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## Virat Kohli awarded ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023

In a year that reverberated with the resounding echoes of his cricketing prowess, veteran Indian batter Virat Kohli stood tall as he was crowned the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the..



## PNB clocks 3-fold jump in net profit at Rs 2,223 crore for Q3

Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Thursday announced an over three-fold jump in its profit to Rs 2,223 crore for the October-December quarter of the current financial year, compared.



## All should strive for victory of party in LS polls : Kharge

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## Another two guarantees to launch next month: CM Revanth

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has informed that the State government will launch the implementation of another two guarantees in next month.

Addressing the Congress Booth Committee meeting at LB Nagar here on Thursday, the Chief Minister said that the State government had already been implementing two guarantees out of six and another two would be launched in February.

Revanth Reddy, who is also president of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), reiterated that the Congress government

would implement all six guarantees within the first 100 days of coming to power and the process of depositing the amount into farmers' accounts under the Rythu Bandhu scheme would be completed by the next month.

He alleged that the previous BRS government didn't implement a single electoral promise during its tenure and said that the BRS had no right to seek votes again in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.



# Lakhs of Asaduddins can't stop Modi becoming PM for third time: Kishan

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): Union Minister & Telangana BJP president G Kishan Reddy has said the selection of parliamentary candidates would be completed in a week. He said the announcement of the party candidates was likely to be made in the next week. Stating that the Union home minister Amit Shah will visit Telangana on January 28, he said BJP would hold a preparatory meeting on the Hyderabad Parliament seat.

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### KTR's mind not working properly: Seethakka

Rajanna Sircilla, Jan.25 (IANS): Minister for Panchayat Raj Seethakka came down heavily on former minister and BRS MLA KT Rama Rao, saying that his mind was not working properly and he was indulging in the destruction of politics. Minister Seethakka visited Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Devasthanam in Vemulawada

on Thursday. Later, speaking to the media, the Minister said that KT Rama Rao was not able to lead the days without having power and he was behaving badly by the day. 'Former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao's arrogance is the reason for the BRS party's debacle in the recent Assembly elections. Despite KCR being elected as an MLA, he is not coming to take oath which shows the arrogance of KCR" Seethakka alleged. Minister Sitakka suggested that KTR should work as the best opposition leader and give constructive suggestions to the State Government.

## KCR to chair parliamentary party meeting today Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): BRS Parl

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): BRS Parliamentary Party meeting will be held on Friday under the chairmanship of party supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao. The meeting will be held at 12.30 pm at KCR's farm house in Erravalli from Siddipet district. KCR will meet with members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha of the party in the background of the upcoming Parliament sessions.



#### Mahender Reddy appointed as TSPSC Chairman

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): Former DGP Mahender Reddy has been appointed as the Chairman of Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC). Mahender Reddy's appointment was approved by Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan on Thursday. He will soon take charge as the new Chairman of TSPSC.

Similarly, Former IPS officer Anitha Rajendram, Palvai Rajani Kumar, Amir Ullah Khan, Yadaiah and Y Rammohan Rao have been appointed as the Members of the Commission. Earlier, Janarthan Reddy was in the post of TSPSC. However, he had resigned from the post when the Congress government came to power in Telangana. During Janarthan Reddy's tenure, TSPSC papers were leaked and the exams were postponed.

#### Governor approves names of Kodandaram, Amer Ali Khan as MLCs



Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundara Rajan on Thursday approved the appointment of Professor Kodandaram and Siasat Urdu News paper Editor Amer Ali Khan as MLCs under

the Governor quota.

As the State government has nominated both persons as MLCs under the Governor's quota, Tamilisai Soundararajan has accepted the proposal and given her consent on the appointment of Kodandaram and Amer Ali Khan.

In 2018, Telangana Jana Samithi (TJS) president Kodandaram contested in Telangana Assembly elections in alliance with the Congress. This time, Kodandaram announced his support to the Congress party by not contesting the 2023 elections.

#### Sharmila slams YS Jagan

Vijayawada, Jan 25 (IANS): APCC president YS Sharmila today criticized CM YS Jagan for failing to build the Polavaram project. She held a meeting with Congress workers at Surya Kala Mandir in Kakinada. Speaking on the occasion, Sharmila said with reverse tendering.



## BRS will hold extensive assembly level meetings from Jan 27 : KTR

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): BRS party working president KT Rama Rao today said the party would hold extensive meetings in the assembly constituencies from January 27.



## Telangana gears up to unveil mega master policy for industrial growth: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, Jan.25 (IANS): Minister for IT and Industries D Sridhar Babu said the State government is poised to unveil a comprehensive 'mega master policy' aimed at catalyzing industrial growth by 2050.

Sridhar Babu participated in the 5th edition of CII

Hyderabad, Jan.25 (IANS) Telangana, 'Infrastructure and Real Estate Summit" at a hotel tries D Sridhar Babu said the here on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sridhar Babu said that as part of its initiative, the Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) was tasked with developing a 55 km stretch of the Musi riverfront.

The proposed riverfront will fea-

ture amusement parks, waterfalls, water sports, streetvendors, a business area, and a shopping mall under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, he disclosed.

Stating that the Musi riverfront project is strategically designed to transform into a prominent tourism destination.

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incorporating attractions like amusement parks and water sports, the Minister said the State government's aims is to create an engaging environment for both locals and tourists, with a focus on enhancing the overall vibrancy of the destination.

"In addition to leisure amenities, the inclusion of business areas and shopping malls along the riverfront seeks to generate economic opportunities, attracting entrepreneurs and investors. The project also promotes a diverse mix of commercial activities, fostering local businesses and job creation within the community," Sridhar Babu said. He further informed that the development adheres to a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, emphasizing collaboration between the government.

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DATE & TIME OF AUCTION: 14-02-2024 at 10.00 AM PLACE OF AUCTION: Union Bank of India, Kondamallepally Branch Sealed quotations are invited along with offer letter and EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price (Refundable to unsuccessful bidders) DD drawn in favour of Union Bank of India, Konamallepally, Payable at Konamallepally. Successful bidder should pay 25% the offer amount by cash/DD immediately and the balance within 7 days from the date of sale. The **Tractor** shall be auctioned on "As is basis" condition. The Authorised Officer may accept / reject the offer quotation or postpone/ cancel the auction without assigning any reason thereof Date of Inspection: 13-02-2024. Further details contact: 8699061699

Date: 18-01-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer Place: Kondamallepally

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Notice to the borrower M/s Varalaxmi Seed Processing Plant

This is for your notice that the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Karimnagar Bra has taken physical possession of the premises at Flat No. 503,Block-A, Aditya Enclave H No 10-01-36, Sy,No.1139/A, Near T V Station, Ramnagar, Karimnagar - 505001 standing on name of **Mr.EegaGattumallaiah** under Section 13(4) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002" or date: 11-09-2023 in presence of the local administration / police official.

Prop.Mr.Eega Gattumallaiah and Mr.Eega Gattumallaiah

Since, the house-hold goods / articles stored at the premises are not removed by you despite the request of the Secured Creditor i.e. Bank of Baroda Karimnagar, a notice dated 31-10-2023 was sent to you requesting you to take delivery of the house-hold articles which has returned unserved on date 17-11-2023.

In this regard, the notice is given to you that in case you do not receive / come forward to receive delivery of house-hold articles within 15 days from the date of this notice the articles / goods stored therein will be sold / disposed as per the discretion of the authorised officer of the Secured Creditor Bank. You may contact the Authorised Officer Sd/- Authorised Officer BANK OF BARODA Date:25.01.2024,Place:Karimnagar

#### STATE BANK OF INDIA Amangal Branch (20190), Rangareddy District.

2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Amangal Branch, Ranga Reddy District, for an amount specified in the above notice Rs.6,51,787/- (Rupees Six Lakshs Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Only) as on 07-11-2023 + interest + charges + expenses thereon as applicable less amounts of repayments, if any. he Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assi

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES:- All that part and parcel of Residential House Constructed on Plot Bearing No. 67, within Sy No 663, admeasuring of extent area 102 Sq yds, situated at Amangal Village & Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, belonging to **Smt Katamoni Venkatamma,W/o Sri. K.Vishnu.** Vide Registered Sale Deed Doc No 2670/2012, Dt. 13.03.2012, S.R.O at Kalwakurthy and bounded by: Boundaries East: 15 Feet Road, West: Plot of B.Yadiah, North: Plot No.68, South: 15 Feet Road

Sd/- Authorized Officer Under SARFAESI Act 2002, STATE BANK OF INDIA

## Guv Tamilisai extends R-Day greetings

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): Dr Tamilisai Viksit Bharat by 2047. Our nation struggles faced by students, Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry, extended warm greetings on the joyous 75th Republic Day. Today, as we reflect on the inception of our Constitution in 1950, let's express gratitude for the invaluable rights and values it has bestowed upon us during the past 74 years. "Our Constitution serves as a compass, guiding us toward the realms of free expression, dignified living, and equal opportunities in education and employment. Often, we enjoy these privileges without recognizing their origin. It' time toenlighten others about the genesis of these rights embedded in our Constitution and the values it upholds. Credit is due to visionaries like Dr B.R. Ambedkar and others, who crafted our Constitution, emphasizing principles such as liberty, equality, and fraternity. Today, as a democratic nation, we should take pride in our heritage and shared values.

"Let's embrace the aspirations of this era nation-building, eradicating colonial remnants, preserving our heritage, fostering unity, and instilling civic responsibility—during the celebration of Amrit Kaal, marking the 75th to 100th years of Independence. Let's strive to achieve these objectives to transform into

Ex-K'taka CM Jagadish Shettar

rejoins BJP after short tryst with Cong

Bengaluru, Jan 25 (IANS): In a major devel-

opment, former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar,

who had joined the Congress before the 2023

Assembly election, rejoined the BJP on Thurs-

day. He also announced that he has resigned from

the post of MLC and primary membership of the

Shettar made the announcement at the party head-

quarters in New Delhi in the presence of Union

Minister Bhupendra Yadav, former CM and BJP

Parliamentary Board Member B.S. Yediyurappa

Addressing the media, Shettar said, "I am rejoin-

ing the BJP party. Earlier the BJP party had given

me ample opportunities and responsibilities. Due

to various issues, I joined the Congress party.

For 8 to 9 months there was discussion among

the BJP leaders and workers about bringing me

back to the party and I was always asked when I

"This is the matter of happiness. I met Union

Minister for Home Amit Shah in the morning.

He welcomed me with all the warmth and honour.

"We will meet BJP National President J.P. Nadda

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is uniting the

nation and empowering the nation. He was work-

ing towards securing the country.

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soon in this regard.

and state President B.Y. Vijayendra.

has witnessed remarkable progress, under the leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji. Achievements like the G-20 Presidency, the "Nari ShaktiVandan Act" (Women's reservation law), India's elevation to the world's 5th largest economy, Chandrayaan-3's historic landing on the Moon's south pole, adept management of the COVID-19 pandemic, indigenous vaccine development, and numerous other milestones fill us with pride.

"The State of Telangana was formed in alignment with the desires of four crore people, the supreme sacrifices of the youth and the persistent efforts of students. It is the government's steadfast belief that elected governments should govern with profound consideration for the sacrifices made by the martyrs, acting with the utmost responsibility. It's objective is to govern in harmony with the aspirations of martyrs, the

and the collective desires of civil society. "The government will adopt a villagecentric approach, formulating development plans accordingly. Recognizing the pivotal role of farmers, our primary focus is on enhancing their economic stability and fostering prosperity in every village keeping the ideals of the Constitution in view. Let's collectively recommit ourselves to the ideals, rights, and values enshrined in the Indian Constitution on this momentous occasion of the 75th Republic Day. Together, let's shape a future resonating with the spirit of unity and progress, ensuring that the coming years illuminate even brighter in the Amrit kaal to make it a Viksit Bharat. "I wish you all a jubilant and inspiring 75th Republic Day celebration. Happy Republic Day!"

### CJ1 Chandrachud administers oath to Justice Prasanna B. Varale as SC judge

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud on Thursday administered the oath of office to Justice Prasanna B. Varale as a judge of the Supreme Court. With the swearing-in of Justice Varale, the Supreme Court is set to function with a full strength of 34 judges, including the CJI.

The Centre on Wednesday issued a notification appointing Karnataka High Court's Chief Justice P.B. Varale as a judge of the apex court. The name was cleared by the Centre within a period of five days after CJI Chandrachud-led Supreme Court Collegium on January 19 recommended the name of Chief Justice Varale for elevation as a judge of the top court.

"While recommending his name, the Collegium has

taken into consideration the fact that among the high court judges, he is the senior-most judge belonging to a Scheduled Caste and the only Chief Justice belonging to a Scheduled Caste among the Chief Justices of high courts across the country," the SC Collegium had said in a statement uploaded on the website of the apex court. Justice Varale was appointed as a Judge of the Bombay High Court in July 2008 and was elevated as the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court on October 15, 2022. Before his elevation to the bench, he practised at the bar for over 23 years in civil, criminal, labour, and administrative law matters in the district and sessions court and in constitutional matters at the Aurangabad Bench of the Bombay High Court.



#### Lakhs of Asaduddins can't stop Modi becoming PM for third time: Kishan **Continued From pg 01**

He called upon the party workers to prepare for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

Kishan Reddy alleged that the Congress and the BRS parties were trying to appease the Majlis party. "The Congress government has no clear understanding of the probe into the corruption of the BRS government," Kishan Reddy said while describing the BRS and the Congress as "parties of robbers and thieves". People don't have faith that the culprits will be punished under the Congress government, Kishan Reddy said and added that if the Congress hopes to bring out the corruption of the BRS, it would be a disaster. Stating that the BJP is a fiery

party, he asked his political rivals to keep their body close while speaking against the BJP. "The days will come when those who talk of BRS-BJP as one and Congress-BJP are one will be beaten with slippers. We don't have to join hands with any party. It is not for the sake of contesting the Hyderabad Parliament seat. We have to work to defeat Asaduddin. The Muslim brothers in Hyderabad are looking to defeat the Majlis party. Everyone who opposes the Majlis should come to the BJP. Even if lakhs of Asaduddins come, Modi will become the Prime Minister for the third time," Reddy asserted.

#### JDL releases his JBNP manifesto

Vijayawada, Jan 25 (NSS): Jai Bharat National Party has released its manifesto. The party which is headed by former CBI JD Lakshminarayana, released the party's manifesto. Lakshminarayana released the manifesto from the hands of students, auto-drivers, women and farmers. Speaking on the occasion,

JDL said while stating that Thursday is Voters' Day, he said it was a day to show the importance of voting. "That is why today we have released the manifesto of Jai Bharat Party.

This is a manifesto from the people. It is a people's manifesto," he said. He said the manifesto had been prepared keeping in mind of the welfare of all sections of

### **POSSESSION NOTICE**

India, Amangal Branch, Ranga Reddy District, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act section 13(2) of the Act and Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notice dated 10-11-2023** calling upon the following borrower. Smt. Katamoni Venkatamma, W/o Sri. K.Vishnu, Address: H.No.13-09, Gurram Gutta Colony, Amangal Village and Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. A/c No. 62234792599. Guarantor: of Sri. Varikuppla Parvathalu, S/o Sri. V.Pedda Jangaiah, H.No.11-114, Srinivasa Colony, Amangal Village and Mandal, Rangareddy District to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being A/c. 62234792599 Rs.6,51,787/- (Rupees Six Lakshs,Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Only) as on 07-11-2023 charges + expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

conferred on him under section 13(4) of the Act said read with Rule 8 of the security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on 20-01-2024.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 o

Date: 20-01-2024

#### **DEMAND NOTICE**

s/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriran Fransport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the bor owers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been class sified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/quidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Office of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exe cise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respe tive dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incider tal expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their las known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)

1 1. Mohammed Shafeeq, S/o. Md.Hussain, Aged About 58 Years, Occ: M/S Danish Stone

Business Industry, R/o. H.No.2-1-82, Bharani Nagar, Saipur Road, Tandur(Mdl),Rangaredd

ı	Dist-501141, 2. Md.Fareeduddin, S/o. Late Md.Sharfuddin, Aged About 43 Years, R/	o Loan Amount	Amount
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	K.V.Rangareddy Dist-500035Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	20,00,000/-	Rs.53,49,120/-
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ı	of Gouthapur Village,admeasuring 790 sq yards or 660.51 sq.mts and in it constructed RCC h	ouse with plinth a	area of 150 sq ft situ-
۱	ated at Gouthapur Village and Gram Panchayat, Tandur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Tandur	Sub District, bound	ded on:- <b>East:</b> 30

ft Width Road; West: Remaining Land in Sy.No.49 on plot No.2; North: Plot No.3 South: Land in Sy.No.50 In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors unde Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale

lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor Date:24-01-2024 Place: Tandur

#### All should strive for victory of party in LS polls: Kharge

Hyderabad, Jan 25 (IANS): AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge today said the party would achieve good results in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections only when all the leaders from the booth level to the State level work together. He was speaking at a conference of booth-level conveners organised at LB Stadium here on Thursday. He said the Lok Sabha elections were due in two months and added that everyone had been asked to work together for the victory in the elections. He said booth-level workers were the strength of the Congress party and urged them to work hard. Stating that there is a possibility of ED and CBI raids, he said efforts should be made to save democracy. "There has been an increase in inflation and unemployment in the country. PM Modi made many promises in the past. He said they would bring back black money and deposit Rs 15 lakh in everyone's bank account. But that promise has been for-



gotten," he said. Kharge said they had implemented two of the six guarantees made in Telangana and added that two more would be implemented soon. He said the performance of the Telangana government should be a role model for the country. He mocked that PM Modi did not know the sufferings

of farmers and alleged that the PM didn't solve problems. He alleged that the BJP leaders were doing politics in the name of Pakistan, China and God. Stating that the Congress party is strong in Telangana, he said they defeated the BJP because of their strength.



#### Vote for any party, but not in the name of religion: Abhishek Banerjee

Kolkata, Jan 25 (IANS): Trinamool Congress national General Secretary and the party's Lok Sabha member, Abhishek Banerjee, on Thursday issued an appeal to the people of West Bengal to vote for any political party in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, but not in the name of religion.

"You can vote for the Trinamool Congress or CPI(M), or for Congress or for the BJP. But do not vote in the name of religion. Rather vote in the name of the services provided to you. Neither the Prime Minister nor the President, neither the Chief Minister nor the Governor is ultimate in democracy. Only people say the final word in democracy," Banerjee said while speaking at the end of the 'Harmony Rally' organised by the party that started from Hazra Crossing and concluded at the Park Circus Seven-Point Crossing. The Trinamool leader also said that the people of West Bengal should remember before voting the kind of deprivation they faced from the Union government following the refusal of the latter in releasing central funds under different centrally-sponsored schemes.

"No leader, however big he might be, will not be able to hold back your legitimate views if you vote keeping in mind the issues like 100-day jobs scheme under MGNREGA or housing scheme for the poor," Banerjee said.

He also said that Trinamool always believes pro-people issues while doing its politics.

"We never do politics over religion. Some people are saying that Hindus are in danger, while some are saying that Muslims are in danger. We are saying that the entire Hindustan is in danger," he said.



#### Over 4.08 crore voters in Andhra Pradesh, women outnumber men

: Andhra Pradesh has a little over 4.08 crore voters with the women outnumbering men. As per the final electoral rolls

published by the Election Commission on Thursday, the state has a total 4,08,07,256 electors.

There was net addition of 5,85,806 voters compared to draft rolls published on October 27, 2023

Of the total electors, 2,00,74,322 are male and 2,07,29,452 are female. There are 3,482 voters belonging to the third gender. The number of total service voters is

Vijayawada, Jan 25 (IANS) 67,434. The statistics released by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) shows the state has 7,603 overseas electors. The number of voters in the 18-19 age group is 8,13,544 while PwD (persons with disability) electors are 4,87,594. Elector to population ratio is 722 while gender ratio is 1,036.

> The Special Summary Revision (SSR), with reference to January 1, 2024 as the qualifying date,

> The number of polling stations has gone by 214 compared to SSR 2023, increasing from 45,951 to 46,165. According to a statement from the Chief Electoral Officer, after publication of draft electoral rolls on October 27, 2023, claims and objections were received till December 9, 2023. As a result of wide publicity given by the EC for inclusion of unenrolled voters, 22,38,952 inclusions were done during the SSR 2024.

#### STATE BANK OF INDIA ECIL, Cherlapally Branch, Hyderabad.

To, Bejada Srinivas S/o. Bejada Kishtaiah, H.No. 30-373, Near

Temple, Devamma Basthi, Jagathgiri Gutta, Hyderabad-500037 t is to bring to your notice that you have been un-authorisedly absenting ourselves from duties since 24-03-2022. We have intimated through our notice lated 13-07-2022, 21-11-2023 and 22-12-2023.

First notice under voluntary cessation was issued on 21-11-2023 calling upon you to join the duty within 30 days of the notice. Second notice dated 22-12-2023 under voluntary cessation was also issued calling upon you to join the duty within 3 days of the second notice. All the notices including first and second notice unde oluntary cessation were sent to your last recorded address held at the branch by Registered A.D. post. You are advised to report for duty and submit satisfactor explanation for your absence within 30 days from the date of 2nd Notice, failin rhich it will be deemed that you have voluntarily vacated your employment.

Chief Manager, ECIL, Cherlapally Branch (2714) Hyderabad



Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Financ Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Change as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporation ody registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956 is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plo 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 ecuritisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securit of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrower aving failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the pub lic in general that the undersigned has taken. Possession of the property describe herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the sair Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 22.01.2024

H.No:4-7-681, Amberpet, Nizamabad, Pin Code :503001 Nizamabad.Pin code:503001 3)Ellendula Venu S/o:Ellendula Laxmi Narayana H.No:3-9. Vill:Thimmapur, Mdl:Morthad, Dist:Nizamabad

Rs. 51,56,297/-(Fifty one Lakhs Fifty Six thousand Two Hundred And Ninety

Amount due

NIZA2TF1808310016 - Description Of The Immovable Property (Property Holde 11.09.2018 Registered As Document No 5556/2018 On the file of the office of Sul Registrar At Armoor )) Noone Rama Krishna , S/o:Nonne Sudharshan The Existing (G+1) Storied Building MPI.No.1-2-112/1,Admeasuring to an extent of 267.11 Sq.Yard or 223.33 Sq.Mtrs,Situted at Armoor Town & Mandal, Nizamabad District, Registration District:Nizamabad & Sub-District:Armoor **Towards East** :Open place of Dharmachary&House of Ch.Anandagiri **Towards West**:Shops of Neighbours.**Toward** North: House of A.Kishan (Part Of H.No.1-2-112) Towards South: Road

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Date of Demand

11-12-2023



#### Tejashwi Yadav unconditionally withdraws remarks on Gujaratis, files affidavit in SC

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav has filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court unconditionally withdrawing his "only Gujaratis can be thugs" remark. On Thursday, a bench, headed by Justice Abhay S. Oka asked counsel appearing for complainant Haresh Mehta to seek instructions if Tejashwi Yadav's prosecution was any longer necessary since the RJD leader withdrew his alleged defamatory remark. In his af-

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): fidavit, Tejashwi Yadav said that his remark was not intended to offend Gujarati people or was directed towards community of a particular state. The bench, also comprising Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, indicated that it will quash the criminal defamation suit pending before a magistrate's court in Ahmedabad in exercise of extraordinary powers conferred under Article 142 of the Constitution to do "complete justice" between the parties.

#### Rohingya refugees file PIL urging Delhi HC to curb hate speech on Meta platforms

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Two Rohingya refugees, Mohammad Hamim and Kawsar Mohammed, have filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Delhi High Court, seeking intervention to address the issue of hateful and inflammatory content against the Rohingya community on Facebook (now Meta).

The PIL calls for directions to Meta to cease the spread of such content and dismantle algorithms that promote hate speech and violence against minority communi-

Advocate Kawalpreet Kaur, representing the petitioners, has alleged that misinformation and harmful content originating in India target Rohingya refugees on Facebook, and the platform appears to intentionally neglect acting against such content.

The PIL says that Facebook's algorithms contribute to the promotion of such harmful content. The petition stresses the highly politicised nature of the Rohingya refugee presence in India, stating that the community is disproportionately targeted with content portraying them as a threat, often using terms such as 'terrorists' and 'infiltrators.'



#### Odisha seeks 'Kumki' elephants from Tamil Nadu

**Bhubaneswar, Jan 25 (IANS) :** Amidst the rising cases of human-elephant conflict in Odisha, the state government has requested the Tamil Nadu forest department to supply four Kumki elephants who are specially trained to chase away wild jumbos straying into human habitats. Additional Chief Secretary of the Environment, Climate Change & Department Satyabrata Sahu wrote to his counterpart in Tamil Nadu, Supriya Sahu in this regard on January 20. Sahu in his letter said that the state has been facing significant challenges in controlling the increasing cases of human-elephant conflict.

#### Vadodara boat tragedy: Gujarat HC seeks answers from authorities

Gandhinagar, Jan 25 (IANS): The Gujarat High Court on Thursday ordered an inquiry into the January 18 boat capsize incident at Harni Lake in Vadodara which claimed the lives of 14 students and two teachers. The court has demanded a detailed report from the state government on enforcing safety regulations and the accountability of those responsible for the tragedy. A bench led by Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Aniruddha P Mayee, expressed grave concerns about the blatant violation of safety norms, noting the overloading on boat, and the absence of life jackets for passengers. The inquiry was ordered following reports that the boat, designed for 16, tragically capsized under the weight of 27 occupants. The court has directed the Secretary of the Gujarat Home Department to furnish a detailed action-taken report.



Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transpor Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered an incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: S Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2 Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. and Branch office at HANAMKOND (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performin Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAI FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective date mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay th amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidenta expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrowe attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) 1)Dhanvanthari Veterinary Medical Hall Rep By It's Partners: 1) Tedla Beeraiah, & 2 Srinivas Chepuri, R/O.H.No.8-5-10/2, Ground Floor, Opp: Navata Transport, Warangal - 500 002. 2) Tedla Beeraiah, S/o.Gattaiah, Age : 46 Years, R/O.H.No.3-58/1, Seethampet, Jammikunta, Karimnagar Dist - 505 475. Cell : 9963525441. And Also At Tedla Beeraiah, S/O.Gattaiah, Age: 46 Years, Open Plot No.20, Sy.No.587/1, Bheen Hasanparthy Mandal, Hanamkonda District. 3) Chepuri Srinivas, S/o.Cheralu, Age: 35
Years, Occ: Business, R/o. H.No.2-63, Dhammakkapeta, Kundampalli, Warangal - 506 356.

Outstanding And Also At Chepuri Srinivas, S/o.Cheralu, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Business, R/o.H.No.2-4-412, Ram Nagar, Hanamkonda Dis - 506 001. **And Also At** Chepuri Srinivas, S/o.Cheralu, Age : 35 Years, Occ : Business, Open Plot No.20, Sy.No.587/1 Bheemaram Village, Hasanparthy Mandal, Hanamkonda District. **4) Bandari Suresh, S/o.Rajamallu**, Age : 40 Years

R/o.H.No.2-2-517, Naim Nagar Police Head Quarters Back Side, Hanamkonda Dist - 506 001 Annexure -II Schedule of the Property HANDATF2110280006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is CHEPURI SRINIVAS & TEDLA BEERAIAH Mortgage deed dated 03.11.2021 Registered as Documer No.27537/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL (R.O)) Item No.1 Open plot No.20 (part) to an extent 100.00 Sq. Yards or 83.61 Sq. mtrs in Sy.No.587/1 situated at Bheemaram village, Hasanparthy Mandal of Warangal District preser ly Hanamkonda District, within the limits of GWMC, Warangal and Sub registrar, Warangal Rural is bounded as follows: East: 25 F

Wide Road West: Flat No.21 North: Flat No.20 (part) of vendor sold to Tedla Beeraiah South: Plot No.23 Item No.2 (part) of vendor sold to Tedla Beeraiah South: Plot No.23 Item No.2 (part) of vendor sold to Tedla Beeraiah South: Plot No.23 Item No.2 (part) of vendor sold to Tedla Beeraiah South: Plot No.2 (part) of vendor sold to Tedla

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Warangal District presently Hanamkonda District, within the limits of GWMC, Warangal is bounded as follows: East: 25 Ft Wide Road West Plot No.21 North: Plot No.19 South :Plot No.21 (part) of vendor sold to Chepuri Srinivas In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (wher ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.



#### ers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

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S.No. Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) **NPA Date** 1 1. Thanniru.Venkateshwarlu, S/o. Kondal Rao, Aged About 58 Years, Occ: Civil Engineer & Building Constructions, R/O. H.No.1-36/6/3/1, Jawahar Colony, Near Sridevi Theatre, 11-05-2019 Chandanagar, Serlingampally,Hyderabad Dist-500050, **2. Thanniru.Venkata Kumari, W/o. Thanniru.Venkateswarlu**, Aged About 36 Years, R/O. H.No.1-36/6/3/1, Jawahar Colony, ar Sridevi Theatre, Chandanagar,Serlingampally,Hyderabad Dist- 500050 Thanniru.Shanker, S/o. Veeraswamy, Aged About 48 Years, Occ: Building 25.00.000/

Constructions,R/O. Plot No : 152,Opp NSL Colony,Near Life Line School And Hanuman Temple,Road No.7,Beeramguda ...Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

Date of Demand

12-01-2024

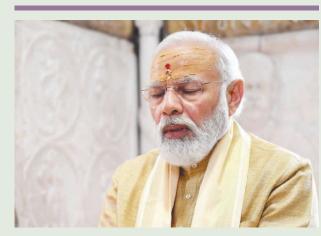
Amount

Outstanding

Rs67,51,092/-

MIYPRTF1705310003- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY\_ All that the plot bearing No.3,admeasuring 200 Sq.Yards.,and open plot No.4,admeasuring 200 Sq.Yards.,totally admeasuring 400 Sq.Yards., in Sy.No.146,situated at Ameenpur Villag and Mandal, Sangareddy District and bounded as follows: North: Neighbour's Land South: 40 Feet Wide Road East: 33 Feet Wide In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (when ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 day

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#### PRIME MINISTER'S CURRENT VISIT TO SOUTH IS AIMED AT LINKING THE REGION WITH NORTH THROUGH HINDUTVA

Modi achievement is the empowerment of the so-called radical Hindus who had got off Lto an early start after Narendra Modi became Prime Minister and took charge of the India that had passed through several stints of secular prime ministers including the greatest one of all of them -Jawaharlal Nehru, who happens to be Modi's muse but not because Modi has a special admiration for India's first and longest serving Prime Minister. The north-south divide, among other things, is preventing Prime Minister Narendra Modi from aping Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to the fullest. Modi's electoral achievements fell short of the Vindhyas and apart from Karnataka, where the BJP scored in both Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, the rest of "South India" has to date remained cut off from the Bharatiya Janata Party's feared depredations. The South Indian apparently has more sense than his North Indian counterpart and no less than Congress leader Rahul Gandhi voiced this alleged truism when he praised Wayanad for electing him and berated Amethi for rejecting him. Being his own man, Rahul Gandhi refused to shoulder any blame, whatsoever for his defeat at the hands of Smriti Irani.

Ironically, Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' will be snaking through Amethi after it cuts a path through Modi's 'Varanasi' and Sonia Gandhi's Rai Bareilly. For the Congress to revive its fortunes in north India requires Rahul Gandhi's triumphant return to Amethi whether Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani likes it or not. The idea is that by this time, at least, Amethians would have developed sense enough to vote like south Indians and return to Rahul Gandhi his family pocket-borough. But while the Congress fights its north Indian demons, the BJP has south Indian gremlins to reckon with, which have stopped the BJP from crossing into South India with solid ballast. The fact is, the Modi reign is incomplete without the BJP running its gamut of South India. Modi has not been able to bring South India under the BJP's control, except for Karnataka for limited periods. It is not because he hasn't been trying. Despite numerous elections, including the 2019 general elections, which established Narendra Modi as the paramount leader of North India, South India has shunned Modi's charisma. This bothers the Prime Minister. It must hurt Modi that the majority of the Kerala and Tamil Nadu electorate do not see the merit in Modi that north India sees in him. They don't seem to care two hoots for Modi. The Prime Minister is given stony welcomes. Even Telangana and Andhra Pradesh appear out of focus, with the former described as the "BJP's gateway to the south".

Even the vaunted "Boss" of the world title that Modi got in Australia did not cut ice with the 'South', which has repeatedly rejected Modi's overtures such that now he has become a "jinx". Above all, at this juncture when Lord Ram reigns supreme in the mind of the north Indian Hindu, the south Indian Hindu is an enigma wrapped in secular cellophane, immune to Modi-rule. So, what does Modi do? He sees opportunity in Ram. He sees the chance to obliterate the north-south divide plaguing the BJP. And his actions up north are impacting the south. Suddenly, 'Ram' is everywhere -on wall-posters, on hoardings, on "flexes"... Ram is the controversy people and politicians are weighing for and against at religious settings and in political war-rooms. Even in 'God's Own Country', where atheists rule in alliance with the religiously inclined, where the BJP cannot get its hands on power, which alternates in the grips of the Congress and the Left, the most Prime Minister Narendra Modi could do was go to centrally-administered Lakshadweep and snorkel and take a walk on the beach leading to an India-Maldives "coral". But Modi saw opportunity in Ram and he has been talking of and introducing "Ram Rajya" to the southern states, so much so, his actions down-south match those up-north.

(By Sushil Kutty)

#### **BIDEN'S FOREIGN POLICIES** ARE ENDANGERING HIS RE-ELECTION CHANCES IN NOVEMBER POLL

The Republican nominee for the presidency will be the 90-timesindicted rapist Donald Trump unless court rulings, guilty verdicts, or acts of God prevent that from happening. Depending upon who you believe, either the anti-MAGA majority will come through again and Biden will win or Trump himself could actually end up re-entering the White House. One thing's for sure: Neither candidate will get there without a determined electorate marching to the polls on their behalf. If we listen to the White House, Trump has been beaten often before and it will happen again. They have a point, of course, but they ignore much of what has been behind many of the anti-Trump victories—the struggles of labor and all its allies for a progressive people's agenda. It is those mass struggles that are reflected in all the initial victories for the people that took place in the Biden administration.

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#### IRAN'S STRIKES INDICATE SHIFTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONS DURING GAZA WAR

The involvement of Iran in the escalating con flict between Israel and Gaza has been some what downplayed and indirect. However, in the last week, a series of direct retaliatory actions by Iran have sparked fresh discussions about Tehran's strategic objectives. There is growing speculation about whether China might be requested to intervene as a mediator between Iran and its neighbouring countries. This comes as analysts suggest that Iran's decision to launch air strikes against non-state groups in Pakistan and Iraq earlier this week was based on a possible misjudgement. Tehran presumably believed that neither nation would be inclined to respond with retaliatory actions. In retaliation for Iran's missile and drone strikes, which targeted purported bases of Israel's Mossad in northern Iraq and a separate ethnic Baloch insurgent group located in western Pakistan, both Pakistan and Iraq have withdrawn their ambassadors from

Tehran. They have also expelled Iranian envoys. These attacks, conducted by Iran against the group fighting in its southeastern Sistan and Baluchistan province, occurred on Monday and Tuesday. According to Abdul Basit, a senior associate fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University, Iran's assumption that Pakistan wouldn't retaliate, fearing entanglement in the broader Middle East conflict stemming from the Israel-Gaza war, was certainly a miscalculation on Iran's part.



#### CONGRESS GEARS UP ITS ORGANISATION FOR LOK SABHA POLLS IN MADHYA PRADESH

tion, is both BJP and Congress have taken many steps to strengthen their organisation. One step the Congress has taken to oust such elements who by various acts of commission and omission, damaged party's prospects in the election. The Congress has to work very hard to gain their lost position. The party in the last Lok Sabha election could win only one seat – that too its traditional seat – Chhindwara, from where

fter Vidhan Sabha elec veteran leader Kamal Nath's son Nakul Nath contested. As Kamal Nath contested Vidhan Sabha he set up his son from Chhindwara. Even Jyotiraditya Scindia, lost from his traditional seat. He was defeated by his former personal secretary. State Congress Disciplinary Committee on Friday issued show-cause notices to 150 party turncoats who contested the assembly elections as independents or as a candidates from other political parties. However, none of these rebels won any seat in the

state. The November 2023 assembly election turned out to be a direct contest between the ruling BJP and the Congress in 229 out of 230 seats. The BJP secured 163 seats while the Congress got 66. Only one seat Sailana – in Ratlam district - was won by Bharat Adivasi Party candidate Kamaleswar Dodiyar. A release from the PCC office on Friday said "Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee was concluded today at the Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee Headquarters.

#### HARDLINERS RIDE HIGH IN MIIDLE EAST AS BORDER HOSTILITIES **ESCALATE UNEXPECTEDLY**

recent Lebanese public opinion poll suggests there may be limits to Iran-backed Shiite militia Hezbollah's restraint in confronting Israel. It also suggests why Iran feels emboldened by escalating tensions in the Middle East. The poll results are significant with Hezbollah and Israel engaged in tit-for-tat cross border attacks that both parties have sought to contain but could spin out of control at any moment.

Hezbollah has wanted to contain the hostilities because a majority of Lebanese oppose their country becoming embroiled in a war, particularly with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warning that Israel could turn Beirut into another Gaza. In the final analysis, the poll, conducted in late November and early December by The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

#### A CONFIDENT SHEIKH HASINA IS SET TO COMBAT WEST'S POLITICAL PRESSURE IN HER FRESH TERM

Awami League (AL) vic Ltory in the 2024 parliamentary polls has left major world powers sharply divided and common people confused. Significantly, the none-too-unpredictable outcome has not left too many Bangladeshis noticeably jubilant, excepting ruling AL leaders. The comfortable margin of the AL's victory has bought ruling Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed a much needed breathing space after a prolonged, unusually acrimonious pre- election

n Bangladesh, the recent campaign. However her relief may yet be short-lived, in the context of the formidable economic and political challenges Bangladesh is currently up against. What worries even her friendliest advisers is whether in the medium term, world economic trends will remain as acutely unfavourable for most developing countries as at present.

This is particularly important for Bangladesh, a country which observers now concede, has reelected to power the AL, because of its aggressive promotion of economic development in recent years. The undeniable economic progress made during the AL tenure leading to booming exports, rising remittances and a sustained growth in the domestic economy through spectacular infra development projects providing mass employment, is admitted however grudgingly — by even her powerful political opponents in the US and EU. The 2024 poll results therefore provide confirmation of conventional political wisdom among policymakers that most voters respond to visible economic progress, while sidelining other contro-



versial issues. This is exactly what the beleaguered Prime Minister and her party had been desperately hoping, would happen. For once, the ugly mix of corruption, nepotism and authoritarianism in Bangladesh's domestic politics, mattered less than economic growth...

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nterest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the

table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the pub

iic in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the propert 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 23rd day of January, 2024.

SHADNTF11300016 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property

Holder Name Is Israth Fathima, Mortgage Deed Dated 28.11.2011 Registered As <u>Document No 5772/2011</u> On the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Balanagar) <u>Item</u> <u>No.I:</u>Mahabubnagar District Jadcherla Sub-District , Jadcherla Mandal, Balanaga

Gram Panchayath and Village Accounts Sy. No.68/AA, Plot No. 154/A, Site an exten of 1173.33 Sq.Yards, or 976.87 Sq.Mts, Bounded on the: and Bounded as Follows

Towards East: Plot No. 154/C, 154/B, Towards West: Plot No. 153 and Land of Syed Javed Ali. Towards North: 26' Feet Road and Plot No.156.Towards South

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized offi

per of SFL is in the lawful **Symbolic Possession** of the immovable property mentioned therein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice.

ansfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mer oned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Rs.1,40,72,278/-

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Two Thousand Two Hundred

Seventy Eighty

..Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heir

**Borrower Name and Address** 

1) Israth Fathima, W/o: Syed Javeed, Age: 70yeras, Occ: House Wife, R/O:Hno: 123-2823/A/160/1, Flat No. 401, Santosh Nagar, Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad, Pin Code: 500028,

2) Sayad Javed Ali, S/o: Syed Shabbir, Age: 73years, Occ Self Employee, R/O: Hno: 8-1-284/Ou/689, Shaikpet

Tolichowki, Hyderabad, Pin Code: 500028, B/o: Propritor of: Hotel Business At Balanagr, 3) V Dasaran Naik, S/o: Chandya Naik, Age: 70 years, Occ. It Retainers, R/O: Hno:

69/B Opp. Police Station, Balanagar Village & Mandal

Mahabubnagar(D), Pin Code: 509001.

#### Israel cannot build peace only by military means, two-state solution only way forward: EU

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): The EU's Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell on Thursday said that Israel cannot build peace only by military means and a two-state solution is the only way forward to resolve the Palestine conflict, media reports said.

Reports said that Josep Borrell has repeated the condemnation from the United Nations of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's "unacceptable" rejection of calls for a Palestinian state after the offensive in Gaza. "What we want to do is to build a two-state solution. So let's talk about it," Borrell told media persons ahead of his mediatory talks with the foreign ministers of various Arab nations.

He has also asked the Israelis that peace and stability cannot be built only by military means.

"Which are the other solutions they have in mind? To make all the Palestinians leave? To kill them off?" Borrell said.





#### 25,000 civilian fatalities reported in Gaza conflict amid mounting humanitarian demands

United Nations, Jan 25 (IANS): "Intense" Israeli strikes in Gaza and Palestinian rocket fire into Israel persisted on Thursday, with UN humanitarian reports stating more than 25,000 deaths in the enclave since the war's onset on October 7.

Referencing information from Gaza's health authorities, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that 62,681 Palestinians have suffered injuries due to Israeli strikes. These strikes were in response

to Hamas-led attacks in Israel, which resulted in about 1,200 fatalities and around 250 hostages. Two Israeli soldiers had been killed in Gaza since Friday, OCHA said, which brought the total to 193 since the start of the ground operation, and 1,203 soldiers were injured, according to the Israeli military as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

The same period saw 343 Palestinians killed and another 573 people injured, the UN aid coordination office said.

Addressing a summit of the Group of 77 countries and China (G77)

in the Ugandan capital Kampala on Sunday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres described the Middle East as "a tinderbox," before issuing an appeal to "do all we can to prevent con-

destruction and killed civilians on a scale unprecedented during my time as Secretary-General," Guterres said, having earlier reiterated his support for a two-state solution for Israelis and

Highlighting the scale of need among Gazans after more than three months of "intense" bombardment, OCHA said that only 15 bakeries were now operational in Gaza -- "six in Rafah and nine in Deir al Balah" -- and none is open north of Wadi Gaza.

Malaysia's dengue cases

rise fueled by rainy weather

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 25 (IANS): The num-

ber of dengue fever cases in Malaysia is on the rise, with the Health Ministry warning that

persistent rainy weather is contributing to the

problem. The number of dengue fever cases

increased to 3,525 cases from January 7 to

13, compared to 3,181 cases the week before,

and two deaths have been reported over the

same period, Health Ministry Director-Gen-

eral Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan said on

Thursday in a statement. "The Meteorologi-

cal Department noted that the southwest mon-

soon season will last from November to March

this year. This contributes to the increased

potential breeding areas of aedes mosquitoes.



Due to administrative reasons, the E-auction of the propert

published in Sakshi & The Indian Mail newspapers on 02.01.2024 fo conducting E-Auction on 05-02-2024 for the Sri. V.Veera Narsimhulu, S/o Sri. Venkat Ramulu (Borrower) and Smt. G.Sheshireka, W/o Sri Veera Narsimhulu (Guarantor) is cancelled Date: 24-01-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer Place: Gadwal State Bank of India



**DEMAND NOTICE** 

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) he accounts of the following borrowers with Bank of Maharashtra having bee classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFAESI Ac on the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the las nown address of below mentioned borrowers/ Guarantors, this public notice i being published for information of all concerned

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

Name & Address of the Borrower: 1) M/s. Coastal Projects Ltd. (Borrower) Regd. Office: 237, 2nd Floor, Bapujee Nagar, Bhubaneshwar-751009. Also at: M/s. Coastal Projects Ltd., Corporate Office: 304-0, Road No.78, Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033. 2) Mr. S. Surendra (Borrower/ Director), Plo No.1145, Road No.58, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500034, T.S. Also at: Mr. S Surendra, Plot No.512 R, Road No.29, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033. 3) Mr. Bhaskar (Guarantor & Mortgagor), 51/913A, Bellary Road, Ward No.51 Kurnool. 4) Mr. J. Sudhakar (Guarantor & Mortgagor), 51/967A, Bellary Road Ward No. No.51, Kurnool. 5) Mr. J. Venkateswara Ravi Prasad (Guarantor & Mortgagor), 51/936/1, Challavari Street, Ward No.40, Kurnool. 6) Mr. J. Gopal

(Guarantor & Mortgagor), 51/936, Bellary Road, Ward No.51, Kurnool.

Outstanding Amount: Rs.156,07,81,798/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Six
Crore Seven Lakh Eighty one Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety Eight nly) as on 11 01 2024 plus unapplied interest from 27 01 2014 Loan A/c Nos: Cash Credit Account A/c No.60129087990; Working Capita

Term Loan A/c No.60166204077; FITL - 60166214665; TL - 60166215591; Demand Notice Date: 11.01.2024;

Description of the Property Mortgaged: All that piece and parcel of Commercia Property Building bearing Kurnool Municipal No.51/937 (Assessment No 1016052089) Situated Opposite to RTC Bus Stand, 51 Ward, Kurnool Municipa Corporation i.e. extent of Acs. 0.64 cents in S.No.403/2, an extent of Acs. 1-6 cents in S.No.404/A , an extent of Acs. 0-77 cents in S.No.404/B2, an extent of Acs. 0-64 cents in the present Sub-Division in S.No.403/2A3, an extent of Acs 1-66 cents in S.No.404/A3, an extent of Acs. 0-76 cents in S.No.404/B2C i Kalluru Village Accounts, The Godown sheds in the said and open land of Northern side is **Bounded by: North:** Market yard compound wall, **South:** 30 f width road left by us in our own land, **East:** Market yard compound wall, **Wes** Shops in the Venkata Ramana Shopping complex. Owned by: Mr. J. Bhaskar, Mr J. Sudhakar, Mr. J.Venkateswara Ravi Prasad, Mr. J. Gopal.

the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors shall fail to make payment t Bank of Maharashtra as aforesaid, then the Bank of Maharashtra shall be entitled to proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risks of the concerned Borrowers Guarantors as to the costs and consequences.

n terms of provisions of SARFAESI ACT, the Concerned Borrowers/Guarantors ar prohibited from transferring the above said assets, in any manner, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **Bank o Maharashtra.** Any contravention of the said provisions will render the concerned persons liable for punishment and /or penalty in accordance with the SARFAESI Act or more details notice may collect the unserved returned notices from the undersigne Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer Bank of Maharashtra

#### **Targeted IDF preparing** to attack inside Lebanese territory: Hezbollah

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Iran

and Pakistan on Thursday agreed

that their ambassadors can return

back to their posts following a dis-

cussion between the respective

foreign ministers. "Following the

telephone conversation between

the FMs of Pakistan and Iran, it

has been mutually agreed that am-

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Hezbollah has said that it targeted Israeli soldiers preparing to carry out a military operation inside Lebanon, media reports said. "In support of the steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and in support of their valiant resistance, we targeted last night with missiles an Israeli force in the vicinity of the Zarit barracks that was preparing to carry out an aggression inside Lebanese



bassadors of both countries may return to their respective posts by 26 Jan 2024," Pakistan Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mumtaz Baloch wrote on X. She said that at the invitation of Pakistan Foreign Minister Jalil Jilani, Iranian Foreign Minister will visit Pakistan on January 29. On Thursday,

'Envoys can return': Iran FM to visit Pakistan on Jan 29

last week, Iran conducted missile strikes in Pakistan's Balochistan province, killing at least two children and injuring three. Tehran said the rare border intrusion targeted Jaish al-Adl., a Sunni Muslim armed group accused of attacks inside the Iranian territory of Sistan-Baluchestan.



#### Not easy to bring Pakistan back on track: Nawaz Sharif

Islamabad, Jan 25 (IANS) : With around two weeks left for the upcoming February 8 polls, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif lamented on Thursday that it would not be an easy task to bring Pakistan back on track, according to a media report.

Nawaz's remarks come as major political parties, including Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), PML-N and others, have ramped up their electioneering activities with party leaders taking the helm of

their respective election campaigns in their bid to woo the nation of 240 million who will elect their representatives next



#### **DEMAND NOTICE**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTE (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the bor rowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been class sified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Office of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exer cise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incider tal expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last

	known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.				
S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice		
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In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (wher ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 day from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of th notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and th applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, leas or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.



#### SC issues notice to CM Shinde and his camp on Thackeray faction's plea challenging ?? Maha Speaker ruling

Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to examine a plea filed by Shiv Sena-UBT leader Sunil Prabhu challenging the ruling of Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar which had held that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led faction is the "real" Shiv Sena.

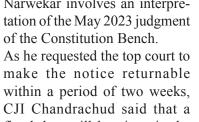
A bench, headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud and comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, issued notice and called for the response of CM Shinde and 38 other MLAs of his camp in the

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Uddhav Thackeray-led faction, urged the bench to entertain the special leave petition filed

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): The before the apex court saying that the order passed by Speaker Narwekar involves an interpretation of the May 2023 judgment

> As he requested the top court to make the notice returnable within a period of two weeks, CJI Chandrachud said that a fixed date will be given in the matter.

> Former CM Uddhav Thackerayled Shiv Sena faction petitioned the Supreme Court questioning the January 10 decision passed by Narwekar holding that the group led by CM Shinde was the real "Shiv Sena" as it commanded a majority in the legislature and also in the party's National Executive.



#### Haryana embracing digital wave to ensure transparency: Chief Secretary

Chandigarh, Jan 25 (IANS): ies meeting under PM-Gati Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal on Thursday said the state has been embracing digital wave to ensure transparency and efficiency in its PM

Gati Shakti implementation. The state has uploaded whopping 271 data layers on the PM Gati Shakti portal by 26 depart-

Presiding over the third Empowerment Group of SecretarShakti here, Kaushal said regular meetings under the state monitoring programme demonstrate the state's commitment to sustained progress and ensure that the PM Gati Shakti initiative continues to deliver tangible results.

Kaushal said Invest India's latest report reveals a substantial surge in Haryana's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

#### Women again outnumber male voters on Manipur electoral rolls

Once again, women voters have outnumbered male voters on the electoral rolls in the northeastern state of Manipur, an official said on Thursday. As per the final electoral rolls published on Thursday, at 10,46,706, women have outnumbered male voters' count of 9,79,678. The final electoral rolls were published after a three-and-a-half monthlong special summary revision of voters' list with reference to January 1 as the qualifying date for inclusion of

Of 16 districts, in three districts -- Senapati, Jiribam and Pherzawl -- the numbers of male voters were higher than their female counterparts.

Imphal, Jan 25 (IANS): Manipur Chief Electoral Officer Pradeep Kumar Jha said that as per the final electoral rolls, gender ratio stands at 1,068 as compared to 1,066 in draft electoral rolls published on October 27 last year. He said that the elector-population ratio was recorded at 55.54 per cent as compared to 55.04 per cent in the draft rolls.

> The total number of electors as per final electoral rolls is 20,26,623 showing a net increase of 18,191 electors from the draft electoral rolls, the CEO said.

> In all, 34,700 voters including 15,596 male, 19,095 female and nine third genders were included afresh in the final electoral rolls. while names of 16,509 electors, including 5,280 expired electors have been deleted from the list. Jha said that special drives were



undertaken to facilitate internally displaced people to enroll their names in the electoral rolls.

Special campaigns were conducted in relief camps to facilitate enrollment of the eligible voters and make the people aware of the importance of voting, he added. Around 50,000 people including women and children are staying in the relief camps in different districts following the chaos and disorder in the state due to the ethnic violence that first broke out on

May 3 last year. Stating that in order to enroll more young voters in the electoral rolls, intensive activities were undertaken in educational institutions, universities and colleges during the revision period, the CEO said that electoral literacy clubs were also activated, special camps were organised in the educational institutions to create awareness and facilitate registration of prospective voters on the electoral rolls.



#### Siddaramaiah is anti-Hindu, says Union Minister Pralhad Joshi

Union Minister for Mine, Coal, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi on Thursday said Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is 'anti-Hindu', adding that 'there should be no doubt about that'.

"Siddaramaiah did not declare a holiday. First, he said he would not go to Ayodhya. Now, he says he will visit Ayodhya. All of this is for securing votes," Joshi said.

"We will work towards creating 'Ram Rajya' in the coming five years," he added.

On the inauguration of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, the Union Minister said: "Lord Ram, who had been away for a long time, has arrived home today.

Bengaluru, Jan 25 (IANS): People are working with devotion everywhere. There is a festive mood all over the country." The Minister further said that Lord Ram was waiting for "a great personality to bring him home for 500 years". "Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done the job. He has dedicated his life to creating a good society. PM Modi is following the principles of Ram," Joshi said. Meanwhile, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said the dream of "Ram Rajya" is being realised through the guarantee schemes launched by the Congress-led government in the state. Expressing happiness over Pran Prathistha of Lord Ram in Ayodhya, Shivakumar said: "Creating Ram Rajya is our dream. In order to realize this dream, five guarantees in the state have been successfully implemented.

"A meaningful life is all about inculcating the principles of Lord Ram and the loyalty of Hanuman," he added.

#### School job case : Calcutta HC directs WBSSC to sack key official immediately

Kolkata, Jan 25 (IANS): A single-judge Bench of the Calcutta High Court on Thursday directed the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) Chairman to immediately sack one of its key officebearers for facilitating his wife in illegally getting a teaching job in a state-run school. The Bench of Justice Biswajit Basu not only directed the WBSSC to sack its regional chairman (western zone) Sheikh Sirazuddin but also asked the state administration to initiate immediate proceedings against him after taking him into custody. It is learnt that Sirazuddin's wife Jasmin Khatun appeared for the written examination for recruitment as a teacher in 2011, the panel for which expired in 2016. However, she got her appointment in 2019 and it was alleged that her husband played a key role in getting her that job in an illegal manner. Recently, the Calcutta High Court's Special Division Bench of Justice Debangsu Basak and Justice Shabbar Rashidi, which is constituted to specially hear the matter related to the multi-crore cash-for-school-job cases in West Bengal following an instruction from the Supreme Court of India, too, observed that appointments in state-run schools given to candidates enlisted in expired panels of WBSS will not be valid.



#### **UP** govt frames rules for welfare of adolescent workers

Lucknow, Jan 25 (IANS): The Uttar Pradesh government has proposed stringent rules prohibiting lifting of heavy weight and ensuring mandatory paid weekly holidays for young workers, among others. The move is aimed at eradicating child labour and ensuring welfare of adolescents. "The state government is framing rules as a follow-up to various amendments made to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation Act), 1986 by the Centre in 2016," said a senior labour department official. "The government has invited public comments to draft rules before finalising the same," he added. One of the key provisions stipulates that no adolescent shall be permitted to lift, carry, or keep a weight exceeding 10 kg. This restriction is aimed at preventing

physical strain and injury to young workers. Recognising the importance of leisure and rest in the growing years, the regulations seek to enshrine the right of each adolescent worker to a paid weekly holiday, and not just a holiday. The rules also address concerns related to the education of adolescent workers. If a child receiving education in a school remains absent consecutively for 30 days without notifying the school authorities, the principal/headmaster will be mandated to report such absences to the nodal officer concerned.

"This provision will ensure that educational interests of adolescent workers are protected, and any prolonged absence triggers appropriate intervention since a long absence of a child from the school will be seen as the possibility of a young student being a potential child worker," the official stated.

#### MP researchers' incisionless device to boost treatment for diabetes, obesity

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): ForePass endoscopic showed A team of an international team of researchers, led by those from India's Madhya Pradesh, has developed a completely incisionless device that replicates metabolic surgery without making any cuts and could surpass current technologies for managing conditions such as severe obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH). The researchers found that the

extraordinary efficacy in treating these metabolic conditions, providing unmatched treatment for millions of people who reject invasive surgery or do not respond to drugs. "The ForePass device will be a game-changer for treating severe metabolic conditions. It replicates the effects of metabolic surgery without invasive procedures and without making any cuts to internal organs.



#### Two sisters beaten up by two brothers in Patna after failed rape bid

Patna, Jan 25 (IANS): Two sisters in a village on the outskirts of Patna were beaten and badly injured by a pair of brothers who entered their house and tried to rape them but had to flee after the victims raised an alarm, police said on Thursday. The incident occurred in a village under Dhanarua police station on Saturday night when the family members were out of the house for some work.

Accused Rahul Kumar alias Loha Singh and Rohit Kumar alias Champak alias Pandit entered the house of victims and tried to sexually assault them.

As the victims raised an alarm, the accused, who had a pistol and iron rod, though they may be caught by the local residents and attacked them with the butt of the pistol and the rod, breaking their hands and legs.

#### **Domestic equities** plunge on profit booking

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Domestic equities continued with its profit booking trend and plunged once again on monthly F&O expiry day before recovering half of the losses towards the end, Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said.

Nifty fell more than 200 points during the day but ended the day with loss of 101 points (-0.5 per cent) to close at 21,352. Broader market however ended on a mixed note with Midcap 100 down --0.5 per cent while Smallcap100 was up + 0.5 per cent. IT, Pharma and FMCG witnessed selling pressure while oil & amp; gas, realty and PSUs saw buying interest. Weak results from Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank and HDFC bank continue to weigh on IT and private banks.





#### IndiGo announces direct flight between Dubai and Surat from Feb 23

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): IndiGo on Thursday announced direct flights between Dubai and Surat which will operate triweekly from February 23.

"The addition of this strategic route to the 6E network is designed to facilitate seamless travel for tourists and business travellers and enhance bilateral economic growth and relations between India and the UAE," said an airline official.

With the addition of this flight, Surat becomes the second city in Gujarat, with direct connectivity to Dubai on the IndiGo network. "Moreover, starting from February 22, additional frequencies will be introduced on the Hyderabad-Dubai route," said the official. Vinay Malhotra, Head of Global Sales, IndiGo, said, "We are delighted to introduce direct connectivity between Dubai and Surat, the two major commercial and economic hubs in the Middle East and India."

"With the addition of these flights, IndiGo operates 108 direct flights a week to Dubai from 13 cities in India. Surat, in Gujarat, is well-known for its flourishing textile and diamond industries, and enhancing connectivity with Dubai, will provide business travellers with trade opportunities and significantly contribute to economic development in both regions," said Malhotra.

#### Ola announces ex-Unilever executive Hemant Bakshi as new CEO: Report

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): ANI Technologies, the parent company of Ola, has announced Hemant Bakshi, a former executive at Unilever, as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ola, according to media reports. Bhavish Aggarwal will step down as part of the company's effort to streamline operations.

Prior to joining Ola, Bakshi was the executive Vice President (VP) of the marketplace and chairperson of Unilever Indonesia. He joined Ola and moved back to India about four months ago, media reports said.



# Flipkart

#### Flipkart to cut 1,000 jobs in annual restructuring exercise

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): E-commerce major Flipkart will be laying off 1,000 employees in an annual restructuring exercise. This represents around 5 per cent of its total workforce, reports Moneycontrol, citing sources. According to the report, the company carries out these performance-based job cost reductions every year, and the latest workforce reduction is in line with that. The Walmart-owned company currently has around 22,000 employees. Earlier reports mentioned that the company is also looking at internal restructuring to optimise its resources in order to remain profitable. Meanwhile, Flipkart had a total revenue of Rs 56,013 crore in the 2023 financial year, according to data from business intelligence platform Tofler. The revenue saw a 9 per cent growth in FY23 from FY22 at Rs 51,176 crore. The company reported a net loss of Rs 4,834 crore in FY23, marking a substantial 42 per cent increase from the earlier fiscal year. "Net loss for the financial year ending as on March 31, 2023, was Rs 48,393 million as against that of the previous year ending as on March 31, 2022, of Rs 33,624 million witnessed an increase of 44 per cent in the net loss," according to the financial report.



#### HPCL posts Rs 529 cr net profit in Oct-Dec quarter

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): of Rs 5,118 crore reported by Public sector oil marketing company Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) reported a profit of Rs 529 crore for the October-December quarter, which is a 3-fold increase over the corresponding figure of Rs 172 crore for the same quarter of the previous year.

However, the Q3 net profit was nearly 90 per cent lower than the corresponding figure

the oil major for preceding July-September quarter of the current financial year. HPCL's standalone total income rose 2 per cent yearon-year in Q3 to Rs 1.18 lakh crore from Rs 1.16 lakh crore in the same quarter last year. Domestic sales rose by 3 per cent year-onyear in the third quarter of 2023-24 to 11.3 million metric tonne (MMT).



#### **Zomato gets RBI** approval to operate as 'online payment aggregator'

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Online food delivery platform Zomato on Thursday announced that its whollyowned subsidiary Zomato Payments Private Limited (ZPPL) has been granted a certificate of authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an 'Online Payment Aggreg ator'. The authorisation came into effect from January 24. "We wish to inform that ZPPL has been granted a certificate of authorisation dated January 24, 2024, from the RBI to operate as 'Online Payment Aggregator' in India with effect from January 24, 2024, as per the guidelines issued by the RBI," Zomato said in an exchange filing.



### PNB clocks 3-fold jump in net profit at Rs 2,223 crore for Q3

Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Thursday announced an over three-fold jump in its profit to Rs 2,223 crore for the October-December quarter of the current financial year, compared to the corresponding figure of Rs 629 crore in the same period last year. The government-owned

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): bank's total income shot up to Rs 29,962 crore during the quarter from Rs 25,722 crore in the same period last year. PNB's net interest income (NII) went up 12.1 per cent to Rs 10,293 crore from Rs 9,179.4 crore in the year ago period, according to a regulatory fil-

> The bank's asset quality also improved during the quarter with

gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declining to 6.24 per cent of total loans from 9.76 per cent in the same period last year. Net NPAs came down to 0.96 per cent from 3.30 per cent. The provisions for bad loans made by the bank came down to Rs 2,739.1 crore from Rs 4,713.34 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.

#### LG Electronics' profit more than quadruples on home appliances, automotive parts

Seoul, Jan 25 (IANS): LG Electronics said on Thursday that its fourth-quarter operating profit more than quadrupled from a year earlier on robust sales of home appliances and automotive parts. South Korea's leading electronics company said in a regulatory filing that operating income for the October-December period came to 313.1 billion won (\$234.3 million) on a consolidated basis, sharply up from 69.3 billion won a year ago.





#### Microsoft now a \$3 trillion company, second after Apple

: Microsoft has reached the coveted \$3 trillion mark and became the second company after Apple to achieve this feat.

Microsoft reached a \$3 trillion market cap, the first time in its 48-year history. The Satya Nadella-run company reached the milestone valuation after its stock climbed 1.5 per cent in trading on Nasdaq late on Wednesday. Tim Cook-led Apple hit the \$3 trillion mar-

San Francisco, Jan 25 (IANS) ket cap around two years ago.

Microsoft's stock has been rallying in recent months, amid its artificial intelligence (AI) push along with OpenAI. In the past five years, Microsoft's stock price has moved from \$107 to the current price of around \$404.

#### **ACC records 5-fold** surge in Q3 net profit

Mumbai, Jan 25 (IANS): Cement major ACC on Thursday reported a nearly five-fold surge in its net profit to Rs 527 crore for the October-December quarter of the current financial year on the back of a strong demand for construction materials in the economy. The revenue of the Adani Group company rose 8.4% to Rs 4918.3 crore from Rs 4536.9 crore in the same quarter of the previous year. The demand for cement in India has picked up at a robust pace as the government has been making huge investments in big ticket infrastructure projects to keep India on track as the world's fastest growing economy.





### **Bharat Dynamics posts** 61% rise in Q3 net profit

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Ammunition and missile manufacturer Bharat Dynamics has reported a 61 per cent in consolidated net profit at Rs 135 crore for the October-December quarter of 2023-24, compared to the corresponding figures of Rs 84 crore recorded in the same period of the preceding fiscal. The defence major's revenue from operations

grew 30 per cent year-on-year to Rs 602 crore during Q3 of the current financial year. Its EBITDA for the quarter went up by 32 per cent to Rs 119 crore. The company stands to gain the government's from 'Aatamanirbhar Bharat' policy under which more orders for supplying the country's defence forces are being placed with Indian companies.

#### An accident grant scheme for migrant labourers in Bihar that beneficiaries have no idea about

Patna, Jan 25 (IANS): village for the last six months. I Anmol Thakur (30) can never forget that day in July 2014. He was into a house construction work in Kashmir's Shopian, but things changed drastically when two bullets pierced his body in a terrorist strike. "One bullet hit me in the back, another in the stomach," Anmol says, showing the injury marks left behind by the bullets.

A resident of Laharnia in Supaul district of Bihar, Anmol's medical expenses were fully borne by the contractor. "I did not receive any other benefit... I have been sitting without work in my do not have land... To sustain my family, including my wife and two children, I have to go to Delhi or Punjab. I will go again after a few days," he says.

"At the time he suffered bullet injuries, the district magistrate and other officials came home and assured us of compensation. But no one visited us after his recovery," laments Anmol's father Anandi Thakur. "No government gave us any benefit. The contractor provided only for medical expenses. You know how difficult it is for a labourer to stay at home for long," he sighs.

Besides Anmol, Pintu Kumar (20) and Vinod Thakur (27) of Supaul

Kasimpur in Saharsa district suffered bullet injuries on that day. According to Anmol, all three have not received any government benefit. Thankfully, their medical condition is better than before.

The Kosi area is the stronghold of migrant labourers. Pramod Yadav (28) of Ghoghadaria panchayat in Supaul district suffered injuries to the waist in a fall at a construction site in August 2022. He was treated at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital. He has been confined to his village due to the disability since then. "I was under treatment for almost a year. It cost Rs 3 lakh. The contractor gave only Rs 1 lakh. I had to bear the rest of the

district and Heera Lal Yadav of expenses. The government did not provide compensation. I do not even know that such compensation is given to labourers," Pramod

> Pramod has three sons and five daughters. He will be entitled to only three bighas of land from the family property. "Our village has been demarcated as Kosi Dam area. Not even one season of farming happens here. In such a situation, our family..." his father Bharat Yadav chokes.

> Pramod's nephew Manish is a school teacher and social worker. "There is a scheme for migrant labourers, but no one here knows about it. In every house, three to four persons have migrated for

work. No government official ever organised camps or created awareness about the scheme in any village," he asserts.

Data crunching According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Private Limited, while the national unemployment rate was 7.60% in March 2022, it had reached 14.40% in Bihar. As a result, labourers from Bihar go to every corner of the country in search of work. "You will find Biharis at all labour squares in the country. They have to travel thousands of km just to get daily wages. In such a situation, the government does not arrange for their safety.





#### Chillai Kalan sans snow sends shivers of worry across Kashmir valley

New Delhi/Srinagar, Jan 25 (IANS): Scores of people thronged Srinagar's historic Jamia mosque praying for snow to touch the barren grounds of what would have been proudly proclaimed to be a "winter wonderland" in a normal winter season in Kashmir.

Chillai Kalan is the most inclement period in Kashmir that begins on the winter solstice (December 21) and ends with the month of elixir that makes the valley a place inspiringly healthy and active the northern hemisphere.

of prosperous abundance.

"Sheen e peto peto, mama yito, yito" (O snow, come, fall soon, O Mama, visit us soon) is a popular saying, now oft-repeated with pining and anticipation across the valley, for it is rare for Chillai Kalan to go without snow for so long. Kashmir cannot be Kashmir without winter snow. For Ghulam Mohamed Mir, who has seen in Kashmir through 80 winters of his January. These freezing days also life, this is a time to keep calm and (ENSO) and North Atlantic Osbring with them the bounty for look ahead in the hope for the best. cillation (NAO) anomalies exert Kashmir's water resources -- the A resident of Shopian, Mir is an strong control on the climate of

farmer engaged in growing a variety of vegetables and fruits, besides engaging in poultry farming, dairying and fishing.

Referring to the extended dry spell in Kashmir, Mir said: "I've seen it several times over in my lifetime. It will snow for sure during Chillai Bacha." Chillai Bacha is the 10-day period that follows Chillai Kalan and following that is Chillai Khurd.

Although not as intense as Chillai Kalan, Chillain Bacha sees precipitation taking place normally. As of now, snowfall is predicted to happen only in the last week of January.

So, Mir believes that a dry Chillai Kalan, which is not happening for the first time, is not something to be intimidated by. In the larger context of matter, though, this eccentric weather pattern is the effect of a bigger climate phenomenon.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir, explained to IANS: "El Nino-Southern Oscillation

#### 17-yr-old girl shot dead by jilted lover in UP's Meerut

Meerut, Jan 25 (IANS): A 17-year-old girl was shot dead allegedly by a 20year-old youth after he tried to molest her in a market in Uttar Pradesh's. The incident happened on Thursday. The police have identified the accused as Usman Malik, who was apparently in a relationship with the girl earlier. Police said the girl resisted Malik's advances when she was on her way to a store and he then shot at her with a country-made weapon. She died on the spot, police said. Several local residents and the girl's family members reached the

spot but the accused had man-

aged to flee by then, police

said. They staged a blockade

at the market demanding the

arrest of the culprit and refused

to hand over the body to the

police for post-mortem ex-

amination.

#### Storm Isha causes mass power cuts, travel disruption in UK

London, Jan 25 (IANS): Tens of thousands of homes were left in blackouts and trains were cancelled on Thursday as Storm Isha brought gusts and heavy rainfall across the UK. An unusual wind warning for almost the entire country issued by the UK's Met Office ahead of the storm is still in force and expected to last until Wednesday, Xinhua news agency reported. According to the National Meteorological Service, strong gusts of 99 miles per hour (159

km per hour) were recorded at Brizlee Wood, Northumberland. About 45,000 people in Northern Ireland, along with thousands more in England and Wales, were left without power overnight. On Thursday morning, Northern Ireland Electricity Networks said that "the severity and prolonged duration of Storm Isha has caused widespread damage to the electricity network" across the region and they were still working to restore





#### **Bengal DA stir: BJP promises** support for 'march to secretariat' agitation

Kolkata, Jan 25 (IANS): The leader of the opposition (LoP) in West Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, on Thursday promised to extend full support to the state government employees, who have been agitating for dearness allowances (DA) to be made at par with the central government employees, in case they organise a 'march to the state secretariat' in support of their demand. On Thursday early morning, the leader of the opposition reached the dais of the agitating Joint Forum of State Government Employees, the umbrella body organising the movement on this issue, and assured to be present at any 'march to the state secretariat" programme convened by the forum.

From that dais Adhikari also gave a strong note of caution to the state government to see it through to the end in case the latter takes any punitive action against the state government employees agitating for their rights. He also alleged that since the state government employees in general did not back the corrupt practices of the highest functionaries in the state, the state administration is punishing them by denying their legitimate dues. The expression of solidarity by the leader of the opposition is significant as the joint forum has already announced that they will be going for marathon cease-work from January 29 unless the state government makes definite promises in fulfilling their demands.

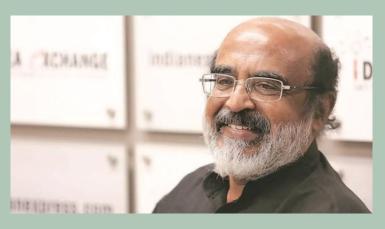
#### Two held from Jharkhand for cheating people via ads on Google

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Two men were arrested from Jharkhand for duping several people on pretext of customer care services by running advertisements on Google, a Delhi Police official said on Thursday.

The fraudsters were identified as Mustageem Ansari (31), and Md. Rizwan Ansari (26) -- both residents of Deoghar district, Jharkhand.

According to police, an FIR was registered last year on August 9 after Rajana Kaul, a resident of Vasant Kunj, alleged that she searched the customer care number of Punjab National Bank on Google and she called on the alleged mobile number mentioned on the website. "The alleged person advised her to download Rust Desk App and took access of her phone and account related information. Later, a total amount of Rs 5,45,000 was debited from her Canara bank account."





### ED vs Thomas Isaac set to become a legal tussle in Kerala HC

tussle between the Enforcement Directorate and former two-time state Finance Minister and veteran CPI(M) leader Thomas Isaac is all set to reach the Kerala High Court. Isaac has so far been served four notices to appear before the ED and on Thursday also he did not turn up. According to sources, the ED is making its next move with utmost caution and is now garnering more details against the economistturned-politician.

The ED is expected to approach the High Court with solid evidence that there was violation in financial deal-

Kochi, Jan 25 (IANS): The ings of Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) during his tenure as the minister in the previous LDF government, especially in the issue of 'masala bonds' and despite notices he has not appeared before them.

But Isaac has already sought expert legal advice. He is likely to approach the High Court stating that the ED is haunting him as by now a few KIIFB officials have already placed all documents before them and he has got nothing more to add since he had no official role after he stepped down as the Finance Minister in May 2021.



#### BJP MP seeks name change of railway station in Prayagraj

Prayagraj, Jan 25 (IANS): BJP MP Keshari Devi Patel has moved a proposal to change the name of Subedarganj railway station in Uttar Pradesh to Prayagraj Cantonment before the Maha Kumbh 2025.

Keshari Devi Patel, who is MP from Phulpur, moved this proposal during the meeting of the Standing Committee of Railways and Parliament held at North Central Railway headquarters.

She has also demanded stoppage of all Rajdhani trains at Prayagraj, expansion of Niranjan Railway Bridge, extension of Delhi-Kanpur Shatabdi to Prayagraj and daily running of Mumbai Duronto. The MP gave suggestions like stoppage of Purva Express at Phulpur station, stoppage of Saryu Express at Dayalpur station.

#### 3 IDF soldiers killed as fighting intensifies in Gaza's Khan Younis area

Tel Aviv, Jan 25 (IANS): The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has announced the death of three of its officers as fighting between Israeli troops and Hamas terrorists intensified in the Khan Younis region of southern Gaza, an IDF official

The deceased are identified as Major David Nati Alfasi, 27, a deputy battalion commander from Beersheba, Major Ilay Levy, 24, a company commander from Tel Aviv, and Captain Eyal Mevorach Twito, 22, a platoon commander from Beit Gamliel.

IDF in a statement said that the three soldiers were killed in an RPG attack on the building where they were present.



Palestinian health authorities said that at least 50 Palestinians were killed in the fighting at the Khan Younis area.

As fighting intensified in Khan Younis area, people are evacuating in large numbers from the place and moving down south into Rafah, the southernmost city of Gaza.

More than two million people are reportedly now in Rafah area following displacement due to heavy Israeli bombings.

The IDF has also said that it tages.

knows about the large civilian presence in the area and that its action against the Hamas terrorists will be keeping this factor in mind.

The Israel Defence Minister, Yoav Gallant, had said on Sunday that IDF would intensify its attack on Khan Younis area where the two topmost military leaders of Hamas --Mohammed Deif and Yahya Sinwar -- are reportedly hiding surrounded by Israeli hos-



#### Malaysia's FM to back Palestine becoming UN member state

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Malaysia Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan will advocate for the state of Palestine to become a full member of the United Nations at meetings in New York this week, media reports said. The proposal would require the backing of the UN Security Council (UNSC), which puts for-

ward proposed new member

states to the UN General Assembly to vote on, and is unlikely to unanimously back the measure. At the meeting, Hasan will "reiterate Malaysia's call for an immediate ceasefire, oppose the continuing forced displacement of Palestinians and stress the urgent need for unhindered humanitarian aid", according to a statement released ahead of the trip.



#### Two-state solution must be implemented to end Palestine conflict: China to UN

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Chinese Permanent Representative to the United Nations Zhang Jun on Thursday called upon the UN to implement the two-state solution to resolve the Palestine conflict. "It's high time to implement the two-state solution with concrete steps, including a full membership for Palestine in the UN," Zhang Jun wrote on X, in response to Secretary-General of UN Antonio Guterres.

Earlier, Guterres had said that the refusal to accept the two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians, and the denial of the right to statehood for the Palestinian people, are unacceptable.

"The right of the Palestinian people to build their own state must be recognised by all," the UN Chief wrote on X. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has completely refused the two-state solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict proposed by various mediators.

#### US, Britain launch airstrikes against Houthi camps in Yemen



Sanaa, Jan 25 (IANS): The US-British coalition struck Houthi camps in Yemen's capital and other provinces at midnight, the media reported on Thursday. The strikes targetted the al-Hafa camp in eastern Sanaa and the al-Daylami air base in the north. They also hit sites in Rada, a city in the central province of al-Bayda, and Magbanah area in the southwestern province of Taiz, the Houthirun al-Masirah TV said without giving details.



#### Germany braces for 6-day rail strike amid wage negotiations

Berlin, Jan 25 (IANS): Despite an improved wage offer, train drivers in Germany announced another strike action on Thursday. It will be the longest strike in recent months, lasting six days from Thursday.

Rail operator Deutsche Bahn expects "massive disruptions" during this strike as the planned emergency service "only ensures a very limited train service".

#### Iraqi PM stresses determination to end US-led coalition's presence

Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani has said that any attack on Iraqi soil violates its sovereignty, stressing the country's determination to end the presence of the US-led coalition.

Al-Sudani made the remarks during his meeting with the Dutch Defence Minister Kajsa Ollongren, whose country is scheduled to assume the presidency of the NATO mission in Iraq in mid-May, according to a statement issued by al-

Baghdad, Jan 25 (IANS): Sudani's media office on Thursday. The Prime Minister stressed his rejection of any attack on Iraqi territory or any violation of its sovereignty, reiterating "the government's commitment to protecting diplomatic missions and advisors working in Iraq, as well as assisting the NATO mission in carrying out its tasks agreed upon with the Iraqi government," the statement said as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

Meanwhile, al-Sudani affirmed "the Iraqi government's decision to rearrange the relationship with

the international coalition" and move from the presence of foreign forces in Iraq to bilateral relations and cooperation with the coalition countries, according to the statement. For her part, Ollongren confirmed that the Dutch government agrees with al-Sudani's vision that victory over the terrorist group Islamic State (IS) requires changing the mission of the international coalition and moving it to equal bilateral relations after the development of the Iraqi security forces' capabilities, according to the state-



#### Time to negotiate with Hamas on hostage exchange: Israeli general

New Delhi, Jan 25 IANS): Israeli Major General Noam Tibon has said that time has come to negotiate with the Hamas group over a possible hostage deal to bring back the Israelis, media reports said. "It's time to bring them back otherwise, they will all come back in coffins or not at all," Noam Tibon told an Israeli public radio station. "We will have sent for generations to come a message to the citizens of Israel that they live in an insecure state, and a message to mothers who send their children to the army, that if your child falls into captivity, he will probably not return, and this is not overlooked, so it must be concluded. A deal now," Tibon said. Earlier, a one week ceasefire from November 24 to December 1 last year was observed between Hamas and Israel in which prisoners were exchanged by both sides. On October 7, last year, Hamas attacked the southern parts of Israel killing at least 1200 people, taking over 200 people as hostages. Hamas also released 105 Israeli hostages during the one week truce between the



#### Singapore's top 3 ministers accused of graft in 2023 -- all of Indian-origin

Lauded as the least corrupt country in Asia, Singapore saw three Indian-origin Ministers face graft charges in the year 2023 alone -- the same year an economist of Indian descent took over the reins of the city-state as its ninth President. While two of them -- Vivian Balakrishnan and K. Shanmugam were cleared of all charges as the year drew to a close, S. Iswaran's pretrial conference is scheduled for March 1, and he is presently out on bail of SG\$800,000.

The trio belongs to the ruling People's Action Party (PAP), which has been in power since 1959 and holds a sizeable majority in the

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): country's Parliament. With the next election due in November 2025, political experts say that the graft allegations could hit PAP's support base in a country that is ranked the fifth-least corrupt country in Transparency International's latest Corruption Perceptions Index.

> Over the years, the government has justified seven-figure ministerial paychecks to keep out corruption. According to a Bloomberg report, the country's public officers are among the world's best-paid, with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong earning a total compensation of about S\$2.2 million (\$1.7 million) per annum. The country witnessed its last corruption case in the year 1986, which saw Teh Cheang Wan, a national development min-

ister, being probed for allegedly accepting kickbacks. The case of Balakrishnan and Shanmugam Home Affairs and Law Minister

Shanmugam and Foreign Minister Balakrishnan were accused of corruption relating to the rental of their colonial-era bungalows in the city-state.

The 26 and 31 Ridout Road are two 100-year-old bungalows in the Ridout Park area that have been rented to the two Ministers.

In May last year, opposition Reform Party Chief Kenneth Jeyaretnam questioned if the two Ministers were "paying less than the fair market value" for their rental of the two-state properties.

It was debated in the Parliament in July, following a Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) investigation and a review by senior Minister Teo Chee Hean.



#### Soldier who killed 5 comrades in Iran arrested: Army commander

Tehran, Jan 25 (IANS): The soldier who killed five comrades and injured the other two Thursday evening in southeastern Iran was under arrest, an army commander confirmed on Thursday. The soldier, who had been on duty guarding his unit, entered the barracks' dormitory, where his comrades were resting, and opened fire on them, said Amir Gholamalian,

commander of the Iranian army's southeast headquarters, Xinhua news agency reported. The incident took place in Baghin city in the southeastern Iranian province of Kerman at 16:35 local time (1305 GMT), said the commander, noting that interrogations were underway to determine the motive.

#### Bihar Cong expecting Lalu, Nitish to share dais with Rahul in upcoming rallies

Patna, Jan 25 (IANS): With the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra set to enter Bihar on January 29, Congress leaders in the state are expecting that RJD supremo Lalu Prasad and Chief Minister and JD-U chief Nitish Kumar will participate in Rahul Gandhi's rallies in Purnea and Katihar. Prem Chand Mishra, the official spokesperson for Bihar Congress, said that invitation to both the top leaders have been sent by the party, which expects them to share the stage with Rahul Gandhi. Besides them, the party has also sent invitations to other leaders as well, Mishra said. "We are expecting that Lalu Ji and NItish Ji along with other leaders of Bihar will join the rallies in Purnea (January 31) and Katihar (February 1), and express their views before the common people of the state," Mishra said.



#### **Odisha Cabinet** approves 14 key proposals

Bhubaneswar, Jan 25 (IANS): The Odisha Cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, on Thursday, approved several key proposals including approval of a special incentive package for Electric Vehicle and component manufacturing projects by JSW Group, one of India's largest conglomerates. As many as 14 proposals related to 12 departments have been approved by the Cabinet during its meeting on Thursday. The state cabinet approved a special incentive package for the Sajjan Jindal-led conglomerate JSW Group's ambitious Electric Vehicle and component manufacturing projects in Naraj, Cuttack, and Paradip. The company has proposed to invest over Rs 40,000 crores in the said projects which will create more than 11,000 jobs. "The JSW Group has proposed to set-up an EV & amp; EV Battery Manufacturing Project at Naraj, Cuttack. The one-of-a-kind advanced technology-based Battery Manufacturing project with capacity of 50 Gigawatt-Hour (GWh) will be the world's largest single location project in the sector. "The company is also planning to set-up an Original equipment manufacturer(OEM) Plant for Electric Vehicles



and Components in the same facility in two phases," an official said on Thursday.

The company is also planning to set up an EV Components Manufacturing Complex consisting of Copper Smelter along with Lithium Smelter at Paradip in the third phase. The company proposed to invest Rs 15,000 crore generating employment for more than 7,000 people. The state cabinet also decided to expand the existing plantation area of coffee 10,000 acres

by 10 times during the next 10 years. The government will implement the "Coffee Plantation for Sustainable Livelihoods (CPSL)" scheme in six districts of the state namely Rayagada, Koraput, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar and Gajapati. The government will encourage Women SHGs for raising coffee nurseries aiming to benefit more than 50,000 farm families.

#### PM Modi wants to become immortal, says **RJD VP Shivanand Tiwari**

Patna, Jan 25 (IANS): In wake of the Pran Pratistha of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on Thursday, RJD national Vice President Shivanand Tiwari took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that he was seeking to "become immortal". "PM Modi said that after thousands of years, the Pran Pratistha of Lord Ram was conducted in Ayodhya by him and it will be discussed in the next thousands of years, which means Modi ji, like Lord Ram.



### Pro-Babri Masjid slogans raised inside Jamia campus

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Delhi Police on Thursday said that a protest was held inside the Jamia Millia Islamia against the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Deputy Commissioner of Police (southeast) Rajesh Deo said that information was received that on Monday evening some protest was held inside the campus by a group called the 'Fraternity Movement' which is led by Lubabib Bashir.

He said that in wake of protests preventive deployment has been undertaken.

"No protest was done outside the campus. Local police did not go inside the campus.

The circulating videos are from inside the campus," said the DCP. Police have been also deployed outside the campus to avoid any kind of untoward incident.

A user with the handle "Fraternity Movement JMI" on X platform

posted a video in which students can be seen chanting pro-Babri Masjid slogans.

The video was captioned: "Boycott for Babri. Resistance is Remembrance.

Fraternity Movement Jamia Millia Islamia orchestrated a university-wide strike, encouraging students to abstain from attending classes and reading rooms in solidarity with Babri Masjid."





#### Excise policy case: Delhi court extends liquor bizman Sameer Mahendru's interim bail till Feb 9

A Delhi court has extended, till February 22, the interim bail of liquor businessman Sameer Mahendru in the excise policy case. Special Avenue Court, who initially granted interim bail to Mahendru due to his wife's surgery, extended the relief after considering the ongoing post-operative care required

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): for his wife. Noting that Mahendru's wife would continue to be hospitalised for a few more days, the judge directed him to surrender before the jail superintendent concerned by 5 p.m. on Judge M.K. Nagpal of Rouse February 9. "The interim bail of the accused is being extended fur- Swarana Kanta Sharma had obther till February 9," the judge stated, considering the totality of facts and circumstances. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had earlier opposed the extension, within the confines of a jail.

contending it violated the court's earlier condition that Mahendru wouldn't seek further relief. The judge had, however, found no evidence that the surgery delay was intentional or caused by any fault of the accused or his wife.

While granting interim bail, the judge observed that during Mahendru's previous interim bail, there was no attempt to influence witnesses or tamper with evidence and Mahendru does not pose a flight risk. According to the prosecution, Mahendru was a significant beneficiary of excise policy violations, operating an alcoholic beverage manufacturing unit and holding wholesale and retail licences in his and his family's names. Earlier, the Delhi High Court had denied regular bail to Mahendru. Justice served that Mahendru's medical condition does not pose a lifethreatening risk or involve an infirmity that cannot be treated

#### SDM suspended after two youths beaten up in his presence in MP's Umaria

Bhopal, Jan 25 (IANS): In a disturbing incident that went viral on social media on Thursday, two youths were beaten up in the presence of Bandhavgarh Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Amit Singh, in Madhya Pradesh. The SDM was suspended by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Tuesday over the assault on the two men. According to reports the SDM allegedly ordered and oversaw the assault on the two young men for overtaking his vehicle. As per information, the incident occurred in Umaria District and the matter came to light after the video of the brutal assault surfaced on social media on Monday.

The incident sparked a controversy and questions were raised asking if senior government officials have been given a free hand to punish people. Senior advocate and Congress Rajya Sabha MP, Vivek Tankha expressed his dismay saying, "What kind of government arrogance and hooliganism is this in MP? Should the state be known for such incidents?"

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday condemned the incident and ordered the suspension of Bandhavgarh SDM Amit Singh and two more officials who were with him at that time.

"The incident of the assault on two youths by Bandhavgarh SDM is unfortunate. Instructions have been given to suspend the SDM. There is a good governance government in Madhya Pradesh. This kind of inhuman treatment of common people will not be tolerated at all in the state," the Chief Minister said on Thursday. The SDM in question provided

a different version of the events. He denied that the two men were assaulted under his watch and claims that one of them was driving recklessly and nearly collided with his official vehicle. However, the victims, Prakash Dahiya and Shivam Yadav, both residents of Bharola Village, assert that they were attacked by individuals who emerged from the SDM's official vehicle.

Police have registered a case on the basis of the statements of the victims admitted to hospital and have assured that legal action would be taken against those responsible for the assault.

### Assam cabinet to visit Ram Mandir on Feb 22

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma along with his cabniet collegues will visit Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on February 22, officials said. The decision for Ayodhya visit was taken during a state cabinet meeting held on Thursday night in Guwahati. After the meeting, Sarma wrote on his X handle, "In today's meeting of the Assam Cabinet, we've taken several important decisions. Assam Cabinet to visit Ayodhya on

Guwahati, Jan 25 (IANS): February 22, 2024."

The decisions read as, "Cabinet extended its heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister and greetings to the people of India on the auspicious occasion of Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya.

The entire Cabinet will pay a solemn visit to Ayodhya on February 22, 2024 for darshan of Ram Lalla."

In addition, the state government made the decision to outlaw unfair exam practices.

Last year, Assam's class-10 exam

ran into problems when four papers were leaked, forcing the state government to retake the test.

The state administration has now made the decision to outlaw these actions. Sarma stated, "To curb leakage of question papers and use of unfair means during public examinations.





#### Visitors get 'Jai Shri Ram' stamp on their hands in this UP jail

Farrukhabad, Jan 25 (IANS): With the Ram fervour permeating the atmosphere, the Fatehgarh jail administration in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad, has put aside the regular stamp meant for identifying visitors and has been stamping visitors' hands with a red 'Jai Sri Ram' ink stamp. This practice has been in place for a week, according to jail superintendent Bhimsen Mukund. Mukund justified it saying, "As part of rehabilitation efforts, the jail is organising religious rituals like 'Sundarkand' recital and offering block printing training under the 'One District, One Product' scheme. Hindu and Muslim inmates are also collaborating on block printing religious flags associated with Lord Ram, which are being given to visitors as gifts.



#### Pakistan, Iran to restore full diplomatic relations

Islamabad, Jan 25 (IANS): undertake a visit to Pakistan on Days after Pakistan and Iran were on the verge of a major conflict, the two countries decided on Thursday to restore full diplomatic relations with the return of ambassadors to their respective capitals later this week, a medis report said. "Following the telephone conversation between the Foreign Ministers of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, it has been mutually agreed that ambassadors of both countries may return to their respective posts by January 26," said a joint statement simultaneously issued by Tehran and Islamabad, Express Tribune reported.

Also importantly, at the invitation of Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Foreign Minister of Iran, Hossein Amir Abdollahian, will January 29, the statement added, the report said. The two countries would decide the future course of action and work on a new mechanism to prevent the recurrence of events of the last week. Pakistan and Iran may often boast about the "friendly and brotherly" relations, but underneath does exist certain issues that cause suspicion in both the capitals.

At the heart of the problem are the concerns both sides often expressed privately about the use of each other's soil by certain terrorist groups.

Pakistan has longstanding concerns that Baloch terrorist outfits find refuge across the border in the Sistan-Balochistan province of Iran.

#### **Ukrainian President** submits multiple citizenship law to Parliament

Kiev, Jan 25 (IANS): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said that he is submitting to Parliament a draft law that would allow multiple citizenship in Ukraine, the Presidential press service reported. The law will allow all ethnic Ukrainians and their descendants from around the world to have Ukrainian citizenship, except for citizens of Russia, Zelensky said on Thursday in an address to the nation marking the 'Day of Unity'.

If adopted, the new legislation would enable those who left Ukraine to emigrate to restore their Ukrainian citizenship, Xinhua news agency reported. It would also pave the way for foreign volunteers.





### At least 50 Palestinians killed by Israeli bombings on Khan Younis: Medical sources

Gaza, Jan 25 (IANS): At least 50 Palestinians have been killed and dozens of others wounded by Israeli bombings on shelter centres of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, Palestinian medical sources said.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said on Thursday in a press statement that it had received "reports of deaths and injuries among the displaced as a result of the occupation's bombings of shelter centres".

"Israeli tanks approached Al-Amal Hospital, and we completely lost contact with our crews in Khan Younis as a result of the ground incursion," it added. The organisation said that ambulances were unable to reach the injured in Khan Younis, because of Israeli forces' siege of its ambulance centre and "targetting anyone who tries to move around"

In addition, the Hamas-run government media office in Gaza said in a press statement that Israel had targetted five shelter centres in the city of Khan Younis, Xinhua news agency reported.

The statement noted that "the Israeli army targetted the displacement centres with direct bombardments, Quadcopter aircraft, drone aircraft, and artillery, which led to dozens of deaths and wounded". Ashraf Al-Qedra, spokesperson for the Ministry of Health in Gaza, said in a press statement that "the Israeli occupation is committing horrific crimes west of Khan Younis". He added that "dozens of deaths and wounded are still in the targetted places and roads," and the Israeli forces prevented ambulances from transferring the wounded people and retrieving the bodies of the victims in the west of Khan Younis.

#### Trump welcomes DeSantis' decision to end presidential campaign

: Former US President Donald Trump has welcomed the decision of his arch-rival Florida Governor Ron Desantis dropping out of the presidential race.

This leaves only Nikki Haley in the race in New Hampshire,

the 2nd early voting state. Ron DeSantis dropped six points in NH and realised he him, media reports said.

Trump's praise of DeSantis gratulate him on doing a very good

scribed him as a man whom he proposed as Florida governor and became a rocket ship in 24 hours. He could never forget his disloy-

Trump's familiar ritual is to welcome those who back him after taking him on earlier. The former president avoided mocking publicly Ron DeSantis as "DeSanctimonious" as he usually had no chance against Trump does, but chose to praise him inand even Hakley was ahead of stead, which was rather unusual. "I just want to thank Ron and con-

Washington, Jan 25 (IANS) was only lukewarm as he de- job," Trump said ending months of bitterness and rivalry with a man who was fancied to be his hereditary rival, minus his legal baggage.

> Trump once again proved that he was the boss of GOP, that the GOP was Trump and Trump was GOP, showing his tremendous sway of the party and his support-

"He (DeSantis) was very gracious, rific person. and he endorsed me. I appreciate Dropping out after spending a forthat, and I also look forward to



Praising DeSantis, Trump said, scribed DeSantis as "a really ter- said via video that he would be

tune on his campaign trail against working with Ron." Trump de- the mighty republican, DeSantis

ending his campaign two days before New Hampshire's first-inthe-nation GOP primary.

But Trump's glee Sunday night right? It's not easy."

aside, it wasn't the warmest of endorsements, media reports

said.

"It's clear to me that a majority of Republican primary voters want to give Donald Trump another chance," DeSantis said, offering matter-of-fact analysis through a forced smile, without adding plaudits for Trump, ABC news quoted him as saying. Trump showed little bother DeSantis' new approach, as he struck a tone of camaraderie as fellow political combatants. "I will tell you it's not easy," Trump said Sunday night in Rochester. "They think it's easy doing this stuff,



#### **Sydney Airport sees strong** monthly passenger traffic in Dec 2023

Sydney, Jan 25 (IANS): Sydney Airport saw 3.58 million passengers passing through the terminals in December 2023, up 15.8 per cent from the passenger traffic in same month of 2022, said an airport report. The figure represents the strongest monthly passenger traffic since 2019 and a 90.6 per cent recovery of the passenger traffic compared to December 2019, the airport said in a report released on Thursday. The airport's international terminal scored 1.5 million passengers in December 2023, an increase of 29.4 per cent from December 2022 and representing a 93.3-per cent recovery compared to December 2019, Xinhua news agency reported. Meanwhile, domestic and regional passenger traffic was up 7.6 per cent in December 2023 from a year ago to reach 2.08 million. Top 10 nationalities travelling through Sydney Airport in December 2023 included Australia, China, New Zealand, the US, Britain, India and South Korea. For the whole year of 2023, Sydney Airport recorded more than 38.65 million passenger traffic, jumping 32.7 per cent from that in 2022 but still 13 per cent less than the annual record of 44.4 million set in 2019. The airport also saw extra international capacity translate into strong passenger volumes in the India and South Korea markets in 2023, Sydney Airport CEO Scott Charlton said.

#### 91% of Sri Lankan children vaccinated against measles

Colombo, Jan 25 (IANS): Ninety-one per cent of Sri Lankan children have received measles vaccines, a crucial step in combating a recent resurgence of the disease after eradication, Health Minister Ramesh Pathirana said.

Addressing a press conference at the Presidential Media Centre, Pathirana on Thursday outlined further health priorities for 2024, saying that disease prevention takes center stage, with plans to bolster primary healthcare services

and improve efficiency for patients. The Minister said tackling non-communicable diseases remains a major challenge, as more than 20 per cent of Sri Lankans battle diabetes, and the country has high prevalence of high blood pressure, Xinhua news agency reported. Amid a rapidly aging population.





### There will be 'total victory' against Hamas: Netanyahu

New Delhi, Jan 25 (IANS): Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that Israel will achieve "total victory" against Hamas, media reports said. "Israel will achieve total victory after which there will be no entity in Gaza that finances terrorism, educates for terrorism, or sends terror," Netanyahu

He said that Israel has brought 110 hostages and is committed to bringing them all back.

"I am working on this around the clock. But let it be clear: I reject outright the terms of surrender of the Hamas monsters," he said. "I will not compromise on full Israeli security control over all the territory west of the Jordan [River]. As long as I am prime minister, I will continue to firmly stand by this," he said. Earlier, Hamas had demanded an end to the conflict, the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza, the release of Palestinian prisoners, and guarantees that Hamas could stay in power.



#### Australian Open: Sabalenka ends Gauff's journey to enter back-to-back final

Melbourne, Jan 25 (IANS): to-back Australian Open finals Australian Open, reigning champion Aryna Sabalenka showcased her tenacity to knockout Coco Gauff in a compelling semifinal encounter by 7-6(2) 6-4 on Thursday, here at the Rod Laver Arena. The Belarusian's 7-6(2) 6-4 triumph not only avenged a previous defeat suffered at the hands of Gauff in the 2023 US Open final but also etched Sabalenka's name in the annals of history. Her remarkable feat of reaching back-

mirrors the achievement of tennis royalty, Serena Williams, who accomplished the same eight years ago. With the final horizon in sight, Sabalenka now awaits the outcome of the clash between 12th seed Zheng Qinwen and Ukrainian qualifier Dayana Yastremska. The stage is set for a showdown that will determine who stands atop the podium as the Australian Open champion on Saturday.

#### Virat Kohli awarded ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023

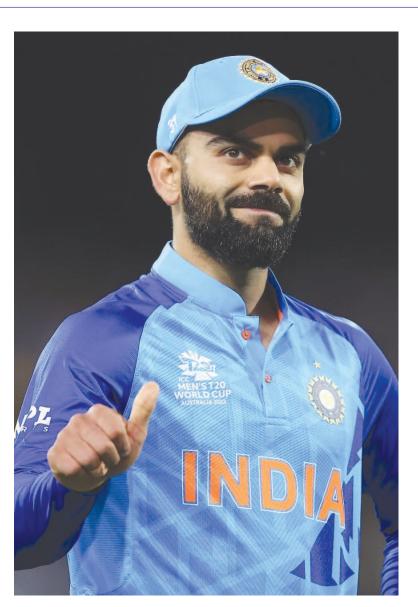
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Dubai, Jan 25 (IANS): In a year that reverberated with the resounding echoes of his cricketing prowess, veteran Indian batter Virat Kohli stood tall as he was crowned the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023, a fitting tribute to his exceptional contributions in the 50-over format. The zenith of Kohli's cricketing saga in 2023 was undoubtedly his Player of the Tournament performance at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. With a bat that seemed almost orchestral in its symphony, Kohli not only led India to the final but etched his name in the annals of cricketing history.

Throughout the World Cup campaign, Kohli's willow conducted a melody of brilliance, striking at least a halfcentury in nine out of eleven innings. The crescendo came in the form of an astounding 765 runs, the highest individual tally in a men's Cricket World Cup, surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar's record set in 2003.

Kohli's numbers were not mere statistics; they were a testament to his dominance— an average of 95.62, a strike rate of 90.31, and three centuries, including a memorable one in the semi-final against New Zealand.

It was in this crucial knockout clash that Kohli walked in at the fall of Rohit Sharma's wicket, weaving a performance that resonated with historic significance. Completing his record 50th century in the ODI format during the semi-final, Kohli's contribution became emblematic of his indomitable spirit and determination. The stunned silence that followed his dismissal in the final spoke volumes about Kohli's pivotal role in India's pursuit of the title.





### Indian team leaves for FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup Oman

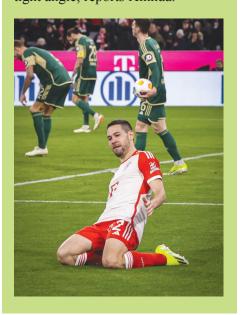
Bengaluru, Jan 25 (IANS): Setting off from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Thursday morning, the Indian team embarked on their journey to Muscat, Oman, for the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup. Securing their spot in the tournament by defeating arch-rivals Pakistan 4-4 (0-2 SO) in the thrilling Final of the Men's Asian Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier, India find itself placed in Pool B, alongside Egypt, Jamaica, and Switzerland. The other teams in the fray include the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan and Poland in Pool A and Pool C features Australia, Kenya, New Zealand, and Trinidad & Drinidad & Trinidad bago while Pool D includes Fiji, Malaysia, Oman and the United

States. India's campaign kicks off with a match against Switzerland on January 28, followed by a clash with Egypt on the same day. India's final group game will be against Jamaica on January 29. The Quarter-Finals are scheduled for January 30, with the semifinals taking place on the same day, and the Final set to take place on January 31.

#### Bayern edges Union in rescheduled Bundesliga fixture

Berlin, Jan 25 (IANS): Bayern Munich closed the gap on Bundesliga leaders Bayer Leverkusen after securing a narrow 1-0 victory over Union Berlin, thanks to Raphael Guerreiro's goal.

The Bavarians, now four points behind Leverkusen, nearly scored six minutes into the game as Matthijs de Ligt's close-range header tested Union goalkeeper Frederik Ronnow, who also thwarted Dayot Upamecano's follow-up shot from a tight angle, reports Xinhua.





### Cummins honoured with 1CC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023 award

**Dubai, Jan 25 (IANS):** In a year defined by triumphs and stellar performances, Australia's cricket captain Pat Cummins emerged as the undisputed champion, claiming the prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023.

Cummins' exceptional run with both bat and ball, coupled with his inspirational leadership, paved the way for a slew of team accolades, including a historic victory in the ICC World Test Championship Final, the successful retention of the Ashes, and a record-breaking sixth triumph in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. In 24 matches Cummins took 59 wickets and contributed 422 runs with the bat. Cummins' journey to this pinnacle of recognition began with the responsibility he assumed as captain in late 2021.

#### Winning Australian Open 2024 will be a dream come true, says Rohan Bopanna

Mumbai, Jan 25 (IANS): A day after assuring the world no.1 rankings, Indian veteran tennis player Rohan Bopanna, partnering Australian Matthew Ebden, sailed into the Australian Open men's doubles final after a win over Czech-Chinese pair of Tomas Machac and Zhizhen Zhang. The second-seed Indo-Aussie pair defeated Zhizhen and Machac 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (10-7) at the Rod Laver Arena on Thursday. The hearts of millions of Indian tennis fans filled with emotions and pride when Rohan Bopanna aced a serve to clinch the third set and book a place in the Australian Open 2024 final. The semi-final itself was a nervy match but Bopanna and his Australian men's doubles partner Matthew Ebden capped their brilliant run in the tournament with a win on Thursday. Speaking on Sony Sports

Network's studio show Extraaa Serve following the triumph, Bopanna was on cloud nine as he expressed his true emotions. "Extremely happy to be playing tennis, especially playing it pain-free. Playing as the World No. 1 I was playing freely and completely enjoying myself out on the court. Overall, I am enjoying myself being where I am today and playing one of my best tennis in couple of decades."



#### Hockey 5s Women's WC: India records 7-3 comeback win over USA

Muscat, Jan 25 (IANS): India secured an astounding 7-3 comeback victory over the United States in their second game of the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup in Pool C. The goalscorers for India were Mahima Choudhary (17'), Mariana Kujur (20', 22'), Deepika Soreng (23', 25'), Mumtaz Khan (27'), and Ajmina Kujur (29'). Meanwhile, Jacqueline Sumfest (4', 18') and Captain Linnea Gonzales (14') got on the scoresheet for the United States on Wednesday. The United States took the initiative in the first half, and Jacqueline Sumfest granted them the lead with a reverse shot that found the bottom corner of the Indian goal. India threatened to equalise immediately, but goalie Kealsie Robles stood firm against a flurry of chances, charging out to deny multiple goal-scoring opportunities for India.

The Indian forwards kept piling the pressure on the United States in the later stages of the first half but failed to find the equaliser. With a minute left to play, United States' Captain Linnea Gonzales intercepted a clearance from the Indian defense and unleashed a close-range shot to double their lead. Mariana looked to get a goal back for India, but Kealsie Robles remained vigilant in goal, swatting away the attempt as the first half drew to a close.



The second half began with India pegging the United States into their own half; the pressure resulted in a challenge which was converted by Mahima Choudhary to present India with their first goal and a foothold in the contest. However, the United States remained unfazed.

They were quick to bounce back as Jacqueline Sumfest let loose a thunderous strike from the halfline to restore the two-goal cushion for the United States. As India looked to get back on level terms, Mariana Kujur was on her toes, deflecting a cross to breach Kealsie Robles's goal and put India within striking distance. Mariana continued to hound the United States' defensive line in the second half.