathua, farmers report higher profits

Kathua, Oct 9 : The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme is bringing a positive change to the lives of small farmers in the Sarthal Valley of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district. With financial assistance being transferred directly into their bank accounts, farmers are increasingly cultivating potatoes and other vegetables

and supplying their produce not only to local markets but also to mandis in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Farmers in the Sarthal Valley said that arranging money for seeds, fertilisers and irrigation was earlier one of their biggest challenges. Timely instalments under PM-KISAN have enabled them to invest in farming without relying heavily on loans. According to the

farmers, this has helped increase both production and income. Pritam Singh, a farmer from Bani tehsil, told IANS, "First of all, I would like to thank the Prime Minister for sending the PM-KISAN money into our accounts. It has been very beneficial for small farmers like us. We have cultivated potatoes in Sarthal and are supplying them across Jammu and Kashmir as well as to Punjab."

Singh said the financial assistance helped him purchase improved seeds and fertilisers. He also received technical guidance from the Agriculture Department, which contributed to a significant improvement in crop yields. His produce is now reaching local markets as well as markets in neighbouring states. Sarthal Valley is a hilly region where most farmers traditionally



grew crops primarily for household consumption. However, with support under PM-KISAN, several farmers have now moved towards commercial vegetable cultivation. Potatoes, peas, cauliflower and

other seasonal vegetables have emerged as key crops in the region. Farmers said the Rs 2,000 instalment they receive every four months provides significant financial relief.

Goa police arrest Maha resident in Rs 62 lakh 'digital arrest' fraud

Panaji, Oct 9 : The Goa Cyber Police apprehended a 48-year-old man from Maharashtra for his alleged involvement in a major cyber fraud case amounting to Rs 61.84 lakh, police officials said on Friday. The accused, identified as Dayanand Baburao Devalkar, a resident of Ajara in Kolhapur, was traced following an in-depth technical investigation, the office of the superintendent of police (cyber crime), Raibandar, said in a statement. Police officials said that the funds were transferred into Devalkar's bank account before being routed to multiple accounts belonging to his associates. An investigation was initiated after a complaint filed by a resident of Quepem. According to the police, the fraudsters, acting as Mumbai Crime Branch officers through a WhatsApp number, allegedly threatened the complainant with fabricated allegations of money laundering linked to the banned organisation, PFI.



Bengal to join all Central water projects, says CM Suvendu Adhikari

Kolkata, Oct 9 : The West Bengal government will henceforth participate in all central water-related projects linked to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari announced on Friday. He made the announcement through a social media post after a meeting with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil at the state secretariat, Nabanna, earlier in the day. In the post, CM Adhikari claimed that the Jal Jeevan Mission, a flagship programme of the Union government conceptualised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is now poised to gather momentum across West Bengal. "This mission is the realisation of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision to deliver safe, potable tap water to every single household, even in the remotest corners of our state," CM Adhikari said in his social media post. The Jal Jeevan Mission is a flag-

ship initiative of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, designed to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections to all rural households. Launched in 2019, it has been extended till 2028 to achieve universal, long-term water security. He also claimed that the West Bengal government, in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, will henceforth participate in key initiatives such as the Namami Gange Programme and the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, so that the state benefits and projects of national importance are completed in a timely manner. In his social media post, he also launched a scathing attack on the previous Mamata Banerjee-led and Trinamool Congress-ruled administration for allegedly being reluctant to ensure the state's participation in central projects linked to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Mizoram Gov joins addiction-free pledge campaign in Aizawl

Aizawl, Oct 9 : Mizoram Governor Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd) on Friday participated in the "10 Crore Addiction-Free Pledge Mega Campaign", organised by the Brahma Kumaris under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan and Mission SPANDAN (Spiritual Partnership Against Narcotic Drug Abuse) in Aizawl. Addressing the gathering, Singh described drug and substance addiction as a serious issue that concerns everyone. He emphasised that ensuring and leading an addiction-free society would make a tremendous difference. Noting that India has a large young demographic, he stressed the need to properly guide the youth so they do not fall prey to drugs and substance addiction, thereby becoming healthy and productive citizens who will form the foundation of India's future. The Governor observed that



Mizoram's location along international borders has contributed to the high prevalence of drugs in the state. He further noted that Mizoram has one of the highest overall cancer incidence rates and ranks among the states with the highest HIV prevalence, underscoring the urgent need for intensified efforts. He expressed confidence that through awareness, determination and co-operation, the state can successfully overcome drug and substance abuse, cancer and HIV. Singh urged students to remain steadfast in their resolve to stay free from drugs and to say "No" whenever they face temptation firmly.



K'taka: IIT Madras, IIT Dharwad partner for education, research, entrepreneurship

Bengaluru, Oct 9 : The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and IIT Dharwad on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in education, research and entrepreneurship in the presence of Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi. Congratulating both institutions, Joshi said the agreement should pave the way for sharing educational resources, research initiatives and innovation projects, while strengthening collaboration within the IIT system. He expressed hope that the partnership between IIT Madras and IIT Dharwad would serve as a

model for collaboration among IITs and contribute to India's journey towards becoming a global leader in knowledge, innovation and technology. Describing the agreement as a matter of satisfaction, Joshi said it was particularly significant for him as Dharwad is his Lok Sabha constituency. He said IIT Dharwad was making a unique contribution to the educational development of North Karnataka. "Though IIT Dharwad is one of our newer IITs, it is steadily strengthening its academic and research capabilities," he said.

RJD MLA Bhai Virendra clarifies viral photo with Samrat Choudhary

Patna, Oct 9 : Amid the ongoing turmoil within the RJD, a photograph of Maner MLA and senior party leader Bhai Virendra with Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary has gone viral on social media, triggering political speculation. Clarifying the photograph, Bhai Virendra said the image was taken nearly two months ago and has no political significance. He questioned why a meeting between an MLA and the Chief Minister should be viewed as unusual.



MP Congress steps up organisational drive in Chhindwara

Chhindwara, Oct 9 : Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari on Friday said the party was focusing on strengthening its grassroots organisation and training workers as it prepares for future political battles in the state. Patwari was speaking at a two-day training programme for Mandalam, block and city presidents of the Congress committees of Chhindwara and Pandhurna districts. Former Chhindwara MP

Nakul Nath, Congress training in-charge Mahendra Joshi and party national spokesperson Abhay Dubey also addressed the programme. "Organisational reconstruction is not merely about forming posts. It is a process of establishing a strong relationship between the party's ideology, workers and the people. A trained worker is the foundation of a strong organisation," Patwari said. He said Congress was conducting similar two-day training programmes in different districts

as part of its organisational restructuring in Madhya Pradesh. Workers are being trained in the party's ideology, Constitution, democratic values, leadership responsibilities and public outreach, he added. Patwari also highlighted Congress' victory in the recent Datia Assembly bypoll, saying it demonstrated the importance of an active grassroots organisation and united workers. He raised issues including farmers' problems.



Govt tough against travel agents, says Haryana CM

Chandigarh, Oct 9 : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said on Friday that the state government has taken stringent action against travel agents involved in sending youth abroad through illegal means. A total of 127 cases have been registered, and action has been taken against 102 agents, with eight travel agents arrested. The Chief Minister was speaking during the discussion on the Haryana Travel Agents Registration and

Regulation Bill, 2025, presented during the Budget session in the Assembly here. He said the Bill, which was later passed in the Assembly, aims to protect the youth from exploitation, ensuring transparency, accountability of travel agents, and the investigation and curbing of illegal activities. The Chief Minister added that the state government's intention "is clear that stringent action will be taken against travel agents who facilitate illegal migration". He said that with the introduction of three new criminal laws, some

sections were revised. "This Bill is now being reintroduced with strengthened provisions to safeguard the youth from exploitation," he added, before tabling the Bill.



Yemen's Houthis claim ballistic missile attack on Riyadh airport

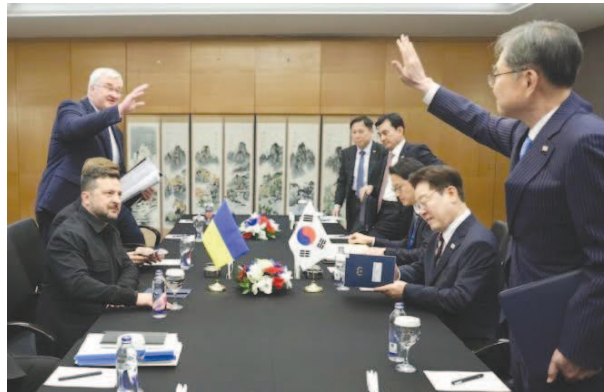
Sanaa, Oct 9 : Yemen's Houthi group said Friday it launched a fresh ballistic missile attack on King Khalid International Airport

in the Saudi capital of Riyadh and carried out missile strikes against government forces near the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait. Houthi

military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in a statement posted on social media platform X that a ballistic missile "accurately hit its target" at King

Khalid International Airport, disrupting air traffic. There was no immediate confirmation from Saudi authorities of the latest attack claim. Sarea also is-

sued what he called a "final warning" to international airlines against continuing to operate flights through Saudi airspace.



South Korea to recall envoy to Ukraine amid dispute over disclosure of North Korean POWs

Seoul, Oct 9 : South Korea will recall its ambassador to Ukraine, the foreign ministry said Friday, amid a diplomatic dispute over Kyiv's disclosure of the transfer of North Korean prisoners of war (POWs) to Seoul.

The Seoul government has demanded an official explanation and apology over Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's disclosure of the transfer of the two North Korean soldiers to Seoul, as well as a statement from his office denying that there had been an agreement to keep the matter confidential. "The government has decided to recall its ambassador to Ukraine to Seoul," the ministry said in a release.

"We hope that various issues between the two countries will be resolved smoothly, and we will continue consultations with the Ukrainian side to that end," it added. The ministry did not elaborate further on the decision to recall Ambassador Park Ki-chang, though a senior official said the government has taken the issue seriously, Yonhap News Agency reported.

The two North Korean soldiers were captured in January 2025 while fighting for Russia in the Kursk region and arrived in South Korea in mid-September, according to officials here. Zelensky unexpectedly disclosed their transfer in an address to the UN General Assembly in New York last month.



Indian envoy visits 125-year-old gurdwara in Hong Kong

Hong Kong, Oct 9 : India's Ambassador to China, Vikram Doraiswami, paid obeisance at the 125-year-old Khalsa Diwan Gurdwara Sahib in Hong Kong on Friday and also met members of the gurudwara's parbandhak committee.

He appreciated their long standing service, dedication and contributions to the culture and philanthropy, saying their efforts have brought pride to the Indian community in Hong Kong.

"Ambassador Vikram Doraiswami paid obeisance at the 125 year-old Khalsa Diwan Gurdwara Sahib in Hong Kong and interacted with the Parbandhak Committee. He thanked them for their proud record of service, hard work, and contributions to culture and philanthropy, which have brought great credit to Indians in Hong Kong. He assured the community of the Consulate Team's full support at all times," the Indian Consulate General in Hong Kong posted on X. Addressing an event titled 'A Conversa-

tion on India Today' Ambassador Doraiswami highlighted India's economic growth, foreign relations and development priorities.

The programme was organised at Asia Society Hong Kong where the Indian envoy also interacted with the audience. Following the event, Ambassador Doraiswami held a meeting with the Chairman of Asia Society Hong Kong Centre, Ronnie Chan.

India Consul General in Hong Kong Rajesh N Naik also welcomed Ambassador Doraiswami on his maiden visit to the Indian mission in Hong Kong. "The Ambassador interacted with the Consulate officers and staff, and underlined the importance of timely and efficient consular services.

He also visited the Consular Section and interacted with applicants availing consular services as he encouraged the team at the Consulate General of India in Hong Kong to be proactive in enhancing applicant experience for consular services," the Indian Consulate General in Hong Kong posted on X.

India, Greece discuss defence and strategic cooperation

New Delhi, Oct 9 : India and Greece on Friday discussed defence and strategic cooperation with emphasis on maritime co-operation, coastal security and shipbuilding. The discussions were held during a meeting between Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Greece's Deputy Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Stefanos Gkikas, in New Delhi on Friday.

"Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh met Deputy Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of Greece Mr

Stefanos Gkikas in New Delhi on October 08, 2026. The two sides discussed India Greece defence and strategic cooperation with emphasis on maritime cooperation, coastal security and shipbuilding," the Ministry of Defence stated.

"As two prominent maritime nations, India and Greece have common interest and stakes in the maritime sector including the need to ensure safety and security of seafarers," it added.

Gkikas is on an official visit to India to attend Sagarmanthan, the Great Oceans Dialogue 2026. Prior to departing for New Delhi,

Gkikas said Greece remained committed to strengthening maritime cooperation with India. He made these remarks during his meeting with India's Ambassador to Greece, Ravi Shankar, on October 1. "Ambassador Ravi Shankar called on Stefanos Gkikas, Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, today," the Indian Embassy in Greece posted on X. "Hon'ble Dy Min said that Greece remained committed to strengthening maritime cooperation with India and that he was looking forward to his official visit next week to India to attend Sagarmanthan,



the Great Oceans Dialogue 2026," it added. In July, Ravi Shankar met Chief of the Hellenic Air Force General Staff Lieutenant General Demosthenes Grigoriadis and discussed ongoing cooperation initiatives between the air forces of the two nations. "Ambassador Ravi Shankar met Lt Gen Mr Demosthenes Grigoriadis, Chief of Hellenic Air Force General Staff.

UN voices concern over arrests of women, girls in Afghanistan

Kabul, Oct 9 : The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said on Friday that it is "gravely concerned" about the recent arrests, detentions and threats of arrest targeting women and girls by the Taliban authorities in various parts of Afghanistan. It has urged the Taliban to stop discriminatory enforcement practices targeting women and girls and uphold Afghanistan's obligations under international human rights law.

According to UNAMA, at least 52 women and one girl were arrested or detained in Herat and Kabul, while other women

faced threats of arrest from July-September. The number of cases may be higher due to under-reporting related to protection concerns and stigma.

The UNAMA said that these incidents were linked to alleged violations of the Taliban's dress code requirements. Women were arrested for not wearing a chador, having visible hair, wearing colourful scarves or makeup, or being in public without a mahram (a close male guardian, such as a brother, husband or father). The women were released after spending hours in detention, according to a UNAMA statement. "UNAMA is also alarmed by inci-



dents involving verbal abuse, beatings and threats against women, including female shopkeepers. UNAMA reiterates that these acts violate women and girls' rights to freedom of movement, expression and autonomy. Arrests and detentions also expose women and

girls to severe social stigma and further marginalisation," the statement reads. "UNAMA urges the de facto authorities to cease discriminatory enforcement practices targeting women and girls, ensure respect for the human rights and dignity of all Afghans, and uphold Afghanistan's obligations under international human rights law," it added.



Nearly 50 pc of MENAAP region's poor living on less than \$3 a day in Pakistan: Report

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Nearly half of the poor people in the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAAP) region earning less than \$3 a day live in Pakistan, according to a report. A report by The Express Tribune -- citing the World Bank -- said that poverty in Pakistan increased due to prolonged economic adjustment that weakened real household incomes and employment opportunities. "The World Bank had separated Pakistan from the South Asia region and clubbed it with the Middle East and North Africa region," it said. Moreover, Pakistan accounts for about 48 per cent of the people in the region living below the \$3 per day (about Rs 840 daily income) poverty line. The remaining poor were concentrated in Afghanistan, Syria and Yemen -- the three war-affected countries -- which together accounted for another 47 per cent. Poverty rates at the \$3 per day line approached or exceeded 20 per cent in Djibouti, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen. The report said MENAAP accounts for 14 per cent of world's extreme poor, second only to Sub-Saharan Africa. After declining in 2000s and 2010s, poverty reduction stalled around 2019 and reversed after COVID-19. The regional increase in poverty was driven primarily by a rise in poverty in Pakistan, where the poverty rate rose by 6.4 per cent at the \$3 per day line and 3.2 per cent at the \$4.2 per day line between 2018-19 and 2024-25 following a succession of adverse shocks.



India urges parliamentarians at 153rd IPU Assembly to strengthen transparency, accountability

Dar es Salaam, Oct 9 : Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, who is leading an Indian parliamentary delegation at the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) being held in Tanzania, has urged parliamentarians to strengthen transparency, uphold accountability and nurture public trust in furtherance of good governance.

The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha made the remarks in Arusha while participating in the General Debate on the theme 'Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all', the Rajya Sabha Secretariat said on Friday.

The Indian delegation took part in the vote on the inclusion of an emergency item in agenda of the assembly, which also saw adoption of an India-backed item on climate-related disasters in the Himalayan region.

"After the vote, the IPU President announced that the item, 'Urgent parliamentary action to address climate-related disasters and strengthen resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions', proposed by Nepal and supported by India, among others, had been adopted as the emergency item of the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held in Arusha," the statement mentioned.

The members of the delegation led by Harivansh also held a bilateral meeting with Konstantin Kosachev, Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of Russia, and discussed issues of mutual interest.



US Senate panel advances South China Sea bill to strengthen coordination with partners in Indo-Pacific

Washington, Oct 9 : A bipartisan US Senate committee on Friday approved legislation aimed at strengthening American diplomatic coordination with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific amid growing concerns over China's actions in the South China Sea. The South China Sea Strategy Act, introduced by Senators Tammy Duckworth, a Democrat from Illinois, and John Curtis, a Republican from Utah, cleared the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

Vance says US wants only elite foreign talent

Washington, Oct 9 : US Vice-President J.D. Vance said on Friday that the Trump administration wants to attract exceptional foreign talent, including people like Elon Musk, but will not allow immigration programmes to be used to replace American workers with lower-paid employees from overseas. Vance said the United States would continue welcoming foreigners with extraordinary skills and abilities, but added that the H-1B visa programme had moved away from its original purpose. "We want a lot of other people to come into the United States of America if they have truly elite specialised skills," he told reporters during a press conference on visa fraud. His remarks came in response to a question about Musk, who had studied in the United States and was accepted at Stanford University before building his business empire. A reporter asked how the administration could identify the next Musk while restricting opportunities for foreign workers and researchers. Vance said immigration authorities should apply two



tests when considering foreign professionals. The first, he said, was whether the applicant would fill a position that could not be filled by an American worker. The second was whether the individual possessed exceptional abilities. "Are they truly bringing in a special set of skills and abilities and work ethic and competence?" he asked. Vance said the administration was not opposed to foreign professionals contributing to American innovation and economic growth. He cited Musk and AMD chief executive Lisa Su as examples of people whose contributions demonstrated the value of exceptional international talent. However, he added that many employers were using immigration programmes to recruit foreign workers for jobs that Americans could perform.



Ahead of Durga Puja, Awami League raises alarm over violence against Hindus in Bangladesh

Dhaka, Oct 9: Bangladesh's Awami League on Friday expressed serious concern over the safety of minority communities across the country, questioning how much a minority life is worth when an entire Hindu family can be wiped out, and no clear answers emerge even a month and a half later. The party said that in this grim atmosphere, people are being told Durga Puja will take place, while there are no decorations at temples in Bangladesh. It said that children have not bought new clothes, and quoted an elderly woman as saying, "Only God knows what might happen next".

US Congress to honour Indian pilot for bravery

Washington, Oct 9 : Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar, whose bravery helped save 172 passengers and crew members aboard a Flydubai flight after a fellow pilot allegedly attacked him with an axe, will be honoured in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi announced on Thursday that he would enter a statement into the Congressional Record on Friday, recognising Machchhar's extraordinary courage during the September 30 incident aboard Flydubai Flight 1073 from Dubai to Tel Aviv. The Illinois Democrat said the Indian captain's actions helped avert

a catastrophe after the aircraft's first officer attacked him and attempted to seize control of the plane. According to Krishnamoorthi's statement, the aircraft plunged around 16,000 feet in just 30 seconds during the incident. Despite suffering serious injuries, Captain Machchhar managed to reach the cockpit door and open

it, allowing passengers and crew members to enter and overpower the attacker. Two reserve Flydubai pilots travelling aboard the aircraft subsequently took control and landed the plane safely in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. The flight was carrying 172 passengers, including four American citizens and 27 children, according to the Congressman's statement. Captain Smit Machchhar, an Indian national, has 17 years of flying experience, including 11 years as a captain.



'Pakistan's economic woes likely to mount as geopolitical risks rise'

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Pakistan's economic situation is likely to start unfolding negatively in 2026, as geopolitical headwinds appear to be re-emerging, according to media reports. There is visible friction in Pakistan-UAE ties, evident from the monthly rollover of UAE deposits at a higher rate of 6.5 per cent.

US warns firms of arrests over visa fraud

Washington, Oct 9 : The Trump administration on Friday warned that corporate executives and institutions could face criminal prosecution, arrests and civil lawsuits over alleged visa fraud, signalling a tougher enforcement campaign against employers accused of favouring foreign workers over Americans. Attorney General Todd Blanche said the Justice Department was actively investigating companies suspected of violating federal laws governing employment and immigration. His warning came during a White House press conference led by Vice President JD Vance, where the administration announced restrictions on permanent

labour certification applications involving eight major technology and outsourcing companies. The companies include Microsoft, Adobe, Cognizant, Infosys, Tata, Wipro, HCL, and Capgemini. Blanche said employers found to have discriminated against American workers could face federal investigations. "If a company, even including Microsoft, Adobe, or any other,

discriminates against an American worker in favour of someone on the other side of the world, that company has violated the trust of the federal government and the American people and will be investigated," he said.



US advances nuclear-powered Moon missions

Washington, Oct 9 : NASA and the US Department of Energy have signed an agreement to accelerate the development of nuclear-powered spacecraft and lunar infrastructure, including plans for a space reactor mission in 2028 and a nuclear power system to support a future American base on the Moon. The agreement, signed Thursday in Washington, brings the two agencies together on nuclear fuel development, advanced research, testing, launch integration and operations as the United States seeks to expand its presence in deep space. NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman and Energy Secretary Chris Wright signed the memorandum of understanding, titled "Ac-

celerating American Leadership in Space Nuclear Power and Propulsion," during the Golden Age Summit at the Donald J. Trump Institute of Peace. The agreement will take effect November 1. "We are entering the 'Nuclear NASA-era,' which represents a major transformation for space exploration," Isaacman said. "Nuclear power will allow us to go farther, operate longer, and field more capable spacecraft and instruments than ever before." He said the work would lay the foundation for future fission-powered spacecraft and expand opportunities for scientific exploration. The agreement establishes a

framework for cooperation between NASA and the Energy Department across the development of space nuclear technologies, from fuel production to operational deployment. The agencies said safety would remain central to the programme. NASA plans to launch Space Reactor-1 Freedom in 2028, a mission intended to move nuclear-powered space technology from laboratory development towards operational use in deep space. The mission is expected to support the development of Lunar Reactor-1, a fission-based surface power system designed to provide electricity for a future Moon base.



Top South Korean military commander describes DMZ mine blast as 'provocation'

Seoul, Oct 9 : South Korea's top military commander said Friday he had not thought of the recent mine blast near the inter-Korean border as anything other than a "provocation" by North Korea, while vowing to review response measures. Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Chairman Gen. Jin Yongsung made the remarks as some opposition lawmakers have raised issues with the South Korean military for allegedly refraining from depicting the Sept. 21 blast as a "provocation" by the North. "There was not a single moment when I thought it was anything other than a provocation when one of my men was seriously injured," Jin said during

a parliamentary audit. "But I had not paid close attention to the fact that the term 'provocation' was not included in the announcement," he said when asked why the military had left out the term during Monday's briefing, Yonhap News Agency reported. The JCS concluded its joint investigation with the U.N. Command into the mine blast on Monday, confirming its preliminary findings that resin antipersonnel mines deliberately planted by Pyongyang south of the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) were the cause of the blast. The explosion left three South Korean soldiers injured, two of them seriously. On whether he deems the mine-removal operation con-

ducted by South Korean troops at the blast site as a "corresponding" response, Jin said he thought the operation was "highly significant" and succeeded in expressing the resolve of the South Korean military. "At the very least, we need to eliminate ourselves the threat that caused serious injuries to our comrades near the MDL," he said. "I think it is highly significant that we were able to carry out a successful operation with a unit that acts on orders from its commander, thereby demonstrating and following through on our resolve." Asked if the military was planning other response measures, Jin said he would continue to review the necessary steps.





India, Liberia 'strongly' condemn attacks on shipping and seafarers

New York, Oct 9 : The Permanent missions to the United Nations from India and Liberia 'strongly' condemned the attacks on shipping and seafarers, a joint statement said on Friday.

"India and Liberia, as co-chairs of the Group of Friends on Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers (GoF on S4), strongly condemn the string of unacceptable attacks that commercial ships and seafarers have been subjected to in the Gulf and its vicinity, the Black Sea, over the past few days. These actions that disrupt maritime trade and cost innocent lives are simply indefensible. We call for an immediate cessation of such attacks in the interest of peace and stability in the region," the joint statement added.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the seafarers who have lost their lives and pray for early recovery of those injured," it said.

India and Liberia launched the GoF on S4 on September 25, 2026, and stand ready to support more coordination to discourage recurrence of such attacks and to safeguard the rights of seafarers.

Some Sudan market bombing casualties dying from lack of care : UN humanitarian

United Nations, Oct 9 : Some of the injured from a market bombing, which caused hundreds of casualties in Sudan's North Darfur State, are dying from lack of medical care, UN humanitarians said on citing reports.

"Our humanitarian colleagues tell us that there are disturbing reports that some of the injured are dying due to lack of access to timely medi-

cal care in El Fasher, where ongoing siege and hostilities have forced most health facilities to just shut down," said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, at a daily briefing on Friday. Dujarric reported that the UN resident and humanitarian coordinator in Sudan, Clementine Nkweta-Salami, said, "Saturday's horrific attack on the Tora market in North Darfur.



Global tourism sustains upward trend: UN Tourism

Madrid, Oct 9 : International tourist arrivals continued to grow in 2026, according to the latest data published by UN Tourism. The Madrid-based organization, on Friday, said in its quarterly World Tourism Barometer that over 1.1 billion people, made international trips in the first nine months of the year, around 5 per cent more than in the same period of 2024, Xinhua news agency reported.

Indian Ambassador presents credentials to Ukraine Minister, discuss strengthening bilateral ties

Kyiv, Oct 9 : India's newly appointed Ambassador to Ukraine, Anjani Kumar, presented a copy of his credentials to Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Olexandr Mischenko at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday. During the meeting, Ambassador Kumar and Minister Mischenko discussed further strengthening of bilateral relations.

"India's Ambassador-designate to Ukraine, Mr Anjani Kumar, presented a copy of his Letter of Credence to the Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine, H.E. Mr Olexandr Mischenko, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today. They discussed further strengthening of bilateral relations," the Embassy of India in Ukraine stated on X.

Both sides emphasised the importance of

strengthening bilateral cooperation and maintaining regular political dialogue at all levels. They also discussed the agenda for upcoming high-level meetings, in-

cluding the implementation of agreements reached during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ukraine on August 23, 2024.



Increased defence spending won't affect welfare state : Spanish PM

Madrid, Oct 9 : Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Friday pledged that increases in defence spending would not mean cuts to social services or the Welfare State.

Speaking in the Spanish Congress, Sanchez addressed the need for Europe to raise its spending on defence due to doubts over the United States' commitment to European defense under a Trump Presidency.

He explained that "the development of global peace is more necessary than ever," insisting that

"the leadership of the EU is vital," while lamenting that at the moment "Europe lacks a common policy for defence and security." The Spanish leader believes it is vital to "establish the basis for a European army," an "armed forces with the same flag and interests," which is able to deal with military and cyber threats, as well as the consequences of climate change, Xinhua news agency reported.

"We aren't going to attack any territory, but we are going to protect our way of life," said the Spanish leader, adding that this also meant

defending the Welfare State. "I want our citizens to be clear that while I am Prime Minister, this effort in security will not be made to the detriment of our Welfare State," said Sanchez, who also made an appeal for the US government to change its mind over defense and tariffs.

"We ask for the United States to reconsider and to talk. Europe is a World power and will respond like a power. We don't want a trade war, but we are negotiating an intelligent joint response," he said.

Meanwhile, Hungary is currently hosting a major military exercise of the European Union, involving more than 900 troops from 11 member states.

The exercise, dubbed 'MILEX 2025', runs from March 25 to April 10 and aims to test the EU Battlegroups' land-based operational capabilities under real-life conditions. Hungary's media described it as "the largest" of the bloc. Training is taking place at the Papa Air Base and Hungary's Central Shooting and Training Range, where soldiers conduct



live-fire drills and tactical operations using advanced technology and procedures. The exercise is overseen by the multinational EUROCORPS command. Par-

ticipating troops come from Hungary, Poland, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Ireland, Spain, France, Croatia, Lithuania, and Latvia.

Yunus had no plans to visit India before China: Former diplomat

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Veena Sikri, a former High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, on Friday stated that reports of Bangladesh interim government's Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus desiring to visit India before China are incorrect as he has not expressed any such interest in the recent past.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of a two-day conference in New Delhi on 'Implications of the Political Tur-

moil in Bangladesh', the former diplomat stated that, unlike many countries, India always wants to maintain a good relationship with its neighbours.

"Yunus has expressed no interest in visiting India. He has never asked to visit India. In fact, even his foreign advisor Touhid Hossain has already been to China and shown no interest in visiting India. They have expressed no interest in seriously discussing any of the so-called problems, which they

are saying are problems between India and Bangladesh, but then they should be discussed," she Sikri. Asserting that India and Bangladesh are very important neighbours, the former diplomat stated India has always wanted to have a good relationship with Bangladesh as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was one of the first leaders to send a message after the formation of the interim government in the country, last August. India wished them well and expressed a desire to con-

tinue the relationship.

"At the same time, India has also raised concerns about the condition of minorities in Bangladesh under the Yunus-led interim government. It has gone from bad to worse," she said.

Sikri stated that there is a complete degradation of the law and order situation in Bangladesh with the economic situ-



ation of the country also very volatile currently. "I think the internal situation in Bangladesh is very chaotic. Even though the army has been given magistracy and police powers, the law and order situation remains disastrous.

US Senator moves to end China visa waiver

Washington, Oct 9 : US Senator Rick Scott has introduced legislation to bar Chinese nationals from entering any part of the United States without a valid visa, targeting a visa-waiver program that allows travel to American Pacific territories.

Scott said his One Nation, One Visa Policy Act would prohibit "Communist Chinese nationals from entering the United States without a valid visa and barring them from participating in any visa-free travel program, including the Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Visa Waiver Program."

The move follows what Scott described as "horrific reports" of exploitation of an Obama-era program that allows visa-free access to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). "Communist China has a track record for exploiting America's weaknesses to advance its interests and undermine our national security.



US accuses China of yield-producing nuclear test, warns of 'intolerable disadvantage'

Washington, Oct 9 : The United States has accused China of conducting a "yield-producing nuclear test" in 2020 and warned that Washington will no longer remain at an "intolerable disadvantage" as President Donald Trump pushes for a new multilateral arms control agreement.

Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Christopher Yeaw told a Washington audience on Friday (local time) that the US

government is "aware that China conducted one such yield-producing nuclear test on June 22, 2020," near the Lop Nur test site.

"We are aware of yield-producing nuclear explosive testing in China," Yeaw said at the Hudson Institute. "China has used decoupling, a method to decrease the effectiveness of seismic monitoring to hide its activities from the world." He cited seismic data showing a "2.75 magnitude" reading at "09:18 Zulu, Greenwich Mean Time," detected at a

Kazakhstan monitoring station. "There is very little possibility, I would say, that it is anything but an explosion. A singular explosion," he said. Yeaw added that the exact yield could not be determined because of decoupling techniques.



India-Australia relations 'never been better': Australian envoy lauds PM Modi's leadership

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Australian High Commissioner to India, Philip Green, said on Friday that the ties between India and Australia have "never been better" and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for taking the "dramatic steps forward."



'Man United should always fight for trophies': Amad Diallo looks for better days for the club

New Delhi, Oct 9 : Manchester United winger Amad Diallo is looking for better days for the club, believing the Red Devils should always be fighting for trophies.

United have not had a bright start to their season and find themselves 12th in the Premier League standings with one win, two draws and a couple of losses. Diallo, who joined United in 2021, believed that the club would fight and look to improve as the club football resumes on Saturday following the international break. "I am really proud to be playing in the Premier League. It's the best league in the world, every game is a battle, and you have to be at your best every week. I love it here, and I want to keep improving and helping the team. We know we haven't started the season the way we wanted. One win and two draws are not good enough for a club like Manchester United. We are 12th in the table right now, and that is not where we belong," he said, as shared by JioStar.



Megan Schutt becomes third Australian to complete 150 ODI wickets

Brisbane, Oct 9 : Australia fast bowler Megan Schutt achieved a significant milestone as she completed 150 wickets in ODI cricket during the first ODI against Bangladesh women at the Allan Border Field here on Friday. Schutt has become just the third Australian to reach the elusive mark, joining legendary all-rounder Ellyse Perry (166 wickets) and former tearaway pacer Cathryn Fitzpatrick (180)

on the list. Coming into the first ODI of the three-match series against Bangladesh, the 33-year-old Australian needed two wickets to reach the mark and she got there when she took the wicket of Sarmin Sultana in the third over after taking out Fargana Hoque on the first ball of the series. Schutt produced a jaffa on the first ball of the series as she nicked out Hoque on the first ball after the Aussies opted to bowl first.



Crispin Chettri targets long-term growth after Russia defeat

Kolkata, Oct 9 : India Head Coach Crispin Chettri backed his young side to continue their development after the new-look Indian women's national team went down 0-4 to Russia in the first of two international friendly matches at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan. Iana Sheina's moment of brilliance gave the visitors the lead in the 40th minute, and substitute Kira Petukhova struck twice in the 60th and 65th minutes. Iana Svistunova completed the scoring in the 81st minute as Russia's sustained pressure wore down the Blue Tigresses after the break. Despite the result, Chettri was pleased with the character shown by his players during the opening stages, and stressed the importance of taking the learning forward as India build towards their long-term goals. "I think the positive of this match is, although being a young side, we showed character. We are not scared to press; we are not scared to run. We try to do things which are in our control," Chettri said during the post-match press conference. Head coach also highlighted the commitment shown by the players during the team's 25-day camp, pointing to their efforts in dealing with Russia's physical presence and set-pieces.

ISL 2026-27: 'We want to control more than the opponent,' says FC Goa coach ahead of opener

Goa, Oct 9 : FC Goa head coach Gouramangi Singh Moirangthem said that his team wants to control the game more than the opposition and remain true to its identity as the side prepares to face Chennaiyin FC in its Indian Super League (ISL) 2026-27 season opener on Saturday. Emphasising the importance of maintaining the club's playing philosophy, the coach said FC Goa would look to remain competitive throughout the campaign and give themselves the best chance of securing victories by dictating proceedings on the

pitch. "FC Goa has a clear identity that we always want to compete with, remain competitive through the season, and nothing changes there. The club has an identity, and we want to control as much as possible, more than the opponent, to give ourselves the best chance to win the game," he said at a press conference ahead of the opening fixture. FC Goa will host Chennaiyin FC on

Saturday as the new season gets underway, with the home side aiming to begin its campaign on a positive note. The head coach acknowledged the challenge posed by Chennaiyin and stressed the need for his players to approach the contest with the right mindset and concentration from the start.



Shanghai Masters: Qualifier Sakamoto stuns 2023 finalist Rublev in second round

Shanghai, Oct 9 : In a massive early upset in the Shanghai Masters, Japanese qualifier Rei Sakamoto stunned former finalist Andrey Rublev in the second round, 6-4, 6-4 at Court 3 here on Friday. The World No. 137 produced a stellar performance as he defeated the World No. 23 in straight sets in a 1 hour and 22-minute long battle. Sakamoto broke Rublev twice in the match and saved both break points to march into the round of 32. He started the match by breaking Rublev in the first game of the match before holding all his serves to seal the opening set in 35 minutes. Both players kept holding their serves with the scoreline tied at 4-4 before Sakamoto broke to lead 5-4, then held his serve to clinch the second one in 46 minutes and win the match. The young Japanese was superior on his serves too as he won 77% of his first serves and 62%



on his second. Rublev won 76% of his first serve points and only 56% of his second serves. Rublev is a 2023 finalist in Shanghai. He reached the show-down three years ago and lost to Hubert Hurkacz in the title clash. Rublev has won only one tour-level title this year. He clinched the Nordea Open early in the year. Overall, he has 18 tour-level titles but has not won the Shanghai Masters. He reached the round of 32 in 2024. Sakamoto will now be up against Alex de Minaur in the third round. The Australian de Minaur received a walkover in the round of 64 against Alex Molcan.

Bevon Jacobs to miss Auckland commitments for BBL stint with Brisbane Heat



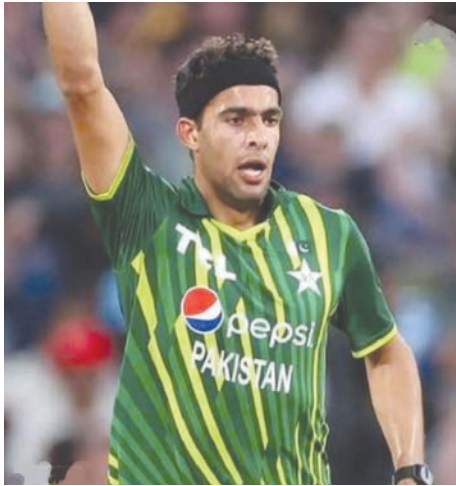
New Delhi, Oct 9 : Bevon Jacobs would be missing his commitments with Auckland as he gears up to feature in the Big Bash League for a short stint with Brisbane Heat. Jacobs will join his compatriot Tim Robinson in the Heat squad for the BBL season after he was named as a short-term replacement for England's Tom Curran, who will not start due to family commitments. He will be available for the Heat's opener against Sydney Sixers on December 15, while he will also be available for the next two matches on December 17 and 21. Curran is set to return before time for the Boxing Day fixture against Sixers in Sydney. The BBL is overlapping with the Plunket Shield, which is New Zealand's premier domestic red-ball event. His stint with Heat will see Jacobs, 24, miss Auckland's game against Central Districts, which begins on December 15. Meanwhile, Jacobs has had experience of playing in Australia. He recently toured Australia for the Top End T20 Series with New Zealand A and made a 30-ball 58 to help his team win a match against Hobart Hurricanes Academy. The right-handed batter had a trip Down Under in 2024 for the T20 Max competition, where he hit a 40-ball hundred, following which he was also signed by Mumbai Indians in the 2025 IPL auction for Rs 30 lakh. "Bevon has been on our recruiting lists since he showed his power and skill in the T20 Max a few seasons ago, and it's been exciting to see him earn his first international caps since then," Queensland Cricket's General Manager - High Performance, Bennett King, said.

Defending champions Pakistan announce Abbas Afridi-led squad for Hong Kong Sixes

Lahore, Oct 9 : Defending champions Pakistan have announced a seven-member squad for the Hong Kong Sixes 2026, with the six-time champions set to face India on October 30 in one of the tournament's marquee clashes. Their title-winning ambitions will lead Pakistan as they look to retain the crown they secured last year by defeating Kuwait by 43 runs in the final. Muhammad Abbas Afridi, who starred in the 2025 final with a blistering 52 off just 11 balls, has been named captain. The Pakistan squad comprises

Muhammad Abbas Afridi, Ahmad Daniyal Latif, Khawaja Muhammad Nafay, Syed Muhammad Abdul Samad, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Chaudhry Saad Masood and Muhammad Shahzad. Pakistan's sixth title in 2025 made them the most successful team in the tournament's history. They will now look to continue their dominance in the fast-paced competition, which is scheduled to be held from October 30 to November 1 at the Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground in Hong Kong. The announcement also sets the stage for a high-profile encounter

against India on October 30, with the match scheduled to begin at 2:15 pm IST. India had announced a strong squad earlier, featuring Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Krunal Pandya, Shashank Singh, Rahul Tewatia, Nitish Rana, Rahul Tripathi and T. Natarajan. However, Bhuvneshwar could miss the tournament after being selected for India's T20I squad for the New Zealand series. The six-a-side format places a premium on explosive batting, all-round contributions and quick momentum shifts, with matches offering a condensed version of the traditional game. Anuraag Bhatnagar, Director of Marketing and Commercial at Cricket Hong Kong, China, said the organisers were delighted to welcome back the defending champions.



"Pakistan's record sixth title in 2025 underlined their outstanding pedigree in the Hong Kong Sixes, and we are delighted to welcome the defending champions back for the 2026 edition. They bring a winning mentality, exciting talent and a style of cricket that perfectly complements the fast-paced nature of the format," he said.