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Hyderabad, Oct 16 : Hyderabad City Police conducted an extensive midnight crackdown under "Operation Kavach", deploying nearly 3,000 personnel in more than 100 teams across major city junctions between 1 am and 3 am on Thursday. The special drive resulted in the detention

of 725 vehicles and the apprehension of 48 suspects. Police also registered five cases of minor driving, one illegal weapon possession case and two cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, besides booking other violations. Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar personally inspected vehicle checks at Chandrayangutta, Mailardevpally, Satamrai, Attapur, Bandlaguda and Rajendranagar, reviewing the operation and guiding officers.



Vakiti offers silk robes to Goddess Jogulamba
Hyderabad, Oct 16 : Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sports Vakiti Srihari on Friday presented silk robes to Goddess Jogulamba at the renowned Jogulamba temple in Alampur on behalf of the Telangana government on the occasion of the Dasara Sharannavaratri festival.



Revanth pitches Hyderabad as Hyundai's car manufacturing hub

Hyderabad, Oct 16 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has pitched Telangana as an ideal destination for Hyundai to establish car manufacturing facilities, citing Hyderabad's strategic location, robust transport infrastructure and conducive industrial ecosystem. A delegation of Hyundai Motor India Engineering (HMIE), led by its Managing Director Changyeon Cho, met the Chief Minister at the Bodhi Pavilion on Friday. Revanth Reddy assured the delegation that the State government would extend all possible support to facilitate manufacturing investments and expedite the company's proposed projects in

Telangana. "We are centrally located in the country, and Hyderabad is known for being cosmopolitan, safe and one of the most liveable among India's six metropolitan cities," he said. The Chief Minister assured the Hyundai leadership of the government's support in expediting work on the company's proposed Integrated Global R&D facility at the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Zaheerabad.



CM Chandrababu presents silk garments to Goddess Kanaka Durga

Vijayawada, Oct 16 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu presented silk garments pattu vastralu to Goddess Sri Kanaka Durgamma, who resides atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada. Accompanied by his wife, the Chief Minister offered prayers to the Goddess and performed special rituals. Upon his arrival at the temple, he was welcomed in a traditional manner by temple officials and priests. Subsequently, Vedic scholars offered him blessings ashirvachanam.

Mohini Avataram mesmerizes devotees



Tirumala, Oct 16 : On the bright sunny day on Friday witnessed Sri Malayappa donning Mohini... The Universal celestial beauty Alankara as a part of ongoing Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams at Tirumala on fifth day.

NDA partners in Andhra finalise seat-sharing for Urban Local Body polls

Amaravati, Oct 16 : Partners in the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Andhra Pradesh have reached a seat sharing agreement for Urban Local Body elections. After several rounds of talks among leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Jana Sena Party (JSP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during the last four days, the allies finalised the seat sharing on Thursday night. Initially there was a deadlock in the talks between TDP and JSP but both the parties adopted a give and take approach to reach an understanding. The NDA partners finalised the seat sharing in line with the aspirations of their leaders and cadres at the field level. As per the agreement for the posts of mayor for 17 municipal corporations, the TDP will contest 11

posts, Jana Sena four and BJP two. The coalition also reached an understanding for the posts of chairpersons of municipalities/nagar panchayats. The TDP will field candidates for 78 posts while Jana Sena will contest in 21 places. Seven posts have been left for the BJP. As per the agreement for all Urban Local Bodies, TDP has been allotted 72.35 per cent of the posts. Jana Sena got a share of 20.33 per cent and BJP 7.32 per



cent. If one ally gets the post of mayor/chairman, the other allies will be given the post of deputy mayor/vice-chairperson.

The TDP will contest for the posts of mayors of Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Machilipatnam.



Tension in Delhi following the arrest of CJP leaders; call given to hoist the national flag at Connaught Place

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The atmosphere in Delhi has heated up due to ongoing unrest. The preemptive detention of Abhijit Deepke—founder of the 'Cockroach Janata Party' (CJP)—along with other party leaders Sourav Das and Ashutosh Ramkala, by the Delhi Police has sparked a major controversy. Strongly condemning these arrests, the CJP has called for the hoisting of the national tricolor flag at Central Park in Connaught Place as a form of protest against the detention of their leaders. In light of this, the Delhi Police, remaining vigilant, deployed a large number of police personnel in the vicinity of Central Park and put in place stringent security arrangements to prevent any untoward incidents.

'Operation Trishul' aimed at eradicating drugs: AP DGP

Amaravati, Oct 16: Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta stated that 'Operation Trishul' has been launched with the objectives of eradicating drugs, ensuring the safety of women and children, and preventing road accidents. Speaking to the media today (Friday), he mentioned that information had been received regarding the illegal cultivation of cannabis (ganja) on a 9.5-acre agricultural plot near Dattaluru village in Nellore district. With the help of drone technology, their team identified approximately 1,731 cannabis plants hidden amidst a maize crop on a 9.5-acre farm. Preliminary investigations revealed that this illicit cultivation had been taking place for the past three months under the supervision of Uppalapati Subba Reddy, a resident of Dattaluru.



Chandrababu Naidu has turned Andhra Pradesh into 'jungle raj', says Jagan after attack on MP

Tadepalli (Andhra Pradesh), Oct 16 : Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress President, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Friday alleged that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has turned Andhra Pradesh into a 'jungle raj'. Jagan Mohan Reddy strongly condemned an attack on YSRCP Lok Sabha leader and MP Peddireddy Mithun Reddy and spoke to him over the phone to enquire about the incident and his condition. The YSRCP chief said Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had no intention of allowing the local body elections to be conducted peacefully and fairly. He said there was intense public opposition to the coalition government after two-and-a-half years of its rule.



'Opposition wants coup, not electoral reform': BJP MP Sambit Patra targets Rahul Gandhi over SIR

New Delhi, Oct 16 : BJP MP Sambit Patra on Friday came down heavily on the Opposition over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, claiming that senior Supreme Court advocate Prashant Bhushan has exposed its real agenda by stating that the ongoing fight was aimed at a change of government. Patra said Bhushan's remarks made it clear that the Opposition was not fighting over "SIR or the future of children" but is seeking to capture power at any cost. "This country is not anyone's private property. It belongs to 140 crore people. The people of the country have been saying for a long time that Rahul Gandhi and his associates are not concerned about SIR. They are not even fighting for the future of children. Their only objective is to bring about a coup, capture power at any cost.

Preparing for El Niño: An Action Plan Must Be Formulated : District Collector Garima Agrawal

- Farmers advised not to sow paddy, in accordance with government directives
- Farmers urged to cultivate alternative crops as recommended by Agriculture and Horticulture department officials
- Review meeting held with officials from various departments regarding the impact of El Niño

Rajanna Sircilla, Oct 16 : District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed officials from various departments to prepare a concrete action plan to address the impact of El Niño. On Friday, at the District Integrated Office Complex, the Collector held a review meeting with representatives from the Agriculture, Horticulture, Irrigation, and Groundwater departments, as well as NPDCL, Mission Bhagiratha, the Rural Development department, Municipal Commissioners, and the District Panchayat Officer. Addressing the meeting, District Collector Garima Agrawal noted that water levels in irrigation projects are gradually declining and groundwater levels are also falling. Consequently, in line with state government directives and the advice of agricultural officials, she urged farmers not to sow paddy. She further encouraged farmers to come forward to cultivate alternative crops—such as vegetables, pulses, and oil palm—following the guidance provided by the Agriculture and Horticulture departments. Officials from the Agriculture and Horticulture



departments have been directed to prepare an action plan for crop cultivation, based on the availability of water resources in each mandal. Under the 'Telangana Jalasiri' scheme—overseen by the District Rural Development Department—officials were instructed to meet the targets for constructing borewell recharge pits, farm ponds, and 'magic' soak pits. The Mission Bhagiratha department was advised to prepare an action plan and begin arranging the necessary machinery and other requirements immediately. Furthermore, instructions were issued to ensure the supply of water to all municipalities and gram panchayats in the district, while also emphasizing the need to prevent water wastage; specifically, it was mandated that all water taps be equipped with on-off switches. The NPDCL (Northern Power Distribution Company Limited) officials were directed to formulate an action plan tailored to future requirements. Regarding the Animal Husbandry Department, it was stressed that the provision of fodder for livestock.



Four workers killed in blast during pipe-fitting work at Gujarat factory

Gandhinagar, Oct 16 : Four workers were killed in an explosion during pipe-fitting work near a boiler vessel at a chemical factory in Chhatral GIDC Phase-4 in Gujarat's Gandhinagar district, officials said on Friday. The blast occurred at Kovika Dyes & Intermediates, a manufacturer and exporter of dyes operating in the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) industrial estate, a local police official told IANS. According to preliminary findings, a pipe may have burst due to pressure while workers were carrying out pipe-fitting work near a boiler vessel, triggering the explosion. The exact cause of the incident is yet to be established. The deceased were identified as Vinodkumar Nandlal Singh (42), Teda Dehari (18) and Sikandar Lakhani Dehari (40), all residents of Jharkhand, and Laxman Meena, a resident of Udaipur in Rajasthan.

CM Revanth Reddy discourages paddy cultivation for the Yasangi (rabi) season—but how will justice be served to the farmers?

Rajanna Sircilla, Oct 16: BRS District President Thota Agaiah has expressed strong indignation over CM Revanth Reddy's stance against paddy cultivation during the Yasangi season, questioning how farmers are expected to survive and how justice will be delivered to them. Speaking at a press conference held on Thursday at the Telangana Bhavan in Sircilla, alongside other BRS leaders, Agaiah alleged that the government is deliberately withholding

water and electricity from farmers to avoid having to pay a bonus on their produce. He accused the Congress government of causing immense hardship to the farming community by failing to provide any support. BRS Secretary Guduri Praveen stated that CM Revanth Reddy has betrayed the farmers by imposing power cuts and abandoning the Rythu Bandhu scheme. He remarked that it is absurd for the CM—who has failed to provide irrigation water and lacks any foresight—to simply tell farmers not to cultivate paddy.

CESS (Cooperative Electric Supply Society) Chairman Chikkala Rama Rao warned that they would not remain silent if crops wither due to a lack of electricity within the CESS jurisdiction. Farmers are currently struggling to access irrigation water because of power shortages. He demanded that the government put an end to these power cuts immediately; otherwise, they would launch protests alongside the farmers, including dharnas (sit-ins) if even a single gunta (small unit of land) of crops dries up.



BRS District President Thota Agayya, speaking at a press conference with key party leaders

Chikkala Rama Rao further insisted that the government must ensure an uninterrupted power supply to the farmers. Present at this meeting were former District Library Authority Chairman Pakkanuri Shankaraiah, BRS party town president Jindam Chakrapani,

Municipal Vice-Chairman Darla Sandeep Nyalakonda Raghavareddy, Mana Ravi, Gajabinkar Rajanna, councilors Balu, Nagaraju, Sampath, Srikanth Rao, Amar Rao, and Meesala Krishna, among others.



NCW invites applications for research on women-centric issues

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The National Commission for Women (NCW) has invited applications for 'SHAKTI Scholars: NCW's Young Thinkers Research Fellowship Program 2.0', encouraging young students and researchers to undertake policy-oriented research on issues affecting women in India, an official said on Friday. Eligible candidates have been advised to apply by October 30, the NCW official said in a statement. The fellowship aims to promote multidisciplinary research in areas including women's leadership and political participation, health and nutrition, education, economic empowerment, legal rights, cyber safety, climate action, work-life balance, gender-based violence and other women-centric issues, it added. The fellowship is open to Indian citizens aged 21–30 years, holding at least a graduate degree from a recognised institution. "Preference will be given to candidates pursuing or having completed postgraduate studies. Eligible independent researchers may also apply.

Gujarat food unit sealed over sauce-like food product; 2,000 kg of stock prohibited

Ahmedabad, Oct 16 : The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has sealed a food manufacturing unit in the Behrampura area for producing a sauce-like food product resembling tomato ketchup without using tomatoes, and prohibited around 2,000 kg of finished products and raw materials. The AMC's Food Safety Department took action against M J F FOOD, which manufactures a product sold under the name "Tasty Snack Touch Up", after an inspection found discrepancies in its manufacturing process, labelling and documentation. According to the department,

the product was prepared using potato flakes and corn flour, along with sugar, salt, colour, acetic acid, preservatives and stabilisers. No tomatoes were used at any stage of the manufacturing process, although the finished product resembled tomato ketchup in appearance and texture. The department said the presentation of the product and its labelling were being examined because consumers could mistake it for a tomato-based product. The product was reportedly being sold in 5 kg packs for Rs 100. The inspection also raised questions over the unit's FSSAI registration details. "Registration number 2072605400039 was displayed at the premises, listing M J F FOOD



at Survey Nos. 141/142/143, Plot No. 150 (part), Sub-plot No. 20, Lucky Estate, Pirana Sewage Farm Road, Behrampura, Ahmedabad," officials said. The department said discrepancies had been noticed between the details displayed at the premises and those relating to the business unit, prompting further verification. The product label listed water, vegetable pulp (10 per cent),

stabilising agents (INS-1422 and INS-415), iodised salt, an acidity regulator (INS-260), red chilli powder, spices and condiments. However, the unit failed to produce the requested purchase bills to verify the ingredients listed on the label and their actual use in the manufacturing process. Following the inspection, the department sealed the unit and detained approximately 2,000 kg of finished products, potato powder and other raw materials, stopping their sale and distribution. A sample of the sauce was collected for laboratory testing.

Manipur violence caused Rs 1,200 crore GST revenue loss, says CM

Imphal, Oct 16 : Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said on Friday that the ethnic violence that erupted on May 3, 2023, had severely affected the state's economy, resulting in an estimated revenue loss of around Rs 1,200 crore in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections between 2023 and 2026. Addressing the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' at the Tadubi local

ground in the Naga-dominated Senapati district, the Chief Minister added that the prolonged unrest had adversely affected economic activities and government revenue. He lauded the people of Maram, Tadubi and Mao in Senapati district for their cooperation in restoring the free movement of passenger buses and other vehicles along the National Highway connecting Imphal to Guwahati via Dimapur in Nagaland.

He added that the resumption of free movement along the highway had boosted the state's economy and improved connectivity between different parts of the region. The Chief Minister also said that bandhs and blockades had adversely affected daily-wage earners and students across the state. He emphasised that differences among communities could be resolved through dialogue and mutual understanding. Khemchand Singh said that



the 36 different communities residing in Manipur had cooperated with the kings of the state during the Manipuri-Burmese

War, collectively resisting and successfully driving away the Burmese Army to safeguard the state.

be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

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Telangana heading for crisis due to unprecedented El Nino situation

With declining water reserves and soaring demand for electricity, Telangana is heading for a potential crisis due to an unprecedented El Nino situation, warned Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday. Stating that the next 9-10 months will be very difficult, he urged farmers to defer the ‘Yasangi’ (Rabi) crop to secure the state’s drinking water supply and appealed to people to conserve water. He also warned that crops across 10 lakh acres are likely to suffer damage during the ‘Vanakalam’ (Kharif) despite all the efforts to prevent withering of crops, he said. Addressing a press conference after a meeting with the ministers to review the situation caused by El Nino, Revanth Reddy said reservoirs in the Krishna basin have 72% less water compared to last year. Similarly, the Krishna basin has 40% less water. The state had a 23% rain-fall deficit during the monsoon. “No reservoir has enough water to supply both drinking and farming needs. Usually, at this time in a typical year, we have 462 TMC of water across all reservoirs. Today, we have only 200 TMC. This is an unprecedented moment of crisis for all of us,” he said. As the state needs to supply drinking water to 24,000 villages, he said that available reserves must be used carefully. The Chief Minister said that water for irrigation must be used judiciously, and electricity should be consumed sparingly. He stressed the need to ensure drinking water and fodder for livestock. Otherwise, animals could perish in large numbers. The state is also facing the problem due to a rise in electricity demand. The demand has soared to 20,003 MW against the normal level of around 15,000 MW for October. There has been an increase in electricity demand of 5,000 MW mainly due to increased use of agriculture pump sets. The electricity consumption by the domestic sector has also gone up as the temperatures typically seen in March are being experienced in October. He pointed out that about 30 lakh agriculture pump sets are functioning across the state. The Chief Minister revealed that the government was purchasing electricity at prevailing market rates to protect standing crops ahead of the monsoon harvest, expected in about 20 days. He also appealed to avoid wasting water on activities like washing vehicles. The Chief Minister announced that the government is preparing an action plan to take up repairs to tanks, lakes and ponds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. e called on the Centre to provide financial assistance to farmers affected by crop losses and those who might skip the next season.

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India, Japan hold talks on closer ties in road infra sector

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The India-Japan Joint Working Group (JWG) on Roads and Road Transportation Sector held deliberations here on Friday to facilitate the exchange of technical knowledge, experience, and best practices between the two countries, while exploring opportunities for enhanced collaboration in the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of road infrastructure. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of India-Japan cooperation in advancing road and transport infrastruc-

ture through technological innovation, sustainable construction practices, and the exchange of technical expertise. The meeting provides an important platform for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the road transportation sector between the two nations, with particular emphasis on advanced construction technologies, tunnel and bridge engineering, sustainable infrastructure development, and the application of new and digital technologies in road management. Experts and representatives from the Indian and Japanese technical institutions and industry shared their knowledge and experiences



during the technical presentations and interactive question-and-answer sessions. The deliberations provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on the adoption of innovative technologies and sustainable practices for improving the quality, efficiency and management of road infrastructure. The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways with the participation of representatives from the In-

dian and Japanese governments, along with relevant institutions and industry stakeholders. Under the whole-of-government approach, the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Power also actively participated in the meeting. The meeting aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which envisages India as a

Odisha to begin door-to-door survey from Oct 26 for Panchayat and ULB polls

Bhubaneswar, Oct 16 : Odisha State Election Commissioner Madhusudan Padhi on Friday announced that a door-to-door survey will begin on October 26 to prepare transparent and error-free electoral rolls for the 2027 Panchayat and Urban Local Body elections in the state. Addressing a press conference, Padhi stated that “the survey will be conducted to ensure that the electoral rolls are transparent, accurate and properly organised in view of the upcoming Panchayat and Urban Local Body elections. The personnel engaged for the exercise will visit every household from October 26 and collect the required information.” He further added that information related to the voter list will be verified through the survey, and emphasis will be placed on inclusion of the eligible voters’ names in the list correctly. The survey and subsequent preparation of the electoral rolls will be completed within the stipulated timeframe. As per the schedule announced on Thursday, the draft electoral rolls will be published on January 1, 2027, allowing voters to verify their names and other details. Voters will have 20 days to file claims and objections in case of errors, discrepancies or issues relating to names in the rolls. Specific forms will be used for rural, urban and municipal corporation areas to add names, correct details or delete ineligible entries from the electoral rolls.



Applications for inclusion of names or correction of details can be submitted through Claim Form 16 in rural areas, Form III in urban areas and Form VII in municipal corporation areas. Similarly, objections seeking deletion of names can be filed through Form 17 in rural areas, Form IV in urban areas and Form VIII in municipal corporation areas. After publication of the draft electoral rolls, the claims and objections received will be examined at the level of the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs).



J&K : SPO goes missing along with service rifle in Kishtwar

Jammu, Oct 16 : A Special Police Officer (SPO) has gone missing along with his service rifle from J&K’s Kishtwar district, officials said on Friday. Officials said a 55-year-old Special Police Officer (SPO), identified as Bashir Ahmed, has gone missing along with his service rifle from Kishtwar district. Security forces have started a manhunt to trace the missing SPO. Reports said on Wednesday morning, the SPO left his deployment at the Trigham Police Picket to head toward his home in Wanipora Trigam.



Kolkata court asks Mahua Moitra to immediately delete objectionable post targeting current Bengal CS

Kolkata, Oct 16 : A court in Kolkata on Friday directed Mahua Moitra, the Trinamool Congress-Mamata Lok Sabha member from Krishnanagar constituency in Nadia district of West Bengal, to immediately delete two derogatory social media posts made by her about the current West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Agarwal over the latter’s role in the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise when he was the State’s Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). In the social media post, Moita described Agarwal as “Vote Chor (Vote Thief)”. Agarwal first served a legal notice to Moitra over the posts and subsequently filed a defamation suit against her demanding a libel compensation of Rs 10 crore. The matter came up for hearing at a lower court at Alipore in South Kolkata on Thursday and at the end of the hearing the judge of the court said that Krishnagar Lok Sabha MP will not be able to share any new post on social media making any defamatory comments against the Chief Secretary.



Delhi Metro hosts global urban mobility leaders at public transport association’s meet

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) hosted the Policy Board Meeting of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), bringing together leaders, including 46 delegates, to deliberate on challenges in urban mobility, an official said on Friday. The foreign delegates, who represented 36 organisations from 19 countries, shared global insights on emerging trends and strategic priorities for urban mobility. Speaking at the meeting, D. Thara, Secretary, Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, emphasised the need

for human-centric, integrated public transport systems, safer pedestrian infrastructure and better utilisation of existing transport capacity. She advocated adapting international best practices to Indian conditions, introducing dynamic scheduling, exploring non-fare box revenue opportunities and considering congestion charges to promote sustainable mobility. Thara lauded DMRC’s contribution to transforming urban mobility in Delhi, providing safe, reliable and efficient transport to millions of commuters, and acknowledged its pioneering role in metro rail development across India, setting benchmarks for other cities, said a statement issued by Anuj Dayal, Principal Executive Director, Corporate Communications, DMRC. Other dignitaries at the event included Gautier Brodeo, President, UITP; Lilli Matson, Deputy President,

UITP; Mohamed Mezghani, Secretary General, UITP; and Vikas Kumar, Managing Director, DMRC. The inaugural session featured a welcome address by DMRC MD Vikas Kumar, followed by an address by UITP President Brodeo, the statement said. The UITP Policy Board is a key governance body responsible for determining the association’s public transport policy positions and its Integrated Global Work Plan. Its meetings provide a platform for public transport leaders to exchange perspectives, share international experiences and shape policy direction for the sector worldwide, the statement said. Established in 1885 and headquartered in Brussels, UITP is the global association for public transport and sustainable urban mobility. It represents more than 2,000 member organisations across more than 100 countries.

‘India’s welfare or foreign agenda,’ BJP

questions Cong’s priority as Pitroda endorses George Soros



New Delhi, Oct 16 : Indian Overseas Congress chief Sam Pitroda found himself at the centre of controversy on Friday over endorsing George Soros, a known anti-India business magnate, while seeing “nothing troubling or unsettling” in his expanding influence. The BJP took strong objection to Pitroda’s support for a \$10 billion investment from the US-based billionaire and accused the Congress party of being “hand in glove” with the foreign forces that seek to

destabilise the nation. It further said that Pitroda’s backing of Soros raises questions about the grand old party’s intentions and integrity. The controversy erupted after Pitroda, a veteran Congressman and also mentor of Rahul Gandhi, said in an exclusive interaction with IANS, “If George Soros was to bring in a \$10 billion investment to do something good, it could be something worth looking at.” Baijayant Jay Panda, BJP’s national vice-president, strongly objected to Pitroda’s comments, stating, “When senior Congress leaders see nothing troubling in George Soros’s influence, their own political alignment comes under scrutiny.”

US senators seek probe over satellite outages endangering troops in Ukraine

Washington, Oct 16 : Nine bi-partisan US senators demanded an immediate Pentagon investigation into disruptions to satellite communications and intelligence-sharing services in Ukraine, warning that American diplomatic and military personnel may have been endangered during Russian air attacks. In a letter to Defence Department Inspector General Platte Moring III, the lawmakers sought to determine whether US officials authorised, directed or knew in advance about restrictions affecting Starlink and Starshield services used by Ukrainian forces. The letter was led by Democratic Senator Jeanne Shaheen, ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,

and Republican Senator Thom Tillis. It was also signed by Senators Dick Durbin, Susan Collins, Jack Reed, John Cornyn, Chris Coons, Lisa Murkowski and Richard Blumenthal. The senators said reported disruptions between October 12 and 14 had affected communications supporting Ukrainian drones and aircraft. They expressed particular concern about reports that American personnel experienced difficulties reaching shelters during Russian air raids amid problems involving intelligence-sharing and early-warning systems. "We are particularly alarmed by incidents in which US diplomatic, military, and security personnel were unable to reach designated bunkers during Russian air raids," the lawmakers wrote. They asked the inspector general to establish whether decisions by



the Pentagon or its contractors contributed to those circumstances. According to the letter, Ukrainian military testing on October 14 reportedly identified restrictions affecting Starlink terminals operating at speeds exceeding approximately 63 miles per hour. The senators said SpaceX had reportedly acknowledged a service restriction at 100 miles per hour. Such limitations could affect drones and other fast-moving military platforms that depend on satellite connectivity for communications and operational coordination. "To use Starshield and Starlink as intended, Ukraine needs access to unlimited speeds, which was its service arrangement prior to this reported restriction," the senators wrote. They noted that some relevant services were provided through contractual arrangements administered by the US Space Force.



South Korea concerned over USFK chief's OPCON remarks : Minister

Seoul, Oct 16 : South Korean Defence Minister Kang Shin-chul said Friday that Seoul has conveyed concerns to the United States over remarks by the chief of the US Forces Korea (USFK) that conditions for the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) have changed. Kang made the remarks during a parliamentary audit of military courts, a day after USFK Commander Gen. Xavier Brunson said that conditions had changed regarding the transfer of wartime OPCON from the United States to South Korea amid evolving security circumstances. "We have already conveyed our position on that matter," Kang said after Rep. Son Sol of the progressive Jinbo Party asked whether Seoul should strongly protest Brunson's comments, Yonhap News Agency reported.

"Though (Brunson's) comments were made from a military perspective, we are concerned about their broader implications and are making our position clear," he added. Brunson said the allies have "new standards which we have to uphold" for the OPCON transfer, citing North Korea's recent missile launches. On Monday, Pyongyang test-fired tactical ballistic missiles to ward the East Sea, with its state media describing the launches as a major success in upgrading a key component of its weapons systems.



Vance attacks Muslim Democrat in Senate race

Washington, Oct 16 : US Vice President JD Vance and senior Republican leaders launched a fierce attack on Muslim Democratic Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed at a campaign rally in Michigan, accusing him of sympathising with extremist organisations, questioning his patriotism and portraying his candidacy as a threat to American values. The attacks came during a rally in Monroe, Michigan, where Vance campaigned for Republican Senate candidate Mike Rogers ahead of the November 3 midterm elections. Rogers, a former FBI agent and chairman of the House Intelligence Committee accused El-Sayed of concealing alleged connections to the Muslim Brotherhood and Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.



1.4 billion USD needed to finance Ebola response: Africa CDC

Addis Ababa, Oct 16 : The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said on Friday that the continental Ebola outbreak response and preparedness plan requires 1.4 billion US dollars, as the number of confirmed cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda climbed to 1,138, with 293 deaths. "1.4 billion dollars is needed for the combined humanitarian and health aspects of the re-

sponse," Africa CDC Director General Jean Kaseya said during an online press briefing. "If we don't have this, and if we don't resolve the humanitarian issue, we will not stop this outbreak." Recalling a total of 910 million US dollars in Ebola-specific pledges announced by African states.

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3.	Bhukya Srinivas S/O Laxman, Age: 48yrs, R/O Hno: 9-1-168/12a, Shanthi Nagar Colony, Bhadrachalam, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507111.

Sir/Madam, SUB:IntendingSale Notice about Sale of Properties belonging to NIDANAPALLI LAXMI SIRISHA (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. BDCLMTF2112300005.

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 Sri Towers, Plot No.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.26,65,466/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 10.09.2025 along with subsequent interest / expenses within the time stipulated therein. 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 C/JM Kothagudem with CrI. Mp No: 20/2026, for taking Physical possession, and taken physical possession of the properties on 28.09.2026 with executive assistance under section 14 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 details of the service provider, in which three-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: Nidanapalli Laxmi Sirisha With Document No: 341/2021 RCC Building Bearing H.No.2-24 In A Plinth Area Of 282 Sq.Fts In The Total House Site Of 1094 Sq.Yards Situated At Nellipaka Banjara Village, Aswapuram Mandal Of Bhadradi Kothagudem District Is Bounded By: East: Sri Krishna Temple West: Vacant Land North: GP Road, South: Land Of Komirelli Rami Reddy.,

Date: 14-10-2026, Place: Khammam Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032. Administrative Office:6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.Q2, Aaurum Q Park, gen.4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch Office Address: MG Road, Kothagudem. Zonal Office Address:-SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD., Zonal Office, Wyra Road, SBI Buildings, Khammam-507001

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.	Ashok Naga Raju Talari S/O Thirupathiah, Age: 52yrs, Occu: Sony Traders, R/O: H.No.6-12-127, Safai Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt.
2.	Talari Padmavathi W/O Ashok Nagaraju, R/O: H.No.6-12-127, Safai Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt
3.	Tolem Koteswar Rao S/O Ramaswamy, Age: 50yrs, Occu: Jpa In Appengo, Emp Id: 55683, R/O: Bg-43, Im Colony, KTPS, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt.
4.	Syed Aleem S/O Syed Nayeem, Age: 43yrs, Occu: Sony Traders Nuts & Bolts Business, R/O: H.No.16-1-36, ZPSS Road, Bollorigudem, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt.

Sir/Madam, SUB: Intending Sale Notice about Sale of Properties belonging to ASHOK NAGARAJU TALARI (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 Agreement No. KTGDMTF1806300022.

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 Sri Towers, Plot No.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 20-03-2026 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.47,44,584/- (Rupees FortySeven Lakh FortyFour Thousand Five Hundred EightyFour Only) as on 20.03.2026 along with subsequent interest / expenses within the time stipulated therein. 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 C/JM Kothagudem with CrI. Mp No: 25/2026, for taking Physical possession, and taken physical possession of the properties on 08.10.2026 with executive assistance under section 14 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 details of the service provider, in which three-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: Ashok Nagaraju Talari With Document No: 3922/2018 RCC Roofed Building Along With Its House Site Of An Extent Of 227.74 Sq.Yards Bearing Sy.No.142 Of Kothagudem Revenue Village Bearing H.No.6-12-127/1, At Safai Basthi Of Kothagudem Town And Mandal Of Bhadradi Kothagudem District Bounded By: Rcc Plinth Area 967 Sq.Feet: East: House Of Mogalaiah West: House Of Md.Khuda Baksh North : Existing Wide Road South: House Of Md.Ameer

Date: 14-10-2026, Place: Khammam Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

Stephen Miller says US asylum system effectively closed



Washington, Oct 16 : The Trump administration has effectively closed the United States to asylum seekers and will continue expanding deportations, White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller said, outlining the administration's headline immigration agenda. In an exchange with reporters at the White House, Miller said the administration has entered into agreements with other countries to receive people seeking asylum instead of allowing them to remain in the United States. "I think what's important point is that this administration on the asylum court is being implemented.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032. Administrative Office:6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.Q2, Aaurum Q Park, gen.4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch Office Address: Wyra Road SBI Building Khammam. Zonal Office Address:-SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD., Zonal Office, Wyra Road, SBI Buildings, Khammam-507001

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.	Ganta Srinivasa Rao, S/O: Venkaiah, Age: 36 Yrs, Occ: Dcreations Digital Mixing Unit, R/O: H.No:7-50, Venkatapuram,Mudigonda(M), Khammam(D), (Borrower No.1)
2.	Mansoor Ali Shaik, S/O: Sajeed Baba, Age: 41 Yrs, Occ: Kirana Shop, R/O: H.No:11-10-681, Burhanpuam, Khammam(D), (Co-Borrower/Guarantor No.1)

Sir/Madam, SUB: Intending Sale Notice about Sale of Properties belonging to GANTA SRINIVASA RAO (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 Agreement No. KHAMAMTF1705240004.

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 Sri Towers, Plot No.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 22-01-2026 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. 32,89,461/- (Thirty two lakhs Eighty Nine thousand four hundred and Sixty One Rupees only) as on 22.01.2026 along with subsequent interest / expenses within the time stipulated therein. 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 C/JM Kothagudem with CrI. Mp No: 75/2026, for taking Physical possession, and taken physical possession of the properties on 26.09.2026 with executive assistance under section 14 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 details of the service provider, in which three-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: Ganta Srinivasa Rao With Document No: 4927/2017 RCC Roof House Bearing H.No.7-50 Along With Its Vacant Site Measuring 464.22 Sq. Yards Or 388.13 Mtrs Situated At Venkatapur Village And Gp Mudigonda Mandal Of Khammam District, Is Bounded By: North: Kukkala Peeramma. South: Grampanchayath Road East: Grampanchayath Road, West: Houses Of Chirra Achammam And G. Laxmaiah

Date: 14-10-2026, Place: Khammam Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

Kerala CM promises early decision on Kannur airport runway expansion



Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 16 : The Kerala government is reviewing its plan to acquire land for extending the runway at Kannur International Airport, with Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan admitting that the proposed site may not be suitable for runway construction and that the delay has caused hardship to residents. The government will examine what steps can be taken to resolve the issue and ease the difficulties faced by the affected families, Satheesan told the Assembly on Friday. The proposal involves acquiring around 99.32 hectares in Keezhallur village to extend the runway from the existing 3,050 metres to 4,000 metres. The estimated cost of land acquisition is around Rs 942.93 crore. The government had granted administrative sanction for acquiring 99.92 hectares for the runway extension through an order issued on December 27, 2016. However, the land has not been acquired even though the acquisition notification was issued in 2017. Satheesan said the houses in the affected area had begun to deteriorate because of the prolonged uncertainty.

MP: Indore prepares for possible water crisis after deficient rainfall



Indore, Oct 16 : Indore is preparing for a possible drinking water shortage in the coming months after receiving nearly 40 per cent less rainfall than its annual average, prompting the municipal corporation to step up contingency measures. The state's Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya directed officials to make advance arrangements at a review meeting on Thursday, attended by Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava, public representatives and officials. The Mayor has also sought a special package of Rs 50 crore from the state government to strengthen the city's water supply infrastructure. Additional Chief Secretary Anupam Rajan arrived in Indore from Bhopal on Thursday amid growing concerns over water availability. The meeting reviewed the city's current water situation and discussed alternative supply arrangements and measures to improve storage in local water bodies.



Lalu Prasad Yadav meets families of Raghapur boat accident victims

Patna, Oct 16 : RJD National President Lalu Prasad Yadav met families affected by the tragic boat accident in Raghapur, Vaishali district, at his residence in Patna on Friday. The grieving relatives recounted the circumstances of the accident and shared their anguish over the loss of their loved ones. Expressing his condolences, Lalu Prasad assured the families that he and the entire Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) would stand by them during this difficult time. Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav, former Chief Minister Rabri Devi and RJD MP from Pataliputra Misa Bharti were also present at the meeting. They offered their condolences and pledged to extend all possible assistance to the affected families. The tragedy occurred on Tuesday around 8.30 pm in the Raghapur Diara region of Vaishali district, within the jurisdiction of Raghapur police station and near Rampur Shyamchand Panchayat. According to the account provided, around 20 to 25 people were travelling in a small boat to attend a shradddha bhoj hosted by Singheshwar Rai near Mata Maharani Sthan in Bhagtan Tola when the vessel capsized mid-stream. The accident claimed 13 lives, including nine girls and four boys, leaving the local community in mourning. The Bihar government has announced an ex gratia payment of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kin of each person who lost their life in that tragic accident. The Central government has also announced assistance through the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), including Rs 2 lakh for the family of each deceased person and Rs 50,000 for those injured. Vaishali District Magistrate Varsha Singh has ordered an inquiry into the matter and sought explanations from the Circle Officer and the Station House Officer (SHO) of Raghapur. She has also ordered that the salaries of both officers be withheld until the inquiry is completed. The tragedy has prompted calls from political and social groups for adequate support.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)					
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL), under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, in and exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IIFL-HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower clears the dues of the IIFL-HFL, together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by IIFL-HFL, and no further step shall be taken by IIFL-HFL for transfer or sale of the secured assets.					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mr. Khadar Shaik Mrs. Sai Dha Mrs. Shamshad Begum Elditricity Road West, Land Of Dr. Shinde	All that piece & parcel of H.No. 8-86/1 On Plot No. 19, Sy No. 95, Nasapur, Mancherla, Adilabad, T.S. 504001 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 477 Bounded By: North: P. No. 18 Of P. Maliaah South: P. No. 20 Of M. Madunah East: Road West: Land Of Dr. Shinde	Rs.409289/- Rupees Four Lakh Nine Thousand Two Hundred & Eighty Nine Only	09-06-2026	12-10-2026	
Mr. Ravi Damodari Mrs. Damodari Jyothi Driver (Prospect No IL10396550)	All that piece & parcel of Dr.No-5-35/1, Sy.No:402/1/2, Gurampalli Village, Haddapalli Mandal, Karimnagar District, Telangana. 505187 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1724 Bounded By: North: Open Place Of D.Naresht South: Road East: Road West: House Of D.Narsaiah	Rs. 392036/- Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand And Thirty Six Rupees Only	07-07-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Anjaneyulu Goolia Mr. Balajiah Gulla Mrs. Gottimukula Sravanthi Owner And Driver Nissy Fansi Store (Prospect No IL10579385)	All that piece & parcel of Dr.No-2-64, Assessment No:190, Mirzapur Village, Hussainabad Mandal, Siddipet District, Telangana. 502472 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1252 Bounded By: North: Road South: Open Place Of G.Chinna Balajiah East: House Of G.Raj Kumar West: House Of G.Venkat Rajahai And Chinnia Balajiah	Rs.671773.17 Rupees Six Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred And Seventy Three & Seventeen Paise Only	09-06-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Boddipally Sadaiah Mrs. Swaroopa Election Income (Prospect No IL10769358)	All that piece & parcel of H.No. 4-265/3, Assessment No. 718, Raghavapur, Peddipalle Mandal, Karimnagar District, T.S. 505172 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 2178 Bounded By: North: House Of Boddipally Shankar South: Way East: Cc Road West: Open Place Of Adappa Maliaah	Rs. 522579/- Rupees Five Lakh Two Hundred And Seventy Nine Rupees Only	09-06-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Minugu Lakman Mies. Thangulu Durgabavani Daily Labour Matton Work And Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10770524)	All that piece & parcel of H.No. 2-16, Indaram Village, Jaipur, Mancherla Mandal, Adilabad District, Telangana. 504216 Area Adm.(In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Adm. Property Area: 1319 Bounded By: North: Own Galli Of Donor And House Of Minugu Anjantha South: House Of Minugu Kelamma East: Remaining Property Of Donor West: Gp Road	Rs. 892403/- Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred And Three Rupees Only	09-06-2026	12-10-2026	
Mr. Narasimha Raju N Mrs. N Nagendamma Mrs. Roja (Prospect No 969905)	All that piece & parcel of Door No-9-4-54, Sy.No.76/3c,Ambedkar Nagar, Hindupur, Tarn And Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515201 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 596.00, 972.00, 777.00 Bounded By: North: Municipal Road South: House Of Sanayappa East: House Of Pujari Kollayya West: House Of Narasimhan	Rs. 660624/- Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred And Twenty Four Rupees Only	20-06-2026	14-10-2026	
Mrs.Rajamma Mallarapu Mr. Rajagavahai Mallarapu Rajamma Dairy Farm Veldu Raghaviah Tractor Service (Prospect No IL10382001)	All that piece & parcel of Assessment No:725, Sy.No:371-1b, Sagarapur Village, Saitapadu Mandal, Sri Potti Sreenu Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh-524047 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1224 Bounded By: North: House Of T.Penchalaiah South: Road East: Road West: Road	Rs. 460852/- Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred And Fifty Two Rupees Only	07-07-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Sirinu Babu Palupalli Mrs. Kumari Palupalli (Prospect No IL10454109)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No.637, Sy.No.197/2, 198(1-1), Duppalapudi Village, Anaparthi Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-522001 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Plot No.596 South: Plot No.641 East: Plot No.636 West: Road	Rs. 295358/-Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Eight Rupees Only	08-05-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Madha Srinivasa Rao Mrs. Madha Mangamma Srinivasa Rao Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10456967)	All that piece & parcel of H.No. 2-46/2, Assessment No. 397, Sy.No. 325/2, Venkatakrishnapuram Village, Dwaraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari, A.P. 534426 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Andmd And Fifty Six Lakshmi House Site South: Vacant Site East: Road West: Road	Rs. 831956/- Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred And Fifty Six Rupees Only	08-05-2026	14-10-2026	

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office: 15-570-34-1, 1st Floor,Pallavi Towers, Opp. Canara bank Anantapur 515001, Andra Pradesh, India/Saibaba Temple, Swatatra Park Street, Gandhobhima, Centre, Pogathota, Nellore - 524002/ 2-1-25, Inokulu Kalyana Mandapam Opp Nandimithra Centre,Km Road, Tadapalugudan-534101, Andhra Pradesh/ H.No. 2-5-478 Adhalahi Circle, Oppo Deo Office,DC Plaza, 1st Floor,Hanumakonda Warangal - 506001/ D.No-5-22/B501,5th Floor, My Home Sarovar Plaza, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad-500004 or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Date: 17-10-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

Possession Notice					
Whereas, IIFL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said "Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said "Rules") issued a demand notice dated, calling upon the borrower viz., the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IIFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30-11-2025 assigned all its rights, title and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by IIFL-HFL, Bank to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 015 for the benefit of Arcil for the purpose of the said Act and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is in the lawful possession of the said assignment, Arcil now stands substituted in the place of IIFL-HFL and Arcil shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them. The borrower/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Arcil has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below. The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN R.s.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mr. Manepally Sathiah Mrs. Manepally Sunitha Sunitha Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10365754)	All that piece & parcel of: House Bearing No. 7-7/2, Ladhoo Village, Maddur Mandal, Siddipet District, Telangana- 506224 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 1575.00, 769.00, 769.00 Bounded By: North: House Of Jeedkanthi Ramulu South: House Of Koduru Yella Swamy East: House Of Nayalappalli Ramulu West: Gram Panchayath Road	Rs. 887119/- Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred And Nineteen Rupees Only	14-05-2026	14-10-2026	
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is in the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Arcil and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below. The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.					
ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD., CIN No.-U65999MH2002PLC134884 Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028. Tel: +91 2266581300. Website: www.arcil.co.in					

Possession Notice					
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 015 ("Arcil") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said "Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said "Rules") issued a demand notice dated, calling upon the borrower viz., the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	
Mrs. Kammani Sandhu Rani Mr. Bhanu Chander Narayandas (Prospect No IL10182086 & IL10562447)	All that piece & parcel of: Sy No 196/E, H No 1-11/2A, Teachers Colony, Farooqnagar, Shadnagar, Hyderabad, India. 509215 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Property Area: 1314.00, 674.00 Bounded By: North: Neighbours House South: Open Plot East: Open Plot West: 30 Feet Wide Road	Rs. 4089618.45/- Rupees Forty Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred And Eighteen & Forty Five Paise Only For IL10182086 & Rs. 829974.48/- Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy Four Rupees And Forty Eight Paise Only For IL10562447	13-01-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Guniganti Mahesh Miss. Guniganti Swana Latha (Prospect No IL1043616)	All that piece & parcel of: Survey No. 86/1, AT AI Siddipet Village, Chervyl Mandal, Madduru Dist, Aq 506223 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Property Area: 1683.00, 671.00 Bounded By: North: Land Of Anagani Narasimlu South: Open Place Of Beem Reddy Lingamma East: Open Place Of Beem Reddy Lingamma West: Road	Rs.731822.19/- Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred And Twenty Two & Nineteen Paise Only	02-01-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Gurram Umesha Goud Mrs. Gurram Renuka (Prospect No IL1036980)	All that piece & parcel of: Flat No 302, In 3rd Flor, Of Tirumala Residency, On Plot Nos 900 And 901, In Sy Nos 88 - 89 And 94, Situated At Puppuguda Village, Gandpet Mandal Ranga Reddy District, Is 501045 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1000 Bounded By: North: Corridor South: Open To Sky East: Open To Sky West: Open To Sky	Rs.3233382.05/- Rupees Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred And Eighty Two Rupees And Five Paise Only	06-01-2026	14-10-2026	
Mr. Srinivas Chintihala Hanter And Andar Woner Mrs. Chintihala Lakshmi (Prospect No IL103717089)	All that piece & parcel of: House No. 3-34, at siddipet Village, Hanter And Andar Woner Mrs. Chintihala Lakshmi, 2340.00, 962.00 Bounded By: North: Open Place Of Chakali Venkataiah South: House Of Chentihala Bapuraju East: Road West: House & Open Place Of Balda Yelliah	Rs. 1169662.12/-Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred And Sixty Two Rupees and Twelve Paise Only	02-01-2026	14-10-2026	
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is in lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Arcil and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Arcil for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. The borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above mentioned Immovable Property.					
Place: Hyderabad Date: 17-10-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (In capacity as Trustee)					
ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD., CIN No.-U65999MH2002PLC134884 Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028. Tel: +91 2266581300. Website: www.arcil.co.in					

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Branch Office: H No :4-6-88, Singarapu Ramchandralah Complex, Railway Station Road, Vikarabad Dist-501101

RULE-8(3)) POSSESSION NOTICE

Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 13.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 09-11-2022. Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the **physical possession** of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge, at Vikarabad under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this **13th Day of October 2026**.

Borrower Name and Address
1. Mr. Vementala Praveen Kumar, S/o. Veeralah, Aged About 58 Yrs. Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Ushadaya Educational Society, Hyderabad, rajendra nagar, Hyderabad, R/o. H.No. 34025, Janapriya Utopia, Hyderabad, Attapur Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. AND ALSO AT Vementala Praveen Kumar, S/o. Veeralah, Aged About 58 Yrs, P.No:29, Sy.No. 254/P and 255/P, situated at Vidyannagar Colony, Yennepally Village, Vikarabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. 2. Mrs. Anitha Thakur, W/o. Praveen Kumar, R/o. H.No. 34025, Janapriya Utopia, Hyderabad, Attapur Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. 3. Mr. Ajay Kumar, S/o. Srisailam, R/o. H.No. 4-6-30/2, Vasudevareddy Nagar, Rajendranagar, Attapur, Hyderabad.

Amount due as per Demand Notice -Rs. 40,17,186/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Six only) with further interest if any under reference of Loan A/c No:- VIKRBTFT1806280001

Description of Property
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY (PROPERTY HOLDER NAME: (VEMENTALA PRAVEEN KUMAR) All that the Open Plot No. 29, admeasuring 322.11Sq.yrds, in Sy.No.254/P and 255/P, situated at Vidya nagar Colony, Yennepally village, Vikarabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District under the jurisdiction of registration Sub-Registrar, Vikarabad, Ranga Reddy District and bounded as follows: North: Plot No. 28, South: Remaining Part of Land belonging to Society, East: Land in Sy.No.254/P, West: 40'-0" Wide Road

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Physical Possession of the immovable properties mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Date: 13-10-2026, Place: Yennepally(Vi),Vikarabad(Md)&(Dt)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **14th day of October 2026**

Borrower Name and Address
1. Gokani Mahesh Goud, S/O Gokani Shankar Goud,Aged About 37 Years,Occ: Medicals & General Store Business, R/O.Hno:2-48,Mambopalli(Vi), Medak(Md), Medak Dist, Pin: 502109. 2. Gokani Prathyusha, W/O Gokani Mahesh Goud, Aged About 36 Years,Occ: Sarees Business, R/O.Hno:2-48, Mambopalli(Vi), Medak(Md), Medak Dist, Pin: 502109. 3. Gokani Anjamma, W/O Gokani Shankar Goud,Aged About 58 Years,Occ: House Wife, R/O.Hno:2-48, Mambopalli(Vi), Medak(Md), Medak Dist,PIN:502109. 4. Krishnamaneni Srinivasa Rao,S/O Krishnamaneni Sheshagiri Rai, Aged About 52 Years,Occ: Hotel Business, R/O.Hno:6-56/1, Machavaram(Vi), Medak(Md), Medak Dist,PIN: 502109. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 31,22,312.89/- (Thirty One Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Rupees and Eighty Nine paise only)

Description of Property
MEDA1TF2506250004- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the Open Place G.P.No.2-59 admeasuring 314.66 Sq.Yards.Situated at Mambopalli Chowrasta,Mambopalli Village Hamlet of Rayalamadugu,Medak Mandal & Medak District, and bounded as :- North: Way, South: House of G.Shanker and House of Raja Goud, East: Open Place of Sale Keshiah, West: Open Place of Chandraiah.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Date: 14-10-2026, Place: Rayalamadugu,Medak(Md)&(Dt)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Bajaj Finance Limited)
Corporate office at: 4th Floor, Bajaj Finserv House Off Pune Ahmed Nagar Road, Viman Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra-411014. Branch office at: Off. Door No.50-81/707(9), 1st Floor, Aditya Complex, Seethampet, Vishakapatnam-530016.

POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

[Under Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] Whereas, the undersigned acting being the Authorized Officer of M/s Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL), under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, had issued a Demand Notice dated 17-05-2025 through India post on 17-05-2025 calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers(s)/Guarantor(s) 1. K.VIJAYA KUMARI, Co-Borrower & Legal heir of Borrower Late GANESH KOVVURU, 2. KUMARI KOVVURU SARITHA Legal heir of Borrower Late GANESH KOVVURU (Minor Represented by her natural guardian mother Ms. Kovvuru Vijaya Kumari), 3. KUMARI KOVVURU KEERTHANA Legal heir of Borrower Late GANESH KOVVURU (Minor Represented by her natural guardian mother Mrs. Kovvuru Vijaya Kumari), 4. KOVVURU DURGA RAO Legal heir of Borrower Late GANESH KOVVURU, 5. KOVVURU SATYAVATHI Legal heir of Borrower Late GANESH KOVVURU, All 1 to 5 are at: D.No.4-67-3/4, Olive Heights, Flat No.4F-502, MIG-51, Lokam Street, LAW sons Bay Colony, Vishakapatnam-530016. All 1 to 5 are also at: 36-92-212/4/1, ASRR Nagar Colony, Barmu camp, Alluristaramaraju Nagar, Vishakhapatnam-530016. 6. SREE DURGA MARKETING Rep.by its Proprietor Ganesh Kovvuru (Late), at: 49-1-5/2, Near Jaggarao Bridge, Akkayapalem, Vishakapatnam-530016, having Loan Account Number P408PDB9148535 to pay the amount of Rs.1,25,11,798/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight Only), along with future interest and other charges accrued there-on, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) named above failed to discharge the amount demanded, notice is hereby given to them and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** of the secured immovable property described in the Schedule below on 14-10-2026, through the Advocate Commissioner appointed by the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, Vishakapatnam, pursuant to the order dated 06-04-2026 passed in Cr.I.M.P. No. 86 of 2026, in exercise of the powers under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002, read with the applicable provisions of the Rules.

Schedule of property: All that piece and part of the Property described as: Flat No.502, Door No.4-67-3/4F/502, 4th Floor, Olive Heights, Plot No.51MIG, LAWSONS Bay, S.No.48, Chinawalihair (V), Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530017. **East:** Open Space, **West:** Star Case, Corridor & Lift, **North:** Open Space, **South:** Open Space

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the First Charge of M/s. Bajaj Finance Limited for the amount(s) as mentioned above along with future interest and other charges accrued thereon.

Place: Visakhapatnam Date: 15-10-2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer M/s. Bajaj Finance Limited

Bank of Maharashtra
HOUSING FINANCE BRANCH, HYDERABAD ZONE (2183)
e-mail : bom2183@mahabank.co.in; brmg2183@mahabank.co.in
Head Office: Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

The accounts of the following borrowers with **Bank of Maharashtra** having been classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFAESI Act on the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the last known address of below mentioned borrowers/Guarantors, this public notice is being published for information of all concerned.

The below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors are called upon to pay to **Bank of Maharashtra**; within **60 days** from the date of publication of this Notice the amounts indicated below due on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates, till the date of payment, under the loan/and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons. As security for the borrowers' obligation under the said agreements and documents, the respective assets shown against the names have been charged to **Bank of Maharashtra**.

Name & Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower: 1) Chintapalli Sowjanya, 2) Chintapalli Umamaheswara Rao, Both are at: Flat No 201, H No 7-2-791/201/SRT-570, 'Malliah Nilaayam' Apartment Swamy Talkies Road, Opp Meeseee Sanathnagar Sub, Dist-Ameerpeth Sanathnagar I.E., Balanagar Hyderabad-500018. **Also at:** Flat No 102, H No 7-2-791/102/SRT-570, 'Malliah Nilaayam' Apartment Swamy Talkies Road, Opp Meeseee Sanathnagar Sub, Dist-Ameerpeth Sanathnagar I.E., Balanagar Hyderabad-500018. **Also at:** Flat No 101, H.No. 7-2-791/101/SRT-570, 'Malliah Nilaayam' Apartment Swamy Talkies Road, Opp Meeseee Sanathnagar Sub, Dist-Ameerpeth Sanathnagar I.E., Balanagar Hyderabad-500018. **Housing Loan: 6044603741**

Total Outstanding Balance: Rs. 46,85,722.00 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Two Only) Plus unapplied Interest and charges at prevailing rate from date of default and other expenses

NPA Date on 08.10.2025 Demand Notice Date: 14.10.2026

Description of the Immovable Properties: Primary Security: 1) All that the Flat No 101, bearing Municipal No. 7-2-791/101/SRT 570 (PTIN No. 1170770450) on First Floor, in the building known as 'Malliah Nilaayam' admeasuring 755 Square Feet (Including Common areas) together with Proportionate Undivided Share of Land admeasuring

Wipro Q2 net profit falls to Rs 3,200 crore; revenue rises 9 pc

Mumbai, Oct 16 : IT services major Wipro on Friday reported a 4.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in consolidated net profit attributable to equity holders at Rs 3,200 crore for the September quarter (Q2 FY27).

The tech giant reported a net profit of Rs 3,356.3 crore in the preceding June quarter (Q1 FY27), according to its stock exchange filing.

However, year-on-year, the net profit down 1.9 per cent from

Rs 3,262.4 crore in the corresponding quarter last financial year (Q2 FY26).

Revenue from operations stood at Rs 24,752.7 crore during the quarter, registering a growth of 9 per cent year-on-year and 1.1 per cent sequentially from Rs 24,478.6 crore in the previous quarter.

Revenue from the company's core IT services segment came in at Rs 24,667 crore. In dollar terms, IT services revenue stood at \$2.61 billion, remaining largely stable with a marginal 0.1 per cent de-

cline quarter-on-quarter and a 0.3 per cent increase from a year earlier.

In constant currency terms, IT services revenue remained flat on a sequential basis while rising 0.6 per cent year-on-year.

Wipro said its Europe business, which contributes more than one-fourth of overall revenue, recorded a 5.1 per cent year-on-year growth in constant currency terms. The company also highlighted partnerships with Anthropic and Google that helped accelerate AI-



led engagements and deliver operational savings. The company's IT services operating margin improved by 0.5 percentage points quarter-on-quarter to 16.5 per cent, although it was 0.2 percentage points lower than the year-ago period. Commenting on the performance, Chief Financial Officer Aparna Iyer said the company expanded margins despite continued investments in business growth and talent.



Alok Industries Q2 net loss widens to Rs 208 crore, revenue declines 36 pc

Mumbai, Oct 16 : Alok Industries on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 208.4 crore for the second quarter of FY27, widening from a loss of Rs 162.4 crore in the corresponding quarter last financial year (Q2 FY26).

Revenue from operations declined 35.5 per cent year-on-year to Rs 885.7 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 1,372.3 crore in the year-ago period, according to its stock exchange filing.

Despite the revenue decline, the company reported an improvement in operating performance. EBITDA rose to Rs 41.3 crore from Rs 5 crore a year earlier, while EBITDA margin expanded to 3.8 per cent from 0.5 per cent.

For the first six months of FY27, consolidated revenue increased 10.5 per cent to Rs 2,070.87 crore from Rs 1,873.58 crore in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

However, the company's half-year net loss widened to Rs 346.67 crore from Rs 333.94 crore a year ago.



SC upholds Bombay HC order quashing Yes Bank AT1 bond write-down

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The Supreme Court on Friday upheld a Bombay High Court ruling that had invalidated the write-down of Yes Bank's Additional Tier-1 (AT1) bonds, delivering a major boost to investors affected by the lender's 2020 rescue exercise.

A Bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih dismissed appeals filed by Yes Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the government, effectively affirming the High Court's January 2023 decision that had struck down the extinguishment of AT1 bonds amounting to Rs 8,415 crore.

The verdict brings to a close a prolonged legal battle over the treatment of AT1 bondholders during the crisis-hit bank's reconstruction and comes nearly five months after the apex court reserved its judgment following detailed submissions from regulators, the government, the lender and investor groups.

The dispute traces its origins to March 2020 when Yes Bank faced mounting stress from deteriorating asset quality and a sharp erosion in depositor confidence.

In response, the RBI superseded the bank's board and placed the lender under a moratorium, paving the way for a government-approved reconstruction scheme

supported by fresh capital from a consortium led by State Bank of India.

As part of the rescue package, the bank's administrator ordered a complete write-down of AT1 bonds worth Rs 8,415 crore.

Notably, AT1 instruments are designed to absorb losses during periods of financial distress and can be written down when specified contractual and regulatory triggers are met.

'China's economy choking under huge debt burden'

New Delhi, Oct 16 : China's debt burden has shot up in recent years, resulting in the country's interest payments on borrowing surpassing even the high levels of the US economy, according to a media report. Besides the Fortune report, the Financial Times, citing new Conference Board estimates, said that debt-servicing payments in China will account for 19.2 per cent of the central government's general public budget this year, up from 12 per cent in 2014. A separate report earlier this year from the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), which found that 19 per cent of Beijing's spending is earmarked for interest on debt. That's more than the 14 per cent of the US federal budget that goes to interest costs. CSIS added that China's spending on interest payments skyrocketed 341 per cent between 2013 and 2025, faster than any other major budget category. By comparison, total spending jumped 102 per cent in that span, with outlays on social security and employment up 207 per cent, science and technology up 137 per cent, and defence up 141 per cent. The report by Jason Ma points out that although the US debt-interest spending also looks grim, too, and has surged about 390 per cent since 2013 to \$1 trillion, the world's two biggest economies have been diverging in key ways with implications.



Volkswagen considers biggest restructuring in decades, up to 100,000 jobs at risk : Report

New Delhi, Oct 16 : German auto giant Volkswagen Group is considering one of the most extensive restructuring exercises in its history, with Chief Executive Officer Oliver Blume reportedly weighing plans that could result in up to 100,000 job cuts.



Heritage Foods Q2 profit falls 39 pc as higher milk procurement costs weigh on margins

Mumbai, Oct 16 : Heritage Foods Limited on Friday reported a 38.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2 FY27), as rising milk procurement costs put pressure on profitability despite healthy revenue growth and strong demand across its value-added products portfolio. The dairy company posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 31.3 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 51 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q2 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations, however, increased 18.6 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,320 crore from Rs 1,113 crore, driven by growth in its core milk business and continued traction in value-added products. EBITDA declined 4.4 per cent to Rs 73.8 crore from Rs 77.2 crore in the year-ago quarter, while EBITDA margin narrowed to 5.6 per cent from 6.9 per cent.

According to the company, the margin pressure stemmed largely from higher milk procurement costs. The average milk procurement price rose 11 per cent year-on-year to Rs 47.73 per litre, up by Rs 4.74 per litre from the previous year.

CareEdge ESG Ratings upgrades Adani Ports' ESG score as leading performer

Ahmedabad, Oct 16 : Reaffirming Adani Ports' position as a leading Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performer in the ports and logistics sector, CareEdge ESG Ratings has assigned Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) an ESG score of 84.3. This score represents "Leadership" position for Adani Ports in managing ESG risks through best-in-class disclosures, policies and performances — which is an improvement of 3.3 points over its previous score of 81. This rating action follows CARE ESG Ratings' annual surveillance review and incorporates the latest disclosures made in APSEZ's FY26 Integrated Annual Report, according to a company's exchange filing. The rating upgrade also reflects APSEZ's continued progress in strengthening its ESG performance and disclosures. The upgrade is supported by enhanced environmental performance driven by reductions in emissions, energy, water and waste intensities.



Google plans to move Pixel production out of China by 2027: Report

New Delhi, Oct 16 : Amid US-China tensions, US-based technology giant Google plans to stop making its Pixel smartphones, smartwatches and wireless earbuds in China from next year and pursue diversification of supply chains, a report has said. The report from Nikkei Asia -- citing sources -- said Google has been expanding manufacturing capacity in Vietnam and India in recent years and is confident it can move all Pixel manufacturing out of China by 2027. Google continues to operate a sizable share of its production from China, but the decision follows the successful development and production of its high-end Pixel smartphones in Vietnam this year. Making advanced smartphones is more complex than production.



India's forex reserves climb nearly \$1 billion to \$672.5 billion

Mumbai, Oct 16 : India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$963 million to \$672, 587 billion in the week ended Aug 22, reversing the decline recorded in the previous week, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday. The value of India's gold reserves surged by \$4.11 billion to \$107.930 billion during the week. However, the country's holdings of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund decreased by \$52 million to \$18.647 billion. The country's forex reserves had fallen in the preceding reporting week. Despite the recent volatility, India's reserves remain among the highest glo-

bally, although they are below the record high of \$728.494 billion reached in the week ended February 27. The reserve stockpile came under pressure in recent months following the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East, which prompted the RBI to intervene in the foreign exchange market through dollar sales to support the rupee. Meanwhile, the RBI this week issued clarifications on the operational aspects of Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank (FCNR-B) deposits, addressing queries raised by banks regarding the mobilisation of such deposits and related lending activities. The RBI clarified that banks can also extend loans to FCNR-B account holders.



Maha CM directs launch of digital service platform

Mumbai, Oct 16 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday directed all concerned government departments and MahaIT to work in close coordination to ensure citizens receive state government services seamlessly through digital channels. In a high-level meeting, he instructed officials to complete all pending tasks by December 31 to facilitate the official launch of the unified digital service platform for 'MahaDBT 2.0', 'Maitri 2.0', and 'Aaple Sarkar 2.0' on January 26. He chaired a review meeting regarding the streamlining and consolidation of services on these portals. CM Fadnavis highlighted that the government has structured an 'end-to-end' digital platform. The backend needs robust development in accordance with Govern-

nance Process Re-engineering (GPR) standards to ensure effective ground-level service delivery. Once fully operational, this automated setup will reduce the daily administrative workload on state departments by 50 per cent, eliminating the need for citizens to physically visit government offices, he said. Departments were instructed to refrain from making frequent changes to requirements during the development phase. Concurrently, MahaIT has been tasked with aligning technical developments with departmental requirements and establishing a time-bound redressal mechanism for operational challenges, he noted. Once approved by the High-Powered Committee, departments must issue the official Government Resolution (GR) within 3

days and work on reverse timeline planning to resolve backlog work, he noted. "Receiving direct, positive feedback from citizens confirming that services are good and hassle-free is the true benchmark of this digital platform's success. Merely achieving technical completion will not suffice until citizens experience a positive transformation," stated CM Fadnavis. Out of 1,222 reviewed services, 723 services have been rationalised. This includes removing 32 non-services, 83 obsolete services, 51 immediate services, and consolidating 333 duplicate/supplementary services. Processing is underway for 467 services across 46 sub-departments following committee approval.

Youth movement against addiction gains momentum during Bageshwar Dham Rath Yatra in MP's Chhatarpur

Chhatarpur (Madhya Pradesh), Oct 16 : A strong wave against alcohol, drug-addiction and reconnect with traditional values has emerged among the youth during the recent "Sanatan Hindu Ekta Rath Yatra 3.0" and associated "katha" sessions led by Bageshwar Dham Peethadhiswar Dharendra Krishna Shastri. The 29-year-old spiritual leader has given fresh impetus to a social reform and de-addiction movement, calling for an "addiction-free, great India". The five-day chariot procession, which began on October 11 from Bageshwar Dham in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur and covered nearly 500 km across five Bundelkhand districts—Chhatarpur, Panna,

Damoh, Sagar and Tikamgarh—concluded on October 16. Thousands of devotees, including large numbers of young people, participated. At every major halt, Dharendra Shastri administered pledges urging people to quit alcohol and other intoxicants, end caste divisions and uphold social harmony. Highlighting the serious problem of substance abuse addiction in the region, the spiritual leader said a special de-addiction campaign formed a core part of the yatra. "Bundelkhand is struggling with addiction. Special measures were taken and people took pledges. We are confident this journey will bring significant change," he added.



'Viksit Gram, Viksit Bharat' vision to guide national rural development conference: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

New Delhi, Oct 16 : Union Rural Development and Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday said the upcoming National Rural Development Conference 2026 aims to translate the vision of "Viksit Gram, Viksit Bharat" into reality by bringing together states and the Centre to chart a common roadmap for inclusive and sustainable rural development. The two-day conference will bring together Rural Development Ministers from all States and Union Territories, senior government officials, policymakers and subject experts to deliberate on the future roadmap for rural India and review the implementation of key flagship programmes. Describing the conference as a major step towards realizing the vision of "Viksit Gram, Viksit Bharat".

Prosecution's burden to establish conscious possession of contraband by accused : SC

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The Supreme Court has ruled that in trials of cases involving offences coming within the purview of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, it is the burden of the prosecution to establish that the contraband was

seized from the conscious possession of the accused. "It is the burden of the prosecution to establish that the contraband was seized from the conscious possession of the accused. Only when that aspect has been successfully proved by the prosecution.



Karnataka CM Shivakumar avoids comment on Kumaraswamy's attack, minister calls JD-S leader 'chameleon'

Bengaluru, Oct 16: Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday declined to react to the scathing attack launched against him by Union Minister and JD-S leader H.D. Kumaraswamy over the alleged sting operation row, which has triggered political tensions in the state. The row over the alleged sting operation has intensified in Karnataka, with Kumaraswamy daring Chief Minister Shivakumar and Home Minister Priyank Kharge to arrest him, while accusing them of misusing the police and state machinery to target him. Kumaraswamy, who is the JD-S state chief, launched a sharp attack on the Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, calling him the "sting samrat" and alleging that he believed he could do

anything by using his political influence. As media persons sought his reaction to Kumaraswamy, Shivakumar folded his hands in greeting and walked away, only saying: "Let good things happen" as he proceeded to chair the Cabinet meeting. Meanwhile, Municipal Administration Minister H.C. Balakrishna, responding to Kumaraswamy's statements in Mysuru, accused him of frequently changing his political stance and described his apparent support for former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as dangerous. "It is not known when Kumaraswamy will change his colours. He is showering love on Siddaramaiah now. His love is dangerous, and that is why I moved away from him," Balakrishna said.



Questioning Kumaraswamy's frequent press conferences and changing political positions, Balakrishna said politicians should learn from the JD-S leader how to speak differently depending on the circumstances. "Is there any minister who conducts press conferences every day? We have seen leaders address the media once a week or once a month. Politicians should learn from Kumaraswamy how to speak under different circumstances.

Like a chameleon, he keeps changing his colours," he said. Balakrishna alleged that Kumaraswamy had attacked Siddaramaiah when the latter was in power but was now attempting to appease him after Shivakumar assumed a position of power. "When Siddaramaiah was in power, Kumaraswamy attacked him. Now D.K. Shivakumar has attained power, and Kumaraswamy wants to appease Siddaramaiah.

Gujarat: Man held for Rs 1.52 crore investment fraud

Surat, Oct 16 : Gujarat's Surat Cyber Crime Police have arrested a 32-year-old man from Khambhalia in Devbhumi Dwarka district in connection with an alleged Rs 1.52 crore online investment fraud, after tracing his location during a technical investigation. Police identified the arrested accused as Riyaz alias Shoaib Mirza, who was allegedly involved in providing bank accounts used to route money generated through cyber fraud. He was arrested from his newly changed residence in Khambhalia after a team travelled from Surat to trace him. According to police, the complainant was targeted between November 14, 2025, and Feb-

ruary 10, 2026, by people who promised higher returns through dollar investments in the share market. The accused allegedly sent links to a fake website containing forged electronic content and persuaded the complainant to register and create an account. The complainant subsequently transferred a total of Rs 1,52,63,198 to different bank accounts allegedly provided through the fraudulent websites and customer service channels for trading and investment. Police said the complainant was later prevented from withdrawing the money. A case was registered at the Cyber Crime Police Station under Sections 318(4), 336(2), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 61(2) and 3(5) of the

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, along with Section 66(D) of the Information Technology Amendment Act, 2008. Police Inspector Y.S. Sisodia and his team, along with Assistant Police Constable Hardikkumar Gagjibhai and other personnel, worked on tracing the accused. Police said technical inputs showed that Riyaz was in Khambhalia, following which a team was sent to Devbhumi Dwarka. He was subsequently located



'Unfortunate for India to have an anarchic individual as LoP': BJP tears into Rahul Gandhi over anti-CEC protests

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday hit out at Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi, saying that India is "unfortunate" to have an "anarchic individual as the LoP" after the Supreme Court issued a notice seeking response in connection with the protest and sloganeering on its premises on October 12. Addressing a press conference, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused the Congress of disrespecting the Constitution.

Maternity leave a right that fosters mother-child bonding: Rajasthan HC

Jaipur, Oct 16 : The Rajasthan High Court has delivered a significant ruling on maternity leave, observing that it is not merely a period of absence from work but an important right that enables a mother to develop affection and a lasting emotional bond with her child. Justice Anoop Kumar Dhand directed the authorities to grant a female government teacher the full 180 days of maternity leave, along with full salary and other service-related benefits. The Court also clarified that the maternity leave period would not be treated as a break in service. The Court observed that the right to life

guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution encompasses the right to motherhood and the right of every child to grow and develop fully. It emphasised that maternity leave serves a broader social purpose by enabling women to care.



Over 18 lakh beneficiaries
facing pension delays: K'taka BJP

Bengaluru, Oct 16 : Senior BJP leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly R. Ashoka on Friday accused the Congress government of failing to disburse social security pensions to the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities for several months, alleging that more than 18 lakh beneficiaries in the state were facing delays. In a statement, Ashoka contrasted the Centre's decision to continue the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for the next five years at an expenditure of Rs 53,428 crore, benefiting 3.20 crore people, with the alleged delays in pension payments in Karnataka. "On one side, the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working to provide social security to 3.20 crore beneficiaries by continuing the National Social Assistance Programme for the next five years at an expendi-

ture of Rs 53,428 crore. On the other hand, social security pensions meant to support the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities have not been reaching beneficiaries in Karnataka for several months," Ashoka said. He alleged that more than 18 lakh beneficiaries in the state were struggling due to delays in receiving their pensions. "On one side, there are efforts to provide security to the lives of vulnerable sections. On the other, helpless people who depend entirely on their pensions for their livelihood are being forced to wait for their money," he said. Ashoka urged Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to ensure the immediate release of pending pension payments. "Pension is not a favour granted by the government. It is a lifeline for eligible beneficiaries. Ensuring that pensions reach the elderly, widows and



persons with disabilities on time is the government's responsibility," he said. He demanded that the state government immediately clear the pending pension dues and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the assistance they are entitled to. Meanwhile, BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra, praising the Centre, stated, "Empowering women farmers means strengthening the very foundation of Indian agriculture. Under PM Shri Narendra Modiji's leadership, PM-KISAN is providing direct financial support to women farmers, strengthening their livelihoods, financial independence and contribution to building a prosperous agricultural sector."

Delhi: Ahead of CJP protest,
NDMC announces closure of Central Park in CP for 2 days

New Delhi, Oct 16 : On the eve of CJP's proposed unauthorised stir, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Friday issued a public notice that Central Park in Connaught Place shall remain closed to the general public on Friday and Saturday due to administrative reasons. Earlier in the day, the Delhi High Court recorded the assurance given by the Delhi Police that all possible measures under the law would be taken to control the proposed protest by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) and its founder Abhijeet Dipke at Connaught Place on Friday. A Bench of Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) Nitin Wasudeo Sambre and Justice Sanjay Sharma took on record the assurance given by Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Chetan Sharma, appearing for the Centre and Delhi Police, after a petitioner expressed apprehension that the proposed demonstration could disrupt business activities in Connaught Place. The High Court was hearing a plea filed by Anil Kumar Gupta, a street vendor at Palika Bazar in Connaught Place, seeking directions to restrain the CJP from organising any agitation, demonstration, march or gathering at Cen-



tral Park or any other place not designated as a protest venue. Senior advocate Sacchin Puri, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the proposed demonstration could severely affect business activities in the area, particularly as it coincides with a major Hindu festival and the festive weekend. Puri urged the High Court to directly restrain Dipke from holding the protest, stating that the traders had already suffered substantial losses over the past week and would be severely affected if the disruption continued through the weekend. The ACJ Sambre-led Bench was informed that Dipke had already been served notice through email. Recording the assurance given by the Centre's law officer, the High Court said that the petitioner's apprehensions would be addressed and all possible measures under the law would be taken to control and regulate the activities of the CJP founder.



IIT Kharagpur to strengthen sustainable
livelihoods among Odisha tribal communities

Kolkata, Oct 16 : A crucial stakeholder interaction and knowledge dissemination workshop was organised by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur on Friday to strengthen sustainable livelihoods among tribal communities in Mayurbhanj, Odisha. This was part of a collaborative project between the institute and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) through its Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) division.

Through this project, IIT Kharagpur translates research into meaningful societal impact, in an effort to build resilient, self-reliant rural communities. In the past, the institute has undertaken field-scale technology demonstrations, such as fluoride removal filter pilots in Bankura, West Bengal. The day's workshop commenced with an address by Prof Jayanta Mukhopadhyay, Dean (Strategy and Analytics).

Russia declares Consul General of
Romania persona non grata in a tit for tat move

Moscow, Oct 16 : Russia's Foreign Ministry said Friday it had summoned Romanian Ambassador Cristian Istrate to formally inform Bucharest regarding the retaliatory measures over the closure of the Russian Consulate General in Constanta. "Romania's ambassador has been called to the Russian Foreign Ministry to be notified of Moscow's response to the closure of its consulate in Constanta," Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said. According to the Ministry, the Ambassador was presented with a note declaring the Consul General of Romania in St. Petersburg persona non grata and the upcoming closure of the consular office. "This measure is a response

to Bucharest's unfounded revocation of consent for the operation of the Russian Consulate General in Constanta and the declaration of its director as persona non grata," noted the Ministry. Last month, a maritime drone self-detonated in Romania's Constanta port, causing no casualties. Following the incident, Romanian President Nicusor Dan announced the closure of the Russian Consulate General in Constanta and declared the Consul General persona non grata. He made the decision after a meeting of the country's Supreme Council of National Defence, where they discussed the consequences of a drone crash into an apartment in the Romanian city of Galati. "In this situation, the Russian Consul General in Constanta has been declared persona non



grata, and the Russian Consulate General in Constanta will be closed," said Dan. According to the Romanian Ministry of National Defence, "during the night of 28 to 29 May, the Russian Federation resumed drone attacks against civilian and infrastructure targets in Ukraine, in the vicinity of Romania's river border." A drone entered the Romanian airspace, was tracked by radar systems as far as the Southern area of the Galati municipality, and crashed onto the roof of a residential apartment building, the impact causing a fire, noted the Ministry.

Southwest monsoon withdraws
from Northeast close to
normal date, leaves deficit: IMD



Guwahati/Agartala, Oct 16 : The Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the entire northeastern region, comprising eight states, as of Friday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said, with the process taking place close to its normal date. "Last year (2025), the Southwest monsoon withdrew from the entire Northeastern region on October 14," a senior IMD official told IANS. He said that though the winter season would be felt from the last part of November, the maximum and minimum temperatures would gradually decrease from now onwards.



Odisha: ABVP 'ahead' in campus elections

Bhubaneswar, Oct 16 : The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) is 'ahead' in the student union elections held across colleges and universities in Odisha on Friday. According to reports, ABVP has so far registered victories in 79 educational institutions, while the Biju Chhatra Janata Dal (BCJD) has won in 49 colleges, till 7 pm.

Border wall to be completed before
Trump leaves office, says US Homeland Security Secretary

Washington, Oct 16 : US Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said the Trump administration plans to complete both the primary and secondary border wall system before President Donald Trump leaves office, while expanding the use of smart fencing, drones and surveillance technology to counter evolving tactics used by Mexican drug cartels. Appearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Mullin said the administration was adapting its border strategy as criminal organisations increasingly turned to tun-

nels, drones and other methods to bypass existing barriers. "The more walls we put, the more we can focus on trafficked areas," Mullin told lawmakers. "We just discovered our first tunnel in years because our wall is being effective. We are pushing them into what we consider chokepoints." He said the Department of Homeland Security was studying vulnerable sections of the nearly 2,000-



mile US-Mexico border while balancing security requirements with concerns raised by border communities. "Our thing that we're seeing with the wall is the cartels are

always changing, and they're a threat," Mullin said. "There's not one inch of Mexico's northern border that isn't covered by a plaza."

US welcomes India's defence contract for MQ-9B drone lease

New Delhi, Oct 16 : The US Embassy in India on Friday said it welcomes the Ministry of Defence's contract with General Atomics to lease two MQ-9B Sea Guardian systems to the Indian Navy. "The United States welcomes the Ministry of Defence's contract

with General Atomics for the lease of two MQ-9B Sea Guardian systems to the Indian Navy. This capability will enhance maritime domain awareness and persistent ISR coverage across the Indian Ocean Region, advancing our shared commitment to a free, open, and secure Indo-Pacific. We

look forward to continued progress in the US-India defence partnership," the US Embassy in India stated on X. The Ministry of Defence on Monday announced that it has signed a contract with General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI) to lease two MQ-9B Sea Guardian High-Alti-

tude Long-Endurance (HALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) for the Indian Navy for 30 months. The contract, valued at approximately Rs 1,943 crore, was signed at Kartavya Bhawan-2 in New Delhi in the presence of Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition).



MP's power demand jumps by 5,000 MW in a year: Energy Minister

Bhopal, Oct 16 : Madhya Pradesh is expected to get an additional 3,000 to 4,000 MW of electricity from next week, potentially easing the ongoing power shortage caused by a sharp rise in demand and reduced generation, Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar said on Friday. The state's peak electricity demand has increased by around 5,000 MW in a year, reaching 17,124 MW on October 14 against 11,874 MW on the corresponding date last year. The surge comes amid increased demand for agricultural irrigation following defi-

cient rainfall in some parts of the state. Tomar said generating units at Khandwa and Birsinghpur had resumed operations after maintenance, adding around 1,000 MW to power availability. Another 600 MW is expected from Lanco Power and NTPC Gadarwara by October 20, while generating units with a combined capacity of around 1,200 MW that were shut down due to technical problems are expected to restart within one to two days. "Compared with last year, Madhya Pradesh supplied 38.6 per cent more electricity on October

14. The supply increased from 2,423 lakh units to 3,310 lakh units," the minister said, adding that 500 MW of banked power would also become available from October 16. Agricultural power demand more than doubled to 3,701 MW on October 1 this year from 1,752 MW on the same date last year. Tomar attributed the increase to higher requirements for paddy irrigation and pre-sowing irrigation, particularly in areas that received less rainfall. The supply situation has also been affected by a decline of around 1,500 MW in hydropower genera-

tion from the Gandhi Sagar, Omkareshwar, Indira Sagar, Rajghat and Sardar Sarovar projects due to reduced rainfall. Technical problems at thermal power plants have affected another 1,000 MW of generation, while coal shortages and the tripping of generating units have further constrained availability. The minister said electricity was in short supply on the Indian Energy Exchange as well. On October 13, bids to purchase around 70,000 MW were placed during peak hours, while sellers offered only around 500 MW, with the



available power priced at Rs 10 per unit. The state is procuring 500 MW from Uttar Pradesh during peak hours and attempting to purchase additional electricity through the exchange. For the rabi season, it has also arranged advance power banking of around 3,825 million units, 225 million units more than last year's

3,600 million units. The arrangement is expected to provide between 407 MW and 3,900 MW of electricity from November 1, 2026, to March 10, 2027. Meanwhile, the power situation has triggered a political attack from the Congress, which accused the BJP government of failing to make adequate preparations ahead of the agricultural season. State Congress president Jitu Patwari alleged that farmers in several districts were facing undeclared power cuts and, in some areas, receiving only two to four hours of electricity against the promised 10 hours. "Farmers in Madhya Pradesh are waiting for electricity to irrigate their fields.

K'taka govt to move SC against HC verdict on SC/ST quota hike

Bengaluru, Oct 16 : Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister G. Parameshwara on Friday said the state government would file a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court challenging the High Court verdict quashing the enhanced reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He also said the government was preparing a final memorandum on drought losses and plans to take an all-party delegation to the Centre to seek relief. Responding to questions on the sting video controversy, he clarified that the issue was not discussed at the Cabinet meeting and no decision was taken on an investigation. Speaking to the media outside Vidhana Soudha after the Cabinet meeting, Parameshwara said the final memorandum was expected to be ready within the next one or two days. Earlier, 217 taluks had been de-

clared drought-hit. With the addition of nine more taluks, the total has increased to 226, he said. The drought situation in the remaining taluks is being assessed. Taluks that meet the eligibility criteria under Trigger-1 will undergo a ground-truthing exercise. If they are found eligible following the assessment, additional taluks will be included in the drought-hit list. Otherwise, the existing list of 226 taluks will remain final, he clarified. Parameshwara said Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had instructed the government to take an all-party delegation to the Centre to submit the final memorandum. Although opposition parties had already expressed their unwillingness to participate in the delegation, the government would contact them again and request their participation, he said.



Negligence caused Jalgaon train tragedy: Majeed Memon slams Indian Railways

Mumbai, Oct 16 : Senior NCP (SP) leader Majeed Memon on Friday slammed the Indian Railways following the tragic Jalgaon train mishap that claimed 13 lives, including that of four Nepali nationals. "The train mishap in Jalgaon is very unfortunate. The public is raising questions about why these innocent people lost their lives," Memon told IANS. He questioned the role of railway supervisors and the safety systems in place and slammed them for "negligence." "Several trains run in a single day, and there is always a supervisor to keep an eye on the train. What was he doing when the accident happened? Additionally, there should have been an alarm or system to prevent such accidents," Memon said. Referring to the panic caused among passengers due to fire rumours, Memon further asked, "Was there actually a fire? If yes, then how did it occur.



Madras HC closes case over delay in numbering complaint against Udhayanidhi

Chennai, Oct 16 : The Madras High Court on Friday closed a case concerning the delay in numbering a criminal complaint against Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin over alleged electoral malpractice during the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. Justice V. Lakshminarayanan passed the order after the Metropolitan Magistrate in George Town, Chennai, confirmed that the complaint had been numbered and a pre-cognisance notice issued. The High Court had earlier sought a report from the magistrate on the time required to number the complaint. Following confirmation that

the procedural step had been completed, the court closed the petition challenging the delay. The order concerns only the grievance over the processing of the complaint and does not amount to a decision on the allegations against Udhayanidhi. The petitioner, Milany, who also contested from Chepauk, had approached the High Court seeking a direction to the magistrate to expedite the process and take his complaint on file. Milany submitted that he lodged the complaint on September 8, 2026, under Section 125A of the Representation of the People Act. When questions arose about its maintainability, he provided an oral explanation and subsequently submitted a written clarification. Despite this, he alleged that more

than 25 days passed without the complaint being numbered or returned with instructions to rectify any deficiencies. He contended that keeping it pending without assigning a case number denied him timely access to justice. The complaint accused Udhayanidhi of making false declarations in his election affidavit. Milany claimed that documents obtained from the District Election Officer supported his allegations of corrupt practice and undue influence on voters. Citing a Supreme Court judgment, the petitioner argued that false declarations concerning the assets of a candidate or their spouse constituted corrupt practice.



Haryana govt procures 15.52 lakh metric tons of paddy

Chandigarh, Oct 16 : Government agencies in Haryana have procured 15.52 lakh metric tons (LMT) of paddy, 27 per cent of the target, and disbursed Rs 1,221 crore to farmers. This fact came to light at a review meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi that

also assessed the progress of paddy arrivals, purchases, lifting, farmer payments and technology-driven initiatives aimed at making the procurement system more efficient, transparent and farmer-friendly. The review highlighted the importance of seamless coordination among district.



Indian embassy repatriates mortal remains of Ras Laffan incident victims

Doha, Oct 16 : The Indian Embassy in Doha on Friday said that the mortal remains of four out of 12 Indian nationals who passed away in the Ras Laffan Gas explosion incident are being repatriated. "The mortal remains of 4 out of 12 Indian nationals who unfortunately passed away in the Ras Laffan incident are being repatriated to India today. We hope to repatriate other mortal



remains soon as well. Embassy has kept the families and authorities informed," the embassy wrote on X. The embassy also thanked the Qatari authorities and the Indian community organisations for their support and coordination. According to the social media post, the embassy has also been in touch with Indians who are injured in the accident.

Cuba denounces unprecedented escalation of US military threats

Havana, Oct 16 : Cuba denounced the escalation of US military threats against the country by US President Donald Trump. "The US president escalates his threats of military aggression against Cuba to a dangerous and unprecedented scale."



Congress MP Bimol Akoijam arrives in Delhi to join probe in sexual harassment case

New Delhi, Oct 16 : Congress MP and sacked Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, who is accused in the alleged sexual exploitation of students at the varsity, arrived at the Vasant Kunj North police station here on Friday in response to police summons, describing the turn of events as a "political matter". He stated that he had been summoned by the Delhi Police to join the investigation and had come to cooperate with it. Sharing his experience in Delhi, the Congress MP said he felt as though he had arrived in an "inimical place." "I do not feel a sense of belonging here at all; I am more attached to Manipur now, thanks to what

is happening. I have come to cooperate with the investigation following the Delhi Police's summons," he said. Akoijam noted that while his schedule is quite busy, he did not want his absence to be misinterpreted as a lack of cooperation with the investigation. To avoid such perceptions, he decided to appear before the Delhi Police. He emphasised that the law should be allowed to take its course. Likening the JNU administration's decision to sack him to that of "Khap Panchayat".

MoS Pabitra Margherita arrives in Samoa on first leg of three-nation Pacific visit

Apia, Oct 16 : Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita on Friday arrived in Samoa's capital, Apia, on the first leg of his three-nation visit to the Pacific Island countries. Upon his arrival, Margherita said that he is looking forward to deepening cooperation and advancing shared development priorities. "Arrived in the beautiful city of Apia for my visit to Samoa. Looking forward to productive discussions and high-level en-

gagements as we deepen our co-operation and advance our shared development priorities," MoS Margherita posted on X. Margherita will be on an official visit to Samoa, the Cook Islands and Naoero from October 16-22. During his visit, Margherita is expected to hold bilateral meetings with the senior leadership of the three Pacific Island countries, engage with other key stakeholders and members of the Indian community. He will also visit India-assisted development projects in

the region, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated on Friday. "The visit underscores India's commitment to strengthening its partnership with Pacific Island Countries under the framework of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC), and to further deepening political engagement and development cooperation with the region. It builds on the momentum of the 3rd FIPIC Summit.



Indian defence management delegation visits Brunei, gains insights on energy security, maritime coordination

New Delhi, Oct 16 : A delegation from India's College of Defence Management (CDM) has visited Brunei Darussalam as part of its International Strategic Management Tour, gaining insights into the country's Vision 2035, energy security and maritime coordination, the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) said on Friday. The tour included visits to Brunei's Prime Minister's Office, key ministries and military establishments. "The delegation visited the Prime Minister's Of-

fice and gained valuable insights on Brunei's Vision 2035 (Wawasan2035), issues of energy security and maritime coordination," the IDS posted on X. "The delegation also visited military establishments including Defence Academy, Muara Naval Base and engaged with the Commander, Royal Brunei Navy in the presence of Hon'ble High Commissioner of India to Brunei. With visits to key ministries and departments, the delegation gained rich perspectives on regional security and the interactions provided a comprehensive understanding of

areas of mutual interest, including Defence Cooperation," it added. The visit comes a day after India and Brunei Darussalam agreed to expand bilateral trade, including the exports of agricultural goods and pharmaceutical products from India. The third meeting of the India-Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was convened in New Delhi on October 14 to review bilateral trade and economic cooperation and identify avenues for strengthening commercial ties between the two countries.



Authorities pledge 'zero tolerance' for silencing religion in aftermath of failed plot against US temple

New York, Oct 16 : Officials have assured the Indian and Hindu communities on Friday that they have "zero tolerance" for those trying to prevent them from exercising their constitutional rights. Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Chicago acting head Lucas Rothar said at a news conference in Palatine, "The FBI has zero

tolerance for any acts of violence or threats made against the public, driven by those attempting to impose their hateful ideologies and trying to oppress or silence those who are living peacefully in our country and expressing their First Amendment rights".

US Congressman Ro Khanna sits on \$16.9 million war chest after third-quarter filing

Washington, Oct 16 : Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna ended September with nearly \$17 million in his campaign account, by far the largest war chest among Indian-American federal candidates, according to his third-quarter report to the Federal Election Commission. Khanna, a California Democrat who represents the 17th district, raised \$1.48 million and spent \$1.47 million between July and September.



India hands over replica of 9th-century Nalanda Copper Plate to Jakarta institute



Jakarta, Oct 16 : India has handed over a replica of the 9th-century Nalanda Copper Plate, an inscription that bears testimony to ancient maritime and cultural ties between India and the Srivijaya Empire, to the Nalanda Institute in Jakarta, the Indian Embassy in Indonesia

said on Friday. India's Ambassador to Indonesia, Sandeep Chakravorty, handed over the replica, while a Bodhi plant was also planted on the institute's campus to mark the enduring ties between both countries. "Unveiling history! Ambassador Sandeep Chakravorty handed over a replica

of the 9th-century Nalanda Copper Plate to Nalanda Institute, Jakarta," the Embassy posted on X. "This historic inscription stands as timeless proof of ancient maritime diplomacy, cultural ties, and shared heritage between India and the Srivijaya Empire. A Bodhi plant was also planted on campus to symbolise enduring bilateral ties," it added. The two countries are currently marking the 'Tagore-Dewantara Year of Cultural and Educational Diplomacy'. The Indian Embassy in Indonesia announced in July the commemoration of the 'Tagore-Dewantara Year of Cultural and Educational Diplomacy' from July 2026 to September 2027. "India, Indonesia Celebrating 100 Years of a Shared Cultural Journey! We are thrilled to announce.

US expects Pakistan to follow law in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Washington, Oct 16 : The US State Department has said it expects Pakistani authorities to act within the law as they enforce emergency rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, its first public comment on Islamabad's takeover of the province run by Imran Khan's party. "We expect that local authorities will act in accordance with Pakistani law as they seek to maintain order," a State Department spokesperson said in an email to Voice of America's Afghan service, adding that the department was "aware of the reports." The comment, reported by VOA on October 14, did not criticise the emergency or the detention of the province's elected chief minister. Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari approved emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



US senators move to block Saudi nuclear deal

Washington, Oct 16 : Two Democratic US senators introduced a resolution seeking to block President Donald Trump's civilian nuclear cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia, warning that the deal lacks safeguards needed to prevent a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

Senators Jeff Merkley of Oregon and Edward Markey of Massachusetts introduced the joint resolution of disapproval, setting the stage for a Senate vote after November 29, before the proposed agreement takes effect. The move marks a new congressional challenge to the administration's nuclear diplomacy with Riyadh. Under federal law, Congress has a 90-day review period to examine the agreement. Unless Congress adopts a resolution blocking it, the agreement can enter into force after the review period. Merkley, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the United States must insist on strong safeguards before transferring civilian nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia.

"Giving Saudi Arabia access to US civilian nuclear energy technology without ironclad protections to make sure it doesn't provide a foundation for a nuclear bomb is unacceptable," Merkley said. "We can't sleepwalk into a decision this consequential," he said, stressing Congress's responsibility to scrutinise the agreement.

Markey went further, warning that the proposed arrangement could destabilise an already volatile region. "The US-Saudi nuclear deal is about megatons,



not megawatts," he said. He accused the administration of pursuing an agreement that falls short of established non-proliferation standards, particularly by allowing uranium enrichment without requiring the strongest international inspections.

"This deal is the starting gun for a Middle East nuclear arms race. Congress must reject it," Markey said.

The senators contend that the agreement fails to meet two safeguards they consider essential.

The first is the so-called gold standard for civilian nuclear cooperation, under which a recipient country commits not to enrich uranium or reprocess spent nuclear fuel.

Both activities can have legitimate civilian applications but also involve technologies that could contribute to the production of nuclear weapons material. The second is adherence to the International Atomic Energy Agency's Additional Protocol, which provides inspectors with broader access and information to help detect undeclared nuclear activities.

According to the senators, the absence of these conditions could create incentives for other regional powers to seek similar concessions.

Militant threat mounts in Bangladesh with emergence of new extremist outfit

Dhaka, Oct 16 : Bangladesh has witnessed a rise in religious fundamentalism and militant activities since the former interim government led by Muhammad Yunus came to power. Several militants have been roaming freely since the July 2024 uprising, while three internationally listed extremist leaders who fled prison are still at large, a report has stated.

According to a report in Bangladesh's newspaper Daily Sun, a new militant group, "Ittihadul Ummah", has emerged in the country, with intelligence agencies investigating its possible links to foreign militant organisations following the interrogation of individuals recently detained from the Tejgaon College mosque.



Jodar sinks Ruud to become youngest Shanghai semifinalist

Shanghai, Oct 16 : Rafael Jodar outlasted Casper Ruud on Friday to earn his fourth consecutive victory from a set down at the ATP Masters 1000 event. Jodar broke Ruud's serve five times across the second and third sets to seal 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 win in two hours and 20 minutes and become the youngest semi-finalist in tournament history. With his win, Jodar also boosted his chances of qualifying for the ATP Finals in his first full season on the ATP Tour. The Spaniard has jumped above Novak Djokovic and Alex de Minaur into ninth in the ATP Live Race to Turin. Ruud broke in the 10th game to clinch the opening set, and then reclaimed an early break to level the second set at 2-2. Jodar then gradually began to dictate proceedings. After breaking for 5-4 and then serving out the second set to love, Jodar broke Ruud's serve three times in the decider to complete an impressive victory against the World No. 24.



Bhuvneshwar added to India squad for Bengaluru T20I as Arshdeep suffers blow

Bengaluru, Oct 16 : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has added Bhuvneshwar Kumar to the squad for the fifth and final T20I against the West Indies in Bengaluru after Arshdeep Singh suffered a blow during the fourth T20I in Hyderabad. "The Men's Selection Committee has added Bhuvneshwar Kumar to the India squad for the fifth T20I against West Indies. The final match of the ongoing T20I series will be played at the M

Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru on October 17, 2026," BCCI wrote in a statement. Arshdeep has not been ruled out of the fifth T20I; however, the decision on his participation will be taken prior to the game, the BCCI added. "Bhuvneshwar Kumar was added to the squad after Arshdeep Singh sustained a blow to his bowling shoulder during the fourth T20I of the series against West Indies on Wednesday in Hyderabad.



Mandhana calls six T20Is crucial ahead of inaugural Champions Trophy

Raipur, Oct 16 : Newly appointed Indian women's cricket team captain Smriti Mandhana has called the six T20I matches scheduled to take place this year crucial for the team ahead of the inaugural Champions Trophy 2027. Mandhana has taken over as the captain across the formats from Harmanpreet Kaur as Indian cricket enters a new era. Her first assignment as full-time skipper will be leading the Women in Blue in a three-match T20I series that starts on Friday. With India having three more T20Is scheduled until the January-February Women's Premier League 2027, Mandhana has called the limited opportunities crucial for the team to identify

the style of cricket that they want to play. "In the T20 format, we have six matches before the Champions Trophy. Of course, before that, the WPL will happen, but as an Indian team, three here and the three against South Africa for us to take it forward. "So, it's going to be extremely important to see what style of cricket you want to play, what brand of cricket you want to play, and who's fitting where.



'Our diversity is our strength': Van Dijk, Dias, among others join Premier League's No room for racism campaign

New Delhi, Oct 16 : Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk was among the stars from all 20 English clubs to join the Premier League's latest "No room for racism campaign". The new campaign, aimed at eradicating racism, has been launched ahead of two dedicated No Room For Racism match rounds between 17 and 25 October. The new campaign features players from the clubs delivering a strong message in a short film, which celebrates diversity. In the video, players can be heard reading out a message against racism. "Greatness comes from everywhere. That's why the Premier League is so exciting. Our diversity is our strength in our clubs, our game, our community. We stand together. "But racism tries to divide us. A comment, a message, a post it's not just words. It impacts us, our families, our communities. It damages our game. We won't accept it. And we know you won't either. Challenge it. Report it. Change it.

5th T20I: Bengaluru weather threatens to wash out series decider between India-West Indies

Bengaluru, Oct 16 : India and West Indies fans hoping to watch another run feast in this high-scoring T20I series may have to curb their expectations, as rain threatens the fifth and final T20I between the two sides at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday. Rain splashed Bengaluru on Friday as water-logging concerns have also come to the fray. The downpours are expected to continue over the next few days, and the same is the case for Saturday, the match day for the fifth contest. As per Accuweather, there are 90% chances of precipitation in Bengaluru on Saturday. Going by hourly predictions, the weather forecast points to significant chances of precipitation from the afternoon onwards. At 12 noon, there are only 11% chances of rain, while they increase to 34% over the next two hours. The downpour prediction stands at 40% at 3 PM, before rocketing up to 68% and 71% over the next two hours, which highlights that the build-up to the game can be wet. At 6 PM, an hour before the first ball, the rain chances stand at 49% before going up to 64% at 7 PM and then remaining at 49% for



the next two hours. It fluctuates to 56% at 10 PM and 49% at 11 PM. India and West Indies are locked at 2-2 in the ongoing series, which has seen 220-plus totals look dwarfed. India chased a middling 172 in the first T20I in Lucknow before the Windies hunted down a huge 250 in the second game in Ranchi. India defended 223 in the third match in Indore by 14 runs but failed to chase 248 in the fourth game in Hyderabad, losing by 24 runs. Bengaluru is also known to be unforgiving to the bowlers, as we have seen several high-scoring matches in the city in the IPL. Another run-feast can be on the cards if the weather allows.

'Garv Hai' athlete Divija Paul bags bronze at National Ranking Table Tennis Championship



New Delhi, Oct 16 : India's Under-13 table tennis player Divija Paul, a member of Adani Sportline's 'Garv Hai' initiative, won the bronze medal in the U13 girls' category at the National Ranking Table Tennis Championship held in Panchkula from

October 6 to 13. The Assam-based paddler, currently ranked No. 1 in India in the Under-13 category, has continued her impressive run after winning gold in the U13 individual category at the WTT Youth Contender Puerto Princesa 2026 in the Philippines. The latest medal also adds to her growing list of achievements in national and international competitions.



Chelsea defender Reece James undergoes knee surgery, begins road to recovery

London, Oct 16 : Captain Reece James has undergone successful minor surgery on a knee injury, Premier League club Chelsea said on Friday. The 26-year-old defender was absent from Saturday's 5-1 victory over Bournemouth at Stamford Bridge after sustaining an injury during the training session. Medical assessments took place following the injury, confirming surgery would be the required course of action.