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Revanth pitches Telangana as global investment destination

Hyderabad, Oct 14 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government was committed to positioning the youngest State in the country as a leading destination for global investments, with an ambitious target of transforming it into a \$1-trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3-trillion economy by 2047. To achieve this, we have envisaged a development strategy based on three zones: CURE, PURE and RARE,” he said. Explaining the regional development strategy, Revanth Reddy said the CURE region, covering the area within the Outer Ring Road (ORR), would be developed as a hub for IT, services, cutting-edge technologies and innovation.

78-day bonus for railway employees: Cabinet Committee approves

New Delhi, Oct 14 : The Central Government has announced good news for railway employees. The Union Cabinet has decided to grant a bonus equivalent to 78 days' wages. The Cabinet met on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It was decided to provide this 78-day bonus to all 11,40,770 employees of the Railway Department. The Centre will incur an expenditure of ₹2,009.61 crore for this purpose. In a statement, the Centre said that the decision to grant the bonus was made in recognition of the performance of railway employees and staff. It announced that, just as in previous years, employees would receive a bonus ahead of the Dussehra festival this time as well. It noted that this bonus would serve as an incentive for employees to perform even better.



Bathukamma celebrations held at Gandhi Bhavan

Hyderabad, Oct 14 : The Bathukamma festival celebrations, which are a symbol of Telangana culture and traditions, were held grandly at Gandhi Bhavan in the city on Wednesday. TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud participated in these celebrations along with his wife. He participated in the Bathukamma Puja program and performed special pujas and wished the Telangana women a happy Bathukamma festival. Speaking on the occasion.



Sensational verdict in Meerut 'blue drum' case: Death sentence for wife and her lover

Hyderabad, Oct 14 : A significant development has occurred in the 'Blue Drum' case in Meerut. The district court has sentenced Muskan Rastogi and her lover, Sahil Shukla, to death for the murder of Merchant Navy officer Saurabh Rajput, which took place last year. District Judge Arvind Kumar Mishra delivered this sensational verdict following 126 hearings and the recording of testimonies from 22 witnesses. The judge noted that the investigation established that Rastogi and her boyfriend, Shukla.

1.64 lakh crore transferred to people in 3 years: Bhatti



Hyderabad, Oct 14 : Asserting that every family in Telangana has directly benefited from the people's government, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka revealed that the State has transferred 1,64,431 crore directly into people's bank accounts over the past three years. Challenging political opponents to dispute the statistics, the Deputy Chief Minister stated that the administration maintains total transparency and stands ready for a detailed debate on public expenditure. Every available rupee is being channeled into planned welfare and regional growth, he added. Bhatti Vikramarka made these remarks on Wednesday while addressing a public meeting after laying the foundation stone for a 220/33 kV substation at Mannanur in the Achampet Assembly constituency. During the visit, he also launched development



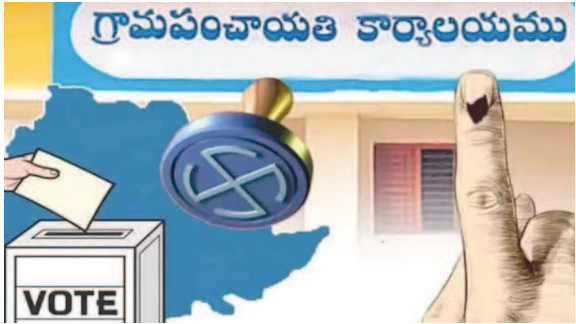
works worth 74.82 crore for the constituency. Highlighting broader infrastructure initiatives, the Deputy Chief Minister announced that the government has allocated 90,000 crore.

Vangaveeti Radhakrishna joins Janasena in the presence of Pawan

Amaravati, Oct 14: Former MLA Vangaveeti Radhakrishna and Pranith Pramod from Tirupati joined the Jana Sena Party on Wednesday. At the party's central office in the capital, Amaravati, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan welcomed them into the party by draping a party scarf around them. Reports suggest that Vangaveeti

Radhakrishna is in the race for the Vijayawada Mayor post, while Pranith Pramod is in the running for the Tirupati Mayor post. Vangaveeti Radhakrishna was elected as an MLA in 2004. He joined the TDP a few days before the 2019 Assembly elections and has remained with the party since then. However, the Vijayawada city mayoral post has now been placed in the unreserved category. There is ongoing speculation that

the mayoral seat will be allocated to the Jana Sena Party as part of the alliance arrangements. Consequently, rumors are circulating that Vangaveeti Radhakrishna might enter the fray as the Jana Sena candidate for the mayor's post. Meanwhile, State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha announced the schedule for the local body elections today. It is also a known fact that the government has already issued gazette notifications finalizing the reservations for the posts of Mayors, Municipal Chairpersons, and Zilla Parishad Chairpersons.



Schedule for AP local body elections released

Amaravati, Oct 14: The schedule for local body elections in Andhra Pradesh has been released. State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha released the schedule on Wednesday. A notification has been issued to conduct elections for Nagar Panchayats, municipalities, and corporations. It was announced that local body elections would be held in three phases. The State Election Commission (SEC) declared that the election code of conduct has come into force across the state, effective today, with the release of the schedule. A schedule has been announced for elections to 100 urban local bodies across the state; polls for 13 municipal corporations, 77 municipalities, and 10 nagar panchayats are set to take place on the 28th of this month.

Key turn in TTD adulterated ghee case: ED attaches assets worth 130 crore

Amaravati, Oct 14: A significant development has occurred in the case regarding the use of adulterated ghee in the preparation of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Laddu Prasadam. The Enforcement

Directorate (ED) has attached the assets of Bole Baba and Vaishnavi Dairy, the firms that supplied the adulterated ghee to the temple trust. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) announced the attachment of assets belonging to Bhole

Baba, Sri Vaishnavi Dairy, and Sukruti Foods following an investigation that revealed the supply of adulterated ghee worth ₹234.5 crore to TTD. The ED stated that these firms supplied the adulterated ghee to TTD through "front dairies" that participated in the tenders.





Odisha bags wind energy leadership award at Windergy India 2026

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14 : Odisha has received the "Wind India 2026: Leadership in Wind Energy De-risking" award in recognition of its efforts to promote clean energy and renewable energy development, according to an official statement issued on Wednesday. The award was presented to Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, who also holds the Energy portfolio, by Additional Chief Secretary of Energy Department Vishal Kumar Dev, at a ceremony in Bhubaneswar. The award was conferred on Odisha at the Windergy India 2026 conference held in Chennai on October 8. Satyapriya Rath, Managing Director of Grid Corporation of Odisha (GRIDCO).

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta launches Rs 170 crore infra projects in industrial areas

New Delhi, Oct 14 : The Delhi government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, on Wednesday launched development projects worth Rs 170 crore across nine industrial areas to upgrade roads, strengthen drainage infrastructure and address long-pending civic issues. The projects include the construction and improvement of around 15 km of roads and the development of approximately 34 km of stormwater drainage systems, said an official statement. Chief Minister Gupta inaugurated the projects at Rajasthani Udyog Nagar Industrial Area, reaffirming the government's commitment to modernising industrial infrastructure and improving facilities for businesses. CM Gupta said industrial development is a key



government priority and assured that there would be no shortage of funds for upgrading industrial areas. She said the projects would improve connectivity, reduce waterlogging and create a cleaner, more efficient environment for industrial operations. No industrial area in Delhi would be left out of the development process, she added.



Tripura gov pushes to resume flights at old airport, speed up Dumbur helipad construction: CM

Agartala, Oct 14 : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said on Wednesday that the state government is committed to strengthening air connectivity and has taken initiatives, with the support of the Central government, to resume flight operations at Kailashahar Airport in Unakoti district after a gap of 35 years. The Chief Minister added that the state government, with the help of the Central government, has taken the initiative to resume flight operations at Kailashahar Airport in Unakoti district in northern Tripura after a gap of 35 years. If the airport is found suitable for flight operations, it will also play an important role in the state's internal air connectivity and national security, CM Saha said while presiding over a high-level review meeting on the redevelopment of Kailashahar Airport under the Centre's UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik).

'Earning up to Rs 40,000 a day, practising for decades': 16 fake doctors caught in Gujarat

Surat, Oct 14: Gujarat's Surat City Special Operations Group (SOG), in coordination with the district health department, has apprehended 16 alleged fake doctors operating clinics in the Pandesara area and seized medicines, injections, syrups and medical equipment worth Rs 1,82,444, police said on Wednesday. The action followed instructions from Police



Commissioner Wabang Jamir to identify and conduct raids on clinics allegedly run by people without recognised medical qualifications.



TN gov announces special buses for festival rush, temporary terminals to be set up

Chennai, Oct 14 : Tamil Nadu's transport department will operate 6,199 special bus services from Chennai for the puja holidays and 9,086 additional trips for Diwali to meet the festival rush, Transport Minister A. Vijay Tamilan Parthiban said in a statement. The puja special services will run from October 15 to 18, while the additional Diwali services will operate from November 5 to 7. Temporary bus stands will be set up at Maraimalai Nagar and on vacant land near Climate Park in Kilambakkam to accommodate passengers and facilitate departures. With 2,191 buses operating daily from Chennai, the department will provide 8,764 regular trips during the four-day puja holiday period. Combined with the special services, the total number of trips will reach 14,963, the minister said.

Cong leader's 'similar sentiment in India' swipe over US shooting sparks row, BJP slams 'anti-India' mindset

New Delhi, Oct 14 : A political controversy erupted after Congress MLA Vijay Wadettiwar commented on the recent shooting incident at the White House Correspondents' Dinner, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accusing him of appearing to justify the attack on US President Donald Trump. Drawing a connection between the incident and what he described as public anger against those in power, Wadettiwar said such reactions were "bound to happen" when governments act against public interest. He further claimed that a similar sentiment exists in India, even though it may

not be visible through protests on the streets, drawing sharp criticism from the ruling party. Responding to the remarks, the BJP stated that such statements reflected deep-rooted hostility towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, indicating a broader "anti-national mindset". BJP National Spokesperson C. R. Kesavan told IANS, "The Congress Party's prejudiced hatred against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its virulent anti-Modi mindset have now dangerously decayed into an anti-India mindset and sheer hatred for our own country. Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar's alarming remarks justifying the shooting incident in connection with President Trump,



and also insinuating that such an incident could happen in India with PM Modi, are vile, most condemnable, and deplorable." He further attacked Wadettiwar's past statements, saying, "What more can you expect from this disgraceful Congress leader? This was the same leader who gave a clean chit to Pakistan and its terrorists in the 26/11 attacks when

he said that Hemant Karkare was not killed by Ajmal Kasab." "This is the pattern of not just Wadettiwar's but of how the Congress party works. This is the same party which raised the atrocious slogans against the Prime Minister, and its chief, Kharge, called PM Modi a terrorist.

Manipur CM, people contribute Rs 1 crore to Assam CM Relief Fund for flood response

Guwahati, Oct 14 : Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and the people of the state have contributed Rs 1 crore to the Assam Chief Minister's Relief Fund to support relief and response efforts following the devastating floods in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Taking to social media platform X on Wednesday, Chief Minister Sarma expressed his gratitude to the Manipur Chief Minister and the people of the neighbouring state for their "generous contribution" towards Assam's flood response. "I sincerely thank Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and the people of

Manipur for their generous contribution of Rs 1 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund towards the #AssamFloodsResponse," CM Sarma said in a post. The Assam Chief Minister described Assam and Manipur as "sister states", saying that the relationship between the two states extends beyond geographical proximity and is rooted in shared history and kinship. "This act of generosity reflects the enduring spirit of oneness among the people of the North East," CM Sarma said. He also thanked the people of Manipur who had extended their support to Assam during the flood crisis.



'Why does Rahul Gandhi not see Jharkhand students' pain?': Gujarat Minister slams Cong-JMM govt

Gandhinagar, Oct 14 : Gujarat Minister Jitu Vaghani on Wednesday questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his response to the student protests in Jharkhand, asking why a leader who raises students' issues at Delhi's Jantar Mantar did not "see the pain" of students protesting in Jharkhand. Addressing a press conference at the BJP's state office in Gandhinagar, Vaghani alleged that students in Jharkhand had been subjected to "atrocities" while peacefully raising concerns over their future, competitive examinations and irregularities in recruitment, including pa-

per leaks. "Why does Rahul Gandhi, who politicises students' issues at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, not see the pain of students in Jharkhand?" he said. He questioned why Rahul Gandhi had "different standards for Delhi and Jharkhand", alleging that students were being treated harshly under the Congress-JMM coalition government in Jharkhand. Vaghani said the students had been putting forward their demands in a peaceful and disciplined manner, without indecent behaviour or abusive language. He referred to reports of the use of barbed wire, cane charges, tear gas and water cannons against the

protesters, describing such treatment as "extremely serious and condemnable". He said the alleged treatment of students in Jharkhand raised questions about Rahul Gandhi's silence. "The youth of the country have recognised Rahul Gandhi and Congress' double standards, selective politics and insensitivity," he said, adding that issues concerning young people's future and rights should be addressed with sensitivity and responsibility rather than "selective politics". Vaghani also criticised the alleged mistreatment of journalists covering the student protests in Jharkhand.



Gujarat: MSP procurement crosses Rs 65,000 crore in decade, benefiting nearly 49 lakh farmers

Gandhinagar, Oct 14 : Government procurement of agricultural produce at Minimum Support Price (MSP) in Gujarat has crossed Rs 65,000 crore over the past decade, with nearly 49 lakh farmers benefiting from the scheme, according to official figures released on Wednesday. The data shows that 1.05 crore metric tonnes of produce were procured from farmers across the state during the period, reflecting a significant expansion of MSP operations and a sharp rise in both farmer participation and the value of procurement.

Nagaland Guv calls for stronger enforcement to curb illicit liquor, drug trafficking

Kohima, Oct 14 : Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav on Wednesday stressed the need to strengthen enforcement mechanisms and institutional capacity to effectively tackle the challenges posed by illicit liquor and drug trafficking in the state. The Governor said that strengthening the relevant departments and enforcement agencies was essential to ensure that they continue to contribute effectively towards protecting public health.



	BEFORE THE HONOURABLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT: HYDERABAD
<u>O.A. No. 46 OF 2026</u>	
Between: M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.	...Applicant
Mr. Koppari Krishnaiah & Ors.	Defendants
<u>SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER APPLICATION</u>	
M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited Having its Office at 3rd floor, Jewel Pawani Towers Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082 Rep by its Authorized Signatory Sri. Abhishek P.S., S/o PM Suresh Babu, Age: 27 years, Occ: Legal Associate M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., R/o. Hyderabad, APPLICANT	
<u>AND</u>	
1. Mr. Koppari Krishnaiah, S/o. Mr. Koppari Papaiah, Age: 33 years, Occ: Business, H.No.8-176/1, Wadi E Aam, Shaheen Nagar, Balapur, Hyderabad, Telangana-500005.	
2. Mr. Koppari Papaiah, S/o. Mr. Chennaiah, Age: 65 years, Occ: Business, H.No.8-176/1, Wadi E Aam, Shaheen Nagar, Balapur, Hyderabad, Telangana-500005.	
3. Mrs. Bhagyalaxmi Koppari W/o. Mr. Koppari Krishnaiah, Age: 24 years, Occ: Housewife, H.No.8-176/1, Wadi E Aam, Shaheen Nagar, Balapur, Hyderabad, Telangana-500005.	
<u>DEFENDANTS</u>	
Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. 46 of 2026 filed by the Applicant for Recovery of money of money of Rs 21,56,51,55. 63/- (Rupees Twenty-one lakhs Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Rupees Six Three Paise only) against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted mailed to 08/10/2026	
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;	
i. To show cause within thirty days of the services of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;	
ii. To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application;	
iii. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;	
iv. You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of assets over which security interest in created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;	
v. You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets of other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.	
You are hereby required to show cause on 18/11/2026 at 10.30 A.M. at Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st floor, Triveni complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.	
Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and Determined in your absence.	
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 12th day of October, 2026	
By the Order of Tribunal	Sd/- REGISTRAR DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II HYDERABAD

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Govt unveils standard treatment protocols for dermatological disorders

The Ministry of Ayush on Tuesday released Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) on the management of dermatological disorders across Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy systems, with the inclusion of Yoga, in a move aimed at promoting greater uniformity, quality assurance and evidence-based clinical practice in Ayush healthcare. Prepared by the Ayush Vertical under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the guidelines are designed to strengthen clinical care for skin-related conditions while supporting the integration of Ayush systems within the country's broader healthcare framework.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav said the guidelines combine system-specific clinical approaches with contemporary scientific evidence to support safe, effective and holistic management of common dermatological conditions. He noted that the initiative would help improve patient care and enhance the contribution of Ayush systems to public health by encouraging standardized and evidence-informed treatment practices.

Ayush Secretary Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha said the guidelines represent a significant step towards strengthening standardisation, quality and evidence-based practice across Ayush systems. Developed through expert consultations and assessment of contemporary scientific evidence, the document provides practical recommendations for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of patients while preserving the core principles of each traditional medical system, he added. Director General of Health Services Dr. Loveneesh G. Krishna said the guidelines would promote quality assurance and greater uniformity in healthcare delivery across Ayush systems. He emphasised that multidisciplinary collaboration would support practitioners in providing safe, effective and patient-centric care.

The guidelines were unveiled on the occasion of the 11th Ayurveda Day and cover common skin disorders such as psoriasis, dermatitis, vitiligo, urticaria and dermatophytosis. For each Ayush discipline, the document outlines system-specific approaches to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, follow-up care and rehabilitation. According to the Ministry, the development of the guidelines involved an extensive interdisciplinary effort bringing together experts from Ayush research councils, senior academicians from Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy, Yoga specialists and experts from modern medicine. The process included reviews of classical texts, evaluation of scientific evidence, expert consultations and consensus-based discussions.

Siddaramaiah blames BJP for 'hasty' SC/ST quota hike after HC quashed it

Bengaluru, Oct 14 : Former Karnataka Chief Minister and Congress Working Committee (CWC) Member Siddaramaiah on Wednesday criticised the previous BJP government for implementing an increase in reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) without adequate legal and constitutional safeguards, following the Karnataka High Court's decision to quash the enhanced quota. In a statement, Siddaramaiah said the High Court's verdict had dealt a blow to the aspirations of oppressed communities that had been denied equal opportunities for generations. While expressing respect for the court's judgment.



'Keeps saying same things': Dilip Ghosh questions Mamata Banerjee's claims on knife 'attack' attempt

New Town, Oct 14 : West Bengal Minister Dilip Ghosh on Wednesday questioned the circumstances surrounding an alleged attempt to attack former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with a knife, saying that the public was aware of her actions and that the details of such incidents often remained unclear.

The remarks came after an alleged attempt to attack Banerjee with a knife was reported near her residence in Kolkata's Kalighat area on Tuesday evening. Police detained a woman for questioning following the incident.

Trinamool Congress MP Dola Sen lodged a police complaint alleging that the woman approached Banerjee while hurling abuses and appeared to be intoxicated. The complaint also raised concerns about the security arrangements for the Trinamool leader.

Speaking to reporters, Ghosh said, "She keeps saying the same things. The public knows what she has done. No one knows where or how she gets attacked. Sometimes she falls at home, someone says she was pushed, and she herself says she was injured. No one knows what actually happened. She does not even know why she lost. In this situation, she should take some rest



and reflect on what the public wants."

Reacting to the by-election results in West Bengal, Ghosh alleged that elections in the state had not been conducted fairly for many years and claimed that voters had previously been prevented from exercising their democratic rights. "It is true that fair elections were not held in Bengal for many years, and people were not allowed to vote. Goons and police worked together to conduct elections. As soon as fair elections began, the results changed completely. The party that ruled the state for the last 15 years did not even get 3 per cent of the votes. Everyone knows where vote theft was taking place. That is why those who stole votes are now shouting about vote theft. This has become clear to everyone," he said.

Ghosh also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership,

saying that the country was progressing and that people were benefiting from the development initiatives undertaken by the BJP-led government.

"The country is moving forward, and people are happy with the development taking place under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These people sometimes mislead the public, but that will not make any difference. The country will continue to progress under the leadership of PM Modi and the BJP," he said. Commenting on Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Ghosh criticised his conduct and political approach.

"Rahul Gandhi will remain a student all his life. His behaviour will remain like that of the Taliban, and his learning will never be put into practice. He changes his views every day and says whatever comes to mind. I was glad that the

First snowfall of season hits J&K mountain passes; Gulmarg treats tourists to fresh snow

Srinagar, Oct 14 : The season's first snowfall lashed many higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir in the last 24 hours, with the Meteorological Department forecasting inclement weather for the next 24 hours as well. Fresh snowfall occurred in Gulmarg ski resort while the Zojila Pass, Razdan Pass, Sinthan Top and several other mountainous areas received the season's first snowfall. Tourists were thrilled at the Gulmarg ski resort as fresh snowfall occurred on Wednesday. Most of them said they had seen more beauty and grandeur in Kashmir than they

ever expected. Some youngsters said it was the first time in their lives that they had seen a snowfall outside a movie theatre. Tourists were seen playing with snowballs and dancing as a pristine white blanket covered the tourist resort. The Meteorological Department has forecast more precipitation in the next 24 hours, saying that from October 15 afternoon onwards, the weather will improve and the union territory will have generally dry weather during the next ten days.

Due to snow on the surrounding mountains and rain in the plains, the maximum temperature fell to 20 degrees Celsius on Tuesday in Srinagar, while it was 14.2 degrees



and 11.8 degrees in Pahalgam and Gulmarg, respectively.

Farmers and apple growers have been advised to ensure safe storage of harvested grains and the apple crop, as there is a possibility of thunderstorms, gusty winds, rain, and snow in higher reaches till October 15.

Travellers and tourists have been advised caution, while trekkers

have been advised to avoid mountain treks till the weather starts improving. Kashmiris have started wearing woollens, and the choicest wear is the tweed overgarment called the 'Phiren'. All the Paddy crop in the Valley has already been harvested, while nearly 90 per cent of the apple crop has also been picked by now.

RSS Pracharak assault case: NHRC issues notices to Rajasthan Chief Secy, DGP



New Delhi, Oct 14 : The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken cognisance of a complaint alleging custodial torture and police brutality against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)'s Sambhar district pracharak, Krishna Avtar, at Naraina police station in Rajasthan's Jaipur Rural district. A bench presided over by NHRC member Priyank Kanoongo has issued notices to the Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivas and Director General of Police (DGP) Rajeev Kumar Sharma, directing them to examine the allegations and submit their respective Action Taken Reports (ATRs) within two weeks. The action has been initiated under Section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, after a complaint was placed before the apex human rights body on October 14.

Maha: NCP chief targets INDIA Bloc over EVM row and street protests in Delhi

Mumbai, Oct 14 : National Congress Party (NCP) Maharashtra State President Sunil Tatkare on Wednesday accused the opposition INDIA Bloc of attempting to defame the Central government. He stated that continuously raising questions on the credibility of autonomous institutions like the Election Commission is detrimental to democracy.

Addressing the media regarding recent protests in Delhi and the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) controversy, Tatkare al-



leged that the opposition has a habit of blaming others for electoral defeats while taking credit for victories. Highlighting the history of EVMs, Tatkare pointed out that the 2004 and 2009 Lok Sabha elections were conducted using EVMs.

Kashmir before, after 2019 must be examined through facts: Delhi Speaker Vijender Gupta

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said on Wednesday that everyone should reflect upon Kashmir before and after 2019 so that people can understand the significance of the changes that have taken place under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing the inaugural session of a two-day seminar commemorating the 125th Birth Anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee at Delhi University's Shyama Prasad Mukherji College for Women, Gupta referred to the constitutional changes introduced in Kashmir in August 2019 under the leadership of PM Modi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah steering the Parliamentary process. The Delhi Assembly Speaker described the Centre's decision as the culmination of a struggle initiated more than six decades earlier. He emphasised that the significance of these developments must be understood through a careful comparison of Jammu and Kashmir before and after 2019, examining the changes in governance, development, public institutions and opportunities available to people. Such an assess-

ment, he said, must be informed by historical understanding and verifiable evidence rather than political assumptions. "The younger generation, in particular, must be acquainted with the circumstances in which Mookerjee pursued his convictions and the larger constitutional questions surrounding the movement," Gupta added. He recalled Mookerjee's lifelong struggle for national integration and described the effective abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 as the fulfilment of an aspiration that had shaped his political movement in 1952-53.



Kazakhstan: Indian Envoy, Almaty Guv discuss cooperation

Astana, Oct 14 : India’s Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Y.K. Sailas Thangal, on Wednesday met Marat Sultangazyev, governor of Almaty Region, in the city of Konaev and discussed strengthening cooperation in trade and investment opportunities. “India’s Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Y.K. Sailas Thangal, held a fruitful meeting with the Akim of Almaty Region in the city of Konaev. During the meeting, ways to further strengthen cooperation between India and Kazakhstan were discussed, particularly issues related to expanding trade and investment opportunities in the cities of Alatau and Konaev,” the Embassy of India in Kazakhstan stated on X. “New directions for deepening bilateral commercial cooperation were considered.



US senators flag student visa delays



Washington, Oct 14 : A group of 30 US senators on Wednesday urged the State Department to address delays in student and exchange visitor visas, warning that applicants may be unable to enter the country before the new academic year begins. Sen. Alex Padilla of California, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee, led the lawmakers in raising concerns about the lack of timely appointments for F, M and J visas at some US embassies and consulates. “We urge the State Department to ensure timely processing of F, M, and J student and exchange visitor nonimmigrant visas, consistent with the approach taken by administrations of both parties in the past,

and to implement other measures to avoid diminishing US competitiveness,” the senators wrote to Secretary of State Marco Rubio. “Specifically, we are hearing from constituents and stakeholders that no timely visa appointments are available for students at some embassies and consulates. This only exacerbates uncertainty about whether students’ visas will be processed in time for them to travel to the United States to begin their studies.” The warning could have significant implications for students from India, one of the largest sources of international enrolment at US universities. The letter did not identify the countries or diplomatic posts experiencing appointment shortages.

Indian envoy, Nigerian Defence Minister discuss strengthening bilateral defence cooperation

Abuja, Oct 14 : In a significant move towards enhancing defence partnership, Indian High Commissioner to Nigeria Abhishek Singh met Nigerian Defence Minister, Christopher Gwabin Musa, and discussed the ongoing progress in bilateral defence cooperation. In a statement shared on X on Wednesday, the Indian High Commission in Abuja posted: “HC Abhishek Singh met H.E. General Christopher Gwabin Musa (Rtd.), Honourable Minister of Defence of Nigeria, on the sidelines of a diplomatic event today and briefed him on the ongoing developments in India–Nigeria defence cooperation.”



Guilfoyle denies 'false' allegations, signals exit as US envoy to Greece

Washington, Oct 14 : Former Ambassador of the US to Greece Kimberly Guilfoyle on Wednesday called the allegations against her “false” and signalled that her tenure was ending, after the White House said it had asked her to resign. “I also want to address the recent allegations against me. These allegations are false, and I intend to vigorously defend my name, my reputation, and my integrity,” Guilfoyle said in a statement said on social media platform X. “I will not allow false accusations to define my decades of public service,” she added. “While my time as Ambassador may be coming to an end, my commitment to President Trump, the America First movement, and

the country I love will never end,” she said. Guilfoyle thanked President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, saying serving as ambassador “has been the honour of a lifetime”. “I will forever be grateful to President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio for entrusting me with the extraordinary privilege of representing the greatest country in the history of the world,” she said. She listed what she described as the achievements of her tenure. “During my tenure, we have helped secure historic agreements to expand American liquefied natural gas exports to Europe, advanced the Vertical Corridor to reduce Europe’s dependence on Russian energy.

Suspect targeted administration officials in attempted WH attack: Acting US A-G

Washington, Oct 14 : Acting US Attorney General Todd Blanche said on Wednesday that investigators believe the suspect in the attempted attack near the White House was targeting members of the administration, as federal authorities continued to sift through evi-

dence gathered overnight. “This investigation is just over 12 hours old, so we are still actively examining everything that happened. As of now, we have collected a fair amount of evidence, which we are going through,” Blanche said in an interview with Margaret Brennan on CBS’s ‘Face

the Nation’. Blanche said the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), working alongside local police and the United States Secret Service, executed multiple search warrants, including at a residence in California and a hotel room in Washington where the suspect had been staying. “We do believe,



based on a very preliminary understanding of what happened, that he was targeting members of the administration,” Blanche said, adding that investigators were still working to determine the motive and whether the suspect acted alone. Authorities said the suspect is not cooperating and is expected to be formally charged in federal court in Washington as early as Monday morning. Blanche noted that additional charges could follow as investigators assess “his

motive, his intent, his premeditation”. The suspect allegedly approached a security checkpoint with “a shotgun, handgun and multiple knives”, according to Blanche, and was “apprehended and subdued feet away from breaching the perimeter”. “That’s a testament to the Secret Service doing their job,” he said. “He was stopped before he got anywhere near the President... and that’s the great work of the Secret Service last night.”

US lawmaker leaves seat empty over deportation of Indian American



Washington, Oct 14 : A senior Democratic lawmaker has left his State of the Union guest seat empty to honour a 73-year-old Indian grandmother who was detained and deported by US immigration authorities. Congressman John Garamendi said he was dedicating the seat to his former constituent, Harjit Kaur, who was deported to India last year. “I am dedicating my State of the Union guest seat to my former constituent, 73-year-old grandmother Harjit Kaur. She is unfortunately unable to attend because she was cruelly deported to India in the dead of night,” Garamendi said in a statement. President Donald Trump is scheduled to deliver the State of the Union Address. “This seat is for her and every person across the country that’s been caged, detained, and killed at the hands of Trump’s secret police force. Let her empty seat be a stark symbol of the human cost of

Trump’s cruel deportation agenda.” Kaur, 73, had lived in the United States since the early 1990s. After her asylum case was denied in 2012, she complied with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) check-ins in San Francisco every six months for more than 13 years. On September 8, 2025, she was detained during a routine check-in and held at an ICE facility in Bakersfield, California. The following day, she was transferred to the Mesa Verde Detention Facility. On September 19, at approximately 2:00 a.m., she was transported in handcuffs from Bakersfield to Los Angeles and flown to Georgia without notice to her attorney or family. Shortly thereafter, she was placed on a charter flight to India. Her whereabouts were unknown for more than 24 hours. Although her family had arranged commercial travel and planned to accompany her to India, she was deported without the opportunity to

say goodbye. “President Trump promised to go after the ‘worst of the worst’ in his immigration policy. Yet his administration’s decision to cruelly deport a 73-year-old grandmother with no criminal record—who faithfully reported to ICE every six months for more than 13 years—is one more example of the thousands of individuals across the country whose lives and families have been upended by Trump’s ICE,” Garamendi said. “Unfortunately, this has become far too common under Donald Trump’s mass deportation agenda. I dedicate this seat to Harjit, to her family, and to everyone affected by this rogue administration.” Congressman’s office said during her detention, Kaur was held for hours without a bed or chair, forced to sleep on the floor, shackled during transfers, denied vegetarian meals consistent with her religious beliefs, restricted from showering, denied access to prescribed medications, and denied adequate water. At one point, she was given only a bowl of ice after not receiving a meal for over a day. Her attorney said she received only one of several prescribed medications and did not see a doctor or nurse despite repeated requests. She had undergone double knee replacement surgery and suffered from thyroid disease and chronic migraines.

Trump saved my life, says US veteran held in Myanmar

Washington, Oct 14 : A former US Marine who spent 97 days in detention in Myanmar has credited President Donald Trump with securing his freedom, while accusing the US State Department and American diplomats of failing to help him during his ordeal. Adam Castillo, an American businessman and Afghanistan war veteran who had lived in Myanmar for nearly 13 years, said he was detained following an internal dispute at the American Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, where he had previously served as president of the board. “I mean, I owe my life to President Trump, honestly. I mean, if it wasn’t for him, I would not be here today,” Castillo told IANS in an exclusive interview following his release. Castillo said he was detained at Yangon International Airport on June 11 and subsequently spent 14

days in a police interrogation facility before being transferred to the country’s notorious Insein Prison, where he remained for another 83 days. He insisted that he was never formally sentenced or convicted of any offence. “Yeah, so I wasn’t sentenced, actually. I was just detained,” he told IANS. Castillo said the dispute arose after allegations of financial misconduct were made against him following his departure from the chamber’s leadership. According to him, what began as an internal organisational disagreement eventually became a police investigation and then an international diplomatic issue requiring intervention from Washington. He credited Vice President JD Vance, religious leaders and private advocates with helping secure his release.



US lawmakers push plan to counter China on minerals



Washington, Oct 14 : A bipartisan group of American lawmakers is pressing for a coordinated national strategy to secure critical minerals, warning that China’s dominance of global supply chains poses risks to US national security, technological competitiveness and economic stability. Senator Jacky Rosen renewed the push on Wednesday, highlighting legislation that would establish a National Critical Minerals Council to coordinate federal efforts, strengthen domestic production and develop reliable international supply chains. The proposed National Critical Minerals Council Act has the backing of Republican and Democratic lawmakers, including Senators John Hickenlooper, Thom Tillis, Tim Sheehy and Kevin Cramer, alongside Rosen. The legislation, introduced in Congress earlier this month, seeks to bring together federal agencies currently working separately on critical minerals policy. “As the world races to acquire and leverage the critical minerals that power the modern economy, the United States needs an efficient and effective plan to secure these important resources,” Rosen said.

Gujarat govt transfers Surat civic chief M Nagarajan amid Nasirnagar demolition controversy

Gandhinagar/Surat, Oct 14 : The Gujarat government on Wednesday transferred Surat Municipal Commissioner M. Nagarajan, more than two months after the demolition of nearly 100 homes in the city’s Nasirnagar area triggered a probe and scrutiny from the Gujarat High Court. According to a notification issued by the General Administration Department on Tuesday, Nagarajan, a 2009-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as State Project Di-

rector of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in Gandhinagar. He will replace Ranjeeth Kumar J., IAS, who has been transferred and placed at the disposal of the Energy and Petrochemicals Department for appointment as Secretary of the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC). Nagarajan’s post in Surat will be taken over on an additional-charge basis by Surat Collector Tejas Parmar, a 2016-batch IAS officer.



Zero-tolerance policy against corruption in flood-control projects: Assam minister

Guwahati, Oct 14 : Assam Water Resources Minister Sushanta Borgohain on Wednesday asserted that the state government would adopt a zero-tolerance approach against corruption and substandard work in embankment and flood-control projects, warning that even influential contractors would face strict action if found guilty of wrongdoing. Speaking to reporters here, Borgohain said the Water Resources Department has been closely monitoring ongoing anti-erosion and flood-protection works across the state and would not hesitate to lodge FIRs, blacklist contractors and initiate other punitive measures against those involved in irregularities. “Even if a very well-known or influential person is found carrying out poor-quality work, we will take action. FIRs will be filed and the contractors will be black-listed. Our objective is to ensure that the department remains trustworthy in the eyes of the people,” the minister

said. Borgohain acknowledged that concerns are often raised on social media regarding erosion-control measures and embankment works, particularly temporary structures installed during the monsoon season. He explained that several ongoing interventions involve the use of geobags and other temporary protective measures aimed at preventing floodwaters and erosion from causing immediate damage. The minister clarified that such works are not permanent solutions but emergency measures designed to provide short-term protection during the peak flood season. “These geobag-based interventions are temporary in nature.



Arunachal CM announces creative economy programme, ‘mini NITI Aayog’ to boost start-ups



Itanagar, Oct 14 : Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday announced new initiatives to strengthen the state’s startup and investment ecosystem, including an Arunachal Creative

Economy (ACE) programme and an expert think tank, the Institute for Transforming Arunachal (ITA), which he described as a “mini NITI Aayog” for the state. The announcements were made at a programme marking the gradu-

Tejashwi Yadav targets Bihar govt over Siwan police action against students

Patna, Oct 14 : The controversy surrounding police action against students protesting alleged examination irregularities and paper leaks in Siwan has once again become a major political issue in Bihar. Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has been requested by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav to visit Bihar, as Yadav criticised the state government and announced that he will raise the matter with the Governor. Speaking to the media, Yadav said he had not yet received a satisfactory explanation regarding the alleged firing dur-

ing the police. action against protesting students. He said he had already met the Director General of Police (DGP) and conveyed his concerns over the incident. Yadav said he would now meet the Governor and present the details available to him. He added that he would seek accountability and demand an impartial investigation into the entire episode. The RJD leader alleged that the police action could not be dismissed as routine law-enforcement action. He claimed that the students were deliberately targeted and demanded clarity over the circumstances that led to the use of force.



Yadav questioned who authorised the alleged opening of fire on the students and specifically raised questions over the use of AK-47 rifles. He argued that the identity and responsibility of the officials who ordered the action must be established. According to Yadav, holding a single constable responsible would

not be sufficient to determine accountability for the entire incident. He demanded that responsibility be fixed at the appropriate level, including among senior officials associated with the Home Department, and asked authorities to establish where the alleged order originated.

Modi Govt has ensured equitable distribution of welfare benefits: Jitendra Singh



Chandigarh, Oct 14 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh said on Wednesday that the defining feature of the last 12 years of the Modi Government has been the equitable distribution of welfare benefits to every deserving citizen without discrimination based on caste, creed, religion or considerations of vote-bank politics. Addressing a press conference here, on the completion of 12 years of the Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the minister said that this tenure has witnessed a fundamental transformation in the delivery of governance, with transparency, accountability and technology-driven implementation ensuring that public resources reach intended beneficiaries directly. The schemes relating to housing, sanitation, healthcare, financial inclusion, food security, clean cooking fuel and social security have collectively improved the quality of life of millions of families across the country, he added. Welfare initiatives have reached the last mile through a saturation-based approach, ensuring that benefits are delivered solely based on eligibility and need, the minister observed. Referring to India’s socio-economic progress during this period, Dr Jitendra Singh said that nearly 25 crore people have moved out of multidimensional poverty, reflecting the impact of sustained welfare interventions and inclusive growth policies. He said that the benefits of development have reached sections of society that had remained underserved for decades, thereby strengthening social equity and economic participation.

ation of the fourth cohort and the commencement of the fifth cohort of the Arunachal Pradesh Entrepreneurship Development Programme (APEDP). The Chief Minister also inaugurated satellite incubation cells in seven higher education institutions and witnessed the signing of memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with five more institutions. Khandu said the ACE programme, being developed through the Chief Minister’s Office, would provide young people with creative ideas a platform to turn them into viable businesses. The ITA would bring subject experts together to guide policymaking in sectors such as agriculture, allied activities and tourism. Khadnu said he was in touch with venture capitalists and would organise a conference where Arunachal-based startups could present their ideas to potential investors. He also directed officials to consult the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade on possible incentives for startups transitioning into private limited companies or limited liability partnerships. The Chief Minister asked officials to organise workshops for APEDP alumni on accessing national and international markets through digital platforms. He also directed the Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park (APIIP) to expedite its conversion into a Section 8 company.

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INTENDING SALE NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE AFTER 30 DAYS UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Asadparvez Shaik S/O Rahimuddin, Age: 48yrs, R/O Hno: 6-11-52, Ganesh Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101.
2.	Shaik Amreen Kousar W/O Shaik Asad Parvez, Age: 40yrs, R/O Hno: 6-11-52, Ganesh Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101.
3.	Shaik Rahimuddin S/O Gulam Rasool, Age: 77 Yrs, R/O Hno: 6-11-50, Ganesh Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101.
4.	Jagan Mohan Rapaka S/O:Somaiah, Age: 51 Yrs, R/O:H.No: 1-29/1, Main Road, Tekulapalli, Khammam , Pin Code: 507123.

Sir/Madam, **SUB: Intending Sale Notice about Sale of Properties belonging to SHAIK RAHIMUDDIN (Co-Borrower)** for Realization of Amount Due to the Secured Creditor under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 Read With Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Ref:Loan AgreementNo. KTGDMTF2203310009.

1. This is to inform you that, we **M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited)"Shriram City Union Finance Limited"** has been amalgamated with "Shriram Transport Finance Limited" as per order of Hon'ble NCLT, Chennai on 09.11.2022 in C.P. No: 69-76 of 2022, Subsequently, the name of M/s.Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited stands changed to M/s. Shriram Finance Limited with effect from 30.11.2022 as per "Certificate of Incorporation Pursuant to change of Name" as certified by Registrar of Companies under Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Having our Registered Office situated at SriTowers, PlotNo.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, having Administrative Office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2,Aurum Q Park, Gen.4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and one of its Zonal Office situated at Shriram Finance Ltd, Zonal Office, Wyra Road, SBI Buildings, Khammam-507001 issue the following notice asunder.

2. The secured creditor - Shriram Finance Limited, caused a demand notice dated 10-09-2025 under section 13(2)of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues of **Rs.2675972/- (Rupees TwentySix Lakh SeventyFive Thousand Nine Hundred SeventyTwo Only)** as on **10.09.2025** along with subsequent interest / expenses within the time stipulatedtherein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, ShriramFinance Limited has taken Symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Actread with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, and also after that the authorized officer filed Petition under Section 14(1) before the hon'ble CJM Kothagudem with CrI. Mp No: 24/2026, for taking Physical possession. and taken physical possession of the properties on 28.09.2026 with executive assistance under section14 of Act.

3. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited as such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public-auctionafter 30 days, from the date of receipt of this notice/publication of this notice, through a separate e-auction sale notice.The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which thee-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

4. Therefore, we hereby request you to pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest ,costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated under sec. 13 (8) of the Act. **Please take notice that if you fail or neglect to pay the total outstanding dues within aforesaid statutory period of 30 (Thirty) days from the date of notice hereof,** the undersigned will have no alternative except to proceed to sell the aforesaid secured property for realizing the outstanding dues of **M/s. Shriram Finance Ltd.,** payable in respect of aforesaid loan facility.

This INTENDING SALE notice is being issued in compliance of Rule 8(6) of SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT RULES), 2002.

This notice is issued to you without pre judice to other rights and remedies available to our financial institution.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Property Holder Name:Shaik Rahimuddin With Document No:3546/2022, AC Sheet Roofed House With A Plinth Area Of 283.77 Square Feet With Its House Site Of An Extent Of 64.22 Square Yards, Bearing H.NO. 6-11-52 And In Survey No.142 Situated At Ganesh Basthi, Kothagudem Town And Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem District Is Bounded By: East: MPL Lane, West: Rear Open, North: House Of Krishna, South: House Of Shasadi Begum

Date: 13-10-2026, Place: Khammam

Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

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S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Yalagandula Bhargav, C/O Yalagandula Samba Siva Rao, Age: 33yrs, R/O H.NO: 7-3-159, Kummari Bazar, Near Ambha Bhavani Temple, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507001. And Yalagandula Bhargavthe Open Plot Bearing No.1 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 341.00 Sq.Yards And Open Plot Bearing No. 2 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 245.00 Sq.Yards Thus In Total 586.00 Sq.Yards Or Equivalent To 489.95 Sq.Mts, In And Out Of SY.No. 1/A2 In Compact Block, Situated At Laxmipuram G.P, Suvarnapuram Revenue Village, Mudigonda Revenue Mandal, Khammam Dist,
2.	Yalagandula Padma, D/O Narayana Sangi Shetty, Age: 54yrs, R/O H.NO: 11-10-29, Flat No: 201, Ananya Sai Residency, S.B.I Colony, Road No.2, Saroomnagar, K.V Rangareddy, Pin: 500035.
3.	Boda Aravind, S/O Veeraiah, Age: 33yrs, R/O H.NO: 3-4-300/1, Gandhi Nagar, Khammam Dist, Pin: 507003.

Sir/Madam, **SUB: IntendingSale Notice about Sale of Properties belonging to YALAGANDULA BHARGAV (Borrower)** for Realization of Amount Due to the Secured Creditor under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 Read With Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Ref:Loan AgreementNo. KHAMMTF2205300007.

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2. The secured creditor - Shriram Finance Limited, caused a demand notice dated 08-01-2026 under section 13(2)of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues of **Rs.20,06,033/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Six Thousand Thirty Three Only)** as on **08.01.2026** along with subsequent interest / expenses within the time stipulatedtherein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited has taken Symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Actread with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, and also after that the authorized officer filed Petition under Section 14(1) before the hon'ble CJM Kothagudem with CrI. Mp No: 114/2026, for taking Physical possession. and taken physical possession of the properties on 22.09.2026 with executive assistance under section14 of Act.

3. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited as such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public-auction after 30 days, from the date of receipt of this notice/publication of this notice, through a separate e-auction sale notice.The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the detail soft he service provider, in which thee-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

4. Therefore, we hereby request you to pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest ,costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated under sec. 13 (8) of the Act. **Please take notice that if you fail or neglect to pay the total outstanding dues within aforesaid statutory period of 30 (Thirty) days from the date of notice hereof,** the undersigned will have no alternative except to proceed to sell the aforesaid secured property for realizing the outstanding dues of **M/s. Shriram Finance Ltd.,** payable in respect of aforesaid loan facility.

This INTENDING SALE notice is being issued in compliance of Rule 8(6) of SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT RULES), 2002.

This notice is issued to you without pre judice to other rights and remedies available to our financial institution.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Property Holder Name:Yalagandula Bhargav With Document No:3521/2022 The Open Plot (Presently Constructed ACC Sheets Shed) Bearing No. 1 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 341.00 Sq.Yards And Open Plot Bearing No. 2 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 245.00 Sq.Yards Thus In Total 586.00 Sq.Yards Or Equivalent To 489.95 Sq.Mts, In And Out Of Sy.No. 1/A2 In Compact Block, Situated At Laxmipuram G.P, Suvarnapuram Revenue Village, Mudigonda Revenue Mandal, Khammam Dist, Bounded By: North: Plot No.3, South: 25-0 Feet Width Road, East: 25-0 Feet Width Road, West: Plots Of Others

Date: 13-10-2026, Place: Khammam

Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD



Tata Elxsi Q2 profit largely flat at Rs 170 crore

Mumbai, Oct 14 : Tata Elxsi on Wednesday reported a largely flat net profit for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2 FY27), even as the design and technology services company posted sequential growth in revenue and operating profit, sup-

ported by gains across its transportation, media and communications, and healthcare businesses. The company's net profit stood at Rs 170.3 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 170.6 crore in the preceding June quar-

ter (Q1 FY27), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations rose 3.4 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 1,055.7 crore from Rs 1,021.1 crore. On a constant currency basis, revenue increased 2.3 per cent sequentially, it said in its regu-

latory filing. Operating performance improved during the quarter, with earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) climbing 7.2 per cent to Rs 207.7 crore from Rs 193.7 crore in the previous quarter.

Hyundai Motor Group to invest \$15.5 billion in India through 2032

Seoul/New Delhi, Oct 14 : Hyundai Motor Group said on Wednesday it will invest \$15.5 billion in India through 2032, underscoring the country's importance to its global growth strategy. The group's Executive Chair Euisun Chung announced the investment during a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday, the group said. "India is a key strategic market for Hyundai Motor Group's future

growth, expansion into emerging markets and next-generation automotive innovation. The investment will be made over seven years starting this year," Chung said. The investment will go toward expanding manufacturing capacity, developing research and development (R&D) infrastructure, fostering local suppliers to increase parts localisation, and advancing future technologies, reports Yonhap news agency. To implement the investment plan, the group plans to establish a dedi-



cated investment entity in India. With a population of 1.47 billion, India is the world's third-largest automobile market after China and the United States.

Automakers seeking to compete in India need local production facilities, as import tariffs can reach 70 percent to 110 percent. Hyundai Motor Co. operates two plants in

Chennai and another in Pune, while its smaller affiliate Kia Corp. operates a plant in Anantapur. The facilities have a combined annual production capacity of 1.4 million vehicles, which is expected to increase with further investment. Hyundai and Kia sold a combined 852,164 vehicles in India last year, accounting for 18.7 percent of the country's passenger vehicle market and ranking second behind Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Hyundai Motor's cumulative vehicle sales in India are expected to top 10 million this year.



Centre holds outreach session on auction of mineral blocks in Andaman Sea

New Delhi, Oct 14 : The Ministry of Mines on Wednesday organised an outreach programme here on the auction of offshore mineral blocks, providing a platform for prospective bidders and stakeholders to understand the two offered blocks in the Andaman Sea, the applicable policy and regulatory framework.

India's office REITs penetration to rise to 30 pc by 2030: Report

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Real estate investment trusts and infrastructure investment trusts in India have expanded rapidly over nearly six years and could see office REIT and industrial & warehousing InvIT penetration touch 30 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, by 2030, a report said on Wednesday. The rapid surge in the REIT penetration levels in the office market is supported by influx of high quality green-certified assets, strong occupier demand

and sustained investor appetite, the report from Colliers said. The existing portfolio across listed REITs and InvITs surpassed 195 million sq ft with an upcoming pipeline of roughly 37 million sq ft as of March 2026. While the office segment continues to dominate with around 84 per cent share in the operational portfolio of existing Indian REIT/InvIT, retail and industrial & warehousing segments are gaining momentum. REITs and InvITs are accelerating the institutionalisation and democratisation of India's real estate sector, driven by rising investor participation, strong operational performance of underlying assets, asset acquisition and supportive policies.



Zydus Lifesciences Q1 profit slides 36 pc to Rs 940 crore

Mumbai, Oct 14 : Zydus Lifesciences on Wednesday reported a 36 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in its consolidated net profit for the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY27). The Ahmedabad-based drugmaker said its net profit fell 35.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 940 crore in the June quarter, compared with Rs 1,467 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. The pharmaceutical major's revenue from operations rose 22 per cent to Rs 8,017 crore during the quarter, up from Rs 6,574 crore a year ago. However, profitability came under pressure. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) slipped 7.6 per cent to Rs 1,930 crore from Rs 2,089 crore in the year-ago period. Consequently, the EBITDA margin contracted significantly to 24.1 per cent from 31.8 per cent in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. Despite the weaker earnings performance, investors appeared largely unfazed. Following the results announcement, shares of Zydus Lifesciences were trading at Rs 1,126, up 0.63 per cent.



Signature Global's shares drop nearly 15 pc in a week, stock down 19 pc in 1 year

Mumbai, Oct 14 : The shares of Signature Global India Limited on Wednesday further declined by 2.03 per cent at Rs 1,102.40 during the intra-day trading session, as investors remain cautious about the company's financial health. The stock is on a downward spree over the past week. It has fallen by 14.52 per cent and 13.84 per cent in the last two weeks. Over the past month, Signature Global's share price has dropped by 2.32 per cent on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The decline extends further over longer periods, with the stock down 14.58 per cent in the last three months and 27.89 per cent in the past six months. Year to date, the stock has fallen by 18.62 per cent while over the past year, it has registered a 19.1 per cent decline. The real estate developer's financials remain a key concern for investors. The company currently has a debt of Rs 1,180.27 crore.

Outlook for Indian textile industry increasingly favourable amid key FTAs: Govt officials

New Delhi, Oct 14 : After a year marked by resilience amid global headwinds, the outlook for the Indian textile industry is increasingly favourable, a senior government official has said, adding that key Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), now in place, are opening significant new market opportunities for Indian exporters, enhancing tariff competitiveness and strengthening India's position in global value chains. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary (Textiles), emphasised that the convergence of these trade agreements with a distinctly textile-centric Union Budget creates a timely and strategic advantage for the sector. With expanded market access, policy clarity and focused government support, she stated that the industry is well-positioned to scale

up production, attract investments and deepen its footprint in global markets. She was addressing the first post-budget national industry consultation here, that brought together senior government officials, industry leaders, financial institutions, development partners and representatives from across the textile value chain to deliberate on implementation priorities following the Union Budget 2026 announcements. The consultation focused on operationalising two key initiatives announced in the Budget -- the Textile Expansion and Employment (TEEM) Scheme and the Tex Eco Initiative -- aimed at strengthening competitiveness, modernisation, sustainability and employment generation across the textile and apparel sector. According to Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary (Textiles), the



Union Budget has been distinctly textile-centric, with a strong focus on employment generation and manufacturing growth. He noted that the announcement of an integrated programme for the textile sector provides a comprehensive framework to align investments, policy support and institutional efforts across the value chain. Kansal further underlined that the Budget signals a clear intent to scale manufacturing, strengthen domestic capabilities and position textiles as a key driver of inclusive growth and job creation. Kansal also reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to a collaborative approach to translate policy intent into tangible, measurable results on the ground.

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Zero-tolerance approach towards crime essential: Rajasthan CM suspends officer

Jaipur, Oct 14 : Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma has reiterated the state government's zero-tolerance policy towards crime and taken strict action against incidents of criminal activity, police negligence, and misconduct by personnel. Expressing strong displeasure over the recent incidents, he directed the immediate removal of the concerned personnel from their posts and ordered disciplinary action in accordance with the rules. The Chief Minister issued these stern directives during a high-level law and order review meeting attended by senior police officials, including the Director General of Police. He observed that Rajasthan has traditionally been a peace-loving state and asserted that the state's image and dignity must be safeguarded through firm and impartial enforcement of the law.

He stressed that a zero-tolerance approach towards crime is essential. During Wednesday's meeting, Sharma emphasised that the law applies equally to everyone and that no offender would be spared, irrespective of their identity or influence. He directed officials to ensure that negligence at any level would not be tolerated in matters affecting law and order and that accountability must be fixed wherever required. He also called for stronger monitoring and accountability mechanisms to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. The Chief Minister directed officials to prepare detailed, district-wise lists of disputes relating to mining and land and develop effective action plans to resolve them. He categorically stated that there is no place for criminals in Rajasthan and that the government would not tolerate criminal activi-

ties by the mafia. He called for stringent action against organised criminal networks. He also ordered a comprehensive review of cases involving criminal incidents and police conduct. In view of the upcoming festive season, he directed officials to ensure robust law-and-order management and smooth traffic arrangements. Police personnel were instructed to take prompt cognisance of even minor incidents to prevent them from escalating into major law-and-order problems. The Chief Minister further directed officers to regularly review the law-and-order situation in their respective ranges and districts. Emphasising women's safety, he instructed officials to ensure the effective and systematic functioning of Kalika Patrolling Units and directed.



Schools in MP failing to comply govt's norms may lose recognition: Minister

Bhopal, Oct 14 : The Madhya Pradesh School Education Minister, Uday Pratap Singh, said on Wednesday that private schools failing to comply with the state government's norms may face tough action, including cancellation of their recognition or registration. The Minister made this statement responding to a query raised by the Opposition Congress during the ongoing Monsoon session of the Assembly. The Congress has sought state government's response on private schools in Madhya Pradesh increasing annual fees abruptly without following mandatory guidelines issued by the government. "The schools that do not fulfill prescribed norms will not be allowed to operate. The institutions failing to meet standard set up under the government's rule will be blacklisted."

Karnataka to decide on 12,000 cusecs Cauvery water release to TN based on reservoir levels : CM Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Oct 14 : Karnataka Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar, on Wednesday said the state government would take a decision on releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu based on the water availability in its reservoirs, following Cauvery Water Regulation Committee's (CWRC) recommendation for the state to release 12,000 cusecs daily for 15 days. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, he stated a high-level meeting with ministers and experts would be fixed to discuss the matter. CM Shivakumar further said the government was closely monitoring the inflow into

the state's reservoirs and would ensure that the interests of Karnataka's farmers were protected. "An order has come to release 12,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu. I am continuously monitoring the inflow into our reservoirs. We will take a decision based on the availability of water in the dams. Farmers need not be agitated over the order to release water. I appeal to farmers to remain patient and maintain harmony," CM Shivakumar said. He said the government would respect court orders while making every effort to protect the crops of Karnataka's farmers.



UP quack, two aides held for murdering medical equipment dealer in Delhi

New Delhi, Oct 14 : After analysing around 300 CCTV cameras' footage, three murderers, including a quack from Uttar Pradesh, were arrested for killing a medical equipment seller in North Delhi's Sarai Rohilla earlier this month, said a police official on Wednesday. Ranbir Singh, 68, resident of East Moti Bagh, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi, was stabbed to death and robbed of an ultrasound machine, laptop and other articles, police said. The quack and his associates killed the victim as they wanted to rob his ultrasound machine and use it at his outlet, police said. Deputy Commissioner of Police Raja Banthia identified the accused as Md. Parvez Alam, 27, resident of district Muzaffarnagar.



BJP's RP Singh slams Canada over alleged 'Khalistan Embassy' in Surrey, calls it 'Serpentarium'

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Bharatiya Janata Party's national spokesperson and former Delhi MLA, RP Singh, on Wednesday issued a scathing statement against Canada, accusing it of enabling extremism by allowing the establishment of a so-called "Khalistan Embassy" in Surrey, British Columbia. Calling it a "Serpentarium," Singh likened the development to creating a breeding ground for separatist forces and warned that Canada's actions pose a serious threat to international diplomatic norms. "This goes beyond poor judgment," Singh said, "It is a direct violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which recognises only missions of sovereign nations - not imaginary separatist states." He referenced Hillary Clinton's famous warning to Pakistan, saying: "You can't keep snakes in your backyard and expect them only to bite your neighbours. Eventually, those snakes are going to turn on you." Singh claimed that under the guise of "freedom of expression," Canada is harbouring extremist elements who have glorified terrorism, incited violence



against India, and were even linked to past assassinations of Indian diplomats. "This is not free speech," Singh added. "It is state-enabled sedition against a friendly democracy." Calling for immediate action, he urged External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to register a strong diplomatic protest with the Canadian government. Singh also demanded: "An official clarification on the alleged 'Khalistan Embassy', 'withdrawal of any funding or support to such separatist entities', and 'swift action against individuals promoting violence against Indian institutions.'" "India has always shown diplomatic maturity," he said, "but there must be zero tolerance for states that give oxygen to separatist agendas." Closing his statement with a strong message to Canada, Singh asked.



Odisha: Revenue Inspector held in bribery case; Jaipur ABEO arrested for 68 pc DA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14 : The Odisha Vigilance on Wednesday arrested a Revenue Inspector in Balangir district after he was caught red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe from an applicant to facilitate the conversion of agricultural land into homestead land in a mutation case. The accused, identified as Alan Behera, the Revenue Inspector, is currently posted at the Saintala Revenue Circle of the Balangir district. Behera was apprehended by vigilance sleuths for demanding and taking a bribe of Rs. 3,000 from the complainant to process the file and to submit a field enquiry report to the competent authority for conversion of his agricultural land to homestead land in a mutation case.

Maha govt sets up enforcement cell to curb illegal fishing, increase maritime safety

Mumbai, Oct 14 : The Maharashtra Fisheries Department has set up an enforcement cell to take strict action against unauthorised fishing boats and thereby ensure sustainable fishing and maritime security in the maritime areas, officials said. State Fisheries and Ports Minister Nitesh Rane on Wednesday said that the department's move to launch drone patrol-

ling in coastal areas for maritime security is showing good results. The enforcement cell will be headed by the Commissioner of Fisheries Department.



Virendra Sachdeva meets L-G on eve of Delhi BJP legislature party meeting

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Ahead of the BJP legislature party's meeting, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva and National BJP General Secretary Vinod Tawde called on Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V.K. Saxena on Saturday, adding to the suspense of the name of the new Chief Minister. The BJP legislature party's meeting is likely to take place around 7 pm on Wednesday, said a Delhi BJP leader, adding that soon after the meeting a signed letter of support from all the MLAs in favour of the new Chief Minister and Leader of the House will be presented to Saxena.

The leader said the formality of giving the letter of support to the L-G must be completed on the eve of the swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister and the Cabinet scheduled for February 20 at the historic Ram Lila Maidan. The swearing-in is expected to take place around 11.30 am,



said a BJP functionary who accompanied Sachdeva and BJP spokesperson Tarun Chugh to the Ram Lila Maidan to take stock of the arrangement for the grand ceremony to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India, UK discuss advancing collaborations in AI, emerging technologies

London, Oct 14 : India and UK discussed advancing collaboration in Artificial Intelligence (AI), emerging technologies, research and innovation and leveraging the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement to have new opportunities, foster innovation, and drive shared economic growth. The discussions were held during a meeting between

India's High Commissioner to the UK, P Kumaran, and Permanent Secretary, UK's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, Emran Mian, the High Commission of India in London announced on Wednesday. "High Commissioner P. Kumaran had a constructive meeting yesterday with Emran Mian, Permanent Secretary, DSIT. They discussed advancing India-UK collaboration in AI, emerging technologies,

research and innovation, and leveraging the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement to unlock new opportunities, foster innovation, and drive shared economic growth," the High Commission of India in London posted on X. On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will formally enter into



force on July 15, marking what he described as a "historic milestone" in bilateral relations. PM Modi stated that the agreement will sig-

nificant boost bilateral ties and investment. "A historic milestone for India-UK relations. Delighted to note that the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement will enter into force on 15th July 2026. This agreement will significantly boost our bilateral trade and investment," PM Modi posted on X. "It will also unlock numerous opportunities for Indian farmers, workers, MSMEs, startups and innovators and contribute meaningfully to the realisation of Viksit Bharat 2047. Both PM Starmer and I, who are in Evian for the G7 Summit, are naturally very happy

with the significant momentum being added to our economic ties," he added. On June 4, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar held a meeting with UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper in New Delhi, where both leaders reviewed ongoing progress in bilateral cooperation focusing on trade, technology, supply chains, defence, climate, education and people-to-people ties. The two leaders also discussed global developments. Following the meeting, EAM Jaishankar wrote on X.



Europe should continue supporting Ukraine, reject peace of dictate, says Scholz

Paris, Oct 14 : German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that Europe should continue to support Ukraine, emphasising that no peace of dictate can be imposed on the country. "Ukraine should have confidence in us. It is clear that we should continue to support Ukraine," Scholz said on Wednesday after attending an emergency meeting convened by French President Emmanuel Macron on the eve of the Russian-US talks set to take place Saturday in Riyadh. "No peace of dictate can be imposed on Ukraine... Ukraine cannot accept everything that is presented to it under any conditions," he added. The German chancellor urged Europe and the United States to act together for collective security. "There must be no division of security and responsibility between Europe and the US," he said. "NATO is based on the fact that we always act together and share

the risks... This must not be called into question." Regarding reports on the possibility of European countries sending ground troops to Ukraine as part of a "peacekeeping" mission, Scholz dismissed these discussions as "totally premature." However, he stated that European nations are prepared to "spend at least two per cent" of their gross domestic product on strengthening Europe's defence. "If European states spend more, Germany supports ensuring that this expenditure is not factored into European budget deficits calculations," he added. Monday's gathering brought together leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Commission, along with representatives from European countries including France, Germany, Britain, Poland, Spain, Italy, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Nepali general injured in UN peacekeeping operation in Lebanon back home

United Nations, Oct 14 : The Nepali general who was wounded in an attack on peacekeepers in Lebanon has returned home after he was released from hospital, according to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric. He said on Wednesday that Major General Chok Dhakal, who completed his term as the deputy force commander of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), went back to Nepal on Wednesday. Dhakal, who was wrapping up his assignment, was injured on the way to Beirut airport in an attack on his convoy on the way to Beirut airport on Friday. He was taken to a hospital along with a Nepali peacekeeper and released after treatment. The attack took place where supporters of the militant group Hezbollah were holding a protest against the Lebanon government.



US senators move to secure Tibet's future

Washington, Oct 14 : A bipartisan group of US senators introduced legislation to deepen engagement with Tibet's government-in-exile and ensure American support continues beyond the lifetime of the 14th Dalai Lama. The Assuring the Future of Tibet Act would recognise the Central Tibetan Administration as the legitimate representative of the Tibetan people. It would also affirm that resolving the Tibet-China dispute is a US strategic interest. Democratic Senator Jeff Merkley and Republican Senator Jim Risch, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced the bill. Senators Jacky Rosen, Todd Young, Tim Kaine and Rick Scott are original co-sponsors. "Human rights and basic dignity for the people of Tibet cannot be ignored. Our bipartisan bill sends

a clear message that the United States will stand with Tibet in its fight for these fundamental freedoms and the promise of tomorrow," Merkley said. "As long as the People's Republic of China continues to ignore the rights of Tibet under international law, America will not abandon the Tibetan people," he added. The bill would direct the US secretary of state to engage at the most senior levels with the Sikyong, the elected head of the Central Tibetan Administration, and other designated representatives. It would require Washington to advocate for observer status for the administration at the United Nations and equal access across the UN system. The measure also calls for its inclusion in relevant international bodies and seeks to mobilise US allies behind that effort. "The Chinese Communist Party has sought to erase Ti-

betan culture, religion, and language, among other grievous actions. What Beijing has done to Tibet, they want to do elsewhere to anyone who defies the CCP," Risch said. "This bill supports the Tibetan people, key partners in pushing back against China's authoritarianism, and counters China's malign influence at the United Nations," he added. The legislation would extend appropriate diplomatic courtesies to the Sikyong. These could include security consistent with that provided to a head of government. It also calls for consideration of privileges and immunities for officials of the Tibetan administration. The measure names the Gaden Phodrang Trust as the sole authority to recognise Dalai Lamas. The provision is intended to ensure that US support for Tibetan religious leadership continues beyond the current Dalai Lama.

Court sentences former Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, other officials to death

Damascus, Oct 14 : Former Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and several former officials have been sentenced to death after a court convicted them of crimes, including arbitrary detention, premeditated murder, torture and crimes against humanity, local media reported on Wednesday. Judge Fakhr al-Din al-Aryan said that the court convicted Assad of crimes against humanity and other offences, citing his post as the highest decision-maker and his role in issuing orders to state institutions involved in the violations. The court also sentenced Bashar al-Assad's cousin and former political security chief in Daraa city, Atef Najib, to death, Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported. The court also announced death sentences against "fugitives" Louay Ali al-Ali, Maher

Hafez al-Assad, Fahd Jassem al-Frej, Mohammad Ayman Ayoush, Qusay Ibrahim Mahyoub, Wafiq Saleh Nasser and Talal Fares al-Aysami. Al-Aryan said the court convicted the defendants of premeditated, intentional murder and torture, which caused death, SANA reported. Former Syrian President Assad's government collapsed on December 8, 2024 following a 12-day offensive spearheaded by the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and allied militant groups. Bashar al-Assad along with his family flew to Moscow after his government collapsed in Syria. After leaving Damascus in December 2024, Bashar al-Assad released a public statement, in which he mentioned about the chaotic moments leading up to his departure for Russia. He released the statement through Syrian Presidency's Telegram account, addressing rumours surrounding al-Assad's departure and the collapse of his government after over



13 years of civil conflict. Bashar al-Assad said that he did not plan to depart and remained in Damascus until the early morning hours of December 8, performing his duties. When militant groups entered Damascus, he coordinated with "Russian friends" to relocate to Latakia, aiming to continue directing military operations from there. Upon his arrival at Russia's Hmeimim Air Base, he realised that all remaining Syrian army positions had collapsed, and that ground forces had withdrawn from the front lines, according to the statement. As the situation worsened and the Russian base itself faced drone attacks, al-Assad said Moscow arranged an immediate evacuation to Russia on the evening of December 8. He claimed that the idea of seeking asylum or relinquishing his post never arose before, saying his sole option had been to continue fighting, Xinhua news agency reported. Bashar al-Assad rejected any notion that he would leave the people of Syria.



Rights body raises alarm over trafficking and sale of children in Bangladesh

Berlin, Oct 14 : A leading human rights organisation has raised serious concerns over gaps in Bangladesh's child protection system, warning that children remain vulnerable to commercial transfer, irregular adoption practices, trafficking, exploitation and disappearance. Citing recent investigations, the Germany-based International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) has exposed an alarming informal market in which children and newborns are advertised through social media groups and private networks under the guise of "adoption". The report found that some such arrangements involve direct financial negotiations, middlemen, advance payments, and assurances that newborn children would be handed over to prospective buyers.

India hands over assistance for cultural, heritage preservation in Tuvalu

Funafuti, Oct 14 : Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita has handed over a cheque for the preservation of cultural and heritage sites during his official visit to the South Pacific nation of Tuvalu. The minister attended the State Banquet hosted by the Govt of Tuvalu during his first official visit to the country. He handed over the first tranche of assistance to preserve cultural heritage sites under the Quick Impact Project (QIP). He also announced India's support, including the provision of a sea ambulance, food grain assistance, and sponsorship of 10 patients for specialised medical treatment.



Study compares crime rates across Atlantic to assess safety

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Is Europe safer than America? “Each side of the Atlantic thinks the other is lawless,” a recent report notes while attempting to answer the question through a novel study by criminologists associated with University College London (UCL). They compared crime statistics across 20 rich-world cities.

The dataset was curated by Matt Ashby, Associate Professor of Crime Science at UCL’s Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science, along with colleagues. Ashby’s expertise lies in crime science, criminology and policing, with a focus on data-driven approaches to crime reduction. His work spans the UK, US and Europe, particularly in forecasting crime patterns, evaluating police data usage and addressing organised crime concerns. The team selected 20 cities with populations of at least 2.5 million that publish annual crime statistics. Boundaries were adjusted to ensure similar population densities; for example, Paris included the whole Île-de-France region. Definitions were harmonised so categories of crime were broadly comparable to Britain’s.

Murder, or homicide, was used as a cross-border measure. Chicago, with a population of 2.74 million,



was found to be the “most deadly city” with 587 homicides in 2024, a rate of 22 per 100,000 residents, 2.7 times that of Los Angeles. Meanwhile, the average rate among 10 European cities was 1.7 per 100,000.

Other categories showed less clear divides. Personal robberies with force occurred about as often in both regions, with London and Paris recording more than 300 per 100,000 annually. Vehicle thefts were common in Chicago and Los Angeles, while New York fared better than most European cities. Domestic burglaries were more frequent in Europe.

The Economist report noted that Europe’s social-safety net may reduce incentives to steal, while America’s robust policing and higher incarceration rates could balance crime levels.

India to assume Vice-Presidency of Financial Action Task Force for 1st time

New Delhi, Oct 14 : In a significant development, Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, has been elected and appointed Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), according to an official statement.

This is the first time that India will hold the Vice-Presidency of the FATF. Aggarwal will work towards solidifying India’s leadership in the FATF forum, the statement added. “This appointment is a recognition of India’s collective effort and of the strength of our anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorist-financing framework. I am deeply



honoured to serve, and look forward to working with the FATF Global Network to keep the international financial system safe, inclusive and resilient,” said Aggarwal. Aggarwal is a 1994-batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service (Madhya Pradesh cadre).

Indian envoy meets Hong Kong Chief Executive, discusses strengthening bilateral ties

Hong Kong, Oct 14 : India’s Ambassador to China, Vikram Doraiswami, met Hong Kong’s Chief Executive John Lee on Wednesday, with discussions focusing on deepening mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Hong Kong across several sectors, including trade, investment, education and cultural exchanges. During the meeting, Lee lauded the Indian diaspora’s longstanding contributions to Hong Kong’s economic development, cultural diversity and philanthropic activities. Hong Kong’s Secretary for Commerce and Economic

Development, Algernon Yau, also joined the discussions.

“Ambassador Doraiswami was honoured to call on the Hon’ble John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Hong Kong. The fruitful and productive exchanges, which were joined by Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr. Algernon Yau, centred around strengthening cooperation between India and Hong Kong in trade, investment, education, and cultural domains for mutual benefit,” the Indian Consulate General in Hong Kong wrote on X.

“During the interaction, the Hon’ble Chief Executive also



deeply appreciated the vibrant Indian diaspora for its enduring contributions to Hong Kong’s economy, cultural fabric, and philanthropic landscape,” it added. Last week, Ambassador Doraiswami underscored India’s growth trajectory and its vision of ‘Viksit Bharat’ by 2047, urging the Indian community in Hong Kong to continue contributing to stronger India-Hong Kong ties across

business, culture, education and people-to-people exchanges.

Addressing a reception hosted by the Indian community at the India Club during his maiden official visit to Hong Kong, Doraiswami lauded the community’s longstanding economic, social and philanthropic contributions to the city.

UN says 106.6 million USD urgently needed for Sudanese refugees in Libya

Tripoli, Oct 14 : The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) announced that \$106.6 million are needed urgently to assist Sudanese refugees in Libya. In a press release, the UN refugee agency says the funds will be used to support 375,000 Sudanese refugees, 70,000 people in host communities, and 1,000 third-country nationals.

The funds aim to “provide essential assistance, from emergency relief to longer-term solutions,” according to the UNHCR. “This plan is a crucial step to ensure that refugees have access to protection, healthcare, and basic dignity,” Aeneas Chuma.



Vance announces Defense Production Act expansion of Texas refinery

Washington, Oct 14 : US Vice President JD Vance said the Trump administration had used the Defense Production Act to expand an oil refinery in Tyler, Texas, as he campaigned for Republican Senate candidate Ken Paxton three weeks before the midterm elections.

“Today, I am pleased to announce that the Trump administration working with the refinery at Delek has used the Defense Production Act, and we are going to expand the refinery right here in Tyler, Texas,” Vance told the rally.

“We want millions of gallons of commercial grade and military spec fuel to come out of this re-

finery in addition to what it’s already producing,” he said.

He said the expansion would “mean hundreds of good paying new jobs” in Smith County and lower fuel and travel costs for families.

He did not give a cost or the planned increase in capacity. The Tyler refinery, owned by Delek US Holdings, processes about 74,000 barrels a day.

The administration has used the Cold War-era law to back energy projects as high fuel prices weigh on household budgets ahead of the November 3 elections. In April, President Donald Trump signed a determination under the Act declaring domestic petroleum pro-

duction, refining and logistics capacity essential to national defence. Vance turned the announcement into a pitch for Paxton, the Texas Attorney General, who is running for the US Senate against Democrat James Talarico.

“He fights for you every single day and number two, he delivers he’s not just a talker he’s a guy who gets things done,” Vance said of Paxton.

Vance accused Talarico of “contempt” for the oil and gas industry. “Talarico says Texas energy dominance is like being the leader in cassette tapes in the 1980s,” Vance said. “He says jobs like the ones at the Texas refinery in Tyler aren’t going to last.”



Top strategic experts, diplomats discuss changing world order at Maharana Pratap Geopolitics Dialogue

Jaipur, Oct 14 : Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh, Israel’s Ambassador to India Reuven Azar, Armenian Ambassador to India Vahagn Afyan, top leaders and diplomats shed their insights on the transitional phase of the changing world order at the fourth edition of the Maharana Pratap Annual Geopolitics Dialogue (MPAGD) held in Jaipur. The two-day dialogue, organised by the Usanas Foun-

dation and co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) under the theme of ‘Building Tomorrow: Shaping the Future’, saw participation of several distinguished speakers from across the globe.

The keynote address of the conference was delivered by Minister of State for External Affairs and Environment Kirti Vardhan Singh who, while paying tribute to Maharana Pratap, highlighted his diplomacy and commitment in maintaining the sovereignty of the

state. He also shared insights on technology, multipolarity, mutual respect and the role of ancient civilizations in the modern world system. In his address, Israel’s Ambassador to India Reuven Azar described terrorism as one of the most serious issues in the world right now and also emphasised the importance of strengthening bilateral relations between India and Israel.

Armenian Ambassador to India, Vahagn Afyan, discussed India’s relations with Armenia across various areas, including defence, technology, trade, and education, particularly regarding student exchange programmes. He also spoke about the need for a balanced foreign policy to help nations reach their full potential. Usanas Foundation founder Abhinav Pandya facilitated discussions on pressing global issues, including terrorism, instability in Europe, cyber diplomacy, and intensive climate change consultations. He also addressed the benefits and emerging challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Pandya also discussed the Deobandi movement, tracing the origins of the first Deobandi-

linked Taliban group. He then examined the history of militancy in Kashmir, providing details on how it has evolved over time. He highlighted the critical role of Jamaat-e-Islami in radicalising sections of the population and fostering insurgency. Furthermore, he touched upon the challenges posed by Islamic extremism in Bangladesh and being a route, facilitating the propagating of extremist ideologies in the region. He also stated that West Asian extremists are joining hands with South Asian groups. During the session titled, ‘Making sense of the transitional world order’, Andrey Kortunov, Academic Director of the Russian International Affairs Council, argued that a new world order typically emerges after major wars. He also highlighted crucial challenges in the contemporary global landscape, particularly issues of legitimacy and the growing influence of non-state actors.

‘Where is the evidence?’

Indian envoy asks Canada over Nijjar case

Ottawa, Oct 14 : India’s High Commissioner to Canada Dinesh Patnaik has challenged Canada to produce evidence of Indian government involvement in the killing of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, saying it should have come out by now.

“It’s been almost three years since Prime Minister Trudeau spoke in parliament. Where is the evidence?” Patnaik said in an interview with CPAC’s Open Question, hosted by Marc-Andre Cossette. “If you have evidence which implicates anybody in India on this issue, we are willing to take action. We are ready to take action. Show us the evidence,” he said. The interview was posted on October 9.

Then Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told Parliament in September 2023 that Canadian agencies were pursuing credible allegations of a potential link between Indian government agents and the killing. India rejected the charge as absurd. Patnaik declined to discuss the case of four people on trial in Surrey. “There



are four individuals who are being tried and so it’s now in the court. So I’m not going to comment on it,” he said. “If the case brings out any evidence that there are people in India involved in it, we will take action against them,” he said. He cited Operation Hardball, a US-led investigation that he said made arrests in the US and Canada about two months earlier. He said it identified the Bishnoi gang, but “they were very clear on both the American side the Canadian side there though no involvement of the Indian government in this”. “Any suggestion that a government is involved with criminal gangs is just preposterous,” he said. Patnaik called the rupture “a blip” and said: “We do not have any geopolitical problems between us.

Indian Ambassador meets Greek military chief

Athens, Oct 14 : India's Ambassador to Greece, Ravi Shankar, on Wednesday met the Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, HNDGS, General Dimitrios Choupis, the Indian Embassy in Athens said.

"Meeting between the Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, HNDGS, General Dimitrios Choupis, and the Ambassador of India to Greece, Mr. Ravi Shankar," the Indian Embassy wrote on X, sharing a glimpse of the meeting.

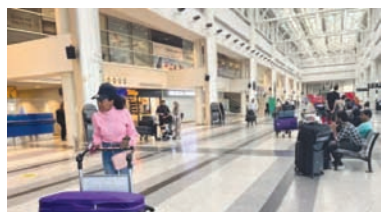
Last month, the Ambassador met Lt. Gen. Demosthenes Grigoriadis, Chief of Hellenic Air Force General Staff and discussed the ongoing initiatives of cooperation between the two air forces. According to the Indian Embassy in Greece, India's participation in INIOCHOS - a major annual multinational air combat training exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force - and Greece's participation in Tarang Shakti - the Indian Air Force's (IAF).



Lebanon extends suspension of flights to and from Iran

Beirut, Oct 14 : The Lebanese government decided to extend the suspension of flights to and from Iran, without clarifying the duration of the extension. According to a statement from Lebanon's presidency, the decision was made during a ministerial meeting chaired by President Joseph Aoun, with the participation of the prime minister and ministers of defence, foreign affairs, interior, and transport. The discussions centered on security developments at Beirut's Rafic Hariri International Airport and measures to enhance safety in the surrounding area, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Lebanese government also reaffirmed that all existing security procedures for aircraft inspections would remain in place, instructing airport security to ensure full compliance with the necessary protocols.

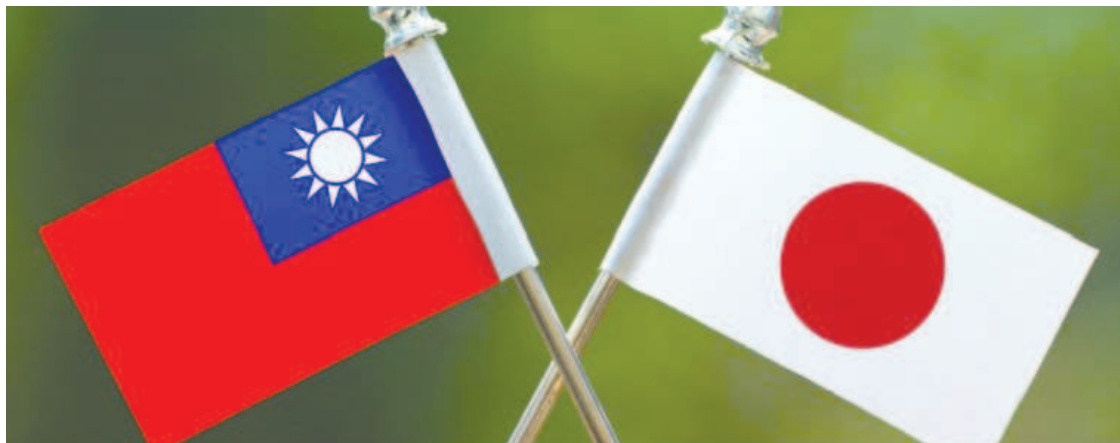


Top South Korean expert calls for creation of Asian NATO to enhance regional peace

Seoul, Oct 14 : Chung Mong-Joon, founder and honorary chair of the Asian Institute for Policy Studies and former politician in South Korea, has advocated for an Asian NATO, also suggesting redeploying tactical nuclear weapons in South Korea to enhance regional peace and security.

"The United States and its allies and partners also need to show credible resolve to deter North Korean, Chinese and Russian military adventurism. We need an Asian version of NATO. We may call it the Indo-Pacific Treaty Organisation (IPTO)," leading South Korean daily 'The Korean Herald' quoted Chung Mong-Joon as saying at an event at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

in Washington. Chung further suggested that the US and its allies South Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Thailand along with partners like India and Indonesia should strengthen security cooperation, and ensure the sovereignty of all countries in the Indo-Pacific, the report detailed. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol had joined the NATO summit in Washington for the third time in July 2025 along with other allies of the Indo-Pacific region.



Japan to recognise Taiwan as place of origin for naturalised citizens

Tokyo, Oct 14 : In a clear indication of policy shift and snub to China, Taiwan-origin naturalized citizens of Japan will now be able to list their country of origin as Taiwan in their family register, the Japanese government announced. Japan's Minister of Justice revised an ordinance allowing people to list regions, not just countries, a move that has been welcomed by Taiwan but triggered a sharp reaction from China. The Japanese government will allow the names of both countries and regions to be listed in the nationality column of family registries.

This would also allow people from Taiwan married to Japanese nationals to list Taiwan in the registry in place of China.

The Japanese ministry decided to change an ordinance to add 'region' to the current 'nationality' entry of the family registry, in a sign of greater consideration for identity, the country's media reported. Earlier, the only option in the family registry for Chinese and Taiwanese individuals was China. When a person from Taiwan registered for naturalized Japanese citizenship, his or her country of origin was registered as China. Following the revised system that will be introduced in May, this

provision will also be changed, and Taiwanese people's country of origin will be registered as Taiwan. This will also apply to cases before the implementation of the ordinance revision if requests are submitted, it was reported. Taiwan's Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung expressed gratitude for what he called "the long-term efforts made by various actors in Japan". In a statement, Lin said "Taiwan "believes that the rights and interests of overseas Taiwanese in Japan will be further protected through the correct descriptions on Japanese family registers".

Norway reiterates rejection of Trump's 'Board of Peace' after US claim

Helsinki, Oct 14 : Norway will not join US President Donald Trump's so-called "Board of Peace," the country's foreign ministry said.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the "Board of Peace" at the US Institute of Peace, Trump said the United States would contribute \$10

billion to the initiative and claimed that Norway would host a board event, Xinhua news agency reported.

Ane Jorem, a spokesperson for Norway's foreign ministry, rejected the claim and reiterated that Norway would not become a board member, the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) reported.



Bulgaria PM summons

Russian ambassador after merchant ship attacks



Sofia, Oct 14 : Prime Minister Rumen Radev summoned Russian Ambassador to Bulgaria Eleonora Mitrofanova on Wednesday over a series of drone attacks on merchant ships in Bulgaria's exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea over the past week. Radev acknowledged that Bulgaria did not have conclusive evidence regarding the origin of the drones. However, he argued that since one of the vessels targeted was registered in Ukraine and Ukrainian-owned, "it makes no sense for Ukraine to destroy its own ships," according to the Bulgarian Government Information Service (GIS). Mitrofanova said she understood Radev's reasoning but had received no information from the Russian government related to the recent attacks in the Black Sea, the GIS added. Meanwhile,

Mitrofanova raised the possibility that these attacks on merchant ships near Bulgarian territorial waters could have been a provocation by a third country, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Radev emphasised that attacks on merchant ships were absolutely unacceptable, warning that they risked significantly escalating the conflict. He called for continued investigations with the EU and NATO allies to establish the truth. Tensions in the Black Sea near Bulgaria have escalated since unidentified drones sank one merchant ship and set another on fire about 70 nautical miles east of Byala on Oct. 6. Two more merchant ships came under attack early Tuesday. The "Chelsea 3," flying the Maltese flag, registered in Ukraine, and Ukrainian-owned, was attacked 18 nautical miles east of the town of Byala.

Italian minister cancels US visit over Trump's comments on Meloni

Rome, Oct 14 : Italian Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani on Wednesday announced the cancellation of his planned visit to Miami for a business forum, after the controversy over US President Donald Trump's comments on Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. "The serious and offensive words of President Trump towards Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni offend all of Italy. For this reason, I have decided to cancel my visit to

the United States scheduled for the next 21 and 22 June," Tajani wrote on X.

"Trump's rants about Giorgia Meloni are just the latest episode of attacks and insults directed at European leaders. It is unclear whether by will or ineptitude, he is ruining the historical relations between the United States and Europe. With his inappropriate statements, he has succeeded in the not-so-easy task of making the US unpopular throughout the European continent.



Indian Naval Ship arrives in Singapore under IOS SAGAR mission

Singapore, Oct 14 : Indian Naval Ship Sunayna arrived at Singapore's Changi Naval Base for a port call as part of the IOS SAGAR initiative, said the High Commission of India in Singapore on Wednesday. The High Commissioner visited IOS SAGAR and interacted with members from partner navies of the Indian Ocean Region onboard IOS SAGAR. He appreciated their role in strengthening maritime partnerships and fostering interoperability under the

SAGAR vision. The IOS Sagar mission is a unique programme enabling naval personnel from partner navies to train and sail together onboard an Indian Naval Ship, the High Commission of India in Singapore wrote on X. IOS SAGAR is a practical expression of vision MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), bringing together partner countries for collaboration towards effective maritime security, it mentioned. With the theme "One Ocean, One Mission", IOS SAGAR brings to-

gether naval personnel from 16 partner navies, including Singapore, to train and sail together onboard an Indian Naval Ship, reinforcing India's commitment to strengthening maritime security collaboration. It highlighted that 2026 is being celebrated as the year of India-ASEAN countries, and the participation of naval officers from ASEAN countries is a testimony to the robust defence cooperation and growing India-ASEAN maritime cooperation. On April 21, INS Sunayana arrived at Indonesia's state capital



Jakarta, marking the third port call of its operation deployment to the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

The Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) is deployed with a multinational crew from 16 friendly foreign countries on board.

INS Sunayna departed Phuket (Thailand) on April 17 on completion of a high-tempo three-day Operational Turnaround, marking the successful culmination of her second port call during the ongoing deployment.

'First time my dad will watch me live in a stadium,' says Harmanpreet ahead of ACT Punjab

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Indian men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh has described the Men's Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026 as a special occasion for the national team, with the tournament set to bring international hockey back to Punjab from October 27 to November 5, celebrating a state that has shaped generations of Indian hockey players.

India will compete alongside Malaysia, South Korea, China, Japan, and Bangladesh in the six-team tournament, which will be hosted across Jalandhar and Mohali. The competition marks the second time India will stage the men's edition of the Asian Champions Trophy, following Chennai's hosting in 2023.

For Harmanpreet, the tournament carries a personal significance, with the Indian skipper anticipating the opportunity to play an international match in his home state in front of family members.



'Delhi is proud of its own son': DDCA president Rohan Jaitley leads fraternity's birthday wishes for Gambhir

New Delhi, Oct 14 : Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) president Rohan Jaitley extended his wishes to former Indian player and current head coach Gautam Gambhir on his 45th birthday on Wednesday, saying Delhi is proud of its own son and his invaluable contribution to Indian cricket. "Happy Birthday, Gautam Gambhir! Wishing you good health, happiness and continued success. Delhi is proud of its own son and his invaluable contribution to Indian cricket. May you continue to inspire generations and take Indian cricket to greater heights," Jaitley told IANS. Former India cricketers Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina also extended their birthday wishes to Gambhir.

Jodar becomes second-youngest Shanghai Masters quarterfinalist

Shanghai, Oct 14 : Rafael Jodar battled back from a set down for the third consecutive match to reach the quarter-finals at the Shanghai Masters, a penultimate ATP Masters 1000 event of the season. The 20-year-old defeated Botic van de Zandschulp 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-2 in two hours and 30 minutes to become the second-youngest Shanghai quarter-finalist.



'Feels like it was a century ago': Sakkari revisits Wuhan breakthrough after Kostyuk upset

Wuhan, Oct 14 : Maria Sakkari's return to the Dongfeng Voyah Wuhan Open has brought her career full circle, with the Greek recovering from a set down to defeat eighth seed Marta Kostyuk 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 on Tuesday and reach the third round. The victory has revived memories of her breakthrough run at the tournament in 2017, when a string of high-profile wins helped her break into the world's top 50 for the first time.



Iyer attains career-best fourth spot in T20I rankings after maiden T20I ton

New Delhi, Oct 14 : India captain Shreyas Iyer has reached a career-high fourth position in the latest ICC T20I rankings for batters after moving up three places following his impressive start to the five-match home series against the West Indies.

Iyer smashed his maiden T20I century in the series opener in Lucknow, earning a significant rise in the latest rankings. His ascent to fourth place means India now have three players inside the top four, with Ishan Kishan leading the list and Abhishek Sharma occupying second position.

Pakistan captain Sahibzada Farhan sits third after achieving a career-best rating following an impressive performance against Sri Lanka.

Other batters making progress in the T20I rankings include Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis, who climbed three places to 23rd, West Indies' Sherfane Rutherford, who rose 13 spots to share 24th position, and India's Sanju Samson, who moved up four places to equal 27th. Pakistan youngster Maaz Sadaqat also made a significant jump, rising from outside the top 100 to 45th following his performances in the three-match series against Sri Lanka.



Swiatek reaches 40-win milestone, Svitolina battles past Samsonova in Wuhan

Wuhan, Oct 14 : Iga Swiatek recorded her 40th win of the season, while Elina Svitolina survived a three-set contest against Liudmila Samsonova to reach the third round of the Wuhan Open on Wednesday. Both players remain in contention for qualification for the season-ending WTA Finals.

The seventh-seeded Swiatek defeated compatriot Magdalena Frech 6-2, 6-1 in 1 hour and 43 minutes, registering her 149th career victory at WTA 1000 events.



Beijing to host BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2027

Kuala Lumpur, Oct 14 : The Badminton World Federation (BWF) on Wednesday announced Beijing, China, as host of the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2027, scheduled to take place from April 21 to May 2. It marks Beijing's first staging of a BWF Individual or Team World Championships since it hosted the

BWF Sudirman Cup in 2005. The city also staged the BWF World Championships in 1987. "China has long played an important role in the development and global success of badminton.



'We made too many simple errors,' says Kane after Bayern's draw against Viking

Stavanger, Oct 14 : Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane rued his team's defensive errors after the German champions were held to a 3-3 draw by Viking FK in their second group stage match of the UEFA Champions League, despite recovering from a two-goal deficit to take the lead.

Kane scored twice in the second half as Bayern overturned a 2-0 deficit, while Luis Diaz put the visitors ahead. However, Michael Olise's red card changed the course of the match before Herman Haugen scored a late equaliser to earn Viking a point.

Reflecting on the result, Kane admitted Bayern had struggled in the first half but felt the team had done enough after the break to win the match. "The first half was poor for us. We did much better in the second half: we were the better side.