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Hyderabad, Oct 24 : BRS deputy floor leader and former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav has called on party workers to conduct door-to-door campaigns to identify eligible graduates and ensure their registration as voters for the upcoming MLC elections in the

combined Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy and Mahabubnagar districts. Addressing a meeting of Hyderabad district BRS leaders at Telangana Bhavan here on Saturday, Talasani directed the party lead-



ers to organise constituency-level meetings over the weekend to speed up the registration process ahead of the November 6 deadline.

Ponnam lays foundation for 3.22-crore Uppal bus terminal

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a modern city bus terminal at the site of the old Uppal bus depot near the Uppal Zonal Workshop in Boduppal Circle-10 of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. The terminal is being constructed at an estimated cost of 3.22 crore with the support of the municipal corporation. The Minister said the terminal would be equipped with all essential passenger amenities.



BRS committed 'historic blunder' by abandoning Pranahita-Chevella : Uttam

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday accused the previous BRS government of committing a "historic blunder" by abandoning the original Pranahita-Chevella irrigation project and redesigning it around Medigadda under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS). Addressing a media conference at the Secretariat, the Minister announced a time-bound roadmap for rehabilitating the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages, outlining the technical assessments, design approvals and execution milestones planned for their restoration. Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana would have been better equipped to withstand the prevailing El Niño-induced drought conditions had the original Pranahita-Chevella project been completed without modifications.



Seethakka backs women journalists' right to question

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Saturday said that treating women journalists who question those in power as enemies over their demand for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation posed a serious threat to democratic values. She said the strength of democracy lay not in suppressing questions but in having the courage to answer them. Seethakka was speaking after inaugurating the National Conference of Women Journalists.

"Why don't you give your sister the property left by your father?" : Chandrababu's pointed question to Jagan

Amaravati, Oct 24: CM Chandrababu Naidu launched a scathing attack on YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking to the media on Saturday, he remarked, "Just because you have a mouth and access to a newspaper, you think you can spout whatever nonsense you please. If you haven't done anything wrong, why did you seek 500 adjournments [in court]? Why won't you give your sister her share of the property left by your fa-

ther? You even dragged your own mother to court over property—who doesn't know what kind of person you are?" he said, expressing his intense indignation. The Chief Minister lashed out, stating that Jagan's father had built a house for both of them (the brother and sister) at the Yelahanka Palace in Bengaluru, yet Jagan ended up acting like a villainous 'Kamsa'—even going so far as to put a stop to his own niece's wedding. When questioned about this, he offers hypocritical excuses, claiming it was a matter of 'security concerns.' "I am sharing all this only to highlight



the kind of mindset he possesses; otherwise, I have no reason to discuss his family affairs. As a student, Jagan already had a controversial history." Rosaiah explained

the situation regarding the son. In an interview with ABN Andhra Jyothy, Rosaiah stated that he was sent to Bengaluru because his atrocities had become unbearable. It was noted that, as an elder brother.

Pawan Kalyan inquires about the explosion incident in Alluri district; orders an investigation into the deaths of five people

Amaravati, Oct 24: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has inquired about the explosion incident in ASR (Alluri Sitarama Raju) district. He expressed his grief over the incident near Pinakota in the

Ananthagiri mandal of ASR district, where an explosion in a vehicle resulted in the deaths of five people. He conveyed his deepest condolences to the families of the deceased. He also sought details from the ASR District Collector regarding the cause of the explosion. The Collector explained to the Deputy CM that an explosion occurred when a tipper truck.



TN govt steps up rain safeguards for paddy, orders district control rooms

Chennai, Oct 24 : Tamil Nadu government on Saturday ordered precautionary measures to protect paddy from rain damage and prevent farmland from waterlogging. District-level control rooms will oversee emergency operations and provide assistance to farmers. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Vinoth has directed officials to identify flood-prone fields and inspect vulnerable agricultural ar-



reas before rainfall intensifies. Teams have been asked to assess local risks and make arrangements to protect crops and agricultural infrastructure.

YSRCP's Ambati Rambabu alleges SEC reduced to Andhra CM Naidu's 'puppet'

Guntur, Oct 24 : YSR Congress Party Guntur District President and former Minister Ambati Rambabu on Saturday alleged that the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission (SEC) has become a "puppet" in the hands of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, "facilitating forced unanimous elections through violence and intimidation". Addressing the media at his camp office in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur, Rambabu came down heavily on the N. Chandrababu Naidu-led government.



Deadline for nominations ends for four urban local bodies in AP



Amaravati, Oct 24 : The deadline for filing nominations for four urban local bodies in Andhra Pradesh has ended. The additional 48-hour window, granted by the Andhra Pradesh Election Commission in accordance with Supreme Court directives, has now concluded. Consequently, the process for filing nominations for wards across two municipal corporations and two municipalities has come to an end. This extension provided candidates wishing to contest the elections an additional opportunity to submit their nominations. Nominations have been filed for 18 wards in the Tirupati Municipal Corporation and 11 wards in the Kadapa Municipal Corporation. Similarly, candidates have submitted nominations for 11 wards in the Rajampet Municipality. Nominations have also been filed for all wards in the Mydukur Municipality. With the expiry of the extended deadline for the submission of nominations for these four urban local bodies, the election process has now moved to the next stage.

Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Minister Sonowal invites Polish firms to build, innovate, and invest in India

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Union Ports, Shipping & Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Saturday urged Polish companies to "build, innovate, and invest in India" rather than only sell to it, as he pitched the country's growth story to business leaders from both nations. Addressing the India-Poland Business Forum here,

Sonowal proposed a Startup Bridge, an Innovation Corridor, and an AI and Quantum Dialogue to link businesses, researchers, and innovators in both countries. Trade between the two countries has reached \$6.36 billion, and Indian investment in Poland exceeds \$3 billion. Polish companies are also active in India in packaging, manufacturing, waste-to-energy and electric mobility. The ambition

should be larger than doubling trade by 2030, he added. "We should create together. We should innovate together. We should invest together. We should build trusted supply chains together. And we should succeed together," Sonowal said. He urged business leaders to see the India-EU free trade agreement as more than a trade pact. "View it as a partnership multiplier," he said. It opens a larger

window into the Indian market for Polish firms, he said, and widens European opportunities for Indian ones. He further stated that when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Poland in August 2024, he and Prime Minister Tusk elevated the bilateral relations to a Strategic Partnership. They did so with a clear conviction: the India-Poland relationship must not only be strong in diplomacy.



NHRC seeks report from MP govt over use of children in former CM Digvijaya Singh's yatra

New Delhi, Oct 24 : The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken cognisance of a complaint alleging that former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh used children during his yatra and made them raise political slogans, directing the state's Chief Secretary Ashok Barnwal and Director General of Police (DGP) Kailash Makwana to inquire into the matter and submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) within two weeks. A bench presided over by the NHRC member Priyank Kanoongo has issued notices to the Madhya Pradesh government and police chief, besides directing the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to examine the alleged use of photographs and videos of children and submit an ATR in the matter. The action has been initiated under Section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The apex human rights body said that the allegations made in the complaint



"prima facie seem to be violations of the rights of the children". According to the complaint, videos and photographs of the alleged incident were shared on Facebook on October 22. The complainant expressed apprehension that children might have been brought to the yatra by offering them money and claimed that their involvement in raising political slogans violated child rights and relevant legal provisions. The complaint sought an investigation into the incident and strict legal action against the organisers and all persons responsible for involving children in the yatra and making them raise slogans. The NHRC has directed the Chief Secretary and the DGP of Madhya Pradesh to get the allegations inquired into and furnish an ATR within two weeks for the Commission's perusal. The authorities have also been specifically directed to investigate the allegations of monetary exchanges, with the NHRC saying that these raise serious concerns over whether children may have been induced or exploited for such purposes in exchange.



Tripura Police team in Delhi to bring back content creator held for racial slur against tribal youth

New Delhi/Agartala, Oct 24 : A Tripura Police team led by a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) has reached Delhi to bring back content creator Amir Shokeen, who was arrested by Delhi Police on Saturday, officials said in Agartala. Shokeen is accused of making alleged racial and derogatory remarks against a tribal youth from Tripura in the national capital. Tripura Director General of Police G.S. Rao said on Thursday that the state Police has registered an FIR over a video allegedly showing a youth from the state being subjected to racial slurs and harassment. He added that a police team would travel to Delhi to assist in the investigation. The video came to his notice on Wednesday

afternoon, following which he contacted the Special Commissioner of Police handling the Special Police Unit for the North Eastern Region in Delhi Police and the concerned Deputy Commissioner of Police, Rao told the media. "Accordingly, we have registered an FIR on this incident with all relevant sections of law," the DGP said. He added that the Delhi Police had been extending co-operation to Tripura Police and would provide further assistance during the investigation.

CAQM reviews steps against stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana



Chandigarh, Oct 24 : The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) on Saturday reviewed the Punjab and Haryana governments' enforcement measures, district-level preparedness and monitoring mechanisms for effective paddy stubble management. Commission Chairperson Rajesh Verma held separate review meetings with officials of both the states to review measures being undertaken for prevention and control of paddy stubble burning and abatement of other key sources of air pollution, calling for prompt action on the ground, said an official statement. In the meeting with Punjab officials, the CAQM team reviewed availability, deployment and effective utilisation of Crop Residue Management (CRM).



Minor boy shot dead by three motorcycle-borne assailants in Chandigarh

Chandigarh, Oct 24 : A minor boy, identified as Natic, was shot dead by three motorcycle-borne assailants in Sector 22, Chandigarh late Friday evening, police said. He was travelling in an autorickshaw with a friend when the incident took place. Two other people, including the autorickshaw driver, were also injured, and the driver was admitted to hospital for treatment. According to police, Natic and his friends had reportedly been involved in a rivalry with another group for the past two years. On Thursday, the two groups allegedly clashed in Sector 44. One of the accused reportedly uploaded a video of the altercation on Instagram. Police initially suspected a gang rivalry but later focused their investigation on a dispute between the two groups. The suspects have reportedly been identified. Further investigation into the incident is underway. Earlier in September, a Chandigarh Police Head Constable was shot dead at his residence in Sector 22.

Gujarat: 150 youths from six states, one UT gather for 'Vande Mataram' camp

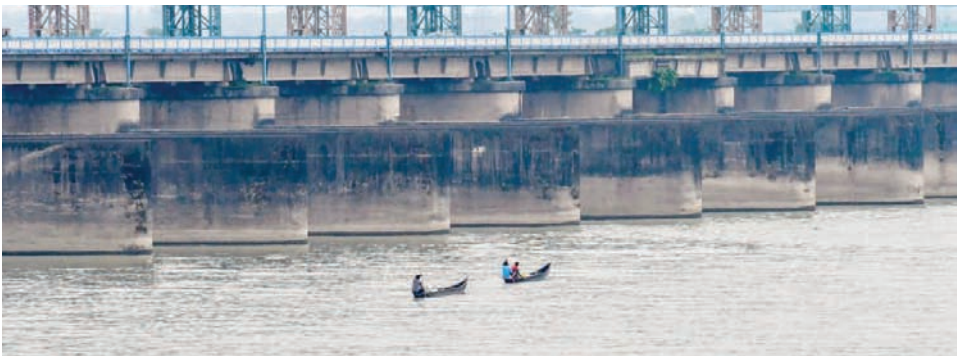
Gandhinagar, Oct 24 : Around 150 youths from six states and one Union Territory have gathered at Adalaj in Gandhinagar for a seven-day camp aimed at promoting national unity, cultural exchange and awareness of governance and nation-

building. The 'Vande Mataram Camp', organised by MY Bharat, Gandhinagar, at the Heartfulness Meditation Centre, was inaugurated on Saturday by Minister of State for Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Rivaba Jadeja. The camp will run until October 28.

Participants from Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Kerala and Bihar, along with Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, are taking part in the programme, which seeks to foster mutual understanding and strengthen a shared sense of national identity among young



people. The inauguration began with participants singing 'Vande Mataram' together. A dance performance by participants from Kerala also featured at the event, highlighting the cultural diversity of the country.



Pollution, water demands threaten India's inland fisheries

Bhopal/Kochi, Oct 24 : Pollution, damage to aquatic habitats and growing demand for freshwater threaten India's inland fisheries and the livelihoods of fishing communities, according to a report by the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation

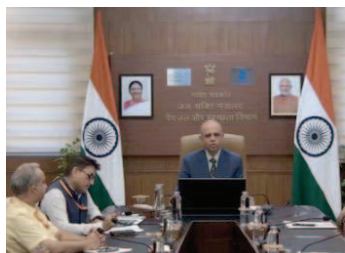
(FAO). The report identifies several challenges to sustainable inland fisheries. These include disrupted river connectivity, floods, droughts, and falling reservoir water levels. These factors can affect fish populations and the communities that depend on them, as per the findings presented at a workshop in Bhopal on Saturday. The event marked the launch of work on India's National Plan of Action for sustainable inland small-scale fisheries. The report says competition for freshwater, especially for irrigation and other uses, puts additional pressure on aquatic ecosystems.



Rs 500 crore audio clip row: Shiv Sena seeks cyber cell & forensic investigation, CM assures SIT probe

Mumbai, Oct 24 : A high-level delegation of leaders from the ruling Shiv Sena met with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday and demanded a comprehensive forensic and cybercrime investigation into an alleged audio clip made public by Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange Patil during a press conference. A startling segment in the audio explicitly claimed, "Jarange Patil ko already 500 crore roopaye pahunch chuke hain, jo Shrikant Shinde ke madhyam se pahunch chuke hain".

Union Secretary KK Meena discusses rural drinking water service with states



New Delhi, Oct 24 : Ashok K.K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, on Saturday discussed issues related to sustainable rural drinking water service delivery with officials of States and Union Territories. During a virtual conference, Meena led discussions focused on strengthening convergence between Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 and the 16th Finance Commission to advance source sustainability, water security and Gram Panchayat-led planning for sustainable rural drinking water service delivery, according to an official statement. He said that the true measure of success lies not merely in asset creation but in ensuring that rural households continue to receive reliable and safe drinking water through well-maintained and financially sustainable systems.

Strive for excellence and reach great heights through superior medical service : District Collector Garima Agrawal



Rajanna Sircilla, Oct 24 : District Collector Garima Agrawal expressed her hope that students pursuing medical education would go on to provide exemplary medical services and attain high professional standing. During the ‘White Coat Ceremony’ held on Saturday at the Government Medical College in the Rajanna Sircilla district headquarters—attended by District Collector Garima Agrawal, SP Mahesh B. Githe,

and Principal Rajeshwari—the event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of a lamp. Several medical students were presented with their white coats, and the organizers honored the District Collector and the SP with shawls. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Garima Agrawal emphasized that medicine and education hold the utmost importance in society. She noted that pursuing a medical education requires immense hard work, as the opportu-

- As part of social responsibility, provide free medical care to those in need.
- ‘White Coat Ceremony’ held grandly at the Government Medical College.
- Attended by District Collector and SP Mahesh B. Githe.

nity is earned only by qualifying in the NEET examination. She further remarked that behind every student’s success lies the hard work and encouragement of their parents. She underscored that the services provided by doctors are of critical importance. It was noted that doctors provide care with great patience to pregnant women, children, and those suffering from various ailments. The hope was expressed that doctors would reach high positions in their respective fields of specialization. It was suggested that, as a form of social service, doctors should provide free medical care to at least some individuals, as this would

bring personal fulfillment. They were encouraged to serve as role models for others in the fields of medicine and service. Additionally, doctors were advised to pay attention to their own health and diet. It was recalled that the construction work for the Sircilla Medical College and its hostels for boys and girls had been inspected on several occasions. It was mentioned that the girls’ hostel is now operational. Further, it was stated that steps would be taken to accelerate the construction of the medical college and the boys’ hostel to ensure they become functional soon. The event was attended by the Principal of the



Rajanna Sircilla Government Medical College, Rajeshwari; Vice-Principal Nirvisha; doctors including Lakshmi inarayana,

Ranjith, Arun, and Arpita; Tahsildar Mahesh Kumar; as well as other staff members and medical students.



Govt to set up leather industry centre in Gachibowli : Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad, Oct 24 : The Telangana government is planning to establish a Common Facility Centre (CFC) in Gachibowli to strengthen the State’s leather industry and promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste (SC) youth, IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu said. The proposed centre will be developed on 3.5 acres under the hub-and-spoke model. It will provide artisans with support in design, product development and branding to help improve the value and marketability of their products. At a review meeting with senior officials of the Telangana Leather Industries Promotion Corporation (TGLIPC) at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Saturday, Sridhar Babu said the government was taking steps to establish eco-friendly tanneries conforming to international standards at Rukmapur in Choppadandi mandal of Karimnagar district.



Mangalhat police arrest wanted rowdy-sheeter, seize knife

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Mangalhat police arrested a wanted rowdy-sheeter, Abed Bin Khaleed alias Abed alias Lalla (36), and seized a sharp-edged knife and an unregistered Bajaj Pulsar motorcycle from him. Following credible information, the police apprehended the accused at R.K. Pet Junction on October 23. He was allegedly absconding in two cases registered at Mangalhat and Asifnagar police stations. A non-bailable warrant in another Mangalhat case was also pending against him. According to police, the accused had been involved in more than 35 criminal cases across the Tricommissionerate since 2005. A

rowdy sheet was opened against him at Mangalhat police station in 2008. The Preventive Detention (PD) Act had also been invoked against him three times in the past. He was allegedly absconding since his involvement in an NDPS and Arms Act case registered at Mangalhat in 2026. Following his arrest, police registered the case under the Arms Act and said he would be produced before the court for judicial remand. The arrest was carried out under the guidance of Golconda Zone DCP J. Raghavender Reddy and the supervision of Kulsumpura ACP V. Tirupathi, with Mangalhat police station.

District Collector conducts a surprise inspection at KGBV

Review of facilities on the premises

Rajanna Sircilla (Tangallapalli), Oct 24 : District Collector Garima Agrawal conducted an inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Tangallapalli, Rajanna Sircilla district, on Saturday. She began by examining the attendance registers for teachers and staff. Subsequently, she inspected the kitchen area, freezer, and food supplies, providing specific instructions to the officials. She also checked the complaints box and inquired about the nature of any grievances received. District Collector Garima Agrawal directed that the school premises be kept clean and hygienic. She emphasized that the students must be provided with quality meals in accordance with the prescribed menu. Furthermore, she instructed the staff to respond promptly to any complaints raised.



Alliance leaders complain to the SEC about YSRCP's atrocities during local elections



Vijayawada, Oct 24: Alliance leaders Varla Ramaiah, Chillapalli Srinivas, and Paturi Nagabhushanam have lodged a complaint with the State Election Commission (SEC) regarding the atrocities committed by the YSRCP during the local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. They alleged that, faced with a lack of public support, the YSRCP is hatching conspiracies to stall the local body elections by any means possible. Leaders of the alliance expressed their outrage, stating that YSRCP leaders are staging a charade—tearing up their own nomination papers, knocking down barricades, and attacking the police.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. CHITTURI SRI DEVANSH PAALGUN SWAMY, S/o. SAI RAMA KRISHNA Resident of Door no. 3- 100/ 2, Vadrevu palli Village, P. Gannavaram Mandal, Dr.B.R Ambedkar konaseema District, A.P. Have changed my name from CHITTURI PAALGUN SWAMY (Old name) to CHITTURI SRI DEVANSH PAALGUN SWAMY (New name). Hence after all my documents (passport...etc) and correspondence will continue with my new name CHITTURI SRI DEVANSH PAALGUN SWAMY.

Jana Sena files complaint against Botsa Chaitanya; raises objection to ZPTC nomination

Vizianagaram, Oct 24: The Jana Sena Party has filed a complaint with the election official against Botsa Chaitanya, the YSRCP candidate for the ZPTC (Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency) seat in Pusapatirega

mandal. Kotla Revathi, the Jana Sena candidate for the same ZPTC seat, has requested that action be taken against Botsa Chaitanya. The complaint alleges that Botsa



Chaitanya is registered to vote in the 41st ward of the Vizianagaram Municipal Corporation.

Sharmila invites Azharuddin to daughter's wedding

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Y. S. Sharmila Reddy paid a courtesy call on Telangana Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Saturday and invited him to attend her daughter’s wedding. During the meeting, the two leaders exchanged pleasantries and held a brief interaction. Azharuddin conveyed his heartfelt wishes to



Sharmila Reddy and her family on the occasion and assured her that he would attend the wedding ceremony.

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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s) (LAN No., Name of Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount
Branch : GUNTAKAL, LAN: HGQIRLP0154787, 1. Nagaraju Medam (Borrower) 2. Medam Murali (Co-Borrower) Both The Above At: 19-6/2/B Kummari Street, Pattikonda, Kurnool District - 518380	Schedule of property: All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: All That The First Floor Portion Of House Bearing Door No. 19-6-2-B, Situated In Survey No. 672/1a, Pattikonda Village Polam, Pattikonda Mandal, Kurnool District, Admeasuring 55.54 Square Yards, Together With All Easementary Rights Attached Thereto, Bounded By: East: House Of Kummara Ranganna / Kummara Ganganna West: House Of Medam Sreenivasulu, North: Road, South: House Of Kummara Ranganna	19th Oct 2026 Rs. 2,57,535/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five Only)

This step is being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers and/ or Co-Borrowers Guarantors are advised to make the payments of outstanding along with future interest within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Bajaj Housing Finance Limited) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/ mortgaged property will be initiated as per the provisions of Sec. 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties. On which Bajaj Housing Finance Limited has the charge.

Date: 25-10-2026, Place: Kurnool Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited

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RC/211/2026 16.10.2026

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(CD 2) Mr. Amardeep Kumar S/O. Ravindra Prasad Singh, Age: 42 Years, Occ: Pvt Service Flat No.1, Feel Good Homes, Hyderashahkote, Hyderabad, Telangana 500091
(CD 3) Mrs. Nalluri Kavya D/o. Ramasastri Nalluri, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Pvt Service, Flat No.308, A-Block, 3rd Floor, Gayathri Hills, Near Volkswagen Service Center Timber Lakewood, Gachibowli, Rangareddy, 500032.

1. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) in TA/9/2025 An Amount Of Rs. 30,68,749 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousands Seven Hundred Forty Nine Only) along With Pendentelitte And Future Interest @16% Simple Interest Yearly W.E.F. 07/08/2025 Till Realization And Costs Of Rs. 61,755 (Rupees Sixty One Thousands Seven Hundred Fifty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully / Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 20/11/2026 At 10:30 A.M. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 16/10/2026.

Sd/-
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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infinito Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL HFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the borrowers / co-borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IIFL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. If the borrower clears the dues of the "IIFL HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IIFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IIFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Description of secured asset (immovable property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Hari Chavan Agriculture Trailing Mrs. Chavan Bajji Bai (Prospect No. IL10409101)	All that piece and parcel of Door Number: 1-17/1, Asst. No.23, Boppasalle Village, Nasrullabad Mandal, Kamareddy District, TS. 505321 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 1960 Bounded By: North: G P Road, South: House of Jaday Venkat, East: Open Plot of Pathiath Ramesh, West: G.P.Road	Rs. 735093.00/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Five Thousand and Ninety Three Only)	07/07/2026	19/10/2026

For Further Details Please Contact To Authorized Officer/At Branch Office: D.No. 5-9-22B/501, 6th Floor, My Home sarovar plaza, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad - 500004, /or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Hyderabad Date: 25/10/2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Limited

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RSS to hold key national meeting in Indore from Nov 2 to 4

The annual Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal Baithak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) will be held in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, from November 2 to 4. "The three-day meeting will take place in Indore -- Malwa Prant on Yugabda 5128, corresponding to Vikram Samvat 2083 (Kartik Krishna Ashtami, Navami and Dashami)," a press note said on Thursday. "RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat, General Secretary (Sarkaryavah) Dattatreya Hosabale, all six Sah-Sarkaryavahs (Joint General Secretaries), other all-India departmental heads and members of the national executive will participate in the deliberations," it added. Office-bearers from the organisation's entire structure are expected to attend. This includes Prant (province) Sanghchalaks (Chiefs), Karyavahs (secretaries) and Pracharaks (workers), along with their Sah-level counterparts, from all 46 prants. Similarly, Sanghchalaks, Karyavahs and Pracharaks, together with Sah-Kshetra level functionaries, from all 11 kshetras will also be present. The meeting assumes significance as it comes after the conclusion of the series of programmes organised across the country during the Sangh's centenary year, which ended with the recent Vijayadashami celebrations. The "Baithak" (meeting) will discuss follow-up action on the important issues raised by RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat in his Vijayadashami address this year. It will also undertake a comprehensive review of the programmes conducted during the centenary year. "Besides organisational matters, extensive discussions are expected on several contemporary issues. These include content and challenges related to new media platforms, rising concerns over drug abuse, external interference in India's internal affairs, and the evolving global scenario," the press note said. The Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal is one of the key decision-making bodies of the RSS. The Indore meeting is expected to set the organisation's priorities and action plans for the coming period in the light of both internal reviews and external challenges. The three-day meeting is expected to finalise key organisational strategies and provide clear direction on addressing emerging social and national challenges. Senior RSS functionaries will also deliberate on strengthening the Sangh's outreach and ideological work in the coming years.

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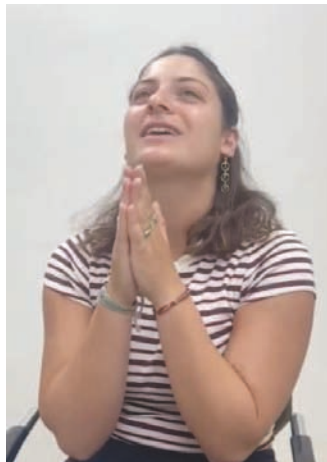
AgriVoltaics meet highlights state leadership, next-gen technology, blended finance options

New Delhi, Oct 24: The second day of the AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 accelerated cross-sectoral engagement across state policy leadership, technological innovation, private sector engagement, and climate finance solutions. A dedicated ministerial track, co-organised by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), brought together State Ministers of Energy and Agriculture from Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Bihar to present state-level approaches for accelerating agrivoltaic deployment. The session served as a platform for states to showcase investment opportunities, highlighting innovative land-use models, state-level tariff incentives, and the adaptation of the PM-KUSUM scheme to local agricultural conditions and crop profiles. Discussions underscored the growing role of sub-national governments in creating enabling environments for agrivoltaic investments. Surya Pratap Shahi, Minister of Agriculture, Uttar Pradesh, highlighted the state's plan to solarise all 16 lakh agricultural tubewells whose electricity bills have been waived, supported by dedicated grid infrastructure. He proposed leveraging Krishi Vigyan Kendras, agricultural universities, and technical institutions to build farmers' capacity, while integrating agrivoltaics with agricultural diversification and existing farmer-support initiatives. Highlighting the central role of farmers in the state's economy, he said, "The agriculture of Uttar Pradesh and its farmers are, in a way, the lifeblood of our economic system." He also assured farmers that ownership of their land would remain protected. Rakesh Shukla, Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Madhya Pradesh, highlighted the state's efforts to advance agrivoltaics, solar deployment, and battery storage as part of its farmer-welfare agenda, with 2026 being observed as the Year of Farmer Welfare in Madhya Pradesh. He noted that cultivation beneath solar panels had begun at several locations and that the state was progressing with battery-storage projects, for which the tender-



ing process had been completed. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, announced that the state is finalising its dedicated Agrivoltaics Policy 2026, with a target of 1 GW by 2030. The proposed policy will require at least 90 per cent of project sites to remain cultivable, safeguard farmer consent and crop insurance, and allow farmers to own projects or lease their land while continuing cultivation. To attract investment, Odisha plans to provide 25-year power purchase agreements through GRIDCO, grid connectivity, and investment incentives. Highlighting the policy's importance for investors, he said, "It gives investors certainty for 25 years." The Agrivoltaics Pitch-Hub was curated by the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI), where early-stage innovators and start-ups pitched bankable, dual-use agrivoltaic solutions before an expert jury comprising national institutes (NISE, NIBE), venture capitalists, and industry leaders. Fraunhofer ISE and Sunseed APV demonstrated next-generation solutions, including advanced solar tracking systems, dynamic panel tilting, semi-transparent photovoltaic (PV) modules, and micro-climate soil sensors engineered specifically for tropical and arid conditions. Hosted by the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, the dialogue brought together Indian and international developers, including NTPC Green Energy, First Solar, and leading European firms, to discuss supply chain localisation, standards development, and market certainty.

Rajasthan Police recover Israeli tourist's lost passport, cash and valuables



Jaipur, Oct 24 : In a swift operation, the Rajasthan Police have recovered a belt pouch containing an Israeli tourist's passport, driving licence, four credit cards, electronic gadgets, Rs 20,000 in cash and other important documents within two days of it going missing. The belongings were safely returned to the tourist on Saturday, following a coordinated investigation by Malpura Police and the District Special Team (DST). The Israeli national, Mos haiof Noam, was travelling with friends from Pushkar to Ranthambore on a motorcycle on October 19 for a wildlife safari when she discovered that the belt pouch she was wearing around her waist was missing.

Rekha Gupta govt deploys 14 new CATS ambulances across West Delhi

New Delhi, Oct 24 : In a step towards strengthening emergency healthcare services, the Delhi government has deployed 14 Centralised Accident and Trauma Services (CATS) ambulances across West Delhi, said Health Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh on Saturday. The initiative of the Rekha Gupta government aims to improve the availability and accessibility of emergency medical assistance across the district, with particular emphasis on densely populated neighbourhoods and areas spread over a large geographical expanse, he said. The ambulances will cover Vikaspuri, Uttam Nagar, Nangloi, Ranhola, Dichau Kalan and other parts of West Delhi, helping ensure

that emergency medical assistance reaches patients more quickly, he said. The deployment is intended to address the challenges of providing timely ambulance services in densely populated localities, where traffic congestion and high population density can affect response times, said the Minister. The deployment witnessed the presence of a large number of prominent residents and members of the CATS ambulance staff, according to an official statement. Residents welcomed the initiative, expressing hope that the availability of ambulances closer to their homes would enable them to access emergency medical assistance more quickly and help minimise delays in critical situations, it said. As part of the deployment strategy, the ambulances will be sta-



tioned at suitable locations near Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, dispensaries and bus terminals. This approach will help position emergency vehicles at accessible and strategically located points, enabling them to respond to calls from nearby areas and reach patients requiring urgent medical attention, the statement said. The availability of these ambulances across West Delhi is expected to strengthen the emergency response network and improve access to pre-hospital medi-

cal assistance. By expanding the geographical coverage of ambulance services, the initiative seeks to reduce delays in reaching patients during medical emergencies and provide timely support to those in need, it said. The deployment also complements the Delhi Government's ongoing efforts to expand healthcare infrastructure and strengthen services through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and other public healthcare facilities.

Anganwadi workers backbone of women & child development system: Arunachal minister



Itanagar, Oct 24 : Arunachal Pradesh Women and Child Development Minister Dasanglu Pul on Saturday described Anganwadi workers and helpers as the backbone of the state's women and child development system, stress-

ing the need to strengthen their working conditions and ensure dignity. Addressing the second Mega Foundation Day celebration of the Arunachal Pradesh Anganwadi Karmachari Sangh (APAKS) at

the Dree Ground here, the Minister lauded the dedication of frontline workers in delivering essential services, particularly in remote and geographically challenging areas of the state. "Anganwadi workers are not merely frontline workers but the silent architects of our future generations," Pul said, highlighting their contributions to maternal and child nutrition, early childhood education, health awareness and community welfare. She acknowledged that several Anganwadi workers and helpers continue to face challenges relating to honorarium, social security, infrastructure, working conditions and recognition of their services. Assuring them of the state government's attention, Pul said

their concerns would be heard and genuine demands considered at the appropriate level. The Minister stressed that while government policies are formulated in offices, their actual success depends on the dedication and hard work of frontline personnel at the grassroots level. She said the state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, remains committed to strengthening Anganwadi services, improving nutritional outcomes, promoting early childhood development and empowering women across Arunachal Pradesh. Appreciating APAKS for providing a unified platform to Anganwadi workers and helpers, Pul encouraged the organisation to continue func-

tioning with unity, discipline and a constructive approach. She also reiterated her commitment to building a stronger, more efficient and dignified Anganwadi system through collective efforts. "When we support an Anganwadi worker, we strengthen a family. When we strengthen an Anganwadi centre, we secure a child's future," she said. Pul also emphasised that those dedicating their lives to caring for children equally deserve care, dignity and recognition. Congratulating APAKS on its second foundation day, the Minister called for renewed collective efforts towards building a healthier, stronger and more empowered Arunachal Pradesh.

Army Chief Gen Dhiraj Seth awards flight safety trophy to top 2 aviation squadrons



New Delhi, Oct 24 : Recognising excellence in aviation safety, Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth presented the COAS Flight Safety Trophy to the winning Army Aviation Squadrons during the ongoing Army Commanders' Conference here, an official said on Saturday.



US senators press Trump administration to release Baltic aid

Washington, Oct 24 : A bipartisan group of US senators urged the Trump administration to move ahead with security funding for the Baltic states, seeking disbursement by year-end and an explanation of its plans by November 19. The appeal, led by Democratic Senator Dick Durbin and Republican Senator Chuck Grassley, concerns money Congress appropriated for the Baltic Security Initiative for fiscal 2026. The senators wrote to Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, arguing that the pace of implementation was inadequate in light of what they described as intensifying Russian threats. "We urge you to ensure the swift obligation of this funding and execution of programs considering intensified Russian aggression in

the region against key frontline allies," they wrote. The letter seeks action on existing appropriations rather than announcing a new aid package. It does not specify the total amount awaiting obligation or disbursement. Durbin and Grassley were joined by eight other senators: Tammy Duckworth, Thom Tillis, Richard Blumenthal, John Cornyn, Jacky Rosen, Mark Kelly, Michael Bennet and Ruben Gallego. The lawmakers acknowledged that the administration had taken preparatory steps. They said the Defence Department supplied a spending plan on May 29 covering integrated defence, maritime security, irregular warfare and other capabilities required by the programme's governing legislation.

Rights body condemns detention of 'Aurat March' leaders in Pakistan

Islamabad, Oct 24 : The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) on Saturday has condemned the detention of Aurat March organisers and volunteers outside the Karachi Press Club, where they had gathered to hold a press conference. The rights body stated that preventing people from holding press conference showcases an "increasingly repressive approach to governance", where dissent is considered a threat instead of a democratic necessity, leading Pakistani news network Geo News reported. The HRCP's statement comes after police on Tuesday briefly arrested several Aurat March leaders, including activist and artist artist Sheema Kermani, outside the Karachi Press Club.



AU, Africa CDC leaders urge enhanced solidarity to contain expanding Ebola

Addis Ababa, Oct 24 : The African Union (AU) and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) have called for urgent solidarity and coordinated continental action to contain the rapidly spreading Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak. The joint call came after AU Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf and Africa CDC Director-General Jean Kaseya discussed continental Ebola response and preparedness efforts on Saturday, Kaseya said in a statement.

The two leaders made "a strong call for transparency, solidarity and coordinated continental action, with timely, collective decisions to contain the outbreak and protect our populations." Kaseya stressed that the evolving situation concerning the Ebola outbreak demands coordinated efforts across sectors, stronger preparedness, and timely mobilisation of resources where they are most urgently needed, Xinhua News Agency reported. "This is a moment for African solidarity, decisive leadership, and

collective responsibility," said Kaseya, underscoring the vital importance of strengthening partnerships and advancing Africa's health security and sovereignty agenda. The urgent call came as Nigeria on Tuesday became the fifth country to record a confirmed Bundibugyo Ebola case. Following the confirmed case in the West African nation, the rapidly spreading virus has now affected three African regions, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Central Africa.

'Development cooperation central to India's foreign policy'

United Nations, Oct 24 : "For India, development cooperation is a central pillar of our foreign policy," Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo, the leader of the delegation of MPs to the UN, has said at the India-UN Fund Annual Event-2026. "The fund is part of India's broader engagement with the Global South and managed in a multilateral context, encompassing concessional finance,

infrastructure, humanitarian assistance, capacity building, digital cooperation, and cultural heritage conservation," she said on Saturday at the meeting where representatives of countries from the Pacific region through Southeast Asia, Europe and Africa to Latin America came together to laud India's assistance. The fund set up in 2017 with a pledge of \$150 million "demonstrates how South-South cooperation



can advance nationally owned solutions and accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals" of the UN, she added. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo, the Bharatiya Janata Party MP who

represents Bolangir in Odisha, highlighted the uniqueness of the programme funded by India where the recipients are respected and set their own priorities.



UNSC should act immediately to mitigate humanitarian fallout of conflicts: India

United Nations, Oct 24 : With conflicts creating one of the gravest threats to food security, India has said that the Security Council's immediate priority should be to act to mitigate the humanitarian fallout of conflicts. "Today's conflicts increasingly generate ripple effects far beyond the immediate theatre of hostilities", India's Permanent Representative P Harish said on Saturday. "Disruptions to energy markets, fertiliser supplies, maritime transport, hu-

manitarian logistics and agricultural trade have demonstrated how regional conflicts can threaten food security across the world", he said. Developing countries that are highly import-dependent face a disproportionate impact from the disruptions, he said at a Council open debate on "Food Under Fire: The Security Council's Role in Mitigating Global and Local Food Crises". "The Council's immediate priority should be to mitigate the humanitarian consequences of conflict.

US lawmakers blast China's ethnic unity law

Washington, Oct 24 : A bipartisan group of senior US lawmakers has sharply criticised China's newly enacted Ethnic Unity and Progress Law, saying it would further erode the rights of ethnic and religious minorities while expanding Beijing's ability to target critics beyond its borders. The statement was led by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jim Risch and

Ranking Member Jeanne Shaheen, along with Senators John Curtis, Jeff Merkley, Jacky Rosen, Ted Budd, Tim Kaine, Tammy Duckworth and Lindsey Graham. It was also endorsed by House Select Committee on China Chairman John Moolenaar, Ranking Member Ro Khanna and Representative Young Kim. The lawmakers issued the statement ahead of the Chinese government's implementation of the law promoting "ethnic unity



and progress." "For decades, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has denied ethnic and religious minority groups—including Tibetans, Uyghurs, and Mongolians—the right to self-determination, even as this internationally recognised human right remains in China's constitution," the lawmakers said.

Indian envoy meets Kazakh Defence Minister, discusses ways to deepen bilateral defence cooperation

Astana, Oct 24 : Indian Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Sailas Thangal, called on Kazakh Defence Minister Dauren Kossanov, with the two sides reviewing the growing defence partnership between India and Kazakhstan and exploring future areas of collaboration in the defence sector. According to the Indian Embassy in Astana, the discussions on Saturday marked a significant step forward in expanding the defence partnership between the two countries. Sharing the details of the meeting, the Indian Embassy on Saturday posted on X: "Apart from mutually noting the robust defence cooperation.



India, Costa Rica discuss deepening cooperation in environmental sustainability, green growth

San Jose, Oct 24 : India and Costa Rica discussed ways to deepen collaboration, with a particular emphasis on environmental sustainability and green growth. The discussions took place during a meeting between India's Charge d'Affaires to Costa Rica, Aakash Sharma, and Gabriela Mora Arce of the International Cooperation Division of Costa Rica's Ministry of Environment

and Energy. "Charge d'Affaires a.i. Aakash Sharma met with Ms Gabriela Mora Arce of the International Cooperation Division of Costa Rica's Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE). Both sides exchanged views on ways to deepen collaboration, with particular emphasis on environmental sustainability and green growth," the Indian Embassy in Panama, Nicaragua and Costa Rica posted on X.

India criticises UN rapporteur for bias in reporting on funerals, ignoring gravity of terrorism

United Nations, Oct 24 : India slammed the special rapporteur (SR) for religious freedom for bias in reporting on burials in India and failing to take into account the gravity of terrorism. "Deriving political mileage out of people's pain and loss should not be a topic that SRs should base relevance on", Bhavika Mangalanandan, a first secretary in India's UN Mission, said on Saturday. "We are surprised that the fervent advocacy for the rights of terrorists who violate the most sacred right of humans, the right to life, does



not similarly extend to the victims of terrorism," she said. "A terrorist not only kills innocent people, but damages the psyche of a nation", she said. At the General Assembly's Third Committee, which deals with humanitarian

affairs, Mangalanandan was responding to a report by Nazila Ghanea, the special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, on "Freedom of Religion or Belief and Funeral Rights in Exceptional Circumstances". The report said the bodies of persons killed in security operations in Kashmir were not returned to their families and were buried in remote areas. It also asserted that restrictions were placed on some persons killed during the agitation against the Citizenship Amendment Act by authorities.



'Will follow due Parliamentary process': Om Birla on fresh impeachment motion against CEC

New Delhi, Oct 24: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Saturday that any fresh impeachment motion brought by the Opposition against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar will follow "due parliamentary procedure", while saying that everyone has the right

to express their views in a democracy. Birla made the remarks during a press conference where he announced that the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum will be held at the 'Samvidhan Sadan' in the national capital on October 26–27.

CS seeks time-bound action to secure CSS funds

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed all departmental Secretaries to accord the highest priority to securing the funds due to the State under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and to take immediate, coordinated and time-bound measures to expedite their release from the Government of India.

The Chief Secretary conducted a comprehensive review meeting with senior officials at the Secretariat on Saturday to assess the status of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, onboarding requirements, ex-

penditure reporting, closure of Single Nodal Agency (SNA) accounts and other procedural requirements relating to the release of Central funds. During the review, the Chief Secretary underscored the need for expeditious action by all concerned departments to ensure that eligible Central assistance is secured without delay. He directed the departmental Secretaries to identify and resolve all pending issues, complete the prescribed formalities and ensure effective inter-departmental coordination for the timely release and utilisation of funds. The review covered Agriculture, Panchayat Raj and Rural Devel-



opment, Education and Scholarships, Home, Rural Water Supply, Housing, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Transport, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and other departments. The Chief Secretary reviewed the department-wise position of Central funds due to the State, pending onboarding and compliance requirements, expenditure reporting and the status of SNA account closures. In accordance with the directions

of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Chief Secretary directed all departmental Secretaries to treat the mobilisation of Central funds as a matter of priority and ensure the expeditious completion of all requirements necessary for their release. He instructed the departments to undertake immediate reviews at their level and closely monitor progress through the CM Review mechanism and the CM Dashboard.

Aruna demands cancellation of Dindi project, seeks completion of Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project

Hyderabad, Oct.24 (NSS): Mahabubnagar BJP MP DK Aruna has demanded the immediate cancellation of the Dindi Lift Irrigation Project, alleging that it would deprive Palamuru farmers of their rightful share of water. She insisted that every drop of Srisailem backwater allocated for the region should be utilised for Palamuru. Addressing a media conference here at the BJP state office, Aruna demanded that the

Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project be completed according to its original Jurala-based design under GO 72. She accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of reviving a proposal that could divert water through the Dindi Lift Project at the expense of farmers in the united Mahabubnagar district. Aruna alleged that the previous BRS government, led by former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, had shifted the project's approach from Jurala to the

Srisailem backwaters at Narlapur in 2015 and subsequently issued GOs 105 and 107 to facilitate the proposed diversion of 0.5 TMC of water per day towards the Dindi Lift Project. She claimed that farmers and local representatives had opposed the move and stalled the works. She argued that alternative projects, including Puttagandi Lift, SLBC (AMR) and Nakkalagandi, could address the fluoride problem in Devarakonda and Munugode areas of Nalgonda district without affecting Palamuru lands. She questioned the silence of Congress ministers and MLAs over the proposed canal network, which she claimed would affect more than 30 villages.



DRI seizes foreign currency worth Rs.1.56 cr at Hyd Airport; two arrested

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Hyderabad Zonal Unit, seized foreign currency worth approximately Rs.1.56 crore from two passengers at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) and arrested both in connection with the case. Acting on specific intelligence, DRI officers intercepted a male passenger scheduled to fly to Kuala Lumpur on an AirAsia flight on October 22. A search of his cabin baggage led to the recovery of USD 66,600, MYR 3,773 and SGD 2, valued at around Rs.63.62 lakh. The currency was concealed in a black plastic cover among clothes inside his trolley bag. During questioning, officers learnt that a female passenger was travelling on the same flight under a separate passenger name record (PNR). She was intercepted, and a search of her luggage yielded USD 97,600, worth approximately Rs.91.94 lakh, concealed in a similar manner. Both passengers failed to produce docu-



ments establishing the lawful procurement and carriage of the foreign currency. The entire amount, along with the trolley bags used to conceal it, was seized under the Customs Act, 1962. Both passengers were arrested, and further investigation is underway.



BRAOU takes frugal AI expertise to INTL workshop in Malaysia

Hyderabad, Oct 24 : Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) showcased its initiatives in technology-enabled education at an international workshop on Frugal AI in Education, jointly organised by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, and Open University Malaysia. Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Academic Director, and Sushumna Rao, EdTech Manager, represented the university at the workshop.

BEFORE THE HONBLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD-II
First Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.
Case No. O.A No.247 OF 2026
Summons under Sub section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule(2A) of rule 5 of Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule.1993
Canara Bank
Vs.
M/s. Meenakshi Digitals & 2 Others
Between
Canara Bank, Uppal Branch, Hyderabad, Rep.by Rep.its Authorized Officer
...Applicant Bank
1). **M/s. Meenakshi Digitals (Borrower)** Rep.by Koyyoda Srinivas S/o. K.Balaiah, (Prop.) R/o.2-6-66/A,Bharath Nagar, Uppal,Hyderabad.
2). **Koyyoda Srinivas S/o. Koyyoda Balaiah, Prop (Mortgager),** M/s. Meenakshi Digitals, R/o. 8-84/1, Sainagar Colony, Warangal Highway Road, Medipally, Medchal -Malkajgiri Dist. ...Respondents
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas **O.A.No.247/2026** was Listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 14.10.2026 Where this Hon'ble DRT Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons/Notice on the Said Publication U/s.19(4) of the Act,(OA) Filed against you for Recovery of **Rs.29,64,745.42 Paisa** (Application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub Sec.(4) of Sec.19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under.
(i) To Show Cause within 30 days of the service of Summons as to why relief Prayed for Should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose Particulars of Parties OR Assets Other than Properties and assets Specified by the Applicant Under Serial No.3A of the Original Application.
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of Secured assets or Such Other assets and properties disclosed under serial No.3A of the Original Application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
(iv) You Shall not transfer by way of Sale, Lease or Otherwise except in the Ordinary Course of your business any of the assets Over which Security interest is created and/or Other assets and Properties specified or disclosed under Serial No.3A of the Original application without the Prior approval of the Tribunal.
(v) You shall be Liable to Account for the Sale Proceeds realized by the Sale of Secured Assets or Other Assets and Properties in the Ordinary Course of Business and deposit Such Sale Proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or Financial Institution Holding Security Interest over such assets.
You are also directed to File the Written Statement with a Copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to Appear before Registrar/DRT-I on **27.10.2026 at 10.30 AM**, failing which the Application Shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given Under my Hand and Seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day October 2026.
Presiding Officer

BEFORE THE HONBLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD-II
First Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.
Case No. O.A No.255 OF 2026
Summons under Sub section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule(2A) of rule 5 of Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule.1993
UCQ Bank
Vs.
Nangnuri Kiran & 3 Others
Between
UCO Bank, Sarojini Devi Road Branch, Secunderabad. Rep. by its Authorised Officer
...Applicant Bank
AND
1). **Nangnuri Kiran, S/o. N.Purnachandram,** Flat No.102, Plot No.2, Rayala Sai Sarovar Apartment, Swardhama Nagar, Sneha Colony, Old Bowenpally, Secunderabad.
2). **Nangnuri Purnachandram, S/o. N.Gopal,** R/o. Flat No.102, Plot No.2, Rayala Sai Sarovar Apartment, Swarnadhama Nagar, Sneha Colony, Old Bowenpally, Secunderabad.
3). **M/s. Sahiti Infracore Ventures India Private Limited (Developer),** Rep. by Its Director & Authorized Signatory Smt. B.Parvathi W/o.B.Lakshmi Narayana, R/o. Flat No.501, Har's Habitat, Plot No.77, Jaihind Layout, Madhapur, Hyderabad. ...Respondents 1 to 3
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas **O.A.No.879/2026** was Listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 14.10.2026 Where this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons/Notice on the Said Publication U/s.19(4) of the Act,(OA) Filed against you for Recovery of **Rs.28,10,755.09 Paisa** (Application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub sec.(4) of Sec.19 of the Act,you the defendants are directed as under.
(i) To Show Cause within 30 days of the service of Summons as to why relief Prayed for Should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose Particulars of Parties OR Assets Other than Properties and assets Specified by the Applicant Under Serial No.3A of the Original Application.
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Given Under my Hand and Seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day October 2026.
Presiding Officer

BEFORE THE HONBLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD-II
First Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.
Case No.O.A No.250 OF 2026
Summons under Sub section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule(2A) of rule 5 of Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule.1993
UCO Bank
Vs.
Pratyush Valluri & 2 Others
Between
UCO Bank Sarojini Devi Road Branch, Secunderabad. Rep.by its Authorised Officer
...Applicant Bank
AND
1). **Pratyush Valluri, (Borrower) S/o. Valluri Siva Prasad,** R/o.24-4/11/3/1, Plot No.38, Vishnupuri Extension Colony, Vimala Devi Nagar, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad-500047.
2). **Smt. Alekhya Rang, (Guarantor) W/o Valluri Siva Prasad,** R/o.2-2-1109/51/B, Gangabowli, Amberpet, Hyderabad 500013.
3). **M/s. Sahiti Infracore VenturesIndia Pvt. Limited (Developer),** Rep.by its Director & Authorized Signatory Smt. B.Parvathi W/o. B.Lakshmi Narayana R/o Flat No.501, Har's Habitat, Plot No.77, Jaihind Layout, Madhapur, Hyderabad. ...Respondents
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas **O.A.No.250/2026** was Listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 14.10.2026 Where this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons/Notice on the Said Publication U/s.19(4) of the Act,(OA) Filed against you for Recovery of **Rs.39,43,715.60 Paisa** (Application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub sec.(4) of Sec.19 of the Act,you the defendants are directed as under.
(i) To Show Cause within 30 days of the service of Summons as to why relief Prayed for Should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose Particulars of Parties OR Assets Other than Properties and assets Specified by the Applicant Under Serial No.3A of the Original Application.
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of Secured assets or Such Other assets and properties disclosed under serial No.3A of the Original Application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
(iv) You Shall not transfer by way of Sale, Lease or Otherwise except in the Ordinary Course of your business any of the assets Over which Security interest is created and/or Other assets and Properties specified or disclosed under Serial No.3A of the Original application without the Prior approval of the Tribunal.
(v) You shall be Liable to Account for the Sale Proceeds realized by the Sale of Secured Assets or Other Assets and Properties in the Ordinary Course of Business and deposit Such Sale Proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or Financial Institution Holding Security Interest over such assets.
You are also directed to File the Written Statement with a Copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to Appear before Registrar/DRT-II on **27.10.2026 at 10.30 AM**, failing which the Application Shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given Under my Hand and Seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day October 2026.
Presiding Officer

BEFORE THE HONBLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD-II
First Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.
Case No. O.A No.879 OF 2025
Summons under Sub section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule(2A) of rule 5 of Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule.1993
Indian Bank
Vs.
M/s. Balaji Traders & Another
Between
Indian Bank, Nagaram Branch, Hyderabad. Rep.by its Authorized Officer
...Applicant Bank
AND
1). **M/s. Balaji Traders (Borrower),** Rep.by Smt. D.Vijay Sri, W/o. D.Vijay Bhasker, R/o. H.No.11-6-111-406, Cherukuthota Colony, Kothapet, Saroornagar, Ranga Reddy Dist.
2). **Smt. D.Vijay Sri, W/o. D.Vijay Bhasker (Guarantor),** M/s. Balaji Traders (Prop), Plot No.116, Sainagar, Khushaiguda, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. ...Respondent
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas **O.A.No.879/2025** was Listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 23.09.2026 Where this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons/Notice on the Said Publication U/s.19(4) of the Act,(OA) Filed against you for Recovery of **Rs.25,18,320.50 Paisa** (Application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub sec.(4) of Sec.19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under.
(i) To Show Cause within 30 days of the service of Summons as to why relief Prayed for Should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose Particulars of Parties OR Assets Other than Properties and assets Specified by the Applicant Under Serial No.3A of the Original Application.
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You are also directed to File the Written Statement with a Copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to Appear before Registrar/DRT-I on **03.11.2026 at 10.30 AM**, failing which the Application Shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given Under my Hand and Seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day October 2026.
Presiding Officer

BEFORE THE HONBLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD-II
First Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.
Case No. O.A No.253 OF 2026
Summons under Sub section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule(2A) of rule 5 of Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule.1993
UCO Bank
Vs.
Shyam Sunder Sahoo & 2 Others
Between
UCO Bank, Sarojini Devi Road Branch, Secunderabad. Rep.by its Authorised Officer
...Applicant Bank
AND
1). **Shyam Sunder Sahoo (Borrower), S/o. Karunakar Sahoo,** R/o.Flat No.709, Sri Balaji Gulmohar Township,D-Block, Kousalya Colony, Bachupally, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist.
2). **Smt.Suchismita Sahoo (Guarantor), W/o. Shyam Sundar Sahoo,** R/o.Flat No.709,Sri Balaji Gulmohar Township, D-Block, Kousalya Colony, Bachupally, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist.
3). **M/s. Sahiti Infracore VenturesIndia Pvt. Limited (Developers)** Rep.by Director & Authorized Signatory Smt. B.Parvathi, W/o. B.Lakshmi Narayana, R/o. Flat No.501, Har's Habitat, Plot No.77, Jaihind Layout, Madhapur, Hyderabad. ...Respondents
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas **OA.No.253/2026** was Listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 14.10.2026 Where this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons/Notice on the Said Publication U/s.19(4) of the Act,(OA) Filed against you for Recovery of **Rs.31,25,140.12 Paisa** (Application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub sec.(4) of Sec.19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under.
(i) To Show Cause within 30 days of the service of Summons as to why relief Prayed for Should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose Particulars of Parties OR Assets Other than Properties and assets Specified by the Applicant Under Serial No.3A of the Original Application.
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of Secured assets or Such Other assets and properties disclosed under serial No.3A of the Original Application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
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You are also directed to File the Written Statement with a Copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to Appear before Registrar/DRT-II on **27.10.2026 at 10.30 AM**, failing which the Application Shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given Under my Hand and Seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day October 2026.
Presiding Officer



eMudhra to exit global SSL/TLS certificate business after security incident

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Digital trust solutions provider eMudhra on Saturday said that it has decided to exit its global SSL/TLS certificate business following a recent security incident that attracted significant scrutiny, saying the segment's limited contribution to revenue no longer justified the growing operational complexity, compliance burden and reputational attention associated with it. The company said the

SSL/TLS certificate business accounts for around 1 per cent of its global revenue and has become increasingly challenging to operate amid rising compliance requirements, evolving data sovereignty regulations and growing infrastructure costs. "eMudhra Limited, a global digital trust company, today announced that its Board has decided to voluntarily withdraw from the global SSL/TLS certi-

cate business," it said in its official statement. The decision follows a recent security-related incident involving the company's global SSL/TLS certificate infrastructure. According to eMudhra, the issue was addressed swiftly, with the affected certificate authorities (CAs) revoked within 14 hours of detection and disclosed promptly to stakeholders.

Markets open higher as easing crude oil prices lift sentiment

Mumbai, Oct 24 : Indian equity benchmarks opened higher on Saturday amid a sharp decline in oil prices with Brent crude decreasing by more than 2 per cent. Sensex opened 236.01 points or 0.30 per cent higher at 77,892.10, while Nifty started the session increasing 7.40 points or 0.03 per cent at 24,341.95. In early trade, sectoral performance was mixed



with PSU banking shares leading gains. Nifty PSU Bank rose 1.4 per cent, followed by Nifty Realty, up 0.66 per cent and Nifty MidSmall Financial Services which gained 0.48 per cent.

Barclays likely to cut about 5 pc of workforce in AI era

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Global investment bank Barclays PLC said on Saturday it is likely to reduce at least 5 per cent of its workforce to cut costs in the artificial intelligence (AI) era. Barclays employed about 93,000 people globally at the end of 2025. The London-based bank said it was "structurally reducing" costs to "generate capacity for investment." "Structurally reducing the cost base through expected technology-enabled.



L&T wins order for setting up 6 GWh BESS projects in Middle East

Mumbai, Oct 24 : Engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced on Saturday that its renewable energy business has won a mega order to develop three battery energy storage system (BESS) projects for a notable client in the Middle East. The company said it classifies mega orders as those valued between Rs 5,000 crore and Rs 10,000 crore.



Indo Farm Equipment shares plunge 51 pc from Dalal Street debut day peak

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Shares of Indo Farm Equipment Ltd witnessed sharp selling pressure as traded below the IPO issue price with a decrease of 35 per cent on Saturday, while declining about 51 per cent from their market debut day's intraday high in 2025. On Saturday, the stock settled at Rs 139.70 on the BSE, up 0.47 per cent from the previous close. At the current level, the stock is about 35 per cent below its IPO issue price of Rs 215 per share. Indo Farm Equipment made its Dalal Street debut on January 7, 2025 with a listing at Rs 258.40 on the BSE and Rs 256 on the NSE. On the listing day, the stock touched an intraday high of Rs 286.90 on the BSE. This suggests a decrease of 51.30 per cent to current levels.

Swiggy's Q2 net loss widens sequentially to Rs 922 crore

Mumbai, Oct 24 : Food delivery and quick-commerce platform Swiggy on Saturday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 922 crore for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2 FY27), compared with a loss of Rs 791 crore in the preceding quarter (Q1 FY27). However, the company's losses narrowed from Rs 1,092 crore recorded in the corresponding period last financial year (Q2 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations increased 36.1 per cent year-on-year to Rs 7,571 crore from Rs 5,620 crore, driven by growth across food delivery, quick commerce and out-of-home consumption segments. Despite the robust revenue growth, total expenses climbed to Rs 8,703 crore

from Rs 6,711 crore a year ago, as per its regulatory filing. Swiggy's core food delivery business continued to strengthen profitability during the quarter. Gross order value (GOV) for the segment rose 17.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 10,054 crore, while adjusted EBITDA improved by Rs 101 crore to Rs 341 crore. The adjusted EBITDA margin stood at 3.4 per cent of GOV, marking the business's highest-ever profitability and margin performance.

The company's out-of-home consumption business also maintained momentum, with GOV growing 34.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,508 crore. The segment reported its seventh consecutive quarter of profitability, delivering an adjusted EBITDA margin of 0.5 per cent of GOV. Meanwhile, quick-commerce arm Instamart continued its expansion push.



Global market for securing AI likely to reach \$4.8 billion in 2027

New Delhi, Oct 24 : The global market for securing AI is projected to reach almost \$4.8 billion in 2027, a 68.7 per cent increase over 2026, according to a Gartner report on Saturday. By 2028, the market is forecast to reach almost \$7.7 billion. "This surge is driven by the urgent need for enterprises to secure AI systems, address emerging vulnerabilities and strengthen defenses against sophisticated cyberthreats," said Shailendra Upadhyay, senior principal analyst at Gartner. This is compounded by growing vulnerabilities and supply chain attacks involving third-party and open-source software in AI projects. Without adequate security and visibility controls, enterprise AI initiatives face a high risk of

failure, he mentioned. Over half of successful cyberattacks on AI agents are expected to exploit access control weaknesses and prompt injections by 2029, the report said. AI application security will remain the largest spending category in 2027, forecast to reach almost \$851 million, followed by AI usage control at \$749 million. However, AI usage control will experience the largest growth of 73 per cent, followed by the AI gateway at 70.9 per cent. "As defences like AI runtime protection and dedicated gateways become more reliable, organisations will gain confidence in these tools.



iPhone Duo could create 'Halo Effect' for Apple ecosystem: Industry experts

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Apple's first foldable smartphone, the iPhone Duo, is heading into its first day of sales in India with stronger-than-expected consumer interest, according to industry experts on Saturday, who believe the device could create a new ultra-premium category and deliver a "halo effect" for the broader iPhone lineup. Industry analysts said the response to the device since pre-orders opened has surprised market observers, particularly given its premium pricing that starts at Rs 2,99,900. According to Counterpoint Research, consumer interest in the iPhone Duo in India has significantly exceeded original projections.



Adani Energy Solutions wins Rs 4,700 crore transmission project in Maharashtra

Ahmedabad, Oct 24 : Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) on Saturday said it has won a Rs 4,700 crore transmission project for evacuation of 4,500 MW of renewable energy generated in Karnataka to major load centres in Maharashtra. The project will also support the growing pumped storage ecosystem in the Satara, Pune, and Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). The project was won through the tariff based competitive bidding (TBCB) process, where AESL emerged as the lowest bidder, according to a company statement. "Pumped storage projects are emerging as a critical enabler of India's clean energy transition by providing the flexibility and reliability required to integrate large-scale renewable energy into the grid," said Kandarp Patel, CEO, Adani Energy Solutions Ltd. The Satara transmission project will cre-

ate a vital transmission backbone to supports both renewable energy evacuation and energy storage deployment, strengthening power flows between Southern and Western India, he mentioned. Housed under Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Satara Power Transmission Ltd, the project will be delivered within 36 months. It will add 562 circuit kilometres (ckm) of transmission lines and 9,000 MVA of transformation capacity to AESL's portfolio, taking its cumulative transmission network to 29,739 ckm and 1,43,425 MVA transformation capacity, said India's largest private transmission and distribution company and part of the globally diversified Adani portfolio.



"AESL remains committed to building future-ready transmission infrastructure that enables renewable energy growth, enhances grid stability and supports India's long-term decarbonisation goals," said Patel. The project includes the establishment of a 765/400 kV substation at Satara, Kolhapur-Satara 765 kV double-circuit transmission line, and augmentation of the Kolhapur pooling station along with associ-

ated transmission infrastructure. As the country advances toward its target of installing 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, AESL continues to lead the sector by building specialised transmission schemes that connect resource-rich green pockets — such as solar, wind, and pumped storage — with major industrial and urban load centres across India.

Karnataka CM meets Union Min Bhupender Yadav, seeks NBWL nod for Sharavathi, Mekedatu projects

New Delhi/Bengaluru, Oct 24 : Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday urged Union Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav to expedite approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) for the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project and the Mekedatu balancing reservoir and drinking water project. During a meeting with Yadav at Paryavaran Bhawan in the national capital, Shivakumar also urged the Centre not to finalise the seventh draft notification on declaring the Western Ghats an Ecologi-

cally Sensitive Area (ESA) based on the Kasturirangan report until the physical survey was completed. He said that the proposal for the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project was last discussed at the 89th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife on February 28 this year. The technical committee had asked the state government or the user agency to clarify issues raised during the examination of the proposal and submit a technical report from the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru. The Karnataka government has since submitted the required documents, including the NIAS tech-



anical report, and provided appropriate responses to the questions raised by the Standing Committee, he said. Regarding the Mekedatu project, Shivakumar said a proposal seeking permission to drill 20 boreholes for geotechnical investigations within the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary had been submitted to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

on July 1, for consideration by the NBWL Standing Committee. The proposed investigation would cover a total area of 0.0000352 hectares within the sanctuary. The Ministry had recently sought essential documents and information in connection with the status of various petitions pending before the Supreme Court of India concerning the project. The state government would submit the required information shortly, he said. Shivakumar clarified that the proposal was limited to survey and investigation activities and did not seek diversion of any protected-area land for the project.



NCB busts cross border heroin trafficking cartel, seizes 5.160 Kg heroin in J&K's Jammu

Jammu, Oct 24 : In a major anti-drug operation the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) said on Saturday that it has busted a cross-border Heroin trafficking cartel, resulting in the seizure of 5.160 kg of Heroin and the arrest of three persons, including the alleged mastermind. A statement by the NCB said today, "Acting on specific intelligence on 22.08.2026, NCB intercepted a vehicle at Panjtirthi, Jammu. Search of the said vehicle resulted in the recovery and seizure of 5.160 kg of Heroin from two accused persons, both residents of Baramulla. An immediate follow-up action was launched based on crucial leads regarding another resident of Baramulla, who is mastermind and supplier of the drug trafficking network. Through sustained and determined pursuit, the NCB team traced him to Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh, where he was arrested on 24.08.2026, within two days of the seizure. Prima facie investigation indicates that the seized heroin forms part of an organized cross-border supply chain, with the contraband suspected to have originated from Pakistan and entered India through the Uri border sector. The swift identification and arrest of the mastermind demonstrate NCB's focus on dismantling the entire trafficking network.



Gujarat Revenue Dept focuses on AI, blockchain and GIS for land governance reform

Gandhinagar, Oct 24 : The Gujarat Revenue Department's Chintan Shibir on Saturday placed strong emphasis on modernising land governance through digital technologies, with discussions focusing on artificial intelligence, blockchain, geographic information systems (GIS) and administrative reforms aimed at improving transparency, efficiency and citizen-centric service delivery. Held at Amba Business Park in Adalaj, the second day of the Shibir brought together senior officials and domain experts who were divided into seven thematic groups to examine key areas of land administration and revenue services. Additional Chief Secretary Dr Jayanti Ravi was present during the deliberations, where participants reviewed ways to simplify procedures and strengthen ac-

countability in revenue operations. The group discussions covered a wide range of administrative subjects. One group focused on optimising processes such as land use change permissions through ILA and mutation procedures. Another examined the expansion of paperless and faceless property registration systems along with strengthening of RCCMS. A separate group discussed urban land record management and governance frameworks, while another focused on ethics and integrity in revenue administration. Further sessions addressed the modernisation of survey and resurvey processes, strategies for enhancing administrative efficiency and disaster preparedness among government personnel.



Union Minister Virendra Kumar reviews safety, rehabilitation of sanitation workers

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar on Saturday led discussions on welfare and rehabilitation of sanitation workers,

improving working conditions, ensuring occupational safety and promoting their socio-economic empowerment. Addressing a meeting of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), Minister Virendra Kumar emphasised the need to provide appropriate training to sanitation workers.

Rajasthan CID arrests ISI funding agent, uncovers espionage money trail

Jaipur, Oct 24 : The Rajasthan Police's CID (Intelligence) has unearthed a major network involved in anti-national activities by arresting a man accused of operating a funding channel for Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI, officials said on Saturday. According to officials, the ac-

cused, identified as Rafiq Chand Shaikh, son of Chand Miyan Shaikh and a resident of Harsul in Maharashtra's Aurangabad district, facilitated the transfer of funds from ISI handlers to individuals suspected of being involved in espionage activities in India. The arrest marks a significant development in an ongoing investigation

under the Official Secrets Act, 1923. Earlier in the case, Jhabra Ram, a resident of Rajasthan's Jaisalmer, and Sumit Kumar, a Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) employee posted at the Indian Air Force Station in Dibrugarh, Assam, had been arrested for passing sensitive information related to the Indian armed forces to ISI handlers.



'Solar Loan Mela' organised in Nalanda to promote PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana



Nalanda, Oct 24 : To connect residents of Bihar's Nalanda district with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and spread awareness about its benefits, a Solar Loan Mela was organised on Saturday at the Electricity Division Office in Biharsharif. The event was jointly inaugurated by District Magistrate Kundan Kumar, Deputy Development Commissioner

Shubham Kumar and Superintending Engineer Manish Kant. A large number of people applied under the scheme during the mela, with officials highlighting that affordable bank loans for rooftop solar units could help households substantially reduce electricity bills. Addressing the gathering, District Magistrate Kundan Kumar said installation of solar systems was not only a way to cut electricity expenses but also a step towards nation-building and environmental protection. He noted that India imports nearly 80 per cent of its crude oil requirement and stressed that wider adoption of solar energy was essential for achieving the vision of an "Aatmanirbhar Bharat". The District Magistrate added that installation of a single solar unit helps reduce carbon emissions equivalent to planting around 100 trees annually.

PM KUSUM scheme brings relief to farmers in MP's Bundelkhand region

Damoh, Oct 24 : In Madhya Pradesh's Bundelkhand region, where timely irrigation has long been a challenge, the PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan) Yojana has emerged as a lifeline for farmers. The initiative is transforming agriculture by providing reliable irrigation, reducing costs, and boosting incomes. Farmers like Pancham Singh Lodhi and Munna Yadav from Bitli village in the Tendukheda block of Damoh district have become examples of self-reliant farming. Pancham Singh recalled the difficulties he faced due to frequent power outages and the rising expenses of diesel pumps. He often had to wake up at odd hours to irrigate his fields, and any delay meant his crops risked drying out. The high cost of diesel made farming increasingly unprofitable. His fortunes changed when he applied under the Pradhan Mantri Solar Pump Scheme. With a subsidy covering nearly 90 per cent of the cost, he

paid only around Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000 for installation. The solar pump now provides uninterrupted irrigation throughout the day, leading to higher productivity and drastically reduced expenses. Pancham Singh's income has improved significantly, as he no longer spends on diesel or electricity, and timely irrigation ensures better yields. Munna Yadav shared a similar experience, noting that his monthly electricity bills once reached Rs 10,000. With the solar pump, this expense has been eliminated. He said the scheme has not only benefited him personally but also inspired him to spread awareness among fellow farmers. Officials explained that in the first



phase, solar systems will be installed in 2,000 non-BPL households and 10,000 BPL households, with the latter receiving panels free of cost through state government support. The scheme is designed to empower farmers, reduce dependence on conventional energy, and promote sustainable agriculture. By cutting costs and ensuring reliable irrigation, the solar pump initiative is helping farmers in Bundelkhand move toward self-reliance.



Beijing seminar reflects China’s push to reinterpret Islam along party lines: Report

Rome, Oct 24 : A recent seminar in Beijing underscored the evolution of China's Sinicisation of Islam — a campaign which requires religious groups to align their doctrines, customs and moral values with Chinese culture. Increasingly, the initiative has shifted beyond cultural adaptation to become a political programme that expects religious leaders to internalise and promote Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) doctrine, according to a latest report. The prominence of Chinese President Xi Jinping's thought throughout the training reflects the extent to which the process has evolved. Islam is being reinterpreted through a political lens, while religious leaders are being trained to guide the faithful in line with

the party's ideological framework, a report in the Italy-based online magazine 'Bitter Winter' detailed. "The latest training programme for imams and Islamic teachers, held from May 10 to 16 at the Central Institute of Socialism in Beijing, offered another glimpse into the direction China expects Islam to take. The event was presented as a seminar on the Sinicisation of Islam, yet the curriculum focused almost entirely on Xi Jinping's political thought. The Quran appeared only as a distant backdrop, while the real focus was on consolidating ideological loyalty," the report mentioned. "The opening speeches set the tone. Participants were told to study Xi Jinping's views on religion, absorb "Xi Jinping Thought

on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era", and cultivate what officials called the correct understanding of the nation, ethnicity, history, culture, and religion. The language echoed the formula now used across all officially recognised faiths: religious leaders are expected to guide believers toward identification with the state, the Party, and the narrative of national rejuvenation," it added. According to the report, the training was less a discussion of Islamic theology and more an exercise in political indoctrination. The seven-day programme featured lectures on Xi Jinping Cultural Thought, the CCP's approach to religious governance, and the construction of a unified national identity.

Canada dairy tariffs unfair: US agri chief

Washington, Oct 24 : US Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins has accused Canada of imposing tariffs of up to 300 per cent on some American dairy products, saying Washington would continue pressing for fair market access for its farmers amid heightened trade tensions between the two neighbours. Rollins said President Donald Trump had repeatedly raised concerns about Canada's treatment of American dairy producers and believed existing trade arrangements had not provided the access they were intended to deliver. "The President has been very clear for the last year and a half that the way they treat our dairy farmers in America is just not. It is not going to continue any longer," she said. "Canada is applying sometimes a 200 and 300 per cent extra tariff on milk and dairy products going into Canada," Rollins said. The agriculture secretary declined to discuss the negotiations in greater detail, saying she did not want to get ahead of Trump or US Trade Representative Jason Greer, who

she said was in the middle of the talks. Rollins said the administration was working to open markets across the world while ensuring that US agricultural producers were treated fairly by trading partners such as Canada. The dispute has caused unease across rural America because farmers and ranchers face considerable uncertainty, she acknowledged. "There is no doubt that it causes concern amongst our farmers and ranchers, as it is a lot of unknown out there," Rollins said. She argued, however, that agriculture had remained a central part of the administration's trade negotiations. Each of its 20 new trade agreements addressed agricultural products such as soybeans, cotton, beef or dairy, she said. Rollins described Canada and Mexico as important US trading partners. She said Trump's approach had highlighted several challenges within the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, particularly those affecting farmers and ranchers. The agriculture secretary also defended Trump's decision to allow the temporary import of 300,000 metric tonnes of ground beef for 90 days. She said the measure was designed to address a gap in the

supply chain rather than weaken domestic cattle producers. Americans consume about 13 million metric tonnes of beef annually, with roughly 11 million metric tonnes produced domestically, Rollins said. The country normally imports between two million and three million metric tonnes each year, primarily lean or ground beef. The supply shortage was partly linked to Washington's decision to halt imports of live Mexican cattle after the New World screw-worm moved towards US border states and cattle-producing regions, she said. The restriction, imposed about 14 or 15 months ago, prevented approximately one million cattle from entering the United States, according to Rollins. The first port in Douglas, Arizona, reopened to live cattle movements on Saturday.



Gujarat Govt honours top 12 ITIs, highlights role in skill development

Gandhinagar, Oct 24 : The role of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in aligning youth skills with the evolving requirements of modern industries was underscored on Saturday, when the Gujarat Government honoured 12 top-performing ITIs for their performance between 2022-23 and 2025-26.

The awards ceremony was held under the chairmanship of Labour, Skill Development and Employment Minister Kunvarji Bavaliya, with State Minister Kantilal Amrutiya in attendance. The institutions were evaluated on performance parameters set by an expert committee, covering multiple academic years.

For 2025-26, Bilimora ITI secured the first position, Palanpur ITI came second, and Jamnagar ITI came in third position. The first-ranked institution received Rs 11 lakh, the second Rs 9 lakh, and the third Rs 5 lakh, along with awards. Officials stated that the funds are to be utilised for academic



enhancement and infrastructure development of the respective institutes. Speaking at the event, Bavaliya said ITIs are central to preparing youth for industrial needs.



IOM warns Somalia floods could displace 874,000 people

Mogadishu, Oct 24 : Imminent flooding could displace nearly 874,000 people in Somalia over the next three months, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) warned Saturday. Heavy rainfall and rising rivers now threaten communities already struggling with drought and repeated displacement, the UN migration agency said in a statement, urging international support for preparedness and early action. "There is still time to reduce the impact, but that window is closing. We urgently need funding to help people protect their homes and livelihoods, reach safer ground where necessary, and avoid another cycle of displacement," said Manuel Marques Pereira, chief of mission for IOM in Somalia.



NATO troops in Ukraine unacceptable: Kremlin

Moscow, Oct 24 : Russia considers the presence of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) military contingents in Ukraine inadmissible, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Saturday. "We have repeatedly stated our position at various levels that the deployment of foreign military contingents of NATO member states in Ukraine is unacceptable for us," he said. On Saturday, leaders of the Coalition of the Willing held

a virtual meeting in Kyiv to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Ukraine's independence. It was chaired by British Prime Minister Andy Burnham, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Xinhua News Agency reported. The coalition said in a statement that it would continue to prepare the Multinational Force Ukraine.

Result-driven partnership with India making unprecedented headway: Italian envoy



New Delhi, Oct 24 : Hailing growing ties with India, Italian Ambassador to India, Antonio Bartoli, on Saturday said that the two nations have a "result-driven partnership" which continues to make an "unprecedented headway". Bartoli described the chemistry between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni as "important" while participating in NDTV World Summit's session titled 'The West, Re-

wired: The New Transatlantic Order' along with European Union Ambassador Jean-Eric Paquet, Australian High Commissioner Philip Green and German Ambassador Jasper Wieck. "It's a very result-oriented partnership because the chemistry between leaders is important and also helps Ambassadors. But, it is necessary not sufficient and I think that the positive side is that there are objective converging interests. We were talking about connectivity. That's a matter of fact. We are two peninsulas and so we are interested in connecting the respective seas, and because you want to develop.

Manipur Governor, CM stress security forces' role in restoring normalcy

Imphal, Oct 24 : Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has emphasised that true strength lies in the judicious and restrained use of force, noting that the conduct of security personnel has strengthened public confidence in the state. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh also acknowledged the crucial role played by the security forces in maintaining law and order and restoring peace and normalcy in Manipur. Both the Governor and the Chief Minister attended the Investiture Ceremony for the Governor's Unit Citation 2026 held at the Manipur State Film Development Society in



Imphal. Addressing the gathering, Governor Bhalla described the occasion as not merely ceremonial, but also a moment of reflection, gratitude and recognition. He paid tribute to the dedication, courage and exemplary service of the armed forces and security personnel who have worked continuously to uphold peace and stability in the state. Referring to the challenging situation faced by Manipur in recent years.

CIA chief makes secret trip to Moscow

Washington, Oct 24 : Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director John Ratcliffe has made an unannounced visit to Moscow for meetings with Russian officials as US-led efforts to end the war in Ukraine remain stalled, according to reports by CBS News and CNN. CBS News first reported on Saturday that Ratcliffe was in the Russian capital, citing sources familiar with the situation. CNN later confirmed the visit, quoting a US official familiar with his travel. Neither report disclosed whom Ratcliffe was meeting or what issues were on the agenda. The official cited by CNN declined to discuss the substance of the meetings or the topics expected to be raised. The CIA declined to comment to both news organisations. The US and Russian governments have also not publicly identified the purpose of the visit. Ratcliffe's presence in Moscow emerged after a US Air Force Boeing C-17A Globemaster III transport aircraft was spotted at a Moscow airport.

Terrorism would now invite consequences, not return to talks after pause: EAM Jaishankar

New Delhi, Oct 24: The world takes note when a country responds firmly to terrorism, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar said on Saturday, cautioning that “when you don’t respond, the world will play games”. Speaking at the NDTV World Summit 2026, EAM Jaishankar said taking US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to the 26/11 memorial in Mumbai should serve as a reminder of the enormity of what has been done to India and of the need to respond.

“To me, 26/11 (memorial), where I took Secretary Rubio, should serve as a reminder of the enormity of what is being done to us and the necessity for us to respond. And believe me, when you respond, the world will take note of it. When you don’t respond, the world will play games,” he said. The EAM was referring to Tuesday’s visit, when Rubio, reaffirming the shared US-India commitment to combating terrorism, laid a wreath at the 26/11 memorial at Mumbai’s Taj hotel paying tribute to the victims of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks which



saw Pakistani terrorists killing 166 people, including six Americans. “At the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, I laid a wreath honoring the victims of the horrific November 26, 2008 terrorist attacks, including six American citizens. We remember those lost, honour the courage of those who responded, and reaffirm the enduring US-India partnership and our shared commitment to combating terrorism,” Rubio had posted on X. Contrasting India’s restraint after the 2008 Mumbai attacks with its decisive actions in recent years.

North Korea not bound by NPT under any circumstances: UN envoy

Seoul, Oct 24 : North Korea is not bound under any circumstances by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), its representative to the United Nations said in a statement released Saturday, calling any attempt to force Pyongyang to fulfill treaty obligations a “wanton violation” of international law. In the statement, dated May 6 and carried by the North’s official Korean Central News Agency, Kim Song, Pyongyang’s permanent representative to the UN, claimed his country’s nuclear program reflects its “obligations under the law on nuclear forces policy and the constitution,



which enshrined the country’s legal status as a nuclear-armed state.” “I denounce and reject in the strongest tone the brigandish and shameless acts of the specific countries, including the US, which are taking issue with the DPRK’s realistic and just access to nuclear weapons through the legal route and exercise of its inherent defensive rights as a sovereign state,” he added.



Fake labels push risky Chinese goods: US

Washington, Oct 24 : The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has launched a nationwide crackdown on fake safety labels and counterfeit certification marks allegedly being used to push dangerous foreign-made products into American homes, with a particular focus on products linked to China. The federal agency on Saturday (local time) announced a new enforcement.

Maharashtra minister asks BMC to use AI for monitoring tender variations

Mumbai, Oct 24 : Mumbai Suburban Guardian Minister and Maharashtra Minister for Electronics, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Ashish Shelar on Saturday directed that Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology be used to make the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation’s (BMC).



India reaffirms commitment to strengthen partnership with Hungary

New Delhi, Oct 24 : India on Saturday reaffirmed its commitment to further strengthening its partnership with Hungary across diverse sectors, including trade, investment, technology, innovation, education and people-to-people ties, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. Secretary (West) in the MEA, Sibi George, represented India as the Chief Guest at the National Day celebrations of Hungary, where he highlighted the strong and enduring ties between the two countries. “Secretary (West) Sibi George represented India at the National Day Celebrations of Hungary as Chief Guest. He highlighted the strong and enduring ties between India and Hungary, and reaffirmed the commitment to further strengthening the partnership across diverse sectors.

Turkey's support for Pakistan during 1971 remains contentious issue in Bangladesh: Report

Dhaka, Oct 24 : As Dhaka and Ankara deepen their engagement, questions have also emerged over Turkey’s posture towards Bangladesh’s 2026 political landscape. While Turkey has outwardly maintained contacts across the political spectrum in Bangladesh, some observers argue that Ankara’s public statements and diplomatic outreach have been perceived as favoring Islamist political groups, particularly Jamaat-e-Islami, a report has stated. “Turkey often presents itself as a champion of justice, democracy, and Muslim solidarity. Yet its historical relationship with Bangladesh tells a far more complicated story. From opposing Bangladesh’s independence in 1971 and supporting Pakistan.



'Politically motivated, highly malicious': India denounces UN racial discrimination committee remarks

New Delhi, Oct 24 : India on Saturday rejected the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination’s remarks about the country, terming them “politically motivated” and “highly malicious”. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that it has taken note of the statement issued by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination after

India’s 11th periodic review under ICERD, held in Geneva on August 11–12. The MEA said that it was a routine treaty-body review, and India participated in the spirit of constructive engagement. It emphasised that India’s commitment to combatting racial discrimination remains unwavering. During the review, India highlighted its constitutional safeguards, robust legal framework, pluralism and sustained efforts to protect disadvantaged communi-

ties. “While we will respond to the Committee’s observations through the established procedure, the inter-Ministerial delegation, which was led by the Solicitor General of India, Shri Tushar Mehta, had already rejected the sweeping generalisations, unsubstantiated allegations, or tendency to exceed the Convention’s mandate during the review meeting,” the MEA said in a statement. “India rejects any politically motivated highly malicious refer-

ences in the report with all the contempt that it deserves,” it added. The MEA’s statement comes after the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination expressed concerns over reports of “large-scale violations” perpetrated by law enforcement officials against ethnic and ethno-religious groups, Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, including Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, particularly Dalits, and non-citi-



zens. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) is the body of independent experts that monitors

implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by its States parties.

Loss and Damage Fund approves US\$20 million for Nepal’s flood-hit communities

Kathmandu, Oct 24 : The Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) has approved US\$20 million in assistance for Nepal to support relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in communities devastated by the August 26 floods. The deadly floods killed more than 1,400 people, while over 5,000 remain unaccounted for, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority. The devastating August 2026 floods also caused an estimated USD 2.69 billion in economic losses and damage, with recovery and reconstruction needs estimated at USD 4.71 billion. Citing a decision

made at an extraordinary board meeting of the FRLD on Saturday, Nepal’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Environment said in a statement that the fund had approved US\$20 million in assistance for the country. The FRLD, established under the United Nations climate change framework to help vulnerable developing countries address the economic and non-economic consequences of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow-onset processes, made the decision following a request from the Nepal government for urgent assistance to affected communities. Agriculture, Forests and Environment Minister Gita Chaudhary and Finance Minister

Swarnim Wagle jointly wrote to the fund on August 31, seeking expedited support for communities affected by the disaster. The approved assistance, amounting to approximately NPR 3 billion, is intended to help affected communities recover from the extensive damage caused by the floods and landslides, the ministry said. The disaster struck the Bhotekoshi–Trishuli region on August 26, causing substantial loss of life and property. Preliminary estimates indicate that more than 60,000 people from around 15,000 households were directly affected. Following the Nepal government’s request, board members and alternate members representing both developed and developing countries



held several rounds of discussions on the proposed assistance. The decision to support Nepal was reached after continued discussions, coordination and consultations among board members. For Nepal, the funding comes as the country faces the challenge of restoring damaged infrastructure, helping displaced and affected households rebuild their livelihoods, and financing reconstruction in disaster-hit areas. The assistance is expected to contribute to recovery efforts in the Bhotekoshi–Trishuli corridor. However, details regarding the disbursement schedule, implementation arrangements and allocation of the funds were not provided in the announcement.

UN, Red Cross heads warn autonomous weapons poised to cross 'moral red line', call for regulations

United Nations, Oct 24: The Heads of the UN and the International Red Cross warned on Saturday that autonomous weapons are poised to cross a “moral red line” and called for international laws to regulate them. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and International Red Cross President Mirjana Spoljaric sounded the alarm on the imminent danger from autonomous weapons.





India, EU discuss strengthening strategic partnership

New Delhi, Oct 24 : Secretary (West) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Sibi George held a meeting with European Union's (EU) Special Envoy for Indo-Pacific Maria Castillo Fernandez in New Delhi on Saturday, with discussions focused on deepening strategic partnership between the two sides.

"Secretary (West) Sibi George received EU Special Envoy for Indo-Pacific Ms. Maria Castillo Fernandez and held discussions on deepening India-EU Strategic Partnership," the MEA posted on X. Last month, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar had met European People's Party President and member of European Parliament, Manfred Weber in Delhi.

During the meeting, the two leaders had agreed on the need to continue the positive momentum in India-EU ties and early ratification of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

"Pleased to meet with European People's Party President Manfred Weber, Member of European Parliament today in Delhi.

We agreed on the need to continue the positive momentum in our ties and early ratification of India-EU FTA," EAM Jaishankar posted on X.

Earlier this year, India's trade negotiations with the EU culminated in a landmark FTA. The negotiations for the India-EU FTA wrapped up on January 27 during the 16th India-EU Summit in New Delhi.

UAE minister of state Nusseibeh enters deadlocked race for UN head

United Nations, Oct 24 : With the Security Council deadlocked on the election of the Secretary General, United Arab Emirates' Lana Nusseibeh has entered the race. The UAE formally nominated the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs on Saturday, making her the eighth candidate seeking to succeed Secretary General Antonio Guterres, whose term ends on December 31. That brings a candidate from a country at the heart of the Iran-US conflict to the race to head the UN, which is unable to con-

tribute to ending it. "The UN need not lead every process, but it should be ready to be in every room where its presence has value," Nusseibeh said in her vision statement circulated by the UN, in what is a reference to mediation efforts outside the world organisation. The UAE has been under attack from Iran during the war started by US and Israeli bombing of Iran, and spiralling into a global energy crisis. "I will spend more of my time near front lines, and where agreements can be found," she said.

All seven candidates who were in the race received negative votes from at least two of the permanent members in the latest informal polling last Friday. That rules them out, unless they can persuade a change of heart by the two unidentified permanent members. Nusseibeh will have to convince the five permanent members to support her if she is to get elected. Although the UAE is probably the Arab state closest to Israel, its criticism of Israel over Gaza could be a factor the US would consider. She is a yoga en-



thusiast who played a leading role in the International Day of Yoga celebrations at the UN while she was her country's permanent representative. After an 11-year stint as the permanent representative

ended in 2024, she became a Minister, a post she is leaving to contest the election. During the UAE's term as an elected member of the Security Council in 2022 and 2023, she had presided over it.

Exiled East Turkistan authorities move to UN to designate China as 'colonial power'

Washington, Oct 24 : The East Turkistan Government-in-Exile (ETGE) submitted a petition to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonisation (C-24) requesting that the General Assembly designate China as the "occupying power" over East Turkistan. The 25-page petition, submitted jointly by the ETGE and the East Turkistan National Movement (ETNM) on Saturday, states, "The era of colonialism has not ended. It is being legislated." The petition

seeks inscription of East Turkistan, also known as the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China, as a 'Non-Self-Governing Territory'.

According to the ETGE, such a move would trigger a binding international framework obligating the UN to oversee East Turkistan's path toward self-determination. The exiled authorities said that no state or entity has ever formally challenged China as a "colonial power" before any UN body.



US eases licensing path for tested reactors

Washington, Oct 24: The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission finalised a rule allowing commercial reactor developers to use relevant findings from federal demonstration programmes in their licence applications, while retaining requirements for an independent safety review.

The framework permits applicants to submit analyses, test data and other information generated through reactor demonstration programmes run by the Department of Energy or the Department of War.

The NRC said the change was designed to make reviews more efficient by building on existing technical evidence. Applicants will still have to demonstrate that their proposed commercial projects satisfy the agency's requirements.

The rule will take effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, which the commission said was expected next week.

"This rule delivers the EO 14300 vision for an expedited path from DOE and DOW projects to NRC

commercial licensing," NRC Chairman Ho K. Nieh said.

"High-quality applications showing how DOE and DOW results apply to NRC requirements will help us review them more efficiently." The final rule amends establishes a framework for considering relevant information from federal demonstrations when assessing applications for commercial reactors. Those differences can include the reactor's design, the proposed site or hazards that could affect safety. The commission said developers remain responsible for explaining how the submitted information applies to NRC requirements. The commission said it would continue independently evaluating the safety of proposed commercial projects, even when an application relied on evidence produced through another federal programme.

The NRC proposed the rule on April 2 and received 136 unique comment submissions.

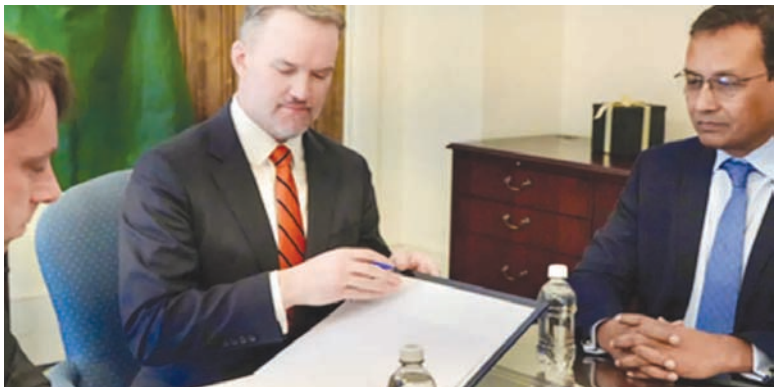
The agency said a detailed response to public comments would be made available through its



website and its Agencywide Documents Access and Management System.

The announcement did not provide an estimate of how many months the framework would remove from a licensing review or how much applicants would save. Its stated objective is to make better use of relevant evidence already generated through federal demonstrations while requiring applicants to address the circumstances of their commercial projects. The NRC described the measure as the first major change to its reactor regulations finalised under Executive Order 14300, which directs the agency to accelerate the licensing of safe nuclear technologies.

The rule is a domestic US licensing measure. The announcement did not identify a change in nuclear cooperation arrangements with India or confer approval on any foreign reactor project.



Bangladesh's trade pact with US faces criticism in Dhaka for being one-sided: Report

New Delhi, Oct 24 : The bilateral trade agreement signed by Bangladesh with the Donald Trump administration has come in for a lot of media criticism in Dhaka for being one-sided, as it gives the US a huge advantage while imposing too many restric-

tions on the South Asian country. In fact, many politicians and economists are demanding that the agreement be scrapped, according to a new report.

Leading Dhaka-based Prothom Alo newspaper says that "the trade agreement with the United States

imposes obligations on Bangladesh in a one-sided manner. In comparison, the United States does not have to do much". It further points out that illegal or contractual language, the use of the word "shall," indicates mandatory obligations, while "will"

denotes discretionary actions.

In the 32-page agreement, the word "shall" appears 179 times, whereas "will" appears only three times. Of these, "Bangladesh shall" appears 131 times, while "US shall" appears just six times.

'Right to health is integral to right to life': BJP MP Arun Govil highlights India's SC rulings at UN



New York, Oct 24 : BJP MP Arun Govil highlighted India's judicial efforts to strengthen the right to health, citing the Supreme Court's expansive interpretation of Article 21 of the Constitution during an interactive dialogue with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York, shared details of the engagement in a post on X, stating that the deliberation focused on "Justiciability of the right to health to ensure justice and accountability". During

the dialogue, Govil acknowledged the barriers of cost, language, distance and limited legal awareness that can restrict citizens' ability to enjoy their right to health. He also referred to concerns about corporate power and accountability, while appreciating the report's emphasis on good practices from across the world. "We thank the special rapporteur for touching upon a timely and relevant theme in the report. We note the concerns it raises, that is barriers of cost, language, distance and legal awareness impact a citizen's ability to enjoy right to health. The SR also flags corporate power that evades accountability," he said. "We particularly appreciate the focus of the report on good practices from across the globe which helps member states learn from one another. The report's theme particularly resonates with India's own experience. Over the years the Supreme Court of India has expansively interpreted Article 21 of our Constitution that is right to life to include right to health," he added. Referring to landmark judicial interventions, Govil highlighted how the Supreme Court has interpreted Article 21, which guarantees the right to life, to include the right to health and medical care.

Trump signals possible further action on Iran

Washington, Oct 24: US President Donald Trump suggested that further military action against Iran remained possible, while acknowledging that the war could carry a political cost for Republicans in the approaching congressional elections. Asked how the conflict had affected the election campaign, Trump said Americans were divided over his decision but defended it as necessary to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. "Well in one way, they love it because I'm doing what should have been done by other presidents, and another way maybe they don't," he told reporters before departing Washington. "It's — there's a price to pay, which I knew immediately when I did it, but we can't let Iran have a nuclear weapon."



Russia's economy 80 pc adapted to external challenges: Deputy PM

Moscow, Oct 24 : The Russian economy has completed 80 per cent of its adaptation to external shocks, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak has said.

"When we talk about adaptation to external challenges, we arrive at that 80 per cent figure," Novak said at the Bank of Russia Financial Congress. "When it comes to the progress we are making toward technological sovereignty and technological leadership, I believe we are only halfway there," he said on Saturday. The deputy PM highlighted several key shifts in Russia's economic structure, notably the shrinking share of the fuel and energy complex, reports Xinhua news agency. "It previously accounted for roughly 18 to 20 per cent of GDP. Today its



share has dropped to 13 per cent of GDP, while its proportion in federal budget revenues has tumbled all the way from 42 per cent to 22 per cent," he said. According to Novak, Russia's investment-to-GDP ratio is projected to climb from the current 24 per cent to 28 per cent under official plans and forecasts. Meanwhile, in a separate development, the Bank of Russia on Wednesday said that Russian domestic oil prices may remain elevated in the near term and then decline gradually, according to a policy summary published on its website.



Why Hrithik Picked Jailer 2 But Not Ramayana?

Bollywood’s one of the senior stars Hrithik Roshan has done a cameo in Jailer 2, which is not so great or stunning, but then felt like worth watching. However, if the Bollywood star could accept this cameo, why didn’t he agree to do the role of Lord Ravana in the upcoming “Ravanya”, which is hitting cinemas on Diwali eve? Well, if we look at the role in Jailer 2, the cameo is done for two things, with one nothing but loving Rajinikanth and going to any extent to become part of his movie. The second thing is that Sun Pictures is said to have offered a bomb, more than ₹20 crores, for Hrithik to do this short role, after Shah Rukh Khan refused to do that.

RC17: A Two-Part Film? Deets Inside

One of the most awaited announcements from the Telugu tinsel town is about Ram Charan’s upcoming film that’s likely to be directed by creative filmmaker Sukumar. Though there are no official updates being given, it has come out that the Pooja is done, and the makers have already started work. Here’s an interesting update about #RC17, the hyped Charan-Sukumar movie. Apparently, it’s come out that Sukumar wanted to make a standalone movie, but then, the story is not allowing him to deliver the whole thing in a single outing. For that reason, it’s now come out that Sukumar and his team have decided to come up with a two-part film like the director’s previous Pushpa only. However, there is no clue of what this subject is likely to deal with but then Sukumar is said to have prepared a grand script for Charan’s 17th film which will be bankrolled by Mythri Movie Makers. Earlier, this trio of Charan, Sukumar and Mythri de-



livered the superhit Rangasthalm, the film that changed the fate of the hero and the director forever. It’s almost a decade for that movie, and now they want to give a similar outing once again. In all likelihood, the film’s shooting might start after December, while they will be making an official announcement after Diwali, thereby surpassing the Amavasya sentiment.

Emotional Melody Gadapa wins hearts: Idupu Kayitham on Dec 11th

The team of Idupu Kayitham has delivered two important updates for audiences, launching the film’s second song Gadapa at a grand event and officially announcing December 11 as its theatrical release date. Starring Humble Hero Priyadarshi and folk sensation Naga Durga, the film is steadily

creating interest with its Telangana-rooted family backdrop. The first single, Srilatha, has already become a chartbuster, and Gadapa continues the musical journey with a more emotional and culturally grounded presentation. Celebrating the traditions of Telangana weddings, Gadapa explores the changes and responsi-

bilities that enter a woman’s life after marriage. Its lyrics reflect the affection, relationships, expectations, and emotional experiences of a newly married bride, giving the song a meaning that goes beyond a conventional melody. Abhinaya Srinivas’ writing captures these nuances beautifully, while Telu Vijaya’s soulful folk voice lends the composition a



strong sense of authenticity and feeling. Suresh Bobbili once again brings his distinctive musical identity to the film, crafting a composition that complements the cultural backdrop and strengthens the song’s emotional appeal. The portrayal of Telangana marriage traditions is one of the song’s major attractions, while Priyadarshi and Naga Durga’s chemistry makes the visuals even more special. Their natural on-screen presence brings warmth to the song, allowing audiences to connect with both the characters

and the traditions being celebrated. Idupu Kayitham is directed by Vamsi Reddy Dondapati and produced by Bunny Vas and Thabitha Sukumar under Bunny Vas Works and Sukumar Writings. Alongside Priyadarshi and Naga Durga, the cast includes Shivajyothi (Teenmar Savithri), Sujatha (Jordar Sujatha), Chandravva, Mounika Reddy, Racha Ravi, Bithiri Sathi, Abhay Bethiganti, Mime Madhu, and others.

Allu Arjun's Rajinikanth Praise Sparks Mega vs Bunny Fans' War!

Allu Arjun has once again become huge topic of discussion on social media. This time reason is his tweet about Rajinikanth and Jailer 2. What appears to be praise for the Superstar has started another online fight between Mega fans and Allu Arjun fans. The controversy started after Allu Arjun shared a tweet praising Rajinikanth. He wrote in Telugu, “Chokka nalogakunda 500 CR+ kottadam okka Rajini garike saadhya!” The statement means that only Rajinikanth can achieve more than Rs. 500 crore at the box office with-

out even getting his shirt dirty. The tweet was meant to appreciate Rajinikanth’s style and screen presence. However, it did not receive the response that many might have expected. Instead, it became a reason for arguments among fans. For some time, fans have been comparing Chiranjeevi and Rajinikanth, especially after the release of Jailer 2. Discussions about their films, box office collections and stardom have become common on social media. In this situation, Allu Arjun's tweet praising Rajinikanth has attracted more attention.



Is That Star Hero Still Samantha's Lucky Charm?

Samantha Ruth Prabhu is in the news now because of her comments about Tamil star. The actress recently spoke about her favourite actor and called him her lucky charm. Samantha is currently hosting the Tamil television show Celebrity MasterChef Tamil. She has been entertaining viewers with her presence and interesting conversations. During a recent episode, she was asked about her favourite star. Samantha immediately named Vijay and spoke about her experience of working with him.



Aadarsha Kutumbam Trailer: Venkatesh Is Not What You Expect

The trailer of Aadarsha Kutumbam – House No. 47 is now out, and it has increased interest in the movie. The film stars Victory Venkatesh in the lead role and is directed by Trivikram Srinivas. The film's teaser and songs, including 'Narayanamma' and 'Maala', have already received a good response. The trailer released today gives a glimpse of comedy, action, crime and suspense. It suggests that the film will offer a different experience from a regular family entertainer. Venkatesh attracts attention with

his comedy and screen presence once again. The trailer also shows him in action scenes. Trivikram appears to have added several interesting elements to the story same as his past films. The entire trailer is filled with Venkatesh and Trivikram feast. Mainly Venkatesh transition from family man to mass angle in trailer is something who never expected. All Trivikram dialogues shown impact right from the trailer start. The trailer launch event took place at Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth in Hyderabad. Venkatesh, Trivikram and other members of

the film team attended the event. Speaking to the students, Venkatesh said he was happy with their response to the trailer. He also shared his thoughts about college life and encouraged students to work hard to achieve their goals. He also invited everyone to watch it in theatres when it releases on October 30. Director Trivikram revealed that Aadarsha Kutumbam would take a different path from what audiences might expect. He explained that the film combines crime comedy and black comedy instead of following the usual romantic comedy format.

Fauzi Glimpse: Hanu Raghavapudi Gives the Biggest Surprise

Prabhas has given his fans a special birthday gift with the release of the glimpse of his upcoming film Fauzi. Directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, the film has surprised everyone with its powerful visuals, action, patriotic emotions and mass moments. The glimpse has created huge excitement among fans, especially because of Prabhas' powerful entry and the background music. Hanu Raghavapudi is known for making emotional love stories. His films like Sita

Ramam, Andala Rakshashi became memorable films in Telugu cinema. Because of this, many people expected Fauzi to have a soft and emotional feel. However, the glimpse has shown a completely different side of the director. It presents Prabhas in a powerful avatar filled with action, courage and patriotism. The glimpse is full of the conversation between Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and German leader



Adolf Hitler. Bose asks Hitler for Germany's help in fighting against British rule in India. However, Hitler questions the strength of Indians and makes insulting comments about their long period of slavery. Bose gives a strong reply and makes it clear that he will fight for India's freedom with or without Germany's support. Their conversation adds depth to the story and creates curiosity about the film's historical background.

Jr NTR and Naga Vamsi Have No Such Dream About Vishwak Sen

Actor Vishwak Sen has shared an interesting statement about the possibility of working with Jr NTR and producer Naga Vamsi in an interview with Tupaki. Fans on Twitter have been discussing a possible combination of Vishwak Sen as a director, Naga Vamsi as the producer, and Jr NTR as the hero. However, Vishwak Sen has now explained his thoughts about this exciting combination.



Buzz: Kalyan Ram Locked A Simple Movie?

Though his career started on a hit with movies like Athanokkade in the beginning and then with the likes of Pataas later, somehow Nandamuri Kalyanram went out of sync for a while, as his films failed to excite anyone. Though the content he chose is always strong and exciting, it didn't pay off at the box office. But his next is a multi-starrer with Venkatesh Daggubati, which is being directed by Anil Ravipudi.