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Bhatti urges young filmmakers to champion social causes



Hyderabad, Oct 17 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has called upon young filmmakers to use the power of cinema to raise awareness about pressing social issues, including climate change, rising temperatures and the looming threat of water scarcity. Addressing the Bathukamma Young Filmmaker Challenge Awards–2026 at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad on Saturday, he encouraged aspiring directors to tell compelling stories that combine entertainment with meaningful social messages and inspire people to think and act.



Bhatti Vikramarka said the State government aimed to transform Hyderabad from a major hub for Telugu cinema into a prominent destination for Indian cinema. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to nurturing young cinematic talent from Telangana and strengthening the city's position on the national filmmaking map.

Harish opposes Godavari-Cauvery link agenda



Hyderabad, Oct 17 : BRS senior leader and former minister Harish Rao has strongly objected to the inclusion of the Godavari-Cauvery river-linking project in the agenda of the National Board for Dam Safety (NBDS) meeting scheduled for November 3, alleging that the move would undermine Telangana's water rights. Addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan on Saturday.



CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke granted conditional bail

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder and Convener Abhijeet Dipke was on Saturday granted conditional bail by a Delhi court after being arrested in connection with the party's 'Lehra Do Tiranga' rally at the Central Park in national capital's Connaught Place.



Governor extends Saddula Bathukamma greetings

Hyderabad, Oct 17 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has extended his warm greetings to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Saddula Bathukamma, the grand finale of the State's iconic floral festival, to be celebrated on October 18. In his message on Saturday, the Governor said Bathukamma was a vibrant expression of Telangana's cultural heritage, traditional values, reverence for nature and women's empowerment. Celebrated with floral arrangements and prayers to Goddess Gauramma, the festival reflected the deep-rooted bond between people and nature. He observed that Bathukamma fostered devotion, promoted social harmony and reinforced respect for the State's rich cultural traditions.

Flight services to Saudi Arabia suspended until the 24th of this month

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Due to the ongoing tense situation in the Gulf region, airlines have suspended their services to Saudi Arabia until the 24th of this month. The airlines issued a statement to this effect on Saturday. IndiGo and Akasa Air have cancelled their flights from India to Saudi Arabia until the 24th, while Air India has cancelled its services until the 20th of this month. It may be noted that these airlines had previously cancelled their services until the 17th of this month. Due to the lack of improvement in the situation across Gulf countries, the cancellation of flight services has been extended until the 24th of this month. In a statement, IndiGo said, "We are continuously monitoring the situation in Saudi Arabia."



Tension in Pulivendula; SP issues warning to Avinash Reddy

Kadapa, Oct 17: Tensions ran high in Pulivendula during the filing of nominations for local body elections. YSRCP cadres, led by MP Avinash Reddy, gathered in large numbers at the nomination center in Pulivendula. In response, Superintendent of Police (SP) Nachiket Vishwanath arrived at the scene to assess the situation. Since the deadline for filing nominations had already passed, the SP advised the Kadapa MP to leave the premises.



TDP releases second list for municipal elections; names of 22 candidates finalized

Vijayawada, Oct 17 : The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has released its second list of candidates for the municipal elections in Andhra Pradesh. Party chief and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu announced the list, which includes 22 names; notably, Sheikh Abdul Abeeda has been finalized for Machilipatnam, and Chintakayala Padmavathi for Narsipatnam.

Municipal election buzz in Anantapur; large number of nominations filed on the second day

Ananthapur, Oct 17 : The municipal election process in Andhra Pradesh has gained momentum. Candidates from major political parties—including the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP)—as well as other parties and independent aspirants, are arriving in large numbers to file their nominations for the 62 divisions of the Anantapur Municipal Corporation. With limited time remaining for the filing process—as today is the final day—there is significant crowding at the nomination centers. Following incidents of violence and confrontation during the nomination process yesterday in the neighboring areas of Rayachoti, Punganur, Tirupati, and Dharmavaram, the Anantapur district police have been placed on high alert. Proactive and stringent mea-



sures have been taken to prevent any untoward incidents. Section 144 has been imposed in the vicinity of the nomination centers to ensure that no disturbances occur. Only two people—the candidate and one other person—are permitted to enter the nomination center. Security forces have been deployed in large numbers at these centers; they are intercepting groups arriving in rallies outside the premises and allowing only those candidates who meet the prescribed criteria to enter. On the first day, the process in the Anantapur area proceeded slowly, with only 16 nominations being filed. However, election officials anticipate that candidates from the major political parties for nearly all divisions are likely to file their nominations today.

Supreme Court makes significant remarks on children's right to the internet



New Delhi, Oct 17 : The Supreme Court has clarified that access to the internet is a fundamental right for everyone. The apex court affirmed that this right applies to all children, regardless of their age. The bench observed that children cannot be completely denied access to the internet in the name of protecting them from online harassment or fraud. It further stated that internet access is an integral part of the right to life (Article 21) and the freedom of expression (Article 19(1)(a)) as enshrined in the Constitution.

Gujarat HC grants jailed AAP MLA one-day bail to visit ailing stepbrother

Gandhinagar, Oct 17 : The Gujarat High Court on Saturday granted one-day temporary bail to jailed Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Chaitar Vasava to visit his stepbrother, who is in critical condition after allegedly consuming poison, after his lawyer sought relief on medical and family grounds. Shantilal Vasava, 35, the stepbrother of the Dediapada

Scheduled Tribe (ST) legislator, allegedly consumed poison at his residence in Songadh in Tapi district on October 12. He was subsequently admitted to a hospital in Surat, where he is undergoing treatment for organophosphorus (OP) poisoning. Parul Vadgama, Medical Superintendent In-charge of the New Civil Hospital in Surat, said Shantilal's condition is critical.

A relative claimed that Shantilal was distressed after Chaitar Vasava was sentenced in an assault and extortion case. The MLA had initially approached the High Court seeking 30 days' bail to appear for the Semester-I Master of Social Work examination conducted by Balhans College of Social Work in Bharuch district. However, when the matter came up for hearing on Friday, his lawyer said he was not pressing that request and instead sought temporary release so that the legislator could look after his stepbrother. The court granted one-day temporary bail for the hos-



pital visit. The case for which Vasava is serving his sentence dates back to October 30, 2023, when he allegedly summoned forest department officials to his residence in Dediapada after they had directed villagers to clear encroachments on forest land. According to the police complaint registered on November 2, 2023.



Gujarat: Ahmedabad civic body seals snack unit, seizes 1,010 kg of food products over safety violations

Ahmedabad, Oct 17 : The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has sealed a food processing unit in the Danilimda area and placed 1,010 kg of food products under seizure after an inspection found the use of non-permitted colours in savoury snacks, repeated reuse of frying oil and violations of hygiene and labelling requirements. The AMC's Health Food Department inspected A.N. GRUH UDHYOG at Godown No. 4, Goodluck Estate, Shalimar Estate, Danilimda, as part of its checks on food businesses across the city to ensure food safety and protect public health.

Maha govt gives additional charge to Satish Waghole as MPSC Chairman



Mumbai, Oct 17 : Maharashtra government on Saturday gave additional charge of the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) chairman post to Satish Waghole, one of the members of the MPSC. "MPSC member Satish Baban Waghole has been handed the additional charge as MPSC Chairman. Concurrently, Saurabh Katiyar (IAS), currently serving as the District Collector of Mumbai Suburban, has been assigned the additional charge of MPSC Secretary," said the order issued by the General Administration Department.

Bengal: Kamarajar Port performance in focus at ministry's review meeting

Kolkata, Oct 17 : The overall performance of Kamarajar Port Ltd (KPL) was the focus of the weekly review meeting with all major ports, chaired by Vijay Kumar, secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). KPL handled 49.08 million tonnes of cargo in 2025-26. Of this, 25.72 million tonnes were coal. The port facility also handled 700,639 TEU containers. Along with the Chennai Port Authority, this port contributed to nearly 24% of the total container handling by all major ports. The port in Ennore also handled 191,825 vehicles, which was an increase of 18.86% over the last fiscal year. The port handled 1,008 vessels during the year. In a major milestone, KPL completed the fourth phase of capital dredging at Rs 440 crore, to achieve a draft of 18 metres. This has made the port capable of handling Cape-size vessels.



Connected Arunachal Pradesh to strengthen national security, improve people's lives: Governor

Itanagar, Oct 17 : Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lieutenant General K.T. Parnaik (Retd) said on Saturday that better connectivity across the state would strengthen national security while improving the quality of life of its people. The Governor has chaired a coordination meeting involving the Army, Indian Air Force, State Information Technology Department and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar. He also underlined the importance of recognising the complementary roles of the defence forces, BSNL and the state government in addressing the unique geographical and infrastructural challenges of the state. The Governor emphasised on

bringing institutions together in a spirit of partnership to advance the national vision of Digital India, ensuring that the people of even the most remote border villages become active participants in the country's digital transformation. He stressed on the need for a collective and coordinated approach. Lieutenant General Parnaik (Retd) called upon all stakeholders to work in a collaborative manner in the Vibrant Villages Programme concept, aligning their resources, infrastructure and expertise towards a shared objective. He said that reliable telecommunication is no longer a luxury but an essential service that connects people with education, healthcare, government services, livelihood opportunities and the wider digital economy. The Governor encouraged all

stakeholders to maintain regular communication, openly share their operational requirements and identify areas where infrastructure, technical capabilities and logistical support could be pooled for mutual benefit. He emphasised that better coordination would help avoid duplication of efforts, optimise available resources and accelerate the expansion of connectivity. The Governor, recalling the assurance given by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force's unwavering commitment to supporting the people and the Arunachal Pradesh government, advised the Air Force to assist BSNL in transporting equipment required for setting up telecommunication towers in inaccessible locations. He called for a practical, solution-oriented approach, with clear areas of responsibility and continued follow-up, to translate the discussions into tangible outcomes.



Haryana CM Nayab Saini engages Sikh diaspora in Sweden on youth issues, drug menace

Stockholm, Oct 17 : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday shared details of a warm interaction with a delegation of Sikhs residing in Sweden. In a post on his X account, the Chief Minister said he had a "heartwarming meeting" with members of the Sikh community living thousands of miles away from home. "Meeting our people and receiving their affection was truly heartwarming," CM Saini noted. During the interaction, the two sides held meaningful discussions on promoting investment in Haryana, creating new employment opportunities, and various issues concerning the future of Punjab's youth. The delegation also raised serious concern over the growing drug menace in Punjab. Responding to the issue, CM Saini underlined that protecting the youth from the grip of drugs and connecting them with better opportunities in education, skill development and employment is a collective responsibility. "Our youth are the future of our nation. Ensuring that they receive the right guidance and opportunities must remain our shared commitment," he said. The meeting assumes significance against the backdrop of the impending Punjab elections, where diaspora engagement and issues affecting the Sikh community, particularly the drug problem and youth unemployment, are expected to figure prominently in political discourse.

India's new national highway projects taken up in April-Sep clock 63 pc jump

New Delhi, Oct 17 : India's infrastructure sectors, spanning highways, aviation, telecom, ports, and power, recorded robust growth during the first half (April-September) of the current financial year, according to the quarterly update of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation's (MoSPI) PAIMANA Performance Monitoring Dashboard. National Highways awarded for construction rose 62.9 per cent year-on-year to 2,236.3 km during April-September of FY27. This significant increase strengthens the pipeline

of highway infrastructure development, paving the way for enhanced connectivity, improved logistics efficiency, and sustained economic growth, the official statement said. The telecommunications sector recorded a continued expansion of digital infrastructure, with the cumulative Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid reaching 7,52,113 km by August 2026. This represents an addition of 29,256 km during FY 2026-27 (April-August), strengthening the country's high-speed digital connectivity infrastructure. The Ports, Shipping, and Waterways sector recorded continued growth in cargo traffic, with cargo handled at major ports increasing by 7.2 per cent year-on-year to 390.4 million tonnes during FY 2026-27 (April-August). Cargo traffic at non-major ports increased by 1.8 per cent year-on-year to 313.4 million tonnes during the same period.



Japanese delegation visits MLFF tolling system near Delhi

Kolkata, Oct 17 : A Japanese delegation visited the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system in Mundka-Bakkarwala on Saturday on the sidelines of the 12th India-Japan Joint Working Group Meeting on Roads and Road Transportation. The MLFF system provided insights into India's technology-driven initiatives for seamless and efficient highway travel. At the MLFFs, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) uses a combination of RFID-based FASTag electronic toll collection, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and AI analytics to allow vehicles to pass through charging points without stopping, slowing down or remaining in a designated lane. MLFFs have already been installed at Choryasi in Gujarat, Mundka in Delhi,

Gharaunda in Haryana and Daulatpura and Manoharpura in Rajasthan. While 12 further locations have been awarded for conversion, tenders have also been launched covering an additional 104 toll plazas around the country. The MLFF at Choryasi on the Surat-Bharuch section of NH-48 was the first to become operational. The one at Mundka on Delhi's Urban Extension Road-II was the second. The expansion plan represents a significant shift from India's traditional barrier-based toll plazas.



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APPENDIX -IV [See Rule -8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank Of India **SR Nagar Branch** under the Securitisation 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 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 16.06.2025** calling upon the borrower **M/s Vinayaka Traders (Proprietor: Shri Hemanth Jain)** Address : Plot no: 15-6-323, Bhavani Complex, Fheelkhana, Begumbazar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500012 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.34,40,329.01 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine and paisa one)** (contractual dues upto the date notice) with interest @ 11.75% p.a. compounded with compounded with monthly rests within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower **M/s Vinayaka Traders (Proprietor: Shri Hemanth Jain)** having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and Guarantor, Mrs Renuka Vyas w/o Mr Sampat Lal Vyas 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 sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **16th day of October of 2026**.
The borrower **M/s Vinayaka Traders and Guarantor, Mrs Renuka Vyas W/o Mr Sampat Lal Vyas** in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank Of India, SR Nagar Branch** for an amount **Rs.34,40,329.01 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine and paisa one)** (contractual dues upto the date notice) with interest @ 11.75% p.a. compounded with compounded with monthly rests from 15.05.2025
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable Property
All that All that the Residential house no. 6-4-141/1 on plot no. 64, admeasuring 150.00 sq. yards or 125.4 Square Meters , with a plint area of 1133 square Feet RCC, situated at KATEDHAN Village, GHMC, Rajendra Nagar Circle , Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State in then of **Mrs. Renuka VyasW/o Sri Sampat Vyas.Property Boundaries:** North : Neighbours House,East : Neighbours plot , South : Neighbours House West :25' wide road
Date:16.10.2026
Place:Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer
BANK OF INDIA



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, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch Office At # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal- 506001

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **M/s. 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.13-11-2022)** 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, and **Branch office at Hanamkonda** (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors / mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.
The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1) Rajesh Paradeshi, S/O Madhu, Age: 47 Years, Occ: Bharani Tent House Business, # 16-1-876, S R R Thota, Kareemabad, Warangal. And Also At Rajesh Paradeshi, S/O Madhu, Open Plot In Sy.No.1736 (Old 1253 (New), 135.55 Sq.Yards Or 113.33 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Fort Warangal, Warangal 2) Mahender Bandi, S/O Sammaiah, Age: 44 Years, Occ: Paddy Business, # 16-2-65/2, S R R Thota, Kareemabad, Warangal.

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
31.08.2017	12.08.2026	Rs. 35.52,484/-	Rs. 6,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: HANDATF1609270002- Description Of The Immovable Property (Property Holder Name Is Paradeshi Rajesh Mortgage Deed Dated 03.10.2016)registered As Document No.8076/2016 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Warangal) Open Plot In Sy.No.1736 (Old 1253 (New) Admeasuring To An Extent Of 135.55 Sq.Yards Or 113.33 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Fort Warangal, Warangal City And District Within The Limits Of Gwmc, Warangal Within The Registration District Warangal And Sub-Register Warangal Fort Is Bounded By : East : Open Place Of T.Ramchandram, West : House Of D.Saraiah 16-1-863, North : Open Place Of Md.Azfaiddin, South : Municipal Road.
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 17-10-2026,
Place: Fort, Warangal

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited



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, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch Office At # 20-302,303,304, 1st, Jaya Deluxe Road, Parkal, Warangal - 506164

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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1) Sarojana Gorantla W/O Shankar Lingam, Age: 60 Years, Occ: Harihara Planers, # 1-212, Weavers Colony, Mulugu, Warangal Dist. 2) Srinivas Gorantla S/O Shankarlingam, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Xerox Center, # 1-212, Weavers Colony, Mulugu, Warangal Dist. 3) Kondaiiah Thumma S/O Rajaiiah, Age: 65 Years, Occ: General Stores, # 11-25/184, 3othwada, Warangal Dist.

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
31.12.2018	07.08.2026	Rs. 25.35,677/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: CDPKRTF1711290002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is GORANTLA SAROJANA Mortgage deed dated 06.12.2017 Registered as Document No.4511/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at MULUGU) Open place measuring to an extent of 300.00 Sq.Yards or 250.83 Sq.Mtrs out of Sy.No.989/B situated at Mulugu village and Mandal of Warangal Distric, within the limits of Mulugu Grampanchayath and Sub – Registrar, Mulugu and District Registrar, Warangal is located within the following boundaries: East: 20 F Road, West: place of Akkireddy, North: Plot of Dubaboina Srinivas, South: Plot of Mukka Ramesh Babu
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
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Date: 17-10-2026,
Place: Mulugu

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited



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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1) Kumari Neerukonda, W/O Subba Rao, Age: 48 Years, Occ: Business, # 9-176, Mdi: Bhupalpally, Dist:Warangal. And Also At Kumari Neerukonda, W/O Subba Rao, Open Plot 726 Sq.Yards Or 607.08 Sq.Mtr., In Sy.No. 434/A Situated At Bhupalpally. 2) Sadanandam Dandevani, S/O Kanakaiah, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Govt Emp, Madeena Nagar, Bhupal Pally, Warangal.

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
30.11.2012	12.08.2026	Rs. 63,85,770/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: CDPKRTF1203300022- Description Of The Immovable Property (Property Holder Name Is Neerukonda Kumari Mortgage Deed Dated 28.03.2012 registered As Document No.534/2012 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Parkal) Open Plot To An Extent Of 726 Sq.Yards Or 607.08 Sq.Mtr., In Sy.No. 434/A Situated At Bhupalpally Village & Mandal, Warangal District, Registration District: Warangal, Sub-District : Parkal, Bounded As Under : East : Land Of Vendors, West : Land Of Dasu, North : New Science Degree College, South : Way.
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 17-10-2026,
Place: Bhupalpally

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited

Place: Telangana, Date: 18-10-2026, Sd/- (Authorized Officer) For India Shriram Finance Corporation Ltd. FOR ANY QUERY PLEASE CONTACT: Mr.Madana Ramesh (+91 9908622299) or Mr. Kalyan (7995705815)

20% additional arrangements
for Navarathri Brahmotsavams



Tirumala, Oct 17 : Keeping in view the past experience 20 per cent additional arrangements have been made in Tirumala for the Sri Vari Navaratri Brahmotsavams to ensure a comfortable darshan experience for devotees, said TTD Chief Engineer Manoharam.

Speaking at a media conference in the Media Centre of Ram Bagicha-2, Tirumala, on Saturday.



Indian Overseas Bank
HYDERABAD-LAKDIKAPUL Branch
(Address: HYDERABAD-LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD
Phone No: 040-23421537, 38 & Email id: iob0437@iob.in)

Demand notice to Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors Under Sub-section (2) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

To, Borrower 1. Mr.Prithvi Raj Poreddy Residence Address:S/O Poreddy Naga Bhusanam,1-3-49/137 Plot No.19,Balakrishna Nagar,Near Janaki Nagar,Old Alwal, Secunderabad, 500010. 2. Mrs. Pushpa Poreddy W/O Poreddy Naga Bhusanam,1-3-49/137 Plot No.19, Balakrishna Nagar, Near Janaki Nagar,Old Alwal,Secunderabad, 500010. 3. Mr.Nagabhusanam Poreddy 1-3-49/137 Plot No.19, Balakrishna Nagar, Near Janaki Nagar, Old Alwal, Secunderabad, 500010
Dear Sir/s
Re.: Your Credit facilities with Indian Overseas Bank, HYDERABAD - LAKDIKAPUL Branch
1. whereas Shri PRITHVI RAJ POREDDY alongwith Mrs.PUSHPA POREDDY availed loan against property loan from Indian overseas Bank,Lakdikapul Branch and Mr. PRITHVI RAJ POREDDYexpired and said housing loan became NPA on 10.10.2026.
This demand notice u/s 13(2) of SARDEASI Act is issued to the other borrower and legal heirs of Late Mr.PRITHVI RAJ POREDDY that:
The details of credit facilities with outstanding dues are as under:

SL.No	Nature of Facility	Limit	Rates of Interest (including overdue interest & rests interest & rests)	Last Interest Debit Date (Mandatory)	Total dues as on 16/04/2026 (in Rs.)
1.	RHNIL	3500000	11.00%	12.10.2026	29,82,894.75
	Total	3500000			29,82,894.75

*With further interest from last interest debit date at contractual rates/rests will become payable from the date mentioned above till date of payment.
The Above named guarantors referred under SI.No 3 have executed guarantee and thereby guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to **Indian Overseas Bank** by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits of **Rs 35,00,000.00** together with agreed interest, charges etc.
The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of mortgage/ hypothecation/ hire purchase/ lease (as applicable) standing in the name of the borrower Nos 1 and 2. . They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of borrower / mortgagor mentioned in SI. Nos 2 and 3. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of mortgagor / guarantor Nos herein above.
The guarantors mentioned under SI. Nos 3 do you have given personal guarantee for the credit facilities as given above.
You have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities mentioned herein above through various documents executed by you.
2. The details of securities in favour of the Bank for the aforesaid credit facilities are:

Nature of security: 1.Mortgage
Particulars of securities All That The Part And Parcel Of Residential House Bearing No.1-3-49/137 Plot No.17 Admeasuring 253.00 Sq Yards And Plot No.19 Admeasuring 253.00 Sq Yards Total Admeasuring 506 Sq Yards In Survey No. 244 & 245 Situated At Balakrishna Nagar, Janaki Nagar Colony, Alwal, Alwal Circle, Malkajgiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State, Bounded By North: 20'-0" Wide Road, South: 20'-0" Wide Road, East: Neighbour's House, West: Neighbour's House

3. Consequent upon defaults committed by the above named borrowers in payment of the principal debt / interest as per agreed terms, loan account mentioned above have been classified as Non-Performing Asset on **10.10.2026 (date of classification as NPA)** as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines and directives. Despite our reminders for regularization of your account, you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
4. Since you the above named borrowers referred under SI. Nos 1 and 2, have failed to meet the liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned above and upon classification of your account as a Non-Performing Asset, we hereby recall our advances to SI.Nos 1 and 2, of you and give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the bank aggregating to **Rs 29,82,894.75**, as detailed in para 1 above, with further interest @ 11% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed, from the date mentioned above, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.
5. The above named mortgagor / guarantor Nos 2 & 3 have given undertaking for repayment / guarantee for the credit facilities taken by the borrowers and have also mortgaged the properties herein mentioned to secure the above said credit facilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the mortgagors/guarantors have become liable to pay to us in terms of the guarantee, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan / credit facilities aggregating to **Rs 29,82,894.75**, together with further interest @ 11.00 % compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed and we hereby invoke the guarantee of the mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that the Guarantors liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.
6. We further give notice to the borrowers namely SI. Nos 1 and 2, and mortgagors / guarantors SI. No. 2&3 who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely that failing payment of the above amount in full with interest and charges etc till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act.
7. Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to repay the dues with further interest and charges etc.
8. Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests as agreed for each credit facility until full repayment.
9. Your attention is also invited to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from transferring/ alienating/ creating any charge or assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance / contravention of the provisions contained in the said Act or Rules made thereunder, is an offence which is punishable with imprisonment and/or fine as provided under section 29 of the Act.
10. The guarantors referred under SI.Nos 3 have given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to initiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your personal guarantee.
11. We also put all of you on notice that if the account is not regularized/ repaid within the stipulated time and in case of the Bank classifying you as a willful defaulter as per RBI Guidelines, the Bank reserves its rights to publish your photograph in news paper(s) with your name, address, details of default, dues etc., in accordance with RBI Guidelines besides initiating all recourses available to the Bank for recovery. We also advise you that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we have for recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in respect of sums due and payable by you.
13. Further, your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to you, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Hyderabad Date: 12-10-2026

Authorized Officer Indian Overseas Bank



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, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited)** We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.
The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1. Tadaka Srihari,S/O Tadaka Pochaiiah, Aged About 50 Years, Occ : Automotives Business, R/O, Plot No. 203.3rd Floor, K1 Residency, Jayabheri Park, Kompally, Medchal(Md), Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-500100. 2. Tadaka Roopasri, W/O Tadaka Srihari, Aged About 46 Years, Occ : Housewife, R/O - Plot No. 203. 3rd Floor, K1 Residency, Jayabheri Park, Kompally, Medchal(Md), Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-500100. 3. Bairagowni Srinivas,S/O Bairagowni Sathaiha,Aged About 50 Years, Occ : Kirana Shop Business, R/O - H.No.29-829, Vinayaka Nagar, Safilguda, Neredmet(Vi), Medchal (Md), Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-500056. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
10.05.2025	26.09.2026	Rs. 23,85,805.44/-	Rs. 15,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: MEDA1TF2407190001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. All That an Open Plot No.44, Admeasuring 638.45 Sq Yards Equal To 533.82, In Sy.No's. 63/A, 91, 93/B, 93/D, & 100/A, Situated, At Nerella Village, Thangallapalle Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla District & bounded By North: Plot No. 43, South: Plot No. 45, East: 33' -0" Wide Road, West: Open Place Of Sircilla Thirupathi & Others
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 26-09-2026,
Place: Kompally,Medchal-Malkajgiri(Dt).

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited

OPINIONmail



India and Vietnam review cooperation in counter-terrorism, cyber security at fourth Security Dialogue

India and Vietnam on Friday reviewed their co-operation across key areas, including economic security, maritime engagements, counter-terrorism, emerging technologies and cyber security, as the two countries held the fourth edition of their Security Dialogue in New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

The dialogue was co-chaired by India's Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) Pavan Kapoor and Vietnam's Deputy Minister of Public Security, Senior Lieutenant General Pham The Tung.

"Both sides undertook a comprehensive review covering, inter alia, economic security, maritime engagements, counter-terrorism, emerging technologies and cyber security. They also exchanged views on the regional and global security environment and reaffirmed closer collaboration on issues of mutual interest," the MEA said in a statement.

In September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with his Vietnamese counterpart Le Minh Hung in New Delhi and discussed deepening defence and security cooperation.

"Met Prime Minister Lee Minh Hung of Vietnam on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. We had productive discussions on: Deepening defence and security cooperation, including the proposed 2+2 mechanism. Expanding cooperation in energy, rare earths and space. Working towards USD 25 billion bilateral trade by 2030 and greater two-way investment. Strengthening our deep cultural and civilisational linkages. Vietnam will always remain a key pillar of India's Act East Policy and MAHASAGAR vision," PM Modi had posted on X.

During the meeting, the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further the India-Vietnam partnership. PMs Modi and Hung also discussed various regional and global issues of mutual importance, according to a statement released by the MEA.

"The meeting provided an opportunity for both leaders to review the progress made in bilateral ties, which were elevated to an Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during the State Visit of H.E. Mr To Lam, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to India in May 2026," it said.

"India and Vietnam share a time-tested friendship rooted in shared civilizational heritage, mutual trust and understanding. Vietnam is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy and an important partner in India's broader engagement with Southeast Asia," the MEA mentioned in a statement.

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the indian mail

From carrying water pots to turning on taps: Jal Jeevan Mission eases lives in K'taka village

Tumakuru (Karnataka), Oct 17 : The Central Government's Jal Jeevan Mission has brought significant relief to residents of Maidala village in Karnataka's Tumakuru district by providing household tap water connections, reducing their dependence on open wells, hand pumps and lakes for their daily water requirements.

Implemented under the flagship scheme, the initiative has ensured that clean drinking water reaches households directly through taps, transforming the daily lives of villagers who earlier had to walk long distances carrying heavy pots to fetch water.

Maidala Gram Panchayat in Urdigere Hobli of Tumakuru taluk offers an example of how the scheme has improved access to drinking water in rural areas. An overhead water tank and an extensive pipeline network have been developed to facilitate regular water supply to households.

Pramila, a beneficiary from Maidala village, said that before the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission.



Delhi Speaker Vijender Gupta interacts with 170 students from J&K, 5 states



New Delhi, Oct 17 : Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said on Saturday that the youth of India are not merely the leaders of tomorrow but also the nation-builders of today who would help realise the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

While interacting with 170 students from six states and Union Territories visiting the Delhi Assembly under the MY Bharat Programme, the Speaker said the youth's ideas, energy and commitment to democratic values will be instrumental in building a developed nation.

"When young people from different states and Union Territories come together with a shared sense of national purpose, they strengthen the foundations of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat"," Gupta added.

The interaction provided students from Gujarat, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Arunachal Pradesh with an opportunity to understand the functioning of legislative institutions, democratic processes and parliamentary traditions, an official statement said.

The State Director of Mera Yuva Bharat Ankit Kumar Gaur and Assistant Director of Mera Yuva Bharat Ramesh Soni was also present at the event.

Emphasising the importance of informed and responsible youth participation in nation-building, Gupta encouraged the students to develop a deeper understanding of India's democratic institutions and recognise their role in strengthening the country's democratic fabric.

As part of the educational visit, the students undertook a guided tour of the historic Delhi Legislative As-

sembly complex, gaining insights into its distinctive architectural character and its significant place in India's legislative history, the statement said.

Through documentaries and presentations, they were introduced to the building's association with the Central Legislative Assembly and the eminent personalities and historic developments that have shaped its legacy.

The students also visited the main Assembly Chamber, where they gained a first-hand understanding of the setting in which legislative debates and proceedings take place.

The visit familiarised them with the traditions, responsibilities and institutional values that underpin parliamentary democracy, enabling them to connect India's rich legislative heritage with the functioning of democratic institutions in contemporary India.

LK Advani admitted to hospital in Delhi with chest infection, condition stable

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani was admitted to Indraprastha Apollo Hospital in Delhi with a chest infection.

His condition is stable, hospital officials said.

The 98-year-old leader was brought to the hospital at around 7.30 p.m. on Saturday and admitted to the pulmonary department. He is currently under observation by a team of doctors, while medical tests are underway.

Advani is undergoing treatment at the hospital, and his condition remains stable, according to the officials.

This is not the first time the veteran leader has been hospitalised in recent months. He was last admitted to Apollo Hospital in May this year due to age-related health complications. He remained under medical care for a few days before being discharged.

Earlier, in December 2024, Advani was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of Indraprastha Apollo Hospital for medical management and investigations. He was treated under the supervision of a neurologist. The hospital then stated that his condition was stable. On December 17, 2024, the hospital reported that Advani had shown gradual improvement and was likely to be shifted out of the ICU within the following one to two days. Born



on November 8, 1927, in Karachi (present-day Pakistan), Advani is one of the most prominent leaders in the history of the BJP. He played a key role in the party's growth from a relatively small political force into a major national political organisation.

Advani served as the BJP president on multiple occasions and was instrumental in strengthening

the party's organisational base across the country. His nationwide Ram Rath Yatra in 1990 became a significant turning point in Indian politics and helped expand the BJP's political reach. He served as India's Deputy Prime Minister from 2002 to 2004 under the government led by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Odisha Dy CM reviews women & child development goals, calls for time-bound action

Bhubaneswar, Oct 17 : Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida on Saturday stressed the need for effective interdepartmental coordination, robust monitoring and time-bound implementation of action points emerging from the national-level departmental summit on women and child development held in New Delhi to ensure measurable outcomes and tangible benefits for women and children in Odisha.

Parida, who also holds the Women and Child Development portfolio, chaired a review meeting in Bhubaneswar to outline the State's goals in four key areas, including nutrition and early childhood development, child protection, women's safety and women's empowerment.

The goals follow the Departmental Summit convened by the Union

Ministry of Women and Child Development in New Delhi on October 8 and 9 in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to an official statement, the review focused on translating the summit's action points into measurable outcomes through time-bound interventions and stronger implementation mechanisms.

The State will soon organise a state-level summit on the four thematic areas to deliberate on priorities, strengthen coordination among departments and accelerate implementation.

Parida emphasised the need to strengthen existing systems, address implementation gaps and improve the quality, accessibility and effectiveness of public services for women and children.

Under nutrition and early child-



hood development, the State aims to improve Take-Home Ration and hot-cooked meals, strengthen nutrition monitoring through the Poshan Tracker, and ensure early identification and referral of children with severe acute malnutrition.

Other priorities include improving Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), preschool learning at Anganwadi Centres, locally sourced nutritious food, parental engagement and children's transition to formal schooling.

Under Mission Vatsalya, the government will focus on identifying vulnerable households, promoting family-based care over institutionalisation.

India and Samoa sign MoU on project to support children, persons with disabilities

Apia, Oct 17 : India and Samoa have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of the SENESE Project under the Government of India's Grant-in-Aid scheme, aimed at strengthening support for children and persons with disabilities in the Pacific Island nation.

Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita, who is on a visit to Samoa, signed the MoU with Samoa's Prime Minister La'auli Leuatea Schmidt on Saturday.

"During my visit to Samoa, signed an MoU with H.E. La'auli Leuatea Schmidt, Prime Minister of Samoa, for

the implementation of the SENESE Project under the Govt. of India's Grant-in-Aid scheme. The project aims to strengthen support for children and persons with disabilities through accessible infrastructure, audiology services, inclusive education, early learning and vocational training, creating greater opportunities for their devel-

opment and inclusion in society," MoS Margherita posted on X.

On Friday, Margherita met the Samoan Prime Minister in Apia and discussed further strengthening India-Samoa relations and advancing shared priorities, including development partnership and capacity building.



UN chief calls for harnessing technology to stop drug cyber-trafficking

United Nations, Oct 17 : UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for harnessing technology to stop drug cyber-trafficking, working with police and authorities to detect and disrupt criminal networks and the manufacture of synthetic drugs, and boosting investment in prevention, harm-reduction and treatment. On Saturday (Local time), in his message on the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, observed annually on June 26,

Guterres said illicit drug trafficking is not a victimless crime, "it inflicts profound harm on people and communities around the world while fuelling violence, crime and instability." The UN chief said the proliferation of synthetic drugs and the growth of online trafficking networks are compounding the crisis, while fragile health systems, persistent treatment gaps and limited access to support are undermining efforts to reduce stigma and address drug use disorders. Noting this year's theme chal-

lenges the world to forge solutions grounded in foresight, innovation and solidarity, he called on the international community to "re-commit to the bold, innovative and evidence-based solutions this



scourge demands." In its World Drug Report 2026, released Friday, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said drug traffickers are exploiting technologies and global instability to introduce novel drugs, experiment with different trade routes and methods, and aggressively push into new markets, reports Xinhua news agency. "We have seen an unprecedented spike in new types of drugs on the market.

Big diplomatic victory: Veteran officials after Marco Rubio backs India's diversification of energy sources

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Senior government officials and leaders on Saturday welcomed the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's backing of New Delhi's

strategy of diversifying its energy sources, calling it a "big diplomatic victory". In an exclusive interview to IANS, Rubio said that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is on its way to becoming a global power and increasingly participating.



A symbol of Telangana's culture and traditions : District Collector Garima Agrawal



Rajanna Sircilla, Oct 17 : District Collector Garima Agrawal stated that the Bathukamma festival is a symbol of Telangana's culture and traditions. In accordance with the state government's directives, the Bathukamma celebrations were

held with great splendor on Saturday. Under the aegis of the District Welfare Department, female employees and staff prepared 'Bathukamma' floral arrangements using a variety of colorful flowers at the Integrated District Offices Complex. District Collec-

tor Garima Agrawal attended the event as the chief guest and inaugurated the celebrations. She joined the female officials and staff in dancing to traditional Bathukamma songs and extended her festival



- Best wishes for Bathukamma to everyone.
- Grand celebrations of Bathukamma.
- District Collector joins female officials and staff in the Bathukamma festivities.

greetings to everyone. Bathukamma arrangements were prepared by various government departments; the first prize was awarded to the District Agriculture Department, the second to the Revenue Department, and the third to the MPP office of Tangallapalli. The District Collector presented prizes to the winners and congratulated them. Addressing the gathering, District Collector Garima Agrawal conveyed her Bathukamma festival wishes to all the people of the district. It was noted that the employees and staff participated with great enthusiasm, beautifully arranging the Bathukamma and celebrating with songs and dance. It was mentioned that the 'Saddula Bathukamma' festivities were held grandly in Vemulawada on Friday, and that similar celebrations are scheduled for Sunday in Sircilla.

India, Greece underline need for regular exchanges between armed forces, defence industrial collaboration



Athens, Oct 17 : India and Greece on Saturday underlined the need for regular exchanges between their Defence Forces through technical-level interactions and a clear focus on defence industrial collaboration in areas of mutual interest, the Ministry of Defence said. The two sides discussed the is-

ssues as Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff General Dimitrios Choupis, with talks covering a wide range of issues, including military-to-military ties and strengthening strategic cooperation. "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh met Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff General Dimitrios Choupis and held discussions on a wide range of issues covering military-to-military ties and strengthening strategic cooperation in areas of mutual interest. Noting the significant strategic convergence.

South Korea's arms exports expected to rebound this year

Seoul, Oct 17 : South Korea's arms industry exports may rebound this year after a slip for a second consecutive year, with its annual target set at over at least \$20 billion, officials said on Saturday. The country's annual arms exports came in at \$9.5 billion last year following the \$13.5 billion the previous year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions from my client, Punjab National Bank, Amalapuram Branch, represented by its Branch Manager, I hereby issue the following public notice: My client has been informed that Dantuluri Hemalatha, W/o. Dantuluri Sitarama Raju, 1.Polavaram, intends to avail a loan from Punjab National Bank for business purposes by mortgaging the property covered under Registered Sale Deed Document No. 2700/2009 dated 12.10.2009, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, 1.Polavaram, relating to land admeasuring Ac.0.202cents in Survey No.79/3 of 1.Polavaram Village. The mortgagor has informed the Bank that the Link document for the property Ac.0.20%1/2cents in Survey No.79/3 of 1.Polavaram Village original registered title deed bearing Document No. 688/2006 dated 25.09.2006 has been lost and is not traceable despite diligent search. Therefore, any person who has found or is in possession of the said original title deed, or who claims any right title, interest, charge, lien, mortgage, or encumbrance over the above property, is hereby called upon to intimate the same in writing, together with supporting documentary evidence, to the undersigned or to the Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Amalapuram Branch, within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing such intimation within the stipulated period, the Bank shall proceed with sanctioning the loan against the said property, and any claim made thereafter shall not be binding on the Bank.

Y.V.S.N.Prasad Advocate, Bank Street, Amalapuram
K.Agraharam, Amalapuram,
Ph:9849132327
Dt.17-10-2026

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch Office At # 3-2-23, 1st, Jammikunta Veenavanka Raod, Jammikunta, Karimnagar - 505122

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. 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.13-11-2022) 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, and Branch office at Jammikunta (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors / mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
31.10.2015	12.08.2026	Rs. 31,26,344/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1) Balakishan Rayabarapu, S/O Shanker, Age: 47 Years, Occ: Kumar Tailors At Huzurabad, # 7-10(New), 7-9(Old), Prathapawada, Huzurabad, Karimnagar, 2) Sathyanarayana Murthy Gaddam, S/O Rajajiah, Age: 50 Years, Occ: Typist In Govt Junior College At Huzurabad,Karimnagar, # 6-5-414, Karkahana Gadda, New Chowrasahta Road, Karimnagar.

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: JMKNTTF1412290013- Description Of The Immovable Property (Property Holder Name Is Rayabarapu Balakishan Mortgage Deed Dated 31.12.2014)Registered As Document No.5193/2014 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Huzurabad) A.C.C Tin Sheded H.No. 7-10 Corresponding To Old No.7-9 Towards Western Side Some Open Land To An Extent Of 170.00 Sq.Yds I.E.142.12 Sq.Mts., Plinth Area 353.47 Sq.Fts Situated At Huzurabad Village And Mandal, Dist : Karimnagar, Within The Limits Of Nagarapanchayath Huzurabad. Under The Jurisdiction Regn. Dist : Karimnagar, Sub-Dist : Huzurabad. Boundaries: North : G.P.Road, South : Plot Belongs To Bingi Ramadasu, East : Part Of House Belongs To Rayabarapu Harikishan, West : H.No.7-9 And Open Land Belongs To Nadamunula Ahalya.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 17-10-2026, Place: Huzurabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch Office At # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal - 506001

DEMAND NOTICE

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NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
31.10.2017	12.08.2026	Rs. 37,29,458/-	Rs. 6,00,000/-

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors
1) Mohammed Althaf, S/O Hussain, Age: 62 Years, Occ: M/S Anzaar Mobile Shop In Green Square Plaza At Hanamkonda, # 23-6-215, New Shayampet, Hunter Road, Hanamkonda, 2) Alifa Mohammed, W/O Mohammed Althaf, Age: 57 Years, Occ: House Wife, # 23-6-215, New Shayampet, Hunter Road, Hanamkonda. And Also At Alifa Mohammed, W/O Mohammed Althaf, # Open Plot In Sy.No.240/A, 240/D, 202.00 Sq.Yards Or 168.89 Sq.Mtrs, Ursu Village, Warangal 3) Ravikumar Vodapalli, S/O Rangaiah, Age: 55 Years, Occ: M/S Lavanya Tailors And Materials Business At Kazipet, # 1-4-117, Jubilee Market, Kazipet, Warangal.

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: HANDATF1703310007- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name Is MD.ALIFA Mortgage deed dated 07.04.2017)Registered as Document No.4038/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL) Open Plot In Sy.No.240/A, 240/D To An Extent Of 202.00 Sq.Yards Or 168.89 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Ursu Village, Warangal Mandal Of Warangal City And District, Within The Registration District, Warangal And Sub-Registrar, Warangal Fort Is Bounded By : East : 30 Feet & 26 Feet Road, West : Plot Of Pune, North : Open Land Of Vendors, South : Open Plot Of Ravinder Rao

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 17-10-2026, Place: Ursu, Warangal Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



Kenya confirms third Ebola case

Nairobi, Oct 17 : Kenya's Ministry of Health on Saturday confirmed the country's third case of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease. The patient, a 65-year-old woman, is a close relative of the first and second cases and was identified as a primary contact, the ministry said. "She has been in quarantine since Oct. 6 and developed fever, a sore throat and malaise at one point," the ministry said in a statement issued in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, Xinhua News Agency reported. Meanwhile,

two Ebola cases have been reported in Nord-Ubangi Province in northwestern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), a former health minister said Wednesday, raising concerns that the outbreak may have spread to an eighth province. Jean-Jacques Mbungani Mbanda, a former DRC health minister and current member of parliament, said in a post on social media that repeated tests conducted at the National Institute of Biomedical Research in Kinshasa had confirmed the two infections.

Canara Bank

JADCHERLA BRANCH (13421), #11-88 To 92, Netaji Road, Badepally, Jadcherla, Mahabubnagar-509301
Cell: 8712691152 & 9490763463.

DEMAND NOTICE (u/s SECTION 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002) TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Ref: 8317/13421/MR/DN/1/2026 Date: 14.10.2026

The below mentioned person has been granted various credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property mortgaged by borrower/ guarantor by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank are mentioned hereunder. As borrowers/guarantors have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the account have been classified as Non Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the Demand Notice that were sent to borrower/ guarantor by Regd. Post calling upon them to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned by the Postal Department, this notice is issued.

Name of the Borrowers & Mortgagor: 1. Mr. Mudavath Raju (Borrower) Addr- R/o H No. 6-36, Gorita Thnada, Gorita Village Thimmajipet Mandal , Nagarkurnool district , Telangana - 509406 . **2. Mr. Vadhyaath Hussaini** (Guarantor) Addr-H.No. 274-2, Thummalakunta thanda , Thimmajipet Mandal , Nagarkurnool District,Telangana-509406 **Loan A/c No.182000076570 NPA Date:06.10.2026.**
Demand Notice Date:14-10-2026. Nature of Loan :Poultry Loan Outstanding Amount: Rs.10,19,803.01/-Rupees Ten Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Three and paise One Only together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs

DETAILS OF SECURITY ASSETS :
1) Name of Title holder: Sri. Mudavath Raju
Description of the movable Property: All that piece and parcel of Poultry shed along with immovable property of converted agri land in Sy No. 117/2C , 117/2B admeasuring 0.32 Guntas (3872 Sq. Yards) covered into NALA situated at Gorita Village , Thimmajipet Mandal, Nagarkurnool District, Telangana 509406, and **Entire Land bounded by:** North:Land of Karolla Ramulu'South: Bata'East:Land of Sri. Kavali Karnudu'West: Land of Sri. Somaiah. MODTD Registration SRO Nagarkurnool(Document No. 5007/2021 dt. 03/07/2021.NALA Proceedings: 2100237422. **CERSAID ID: 400889419381**

If the above mentioned borrower/guarantors fail to repay the above mentioned due by borrowers /guarantors with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4)(a) and (b) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deemed necessary under any other provision of Law.

Date : 14.10.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : JADCHERLA CANARA BANK

Women working in fields must be recognised as farmers: Shivraj Chouhan

Raisen, Oct 17 : Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday said women who work in fields should be formally recognised as farmers, stressing that their contribution to agriculture should matter as much as land ownership. Addressing a programme on Women Farmers' Day in Sanchi, his parliamentary constituency in Madhya Pradesh, Chouhan said women make significant contributions to crop cultivation, animal husbandry, milk production and livestock care, but their work often needs greater recognition. "Women who work in the fields with their own hands are women farmers. We will make every effort to ensure that they receive

formal recognition," he said, addressing the gathering. Chouhan said agriculture extended beyond crop production to horticulture, fisheries, poultry farming and animal husbandry, with women playing an important role across these activities. He said he would raise the issue on appropriate platforms to ensure that women farmers received recognition and respect for their work. The Union Minister also said a pilot initiative would be launched in Raisen and Vidisha districts to connect every family in every village with at least one source of livelihood, to make villages poverty-free. He said the initiative would focus on developing sustainable income

opportunities through agriculture, processing of farm produce, animal husbandry, goat rearing, fisheries and small businesses. "Poverty can be eradicated by connecting families with employment and income-generating opportunities," Chouhan said, emphasising the need to create sustainable livelihood options rather than relying only on financial assistance. He urged women farmers to move beyond agricultural production and explore entrepreneurship through small-scale processing units and other rural enterprises. He suggested setting up pulse mills in areas where pulses are grown in large quantities, along with oil-processing units and facilities to manu-



facture products such as tomato ketchup. Chouhan said efforts would be made to provide women with training, machinery and technical assistance to help them establish such enterprises and increase their earnings by adding value to agricultural produce. He also stressed the need to improve women's access to finance, saying efforts would be made to facilitate loans requiring little or no collateral.

Punjab BJP emphasises need for double-engine government

Sangrur, Oct 17 : The Punjab BJP Executive Committee on Saturday met here under the chairmanship of state President Kewal Singh Dhillon and emphasised the need for a BJP-led double-engine government in the state. Addressing the media after the meeting, Dhillon launched a sharp attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government over the prevailing situation in Punjab. He said the drug menace, gangsterism, corruption and deteriorating law and order were causing serious difficul-



ties for ordinary men, traders, government employees and young people across the state. Dhillon said only the BJP could provide lasting solutions to the state's problems. He said the meeting focused on shaping the party's organisational and future strategy.



Newly commissioned multi-purpose warship INS Samarthak has 75 pc indigenous equipment

Karwar, Oct 17 : The multi-purpose warship INS Samarthak was commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Karwar-based Karwar Naval Base (Kadamaba Naval Base) on Saturday, in a ceremony presided over by Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan. Karnataka Labour and Employment Minister Santosh S. Lad attended the commissioning ceremony. INS Samarthak is the first of four multi-purpose vessels being inducted into the Indian Navy. The commissioning was formally marked by hoisting the national tricolour bearing the Navy's insignia aboard the warship, signalling its induction into service. The warship has been designed to support future defence operations and incorporates a significant proportion of indigenous equipment. Around 75 per cent of the equipment used in the vessel is indigenously developed, while certain technologies have been sourced from abroad. Senior naval officials attended the ceremony, including Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command Vice-Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, and

head of the warship production division Vice-Admiral Sanjay Sadhu. Rear Admiral Vikram Menon, Flag Officer Karnataka Naval Area, and Commander Sushil Singh, commanding officer of INS Samarthak, were also present. Key representatives of Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T) and OEMs associated with indigenous equipment were also present during the commissioning ceremony. Designed and constructed by L&T Shipyard, INS Samarthak marks a significant milestone in India's indigenous shipbuilding journey as the first major warship to be built by an Indian private shipyard. The commissioning is a powerful testament to the growing maturity and capability of the nation's private shipbuilding industry and reflects the deepening synergy between the Indian Navy and the Indian shipbuilding industry in advancing the national vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Conceived as a versatile platform for trials and evaluation, INS Samarthak embodies the enhanced technological and operational capabilities of the Indian Navy in the 21st century.

No more expensive coaching: Free NEET, JEE classes to 35 govt schools in Surguja

Ambikapur/Surguja (Chhattisgarh), Oct 17 : In a major initiative to provide equal opportunities to students from economically weaker backgrounds, Chhattisgarh's Surguja district is set to become the first district in the state to introduce live online coaching for NEET and JEE aspirants in government schools. The initiative, being launched through the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Fund in

collaboration with the School Education Department, will provide free online coaching to students in 35 government higher secondary schools across the district. The programme aims to ensure that financial constraints and the high fees charged by private coaching institutes do not come in the way of talented students aspiring to become doctors and engineers. Under the initiative, live online classes will be conducted simultaneously in the selected schools, enabling students to pre-

pare for competitive examinations without having to travel to bigger cities or spend heavily on private coaching. Five government schools from each block have been selected for the programme, which is being seen as a significant step towards improving access to quality competitive examination preparation, particularly for students from Surguja's tribal and remote areas. The initiative will be formally launched on October 17 by Rajesh Agrawal, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Dharmasva



& Dharmik Nyas, at a programme scheduled to be held at the Ambikapur Collectorate conference hall. Surguja, which has a considerable tribal population, has no shortage of academic talent. However, the lack of adequate resources and access to specialised coaching has often prevented meritorious students from pursuing their ambitions.

Bihar: Ram Pukar Sinha withdraws from Saran Teachers' MLC contest, backs JD(U)'s Anand Pushkar

Patna, Oct 17 : Independent candidate Ram Pukar Sinha has decided not to continue his bid for the Saran Teachers' constituency in the Bihar Legislative Council election and will instead support NDA candidate Anand Pushkar of the Janata Dal (United). The decision was taken at a meeting attended by Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) state president and MLA Alok Singh, along with two other MLAs, Madhav Anand and Rameshwar Mahto, and Ram Pukar Sinha.



Pinarayi Vijayan creates a new record for himself and his CPI-M!

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 17 : CPI-M veteran and former Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan now has another record to his name. He has become the first CPI-M Politburo member to be summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), being asked to appear before its officials on Friday in connection with the Masappadi (CMRL-Exalogic) case. Vijayan is no stranger to political records. He served as CPI-M state Secretary from 1998 to 2015 and went on to become Chief Minister for two successive terms from 2016 to 2026. No other Kerala Chief Minister has completed two consecutive full terms. Now, an ED summons has added an entirely different distinction to his political career.

The irony is hard to miss. The CPI-M has built much of its political identity around fighting corruption and demanding accountability from those in power. In 2015, the party went all out against then Finance Minister K.M. Mani over the bar bribery allegations, eventually forcing his resignation, following adverse remarks made by a High Court judge. Vijayan himself was among the most aggressive critics of then Chief Minister Oommen Chandy (2011-16) during the Solar scam controversy. He repeatedly demanded Chandy's resignation, sometimes in language far sharper than parliamentary courtesy would permit. Chandy was eventually exonerated. Today, the spotlight has shifted to Vijayan, who faces allegations linked to payments made by



Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL) to Exalogic Solutions, a company associated with his daughter, T. Veena. Two cases have been registered in connection with the transactions. Veena is the second accused in both, while her husband and CPI-M legislator P.A. Mohammed Riyas is the first accused in a separate hawala-related case. The CPI-M's standard defence is that the ED is being used to target political opponents. That argument may form part of the party's political response, but it does not make the summons disappear. Had any other political party leader faced a similar development, the CPI-M would probably have demanded an immediate resignation.

NRRs are global brand ambassadors of Rajasthan: CM Sharma

Jaipur, Oct 17 : Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Saturday described Non-Resident Rajasthanis (NRRs) as global brand ambassadors of the state's rich culture and heritage, urging them to contribute to Rajasthan's development through investment, entrepreneurship and social initiatives. Addressing a dialogue programme with Non-Resident Rajasthanis at the Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur, Sharma called for promoting the spirit of 'Padharo Thare Desh' (Come back to your homeland) along-

side the traditional greeting 'Padharo Mhare Desh' (Welcome to our land). He said the Rajasthan Foundation serves as an important bridge connecting the diaspora with investment opportunities and social development initiatives in the state. During the programme, the Chief Minister announced 11 new chapters of the Rajasthan Foundation and unveiled a coffee table book titled 'Vikas Ke Sahbhagi' (Partners in Development). Sharma said the state government was encouraging Non-Resident Rajasthanis to strengthen their cultural ties with Rajasthan and participate in its economic



growth. The government has established the Department of Domestic and Overseas Rajasthan Affairs, launched the Rajasthan Development Support Portal and introduced the NRR Policy-2025. A District NRR Cell has also been established in every district, with each cell ex-

pected to organise at least one dialogue programme annually. The Chief Minister said Rajasthan had witnessed unprecedented infrastructure expansion under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Delhi CM tells officials to ensure clean, well-lit city during festivals

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta directed officials to work with seriousness and urgency to ensure that the city remains clean, well-lit and orderly during the festive season, an official said on Saturday. At a meeting held at the Delhi Secretariat, she directed that no public place in the capital should have garbage, piles of waste, disorder or inadequate lighting during the festive period. She directed heads of all concerned departments and agencies to conduct field inspections themselves, address shortcomings immediately

and prioritise cleanliness and lighting work ahead of Diwali, the official said in a statement. The Chief Minister also called for daily cleaning drives and measures to address dust on roads so that residents can enjoy a clean and beautiful environment during the festive season.



RBI approves merger of Emirates NBD's Indian branches with RBL Bank

Mumbai, Oct 17 : The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced on Saturday that it has approved the scheme of amalgamation of the Indian branches of Emirates NBD Bank P.J.S.C. with RBL Bank. The effective date of the amalgamation will be December 1, 2026, according to the RBI statement. "All the Indian branches of Emirates NBD

Bank P.J.S.C. will function as branches of RBL Bank Limited with effect from December 1, 2026," the RBI said. In May, the Finance Ministry had granted approval to the Dubai-based Emirates NBD Bank P.J.S.C. for the acquisition of up to a 74 per cent stake in RBL Bank. In June 2026, Emirates NBD completed the acquisition of a majority stake in RBL Bank through a capital infusion of around



Rs 26,000 crore in a deal which was seen as one of the largest foreign direct investments in the Indian banking sector. Emirates NBD now holds 60 per cent of the expanded

share capital of RBL Bank. The board has approved the appointment of five nominee directors of Emirates NBD as additional non-executive.



LTM Q2 profit slips 5 pc sequentially to Rs 1,398 crore

Mumbai, Oct 17 : IT services firm LTM on Saturday reported a 5 per cent sequential decline in consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September 30, 2026 (Q2 FY27). The company posted a net profit of Rs 1,398 crore in the second quarter of FY27, compared with Rs 1,466 crore in the preceding June quarter (Q1 FY27), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations rose 2 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 11,808 crore from Rs 11,608 crore reported in Q1 FY27. Operating profit, measured as earnings before interest and tax

(EBIT), increased 2.2 per cent sequentially to Rs 1,839 crore from Rs 1,799 crore. EBIT margin remained largely stable during the quarter at 15.6 per cent, compared with 15.5 per cent in the previous quarter. In dollar terms, revenue grew 1.1 per cent sequentially on a constant-currency basis to \$1.24 billion. On a year-on-year basis, constant-currency revenue expanded 5.1 per cent. The company's order inflow stood at \$1.26 billion during the quarter, lower than \$1.68 billion in the June quarter and \$1.59 billion recorded in the corresponding period last year.



Apple opens pre-orders for 1st-ever foldable iPhone Duo in India; sales begin Oct 23

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Apple on Saturday opened pre-orders for its first foldable smartphone, the iPhone Duo, in India from 5:30 PM IST, with official sales scheduled to begin on October 23. The device marks Apple's entry into the foldable smartphone seg-

ment and features the largest display ever offered on an iPhone, while also being touted by the company as its thinnest iPhone to date. The iPhone Duo grabbed significant attention after Apple announced its pricing.

Govt cuts gold duty drawback rate by 3.1 pc, silver by nearly 9 pc

New Delhi, Oct 17 : The central government on Saturday reduced the duty drawback rates applicable to the export of gold and silver jewellery, as well as other precious metal products. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Finance, the duty refund on gold jewellery has been cut by 3.1 per cent, while the refund on silver

jewellery and other such products has been reduced by approximately 9 per cent. The decision will lower financial gains for Indian jewellery exporters compared to before, and it could have a direct impact on their profit margins. Following the revision, the duty drawback rate for the export of gold jewellery has been reduced from Rs 1,851.99 per gram to Rs 1,794.11 per gram.



Deepak Nitrite's Q1 profit tanks 45 pc, revenue declines

Mumbai, Oct 17 : Chemical intermediary manufacturer Deepak Nitrite Limited on Saturday reported a sharp drop in its earnings for the first quarter of the financial year ending June 30 (Q1 FY26). The chemical manufacturer's net profit fell 44.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 112 crore, compared to Rs 202.5 crore in the same period previous fiscal (Q1 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing. The company's revenue also declined, slipping 12.8 per cent to Rs 1,889.8 crore from Rs 2,166.8 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total expenses for the quarter under review stood at Rs 1,759.7 crore, compared to Rs 1,910.85 crore in the year-ago period. Among the biggest contributors to the company's expenses were the cost of materials consumed at Rs 1,331.09 crore, other expenses at Rs 119.5 crore, power and fuel expenses at Rs 113.66 crore, and employee benefits expenses at Rs 106.45 crore.

Shilpa Medicare recalls 27,923 vials of Pemetrexed injection in US over discolouration



New Delhi, Oct 17 : Drug firm Shilpa Medicare Limited on Saturday has initiated a voluntary recall of 27,923 vials of Pemetrexed Injection 100 mg/10 mL and 500 mg/50 mL (Pemetri RTU) in the United States due to atypical discolouration of the drug product. According to a stock exchange filing, the company initiated the recall on July 29, 2026, at the retail and hospital level. The recall covers four batches, comprising two batches of each strength. Of the total af-

ected quantity, 9,489 are 50 mL vials and 18,434 are 10 mL vials. The company said the affected product showed green to dark green discolouration, which is not consistent with its approved appearance specification. The approved specification describes the drug as a clear, colourless to pale yellow to green-yellowish solution. The US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) has classified the action as a Class II hospital-level recall. Shilpa Medicare said the recall was initiated voluntarily as a precautionary measure, in consultation with and in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the US FDA. The company added that no adverse event had been reported in connection with the affected batches.

Public capex, banking reforms transformed India into global growth engine: Report

New Delhi, Oct 17 : India experienced a tremendous transformation from the 'Fragile Five' label pinned on it by global analysts in 2013 to a more self-reliant, global growth engine built on banking reforms, silicon hardware push and domestic technology development, a report has said. The report from Vietnam Times said the public capital expenditure blueprint of Rs 12.22 lakh crore transformed the nation from 'a passive tech consumer into a sovereign architect of its own future'. The Gross NPA ratio sits at a multi-decade low of 2.5 per cent, with net NPAs down to a negligible 0.6 per cent. Reckless corporate lending pursued for decades had left public banks holding huge amounts of stressed credit in 2016, the report said. It added that the Gross Non-Performing Asset (NPA) ratio peaked at a terrifying 11.18 per cent by 2018. In addition, the government injected Rs 3.10 lakh crore of taxpayer capital straight into public sector banks between 2015 and 2021. Along with this, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) helped banks to aggressively scrub their ledgers. The report also lauded production-linked incentives and digital-sovereignty measures that strengthened India's macroeconomic resilience and technological capabilities. The government's Rs 1.97 lakh crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme transformed India into the world's second-largest mobile shipper with exports scaling past \$28 billion, it said. "At Dholera, Gujarat, Tata Electronics' flagship \$11 billion mega-fab is rising from the ground, partnering with global chip veterans.



SEBI bans Wadhawan brothers from market, slaps Rs 120 crore fine in DHFL fraud case

Mumbai, Oct 17 : Capital markets regulator SEBI has banned Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd's former Chairman and Managing Director Kapil Wadhawan, ex-director Dheeraj Wadhawan, and four others from the stock markets for up to five years and slapped a penalty of Rs 120 crore on them for diverting funds and fabricating books. They have also been barred from holding any key position in a listed company for up to five years. According to the SEBI investigation, the main culprits involved in the fraudulent scheme were Kapil Wadhawan and his brother Dheeraj, who have been fined Rs 27 crore each. Rakesh Wadhawan, who was Non-Executive Chairman, and Sarang Wadhawan, a former Non-Executive Director, were also involved through their roles on DHFL's board and face penalties of Rs 20.75 crore each.

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Gauhati HC directs Assam varsity VC to vacate post over alleged UGC norm violations

Guwahati, Oct 17 : The Gauhati High Court has directed the Vice-Chancellor of Assam University, Silchar, Rajive Mohan Pant, to vacate his post over alleged violations of University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations in his appointment. The court's intervention has raised questions over the appointment process for the top administrative position at the central university, with the reported violations relating to the eligibility criteria and prescribed procedures under the UGC regulations. According to an official, the High Court issued the direction on October 14, asking

Pant to step down from the Vice-Chancellor's position. The appointment has reportedly been challenged on the ground that the prescribed UGC norms were not followed. The controversy has also brought the role of the Union Education Ministry under scrutiny, as the appointment of the head of a central university falls within the broader framework of regulations governing higher education institutions. The University Registrar Pradosh Kiran Nath said that the matter had been communicated to the authorities in New Delhi. The university is awaiting a response from the Centre before deciding on the subsequent

course of action. The High Court also indicated that the question of recovering the salary already paid to the Vice-Chancellor had been raised in connection with the controversy. However, the exact legal implications of the court's order and the university's subsequent administrative steps will depend on the official communication and further proceedings.



Kerala Waqf Board rejig puts Muslim League leader at helm amid legal challenge

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 17 : The Kerala government has reconstituted the State Waqf Board, appointing Indian Union Muslim League state vice-president M.C. Mayin Haji as chairman in a politically significant move that could reshape equations among Muslim organisations in the state. The nine-member board replaces the committee headed by K.S. Hamsa, appointed by the LDF government in March this year. The decision was taken despite the board having more than four and a half years left in its term and a petition filed

by Hamsa challenging its dissolution pending before the Kerala High Court. The government had earlier informed the High Court that reconstitution of the board was necessary. It cited the alleged lack of prescribed qualifications among several members, and the court imposed restrictions on the existing board taking policy decisions, which had affected its functioning. However, the sudden dissolution has raised questions over the government's decision to replace the entire board within months of its formation. Mayin Haji, a senior Muslim League leader with previous experience as a Waqf Board mem-



ber, is seen as a choice acceptable to the League leadership. His appointment could help the government ease tensions with sections of the Muslim political establishment over the board's functioning. The inclusion of Musthafal Faizy, recently expelled from the Mushawara of the Samastha E.K. faction, is another politically significant decision. His appointment is likely to trigger debate within Samastha over the representation of dissenting voices.

Law is a living conversation shaped by diverse voices: CJI Surya Kant at NLSIU convocation

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Chief Justice of India (CJI), Justice Surya Kant, on Saturday said that law is not static but evolves through the minds and actions of those who practise it, describing it as a "living conversation" shaped by diverse voices and perspectives. Addressing the 34th Annual Convocation of the National

Law School of India University (NLSIU), in Bengaluru, the CJI said legal education must go beyond textbooks, statutes and case law to foster intellectual independence, ethical responsibility and the ability to engage with people holding different viewpoints. "Each time we listen to perspectives that diverge from ours, we are reminded that the law itself is a living conversation and that it is shared by voices that do not always.



India, Thailand hold talks on cementing strategic partnership

Bangkok/New Delhi, Oct 17 : Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Ekniti Nitithanprapas held talks in Bangkok on Saturday on ways to further strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries. The meeting that took place on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF annual meetings placed particular emphasis on enhancing bilateral trade, mutual investment opportunities, financial connectivity, digital payments, and cooperation in emerging financial technologies, according to a Finance Ministry statement. Sitharaman also expressed heartfelt condolences on the passing of Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of Thailand, and Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendradirabhyavati. She also expressed deep condolences for the loss of life and property due to the recent floods. The Indian minister underlined that India and Thailand share a very special relationship forged by strong cultural ties, and highlighted investment opportunities offered by India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSCA) at GIFT City in Gujarat. She encouraged Thai banks, financial

institutions and fintech companies to leverage its expanding ecosystem for cross-border banking, trade finance, capital markets, treasury operations, fintech innovation and wealth management. The discussion also focused on facilitating greater two-way investment flows, including opportunities for Thai investors to participate in India's growing infrastructure and emerging sectors through investment platforms and vice versa, while encouraging stronger business and financial linkages between the two economies. Besides, both ministers exchanged views on advancing the proposed UPI-PromptPay linkage to facilitate seamless cross-border payments for tourists and businesses, and exploring local currency settlement mechanisms using the Indian rupee and Thai baht



to support bilateral trade and investment. The two leaders also discussed prospects for enhanced fintech collaboration, cross-border settlement of tokenised financial assets, and regulatory sandboxes, among others, besides emerging technologies like AI and quantum as areas of future cooperation. Finance Minister Sitharaman also held a meeting with her Luxembourg counterpart Roth Gilles in Bangkok. Both sides discussed enhanced cooperation between the financial sectors of the two countries, exploring opportunities to further strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly in sustainable finance and banking.

Huge cache of explosives seized in Mizoram, one held

Aizawl, Oct 17 : Assam Rifles and Mizoram Police in a joint operation recovered a number of explosive materials in Mizoram's Aizawl district, an official said on Saturday. A Defence spokesperson said that acting on specific intelligence information about the movement of explosives in Durtlang Leitan areas of Aizawl district, Assam Rifles and Mizoram Police established a mobile vehicle check post on Durtlang to Kawnpui road on Saturday night. The alert security team stopped a vehicle and on thorough search recovered 7,000 different coloured electric detonators.

Bengal Minister alleges corruption in tea gardens during Trinamool era

Kolkata, Oct 17 : State Tourism Minister Shankar Ghosh on Saturday alleged that various tea garden lands in north Bengal were sold illegally during the Trinamool era and that the proceeds from the illegal sales went to the Trinamool party fund. He said the money was used in Trinamool's election campaign in the state. At a press conference, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Shankar Ghosh from Siliguri demanded an investigation into the transfer of tea garden lands during the Mamata Banerjee era, alleging "institutional corruption". The government of Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari has already formed a commission headed by retired Jus-



tice Biswajit Basu to investigate corruption in various government sectors. The Tourism Minister said he will write a letter to the Chief Minister, requesting him to look into all issues related to land transfer, lease, and commercial use through the commission. He said he will investigate how, and for whose benefit, the tea garden lands were used. The Tourism Minister also announced plans to further emphasise tea tourism in the tea gardens of north Bengal.



'Peaceful Ramililas, Kanwar Yatras were not possible in UP during SP govt': CM Yogi Adityanath

Ghaziabad, Oct 17 : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday hit out at the previous Samajwadi Party (SP) government in the state, alleging that it was not possible to arrange Ramililas and Kanwar Yatras in the state without riots and curfews, during the latter's tenure. The Chief Minister made the remarks while campaigning for the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council elections (Graduates' and Teachers' constituencies) in Ghaziabad. Addressing a gathering, CM Adityanath said: "You may have observed that during the four terms of the Samajwadi Party government, the state faced innumerable crisis concerning security, development, identity, employment for the youth, and the future of teachers." "Under the Samajwadi Party, the state became synonymous with riots, curfews, unrest, anarchy, plunder, corruption, dilapidated roads, and a complete lack of electricity, this had become the state's defining identity. Investors stayed away out of fear," he alleged. CM Adityanath added: "If jailed Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan sought to establish a university, a different set of standards was applied; but when an entity attempted to establish a 'global university,' it was denied recognition."

NIA sends 12 convicts to jail in Jharkhand terror funding case

Ranchi, Oct 17 : A Special NIA Court, Ranchi, on Saturday sentenced 12 convicts to varying terms of rigorous imprisonment ranging from 10 years to 5 years in connection with extortion from coal miners and raising funds for the banned Tiritiya Prastuti Committee (TPC), an official said. The Special Court pronounced sentences against the 12 convicts in NIA case RC-06/2018/NIA/DLI relating to extortion and collection of levy from

coal transporters, contractors and business people in the Amrapali-Magadh coal mining areas of Jharkhand, the NIA said. Of the 12 convicts sentenced on Tuesday, five were given a maximum of 10 years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI), six were given a maximum of 8 years of Rigorous Imprisonment, and one was given a maximum of 5 years of Rigorous Imprisonment, it said. The case relates to extortion and collection of levy in the Amrapali and Magadh coal mining areas

within the limits of Tandwa Police Station, Chatra district, Jharkhand. The NIA had filed the charge sheet and supplementary charge sheet against a total of 21 accused on December 22, 2018 and January 10, 2020. The NIA said the initial trial against 13 chargesheeted accused was completed, with evidence recorded from 119 prosecution witnesses. On August 12, the Special NIA Court had found 12 chargesheeted accused guilty under various sec-

tions of the IPC and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, while one chargesheeted accused was acquitted. Investigation by the NIA established that members and cadres of the banned TPC, which had armed cadres also affiliated to CPI (Maoist), in connivance with local committees, business people.



US violent crime posts record fall: FBI

Washington, Oct 17 : The United States recorded its largest year-to-year decline in the violent crime rate in nearly nine decades in 2025, with murders and robberies falling sharply, according to detailed FBI data released by the White House. Violent crime fell an estimated 9.3 per cent from 2024, while the violent crime rate declined 9.7 per cent, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Programme said. It was the largest annual drop in the rate since national estimates began in 1936. The estimated murder and non-negligent manslaughter rate fell 18.5 per cent, also the steepest annual decline recorded by the FBI. The number of such offences dropped 18.1 per cent. The murder rate stood at 4.1 per 100,000 people. That matched the rates recorded in 1955 and 1956, making it the joint-lowest since national estimates began. The FBI estimated that 1,119,768 violent crimes were committed across the country in 2025. That amounted to 327.6 offences for every 100,000 people, down from 362.9 in 2024. Robbery declined 18.5 per cent to an estimated 168,927 offences. Rape fell 7.6 per cent to 123,332 cases, while aggravated assault decreased 7.2 per cent to 813,424 offences. Aggravated assaults accounted for 72.6 per cent of violent crimes reported to law enforcement.



Indian Army, Assam Rifles take up water security, skill development initiatives in Manipur

Imphal, Oct 17 : The Indian Army and Assam Rifles have undertaken separate initiatives in Manipur to improve access to drinking water and promote employment-oriented skill development among local residents, officials said on Saturday. A defence spokesman said that as part of its Military Civic Action programme under 'Operation Sadbhavana', the Red Shield Division of the Indian Army provided a 10,000-litre water storage facility to Leimakhong village in Kangpokpi district, benefiting around 35 families and addressing the recurring problem of wa-

ter scarcity. The village previously lacked adequate water storage infrastructure and depended on a continuous water supply, he said. During the dry season, when the flow reduced significantly, residents faced shortages and were often forced to walk to available water sources to meet their daily needs. The spokesman said that recognising the need for a practical and sustainable solution, the Indian Army provided the storage facility to strengthen the village's existing water infrastructure. The facility will enable residents to store water when supplies are adequate and use the reserve during periods of reduced flow, par-

ticularly in the dry months. The initiative is expected to improve the reliability of water availability, reduce the hardship faced by villagers, and ensure better access to this essential resource. In a separate initiative to enhance employment opportunities for local youth, Assam Rifles inaugurated the second batch of Food and Beverage Service training at the UNAU Skill Development Centre at Khuga in Manipur's Churachandpur district. Organised in collaboration with the Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), the skill development arm of the Tata Group, the programme.



UN envoy demands immediate release of detained UN staff in Yemen

Aden, Oct 17 : UN Special Envoy to Yemen Hans Grundberg met with Houthi negotiating delegation head Mohammed Abdulsalam in Muscat, Oman, to address the ongoing detention of UN personnel in Sanaa. Grundberg on Saturday condemned the "arbitrary detention" of additional UN staff, along with those detained since 2021, 2023, and 2024 respectively, according to a statement released by the UN envoy's office on social media platform X. He called for the immediate release of all detained UN staff, NGO personnel, civil society members, and diplomats, emphasising the UN's commitment to a peaceful resolution in Yemen. Xinhua news agency reported.

DMK MPs seek CEC's removal, scrapping of SIR and return to ballot paper

Chennai, Oct 17 : The DMK MPs on Saturday demanded the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, cancellation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and restoration of ballot paper voting in place of electronic voting machines, a party statement said. The demands formed part of four resolutions adopted at a meeting chaired by DMK president M.K. Stalin at the

Murasoli Maran Meeting Hall in Anna Arivalayam, the party's headquarters in Chennai. The meeting began at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The parliamentary group also resolved to submit a petition to the President of India seeking corrective measures to address alleged electoral irregularities. The proposed representation will place the party's demands with regard to electoral roll revision and the voting system before the President. In its first resolution, the meeting

called for Gyanesh Kumar's removal from office. The demand placed the Chief Election Commissioner at the centre of the party's criticism of the electoral administration, alongside its opposition to the SIR exercise. The resolutions adopted by the party, however, did not specify individual instances of alleged irregularities or outline the grounds on which it would seek the Chief Election Commissioner's removal. Further details of the proposed



presidential petition were also not provided. A second resolution extended the DMK's support to protests organised by student organisations. The meeting formally endorsed the protests, although the resolution did not identify the organisations involved, their specific demands or the locations of the demonstrations. The third resolution condemned the Congress and the Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK), accusing both parties of adopting double standards.



'Fake surveys being run to target BSP': Mayawati ahead of Assembly polls in UP, U'khand, Punjab

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief, Mayawati, on Saturday alleged that a malicious campaign of fake and misleading surveys was being run against her party ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab. In a post on X, the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister said the alleged campaign was being driven by casteist elements in the media and social media, accusing them of using financial power to influence public perception of the BSP. Mayawati said the party was intensifying its grassroots preparations for the upcoming elections, including the selection of strong candidates, but was being targeted through what she described as fake and sponsored surveys. "In the context of the upcoming Assembly General Elections in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Punjab, amidst intensive grassroots preparations, including the selection of strong and robust candidates for the party, a malicious campaign of fake and diversionary surveys/polls has already been initiated here by casteist media/social media, under a conspiracy leveraging the misuse of financial power, and it is extremely distressing and unfortunate that the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) is naturally being targeted in this," she said.

Hiding nothing, ready to present all documents: MoS Bhagirath Choudhary on subsidy row

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Bhagirath Choudhary, on Saturday defended himself against allegations that he received a subsidy of Rs 99.03 lakh for his cucumber farming project under a government scheme administered by the ministry in which he serves. He maintained that the entire process was carried out in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and asserted that he was ready to present all relevant documents whenever required. The controversy follows an investigation by The Indian Express, which reported that Choudhary received the subsidy of Rs 99 lakh around three months ago under a scheme of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. The report stated that the project was approved by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), where Choudhary serves as the ex-officio Vice-President. Speaking to IANS, Choudhary said, "It is true. I am a farmer, and I am engaged in agricultural work. I have developed a polyhouse project and constructed four farm ponds with a capacity of around two crore litres to store rainwater. This water is used for irrigation and for my crops."



US Transportation Secy defends Trump as gas prices surge

Washington, Oct 17 : US Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy on Saturday defended President Donald Trump's handling of the Iran conflict, even as surging fuel prices strain American households and deepen economic concerns. In an interview to ABC News, Duffy acknowledged rising energy costs but expressed confidence that prices would fall once supply routes stabilise. "Once the Strait opens, you'll see prices come down, come down immediately," Duffy said, referring to the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global oil transit chokepoint disrupted by the ongoing conflict. He cautioned, however, that recovery would not be instantaneous.

Will not negotiate with US: Top Iranian secretary official

Tehran, Oct 17 : Ali Larijani, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, on Saturday dismissed reports that Tehran is seeking dialogue with the United States as tensions continue to escalate in the Middle East. Taking to X, Larijani made his position clear, stating, "We will not negotiate with the United States." This remark comes after a report from The Wall Street Journal said that Larijani was seeking a resumption of diplomatic engagement with the US through intermediaries from Oman. On Sunday, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi condemned the US strikes that killed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, calling them unlawful aggression and signalling that Tehran will respond without compromise. Speaking to ABC News, Araghchi rejected Washington's justification outright. "What the United States is doing is an act of aggression. What we are doing is the act of self-defence," he said.



Netherlands: Activists protest human rights abuses by Pakistani forces in Balochistan

Amsterdam, Oct 17 : The Free Balochistan Movement (FBM) -- a political organisation advocating for the independence of Balochistan -- staged a protest in the Netherlands' capital, Amsterdam, drawing attention to decades of brutality against Baloch civilians by Pakistani forces, while calling for justice. The demonstration, held at Dam Square in Amsterdam to mark the United Nations' International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on Saturday.





Seoul envoy says Korean War veterans' sacrifices remain foundation of South Korea-US alliance

Washington, Oct 17 : South Korea's top envoy to the United States has said that the sacrifices of Korean War veterans laid the foundation for the bilateral alliance, stressing that strong security cooperation is "essential" amid growing North Korean threats and other challenges. Ambassador Kang Kyung-wha made the remarks on Saturday (local time) during an event commemorating the 76th anniversary of the outbreak of the 1950-53 war at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, underscoring that South Korea will never forget the veterans' sacrifices and will be "eternally" grateful to them. "Your courage defended freedom. Your service secured peace, and your sacrifice laid the foundation for the Korea-

US alliance, which continues to safeguard our shared future," she said at the event attended by some 70 people, including war veterans and representatives from the countries that participated in the war. Noting South Korea's rise from the ashes of the war into a trusted US ally, a leader in high-tech and strategic industries and a cultural powerhouse, Kang attributed it to the veterans who fought alongside South Korean troops under the UN banner during the war, reports Yonhap news agency. "Korean companies are investing in communities across the US, creating jobs for American families and strengthening the economic ties between our peoples.

One killed as DTC bus runs into pedestrians in Delhi's Anand Parbat

New Delhi, Oct 17 : One person was killed, and two others were injured after a Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus hit vehicles and pedestrians in Delhi's Anand Parbat area on Saturday, officials said. According to the officials, an e-rickshaw, two bikes, and a scooter rider were hit by the bus, which was heading towards Tikri Border. One person died on the spot, while two others were seriously injured and were shifted to the hospital. The officials added that the bus driver fled the scene following the accident. According to the eyewitnesses, the bus was speeding when it hit the pedestrians. "The bus was being driven by a female driver. The bus was at a very high speed. Pedestrians tried to save themselves; however, some were hit by the bus. Around 4-5 people were injured," an eyewitness told IANS. "There is always a traffic jam in this area. There is

no place to walk on this road. Rickshaws and shops have encroached upon the road. Everyone fears to walk on this road. Today, a person has died because of all this," another said. "Several accidents keep happening here. The situation is miserable. The police also don't arrive on time," a local told IANS. Police and forensic teams have reached the spot and are investigating the incident. Further details are awaited. In a separate incident, one person was killed, and three others were injured after a truck hit two motorcycles near Crescent Apartment Red Light in Dwarka Sector 18 in the early hours of Saturday.



India's East Asia push opens new opportunities for Mongolia: Report

Ulaanbaatar/New Delhi, Oct 17 : India's growing engagement with East Asia across several areas, including technology, trade, supply chain resilience, and soft power, offers fresh opportunities for Mongolia's landlocked economy. The two countries' shared non-bloc approach complements their respective economic and growth strategies, a report has stated. External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar recently concluded his East Asia tour, which included a visit to Mongolia, underscoring the growing strategic partnership between the two countries. The visit highlighted expanding economic engagement and a shared

political commitment to deepen cooperation, reinforcing connectivity between Eurasia and the Indo-Pacific, according to a report in international online magazine 'The Diplomat.' EAM's June 22-23 official visit to Mongolia was part of the 10-year strategic roadmap built in 2025 during Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa's State Visit to New Delhi.



MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh meets IOM chief Amy Pope, discusses strengthening cooperation on migration, mobility

New Delhi, Oct 17 : India and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) on Saturday discussed ongoing initiatives to further strengthen their cooperation in the areas of migration and mobility. Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh held talks with IOM Director General Amy Pope, who is on a visit to India. "Pleased to meet Ms Amy Pope, Director General of the Interna-

tional Organisation for Migration. Discussed ongoing initiatives to further strengthen India-IOM cooperation in the areas of migration and mobility," MoS Singh posted on X. Earlier on Saturday, India and the IOM discussed global migration and mobility trends and ways to expand India's opportunities in this situation. The discussions took place during a meeting between Secretary (CPV and OIA) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Sripriya Ranganathan and IOM Director

General Amy Pope in New Delhi. "Secretary CPV OIA Sripriya Ranganathan and Ms Amy Pope, Director General of the International Organisation for Migration, held discussions about global migration and mobility trends and ways of expanding India's opportunities in this situation," the MEA posted on X. On Thursday, Amy Pope met Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje in New Delhi, where they discussed cooperation, skills recognition, ethical recruitment



and regular labour pathways that protect workers and expand opportunity. Following the meeting, Amy Pope on X wrote, "Skills can open doors, but mobility must be safe and work for people. With Labour Minister Shobha Karandlaje today.

Trump touts US strength ahead of midterms

Washington, Oct 17 : President Donald Trump has portrayed the United States as an economic and military powerhouse under his leadership, claiming that tariffs are bringing manufacturing jobs back, Washington is outpacing China in the race for advanced artificial intelligence and the conflict with Iran is nearing an end. Addressing Republican supporters at a fundraising event in Miami Friday night, Trump offered an expansive defence of his administration's record ahead of the November 3 midterm elections, linking economic growth, energy security, military operations and technological leadership to his party's electoral prospects. The President said his administration had transformed the country's economic position through tax cuts, deregulation and policies designed to encourage domestic investment. "We have the hottest country in the world right now," Trump said, contrasting current economic conditions with what he described as the situation before his return to the White House. He claimed that \$21 trillion was being invested or committed for investment in the United States, with new factories being built across the country. The figure was not independently substantiated in the remarks. Trump said tariffs had played a central role in persuading automobile manufacturers to expand production in the United States rather than overseas. He named Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea and Germany among countries that had benefited from the earlier movement of automobile production away from America. "It's all coming back because of tariffs, and because of this presidency," he said. The President also highlighted competition with China in advanced technology, describing artificial intelligence as an increasingly important measure of national power. He said the emerging contest was moving beyond con-



ventional AI towards what he called superintelligence, or SI. "Whoever wins the superintelligence race, is going to be the winner," Trump said. He asserted that the United States was ahead of China in developing the technology and suggested that no other country was currently competing at the same level. "We're leading China. China's second, and there essentially is no third," he said. The President also discussed his recent interaction with Chinese President Xi Jinping, claiming that Xi had acknowledged America's economic progress. Turning to foreign policy, Trump predicted that the conflict involving Iran would end soon and said its conclusion would bring substantial relief to global energy markets. "We're going to win it very soon, one way or the other," he said. Trump predicted that oil prices would fall sharply once the conflict ended, although he offered no specific timetable or supporting market analysis. He claimed that US military operations had destroyed much of Iran's naval and air capabilities and eliminated its ability to pose a nuclear threat. Those battlefield assessments were not independently verified in the supplied material.

Indian-American Pia Dandiya wins Democratic primary in Florida

Washington, Oct 17 : Indian-American educator Pia Dandiya has won the Democratic primary for Florida's 22nd Congressional District, setting up a closely watched November contest that could determine control of the US House of Representatives. Dandiya defeated attorney Kaysia Earley with 61.3 per cent of the vote in Monday's primary. She will face Republican businessman and Marine veteran Casey Askar in the November 3 general election. Askar secured the Republican nomination with 24 per cent of the vote in a crowded seven-candidate field. Cryptocurrency entrepreneur Michael Carbonara received 20.6 per cent, while university administrator Belinda Keiser finished with 20.2 per cent. "I am so thrilled and honoured to be your Democratic nominee for US Congress here in my home state of Florida," Dandiya said in her victory speech. "To the voters, to the volunteers, and to everyone who's



believed in our campaign for months, a truly heartfelt thank you," she said. Dandiya said the campaign would now begin "the next chapter of our fight to stand up for working families and to write a new chapter of what it means to be a public servant in Florida." If elected, Dandiya would become the first South Asian American to represent Florida in the US Congress. Born and raised in Palm Beach County to parents from India, Dandiya is a first-generation American. She began her career as a teacher and later founded a high school in Harlem at the age of 28, becoming one of the youngest high school principals in the country. Every graduate of the school earned admission to college, ac-

cording to her campaign, despite 86 per cent of the students coming from low-income households. Dandiya later served as a White House Fellow with the Domestic Policy Council and the Department of Education. She subsequently led public-sector initiatives at Apple involving education, healthcare and state government. The Democratic National Committee congratulated Dandiya and identified the district as a potential opportunity for the party to gain a House seat. "As an educator and longtime leader in her community, Pia has dedicated herself to expanding opportunity and fighting for working families," DNC Chair Ken Martin said. "She is ready to fight in Congress to lower the costs of groceries, healthcare, and housing for South Florida families. The DNC is ready to help elect Pia, flip this seat, and take back the House majority in November," Martin said.



Odisha: Miscreant decamps with valuables & cash from senior Congress leader's residence

Bhubaneswar, Oct 17 : An unidentified miscreant has reportedly decamped with ornaments and cash to the tune of over Rs 50 lakhs from the house of former Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Niranjan Patnaik in Bhubaneswar during the intervening night. Police have initiated a probe into the case after registering a case on the basis of a complaint lodged by Patnaik's son Devajyoti. "A miscreant committed theft in the residence of ex-president OPCC and former minister Niranjan Patnaik in Nayapalli police station area of the city yesterday night. None was present at the house when the incident took place. Upon being informed, our police team reached the spot and started an investigation.

Iran's president says Tehran not after nukes, slams propaganda claiming otherwise

Tehran, Oct 17 : Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian on Saturday reiterated that his country does not seek to develop nuclear weapons, dismissing anti-Tehran propaganda claiming otherwise as a "lie." Pezeshkian made the remarks during a meeting with Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze on the sidelines of the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the Convention on Biological Diversity in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, according to a statement on his office's website. "Iran does not seek to develop

nuclear weapons, and we consider the destructive propaganda against our country as a lie," he said, citing the clear positions of Iran's late Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei regarding the prohibition of developing nuclear weapons, Xinhua News Agency reported. Pezeshkian noted Iran has always been ready for dialogue, saying, "They (the United States) think they can force us to surrender, but we will not acquiesce to coercion." He said the US sanctions against Iran fail to comply with humani-

tarian frameworks, describing recent US-Israeli attacks on Iran as "unjustifiable and inhumane." Kobakhidze, for his part, underlined that his country rejects any form of foreign interference in states' internal affairs. In a separate meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, Pezeshkian said that the United States must recognize that Iran will not surrender and will continue its relations with the world with power, relying on its people and coordinating with its neighbors.

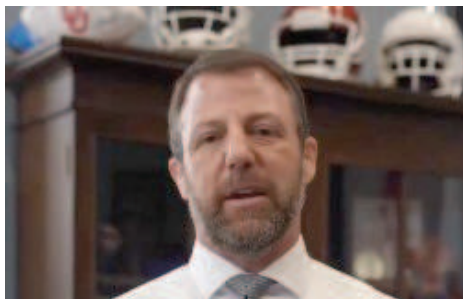


US revokes 85K visas cites public-safety concerns

Washington, Oct 17 : The United States has revoked 85,000 visas across multiple categories this year, a senior State Department official said, describing the action as part of an intensified effort to protect American communities and enforce public-safety standards. "We've revoked 85,000 visas of all categories, including more than 8,000 students, which is more than double the numbers the year before," said a State Department official in response to a question. "Some of the top reasons why we revoked the visas were DUIs, assaults, and theft, which together account for almost half of the revocations in the past year. These are people who pose a direct threat to our communities' safety, and we do not want to have them in our country," said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

US reports record-low border apprehensions

Washington, Oct 17 : The Trump administration announced what it described as the lowest annual border apprehensions in US history, reporting fewer than 99,000 arrests along the southwest border during fiscal year 2026 and claiming a sharp decline in unlawful crossings. The Department of Homeland Security said preliminary figures from Customs and Border Protection showed 98,708 southwest border apprehensions during the fiscal year ending September 30. According to the department, the figure represented a 95 per cent decline compared with annual apprehensions averaging more than 1.8 million during the Biden administration. The department also reported 379,243 nationwide encounters during fiscal 2026, describing that figure as the lowest in the agency's history. These are preliminary administration figures. The historical rankings and comparisons require examination of the underlying Customs and Border.



Bangladesh measles outbreak claims five more lives, death toll climbs to 1,186



Dhaka, Oct 17 : As Bangladesh grapples with an unprecedented measles outbreak, five more children died from symptoms of the disease on Saturday, pushing the death toll in 2026 to 1,186 this year, local media reported. According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), the deaths were reported in the 24 hours leading up to Friday morning. The latest five fatalities from the

disease were identified as suspected, Bangladeshi media outlet UNB reported. Reports suggest that while the number of confirmed deaths remained at 104, the total number of suspected deaths climbed to 1,082. The DGHS recorded a total of 1,1164 new suspected measles cases during the 24-hour period, bringing the overall tally of suspected cases to 211,040. Additionally, 46 new confirmed cases were reported, increasing the total to 22,972 during the same period. Despite Bangladesh reinstating vaccine procurement through UNICEF in April, followed by an emergency vaccination drive, the epidemic is unlikely to be quickly contained given the speed of transmission, said Be-nazir Ahmed, former director of disease control at DGHS, last week, Bangladesh's leading newspaper 'The Daily Star' reported.

Arbitrary, unverified reports make UN lose credibility: India

United Nations, Oct 17 : Arbitrary reports based on unverifiable hearsay have led to the UN losing its credibility, India has warned while rejecting "outright" a report by the monitor for freedom of peaceful assembly. "A sweeping charge against the world's largest youth population, resting on anonymous and unverified claims is not evidence", Indian diplomat Anuj Swarup said on Saturday, taking exception to the Special Rapporteur's report on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association. "This level of arbitrary report writing is precisely the reason that the United Nations and its institutions have lost credibility", he said at a meeting in New York of the General Assembly's Third Committee that deals with social and humanitarian issues. "It is hearsay dressed up as a UN report, and my delegation rejects it outright", he said. The report by Special Rapporteur Gina Romero said, "Young people from India reported retaliation or stigmatisation for discussing mental health or gender



justice". The footnote to the claim in the report attributed it to a "submission" without further identifying the source. "A mandate holder who relies on anonymous inputs to generalise for 1.4 billion people does a disservice to the very mandate she holds", said Swarup, a first secretary in India's UN mission in Geneva. This was the second time this week that India issued a warning about the UN human rights mechanism losing its credibility through arbitrary reports. Swarup on Wednesday said Human Rights Commissioner Volker Turk was following double standards in how he reports on violent responses to protests.

"Violent responses to protests in our neighbourhood, as well as in the West, have gone uncommented" in the reports Turk, he said. "Such double standards contribute to loss of trust" in the high commissioner, he said. While criticising the special rapporteur's submission on Friday, Swarup said, "Ironically, the same report notes that young Indians created a satirical political movement". "In which repressive state does a satirical youth party question the government, marches on the capital and then sits across the table with senior national leaders?", he asked rhetorically, referring to the Cockroach Janta Party.

Zelensky seeks additional 70 bln euros from EU, voices frustration with US

Brussels, Oct 17: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday requested at least another 70 billion euros (78.8 billion U.S. dollars) in European Union (EU) assistance for 2027, while expressing frustration over recent restrictions on US-controlled Starlink services and Washington's dealings with Moscow. Addressing EU leaders at a summit in Brussels, Zelensky said Ukraine's war costs would reach 155 billion euros next year and appealed for additional funding for defence, weapons and resilience. "We need at least 70 billion euros more from you -- for defence, for weapons, and for our resilience. This is a realistic amount. And I ask you to find this support," he said. At a subsequent press conference, Zelensky acknowledged Ukraine's heavy reliance on the US-controlled Starlink satellite communications system, saying recent restrictions had disrupted drone interceptions and military logistics, Xinhua News Agency reported. "Starlink was not turned off, but the speed limits were lowered," he said, describing the restrictions as a "very dangerous and unpleasant surprise." Zelensky also criticised Washington's recent diesel agreement with Moscow and the easing of sanctions,

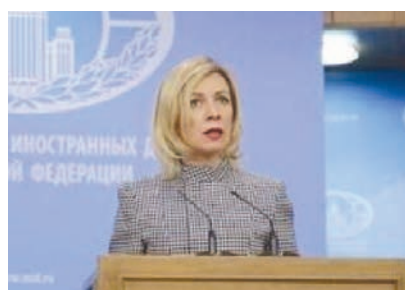


saying Ukraine had not been informed in advance, while adding that Ukrainian and American negotiating teams remained in contact. Zelensky told British media that Ukraine would restart strikes on Russia's oil refineries and described recent US moves as a betrayal of Kyiv, according to reports on Thursday. "The block (on attacking refineries) is out. We're done," Zelensky said in an interview with the Financial Times, arguing that Ukraine had paused energy strikes for three days to comply with the US-announced "energy ceasefire," while Moscow continued to attack Ukrainian energy infrastructure.

US sanctions ICC chief, vows wider campaign

Washington, Oct 17 : The United States imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court's president and a senior trial lawyer, widening the Trump administration's campaign against the tribunal and threatening further measures to curb its operations. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said ICC President Tomoko Akane of Japan and Senior Trial Lawyer Abdoulaye Seye of Senegal had been designated under an executive order authorising sanctions against the court. Rubio accused the two officials of direct involvement in ICC action against officials from countries that do not recognise the court's jurisdiction. "These individuals have directly en-

gaged in efforts by the ICC to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute officials whose government has not consented to ICC jurisdiction," he said in a statement. The sanctions were imposed under Section 1(a)(ii)(A) of Executive Order 14203, titled "Imposing Sanctions on the International Criminal Court," according to the State Department. The announcement marked a sharp escalation in Washington's confrontation with the ICC. The administration has described the tribunal as a threat to US sovereignty.



Russia resumes partial participation in Arctic Council

Moscow, Oct 17 : Russia has partially resumed its work in the Arctic Council, the spokeswoman of the Russian Foreign Ministry Maria Zakharova was quoted by RIA Novosti as saying on Saturday. She noted that under Norway's chairmanship, virtual meetings of all six council working groups were held in the second half of 2026. These groups focus on sustainable development, climate, environmental protection, and emergency prevention and response. Zakharova said the "process of resuming the Arctic Council's work will continue, taking into account the interests of all Arctic states" and "based on the current realities of the format and the tasks facing our country in this area."



**'We can frustrate Man City,'
says Ipswich goalkeeper Walton ahead
of Premier League clash**

Manchester, Oct 17 : Ipswich Town goalkeeper Christian Walton believes his team can frustrate Manchester City and put up a strong performance when they travel to the Etihad Stadium, insisting the visitors will approach the Premier League clash with full belief. Ipswich, who have made an encouraging start to their return to the top flight, will face a formidable challenge against the league leaders. However, Walton said the squad was prepared to test itself against one of the strongest teams in English football. "We're full of belief that they'll be coming up against a good Ipswich team. We have to go there with full belief. The full squad is raring to go. Whoever's selected will be ready to put in a performance and do their job," Walton told reporters ahead of the match.



Mumbai Indians part ways with Jayawardene

Mumbai, Oct 17 : Mumbai Indians and Mahela Jayawardene have mutually agreed to end their association as head coach, with the five-time Indian Premier League champions preparing for a change in leadership ahead of the next season. The decision follows a disappointing 2026 campaign in which the franchise managed just four victories, with injuries, player availability issues and reported dressing-room unrest contributing to a difficult season.

According to reports, the franchise has already shortlisted multiple candidates for the position, with interviews expected to take place in the coming week. Jayawardene is unlikely to continue with the Mumbai Indians in another capacity. The departure brings the curtain down on a coaching tenure that delivered three IPL titles and established Jayawardene as one of the most successful figures in the franchise's history. He first took charge in 2017, guiding Mumbai to championships in 2017, 2019

and 2020, including consecutive titles in the latter two seasons. After stepping away from the head coach's role, the former Sri Lanka captain served as Mumbai Indians' global head of performance from 2022 to 2024, overseeing coaching, scouting and strategic planning across the franchise's international teams. He returned as head coach in 2024 under a two-plus-one-year arrangement. Mumbai reached the playoffs in 2025 before slipping to ninth place in 2026.

**'Very tempted to play': Nayar backs
Sooryavanshi's inclusion as opener in 5th T20I**

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Former India cricketer Abhishek Nayar is tempted to bring in teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi for the fifth and final T20I of the ongoing series against the West Indies, but wants the youngster to play at his original opening place and not below that. India have played with nearly the same teams throughout the four T20Is, with the top order featuring Sanju Samson, Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan. That has meant the 15-year-old has to warm the benches in all the matches till now, and he has not played an international match on home soil so far.



'It's tricky': Australia women coach

Nitschke on limited T20Is ahead of Champions Trophy

Sydney, Oct 17 : Australia women coach Shelley Nitschke has called the team's preparations for the inaugural Champions Trophy tricky, with a handful of opportunities available in the build-up to the T20 tournament. The Aussie women will be playing in a three-match T20I series against New Zealand women at home, starting Sunday, which will be the last matches for them in the format ahead of the Champions Trophy in February 2027. They will travel to Sri Lanka for three ODIs later but the T20Is are not placed between the New Zealand series and the Champions Trophy. The Aussies will then have to prepare for the tournament in different franchise tournaments, including in the Women's Big Bash League and the Women's Premier League. They are hoping to lift the title in its first edition, after having won the T20 World Cup earlier in the year in England. "Every time we take the field, it's important to represent Australia, but also wanting to grow the game every time we get out there."

**14,971 fans turn up as
SC Delhi receive rousing home reception**

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Sporting Club Delhi (SC Delhi) received an encouraging response from home fans as 14,971 spectators turned up at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium for the club's first home fixture of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2026-27 season on Friday, October 16. The strong turnout offered a promising start to SC Delhi's home campaign, underlining the growing interest in the relatively new club as it looks to establish its identity and build a strong fan base in the capital. The Friday night crowd at JLN Stadium turned out in numbers to support the Phoenixes, providing an encouraging backdrop for their first home appearance of the season.



**Sri Lankan legend Chaminda Vaas
joins DC as fast bowling coach for IPL 2027**

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Former Sri Lanka fast bowler Chaminda Vaas is set to take over as Delhi Capitals' fast bowling coach as the franchise reshapes its coaching staff ahead of the next IPL season. Earlier this month, the franchise officially parted ways with their existing coaching group ahead of the 2027 Indian Premier League (IPL) season by making an announcement through their social media accounts. Vaas, the Sri Lankan fast bowling legend, has worked in a coaching capacity with the Sri Lanka men's team many times and with the SLC academy. He also worked with New Zealand and Ireland teams in a consulting capacity, as well as held coaching roles in various franchise leagues.



**'She'll get it': Evans predicts
Raducanu to win Wimbledon 'some day**

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Former British tennis star Dan Evans has claimed that compatriot Emma Raducanu will "some day" win the prestigious Wimbledon title. Raducanu, 23, won her maiden Grand Slam in 2021 when she cruised to the US Open title as a qualifier. Injuries have hampered her career as she has now slipped outside the Top 100 in

the world ranking after giving the SW19 and Flushing Meadows a miss due to a stress fracture in her right leg. However, Evans feels that she will some day get her hands on the Wimbledon title. "She's good, and I think - I'm saying this in as nice a way as possible - I think she thinks she's good," Evans, who retired at Wimbledon 2026, told The Telegraph.



**'This game was an eye-opener,'
says Veda on India's batting collapse against Zimbabwe**

New Delhi, Oct 17 : Former India cricketer Veda Krishnamurthy believes that India's early batting collapse against Zimbabwe's slower bowlers in the opening women's T20I should serve as an eye-opener for the batters ahead of the next game to be played on Sunday. India recovered from 19/4 to chase down a target of 115 in 15.4 overs, winning with 26 balls to spare at the Shaheed Veer

Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium on Friday. Deepti scored 49, while Niki remained unbeaten on 39 to help India take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. According to Veda, the Indian batters took time to adjust to the slower bowlers, adding that the experience should help them prepare better for the next match. "India lost a couple of wickets early on; it takes time to adjust to slower bowlers, and that is exactly what happened.