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Revanth congratulates ISRO on successful NVS-03 satellite launch

Hyderabad, Oct 31 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy congratulated the scientists, engineers and staff of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on the successful launch of the NVS-03 navigation satellite aboard the GSLV-F18 rocket.

In a statement on Saturday, the Chief Minister described the satellite's successful placement in its designated geostationary orbit as a significant milestone in strengthening India's navigation capabilities. He said the NVS-03 satellite would enhance services across several key sectors, including transportation, aviation, maritime navigation, surveillance and emergency response.



Vedas the bedrock of indian civilisation : Governor Shukla

Yadagirigutta, Oct 31 : Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday described the Vedas as the foundation of Indian civilisation and culture, highlighting their relevance to spirituality, environmental conservation, ethical values and social harmony. Addressing the 26th Telangana Veda Vidwan Mahasabhalu at Yadagirigutta, the Governor lauded the Guru-Shishya tradition and the dedication of Acharyas in preserving Vedic knowledge, pronunciation and recitation across generations. Congratulating over 500 students appearing for Vedic examinations, he said their commitment reflected the bright future of India's cultural heritage. On this occasion, he felicitated 10 Vedic scholars with Jayapatras. Stressing the need to integrate ancient knowledge with modern science, he called for greater support to Gurukuls and Vedic institutions. Yadagirigutta had the potential to emerge as a major centre of Vedic learning and spiritual pursuits, he noted. Earlier, the Governor and his wife Janaki Shukla offered prayers at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple and released its 2026 annual calendar.

CS calls for water conservation measures



Hyderabad, Oct 31 : Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Saturday reviewed the drinking water supply situation in the core urban region at the Secretariat and stressed the need for coordinated water security measures to ensure uninterrupted supply while conserving available freshwater and groundwater resources.

He directed officials to take all necessary steps to optimise water consumption and ensure the sustainable management of available water resources. He announced that the Green Tankers initiative would be launched in the core urban region from November 1.

The Chief Secretary instructed all government departments to use treated water for construction, landscaping, cleaning and other non-drinking purposes instead of relying on freshwater.

Sanjay Jaju also directed officials to regularly monitor the quality of treated water supplied by Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to ensure that it meets the prescribed standards. He further instructed the Managing Director of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to submit daily reports detailing the quantity of treated water transported and supplied, measured in million gallons per day (MGD).



Officials must remain alert regarding the threat of another cyclone for AP: CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, Oct 31 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to remain on high alert regarding the threat of another cyclone in the state. He instructed them to continuously monitor the cyclone's trajectory. on Saturday, at the Real-Time Governance Society center in the Secretariat, CM Chandrababu reviewed the ongoing restoration efforts following the devastation caused by the recent cyclone, alongside the current weather conditions, with the relevant senior officials.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister provided guidance to officials on several key matters. Officials informed the Chief Minister that another depression has formed in the southeastern Bay of Bengal. They stated that this depression is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm by tomorrow. Consequently, officials indicated that there is a possibility of rain in the southern coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh—extending from Guntur and the regions further south—as well as in the districts of the Rayalaseema region.

In view of the possibility of moderate to heavy rainfall in many places on November 2, 3, and 4, instructions have been issued to take proactive precautionary measures. It has been advised to assess the path of the cyclone in advance—utilizing satellite imagery, Doppler radar, and other tools—and to initiate appropriate actions accordingly. The review meeting was attended by IT Secretary Katamaneni Bhaskar, as well as representatives from the power and disaster management departments and various telecommunication operators.

Raptadu incident : CM Chandrababu calls student's mother, offers reassurance



As is known, a young man attacked a tenth-grade student with a saw at the ZP High School in Raptadu, Anantapur district. The student, who sustained severe injuries in this senseless attack, is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Anantapur. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu spoke over the phone with the victim's mother, urging her to stay strong and assuring her that the perpetrator would be apprehended and dealt with through strict punishment. They assured that every effort would be made to save the student and that the government would provide full support.

Everything is set for local body elections in AP; 11,378 polling stations have been established: SEC

Amaravati, Oct 31 : Andhra Pradesh State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha has made significant remarks regarding the polling for local body elections. He stated that elections will be held tomorrow across the state for 13 municipal corporations, as well as 87 municipalities and nagar panchayats. He emphasized that the highest priority is being given to maintaining law and order, ensuring a transparent electoral environment, and enabling voters to cast their ballots freely.

on Saturday, the Election Commissioner spoke to the media in Vijayawada. He stated that, in accordance with Supreme Court directives, general and expenditure observers have been deployed in every district, and robust police security arrangements have been put in place.



It was explained that, excluding the wards where candidates were elected unopposed, polling will take place today Sunday for a total of 3,186 wards across 13 corporations and 79 municipalities. For these elections, 11,378 polling stations have been set up.

INDIA bloc's mock parliament begins; impeachment motion moved against Gyanesh Kumar



New Delhi, Oct 31: The opposition 'INDIA' alliance has initiated a 'mock parliament' in the national capital, Delhi. The alliance leaders launched this initiative in opposition to the Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar. The mock parliament is being held at the official residence of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. Former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar is presiding over the proceedings, playing the role of the Speaker of the House.

Top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, along with several leaders from the INDIA alliance, attended this event. Chief Ministers from the alliance also participated.



Congress targets MP govt over Sardar Sarovar settlement, demands agreement be made public

Bhopal, Oct 31 : Congress on Saturday intensified its attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Madhya Pradesh over the settlement of issues related to the Sardar Sarovar Project, alleging that the state had compromised its interests while resolving the decades-old dispute with Gujarat.

Responding to the development, senior Congress MLA Ajay Singh said that Madhya Pradesh had borne the burden of submergence and displacement due to the project but had failed to secure its rightful dues.

"Our land was submerged, our villages were displaced and our farmers suffered. Despite this, the government has agreed to pay Gujarat instead of protecting Madhya Pradesh's interests. The Chief Minister (Mohan Yadav) should explain why the state's rights were compromised," Singh added.

Gujarat: Competition-based word games spark interest in language learning among students

Chhotaudepur (Gujarat), Oct 31 : Gujarat's Chhotaudepur has witnessed a unique and innovative educational initiative aimed at strengthening the language skills of young students. An activity titled "Chal Bhaibandh Shabd Bhandol Check Kariye" has been launched to improve children's vocabulary at Jadiana Primary School in the district. The style of imparting knowledge is quite engaging. Students are first given a letter, and then they are encouraged to find as many words as possible that begin with that letter. The activity is designed as a friendly competition so that children can learn new words while playing. This is what makes language learning enjoyable rather than stressful for the students at the school. They are all enjoying the fun while learning words.



The words identified by students are written on a smart board, allowing all children to see, read, and learn together. Students say that the activity is both entertaining and educational, helping them learn new words while keeping their interest alive.

As part of this daily activity, the school forms two teams of three students each and conducts the competition regularly. Teachers say this approach has significantly boosted students' confidence and helped strengthen their vocabulary. Children are becoming more comfortable expressing themselves and are showing greater enthusiasm for learning new words.

Teachers and the school principal have praised the initiative, noting that such interactive methods are especially effective in primary education. They believe that language development at an early age plays a crucial role in overall academic growth, and this activity is proving to be a strong step in that direction. Student Priyanka Rathwa told IANS that by participating in the newly launched antakshari-style learning game, she has been able to improve her vocabulary. Rathwa said that she enjoys the activity a lot and shared that students are divided into teams, with the winning team receiving pencils and erasers as prizes.

Meanwhile, Divyaben Chhabaria, a teacher at the school, said that through this initiative.



Odisha to attach PM Surya Ghar Scheme to PMAY, other housing programmes

Bhubaneswar, Oct 31 : Odisha's Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Energy Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo on Saturday announced that PM-Surya Ghar Yojana will be attached to different housing schemes of the Odisha Government, including Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY), reflecting the state's focus on renewable energy and affordable housing.

The Deputy CM revealed the plan while chairing a high-level review meeting on power sector reforms, safety measures, and implementation of central and state government schemes.

"It will be an option for the beneficiary. Our aim is to ensure that every beneficiary under PMAY and other housing schemes also gets the benefit of solar power. By attaching PM-Surya Ghar with state housing programs, we will provide 24x7 clean and affordable electricity to the people, while reducing their electricity bills," said Singh Deo on the occasion. An official release stated that under the scheme, a subsidy of Rs 30,000 from the Centre and Rs 25,000 from the state will be provided for 1 KW rooftop solar installation in urban areas. The beneficiary has to pay Rs 1875 for 1 KW solar panel. It further added that the Dy CM directed DISCOMs to prioritise public safety measures across urban and rural areas. The key decisions taken during the high-level meeting included undertaking a Rs 3,708-crore underground cabling project across all four DISCOMs to replace overhead power lines.

Hardeep Singh Puri receives warm welcome in MP's Bhopal ahead of RS bypoll

Bhopal, Oct 31 : Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri arrived at the Raja Bhoj Airport in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal to a warm and enthusiastic reception from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers, functionaries and leaders.

Puri, who has been fielded by the BJP as its candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha by-election from Madhya Pradesh, was greeted on Saturday evening by a large gathering of hardworking party karyakartas (workers).

Among those present to welcome him were Madhya Pradesh Minister of State for Medical Education and Public Health and Family Welfare Narendra Shivaji Patel, former State BJP President VD Sharma, and several other senior leaders and party functionaries.

Union Minister Puri, in a post on social media platform X, described the reception as warm and enthusiastic.

He specifically thanked the BJP workers and leaders for the reception upon his arrival in the Madhya Pradesh state capital.

Puri's visit comes shortly after the BJP's central election committee cleared his name as the party's nominee for the November 12 Rajya Sabha bypoll in Madhya Pradesh.

The by-election has been necessitated by the resignation of former Union Minister L. Murugan, who stepped down from the Upper House to focus on organisational work for the party in Tamil Nadu.

Puri's current term as a Rajya Sabha member from Uttar Pradesh is due to end on November 25.

A former diplomat and experienced administrator, Hardeep Singh Puri currently holds the Petroleum and Natural Gas portfolio in the Union Cabinet.

The BJP enjoys a comfortable majority in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, which is expected to ensure a smooth passage for its candidate in the bypoll.



Party workers and leaders present at the airport expressed confidence in Puri's candidature and highlighted the strong organisational support for him in the state.



Congress pays tributes to Indira Gandhi, calls her 'symbol of indomitable courage'

New Delhi, Oct 31 : The Congress party paid homage to former Prime Minister late Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary at the Shakti Sthal in New Delhi on Saturday. Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress General Secretary K.C. Venugopal and several other party leaders arrived at the Shakti Sthal to pay floral tributes to the former Prime Minister.

Earlier, Congress took to X and posted, "On the death anniversary of India's first woman Prime Minister, a symbol of indomitable courage and willpower, Smt. Indira Gandhi ji, humble tribute." "We remember her courage, strong leadership and lifelong commitment to India's unity, integrity and progress," the party said in another post.

Indira Gandhi, popularly known as the 'Iron Lady of India,' was born on November 19, 1917, in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, into a Kashmiri Pandit family. She was the daughter of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Kamala Nehru.

National Integration Day, observed annually on November 19, coincides with Gandhi's birth anniversary and serves to honour her pivotal role in shaping India's political, social, and economic journey. As India progresses toward becoming a global power, National Integration Day acts as a reminder of Gandhi's contributions to unifying the nation. The observance was instituted by the Indian National Congress in 1985 to commemorate her efforts in promoting unity.

Goa govt to move Supreme Court over ST political reservation

Panaji, Oct 31 : The Goa Government has decided to approach the Supreme Court to safeguard political reservation for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) community in the Goa Legislative Assembly, following an interim order passed by the Bombay High Court (Goa Bench). The decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant on Saturday to deliberate on the legal implications of the High Court's interim order and chart the future course of action to protect.





Punjab Minister holds strategic talks with British delegation

Chandigarh, Oct 31 : Positioning Punjab as a prime manufacturing base for UK businesses to leverage zero-duty access under the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), Punjab Industries and Commerce Minister Aman Arora on Saturday held strategic talks with a high-level British delegation led by Deputy High Commissioner Alba Smeriglio at Invest Punjab. The delegation comprised Alba Smeriglio, First Secretary Trade, Nicholas Gribit, Senior Trade Adviser, and Anup Narayan, British High Commission. While chairing the meeting, Minister Arora showcased Punjab's industrial resurgence and readiness to integrate with UK supply chains, with deliberations focused on high-growth sectors including agri-business, food processing, engineering, auto components and industry-linked skilling.

He said Punjab's strategic advantage as a gateway to North India makes it an ideal base for UK businesses. "Punjab is not just the food bowl of India, but is rapidly emerging as a hub of modern industry and innovation. Our dialogue with the UK delegation focused on leveraging vast opportunities under the India-UK CETA.

Arunachal Dy CM reiterates govt's readiness for dialogue on 11,200 MW Siang hydropower project



Itanagar, Oct 31 : Amid protests against the proposed Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Saturday reiterated that the state government remains open to dialogue with all stakeholders, including community organisations, student bodies, civil society groups and individuals who have expressed concerns over the project. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasised that the state government believes in addressing differences through constructive engagement, informed discussions and mutual understanding. He also stressed the importance of expert consultations and creating public awareness about the project, while reaffirming the state government's willingness to engage with all concerned organisations and individuals.

Mein, who holds the Power and Non-Conventional Energy Resources portfolios, was speaking at the valedictory function of the 25th Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the All Palin, Chambang, Yangte, Gangte and Tarak-Lengdi Students' Union (APCYGTSU).

Diabetic? Beware of Diabetic Retinopathy!

When did you last get a comprehensive eye examination? In case you are diabetic, and the answer is "never", read on.

What is diabetic retinopathy?

Retina is an important part of the eye. Years of high blood sugar levels damage the retina, which cause fluid leaking and bleeding inside the eyes. This results in gradual blurring of reading vision, or sudden loss of sight and permanent blindness, called diabetic retinopathy. Usually this happens with no prior warning or symptoms,until the damage is serious, and is recognised by the affected person.

What are the most important risk factors?

- uncontrolled diabetes for many years
- diabetes during pregnancy
- high blood pressure
- high cholesterol
- kidney problems
- **What is the ideal blood sugar level?**
- On Fasting: 80 to 130 mg/dL
- Two hours after food: below 180 mg/dL
- HbA1c (3-month average): below 7%

The doctor may set slightly different targets for each of us.

"My blood sugar is normal. Am I safe?"

Not always. Many people have diabetes without being aware of it. They usually find out during an eye/ retina checkup. Years of diabetes, or poor management of blood sugar levels damage the eyes even if your blood sugar level is normal today.

Whom to consult, and when?

Visit an ophthalmologist (eye doctor) or retina specialist. Not an optical shop, where an optometrist only does a refraction test and will not investigate the eye/retina. An ophthalmologistwill use drops to dilate (widen your pupils)your eyes and examine the retina. It is painless.

- Type 2 diabetes: As soon as you are diagnosed a diabatic, and once every year after that
- Type 1 diabetes: Within 5 years of diagnosis, and once every year after that
- Diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy, every 3 to 6 months, or as advised by the ophthalmologist

"Diabetic retinopathy can progress without noticeable symptoms. If you have diabetes, make sure you get a comprehensiveeye examination every year(with your eyes dilated) even if your vision is normal. Regular retinal checks, together with good management of blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol helps protect your sight." Says, DrAditya Kapoor, consultant ophthalmologist at the Kode Venkatadri Chowdary campus, Vijayawada.

Can it be treated?

Yes, diabetic retinopathy is treated with laser/injections to the eye. Surgery may be performed to stop it from getting worse. Vision already lost cannot be restored fully. Preventionis always better than cure! Work to control/manage your blood sugar fluctuations.



One comprehensive eye examination by an ophthalmologist every year can help save your sight for life!

About LVPEI:

Established in 1987, with the vision, to create excellent and equitable eye care systems that reach all those in need,' the L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), a comprehensive eye health facility, is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Blindness.

In pursuance of this vision, LVPEI clinician scientists work at the cutting edge of eye research. Through its five-tier 'Eye Health Pyramid' and cross-subsidy models, LVPEI provides more than 50% of its services entirely at no cost to the patient, irrespective of the complexity of care needed. LVPEI is among the world's top eye researchers with over 5,000 published scientific papers in prominent international journals.

Tadepalligudem Library Book Readers and Development Committees Meeting held to Chalk- Out Plans for National Library Week Celebrations from 14th November 2026

Tadepalligudem, Oct 31 : National Library Week is celebrated in all the Libraries all over India from 14th to 20th November 2026, beginning and coinciding with the National Children's Day, also includes National Women's Day on 19th November 2026. Day- wise specific activities, involving local school children, college students, and Government Services Competitive Exams- preparing in-Library, were planned by the committees related to Book Readers and Development, at Tadepalligudem AP State Grade- I Library today morning. Both the Committees' Members attended the meeting chaired by Chairman of the Library Development Committee Former BSNL Senior Official Chinta Prasad; and participated by Prof. K. V. Satya Prakash; Retired Head Master Pratthi Veera Swamy; Famous Stage Artist Kopalle Srinivas; Social Worker V. N. John Babu; Former FCI Official A. V. Lakshmana Rao; Former Businessman V. A. K. Bapuji Reddy; Former Entrepreneur K. Raja Sekhar; Postal Departmental Official Tirumalla Indira, An NGO Activist Mallipudi Sharmila, Retired Government Teacher Isaac, Retired Government Official Nanda Kishore, Government Services.



Meerpet constable arrested for misappropriating seized gold, cash

Hyderabad, Oct 31 : A police constable attached to the Meerpet police station was arrested and remanded to judicial custody for allegedly misappropriating 12 tolas of gold ornaments and cash confiscated in connection.



NMDC Organises "Run for Unity and Integrity"

Hyderabad, Oct 31 : NMDC Limited proudly organised a "Run for Unity & Integrity" to celebrate National Unity Day at Chacha Nehru Park, Hyderabad, on 31st October 2026 falling in Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, being observed under the theme "Probity for Prosperity" commemorating on the 151st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, popularly known as the "Iron Man of India", the initiative celebrated the values of national unity, integrity and ethical conduct.

The run was flagged off by Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Personnel), and Shri C. Neelakanta Reddy, Chief Vigilance Officer, NMDC Limited, in the presence of NMDC employees and young participants from the National Cadet Corps and the National Service Scheme.

Addressing the participants, the Director (Personnel) and the Chief Vigilance Officer highlighted Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's pivotal role in the unity and integration of India and his enduring legacy as an architect of modern India and paid tribute to the selfless efforts of national leaders and predecessors who helped shape the nation. They urged participants to draw inspiration from his selfless service, dedication and unwavering commitment to the nation, and to uphold integrity and ethical conduct in their personal and professional lives.

Through this initiative, NMDC reaffirmed its commitment to preventive vigilance, ethical values and a culture of integrity.

Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd
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APPENDIX -IV [See Rule -8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas,the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notice dated 07/10/2025**calling upon the Borrower(s) **Mr/Mrs. YARRAGONDA RAJASHEKARREDDY and Mr/Mrs. YARRAGONDA SRIBHARATHI** to pay **Rs.2566257/- (Rupees TwentyFive Lakh SixtySix Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Only)** mentioned in the Demand Notice dated 15th February, 2025 under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, against **Loan Account No. 0278SBML00293** as on date 06/10/2025 along with future interest and other charges etc till actual payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **22th day of October of the year 2026.**

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited** for an amount of **Rs.25,66,257/- (Rupees TwentyFive Lakh SixtySix Thousand Two Hundred FiftySeven Only)** as on 06/10/2025 along with future interest and other charges etc till actual payment.

The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable Property The property ad measuring an extent of 2175.93 Sq. Ft. comprised in Survey Number (s) 403/B, situated in KADIRI BRAHMANAPALLE Village, within the Sub-Registration District of KADIRI LOT:! LINK DOC NO :9250/2020 Bounded BY orth by: 30 Feets Road, outh by: Saddapalli, Budan Sab Site, ast by: Panchayath Office, West by: Claimant s SiteIN THIS PROPERTY EAST , WEST 32-0 FEETS OR 9. 728 ETERS, NORTH ,SOUTH 68-0FEETS OR 20. 672 ETERS ,TOTAL EXTANT 241.77 SQ YARDS RCCROOF OUSE GROUND FLOOR ONLY LOT :2 He Property Ad Measuring An Extent Of 83.98 Sq. Ft. Comprised In Survey Number (S) 03/B, Situated In Within The Sub- I. Egistration District Of KADIRI LINK DOC NO 9249/2020 Bounded BY North By: 30 Feets Road, South By: Saddapalli Budan Sab Siote, East By: Cl's Site, West By: Haseena Site THIS PROPERTY EAST ,WEST 13-0FEETS OR 3.952 TERS ,NORTH ,SOUTH 68-0 FEETS OR 20.672 TERS TOTAL EXTANT 98.22 SQ YARDS RCC ROOF OUSE GROUND FLOOR ONLY

Date : 22/10/2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place :Kadiri Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited

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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **30th day of October 2026.**

Borrower Name and Address

1. Prashanth Kumar Singh, S/O Manoj Kumar Singh, Aged About 32 Years,Occ: Petrol Bunk Business, R/O.H.No: 14-52, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, Patancheru(Md), Sangareddy Dist, Pin : 502319, **(Borrower) 2. Manoj Kumar Singh, S/O Ramavadh,** Aged About 52 Years ,Occ : Petrol Bunk Business, R/O.H.No : 14-52,Sri Ram Nagar Colony,Patancheru(Md),Sangareddy Dist,Pin: 502319. (Co-Borrower) **Also At : Manoj Kumar Singh, S/O Ramavadh,** Aged About 52 Years ,Occ : Petrol Bunk Business, R/O. Shop No.29, H.No: 11-70/10,Pipe Line Road, Fathenagar(Vi), Balanagar(Md), Medchal -Malkajgiri Dist,Pin : 503245. **3. Neelam Singh, W/O Manoj Kumar Singh,** Aged About 52 Years ,Occ : House Wife, R/O. H.No:14-52,Sri Ram Nagar Colony,Patancheru(Md),Sangareddy Dist,Pin:502319. **(Guarantor No.1) 4. Ramavadh Singh, S/O Babban Singh,(Died)** Aged About 84 Years ,Occ : Petrol Bunk Business, R/O.Hno : 14-52,Sri Ram Nagar Colony,Patancheru(Md),Sangareddy Dist,Pin : 502319. **(Guarantor No.2) 5. Urmila Singh, W/O Ramavadh Singh,** Aged About 75 Years ,Occ : House Wife, R/O.Hno :14-52,Sri Ram Nagar Colony, Patancheru(Md), Sangareddy Dist,Pin:502319. **(Legal Heirs Of Guarantor No.2.) (Legal Heirs Of Borrower No.1.) Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs**

Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 33,35,804.00/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Four only)

Description of Property

AMRPTTF1802280027- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All That The Shop No.29,in Ground Floor,GHMC No.10-11-70/29,with a built up area of 390.0 Sq.Ft together with an undivided Share of Land admeasuring 14.44 Sq.Yds,Constructed in House No.11-70/10,in Sy.No.135 Situated at Pipe Line Road,Fathenagar Village,Balanagar Mandal,Medchal –Malkajgiri Dist.,and bounded as follows :- **Boundaries Boundaries of Shop No : 29 North:**Shop No.28, **South:** Common Staircase **East:** Neighbour's House, **West:** 25' -0" Wide Road

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

Date: 30-10-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Balanagar(Md),Medchal-Malkajgiri(Dt) Shriram Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; Tel: 022 4241 0400 , 022 4060 3100;
Website: http://www.shriramfinance.in./auction Branch Office Address: # 12-02-18 To 20, 1st , S V N Road , Battala Bazar, Warangal - 506002 Authorized Officer Address: Shriram Finance Ltd, Zonal Office, # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda , Warangal -506001.

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

To:

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	**Voddepalli Namratha W/O Naresh Kumar,** age: 32 years, Occ: Surya Iron Cement Merchants, Hunter Road, Hanamkonda, R/O. H.No:16-10-930, Shivanagar, Warangal -506002. **(Borrower)**
2.	**Voddapalli Naresh Kumar, S/O Chandramouli,** age: 40 year, Occ: Surya Iron Cement Merchants, R/o.H.No:16-10-930, Shivanagar, Warangal - 506002.And alo atVoddapalli Naresh Kumar, S/O Chandramouli, age: 40 years, Occ: Business, # House No. 16-10-932/1 (Vlt), (Old House No. 16-10-932 Part), 75.00 Sq.Yards, Equivalent To Gwmc, Warangal And Sro Warangal Fort. **(Co Borrower /Guarantor)**
3.	**Chikka Vinay Kumar S/O Bhaskar**, age: 36 years, Occ : Business, R/o. H.No:16-10-733, Shivanagar, Warangal-506002. **(Co Borrower /Guarantor)**

Sub: Sale of property belonging to **Voddapalli Naresh Kumar** (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of **WARN1TF2211280004** for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, Warangal II- Branch,** the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **10.09.2025** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 24,45,648/-(Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Eight Only)** within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has **taken symbolic possession** of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **23.01.2026.** And After the Authorized Officer of **Shriram Finance Limited** received Physical possession of the property on **28.09.2026.** Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: House Bearing Municipal No.16-10-932/1 (Vlt) (Old House No. 16-10-932 Part) Along With Its Vacant Site Admeasuring To An Extent Of 75.00 Sq.Yards Or Equivalent To 62.70 Sq.Mtrs situated at Shiva Nagar, Warangal City and District, within the limits of Gwmc, Warangal And Sro Warangal Fort Is **Bounded By: East:** H.No.16-10-879 of M.Guruvaiah, **West**: 20 Feet Wide CC Road, **North:**H.No-16-10-932 of G.Rambai, **South:** H.N.No-16-10-931 of Vaddepalli Neela

Date: 28-10-2026, Place: Warangal Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; Tel: 022 4241 0400 , 022 4060 3100;
Website: http://www.shriramfinance.in./auction Branch Office Address: # 12-02-18 To 20, 1st , S V N Road , Battala Bazar, Warangal - 506002 Authorized Officer Address: Shriram Finance Ltd, Zonal Office, # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda , Warangal -506001.

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

To:

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	**Layola Suprasenan S/O Vidyadharan,** Age: 69 Years, Occ: New Layola Concept School, English Medium, Bandampally, Duggondi, R/o.H.No.2-18/1-1, Laxmipur(Vill), Bandampally, Warangal Dist- 506342. **And Also At**Layola Suprasenan S/O Vidyadharan, Age: 69 Years, Occ: Business, House and open place H.No.2-24/1, Laxmipuram Revenue village, Grampanchayath Board, Bandamaplly, Duggondi Mandal, Warangal District. **(Borrower)**
2.	**Vishwaleela Layola W/O Suprasenan,** Age: 68 Years, R/o.H.No.2-24/1, Bandampally, Duggondi, Warangal Dist- 506342. **(Co Borrower /Guarantor)**
3.	**Sundharaiah Podeti S/O Samuel,** Age: 45 Years, Occ: Sri Sai Book Stall & Xerox Centre, Narsampet Road, Warangal, R/o.H.No.1-48, Sc Colony, Nallabelly(Vill&Mdl), Warangal Dist-506310. **(Co Borrower /Guarantor)**

Sub: Sale of property belonging to Layola Suprasenan (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of **WARN1TF1802160002** for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, Warangal II- Branch,** the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **02.12.2025** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 69,39,404/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Four Only)** within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has **taken symbolic Possession** of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **23.04.2026.** And After the Authorized Officer of **Shriram Finance Limited** received Physical possession of the property on **12.10.2026.** Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

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Schedule of Property: House and open place bearing GP H.No.2-24/1 situated at Laxmipuram Revenue village, Grampanchayath Board of Bandamaplly, Duggondi Mandal of Warangal District (Rural), and within the registration District, Warangal and Sub – Registrar, Narsampet, the total area of the House with open place measuring to 523.00 Sq.Yards or 437.28 Sq.Mtrs within the **following boundaries : - East:** House & Open place of Pentareddy Shantha Rani, **West:** Dry land of Elagonda Kumaraswamy and Penta Reddy Shantha Rani, **North:** 40 Ft wide Bandampally Road, **South:** Dry land of Elangonda Kumaraswamy.

Date: 31-10-2026, Place: Warangal Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

Bank of Baroda
Serilingampally Branch, 6-8/A, 1st Floor, R3 ICON, Opp. HS Durga Shaikpet, Hyderabad-500008, Ph: 040-235603053/54, Mob: 7993316568, E-mail: Serili@bankofbaroda.com

ABRIDGED VEHICLE E-AUCTION NOTICE

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

1	**Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Akavaram Praveen Kumar Reddy,** Address: Plot No.65 & 66, Flat No.001, Hill Crest Apt., Sai Ram Colony, Puppalaguda, Manikonda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500089. **A/c No.46220600000314. Total Dues: Rs.8,65,831.97 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty One and Paise Ninety Seven Only) as on 04-10-2026** + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).		
	Description of the Vehicle	**Reserve Price**	**EMD**
	Vehicle: MARUTI CELERIO ZXI AMT(O) BSIV, Reg No. TS 07 GC 1312	**Rs.2,16,000/-**	**Rs.21,600/-**
		Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-	
	Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 01-11-2026 to 17-11-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM		
2	**Name & Address of the Borrower/Loan Account No.: Mr. Indukuri Varun Chakravarthy & Indukuri Sravan Chakravarthy. A/c 46220600001544 Total Dues: Rs.4,87,234.62 (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Sixty Two Only) as on 04-10-2026** + other expenses etc. till date. (Less Recovery if any).		
	Description of the Vehicle	**Reserve Price**	**EMD**
	Vehicle: GRAND i10 NIOS 1.2, Reg No. TS 07 JJ 9968	**Rs.4,05,000/-**	**Rs.40,500/-**
		Minimum Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-	
	Vehicle Inspection Date & Time: 01-11-2026 to 17-11-2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM		

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

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

Date & Time of E-auction: 18-11-2026 From 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM (with auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed). Last date of submission of bid: 18-11-2026 before 05:00PM.

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

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

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

Date: 29-10-2026, Place: Serilingampally Sd/- Branch Head, Bank of Baroda

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Telangana CM urges Centre to expedite work on high-speed rail corridors

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday urged Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to expedite work relating to the high-speed rail corridors announced for the state. The Chief Minister met the Union Minister in New Delhi and conveyed that the state government reviewed the proposals sent by the Centre regarding the Hyderabad–Pune, Hyderabad–Bengaluru, and Hyderabad–Chennai corridors and submitted revised proposals with certain suggestions. The Chief Minister clarified during the meeting with the Union Minister at Rail Bhavan that the government has not yet initiated any land acquisition process for these three corridors. Stating that the land acquisition will commence only after the Central government approves the alignment, CM Revanth Reddy requested that the alignment process be completed as soon as possible. Immediate sanction of the new 130 km railway line between Vikarabad and Krishna was discussed in the meeting. The Chief Minister informed Ashwini Vaishnaw that large limestone deposits have been discovered near Tekalkode in the Vikarabad district, and that the state government has prepared plans to transform this region into a cement and textile hub.

The Chief Minister explained to the Union Minister the importance of aligning a 'Regional Ring Rail' alongside the 360 km Regional Ring Road (RRR), which is currently being constructed around Hyderabad and the generation of significant employment opportunities.

The Chief Minister also requested the immediate approval of several other railway lines: Dornakal–Gadwal, Kalwakurthy–Macherla, Kacheguda–Jaggayyapeta (250 km), Patancheru–Adilabad (320 km), Bodhan–Latur (175 km), and the Akannapet bypass line (8 km).

CM Revanth Reddy also appealed to the Centre to sanction a mega coaching and freight maintenance depot— a prestigious project proposed by the South Central Railway— be established at Anantaram village, near Mahabubabad.

The Chief Minister brought to the Union Minister's attention that the state has already agreed to hand over 409 acres of land, which was required for the establishment of this depot, to the Railways. The CM requested him to expedite the granting of approvals for the mega freight maintenance depot.

Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, MPs Dr Mallu Ravi, Vem Narendar Reddy, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Balram Naik, Gaddam Vamshi Krishna and Anil Kumar Yadav, State Advisor to the Government K. Ramakrishna Rao, HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed and Resident Commissioner of Telangana Bhavan, Advait Kumar Singh were also present.

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Tripura govt committed to balanced development of urban and rural areas: CM Manik Saha



Agartala, Oct 31 : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Saturday reiterated that the state government is committed to ensuring balanced development of urban and rural areas while accelerating socio-economic growth through infrastructure development, improved public services and various welfare initiatives.

The Chief Minister was speaking after inaugurating 27 development projects for South Tripura district at Sachin Debbarman Auditorium in Belonia.

Of the 27 projects, 23 were virtually inaugurated, while foundation stones were laid for the remaining four.

An investment of around Rs 56.82 crore has been made in the 23 completed projects, while the four newly initiated projects will involve an estimated expenditure of Rs 12.29 crore.

Chief Minister Saha said the state government was undertaking a series of initiatives to ensure that the benefits of development reached people in both urban and rural areas.

"Maintaining equality in development is the goal of the present government. Balanced development across all areas remains our commitment," he added.

Highlighting initiatives for youth empowerment, CM Saha said that under the Chief Minister's Youth Project, unemployed youths are being provided advanced training to enhance their skills and prepare for competitive examinations for government jobs.

Delhi Speaker administers unity pledge to Assembly officials



New Delhi, Oct 31: Delhi Legislative Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta on Saturday administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to officials of the Delhi Legislative Assembly, reaffirming their collective commitment to safeguarding the unity, integrity and security of the country.

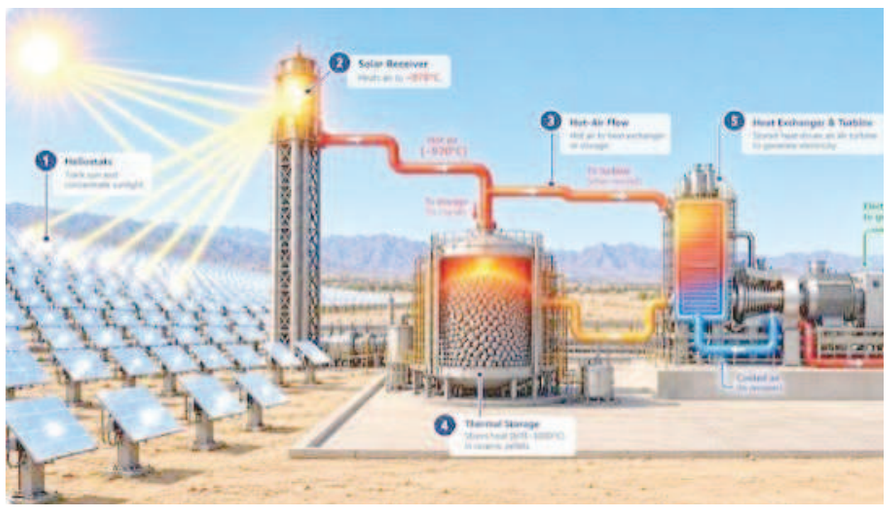
"Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel demonstrated that national unity demands courage, sacrifice and an unwavering commitment to the country. His life reminds us that the interests of the nation must always prevail over personal considerations," said Gupta while paying floral tributes to Sardar Patel on the eve of his 151st birth anniversary at the Delhi Legislative Assembly.

Addressing Assembly officials, Gupta recalled Patel's contribution to India's freedom struggle and the consolidation of the nation following Independence.

Highlighting Patel's decisive role in integrating more than 550 princely states into the Indian Union, Gupta said that the political consolidation of India was among the most consequential achievements of the post-Independence period.

He observed that Patel's administrative foresight, political resolve and ability to combine negotiation with firm action were instrumental in transforming a fragmented political landscape into a united nation, said an official statement.

Referring particularly to the integration of Hyderabad, the Speaker said Patel's determination at a critical juncture demonstrated his unwavering commitment to India's territorial integrity.



Country's first ceramic storage-based concentrated solar power project to come up in Rajasthan's Bhadla

Jaipur, Oct 31 : The Bhadla Solar Park in Rajasthan's Phalodi district, one of the world's largest solar energy hubs, is set to become a landmark in India's clean energy transition.

The Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL) has granted approval to NTPC to establish a 320 kW pilot Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) project at Bhadla.

Described as the first project of its kind in the country, the initiative aims to demonstrate the potential of continuous solar power generation, including during nighttime hours, while reducing dependence on conventional battery storage systems.

The electricity generated through the pilot project will be used exclusively to meet the internal and auxiliary power consumption requirements of the NTPC plant.

Under this technology, solar energy captured during daylight hours is stored as heat in specially designed, high-temperature ceramic modules.

Jaipur Police chief dismisses four Constables for missing election duty

Jaipur, Oct 31 : Jaipur Police Commissioner Sachin Mittal has taken strict action against indiscipline and negligence of duty, dismissing four recruit Constables from service for prolonged unauthorised absence and failure to report for important assignments, including election-related duties, despite receiving explicit orders.

The action underscores the Jaipur Police Commissionerate's emphasis on maintaining discipline and ensuring that personnel fulfil their assigned responsibilities, particularly during critical operations such as elections.

Police Commissioner Sachin Mittal said discipline is the highest priority in the police force and that every personnel must comply with official orders and perform their duties with responsibility.



Drones will define future wars: US Army

Washington, Oct 31 : The US Army has told lawmakers that drones, artificial intelligence and autonomous systems are rapidly reshaping modern warfare, as senior military leaders pointed to lessons from the Ukraine conflict and warned that future battlefields will be dominated by low-cost, scalable unmanned technologies.

Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee, US Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll said the character of war was changing at unprecedented speed and militaries that fail to adapt risk being left behind.

"Drones are reshaping how humans will inflict violence on each other at a pace never witnessed in human history," Driscoll told lawmakers. "They are cheap, modular, precise, multi-role, and scalable." He said the Army was moving aggressively to integrate autonomous systems, battlefield AI and open-architecture command systems into future operations, particularly as the Pentagon prepares for potential conflicts in the Indo-Pacific.

The remarks came during a heated hearing on the Army's fiscal year 2027 budget request, where lawmakers from both parties repeatedly cited battlefield lessons from Ukraine, especially the growing role of cheap drones in surveillance, targeting and mass attacks.

General Christopher LaNeve said the Army was rapidly adapting training and operational doctrine based on combat experiences from Ukraine and the Middle East.

"We're taking a lot of lessons learned from both Ukraine and OEF," LaNeve said, referring to Operation Enduring Freedom. "It's moving at a much faster rate into our schoolhouse and into our doctrine." Army leaders have launched a major integration effort called "Operation Jailbreak" underway at Fort Carson, Colorado, where defence contractors and Army engineers are attempting to break down software barriers that prevent military systems from sharing battlefield data seamlessly.

Driscoll said existing US military systems were often built as isolated "walled gardens" that restrict interoperability. "Every single system that creates a piece of data should be able to share that data anywhere we, the United States Army, need it to go," he said.

The Army Secretary warned that modern drone warfare would require AI-assisted battlefield decision-making because human operators alone would not be able to react fast enough against drone swarms and electronic attacks.

"When you're thinking of drone swarms and the threats to react, a human being cannot do that alone," Driscoll said.

Lawmakers also questioned whether the Army's proposed drone procurement budget matched its rhetoric on future warfare. Representative Eugene Vindman noted that funding for small unmanned aircraft systems had declined compared to previous years.



Driscoll responded that the Army's strategy was not simply to stockpile millions of drones in peacetime, but to build an industrial ecosystem capable of rapidly scaling production during war.

"What Ukraine is producing, I think it's about 5 million drones. Russia is about the same," he said. "We are not going to be at a place where we need to manufacture as a nation 5 million drones until we're in conflict, but we need to be able to get there really quickly."

China ignored US chip offer, says Lutnick



Chapel Hill (North Carolina), Oct 31 : US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has said China has not accepted President Donald Trump's offer to sell it advanced American artificial intelligence chips, arguing that further relaxation of technology export controls is therefore unnecessary. Lutnick made the remarks at a joint press conference with White House science advisor Michael Kratsios following the G20 Innovation Ministerial in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Asked whether easing technology export controls could be considered during an expected meeting between Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping, Lutnick said he did not believe that would happen.

"I don't think so," he said.

"President Trump made an offer to sell H200 chips and video chips to China, and they're equivalent from AMD and others," Lutnick said. "And the Chinese haven't really taken it up."

The Commerce Secretary said Beijing had expressed concerns about the offer and had not purchased the chips.

"So I don't think it's necessary because I don't think it accomplishes what it was intended to," he said. "The president showed an olive branch, and it hasn't been taken up, so I think we're just gonna let it go."

Lutnick also rejected suggestions that the presence of a Chinese vice-minister at the G20 meeting had raised security concerns because of longstanding US allegations involving intellectual property theft.

"No, the president invited them, and I think it went quite well," he said. The Commerce Secretary acknowledged that enforcing export controls had become increasingly complicated as companies and governments used remote access and multiple intermediaries to obtain computing power.

"So we play in export controls a bit of whack-a-mole," Lutnick said.

He described a process in which a data centre could be leased to one company, which then leased access through other entities before it reached an adversary.

Lutnick said artificial intelligence could itself help American authorities examine the users of US data centres and improve the enforcement of technology restrictions. "The tools of AI will make this better and better and better," he said. The minister placed a strong emphasis on the global use of American AI technology. Kratsios said the Trump administration wanted to share US chips, models and applications with partners, friends and allies. Lutnick said countries would ultimately choose between frontier systems and open-weight models according to their own requirements and economic calculations. "That will be decided country by country," he said. "But that knowledge will be used." He warned that countries which failed to adopt artificial intelligence risked falling behind those that moved more quickly. "If you don't do that, then you'll be left behind," Lutnick said. "So you'll see whoever doesn't embrace it a year or two years from today will just be chasing those who didn't."

No Ukraine peace without Kyiv's participation: Polish FM



Washington, Oct 31 : Russia and Ukraine war cannot be ended without Kyiv's participation, Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said, arguing that both Ukraine and Europe retained influence over any settlement.

Speaking at a press conference during the G20 meeting, Sikorski said a "solution by outside factors" was "simply not doable". A reporter asked whether a proposed meeting involving the United States, China and Russia to seek an end to the war had been discussed.

"No, it wasn't."

Asked about the participation of Ukraine and European partners, Sikorski pointed to Ukraine's resistance and Europe's role in sustaining its war effort.

He said the full-scale war was in its fifth year, while Russia's effort to conquer the Donbas region was in its 13th year. Sikorski argued that Europe retained influence through frozen Russian assets, financial assistance and purchases of American weapons, equipment and ammunition for Ukraine.

"Europe also has cards."

He said repeated criticism of Europe by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov suggested Moscow had recognised that European governments retained influence over the conflict.



UN Command says military boundary between two Koreas under its authority

Seoul, Oct 31 : The American-led United Nations Command (UNC) has said a Military Demarcation Line (MDL) marking the boundary between the two Koreas has been under its authority, in an apparent objection to an internal revision by South Korea's military over land border rules to prevent accidental clashes with North Korea.

The UNC said in a statement to Yonhap News Agency, "The United Nations Command reaffirms its commitment to maintaining the Armistice Agreement, including the MDL, and to supporting measures that prevent escalation and promote stability within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)."

The statement came when asked how the UNC assessed the South Korean military's envisioned revision of border rules, after the Korean military reportedly refined the MDL markers in order to reduce discrepancies between the two sides.

"The Military Demarcation Line was established and depicted in Map Volume I of the Korean Armistice Agreement, 1953, following a series of armistice negotiations," the UNC said.

Last week, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it had ordered troops to prioritise markers that indicate the MDL when making decisions, while also "comprehensively" applying the South Korean military map and a line connecting MDL markers set out by the UNC when they are difficult to discern.

Critics say the move favours North Korean troops by allowing the military to use a line drawn farther south when determining whether a border crossing has occurred.

On Seoul's recent proposal for military talks with Pyongyang, the UNC stressed that military dialogue related to the MDL should be conducted "under the auspices of the command," as stipulated in the armistice agreement.

Japan's record defence budget plan sparks public concern

Tokyo, Oct 31 : The Japanese government has recently approved a draft budget for fiscal 2026, with defence spending set at about 9.04 trillion yen (about 58 billion US dollars), marking a new record high and sparking public concern.

An editorial published on Saturday (local time) by Japan's Shimbun Akahata noted that the country's defence budget stood at 5.4 trillion yen in fiscal 2022 and has surged by 3.6 trillion yen in just four years, reports Xinhua news agency. The newspaper said the latest figure is comparable to the 3.5 trillion yen allocated for measures to address the declining birthrate and the 3.8 trillion yen earmarked for nursing care payments in the budget proposal, warning that rising military spending will inevitably squeeze livelihood-related expenditures, which makes it a budget of "military prosperity at the expense of people's livelihoods."





Japan urges G20 to strengthen oil stockpiles

Atlanta, Oct 31 : Japan urged G20 countries to strengthen oil stockpiles and keep energy trade free and transparent, while outlining plans for closer cooperation with Gulf nations to improve energy security.

Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi presented the proposals during a session on energy and economic growth at the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, according to an official Japanese readout.

His intervention focused on international coordination to address energy supply instability affecting Asian countries and on closer cooperation between producing and consuming nations.

The session discussed energy security, including the current energy crisis against the backdrop of developments in the Middle East.

Motegi identified three priorities: ensuring free and transparent energy trade, strengthening oil stockpiles through international coordination, and improving cooperation between energy producers and consumers.

He said the G20, which accounts for more than 80 per cent of global gross domestic product and energy consumption, shared responsibility for addressing the crisis.

Japan also disclosed that it was formulating a comprehensive cooperation plan with Gulf countries to strengthen their economic and energy resilience. The readout did not specify a timetable, funding amount or the countries that would participate.

Former Georgian defence minister detained over attempted govt overthrow accusation

Tbilisi, Oct 31 : The Tbilisi City Court ordered pretrial detention for Bacho Akhalaia, a former Georgian defence minister, on accusations of his involvement in an attempted government overthrow earlier this year, according to local media.

The court hearing was conducted behind closed doors on Saturday (local time). The Prosecutor's Office stated the closed session was necessary to prevent the disclosure of sensitive personal information regarding employees of the State Security Service (SSS).



UN envoy urges calm as tensions rise in Yemen



Aden, Oct 31 : United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg called on all parties to exercise restraint and avoid further escalation, as tensions mount in Yemen's eastern governorates of Hadramout and Al-Mahrah. In a statement posted on social media platform X, Grundberg reiterated the UN secretary-general's call for "restraint, de-escalation and dialogue," urging all parties to avoid actions that could further complicate the situation. He underscored the importance of ongoing regional mediation efforts, noting that he remains engaged with Yemeni and regional stakeholders in support of de-escalation and progress toward "a comprehensive and inclusive political solution" to the conflict in Yemen, Xinhua news agency reported.

Grundberg made the remarks after Saudi Arabia carried out airstrikes on Sunday targeting Southern Transitional Council (STC) sites, including positions of the Hadrami Elite Forces in the Ghayl bin Yamin area near key oil fields. No casualties or damage to military equipment were reported. The strikes followed the STC's latest military expansion in eastern Yemen. On December 3, STC forces took control of Hadramout after clashes with pro-government units, before extending their presence into the eastern province of Al-Mahrah without reported resistance. The group has since recruited local forces in both provinces, despite repeated calls from the Yemeni government and Saudi Arabia for de-escalation. Earlier in the day, Turki Al Maliki, spokesperson for the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen, said that any military movements undermining de-escalation efforts would be addressed to protect civilians, the Saudi Press Agency reported. Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) Chairman Rashad Al-Alimi on Saturday welcomed the coalition's measures to curb what he described as destabilizing actions by the STC in the two governorates.

Formed in 2017, the STC seeks self-determination and eventual independence for southern Yemen. Although it joined the Saudi-led coalition and was integrated into Yemen's internationally recognized government in 2022, the group continues to press for southern secession. The STC has accused previous Yemeni governments of politically and economically marginalizing the south, a claim Yemeni authorities deny.

All options on table in Iran conflict : US envoy

Washington, Oct 31 : The United States is pursuing a dual-track approach on the Strait of Hormuz, combining allied burden-sharing with the threat of direct military action, US Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz said.

Speaking on CBS News' "Face the Nation", Waltz said, "Well, I think it can be both. It's not necessarily mutually exclusive," when asked whether Washington intended to reopen the strategic waterway by force or rely on partners.

He pointed to growing allied involvement, adding, "We have now seen Italy, Germany, France, and a number of others commit to help with this effort," while noting that Japan had also pledged naval support given that "80 per cent of what is coming out of the Gulf is going to Asia."



At the same time, Waltz underscored that the US was prepared to escalate.

"The president has been clear, too. He's going to continue to pound Iran's capabilities, its missiles, its naval and its drone capability," he said. The remarks come amid President Donald Trump's warning that Tehran must reopen the Strait of Hormuz or face strikes on its energy infrastructure. Waltz declined to rule out targeting such facilities, saying, "I would never take anything off the table for the president, certainly not on national television." Waltz said Iran's military and civilian infrastructure are deeply intertwined. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps "controls a huge swath of Iran's critical infrastructure, their economy, and certainly many of their governing institutions," he asserted.

Shop to Enterprise: Patna youth see jump in business and fortunes, courtesy PMEGP

Patna, Oct 31 : Ashok Kumar, a resident of Bihar's Sheikhpura district who once barely managed to make ends meet by running a small shop, is running a successful entrepreneurial venture in the city. He attributes his success to the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) – a central government scheme, which assists prospective beneficiaries in establishing new micro-enterprises primarily with small project costs, facilitated through small loans. Sharing the experience of his fortunes, taking a jump from humble origins to that of enterprise makers, he expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting that his business grew only because of the public welfare scheme launched by the government. His life trajectory has undergone a sea-change over the years, after he started taking advantage of the PMEGP scheme. Initially, Ashok's shop was very small and income-limited and meeting his family's expenses was a daily struggle. His desire to move ahead helped him overcome the odds. Upon learning about the PMEGP, Ashok resolved to expand his small shop and applied to avail the benefits of the scheme. Once the application process was completed, he received the assistance provided. Leveraging the benefits of the scheme, he expanded his small shop and established a large furniture warehouse. Now, his facility manufactures not only chairs and tables but also a wide variety of items such as wardrobes, sofa sets, and office furniture.

People from Sheikhpura and surrounding areas flock to his warehouse in large numbers to purchase the products. Since the opening of the warehouse, Ashok Kumar's income has seen a substantial increase. Speaking to IANS,



he remarked that there has been a significant transformation in his life."Had I not received the benefits of this scheme, I would still be running just a small shop," he said, expressing his gratitude to PM Modi. "This scheme is proving to be a milestone for small shopkeepers like us, as everyone harbours the desire to achieve something, but financial constraints often prevent them from doing so. In this context, this scheme has proven to be immensely helpful."



Maha: Repeat cattle smugglers to face MCOCA, vehicle registration cancellation

Mumbai, Oct 31 : In a major crackdown on illegal cattle trafficking, Maharashtra Minister of State for Home Pankaj Bhoyar on Saturday announced that the state government is actively considering cancelling the registration of vehicles repeatedly used for illegal cattle transportation.

Replying to a half-hour discussion in the Legislative Assembly raised by MLA Sudhir Mungantiwar on animal preservation and enforcement of the cattle slaughter ban, the minister said the state was effectively implementing the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act and that habitual offenders involved in organised cattle smuggling were being booked under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). Bhoyar said law enforcement agencies were maintaining data on cow protectors (gaurakshaks) and complainants to trace illegal networks.



Scindia bats for stronger cooperatives to boost farmers' income in MP

Gwalior, Oct 31 : Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has called for strengthening the cooperative sector to make credit and government schemes more accessible to farmers and boost the rural economy.

Addressing a farmers' cooperative conference in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior on the birth anniversary of Lord Balram Dau Ji on Saturday, Scindia said cooperatives have a key role in economically empowering farmers and taking government initiatives to villages.

Madhya Pradesh Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar also joined the programme, while Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addressed it virtually.

"Cooperation is an important means of reaching every village and economically empowering farmers," Scindia said.

Several initiatives were launched during the programme, including the Kisan Credit Portal, Kavach scheme, simplification of the zero per cent interest crop loan scheme and 200 new Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) offices.

Scindia said these initiatives would make it easier for farmers to access loans, facilities and welfare schemes.

These initiatives would also strengthen the rural economy, he added. He said that increasing farmers' income and creating better opportunities for them remained a key priority of the gov-

Supriya Sule slams Maharashtra govt over inaction in Ajit Pawar crash probe

Thane, Oct 31 : Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) Working President and MP Supriya Sule on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the Maharashtra state government and the ruling NCP faction, raising sharp questions over the lack of progress and non-registration of an FIR in the fatal plane crash of her brother and former Deputy Chief Minister, late Ajit Pawar.

Addressing a press conference at the party office in Thane, Sule drew a stark contrast between the swift police action against Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) leader Amit Thackeray and the perceived official apathy surrounding Ajit Pawar's tragic death.

Reacting to the case registered against MNS leader Amit Thackeray for removing a photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sule questioned the government's priorities. "When a photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is removed, a case is registered against Amit Thackeray within two hours. On the other hand, no FIR has been lodged yet in the death case of my brother Ajit



Pawar," she remarked. She further expressed deep distress over the complete lack of transparency in the investigation. "My brother met with such a major aviation accident. He was the sitting Deputy Chief Minister of the state, yet the government has not filed a single case. We have no idea where the probe stands or what its status is," she stated.

Targeting the ruling NCP MLAs and ministers who were close associates of the late leader, Sule slammed them for enjoying political power while remaining silent on the investigation.

"The Ajit Pawar faction is part of the ruling government. Yet, not a single one of their 40 MLAs or 9 ministers has uttered a single word demanding an FIR or a probe into my brother's death. My brother is gone, but these people continue to enjoy the fruits of power without seeking justice for him," she alleged.

Expanding her criticism beyond political issues, Sule touched upon key public grievances across Maharashtra. She ridiculed the state of roads across Maharashtra, stating that commuters can no longer tell whether roads have potholes or potholes have roads.

She highlighted opposition from Kolhapur farmers against the Shaktipeeth Highway project, accusing the government of forcefully imposing costly projects on citizens.



Odisha flood fury: Oppn says govt inaction despite advance cyclone warning

Bhubaneswar, Oct 31 : Amid the severe flooding in Ganjam and Gajapati districts of Odisha, the Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Congress on Saturday targeted the state Government, questioning its preparedness to tackle the cyclone and subsequent floods in the affected districts despite warnings from the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Gujarat: Congress seeks legal MSP guarantee, demands probe into pre-monsoon works

Ahmedabad, Oct 31 : The Gujarat unit of Congress on Saturday accused the Central and state governments of failing farmers and of inadequate preparedness for the monsoon, calling for the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations with a legal guarantee for minimum support prices and demanding an inquiry into pre-monsoon works following heavy rainfall across parts of the state. Addressing a press conference, General Secretary and state in-charge Mukul Wasnik alleged that the Union government had not fulfilled its promises to farmers despite repeated assurances during elections. "The Modi government has been continuously misleading farmers. During elections, farmers are given big promises regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP), but these are forgotten once the elections are over," Wasnik said. He added that while the government had honoured agricultural scientist Dr M.S. Swaminathan with the 'Bharat Ratna', it had not implemented the Swaminathan Commission's recommendation of providing farmers with prices that include a profit over the cost of production.





Indian Railways' capacity expansion to enhance train operations in Guwahati: NFR

Guwahati, Oct 31 : The Indian Railways has embarked upon a nationwide initiative to double the originating capacity of trains at 48 major cities by the year 2030, officials said on Saturday.

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said that the ambitious plan has been formulated to meet the rapidly increasing passenger demand across the country.

The gigantic plan would be executed through systematic expansion of coaching terminals, development of new terminals, creation of maintenance facilities and enhancement of sectional capacity, he added.

This strategic initiative is aimed at decongesting major railway hubs, improving operational efficiency and significantly strengthening rail connectivity across regions.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has recently said that Indian Railways is undertaking comprehensive planning to expand terminal infrastructure and sectional capacity in major cities so as to meet future travel requirements, the CPRO said. The Union Minister emphasised that the initiative would enhance the train handling capability of stations, improve punctuality.



'No compromise on students' future': Gujarat Health Minister after lapses flagged at college

Gandhinagar/Mahisagar, Oct 31 : Gujarat Health Minister Praful Pansheriya on Saturday said that no compromise will be made with the future of students, as the state government initiates action following inspection findings related to Dhanvantari Ayurveda College and Hospital in Koydam of Mahisagar district.

The development comes after the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), through its Medical Assessment and Rating Board, issued a communication dated August 6 last year, highlighting several issues concerning the college and hospital, including academic standards, infrastructure and institutional functioning.

Subsequently, on November 18, the central government's AYUSH department constituted a three-member inspection committee, which conducted a detailed site inspection of the institution.

Bengaluru: Three arrested for chasing, harassing woman biker

Bengaluru, Oct 31 : The police on Saturday arrested three persons for allegedly chasing and harassing a young woman rider for several kilometres in Bengaluru.

The accused have been identified as Shaiek Roshan (19), a resident of Begur, and Shaiek Ayan (19), a resident of Old Gurappanpalya in BTM Layout. Both are employed at a chicken shop. The third accused, Shaiek Rihan Khan (18), a resident of BTM Layout, works at a garage.



Maruti Suzuki commissions 1 MWh battery energy storage system at Kharkhoda plant



New Delhi, Oct 31 : Leading automobile firm Maruti Suzuki India on Saturday said it has commissioned a 1 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at its Kharkhoda manufacturing facility in Haryana as part of its efforts to strengthen renewable energy usage and reduce carbon emissions.
The company said the battery storage system has been integrated into the facility's internal electricity distribution network on a pilot basis to optimise the utilisation of solar power generated at the plant.

Reliance Industries Q2 profit jumps 22 pc on strong O2C, Jio performance



Mumbai, Oct 31 : Reliance Industries Limited on Saturday reported a strong performance for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2 FY27), with consolidated net profit rising 22 per cent sequentially as robust earnings from its oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business and digital services more than offset weakness in the retail and oil and gas segments.
The company posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 25,548 crore for the September quarter, compared with Rs 20,946 crore in the June quarter (Q1 FY27), according to its stock exchange filing.
Revenue increased 6.8 per cent to Rs 3.31 lakh crore from Rs 3.09 lakh crore, while EBITDA rose 19 per cent to a record Rs 56,616 crore.
EBITDA margin expanded to 17.1 per cent from 15.4 per cent in the preceding quarter.
Reliance's O2C business emerged as the biggest contributor to earnings growth during the quarter.
Segment EBITDA surged 67.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 25,203 crore, supported by tighter global fuel markets, stronger fuel cracks and favourable feedstock sourcing opportunities.
The company said geopolitical disruptions across global energy markets created opportunities for higher product realisations.
Its ability to diversify crude sourcing and optimise product mix enabled it to capture the benefits of changing market conditions.

Indigo Paints Q2 profit drops 47 pc to Rs 13.3 crore

Mumbai, Oct 31 : Indigo Paints on Saturday reported a 47 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in net profit for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2 FY27). The paint maker posted a net profit of Rs 13.3 crore in the September quarter, compared with Rs 25.1 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations, however, rose 15 per cent to Rs 359 crore from Rs 312 crore a year ago.
The company's operating performance remained under pressure during the quarter. EBITDA fell 33.5 per cent to Rs 31 crore from Rs 47 crore in the year-ago period, while EBITDA margin narrowed sharply to 8.7 per cent from 14.9 per cent.
Despite the weak quarterly earnings, Indigo Paints delivered growth in the first half of FY27. On a standalone basis, revenue from operations increased 16.4 per cent to Rs 690.5 crore for the six months ended September 30, 2026, compared with Rs 593.4 crore in the corresponding period last year. Standalone EBITDA, excluding other income, rose 3.2 per cent to Rs 92.3 crore during the period, while net profit increased 8.3 per cent to Rs 56.2 crore from Rs 51.9 crore.
The company reported a gross margin of 41.9 per cent, EBITDA margin of 13.4 per cent and net profit margin of 8 per cent for the first half. On a consolidated basis, Indigo Paints recorded revenue of Rs 728.4 crore in the April-September period, reflecting a 17.3 per cent increase from the year-ago period.





SEBI relaxes borrowing norms for InvITs above 49 pc leverage limit

Mumbai, Oct 31 : Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Saturday relaxed borrowing norms for Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) with leverage exceeding 49 per cent of asset value, a move aimed at expanding financing flexibility for infrastructure projects and improving funding access across the sector.
In a circular, the market regulator said InvITs will now be allowed to raise fresh borrowings above the 49 per cent leverage threshold for capital expenditure intended to enhance asset performance or expand project capacity.
The regulator has also permitted InvITs to use additional debt for major maintenance expenses related to road infrastructure projects. According to the circular, such expenses will include non-routine maintenance obligations mandated under concession agreements.



Why manufacturing sector recorded negative inflation in implicit deflator in Q1

New Delhi, Oct 31 : The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) clarified on Saturday that a negative inflation in the implicit deflator in manufacturing does not mean that manufacturing prices have fallen, and it is important to distinguish between the price deflators of output and inputs and the implicit Gross Value Added (GVA) deflator. The explanation came in response to a question: How can the manufacturing sector record a negative inflation in the GVA implicit deflator of "(-)1.5 per cent" in Q1, 2026-27 despite an increase in both manufacturing output and input prices, while the agricultural sector recorded a positive inflation rate of 3.9 per cent?



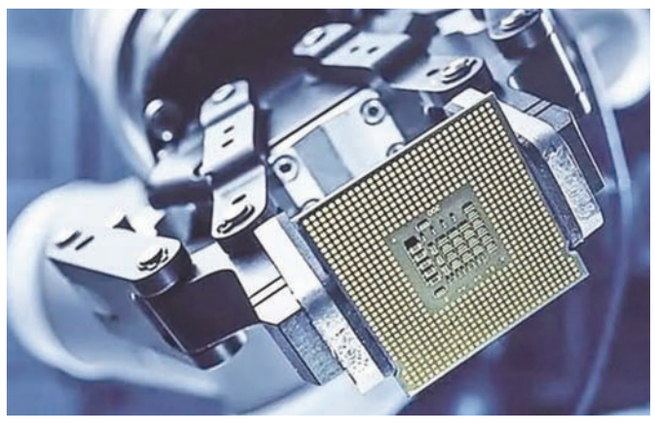
Uber to cut nearly 10 pc of workforce to focus on core business

New Delhi, Oct 31 : Uber Technologies reportedly plans to cut roughly 3,300 roles or about 10 per cent of its global workforce, as Chief Executive Officer Dara Khosrowshahi moves to cut management layers and redirect spending toward its ride-hailing, delivery and robotaxi businesses.
Khosrowshahi announced the changes in an email, saying rapid growth in recent years had created "more layers, more coordination, more fragmented ownership" and structures that no longer served the company at its current scale, according to a report from Bloomberg News.

Silver overtakes Apple, Alphabet in market value, expected to surpass NVIDIA

New Delhi, Oct 31 : Silver has surged to become one of the most valuable assets in the world, overtaking tech giants Apple Inc and Alphabet in market capitalisation and moving closer to surpassing NVIDIA Corporation to claim the second spot after gold.
According to data from companiesmarketcap.com, silver's market capitalisation has risen to $4.220 trillion. This places it just 8.1 per cent behind NVIDIA, which currently stands at $4.592 trillion.
Gold continues to remain far ahead as the world's most valued asset, with a market capitalisation of $31.598 trillion as of Saturday.
The sharp rise in silver's valuation comes amid a historic rally in prices. Spot silver on Comex crossed the $75 per ounce mark on Saturday and extended gains to hit a fresh record high.
In India, silver futures on the Multi Commodity Exchange of India touched an all-time high of Rs 2,33,115 per kilogram during intraday trade. In contrast, NVIDIA's stock price was trading at $188.61 in the afternoon session, down 0.32 per cent over the previous 24 hours.
Market experts believe silver could soon climb even higher in global rankings. Surendra Mehta, national secretary of the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA), said that if the current momentum continues.





MeitY-backed ChipIN Centre inaugurated in Tamil Nadu to boost 'Make in India' chip push

New Delhi, Oct 31 : The MeitY-backed ChipIN Centre -- focused on semiconductor design education and VLSI research -- has been inaugurated at Sona College of Technology in Tamil Nadu on Saturday to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and support the country's 'Make in India' chip push. The 'Sona ChipIN Centre', established at the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), has been set up under the Chips to Startup (C2S) programme supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), C-DAC and the ChipIN Centre initiative. The facility is equipped with advanced Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools valued at Rs 100 million, enabling students, researchers and faculty members to work on semiconductor design, VLSI research and industry-oriented innovation projects. The centre was inaugurated by Dr V Veerappan, Chairman of the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association, and Shekar Viswanathan, former Vice-Chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor. Sona Institutions Chairman C Valliappa said the Centre should work towards developing a 'Made in India' chip within the next 24-36 months in alignment with the government's India Semiconductor Mission. Meanwhile, Sona Institutions Vice Chairman Chocko Valliappa said the initiative assumes significance amid India's rapidly growing semiconductor ecosystem and the country's entry into advanced 3nm chip development capabilities.



Tata Motors targets 1.2 million annual PV sales by FY30, plans Rs 40,000 crore investment

New Delhi, Oct 31 : Tata Motors on Saturday unveiled an ambitious five-year roadmap for its passenger vehicle business, targeting annual sales of more than 1.2 million units by FY30, a 20 per cent share of the domestic passenger vehicle market and revenues of Rs 1.4 lakh crore, backed by investments of nearly Rs 40,000 crore in products and manufacturing. Speaking at the company's 81st annual general meeting held virtually on Saturday, Tata Motors Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran said the automaker aims to achieve a tenfold increase in passenger vehicle volumes over the decade from FY20 to FY30. "Looking ahead in the next five years, the company has a big ambition.



Tripura civic polls on Nov 27, counting on Dec 2

Agartala, Oct 31 : The Tripura State Election Commission (SEC) on Saturday announced that elections to 21 urban local bodies (ULBs), including the Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC), will be held on November 27, setting the stage for a significant electoral contest across the state's urban areas.

Tripura State Election Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Chakraborty said that the concerned Returning Officers would issue the statutory notification on Friday (October 30).

The last date for filing nomination papers has been fixed as November 6, while scrutiny of nominations will take place the next day (November 7). Candidates will be able to withdraw their nominations until November 10. The counting of votes will be held on December 2, the State Election Commissioner announced.

Addressing a press conference, Chakraborty, accompanied by State Director General of Police (DGP) G.S. Rao and Commission Secretary Anurag Sen, said that a total of 6,29,903 voters, including 3,21,743 women, 3,08,115 men and 45 third-gender voters, are eligible to exercise their franchise in the upcoming elections.

Chakraborty said that the terms of the 21 urban local bodies, including the Agartala Municipal Corporation, would expire on December 9. The elections will be held for a total of 345 seats across the 21 urban local bodies. The Agartala Municipal Corporation alone has 51 seats. Of the total 345 seats, 162 have been reserved for women, 80 for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and nine for those belonging to the Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Crackdown on terror modules, narco-terrorists must continue: J&K L-G

Srinagar, Oct 31: J&K Lt Governor (L-G), Manoj Sinha, on Saturday, directed security agencies to continue a sustained crackdown against terror modules, narco-terrorists and their support networks.

Chairing the security review meeting at the Lok Bhavan, the L-G directed the administration to maintain communal harmony at all costs.

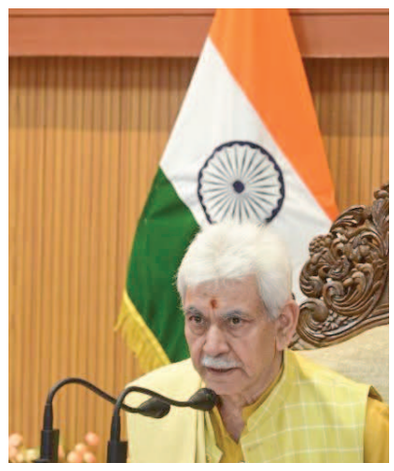
The L-G assessed the overall security situation during today's meeting with Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and senior officials.

The L-G called for stronger counter-infiltration measures, better coordination among security forces and district administrations, and strict action against elements involved in radicalisation and activities detrimental to national security.

The meeting focused on operational preparedness, security strategies, and future action plans to ensure a peaceful environment in Kashmir Division.

The L-G directed the officials to take sustained and aggressive action against terror modules. He emphasised tightening counter-infiltration grids and fostering seamless synergy between the District Administration, Jammu Kashmir Police, Army, and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in executing counter-terror operations.

He directed the Deputy Commissioners and SSPs to closely



monitor anti-national elements within the administration and prioritise efforts to combat radicalisation.

He advised monthly review meetings regarding the attachment of properties belonging to narco-terrorists and the terror-supporting ecosystem.

He said the action against narco-terrorists must continue unabated, besides relentless crackdowns on drug smugglers and peddlers, to realise the vision of Drug-free Jammu Kashmir.

Emphasising the swift resolution of public grievances, the Lieutenant Governor stated that fostering a strong connection between citizens, police, and the administration is of paramount importance. He said under no circumstances should communal harmony and the law & order situation be allowed to deteriorate. The administration should institutionalise best practices and implement District Convergence Plans to ensure sustainable peace and development. He called for setting up district-level social media cells to swiftly counter misinformation. In view of the winter season, the L-G directed the administration to ensure adequate stock and availability of essential commodities and robust snow-clearance mechanisms.



Rural connectivity gets boost as PMGSY roads take shape in Doda

Doda, Oct 31 : Doda district in Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a major push in rural connectivity under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Phase-IV, First Batch. The central government has sanctioned around 31 new road sections for the district, bringing much-needed infrastructure development to this largely hilly region. Speaking to IANS, Executive Engineer PMGSY Doda, Zakir Hussain Zargar, said that after the completion of the tendering process, 26 road projects have been allotted to contractors under the PMGSY Division Doda. Work has already commenced on 20 roads, while construction on the remaining six roads is expected to begin soon, he added.

The engineer also expressed hope, saying that the central government would also approve Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for villages that are still unconnected.

This will allow further expansion of the road network, he remarked.

Zargar highlighted that nearly 70 per cent of the Doda district comprises hilly terrain.



No harassment over Assamese language, foreigners remain foreigners : Minister

Guwahati, Oct 31 : Assam Minister and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) president Atul Bora on Saturday asserted that no individual should be harassed in the name of language, while maintaining that illegal foreigners would continue to be treated as foreigners under the law.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the ongoing Budget Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly, Bora sought to clarify the state government's stand amid the continuing debate over the Assamese language and the issue of illegal immigration.

He said there was no question of harassing anyone merely because of language and stressed that every resident of Assam has the right to speak Assamese.

"There is no truth in the allegation that people are being harassed in the name of language.

'Ballari Chalo' padyatra enters third day; BJP targets govt over Dalit welfare, farmers' suicides

Raichur (Karnataka), Oct 31 : The BJP's 'Ballari Chalo' padyatra entered its third day on Saturday, with state BJP President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra launching a fresh attack on the Karnataka government, alleging that funds meant for the welfare of Dalits were being diverted to fund guarantee schemes and accusing it of failing to address the growing distress among farmers. Vijayendra made the remarks while flagging off the third day of the padyatra in Raichur and speaking to media persons. He said the BJP's campaign was gaining attention across the state and was aimed at highlighting the alleged failures and corruption of the government,



along with the problems faced by farmers and the common people.

"Congress is using Dalits and oppressed communities merely as a vote bank. The SCSP-TSP funds allocated for the development of Dalits are being used for guarantee schemes," Vijayendra alleged.

Vijayendra said he had held a meeting with Dalit leaders on Wednesday to discuss issues concerning oppressed communities and demanded that funds allocated for Dalit development be utilised exclusively for their welfare.



Wanted Maharashtra man, associate arrested with 9.8 kg ganja in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, Oct 31 : The Ahmedabad City Crime Branch has arrested a man wanted in an earlier narcotics case along with his associate after seizing 9.8 kg of suspected ganja valued at Rs 4.9 lakh from an auto-rickshaw in the city, police said on Saturday.

According to the Crime Branch, officers were on patrol as part of an operation to identify and take action against people involved in the illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances when they received specific information about the movement of contraband.

Acting on the tip-off, the team intercepted an auto-rickshaw on the service road near the Adinath Stone warehouse, close to Chunilal Park Society on the CTM Narol-Naroda Road.

Haryana Police top brass to discuss strategies on extortion calls, contract killings

Chandigarh, Oct 31 : Extortion calls, contract killings, organized drug trafficking networks and cybercrime are among the issues that will be debated at the high-level meeting chaired by Director General of Police (DGP) O.P. Singh in the Haryana Police Academy (HPA) in Madhuban on Saturday.

The high-level strategy session is aimed at consolidating operational learnings from 2025 and setting the crime-control and communication roadmap for 2026, an official statement said. The meeting will bring together ADGPs, IGs, Commissioners of Police, Range DIGs, and SPs from all 23 districts.

The session will focus on identifying tactical improvements and policy innovations based on field experiences, emerging criminal trends, and evolving policing challenges.

The agenda includes an in-depth review of organized crime, narcotics control, cybercrime prevention and strategic public communication, with an emphasis on making policing more proactive, intelligence-driven, and people-centric, said the statement here.



Technology meets talent: IIT Madras' Acrophase Initiative launches under-19 sports scholarship

Kolkata, Oct 31: Sports today is no longer about raw physical and mental effort and practice. A lot of it has to do with technology that determines under what circumstances a sportsperson achieves peak potential. Keeping this in mind, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched the SBI Foundation ACE Potential Athlete Sports Scholarship for able-bodied national-level athletes aged 15–19 years.

The programme will support 90 young athletes — 45 boys and 45 girls — across athletics, swimming, boxing, wrestling, shooting, archery and badminton. Selected athletes will receive a monthly stipend of Rs 40,000, along with sports science-based performance assessments and personalised nutrition guidance from IIT Madras–Acrophase, supporting them as they train and compete at higher levels.

"Behind every promising athlete are years of training, discipline and the ambition to go further. But talent alone is not enough; the right support can shape how far that journey goes," IIT Madras says. In a LinkedIn post, the institute has said: "Acrophase, an IIT Madras initiative, is India's first human performance research centre driven to build superhumans capable of pushing the



limits. Through a unique confluence of wearable industry experts, researchers from IIT Madras, and experts in human physiology and biomechanics, we curate performance enhancement programs for people at all levels. We do this by leveraging the benefits of data-driven technology in synergy with expert insights from physiology, biomechanics & behavioural psychology."

Acrophase is a social-impact-driven performance science initiative emerging from the research and innovation ecosystem.

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Two killed in US Minneapolis shooting; suspect commits suicide

Los Angeles, Oct 31 : Two people were killed and the suspect died after a shooting in Minneapolis, the largest city in the US state of Minnesota, local television station KSTP reported.

The suspect died by suicide, and six others, including three police officers, were injured in the shooting that took place on Sunday (local time).

The City of Minneapolis said in a post on X that police officers were dispatched to the shooting at approximately 4:36 p.m. local time (2136 GMT).

Officers entered a high-rise apartment building, where they encountered victims and heard additional gunfire. Officers followed the sound of the gunfire to an upper floor of the building, reports Xinhua news agency, quoting KSTP.

On that floor, officers encountered a haze that significantly limited visibility. Three officers were injured, two of them



by gunfire, the post added. Local television station KARE reported that the shooting began as a domestic incident between the shooter and one of the victims. The shooter opened fire on responding officers before retreating into an apartment, the report said. An investigation is underway to determine the motive behind the incident, officials said.

Further details are awaited.

This comes close on the heels of another shooting incident in the US. On August 29, a police officer was killed and a second was injured Saturday in a shooting at a park in Columbia, the US state of South Carolina, according to police.

Columbia Police Department Chief W.H. "Skip" Holbrook confirmed that the suspect also died.

The incident occurred at Southeast Park on Hazelwood Road in the city as two officers responded to a reported domestic dispute, Holbrook said at a press conference.

Brazil's supreme court opens probe into funding for ex-president's film

Brasilia, Oct 31 : Brazil's Supreme Federal Court has ordered an investigation into the possible diversion of parliamentary funds to cultural projects, including a film about former President Jair Bolsonaro. The order was issued by Justice Flavio Dino on Saturday after a complaint filed earlier this year by lawmaker Tabata Amaral of the Brazilian Socialist Party. Amaral alleged that public funds allocated through parliamentary amendments may have been used for electoral marketing and audiovisual content linked to Bolsonaro, who is serving a sentence for an attempted coup, reports Xinhua news agency. According to the complaint, several lawmakers from



Bolsonaro's Liberal Party allegedly transferred a total of 2.6 million reais (about 514,000 US dollars) from parliamentary amendments. The case came amid media reports that Senator Flavio Bolsonaro, the former president's son and a presidential hopeful, sought 130 million reais. (about 25 million dollars) from a private banker



Nearly 19.5 million people in Sudan facing acute food insecurity: UN

United Nations, Oct 31 : Nearly 19.5 million people in Sudan are facing crisis levels of acute food insecurity, a UN spokesperson said, citing the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

While 14 areas are at risk of famine across Greater Darfur and Greater Kordofan, conditions are expected to deteriorate further during the lean season between June and September, Farhan Haq, deputy spokesperson for the UN secretary-general, told a daily briefing on Saturday.

Meanwhile, humanitarian assistance remains critically inadequate compared with the scale of needs, he said.

Between February and May, humanitarian partners aimed to reach 4.8 million people per month, but only an estimated 3.13 million people received assistance in February, Haq said.

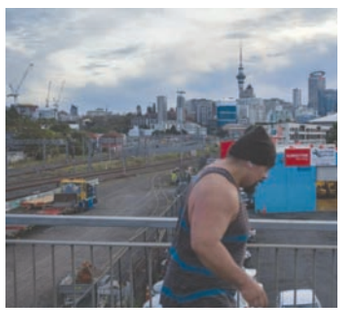
FAO, WFP, and UNICEF have called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and urged the international community to urgently scale up funding for food, emergency food production, nutrition, health, and water and sanitation services, as well as support for actions to rebuild livelihoods, the spokesperson added.

Khalistan claims face setback as New Zealand tribunal rejects all 40 asylum cases: Report

Wellington, Oct 31 : New Zealand's Immigration and Protection Tribunal has dismissed all 40 published asylum cases associated with support for Khalistan that it heard in 2025 and 2026, marking a departure from 2024, when two applicants were granted refugee status on similar grounds, a report has stated.

A review of published tribunal rulings found that 15 such claims were decided in 2025 and a further 25 in 2026, with none of the applicants being granted refugee status.

Collectively, the rulings indicate that merely identifying with or supporting the Khalistan cause is not, in itself, sufficient to meet New Zealand's legal threshold for refugee protection, according to a report in Khalsa Vox.





India says USTR failed to prove trade harm

Washington, Oct 31 : India on Saturday told the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) that its proposed 12.5 per cent tariff on Indian imports lacks the legal and evidentiary basis required under Section 301, arguing that Washington has failed to establish any causal link between India's policies and harm to U.S. commerce. Presenting India's case before a USTR public hearing, Dr. Brij Mohan of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said the investigation relied on broad assumptions rather than country-specific evidence and urged the U.S. to reconsider its findings against India.

"The USTR has neither identified nor engaged with the discrete elements of Section 301 for any country, including India, that directly amounts to an unreasonable act, policy or practice," Dr. Mohan said in his testimony. He added that the current determination represented "a departure from the USTR's previous determination" in earlier Section 301 investigations.

He argued that the absence of an explicit prohibition on imports made with forced labour should not be interpreted as permitting such practices.

"The absence of an explicit forced labour import ban does not constitute acquiescing to or permitting forced labour in any form," he said, adding that the International Labour Organization's approach recognises that eliminating forced labour requires multiple policy measures tailored to individual countries rather than relying solely on import bans.

A central plank of India's argument was that the USTR had failed to demonstrate that India's policies burden U.S. commerce, a key legal requirement under Section 301.

"There is inadequate and insufficient evidence" to show that the absence of an import prohibition in India provides an unfair competitive advantage or harms U.S. industry, Dr. Mohan said.

He pointed specifically to the USTR's own trade data.

"In fact, USTR's data in Appendix A, such as in relation to cotton, rice and tobacco, contradicts" the adverse findings against India, he said.

According to Dr. Mohan, the data show rising U.S. exports and negligible or declining third-country competition in India in those product categories, indicating that the absence of an import prohibition has not adversely affected U.S. commerce.



Countries helping Iran evade sanctions could themselves face penalties, says Rubio

Chapel Hill (North Carolina), Oct 31 : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has warned that countries helping Iran evade American sanctions could themselves face penalties, while dismissing suggestions that India and Iran were preparing a trade agreement.

Rubio made the remarks when asked about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with the Iranian President and officials, and reports that the two countries appeared to be moving towards a trade deal. "Well, I don't think there's a trade deal between India and Iran," Rubio said in an interview with The Brian Kilmeade Show.

He acknowledged that countries pursued independent foreign policies and maintained contacts with Tehran. Washington itself had communicated with representatives of the Iranian government, he said.

"Obviously, there are -- countries all develop their own foreign policy, and many countries around the world talk to the Iranian regime," Rubio said. "I mean, we've met with elements of the Iranian regime as well, in terms of some of these discussions that have occurred and there's been contact with them."

Bihar Cabinet approves 22 key proposals: RRTS, AIIMS Patna expansion among major decisions



Patna, Oct 31 : The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, on Saturday approved 22 major proposals, focusing on infrastructure, healthcare, education, renewable energy, agriculture, employment, and urban development.

The meeting was held in the Cabinet Hall of the Chief Secretariat. The Cabinet approved the creation of 76 teaching positions across various faculties in 10 state engineering colleges and the Bihar Engineering University. The move is expected to strengthen technical education and improve faculty availability in government engineering institutions.

Under the Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan, approval was granted to install 500 MW of grid-connected rooftop solar power plants on government buildings between the financial years 2025-26 and 2029-30. The initiative aims to promote renewable energy, reduce electricity costs, and support Bihar's clean energy goals. The Cabinet approved the construction of a Bailey bridge, installation of a new suspended slab, and comprehensive repair and restoration of the Vikramshila Setu over the Ganga River in Bhagalpur. The project is expected to improve connectivity and ensure safer movement across the ageing bridge. In a landmark transport decision, the Cabinet approved the preparation of the Alternative Analysis Report (AAR) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Bihar's proposed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will prepare the reports. The proposed corridors will connect Patna–Muzaffarpur, Patna–Begusarai, Patna–Ara, and Patna–Gaya.

The high-speed regional transit network is expected to significantly improve regional connectivity, promote economic growth, and support urban expansion. Administrative approval was granted for the acquisition of 26.76 acres of land at Mauja-Bhusaula, Danapur, for the expansion of AIIMS Patna.

Top North Korean parliament official meets Vietnam FM in Pyongyang

Seoul, Oct 31 : A top official of North Korea's rubber-stamp legislature met Vietnam's Foreign Minister Le Hoai Trung for talks in Pyongyang earlier this week, the North's state media reported on Saturday.

Jo Yong-won, chairman of the standing committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, met Trung on Saturday during his visit to the country as Vietnamese President To Lam's special envoy, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said.

The KCNA dispatch did not offer details of the talks, which included North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Pak Sang-gil and Vietnamese Ambassador to North Korea Le Ba Vinh,



but noted that it took place in a "friendly atmosphere." Jo is considered a top aide to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and one of the most influential officials in Pyongyang, reports Yonhap news agency, quoting KCNA. Trung arrived in Pyongyang on Tuesday and met North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son-hui the next day. His visit came amid warming ties between the two countries following a summit between Lam and Kim in Pyongyang in October, which marked the first visit by a top Vietnamese leader to the North in 18 years.

India-Argentina ties destined to expand to new heights: Ambassador Caucino



New Delhi, Oct 31 : Argentina's Ambassador to India, Mariano Caucino, on Saturday stated that the link between two countries is destined to continue expanding to new heights.

"Currently India has become Argentina's sixth largest economic partner and this shows the deep complementarity of our economies," Caucino said during an event in Rajasthan's Neemrana.

On a panel shared with Uruguay Ambassador Alberto Guani, Peruvian Ambassador to Finland Ernesto Pinto Bazuco Rittler and former Chilean Ambassador to India Jorge Heine, Ambassador Caucino emphasised cooperation between India and South American nations is one example of how the world has become interdependent and how a country as India can find natural partners even in far away regions.

"Recently, foreign minister Dr Jaishankar said that India was facing challenging times in energy, food, fertilizers and finances, and it is in this sense that India is exploring and engaging reliable partners all around the world", he explained.

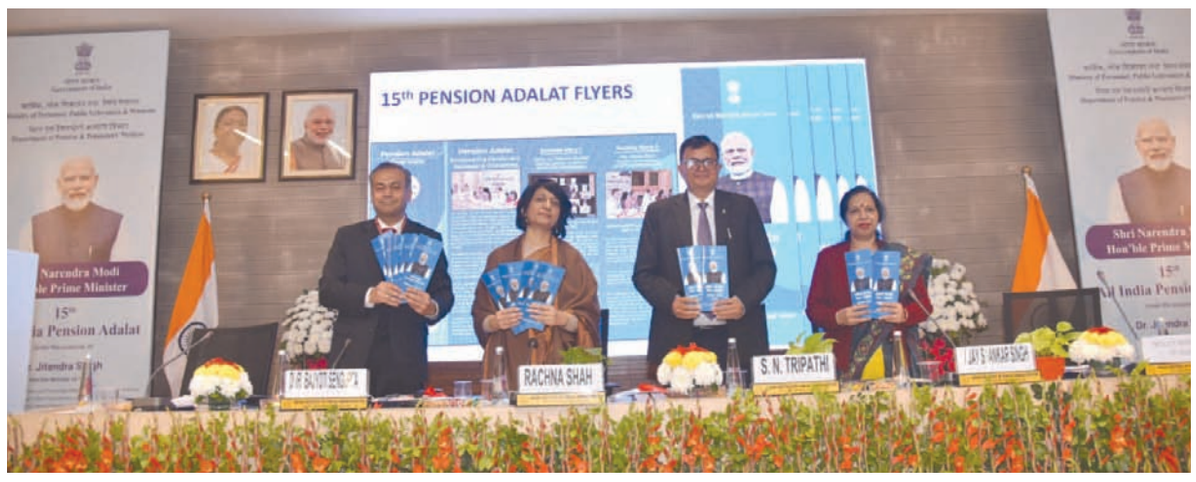
"Argentina is contributing to India's food security, having become India's largest provider of edible oils and we are already cooperating in the key sector of Mining", Caucino stated.

The envoy added that "Argentina and India are exploring to establish cooperation in energy too" and reminded Argentina's huge reserves of gas in Vaca Muerta.

The Argentine Ambassador stated "this relationship has evolved fundamentally in the last seven or eight years since those shared values were accompanied by a convergence of our national interests". This, he said, is fundamentally based on the grounds of strong economic complementarity.

The Argentine Ambassador said that since his appointment in 2024 he made more than 55 trips around India and has been able to witness India's remarkable success in its economic expansion.

"India and Asia in general are natural partners to South American nations", the Ambassador explained and reminded that to some extent "the 21st century is showing us great opportunities since huge countries of this part of the world are demanding our production".



1,087 long-pending pension grievances taken up for redressal, 815 resolved on the spot

New Delhi, Oct 31 : The government on Saturday said that 1,087 grievances related to long-standing grievances of pensioners pertaining to 30 departments and ministries were taken up in the 15th Pension Adalat this month.

The grievances belonged to the Departments under Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Finance, Posts, Housing and Urban Affairs and Civil Aviation, etc.

The 15th Pension Adalat was held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on December 24 for redressal, out of which 815 grievances were resolved on the spot, underscoring the efficiency of this initiative in delivering timely justice to pensioners, according to Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. For example, "Satyam Mishra who belongs to Prayagraj and had his grievance pending for more than 114 days".

"The grievance was regarding non-release of pensionary benefits on account of Extra Ordinary Pension since July, 2024. He himself joined through VC to voice his concern.

It was apprised in the Pension Adalat by the officers in BSF that after due processing, the case has been settled and arrears amounting to Rs 5,73,728/-including the Ex-gratia have been paid," according to the ministry.

"It was also informed that his Extra ordinary pension will be started with effect from 01.12.2025," it added. Another pensioner, Nasim Akhtar who belongs to Srinagar had his grievance pending for more than 150 days. His grievance was regarding delay in settlement of a family pension case pending since August 2020. He attended the Adalat through VC. The case was that of Department of Census Operations. It was informed by CC(P), CPAO that the Authority has been issued on 24.12.2025 and without any further delay, arrears will also be paid, the ministry informed.

Mukta Chakraborty who belongs to Guwahati, Assam and had her grievance pending for more than 150 days.

Man arrested for hacking woman relative to death in Bengal's Nadia



Kolkata, Oct 31 : A man in West Bengal's Nadia district was arrested on Saturday for hacking his niece-in-law to death following a family dispute, police said.

The incident was reported from the Gopinathpur panchayat area under Palashipara police station in Nadia.

Based on a complaint lodged by the deceased's family, the police arrested the accused from near his house after an all-night search. He was to be produced before a local court, with police aiming to seek his custody for further questioning.

According to police sources, the deceased was identified as Shampa Biswas, aged 27, who had married Uttam Biswas a few years ago.

Local residents alleged that Biswas and his uncle, Sufal Biswas, 52, had a long-standing family feud. On Friday, the dispute escalated to a violent level. During the argument between the two families, the uncle allegedly attacked Shampa with a sharp weapon, striking her in the neck.

The screams and commotion from the two families alerted the neighbours, who rushed to the house and found Shampa lying in a pool of blood.



Bhupender Yadav stresses proactive steps against air pollution, visits CAQM's I3C

New Delhi, Oct 31 : Emphasising pro-active anti-pollution measures, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav on Saturday reviewed the technological framework and operational readiness of the Commission for Air Quality Management's (CAQM) newly developed Integrated Command and Control Centre (I3C) in Delhi. The centre has been named PAVAN (Platform for Air Quality Vigilance and Analytics for NCR), according to an official statement. Yadav said, "Clean air cannot be secured by any one agency or any one State acting alone. The I3C brings every data stream that matters onto a single screen, so that a farm fire, a polluting stack or an uncovered construction site is seen, flagged and acted upon in real time." "This is a paradigm shift from reacting to pollution to anticipating it, and every implementing agency must now act in real-time on these alerts without delay," he said. Yadav emphasised that the priority in tackling regional air pollution is ensuring precise, hyper-local data and absolute transparency.

He remarked that the launch of the PAVAN-I3C marks a definitive turning point by eliminating operational lag, dismantling data silos and enabling State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) to work under a single, verified source of information to hold polluters accountable in minutes.

Developed as a single-window digital nerve centre, PAVAN-I3C integrates more than 30 APIs and data streams, including air quality, emissions, meteorological, satellite, camera, mobility, complaint and compliance data from multiple agencies. It also integrates data from 111 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) operational in Delhi-NCR, over 2,300 industries, more than 3,200 active construction sites and traffic congestion hotspots. The Union Minister said that the non-conforming industries, non-compliant polluting sources and traffic congestion hotspots would be swiftly acted upon due to the PAVAN I3C platform. He further said that construction and demolition (C&D) activities across the NCR region would be halted from 5th to 20th November in a bid to control pollution. Yadav informed that operating on the principle of 'Detect, Analyse, Act', the PAVAN-I3C brings together data from multiple agencies on a common platform for real-time and historical analysis of pollution levels, identification of pollution sources, assessment of trends and effectiveness of measures.

Odisha steps up crackdown on fertiliser black marketing, raids 11,684 shops

Bhubaneswar, Oct 31 : The Odisha government has intensified its crackdown on black marketing and hoarding of fertilisers during the ongoing Kharif 2026-27 season, conducting over 11,600 raids and taking penal action against hundreds of corrupt dealers across the state, said an official.

The state government, in an official statement on Saturday, said Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, who also holds the Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment portfolio, has laid out a zero-tolerance strategy to deal with black marketing and diversion of fertilisers.

The officials also said district-level and block-level Enforcement Squads have been constituted to prevent unfair practices such as black marketing, hoarding, and the supply of substandard fertilisers.

"Inspection teams and flying squads comprising senior officers from the Revenue Department, Agriculture Department, and Police Department have been constituted in the field.



Constable shoots himself dead in Chhattisgarh

Raipur/Narayanpur, Oct 31 : In a tragic incident, a constable posted at the Kodnar security camp under Kohkameta police station in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district, allegedly died by suicide on Saturday.

The constable, on duty in this Naxal-affected Bastar region, shot himself with his service rifle, sustaining a severe head injury, police officials said. He was immediately rushed to the district hospital in Narayanpur for emergency treatment.

However, due to excessive bleeding, he succumbed before receiving medical attention, they said. Preliminary police investigations indicate that health-related issues may have contributed to the extreme step, the officials further said. Further inquiries and legal proceedings are underway to ascertain the exact circumstances. This incident adds to the growing concern over mental health challenges faced by security personnel deployed in high-stress.



Simple events, more EV use and fewer foreign trips: Gujarat introduces key measures after PM's appeal

Gandhinagar, Oct 31 : The Gujarat government has announced a wide-ranging set of measures aimed at reducing fuel consumption, government expenditure and foreign exchange outflow, while increasing the use of virtual administration and public transport across departments.

The decisions were announced after a state cabinet meeting held under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi on Saturday, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeal for the prudent use of resources. Addressing the media after the meeting, state government spokesperson and minister Jitu Vaghani said the state had decided to implement several administrative measures in response to the prevailing global situation and in the interest of conserving resources. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, the state government is committed to protecting both the environment and the government treasury," Vaghani said.

According to the new guidelines, travel for government work will now be undertaken only when necessary. Officials have been instructed to avoid physical travel wherever possible and instead make maximum use of video conferencing, telephone and e-mail for official work.

India calls on UN Human Rights Council to give 'sustained attention' to terrorism threat



United Nations, Oct 31 : India has asked the Human Rights Council to continue giving "sustained attention" to the threat of terrorism, which poses one of "the gravest threats" to human rights.

"Terrorism remains among the gravest threats to the enjoyment of human rights, above all, the right to life", Bhavika Mangalanandan, a first secretary in India's UN mission, told the General Assembly in New York on Saturday,

She said the Human Rights Council has recognised this danger in its resolution on international cooperation this year, and India "would encourage the Council to give this threat the sustained attention it warrants on the basis of zero tolerance".

The resolution, adopted by the Council in July in Geneva, where it is located, called on the international community to "take the steps necessary to enhance cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism".

The resolution "re-emphasises that acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations are activities aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States and destabilising legitimately constituted governments".

This resolution runs counter to attempts by some countries, especially Pakistan, to create tendentious distinctions between terrorist acts and justify some.

Mangalanandan, who spoke at the General Assembly's debate on the Human Rights Council's report.

She criticised the Council's attempts to "weaponise" the issue of human rights and to follow double standards, which undermines its credibility.

"Human rights are best advanced through dialogue, capacity building and genuine partnerships, and not by politicisation, selectivity or double standards", she said.

"This is critical if the Council is to speak in one voice and dispel the allegation of weaponisation of human rights".

Stressing the importance of cooperation and dialogue, she said, "Country-specific mandates pursued without the engagement of the country concerned seldom improve the situation on the ground".

Ashley Tellis case: US govt opposes bid to drop charges



Washington, Oct 31 : The US government has opposed an attempt by well-known American policy expert Ashley J. Tellis to get serious charges against him dismissed, saying he wrongly kept highly sensitive national security documents at his home for years.

Tellis is widely regarded as one of the foremost experts on India and South Asia in the United States, with a long career in government and strategic policy circles.

According to government filings, Tellis — who worked with the US State Department and the defence establishment — held top-level security clearance but is accused of removing classified material from secure offices and storing it at his residence. Prosecutors say the case is straightforward. They allege that Tellis "removed without authorization and retained" government documents, including papers marked TOP SECRET, and kept them in different parts of his home.

They argue that even if someone has permission to see classified material at work, that does not mean they can take it home or keep it outside secure locations.

In their filing, the government said the law applies to "any unauthorized possession" of national security information — meaning anyone who keeps such material without permission, regardless of their position.

India launches 'One Stop Centre for Women' in Canada

Toronto, Oct 31 : The Consulate General of India in Canada's Toronto has set up a dedicated One Stop Centre for Women (OSCW), to assist Indian women facing distress, covering issues including domestic violence, abuse, family conflict, abandonment, exploitation and legal challenges. The Centre would operate from the Indian mission in Toronto.

"The One Stop Centre will provide coordinated, beneficiary-centred assistance by connecting aggrieved women to timely and appropriate pathways of support, including immediate counselling, facilitation of psycho-social support, and coordination of legal assistance and advice, while helping women access relevant community and social-service resources in Canada.



Quad ministers meet in Atlanta with leaders' summit in view

Atlanta, Oct 31 : External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will join his US, Japanese and Australian counterparts for a Quad foreign ministers' meeting here on Saturday, talks that experts said would help lay the groundwork for a long-stalled Quad leaders' summit and test the group's cohesion amid strains in India-US ties.

The meeting, hosted by Secretary of State Marco Rubio on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, is scheduled for 9 a.m. (local time) on Saturday. Rubio will then take part in the G20's third session, on supply chains, and deliver closing remarks at 10 a.m., before holding a press availability on the ministerial at 12:30 p.m., the schedule said. Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong are in Atlanta for the G20 talks.

"Together, we will advance practical cooperation on regional security, maritime security and economic resilience in support of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific," Wong said in a statement ahead of the visit. Announcing EAM Jaishankar's visit on Wednesday, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "On the sidelines of this meeting, he will also participate in a QUAD Foreign Ministers' Meeting and also have several bilateral engagements with his counterparts."

Chinese Communist Party poses challenge to democracy: US NGO chief

Taipei, Oct 31 : National Endowment for Democracy President and CEO Damon Wilson has said that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) poses a big challenge to democracy and accused it of using political, economic and technological tools to reshape the global order as per its own interests, local media reported on Saturday. In his address at China In The World (CITW) Summit in Taipei on Sunday, Wilson said that China's negative influence has been a key driver of 20-year consecutive decline in global freedoms.



Why Europe should be worried about Pakistan's terror ecosystem



Washington, Oct 31 : Pakistan's labour corridor to the Persian Gulf, marked by isolated compounds and informal religious networks, serves as a breeding ground for radicalisation and transnational recruitment, combining sectarian influences with worker vulnerabilities, a report said on Saturday.

It added that returnees reinforce Pakistan's terror ecosystems like Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and Lashkar-e-Taiba, while onward migrants through Turkey-Balkans or Libya routes create blind spots in Europe's counter-radicalisation frameworks, exposing a stealth security vector that remains largely unmonitored. "Managed through Pakistan's Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment, the system has evolved into a structured pipeline dominated by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar, alongside substantial irregular flows. Policymakers traditionally view this migration through an economic lens, and focus on labour rights and employment cycles, but emerging security assessments reveal a critical oversight. A security vector also permeates the Pakistan-Persian Gulf labour corridor."

Robert Mueller remembered for boosting India–US counterterror ties

Washington, Oct 31 : Robert S. Mueller III, the former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation whose career came to define America's post-security architecture and later its political divisions, is being remembered in India for a quieter but enduring legacy — his role in shaping modern India-US counter-terror cooperation.

Mueller, who died at 81, engaged with India at critical moments in its security trajectory, beginning soon after he took charge of the FBI and continuing through the aftermath of the 2008 Mumbai attacks. His first official visit to India came on January 21–22, 2002, just months after the September 11 attacks in the United States and weeks after the assault on India's Parliament. At the time, both countries were recalibrating their approach to terrorism.

In New Delhi, Mueller met with Indian officials to discuss intelligence sharing, joint investigations, and expanding counter-terrorism coordination. The visit marked an early step in what would become a deeper institutional relationship between American and Indian security agencies, particularly in tracking cross-border terror networks operating in South Asia.

That relationship would be tested — and transformed — years later. In the wake of the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, Mueller returned to India in early 2009, when the country was still grappling with the scale of the coordinated assault that killed more than 160 people and exposed vulnerabilities in urban security and international intelligence-sharing.

This time, his meetings carried a different urgency. Mueller met the



then Home Minister and P. Chidambaram, National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan, and senior intelligence officials to discuss the investigation into the attacks and the broader challenge of transnational terrorism. The discussions focused on access to evidence, intelligence flows, and coordination across agencies.

After the meetings, Mueller framed the attacks in global terms, saying: "Terrorism is not just a local issue. It is not an issue of one country; it is an issue across the world." He also underscored the scale of collaboration that followed, noting that there had been "unprecedented cooperation between our various agencies both during the Mumbai attacks and after." That cooperation was extensive, laying the groundwork for an unprecedented level of cooperation in the counter-terrorism sector between the two countries.

Led by Muller, FBI teams worked alongside Indian investigators, analysing communications, reconstructing digital trails, and assisting in forensic work that helped establish links between the attackers and handlers operating from Pakistan. Investigators conducted dozens of interviews and extracted data from damaged devices recovered from the attack sites.

Weeks later, speaking at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington on February 23, 2009, Mueller returned to Mumbai as a defining example of modern terrorism and international cooperation.

"This type of attack reminds us that terrorists with large agendas and little money can use rudimentary weapons to maximize their impact," he said, pointing to the need for coordinated global responses.



'What a fighter': Dhawan hails Manisha's historic World Championships gold

New Delhi, Oct 31 : Former India cricketer Shikhar Dhawan congratulated wrestler Manisha Bhanwala after she scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the Senior World Championships Wrestling, praising her fighting spirit following an extraordinary comeback in the women's 59 kg final in Astana, Kazakhstan.

"From 0-6 down to becoming a World Champion! What a fighter, Manisha! You've made the entire nation proud. Congratulations!," Dhawan wrote on X. Manisha produced a remarkable turnaround against the USA's Abigail Nette on Friday, overturning a six-point deficit to secure an 8-6 victory and deliver India's maiden gold in the history of the Senior World Championships. The Indian wrestler endured a difficult start as Nette established a 5-0 advantage through a four-point throw and an additional point after India's unsuccessful challenge. A subsequent caution against Manisha extended the American's lead to 6-0. However, Manisha refused to surrender and opened her account with a stepout point before the break.



Venus Williams loses Guangzhou Open doubles semifinal with Janice Tjen

Guangzhou, Oct 31: American veteran tennis star Venus Williams lost in her first WTA Tour semifinal in eight years after going down in the Guangzhou Open doubles semifinals along with Janice Tjen here on Saturday.

The 46-year-old veteran and Indonesia's Tjen saved four match points but failed to get past Polina Kudermetova and Maria Timofeeva and ended up losing the one-hour, 45-minute battle 6-4, 6-7 (8), 10-6. Kudermetova and Timofeeva will now be facing Cho I-hsuan and Yi Tsen Cho of Chinese Taipei in the final. The duo had defeated Zhibek Kulambayeva and Isabelle Haverlag in their semifinal earlier. This was Williams' maiden WTA Tour doubles semifinal since the 2016 Olympics and Wimbledon and was also her first last-four clash since Indian Wells 2018. The American-Indonesian pair was broken thrice in the match and managed to break their opponents twice out of 11 break points they had.



King, Chase star as West Indies beat Bangladesh by eight wickets to take 1-0 lead

Dhaka, Oct 31 : West Indies rode on Roston Chase's five-wicket haul and an unbeaten half-century from Brandon King to defeat Bangladesh by eight wickets in the opening Test and take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series on Saturday.

Chasing 170 for victory, the hosts made light work of the target, reaching 170/2 at a scoring rate of nearly five runs per over, with King remaining unbeaten on 81 and Kavem Hodge providing support at the other end. The result also meant the West Indies wrapped up the contest with a day to spare. Bangladesh, resuming their second innings at 79/6 on the fourth morning, had hoped to stretch their overall advantage beyond the 100-run mark. However, the West Indies bowlers ensured the visitors could not build a substantial total despite some resistance from Nayeem Hasan.

Acosta wins chaotic Malaysian GP Sprint as Marquez increases title gap

Sepang (Malaysia), Oct 31: Pedro Acosta won a chaotic dry-wet Sprint race at the Sepang International Circuit here, as title leader Marc Marquez increased the championship gap with a second-place finish. Acosta overcame a four-way battle in a 10-lap Sprint that was threatened by rain late on, as he held Marquez by 0.578s. Marco Bezzecchi took the third place as Ai Ogura, who was once leading, fell behind and finished P4. The result saw Marquez increase his title lead from the absent Jorge Martin to 19 points after he collected nine points for his second-place finish. Bezzecchi is now 52 points behind the seven-time MotoGP champion after he finished fourth and collected six points.

Alex Marquez began the Sprint in the lead after having outclassed his elder brother during the qualifying earlier. He was leading until four laps before he slid out at Turn 14. The lead was then inherited by Ogura, as the battle between the top four continued.

Due to spots of rain, the white flag came out as riders were allowed to change their bikes for tyres. Iker Lecuona, Joan Mir and Franco Morbidelli went to change their bikes, with Maverick Vinales opting for a change later.

Acosta attacked Ogura for the lead when three laps were left. He looked to fight back but could not and was later overtaken by Marquez and Bezzecchi as he struggled in the slightly wet conditions.

Earlier, Martin was ruled out of the remainder of the Malaysian GP weekend due to his fractured wrist. "He made a superhuman effort, but it's official: Jorge Martin (Aprilia Racing) will not be able to race in the Malaysian GP. Just six days after breaking his wrist in Australia, the 2024 Champion and 2026 title contender returned to the track on Friday at Sepang,



doing 12 laps in the morning session and then a few more in the afternoon before ending his day early.

'It was a big moment for me personally': Henderson on Chelsea home debut

London, Oct 31: Chelsea midfielder Jordan Henderson has described scoring on his home debut for the club as a special and emotional moment, saying he had been dreaming of making a strong start after spending a long time away from the game. Henderson, who scored twice on his home debut earlier this month, found the back of the net within the opening two minutes of Chelsea's 5-1 victory over Bournemouth. The midfielder said the early goal was an unforgettable experience, particularly after the challenges he had faced before getting an opportunity to start for the London-based club. "You can never prepare for stuff like that. It was quite emotional for me because I've been out for so long and then come



to start at Chelsea and have to wait a little bit," Henderson said in an exclusive interview with Chelsea's matchday programme ahead of their Premier League fixture against Manchester United. The midfielder added that making an immediate impact was something he had been hoping for since joining the club.

Rabada scripts history, becomes fastest bowler to 350 Test wickets

Cape Town, Oct 31 : South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada scripted history during the second innings of the third Test against Australia at Newlands here on Saturday by completing his 350 wickets in Test cricket on Day 5 of the Cape Town Test, becoming the quickest bowler to reach the milestone in terms of balls taken.

The Proteas speedster achieved the feat when he got the prized wicket of Aussie star Travis Head in the 288-run defence in the series-deciding Test. He lured Head into a drive with a fuller ball outside off. The Aussie opener went for a drive and edged it behind for Marco Jansen to grab it in gully as the Proteas went up in celebration.

The scalp helped Rabada complete his 350th wicket in the format, and he is now the quickest bowler to get there in terms of balls taken. The Proteas speedster has taken 350 Test wickets in 13808 balls, surpassing the previous fastest, Dale Steyn, who is his compatriot.



Twenty seasons on, Ellyse Perry still wants to be 'a better version' of herself

Brisbane, Oct 31 : Nearly two decades after she first played for Australia as a 16-year-old, premier all-rounder Ellyse Perry said she still goes into every day trying to be a better player than she was the day before. Ellyse, 35, is now in her 20th season of playing professional cricket. She marked its start by hitting 58, a knock that anchored the Sydney Sixers chase in their last-ball win over the Brisbane Heat in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) opener at the Allan Border Field. "I just like to be a better version than what I am today, and that's a challenge every day. That's really fun to take on and you learn lots as



you go so, yeah, hopefully if or whenever I finish playing, I can be a better player than what I was when I started, that will be awesome," Ellyse was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au on Saturday.

Ellyse was named the ICC women's cricketer of the decade for 2011 to 2020 and has won the World Player of the Year award thrice. She was the first cricketer, male or female, to complete the double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in T20Is.

'Jadeja might not be selected': Pujara on all-rounder; Nayar calls him 'insurance policy'

New Delhi, Oct 31 : Former Indian cricketers Cheteshwar Pujara and Abhishek Nayar discussed the future of all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who has been facing selection rejections in some of the recent ODI series.

The 37-year-old was not picked for the five-match ODI series against New Zealand, with Axar Patel being the first-choice left-arm finger spinner for the Men in Blue. With a year left for the ODI World Cup and Jadeja not getting a place in the Indian ODI team in overseas conditions, it raised eyebrows as to what his future holds for the World Cup.

Speaking on his exclusion, Pujara pointed out that it might be the end



of the road for Jadeja, as Axar seems to be above him in the pecking order. "I believe so, because if you want to keep Ravindra Jadeja in ODI cricket, then he should have been selected. I'm sure it was communicated to him that he might not be selected because Axar Patel has been the main all-rounder in ODI cricket.