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PM Modi is against reservations: Rahul

Nirmal (Telangana), May 5 (IANS) : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to remove the 50 per cent limit on the reservation and promised that the Congress, if elected to power, will

enhance the overall quota beyond 50 per cent. Addressing an election rally at Nirmal in Adilabad Lok Sabha constituency, he alleged that PM Modi is against reservation and wants to snatch the same. "Narendra Modiji should tell the country that he will remove the 50

per cent barrier because this is what Congress is going to do. Narendra Modi, in none of his speeches so far, said that he will remove the 50 per cent barrier on the reservation," he said. **Continued on pg 02**

KTR fulfills promise, extends financial support to Padma Shri 'Kinnera' Mogulaiah



Hyderabad, May 5 (IANS) : Keeping his promise, BRS working president KT Rama Rao extended financial aid to noted 'Kinnera' musician and Padma Shri awardee Darshanam Mogulaiah at the former's residence here on Sunday. He also urged the State government to fulfill the assurances given by the previous BRS government including restoring the monthly honourarium of Rs 10,000 to Mogulaiah.



Hyderabad roasts at 45 degrees Celsius, Chandanagar and Quthbullapur record highest

Hyderabad, May 5 (IANS) : The relentless surge in temperatures continued in Hyderabad with the mercury on Saturday nearing the 45 degrees Celsius mark. Areas like Chandanagar and Quthbullapur reported the highest maximum temperature at a scorching 44.5 degrees Celsius. Adding to the discomfort was a surge in

humidity levels, making the atmosphere feel even hotter than usual. The India Meteorological Department's data revealed a relative humidity of 66 per cent in the morning, exacerbating the heat's impact and making it almost unbearable for residents. In the surrounding districts, the situation was equally severe.

Many discrepancies in Rohith Vemula case probe : Venugopal

Hyderabad, May 5 (IANS) : AICC General Secretary K. C. Venugopal said on Sunday that there are many discrepancies in the investigation conducted in the Rohith Vemula case, and assured that

the Congress government in Telangana will leave no stone unturned to ensure justice to the family of deceased research scholar of University of Hyderabad.

"Rohith Vemula's death was a grave atrocity that completely exposed the anti-Dalit mindset of the BJP," the Congress leader posted on X. He mentioned that the Congress, including its leader Rahul Gandhi, has stood with Rohith Vemula's family through this difficult period.



Will Chandrababu Naidu's winning streak continue in Andhra's Kuppam?

Chittoor, May 5 (IANS) : While Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N. Chandrababu Naidu has his eyes set on another term in power, the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) in Andhra Pradesh is going all out to de-

feat him in Kuppam in his home district Chittoor. As part of its slogan 'why not 175', the YSRCP has been focusing on Kuppam, which is represented by the former chief minister since 1989.

Khammam LS seat in Telangana heading for interesting battle

Khammam (Telangana), May 5 (IANS) : The Khammam Lok Sabha constituency in Telangana is set to witness an interesting contest among Congress, BRS and BJP. While Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is facing an acid test in retaining the seat, following its crushing defeat in recent Assembly elections, the Congress party with the help of the Left appears confident of wresting it. While it is mainly the fight between the ruling and main opposition parties, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which hardly has a presence in the constituency.



INDIA bloc has no PM candidate : Amit Shah criticises Opposition, targets Jagan in Andhra rally

Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh), May 5 (IANS) : Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that the INDIA bloc has no candidate for the post of Prime Minister, adding that the country has decided to give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a third term. Addressing an election rally at Dharmavaram in Sri Sathya Sai district along with Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president N. Chandrababu Naidu, he

sought to know who was the prime ministerial candidate of the INDIA bloc. "God forbid, if you were to come to power, who would you elect as your Prime Minister? Will Sharad Pawar be the PM? Will Mamata Banerjee become (the PM) or MK Stalin Or Udahav Thackeray? I will take another name. Please don't laugh. Can Rahul Baba become the PM?" he wondered while addressing the rally.

K'taka obscene video case : HD Revanna refutes charges of kidnap & sexual harassment

Bengaluru, May 5 (IANS) : Former Minister and JD(S) MLA H.D. Revanna has refuted the charges of kidnapping and sexual harassment of the victim of an obscene video case which involves his son, sitting MP and candidate for Hassan Lok Sabha seat, Prajwal Revanna, during the questioning by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), sources said on Sunday.



Telangana farmers uncertain over investment support with barely a month to go for 'Vanakalam'

Hyderabad, May 5 (IANS) : Farmers planning for the Vanakalam (Kharif) crop season, which is barely a month away, are still in the shadow of uncertainty in the State. The pre-monsoon

operations that are intended to ensure timely sowing are all set to take off. But the air of confidence that marked the launch of the farm operations last year is missing this time around.





Free Spoken English classes started in Sirisilla under Popa

Rajanna Sirisilla, May 5 (TIM Bureau) : Padmasali Officials and Professionals Association (POPA) Rajanna Sirisilla started free spoken English classes today at Kusuma Ramaiah Zilla Parishad High School. On this occasion, POPA General Secretary Kankuntla Punnam Chander said that free spoken English classes were conducted for one month training for girl students from all social classes under POPA. He explained that it has been arranged. Spoken English is being taught to students from class 8 to intermediate.

BRS and BJP false propaganda that they are removing the district



Rajanna Sirisilla, May 5 (TIM Bureau) : Rajanna Sirisilla district activist Lingampally Madhukar alleged that the leaders of BRS and BJP are spreading false propaganda that the government is trying to remove Rajanna Sirisilla district and it has become a habit of BRS leaders to stir up emotions in the people. As part of the parliamentary election campaign, people were asked to vote for Congress candidate Velichala Rajender Rao in Padda Bonala merged village under Sirisilla Municipal on Sunday.

BRS leaders have a habit of provoking emotions and having a political party Demand of district activist Lingampally Madhukar in election campaign

Sirisilla Municipal 22nd Ward President Bairagoni conducted the campaign under the leadership of Ramesh Goud. On this occasion, Rajanna Sirisilla district activist Lingampally Madhukar said that the BRS leaders are plotting with such campaigns to create a peace and security problem in the state and make Ravana a target. "Later, Madhukar flagged that today's Chief Minister Revanth Reddy declared Rajanna Sirisilla district as a witness of Ambedkar in Sirisilla town and declared Rajanna Sirisilla district. BRS leader Bolli Rammohan has demanded an immediate apology for making inappropriate comments on Congress party leaders.

We will not settle down if the district won by the direct struggle of the people is reduced



Rajanna Sirisilla, May 5 (TIM Bureau) : The government formed Rajanna Sirisilla district respecting the people's aspirations with the direct struggle of all the people, all political parties, all-party struggles, hard work of caste associations and advocates, and the government should abandon the idea of shrinking Rajanna Sirisilla district. District Conservation Committee JAC leaders requested. To this extent, the leaders of District Conservation Advocate JAC held a press conference at Sirisilla Press Club on Sunday under the leadership of Avunuri Ramakant Rao. "He said that recently there were speculations that the Congress government was trying to reduce the districts.

Rahul dares PM Modi to promise removal of 50 pc quota limit, says 'Cong will do if voted to power'

Continued From pg 01 Stating that the biggest issue before the nation is increasing reservation beyond 50 per cent, he said the Congress party in its manifesto has promised to remove the same to do justice to OBCs, Dalits and tribals. The Congress leader reiterated his allegation that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) want to finish off the Constitution and take away the reservation.

"This election is between two ideologies. On one hand, Congress is trying to protect the Constitution while on the other BJP and RSS want to finish off the Constitution and take away the rights of the poor given by the Constitution," he said displaying the pocket-size copy of the Constitution of India. "The BJP leaders have said that if they win, they will change the Constitution. If the Constitution is changed, the reservation will also come to an end," he said, alleging that the BJP does not want the upliftment of backwards, Dalits

and tribals. Stating that Congress implemented its guarantees in Telangana, he promised that similar guarantees would be implemented across India. Rahul Gandhi said a woman from every poor family will get Rs 8,500 every month. This would be in addition to the Rs 2,500 per month women in Telangana are receiving. Alleging that PM Modi made youth unemployed, he said Congress has promised 'Pehli Naukri pakki' to youth. He said like

MNREGA right, graduates will get the job right. Asserting that there are 30 lakh vacancies in government across the country, he said college and university degree and diploma holders will be provided jobs for a year with a stipend of Rs 1 lakh per year. If the youth perform well in a year, they will be absorbed in their respective departments. Terming it as the world's first scheme of its kind, he said India will give the best-trained workforce to the world. He alleged that privatisation of the public sector, the Agniveer scheme, and contract employment all were aimed at taking away the reservation. He said Congress will do away with the contract system and provide permanent jobs.

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S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice
1)	Shiva Jaman, S/o: Billuse @Alias Yellosa, Age 37 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address I: H.No: 8-3-250/A, Ground Floor, Yousufguda, Hyderabad-500023, Address II: 13-5-293/8/Sl, Joshivada, Asifnagar, Karwan, Hyderabad-500067, B/o: Proprietor of " Shiva Enterprises- Whole Sale Distributor ", At # 4-1-59/1/9 And 10, Ratan Nagar, Near Hanuman Temple, Rajendranagar, Rangareddy, 2) Jaman Jyothi Sonil @Alias J J Sony, D/o: Jaman Yuilosa, Age 45 Years, Occ: Housewife, R/o: Address I: H.No: 8-3-250/A, Ground Floor, Yousufguda, Hyderabad-500045, Address II: 8-3-237/4/1/2, Yousufguda Basthi, Hyderabad-500045, 3) Mohammed Jaffar, S/o: Gaffar @Alias Mohammed Gaffar, Age 42 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Plot No: 48, Sy No: 31, Guntal Shah Nagar, Vattepally, Channarayana, Hyderabad-500053.Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs	08-06-2023	28-11-2023
		Loan Amount Rs. 20,00,000/-	Amount Outstanding Rs.35,28,930/-

DLSKNTE220040006- Description of the Immovable Property Schedule "A" : All that the open Plot, Admeasuring 879 Sq.Yards or 734.95 Sq.Mtrs. In Survey No. 347/A/3, Vln/Assessment No. 320691700087. Situated at Shankarampet Village, Shankarampet Revenue Mandal, Medak District, Under Shankarampet (R) Grampanchayat And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Agricultural Land of Mundrathi Kunti Pochaiah Towards West: Agricultural Land of Mundrathi Pochamma Towards North: Land of Vattepu Kisthaiah and Land of Mundrathi Pochamma Towards South: Road and Land of Govardhan

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

Date:04-05-2024 Place: Yousufguda/Channarayana Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiram Finance Limited

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S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice
1)	Panugothu Lalitha, D/o: Panthu Ramavath, Age: 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, Add-I: R/O: Plot No: 126, Anmangal, Blossom City, Injapur Road, Hayath Nagar-501505, Add-II: Paluguthanda, Ragadapa Post, Tirupuram, Ragadapa, Nalgonda-508207, B/O: Proprietor of "Hasini Modern Binny Rice Mill", At # 1, Industrial Estate V.T. Palem, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda-508207, 2) Panugothu Hanumu, S/o:Panugothu Ramchand, Age: 39 Years, Occ: Self Employee, Add-I: R/O: Plot No: 126, Anmangal, Blossom City, Injapur Road, Hayath Nagar-501505, Add-II: Paluguthanda, Ragadapa Post, Tirupuram, Ragadapa, Nalgonda-508207, 3) Basani Kankalaih, S/o: Basani Lakshmaiah, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Self Employee, Add-I:R/O: Plot No.19, Building-I, Bhavani Nagar, Nagaram, Medchal-500083, Add-II: 7-4, Ashreddypally, Komireddypally, Gandeed, Rangareddy-509337.Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs	08-08-2023	26-03-2024
		Loan Amount Rs. 30,00,000/-	Amount Outstanding Rs.48,51,108/-

CHDKDTE2206210001- Description of the Immovable Property Schedule "A" : All that the piece and Parcel of the open plot No.84, Under Block No. 3, admeasuring 200 Square Yards, or 167.2 Square meters and part of Plot No.85, admeasuring 50 Square Yards (Or of 200 Square Yards), Totally admeasuring 250 Square Yards or 209 Square Meters (Or of 400 Square Yards) In Sy.No.60 (Part) & 650 (Part), Situated At Vampuguda Kapra Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Under Kapra Municipality And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot Nos.81 & 80, Towards West: 30'-0" Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No.83, Towards South: Part of Plot No.85.

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

Date:04-05-2024 Place: Nagaram Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiram Finance Limited

Teenager stabbed to death over romantic rivalry in Delhi

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : An 18-year-old boy was stabbed to death by two individuals, including a minor, in southeast Delhi over enmity due to a girl, an official said on Sunday, adding that they have nabbed the culprits. Sharing the details, police said that on Sunday, two police control room (PCR) calls were received at Okhla police station at 5:27 p.m. regarding injuries to a boy, following which, a police team rushed to the spot. Another PCR call was received at 6:22 p.m. at Okhla Industrial Area near Apollo Hospital, that a patient



named Shivam, a resident of JJ Camp, Okhla Phase-II was brought in an injured condition and a quarrel had taken place at Salora Park in Okhla. "He was admitted to ICU and later declared dead by the doctor during the treatment. The crime team and forensic experts were also called on the spot, who investigated the crime scene," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Rajesh Deo. During the enquiry, it was found that Shivam, along with two other boys identified as Dharmender (18) and a juvenile (17), residents of the same locality, had come to Salora Park at about 5:11 p.m. After 7-8 minutes, Shivam came out from the park and when he sat on his motorcycle, he suddenly fell down on the footpath and blood was oozing from his neck," said the DCP. Further probe revealed that the minor had stabbed Shivam in the neck.

Rahul Gandhi should have informed people of Wayanad : Annie Raja

Thiruvananthapuram, May 5 (IANS) : With Rahul Gandhi deciding to contest from the Raebareli Lok Sabha constituency also, his rival in the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency.



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DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Borrower/ Guarantors/ Directors/ Mortgagors(s): 1) M/s. Vedamsa Agro Products Private Limited, 3rd Floor, E-69, Madhura Nagar, S.R.Nagar, Hyderabad-500038. Directors: 1. Mr. Kapil Reddy Laxmpoor, S/o. L.Narayana Reddy, No.39, 2nd Floor, SLN URBANA, HARSHA Hospital Road, Vaishnavi ENCL., Petabasheerabad, Telangana-500055. 2. Mr. Bilakanti Subbiah, S/o. B.Nagisetty, No.G-6, Balaji Towers, 1st Floor, Near MRO Office, E. Chinnakurthi, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523223. 3. Mr. Gangam Venkat Anil Kumar Reddy, S/o. G.V.Narasareddy, Plot No.35 & 36, Century Avenue, Behind NCL ENCL, AVE Pet Basheerabad, Hyderabad-500055. 4. Mrs. Gangam Venkata Jyothi Reddy, W/o. Gangam Venkat Anil Kumar Reddy, Plot No.35 & 36, Century Avenue, Behind NCL ENCLAVE, Pet Basheerabad, Hyderabad-500055.

Dear Sir/Madam,
Sub: Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act in respect of Cash Credit (S/BD) A/c No.213700150950056, Term Loan working capital A/c No. 213700480100248 and Term Loan GECL account no 213700460100046 availed by M/s. Vedamsa Agro Products Private Limited availed at Rikabgunj Branch.

At your request, the Bank has granted through its Rikabgunj Branch, from time to time, various credit facilities to the Borrower/ Borrowers as per the particulars mentioned in Schedule A. You, the Borrowers have availed the Credit facilities with an undertaking to repay the said credit facilities and executed the necessary loan documents in favor of the Bank and created charge in respect of movables shown in Schedule-B. Further the borrower(s)/ Guarantors/Mortgagors have also created mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds in respect of the property more fully described in Schedule C as security. The liability in the above loan account(s) were duly acknowledged by you by executing balance confirmation letters and revival letters and also other security documents from time to time. Further the loan account was personally guaranteed by 1) Mr. Kapil Reddy Laxmpoor, S/o L.Narayana Reddy, 2) Mr. Bilakanti Subbiah S/o. B.Nagisetty, 3) Mr. Gangam Venkat Anil Kumar Reddy, S/o. G.V.Narasareddy, 4) Mrs. Gangam Venkata Jyothi Reddy, W/o. Gangam Venkat Anil Kumar Reddy consequent to the default committed by the borrower/borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon, the loan account, has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA) as on 10.04.2024 as per the directions/guidelines of Reserve Bank of India relating to asset classifications issued from time to time. Despite repeated requests you, the Borrowers have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/outstanding liabilities.

You, the Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors are hereby called upon by this Notice under Section 13(2) to discharge the liabilities in full to the bank and to repay a sum of Rs.2,91,13,911.20 (Cash Credit - Rs.2,02,86,541.49 WCTL - Rs.28,86,447.15 & TL GECL Rs.59,40,922.56) (Rupees Two Crore Ninety One Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven and Paise Twenty only) as on 15.04.2024 to the Bank within 60 days from date of this notice. You are also liable to pay future interest at CC - 16.60% WCTL - 16.60% and TL GECL - 9.25% with monthly rests on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses cost, charges etc. Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the Act if you fail to repay the Bank the aforesaid amount with future interest and all costs and expenses thereon.

You, the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, any of the above said assets more specifically mentioned in the schedule hereunder after issuance of this notice as per Section 13 (13) of the above Act and any such transfer without prior written consent of the Bank will not affect the rights of the Bank and any such transfer shall be void.

The Borrower's/Mortgagor's/Guarantor's attention is hereby invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the assets. Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.

Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets:

- the secured asset shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor and
- in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the asset before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets.

This notice is issued without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

SCHEDULE - A

S. No.	Nature of Facility with Account Number	Limit Amount Sanctioned (Rs.)	Date of Execution of Loan Documents/ Last Renewal	Amount Outstanding 15-04-2024
1	Cash Credit 213700150950056	Rs.2,00,00,000/-	09/11/2023	Rs.2,02,86,541.49
2	Term Loan 213700480100248	Rs.40,00,000/-	31/03/2022	Rs.28,86,447.15
3	Term Loan GECL 213700460100046	Rs.59,50,000/-	11-11-2021	Rs.59,40,922.56
Total				Rs.2,91,13,911.20

SCHEDULE - B

1) On hypothecation of stock in trade of Cotton Lint and all kinds of Kirana, FMCG, Oils, Dalls, Whole Spices, Powder Spices and other Agro products meant for sale.

2) On hypothecation of receivables arising out of genuine trade transactions.

SCHEDULE - C

On equitable mortgage of Residential land to an extent of 1268.83 Sq.Yard (As per Registration Deed 1391.50 Sq.Yards, As per measurement 1391.50 Sq.Yard : affect due to future road widening of 122.67 Sq.Yards) and house building constructed there at to an extent of 2075.34 Sq.Ft constructed there at bearing Municipal No. 1-1-6/3 (Old), 1-1-125(new) in Survey Numbers.1639 and 1641 situated at EED-GOAN locally Near X Road, Bainsa Road, Nirmal Town and District standing in the name of Mr. Gangam Venkata Anil Kumar Reddy, S/o G.V.Narasareddy

Place: Rikabgunj Sd/- Authorised Officer, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Rikabgunj Branch. Date: 22-04-2024

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

(Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property which are in violation of the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower fails to pay the dues of the "IIFL HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IIFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IIFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.)

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrowers	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Ravukumar Talari Mrs. Sarala Talari (Prospect No. 970724)	All that piece and parcel of Survey No. 85/2, Yellama Temple, Siddamparam Village, Bukkaryasamudram Mandal, Ananthapur Dist. AP. India, 524218. Area Admeasuring (IN Sq. Ft.) Property Type Land Area Built Up Area Carpet Area Property Area: 1760.00, 1600.00, 100.00. Bounded By: North: Site Of Lakshmi Devi, South: Road, East: Road, West: Road.	Rs.692430/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Only)	23/02/2024	02/05/2024
Mr.Narasimha Pallam Mrs. Lakshmi Pallam (Prospect No. 967984)	All that piece & parcel of Sy No. 4671, Assessment No. 544, Bhadrachalam Village, Kodavallu Mandal, Nellore District, A.P. India, 524218. Area Admeasuring (IN Sq. Ft.) Property Type Land Area Built Up Area Carpet Area Property Area: 810.00, 450.00, 360.00. Bounded By: North: Veedhi, South: House of Modeguntla Yeadukundalu, East: Land of Numan Venkateswara, West: Veedhi.	Rs.615888/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Eight Only)	23/02/2024	03/05/2024
Mrs. Manepalli Reena Mr. Gopal Manepalli Reena Daily Labour (Prospect No. IL10421105)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No 210, Sy.No.1032,1033, Yallayapalem Village, Kodavallu Mandal, Nellore District, AP, 524366. Area Admeasuring (IN Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Built Up Area Carpet Area Land Area Property Area: 350.00, 320.00, 648.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.207, South: Empty Site, East: Road, West: Plot No.209.	Rs.150620/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Only)	22/02/2024	03/05/2024

For further details please contact to Authorized Officer at Branch Office:#16-14-298/1, First Floor, Behind Narayana Concept School, Mini Bypass Road, Srikari Nagar, Nellore - 524004, A.P. 15-570-34-1, 1st Floor,Pallavi Towers, Opp. Canara bank Anantapur 515001, Andhra Pradesh, India or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-I, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana

Place: Andhra Pradesh, Date: 06-05-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.



Gujarat heat alert: Temperatures soar above 40 degrees, yellow alert issued for four days

Ahmedabad, May 5 (IANS) : Severe heatwave was prevailing across Gujarat and the Meteorological Department said that the conditions will persist with forecasts indicating hotter days ahead. A yellow alert has been activated for the next four days till May 8, signalling temperatures to soar above 41 degrees Celsius. Surendranagar is currently enduring the brunt, recording the highest temperature in the state at 42 degrees. The extended forecast suggests that the state will continue to experience intense heat for at least the next 10 days.

Temperatures may even surpass 43 degrees this month, potentially reaching up to 45 degrees in some urban areas. Regions like Saurashtra, Kutch, and South Gujarat are specifically predicted to face heatwave conditions. Temperature readings across various cities illustrate the severity of the heat. Ahmedabad has registered 41.4 degrees, closely followed by Bhuj and Amreli at 40.6 degrees. Rajkot and Gandhinagar are not far behind, recording temperatures of 40.3 and 40.2 degrees, respectively. Lesser but still high temperatures are noted in other parts of the state, with

Chhotaudepur at 39.8 degrees, Vadodara at 39.6 degrees, and Deesa at 38.6 degrees. The Meteorological Department has urged the public to take necessary precautions to mitigate the effects of the heat and to stay informed through regular updates. A yellow alert signifies that severe weather conditions are currently present and could potentially worsen, disrupting daily activities. This warning encourages residents to be vigilant and prepared for changes that could affect safety and routine.

Empowering 'voters of tomorrow', Haryana launches initiative for children



Chandigarh, May 5 (IANS) : To increase voter turnout in the Lok Sabha elections slated on May 25 in Haryana, the Chief Electoral Officer's office on Sunday launched a new initiative involving schoolchildren, who will be rewarded with cash prizes. Under this initiative, children will be encouraged to motivate their parents to vote, and on the voting day, they will be required to upload a selfie of their family members after the voting. At the district level, cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000, and Rs 2,500 will be awarded to the first, second, and third

winners by conducting a draw of lots. Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Agarwal said under this initiative, the school having the maximum number of selfies uploaded by their students will also be awarded a special prize of Rs 25,000. A link has been developed on the <https://www.ceoharyana.gov.in/> portal for uploading selfies, which will be available on the voting day, i.e., May 25. The link for uploading selfies will be open for children along with voting from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Agarwal said the aim of this initiative is not only to increase voter turnout but also to make schoolchildren, who will be future voters, aware of their voting rights. The Chief Electoral Officer said more than two crore registered voters in Haryana, including 1,06,34,532 men, 94,06,357 women, and 464 transgenders. He said the number of voters in Gurgaon Lok Sabha constituency is the highest at 25,66,159, while in Faridabad it is 24,24,281.

Delhi HC dismisses PIL on immediate notification to ECI on arrests of politicians

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : The Delhi High Court has dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking that information about the arrest of politicians be immediately provided to the Election Commission of India (ECI) during the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct. The court ruled that such a requirement lacks legal rationale and undermines existing legal safeguards.

The PIL, filed by a final-year Law student, was seen as indirectly challenging the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently in judicial custody.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet P. S. Arora noted that Kejriwal is capable of pursuing legal recourse on his own, evidenced by his active cases in both Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court.



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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

DEMAND NOTICE

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

S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice
1)	Kappala John, S/o: Narayana Kappala, Age: 55 years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 1-7-175, Road No-14, Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kothapet, Saroor Nagar, Ranga Reddy Dist-500060, B/o: Proprietor of 'M/S Mega Projects' At # Same As Resi Address, 2) Jaya Sree Ganji, W/o: Janardhan Ganji, Age: 51 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H No: 1-7-175, Road No-14, Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kothapet, Saroomnagar, Hyderabad-500060, 3) Padma Kappala, W/o: John Kappala, Age: 44 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H No: 1-7-175, Road No-14, Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kothapet, Saroomnagar, Ranga Reddy Dist-500060, 4) Vadla Ramchander, S/o: Balalaih Vadla, Age: 60 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 1-7-163, Road No: 14, Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kothapet, Saroomnagar, Ranga Reddy Dist-500060, B/o: Proprietor of 'M/S Shiram Constructions', At # 2-124/A, Plot No-9, Nsc Estates, Sai Nagar Colony, Dilusuknagar, Hyderabad, 5) Vadla Prasad, S/o: Ramchander Vadla, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 1-9-72/C, Ram Nagar, Zamistanpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020, B/o: Proprietor of 'M/S Shree Mega Projects' At # 13-2-124/A/3, N.S.C. Residency, Chaitanyapuri, Dilusuknagar, Hyderabad, ... Borrowers/Co-Borrower/Guarantors/Legal Heirs	08-10-2023	23-01-2024
		Loan Amount Rs. 35,00,000/-	Amount Outstanding Rs. 52,74,496/-

BSR6T2205240003-Description of the Immoveable Property. Schedule 'A': All that the house No.1-7-61/3 On Plot Nos. 69, 70 And 73, Admeasuring 250 Square Yards or 209 Square Meters Situated at Chaitanyapuri, Kothapet Village, Uppal Mandal, Under G.H.M.C. L.B. Nagar Circle, Medchal Malkajgiri District and Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Property of Langa Reddy, Towards West: Property of Pochamma And Others, Towards North: Property of P.Chenna Reddy, Towards South: 15' Ft. Wide Road.

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

Date: 04-05-2024 Place: Kothapet & Musheerabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiram Finance Limited

Constituency Watch: Cong rebel's entry may change equations for BJP & Sena-UBT in Sangli

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : The BJP has stepped up its efforts to consolidate its position in the Sangli Lok Sabha constituency in Maharashtra, a vibrant cooperative sector, which until recently was a Congress bastion. While the Congress retained the seat from 1962 to 2009, the BJP made inroads thereafter, winning back-to-back elections in 2014 and 2019.

Confident of a hat-trick, the BJP has renominated two-term sitting MP Sanjay Patil, who is locked in a triangular contest against Shiv Sena (UBT) nominee and award-winning wrestler Chandrarah Patil, and Congress rebel Vishal Patil, the grandson of former Chief Minister Vasantdada Patil, who is contesting as an Independent. Sangli goes to the polls in the third phase on May 7. Interestingly, Vishal Patil's entry is forcing the BJP and Shiv Sena (UBT) to slog due to the changed equations. The BJP is confident that Patil will win by a huge margin riding on PM Modi's guarantees, The Hindutva card, especially in Miraj and Sangli Assembly segments, and the possible split in votes between the Sena (UBT) and the Congress rebel. Sena's (UBT) unilateral move to claim Sangli and announce the nomination of Chandrarah Patil stunned its allies NCP (SP).

UP: ED books paper leak accused for money laundering too

Lucknow, May 5 (IANS) : The Lucknow unit of Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a money laundering case against the two alleged masterminds of the Uttar Pradesh Police constable recruitment exam question paper leak case. They are Rajiv Nayan Mishra

and Ravi Attri, said ED officials. A senior ED official said that a case has been registered under various sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), based on 178 FIRs lodged across 41 districts in UP regarding the question paper leak. The ED will now interrogate Mishra and Attri, who are currently held in the Gautam Buddha Nagar jail, as well as officers from the UP Police Recruitment and Promotion Board involved in conducting the examination.

TMB TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LTD.
Pedanandipadu Branch, Door No.9-66, Ground Floor, P.A.S. College Road, Pedanandipadu-522235, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh State. Mob: 9177707749, LL: 08643-277244.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Borrower/ Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s): 1) Mr. More Pavan Kumar, S/o More Murali Krishna, Proprietor: M/S Sai Jaya Josnika Agencies, D.No.9-58/1, NTR Colony, Pedanandipadu-522235, Guntur District. 2) Mr. More Pavan Kumar, S/o More Murali Krishna, D.No.10-103, Pedanandipadu (V&M), Guntur-522235. 3) Mr. Murali Krishna More, S/o. Seetharamaya, D.No.10-103, Pedanandipadu (V&M), Guntur-522235. 4) Mrs. Kale Saraswathi, W/o. More Pavan Kumar, D.No.10-103, Pedanandipadu (V&M), Guntur-522235. 5) Mrs. More Kondala Bai, W/o More Murali Krishna, D.No.10-103, Pedanandipadu (V&M), Guntur-522235.

Dear Sir/Madam,
Sub: Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act in respect of Overdraft A/c No.284700050900054, Term Loan working capital A/c No. 284700480100081 availed by Mr. More Pavan Kumar S/o More Murali Krishna Proprietor: M/S Sai Jaya Josnika Agencies, availed at Pedanandipadu Branch. At your request, the Bank has granted through its Pedanandipadu Branch, from time to time, various credit facilities to the Borrower/ Borrowers as per the particulars mentioned in Schedule A. You, the Borrowers have availed the Credit facilities with an undertaking to repay the said credit facilities and executed the necessary loan documents in favor of the Bank and created charge in respect of movables shown in Schedule - B. Further the borrower(s) Guarantors/Mortgagors have also created mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds in respect of the property more fully described in Schedule C as security. The liability in the above loan account(s) were duly acknowledged by you by executing balance confirmation letters and revival letters and also other security documents from time to time. Further the loan account was personally guaranteed by 1) Mr. Murali Krishna More, S/o. Seetharamaya, 2) Mrs. Kale Saraswathi, W/o. More Pavan Kumar, 3) Mrs. More Kondala Bai, W/o More Murali Krishna Consequent to the default committed by the borrower/borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon, the loan account, has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA) as on 04.04.2024 as per the directions/guidelines of Reserve Bank of India relating to asset classifications issued from time to time. Despite repeated requests you, the Borrowers have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/outstanding liabilities. You, the Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors are hereby called upon by this Notice under Section 13(2) to discharge the liabilities in full to the bank and to repay a sum of Rs.34,16,916.66 (Overdraft - Rs.30,42,420.90 WCTL - Rs. 3,74,495.76 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and Paise Sixty Six only) as on 15.04.2024 to the Bank within 60 days from date of this notice. You are also liable to pay future interest at OD - 13.45% WCTL - 13.80% with monthly rests on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses cost, charges etc. Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the Act if you fail to repay the Bank the aforesaid amount with future interest and all costs and expenses thereon. You, the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, any of the above said assets more specifically mentioned in the schedule hereunder after issuance of this notice as per Section 13 (13) of the above Act and any such transfer without prior written consent of the Bank will not affect the rights of the Bank and any such transfer shall be void. The Borrower's/Mortgagor's/Guarantor's attention is hereby invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the assets. Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act. Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets- i) the secured asset shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor and ii) in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the asset before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets. This notice is issued without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

S. No.	Nature of Facility with Account Number	Limit Amount Sanctioned (Rs.)	Date of Execution of Loan Documents/ Last Renewal	Amount Outstanding as on 15-04-2024
1	Over draft 284700050900054	Rs.30,00,000/-	07-11-2023	Rs. 30,42,420.90
2	Working Capital Term Loan 284700480100081	Rs.5,00,000/-	09-03-2022	Rs.3,74,495.76
Total				Rs.34,16,916.66

SCHEDULE - B
1) On hypothecation of stock in trade of, Chocolate, Biscuits, Confectionery item, Soft drinks other grocery items and trade receivables etc.

SCHEDULE - C
Item No.1: On equitable mortgage of residential land to the extent of 96.80 sq.yards situated at Survey No.432-6, Near Door No.4-143, Block No.4, Nagulapadu Road, Pedanandipadu-522235, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh standing in the name of Mr. Pavankumar More, S/o. Muralikrishna More.
Item No.2: On equitable mortgage of residential land to the extent of 71.73 sq.yards (As per Title deed 80.0 Sq.yards) situated at Survey No.127/4, Near Door No.7-19, Block No.7 Near Polemar temple bus stop, Pedanandipadu-522235, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh and RCC old building constructed thereat to the extent of 335.80 sq.ft standing in the name of Mrs. More Kondalabai, W/o. Muralikrishna More.
Item No.3: On equitable mortgage of vacant land to the extent of Ac.0.46 cents (As per Land Conversion Land is 0.43 cents) situated at D.No.235/1 of Katrapadu Village, Pedanandipadu Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh standing in the name of Mr. Pavankumar More S/o. Muralikrishna More.

Place: Pedanandipadu Sd/- Authorised Officer, TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LTD., Pedanandipadu Branch. Date: 22-04-2024

Canara Bank CANARA BANK Nagaram Branch, RO-III, Hyderabad.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. The below mentioned person has been granted various credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property mortgaged by borrower/ guarantor by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank are mentioned hereunder. As borrowers/guarantors have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the account has been classified as Non Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the Demand Notice that were sent to borrower/ guarantor by Regd. Post calling upon them to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned by the Postal Department, this notice is issued.

Name of the Borrower:- Sri. Erasani Anjaneyulu, S/o Late E.Laxmaiah, H.No.10-66, Plot No.66/B1, North Part, Laxminagar Extension, Rampally Village, Keesara Mandal, Hyderabad-501301. Sri. Eralaja Anil Kumar (Gaurantor), S/o E.Ramulu, H.No.8-7-91/165, Hastinapuram South, Near Amma Hospital, Hastinapuram, Hyderabad-500079. NPA Date: 30-03-2024

Outstanding Amount: Rs.16,04,149.49 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Four Thousand One Hundred Forty Nine and Forty Nine paise Only) plus interest thereof together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs thereon. Demand Notice Date: 31-03-2024

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that the H.No.10-66, Plot No. 66/B1, North Part, Laxminagar Extension, Rampally Village, Keesara Mandal, Telangana-501301. Bounded by North: by 4' Wide Lane, South: by Plot No.66/B1 Part, East: by Plot No.66B, West: by Neighbour's Land.

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

Date: 04-05-2024, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

FILM NAGAR BRANCH: Door No.A-33, Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500096 PHONE NO.040-23551464 e-mail:vjjub@bankofbaroda.co.in

ABRIDGED VEHICLE E-AUCTION NOTICE

In view of the default committed by the Borrowers mentioned below, Bank has repossessed/ seized the Hypothecated Motor Vehicle mentioned below in exercise of the powers conferred under Hypothecation Agreement executed by the parties and same is being auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Sr. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower/ Loan A/c No.	Amount Due	Description of the Vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD Amount of Vehicle Rs.
1	Mr. Talluri Mohan Gandhi, P.No. 3-674, F No. 206 Rn 36 Survey of India, Chy Ayyappa Society-500081 Ac No: 75780600000432	Rs.11,99,410.90/- Together with further interest thereon at contractual rate due from 04.05.2024 + Legal and other expenses. (Less Recovery if any)	Reg no: TS 07 HF 5787 Chassis No: MALPC813L1M032323C Engine No: D4FALM991236 Model: HYUNDAI CRETA 1.5 CRDI MT SX BSVI Colour: POLAR WHITE MFG Month/ Year: 03/2020	Rs. 10,50,000/- (Ten Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,05,000/- (One lakh Fifty Thousand Only)

A/C Name: New Intermediary Account, A/C No: 75780015181219, IFSC Code: BARB0VJUBJI (Fifth letter- ZERO), Name of Bank & Branch: BANK OF BARODA, Film Nagar Branch

Vehicle Auction through Online mode: <https://bob.auctiontiger.net/> Date/Day/Time of E-Auction: 06.06.2024, Thursday, 12.00 PM to 4.00 PM Last date of submission of Bid: 05.06.2024, Wednesday, before 4.00 PM. The intending purchasers/ bidders may inspect the Vehicle on 28.05.2024 during the time 10.30 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. (At parking Yard: Bright Securities Pvt Ltd, Plot No 484, Road No 5a, Gopal Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072). For online Auction process please contact the Authorized Officer on Tel No.8367788240/9700104334.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E AUCTION SALE:
1) Bank of Baroda reserves the right to accept/reject any or all of the offer(s) or Bid (s) so received without assigning any reason thereof. 2) Bank of Baroda reserves the right to accept/reject/Postpone/Cancel the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. 3) To the best of knowledge and inform on the part of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the vehicle. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of vehicle & to inspect & satisfy themselves. (FOR DETAILED TERM AND CONDITIONS PLEASE REFER TO <https://bob.auctiontiger.net/>)

Date: 04.05.2024, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

OPINIONmail

RAHUL VICTORY FROM
AMETHI MUST TO RESTORE
GANDHI FAMILY GLORY

Who all want Rahul Gandhi to contest from Amethi now that Wayanad has voted? Lots of people. The electorate of Amethi. The “UP Congress” has demanded that Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra should be fielded from Amethi and Raebareli respectively. The Congress Central Election Committee has asked Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to name Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from Amethi and Raebareli. Sonia Gandhi has been roped in to recommend Rahul Gandhi from Amethi. The “final decision” has been left to Kharge. Is that so? Just so that everybody gets it correct, the final word will be that of Rahul Gandhi. Those who think otherwise must be living in la-la land. Nothing moves in the Congress without Rahul Gandhi’s say so. That includes his own candidature. Party President Kharge knows this and so does Sonia Gandhi, who is the main reason why Rahul Gandhi throws his weight around in the Congress in the first place. So Rahul Gandhi will decide whether he wants to contest from Amethi? From the looks of it, Rahul Gandhi is not entirely comfortable or convinced; he is happy being Wayanad’s representative. Maybe, he should think of how challenging it will be for Smriti Irani if he contests. There is no guarantee Irani will win again. What if, heart of heart, Irani is scared stiff of Rahul’s hat in the ring? The question is whether the last of the Gandhis for a long time to come is afraid of losing? By “running away” to Wayanad, Rahul Gandhi had broken the spell of losing. Now, he might have to get used to losing all over again. Let’s not forget, the BJP has declared it will win all 80 UP seats and Amethi is a parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh with its “double-engine ki Sarkar”. The BJP will put everything at its command to defeat Rahul Gandhi. Also, Irani is no small fry. The Congress waited for Wayanad to vote and now it has to gamble on Amethi. A defeat in Amethi cannot be compensated by a victory from Wayanad. Rahul Gandhi’s relevance on the national stage depends on his showing in north India. Rahul Gandhi faces a difficult choice. The “final decision” will be his – his alone. Kharge can only nod in acquiescence. And whether Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will be fielded from Raebareli is a “maybe” though a decision cannot wait any longer. The last date for filing nominations is on everybody’s heads. The CEC has no time to waste.

Also, what about Robert Vadra, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra’s better-half, who has been raring to test his electoral oats from Amethi? The focus will remain on Rahul Gandhi though. Stray reports are floating of the Priyanka-Vadra Camp waiting to make a move on Rahul Gandhi if he tastes a repeat defeat from Amethi. Is the party up for grabs? The turmoil in the Delhi unit tells a story. Even the best of best friends of the Congress haven’t a good word to say. Tickets to Kanhaiya Kumar and Udit Raj to contest from Delhi parliamentary seats are big-big mistakes?

The party, however, isn’t thinking of Delhi, for now the focus is on Amethi and Raebareli. Rahul Gandhi’s Man Friday KC Venugopal is taking care of the Delhi-shambles and he is leaving no stone unturned to ensure his hold on the Congress stays even if his manoeuvrings will leave the Congress diminished. The Congress high command appears focused on the question of fielding Rahul Gandhi from Amethi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from Raebareli. But what if the candidates are flipped – Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from Amethi and Rahul Gandhi from Raebareli? Will this make a difference? Will it be a game-changer, the surprise element in a field of predictable? BJP calculations will be upset. Chances are Raebareli electorate would wholeheartedly vote for Rahul Gandhi. What will Smriti Irani have to say against Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, other than hold forth on “Parivarvaad”, if Priyanka is the Amethi candidate? The Congress should take this opportunity to surprise and upset. This could be the last chance for the Gandhi family to make sure it retains its premier position in the grand old party. Winning Wayanad is one thing, but losing Amethi has to be undone, whether Rahul Gandhi snatches victory or Priyanka Gandhi Vadra upsets Irani, the Gandhi family has to ward off eclipse for sheer survival.

(By Sushil Kuty)

EDITORIAL
the indian mailPATANJALI, PRIVATE PHARMA COMPANIES
AND THE DUPING OF INDIAN CONSUMERS

The Supreme Court in its order on 23rd April 2024 has taken the Indian Medical Association (IMA) to task for its alleged unethical conduct over recommending overpriced drugs and line of treatment “for valuable consideration”. The apex court has pointed out that the IMA also needs to put its house in order as there are several complaints, a Bench of Justice Hima Kohli and Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah said. The Hon’ble court showed concern over several misleading ads of FMCGs (fast-moving consumer goods) which effect health of the babies, school going children and senior citizens. The Court also asked the union of India and the state licensing authorities to

activate themselves. It has also directed that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Information Technology be made parties to the case, the top court asked the three ministries to file affidavits spelling out their respective stand on various issues raised in the matter. The Supreme Court verdict has come immediately after the case of Patanjali for its fraudulent advertisements in medicine. It was after the persistent perusal of the issue by Dr Babu K.V from Kannur, Kerala who got the information on various related matter through the RTI. The IMA later filed a petition in the apex court on the plea that Ramdev and Balkrishan Acharya are misleading the people on their products and ridiculing the modern scientific methods of treatment even during



the COVID pandemic. Ramdev projected his Coronil without any substantive evidence as a treatment for the disease. It is important to note that this was promoted by the then Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, who is an ENT surgeon trained in modern medicine. Several health organisations had raised concern over the non-evidence based, even mythical methods of treatment being promoted by some of the higher functionaries in the BJP government. The concerned citizens have been raising voice for the government to implement its

commitment agreed upon in the Alma Ata declaration on health in 1978 to ensure health to all citizens. But contrary to what should have been done as per the Alma Ata declaration and state owning responsibility for the healthcare to the citizens, the market forces have taken over control of the healthcare. As a result there is entry of corporates in the health sector leading to conceptual change towards health. For the corporate the health is a business instead of service to the people. (IPA Service)

CONTROVERSY OVER SURAT
SEAT HAUNTS BJP AS GUJARAT
GOES TO POLLS ON MAY 7

On the last date of withdrawal of nomination on April 22 in Surat constituency of Gujarat, BJP’s candidate Mukesh Dalal was declared unopposed winner, triggering a great controversy on the onset of the election campaign, since this victory to BJP came after the rejection of the nomination of the main opposition Congress candidate. Nilesh Kumbhani was rejected while all other 8 candidates, predominantly independents, along with Pyarelal Bharti from the BSP, withdrew their nominations. Nomination form of the alternate Congress candidate Suresh Padsala was also rejected. Electoral race was thus eliminated on this seat. Now election of the rest 25 Lok Sabha constituencies of Gujarat would be held as scheduled in the third phase of election on May 7. Congress has called upon the Election Commission of India to halt the Surat election, alleging that BJP plotted a “match fixing” in the seat. Rahul Gandhi said that the unopposed victory of BJP in Surat has exposed the “dictator’s real face”.

(IPA Service)

LOW POLLING IN LAST
TWO PHASES IN
MADHYA PRADESH
WORRIES BJP LEADERS

Perturbed over sharp fall in vote percentage in the last (second) phase of polling in various Lok Sabha constituencies in Madhya Pradesh both the BJP and Congress have decided to take several measure to increase voters turn out.

The BJP has taken steps to increase booth management.

The party has directed its leadership to take personal interest. So far 21 top leaders were given the assignment but now almost everybody who matters have been given responsibilities.

They include Chief Minister and the other top leaders. They all have been asked to keep eyes on the booth in their area.

LARGE GOLD IMPORTS ARE A
REASON BEHIND RUPEE DEPRECIATION

Between 2014 and 2023, India’s gold imports had gone up from 638 tonnes to 780.7 tonnes. The gold price in the country calculated on the basis of 24 karat per 10 grams went up, respectively, from Rs.28,000 to Rs73,750 during this period. The exchange value of Indian Rupee dropped from Rs.59.90 in May 2014 to a US\$ to Rs.83.32 in April, 2024. Since long, India has been the world’s second largest gold importer. India’s rich have always gone for gold to substantially protect their wealth. The high demand for gold is linked with the low demand for Rupee among the rich. Rich Indians hold massive surplus wealth in Rupee. The country’s top one percent population holds 40 percent of its wealth. Like any other asset, the value of a currency is determined by its demand and supply. India’s rich are flush with Rupee funds. For them, gold is a much more desirable asset than the paper currency. Investments in stocks and real estates have been among other popular ways to protect the massive Rupee earnings of the country’s rich. This explains why the demand for gold has always outstripped the demand for Rupee. Ironically, India remains as one of the world’s poorest countries in terms of per capita income. According to the IMF World Economic Outlook, GDP (nominal) per capita of India in 2024 is projected at US\$2,848 at current prices, placing India at 143rd position out of 195

global economies. The income share of the country’s top one percent ranks among the highest in the world, only behind a few small countries such as Peru and Yemen.

The factors that normally affect the value of a national currency are: demand for the currency and its supply; interest rates; economic performance; inflationary trend; GDP growth; unemployment rate; national debt; and political stability. As mentioned earlier, the demand for Indian Rupee (INR) is low among the rich, the single largest controller of the country’s wealth including INR stocks. The supply of INR far exceeds its demand among the rich. INR is in demand among the poor and there is no supply shortage.

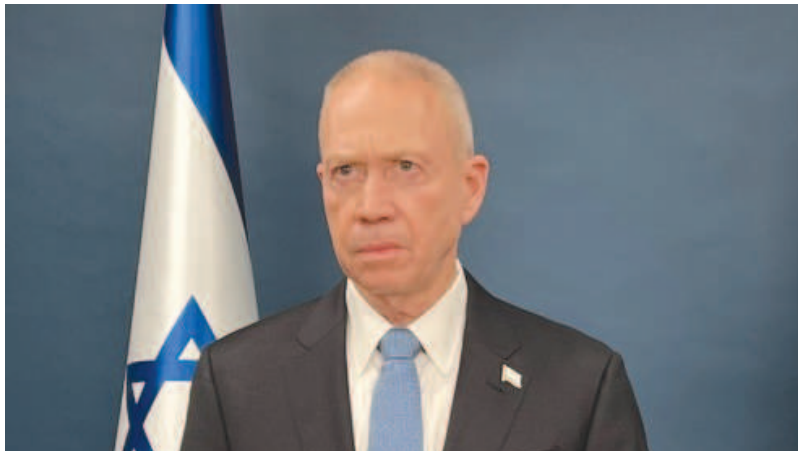
The interest rates are an issue. They are important determinants of exchange rates. A currency value rises when interest rates are high as investors always look for best rates to earn higher return. For many years, interest rates in India have stayed even lower than the inflation rates.

AS CRYPTO MARKET
REBOUNDS, VENTURE CAPITAL
FUNDS RAISING BILLIONS

With the rebound of the cryptocurrency market, there is a notable resurgence in fundraising activities, suggesting growing investor confidence. Paradigm, a prominent player in the crypto-focused venture capital sphere, is reportedly in discussions to secure an investment ranging between \$750 million to \$850 million. This potential funding round, if successful, would mark a significant milestone in the post-crash era, potentially signalling renewed faith in crypto-related ventures. Notably, this follows Paradigm’s record-breaking \$2.5 billion fundraising effort in 2021. The proposed fundraising by Paradigm comes against the backdrop of a challenging period for the crypto investment sector. Since the market downturn of late 2022, venture capital investments in crypto have experienced a notable decline. However, Paradigm’s endeavour hints at a potential shift in sentiment, reflecting a renewed



appetite for high-risk, high-reward opportunities within the crypto ecosystem. This resurgence in fundraising activities extends beyond Paradigm. Other entities, such as Galaxy Digital’s investment arm and Monad Labs, are also making waves in the fundraising arena. Galaxy Digital seeks to raise \$100 million to fuel early-stage investments in crypto startups, while Monad Labs recently secured \$225 million in funding, with Paradigm as the lead investor. These developments underscore a broader trend of increased investor interest and capital inflows into crypto-related ventures. The composition of investors participating in these funding rounds highlights the diverse array of stakeholders engaging with the crypto market. Institutional investors, including Coinbase Ventures and Greenoaks, are joining forces with angel investors, demonstrating a convergence of traditional finance and crypto enthusiasts in supporting innovative blockchain projects.



Gaza war rages on as efforts to reach a ceasefire deal continue

Tel Aviv, May 5 (IANS/DPA) : Israeli fighter jets and artillery hit central Gaza on Sunday, the army said, as efforts to reach a new deal between Israel and Hamas continue. Israeli Air Force (IAF) "fighter jets struck armed terrorists, terrorist infrastructure, and operational tunnel shafts," the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said on Telegram. "The IDF continues to operate in the central Gaza Strip," it added. The IDF said it launched its attack after "a number of launches" on Wednesday from central Gaza against Israeli forces. A mortar shell launcher was destroyed and several armed fighters were killed, the army said. It reported no Israeli injuries. Meanwhile Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant discussed "operational developments" in north-

ern and southern Israel in a phone call with his US counterpart, Lloyd Austin, a Gallant spokeswoman said. They also discussed efforts to release further hostages held by Hamas. Austin also provided information about preparations for future Gaza operations. Israel has announced that it will go ahead with a controversial military operation in the city of Rafah in the south of the coastal strip if there is no early agreement on a ceasefire and the release of Israeli hostages in return for Palestinian prisoners. In addition, humanitarian aid for the suffering population in Gaza and the opening of further crossings were also on the agenda. Aid deliveries have recently increased significantly, but the US is demanding a further increase.

Turkey announces suspension of trade activities with Israel

Ankara, May 5 (IANS) : Turkey halted all trade activities with Israel due to the latter's "non-stop violence" against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, the Turkish Trade Ministry said. The move follows Turkey's imposition of restrictions on an array of exports to Israel since last month, which Ankara said on Sunday would remain in effect until a ceasefire in Gaza is achieved. In a statement, the Ministry recalled that Ankara previously restricted the export of 54 product groups to Israel in April because the

"massacre, humanitarian catastrophe, and physical destruction caused by Israel continued," and the Israeli government "ignored" international ceasefire efforts and blocked humanitarian aid, Xinhua news agency reported. "It is observed that the Israeli government continues its aggressive behaviour and the humanitarian tragedy in Palestine worsens," the Ministry said. "In this respect, the second phase of the measures taken at the state level has been initiated and export and import transactions with Israel have been suspended for all products," said the statement. Turkey will strictly and de-

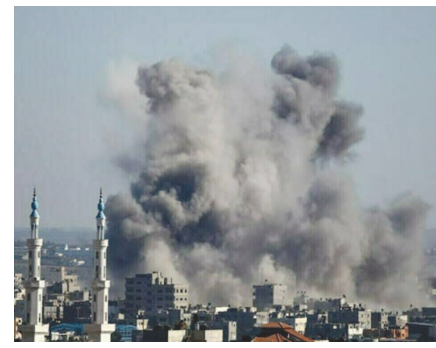


cisively implement these new measures until the Israeli government allows the uninterrupted and sufficient flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza, it added. On the other hand, the Turkish Trade Ministry is coordinating with Palestinian authorities to ensure that Palestinian people "who are forced to live

under occupation" are not affected by these restrictions, the Ministry noted. According to the Turkish Statistical Institute, trade between the two countries amounted to \$6.8 billion in 2023, with Turkish exports accounting for 76 per cent of the total.

8 soldiers injured in Israeli airstrike on outskirts of Syria's Damascus

Damascus, May 5 (IANS) : Israel launched an aerial attack from the direction of the occupied Golan Heights against a military site near Syrian capital Damascus, injuring eight soldiers and causing material losses, the Syrian Defence Ministry said. While the Defence Ministry statement spelled no further details, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported on Sunday that explosions were heard in the southwestern countryside of the capital Damascus, precisely along the administrative boundary shared with Quneitra province and the occupied Syrian Golan Heights.



Australian government failing to prepare for climate security risks: report

Canberra, May 5 (IANS) : The Australian government is failing to properly plan for security risks from climate change, former military and intelligence leaders have warned. In a report published on Sunday, the Australian Security Leaders Climate Group (ASLCG) said the federal government has fundamentally failed to accept the size and immediacy of climate risk, Xinhua news agency reported. The ASLCG was formed in 2021 by a group of former senior military and security officials, including former Australian Defence Force chief Chris Barrie, who said they were concerned that the security implications of climate change were not being addressed by the government. In Wednesday's report, they said that the 2024 National Defense Strategy released in April fails to recognise that the rapid acceleration of climate change requires a fundamental recalibration of security and defense thinking. The report said that the government's commitment of up to 18 billion Australian dollars (11.7 billion US dollars) to upgrade military bases in northern Australia will place many critical bases in areas that are projected to become near-unlivable if global warming reaches 2.7 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.



"Once northern Australia reaches a state of 'near unlivable conditions', the area will be likely to partially depopulate and the services and infrastructure on which civil society and the military depend -- transport and logistics, utilities, health and social and education services for families -- will degrade," it said. "Already training and operations are being canceled due to extreme heat." In 2022, the federal government was handed a classified report from the Office of National Intelligence (ONI) on threats posed to Australian security by climate change. The ASLCG called for a declassified version of the report to be released and for the government to establish a Climate Threat Intelligence branch within the ONI that would regularly provide briefings to parliament.



North Korea dismantles South Korean building near shuttered Kaesong complex

Seoul, May 5 (IANS) : North Korea appears to have taken down a building located near the now-shuttered inter-Korean factory park in the North Korean border city of Kaesong, the unification ministry said Sunday. The dismantled building had been built outside the factory park by a South Korean company for investment purposes, a ministry official told reporters, without providing further details, Yonhap news agency reported. The official said the

building had never been in use even when the Kaesong Industrial Complex was normally running before South Korea suspended its operation in February 2016 in response to the North's nuclear and long-range missile tests. Earlier this week, the Voice of America, a Washington-based news outlet, reported that the building located some 50 meters from the factory park entrance had been dismantled, citing satellite imagery.

Death toll in China road collapse mounts to 48

Guangzhou, May 5 (IANS) : The death toll from the collapse of a portion of a road in China's Guangdong province has risen to 48, authorities said. Thirty injured people are receiving hospital treatment, and none are in life-threatening condition, according to authorities of Meizhou City, Xinhua news agency reported. The collapse happened around 2.10 a.m. on the Meizhou-Dabu Expressway in Meizhou. The collapsed section measures 17.9

meters in length and covers an area of 184.3 square meters, officials said. Aerial photos show one side of the expressway had caved in, causing vehicles to roll down a slope. The Ministry of Emergency Management has dispatched a team to the scene to guide rescue work and has urged local efforts to accelerate search and rescue work, treat those who sustained injuries, minimize casualties, and determine the cause of the incident.



Pakistan, Iran & China to hold talks on counter-terrorism, security cooperation

Islamabad, May 5 (IANS) : Pakistan, Iran, and China will soon hold a trilateral meeting on counter-terrorism and security, a decision experts see as a representation of Beijing's increasing and further strengthening influence and role in bridging gaps between regional neighbours on important challenges and issues. It should be noted that the upcoming trilateral consultation would be the second round of meetings as the first meeting was held in Beijing in June last year. The main focus of the Trilateral Consultation is to find cooperating grounds, strategies and efforts to fight terrorism and groups that have been targeting the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). "The trilateral consultation meeting would review the current security situation and activities of terrorism groups threatening regional stability," said a diplomatic source. "China has keen interest in Pakistan and Iran dealing this threat together as their shared border is home to some groups targeting Chinese in-

terests," the source added. China has been seriously concerned and worried over the on-going attacks on its nationals in Pakistan, which saw a significant surge in the recent past with two major attacks in Besham and Karachi. Sources say that the attack on the van carrying Chinese engineers in Besham, which resulted in the killing of at least five of Beijing's engineers, followed by a suicide attack on the vehicle carrying Japanese nationals in Karachi's Landhi area, has rung serious alarm bells in Beijing. Beijing has called on both Iran and Pakistan to act against groups including the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), its suicide wing Majid Brigade, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other affiliate groups working to carry out attacks on Chinese nationals, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the BRI. Kamran Yousaf, a senior political analyst, said that militant groups like the Majid Brigade have been targeting Chinese nationals in Pakistan and have been operating from bordering areas of the Pakistan-Iran border. "Majid Brigade, a suicide wing of a Baloch terrorist outfit, was



formed to target China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. In recent years, the group took responsibility for many deadly attacks targeting Chinese nationals and CPEC," said Kamran Yousaf. "China feels that close cooperation between Pakistan and Iran could neutralise these threats," he added. China's regional influence is certainly increasing as it continues to engage with neighboring countries and work out ways to safeguard its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Also, the situation along the Pakistan-Iran border has gone from bad to worse in the recent past with increased attacks in different parts of the Balochistan province by militant groups. Experts believe that it was Beijing's efforts that sorted out issues between Pakistan and Iran during January this year after Iran fired missiles into Pakistan targeting what it claimed as suspected

terrorist hideouts of militant group, Jaish-e-Adl. Pakistan denied the claim and responded with a similar strike on the Iranian side of the Pakistan-Iran border, claiming its target to be a terrorist hideout. "Everyone believed that Pakistan and Iran were on the verge of a full-scale conflict in January. However, it was Beijing's influence and timely engagement with both parties that swiftly moved both countries to sort out their issues," said Kamran Yousaf. "After January, both countries also decided to deploy senior military officials in each other's countries. A Colonel-rank Pakistan Army officer was deployed in Zaydan, Sistan-Balochistan while Iranian Revolutionary Guard officer would be stationed in Turbat, Balochistan for better coordination," he added.



Man flees after pronouncing triple talaq to wife in moving train

Jhansi, May 5 (IANS) : In a shocking incident, a man gave triple talaq to his wife in a moving train and then fled, the police said. The incident occurred just before the Jhansi Junction on April 29 when Mohammad Arshad, 28, was travelling with his wife Afsana, 26. As the train chugged into the Jhansi station, Arshad gave triple talaq to his wife and got off the train. He also beat his wife before fleeing. Shocked by the sudden turn of events, Afsana contacted the Government Railway Police, which sent her back to Pukhrayan in Kanpur Dehat, from where she

had boarded the train for Bhopal, earlier that day. An FIR was finally lodged and a manhunt launched for the accused. Arshad, a computer engineer employed with a private firm in Bhopal, had married Afsana, a graduate hailing from Kota in Rajasthan, on January 12 this year. The match was made through a matrimonial advertisement. When the couple visited Arshad's ancestral house in the Pukhrayan last week, Afsana was shocked to find that Arshad was already married. When she confronted him, he and his mother began to harass her for dowry, according to the complaint.

BSP names more candidates, replaces three in UP

Lucknow, May 5 (IANS) : The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) released another list of candidates for the Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh around Sunday midnight. While it declared candidates for three more seats in the state, it replaced candidates on another three seats. The party announced to field Saurabh Kumar Mishra from Gonda, Narendra Pandey from Kaiserganj, and Shiv Kumar Dohre from Barabanki reserved seat. While Gonda and Kaiserganj candidates are Brahmin, the Barabanki nominee belongs to the Scheduled community.

The three seats where the party replaced the candidates are Sant Kabir Nagar, Azamgarh, and Domariyaganj. In Azamgarh, Sabiha Ansari, a Congress defector, was replaced with Mashood Ahmed. In Sant Kabir Nagar, Syed Danish has been replaced by Nadeem Ashraf. In Azamgarh, BSP has changed candidates twice. The party had initially fielded its former Uttar Pradesh State President, Bhim Rajbhar, but then replaced him with Sabiha Ansari and now Mashood Ahmad. In Domariyaganj, Mohammad Nadeem Mirza will contest instead of Khwaja Shamsuddin,



whom the party had fielded earlier. Meanwhile, the BSP announced to field Alok Kushwaha from the Lucknow East constituency. The BSP has declared Ramesh Singh Patel a candidate for Allahabad. In Bansgaon, Ram Samujh will

contest on BSP's ticket. In Shravasti, the party has fielded Moinuddin Ahmed Khan alias Haji Daddan Khan. In Varanasi, the party replaced Athar Jamal Lari with Syed Niyaz Ali. In Bhadohi, Irfan Ahmed has been replaced by Harishankar Singh.



Bhupinder Hooda promises IMT in Ambala to promote industry

Ambala (Haryana), May 5 (IANS) : Two-time Haryana chief minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Sunday promised to set up an Institute of Management Technology (IMT) in Ambala to promote industry and employment if the Congress government is formed. Hooda was here along with state Congress President Chaudhary Udaibhan to accompany party candidate Varun Mullana to file his nomination for the Ambala Lok Sabha seat. Many senior party leaders and MLAs were present on the occasion. Addressing a public meeting before filing the nomination, Hooda said: "This is not just the Lok Sabha elections, but a fight to save the Constitution

of the country. That is why Opposition parties have united and formed the INDIA Bloc. In Haryana, this alliance is contesting the elections with full strength, and all communities are going to ensure victory for the INDIA bloc and by defeating the BJP. "This victory will lay the foundation of Congress government in Haryana along with at the Centre." Hooda promised that "if the Congress government is formed, 30 lakh youth across India and more than 2 lakh youth in Haryana will get permanent government jobs as per their merits, without any paper leak. Besides, farmers will be given guarantee of MSP (minimum support price) and freedom from debt". He said the Congress has also promised to provide 300

units of free electricity and gas cylinders for Rs 500 in the state. "The Congress manifesto also promises 50 per cent reservation in jobs for women and Rs 1 lakh annually," he added. On this occasion, party candidate Mulana said the Congress has talked about five "justices and 25 guarantees". "The Congress fulfils whatever it says, whereas the BJP makes big promises and claims but does not do even small work," he added. Ambala is a significant Lok Sabha constituency in Haryana, comprising nine Assembly segments -- Kalka, Panchkula, Naraingarh, Ambala Cantt, Ambala City, Mulana (SC), Sadhaura (SC), Jagadhri and Yamunanagar.



Teen 'slays' minor during Bhagwat Katha enactment in Kanpur

Kanpur, May 5 (IANS) : Reel turned real when a 14-year-old boy playing Goddess Kali slashed the neck of an 11-year-old, during the dramatic enactment of Bhagwat Katha in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur, the police said. The incident took place in Bambahyapur village on Sunday. The Bhagwat Katha, organised by the family of one Subhash Saini at their house, had been going on for the past several days. On Sunday evening, as part of the event, children were taking out a tableau depicting and enacting various religious characters. The teen playing Goddess Kali was mock-slaying a 'demon', played by the 11-year-old, when his knife struck the neck of the younger boy and injured him fatally. Locals said the elder boy had been told to use a blunt trident for the act, but he couldn't find one and brought a knife instead.



Battle for supremacy over Vokkaliga vote takes ugly turn in Karnataka amid 'sex scandal'

Bengaluru, May 5 (IANS) : The battle to emerge as the face of the Vokkaliga community has taken an ugly turn in Karnataka with surfacing of the sex scandal allegedly involving sitting MP and JD-S candidate from Hassan seat, Prajwal Revanna, who is also the grandson of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda. The confrontation between Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's family -- both hailing from the Vokkaliga community, has reached a bitter point.

The Deve Gowda family has never faced such an embarrassing allegations since its prominence in state and national politics. The community, primarily comprising landlords, has an estimated population of about 16 per cent in the state. It is mainly based in south Karnataka districts, including the state capital Bengaluru. The Vokkaliga factor plays a significant role in state elections, as the community has a strong presence in 70 to 80 Assembly constituencies and 10 to 15 Parliamentary seats.



Job scam: Rajasthan Assembly employee suspended for embezzling funds

Jaipur, May 5 (IANS) : Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani on Sunday suspended a Class IV employee of the Assembly Secretariat, who was found guilty in the preliminary investigation for embezzling lakhs of rupees from people in the name of providing jobs in the Assembly and other agencies. The employee, Nitin Sharma, has been suspended keeping in view the pending investigation. The preliminary inquiry by the the Legislative Assembly was conducted after Speaker Devnani received several complaints in this regard.

No Gandhi in Amethi this time, Congress leaves it to Kishori Lal Sharma

Amethi, May 5 (IANS) : With Rahul Gandhi choosing Rae Bareilly over Amethi this time, it seems that the Gandhis have given up a constituency considered to be their bastion. Amethi has a history with the Gandhi clan. When Sanjay Gandhi chose Amethi to contest his first election in 1980, the main reason was that the region was steeped in backwardness and he took it up as a challenge to develop the constituency. The same year, Sanjay Gandhi died in an air crash and Rajiv Gandhi decided to take over his brother's constituency in the subsequent by-election in 1981. For a decade, till Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in 1991, he held Amethi and nurtured it with attention and affection. Even as Prime Minister, he would drive around in his jeep from village to village, talking to people and sharing meals with them. After his demise, Capt Satish Sharma -- a close family friend -- won Amethi in 1991 bypoll and 1996 also.



In 1998, BJP's Dr Sanjay Singh won the seat but when Sonia Gandhi made her debut in politics, she wrested back Amethi in 1999. In 2004, Sonia Gandhi moved to Rae Bareilly and Rahul Gandhi took over Amethi which he won till 2019 when he was defeated by Smriti Irani of BJP. The problem of Amethi is strikingly similar to the one faced by Rae Bareilly. Representatives of the Gandhi family have become leaders in their own rights and instead of responding to people's problems, they are busy with their own business. The old loyalists have been replaced by new opportunists in the constituency.

TB claimed 108 lives in Mizoram in 2023

Aizawl, May 5 (IANS) : At least 108 people died of tuberculosis in Mizoram in 2023, state Health Department officials said on Sunday. A senior Health Department official said that blood samples of 17,432 people suspected to be infected with TB were tested from January to December last

year, of which 2,272 people tested positive for the infectious disease. The official said that of the 2,272 TB patients, 164 were diagnosed with Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and 86 per cent of the infected patients have been successfully treated while 108 people died.





Kotak Bank's Q4 net profit rises 18 pc to Rs 4,133 crore

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : Mid-sized private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank on Sunday reported an 18 per cent increase in net profit to Rs 4,133 crore for the January-March quarter of 2023-24, compared with the corresponding figure of Rs 3,496 crore in the same quarter of the previous year. The bank's net interest income during the fourth quarter rose by 13 per cent to Rs 6,909 crore, from Rs 6,103 crore in the same period last year. Kotak Bank also recorded an improvement in its asset quality with gross non-performing assets (NPA) declining to 1.39 per cent of total loans from 1.78 per cent last year. The net NPA also fell to 0.34 per cent from 0.37 per cent in the same quarter last year. The bank's advances increased 20 per cent year-on-year to Rs 391,729 crore as of March-end.

Cipla, Glenmark recall drugs in US due to manufacturing issues

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : Drug makers Cipla and Glenmark are recalling their products from the US market due to manufacturing issues. In accordance with the latest Enforcement Report from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), Cipla's subsidiary in New Jersey is recalling 59,244 packs of Ipratropium Bromide and Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution. The reason for recalling the affected lot of Cipla products is "short fill". "Complaints received of less fill volume in respules and few drops of liquid observed in the intact pouch," the US health regulator said. The recalled drug is used to help control the symptoms of lung diseases, including asthma, chronic bronchitis and emphysema. As mentioned by the USFDA, Glenmark is recalling 3,264 bottles of Diltiazem Hydrochloride extended-release capsules, which are used to treat high blood pressure.



IDBI Bank registers 44 per cent jump in net profit for Jan-March quarter

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : The IDBI Bank on Sunday reported a 44 per cent jump in standalone net profit to Rs 1,628.5 crore for the January-March quarter of 2023-24 compared to the corresponding figure of Rs 1,133 crore for the same period of the previous financial year. The bank's net interest income (NII) rose 12 per cent to Rs 3,688 crore from Rs 3,280 crore while return on assets (RoA) improved by 39 bps to 1.82 per cent for Q4 as compared to 1.43 per cent in

the same quarter of the previous year. IDBI Bank's Board of Directors have recommended a dividend of Rs 1.50 per equity share for the financial year ended March 31, 2024. The bank's net interest margin (NIM) declined to 4.91 per cent from 5.01 per cent in the year-ago quarter. Provisions (other than tax) and contingencies were down 88 per cent at Rs 114 crore from Rs 984 crore last year. IDBI Bank's provisions on bad debts written off came down

sharply to Rs 1,049 crore from Rs 3,587 crore in the same quarter of the previous year. The asset quality of the bank improved during the quarter with gross NPA falling to 4.53 per cent of total loans as of March-end 2024, against 4.69 per cent as of December-end 2023. The net NPA to net advances position was unchanged at 0.34 per cent. Gross advances of the bank rose by 14.44 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,96,894 crore.



Paytm announces leadership change to double down on payments & financial services offerings

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : The One97 Communications Limited (OCL), which owns Paytm, on Sunday announced to expand its leadership team to build a large and profitable payment and financial services distribution business. Bhavesh Gupta, President and Chief Operating Officer, who was overseeing the payments and lending businesses, has decided to take a career break due to "personal reasons", the company said in a statement. He will be transitioning to an advisory role, offering guidance for Paytm's growth initiatives until the end of the year. Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Founder and CEO, Paytm, thanked Bhavesh Gupta for his contributions and his role in ensuring a smooth transition. "Our focus on payments and lending is stronger than ever,

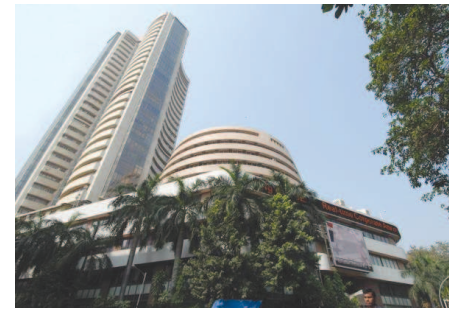
and I will work with the seasoned leaders that we have in each of our businesses to execute our plans," said Sharma. Gupta said he looks forward to supporting Paytm in an advisory role. "I am confident of Paytm reaching new heights given the depth of leadership in payments and financial services that has been built over the past few years," he said. The company has also undertaken leadership transitions within its wealth subsidiary where Rakesh Singh has recently been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Paytm Money Ltd (PML). Varun Sridhar, former head of Paytm Money Ltd, now leads as CEO at Paytm Services Pvt Ltd (PSPL), marking a transition to new leadership responsibilities.

Large cap stocks impacted by FII selling

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : The performance of large cap stocks has been impacted by FIIs remaining net sellers in the market. Vinod Nair, Head of Re-

search, Geojit Financial Services said the ongoing results season will be a key factor for investors to align their portfolios. The market will also remain vigilant about the BoE policy and GDP data from

the Eurozone. "We expect a degree of consolidation in the market due to expensive valuations and any election-led jitters," he said.



DMart posts 22 per cent jump in Q4 net profit at Rs 563 crore

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : Avenue Supermarts, operator of the DMart retail chain, on Sunday, announced a consolidated net profit at Rs 563 crore for the January-March quarter of 2023-24 which represents a 22.4 per cent jump over the corresponding figure of Rs 460 crore for the same quarter of 2022-23. The company's total revenue rose by 20 per cent to Rs 12,727

crore during the fourth quarter from Rs 10,594 crore in the same period last year, according to a filing with the stock exchanges. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for the quarter was at Rs 944 crore growing by 22.3 per cent. EBITDA margin was at 7.4 per cent. DMart opened 41 new stores during the year taking the total store count to 365. "Q4 FY

2024 saw continued uptick in the contribution from General Merchandise and Apparel," Neville Noronha, CEO & Managing Director said in a statement. "Our e-commerce business commenced operations in one new city (Gurugram) during the year while continuing to deepen its presence in existing cities. We are now present across 23 cities in India," he added.

Eco-friendly cars' sales cross 100,000 in South Korea in Q1

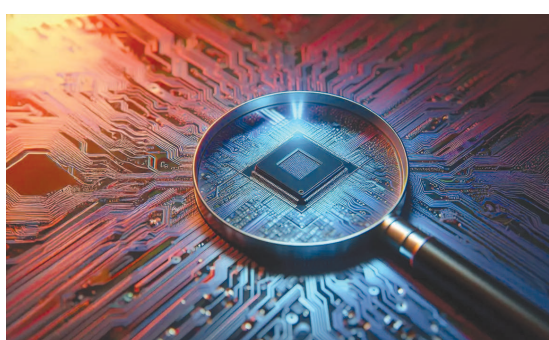
Seoul, May 5 (IANS) : Sales of eco-friendly cars surpassed 100,000 units in the first quarter in South Korea on booming demand for hybrid vehicles, industry data showed on Sunday. A total of 101,727 environment-friendly cars made by five South Korean carmakers, including Hyundai Motor and Kia, were sold during the January-March period, up 8.7 per cent from a year earlier, according to the data. Out of this total, 85,828 units, or 84.4 per cent, were hybrid cars, soaring 42.4 per cent from the same period last year, reports Yonhap news agency.



\$100 billion worth chips needed for India's \$300 billion electronics production goal by FY26

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : As India aims to reach \$300 billion electronics production by FY26, it will trigger demand for semiconductors worth \$90-\$100 billion, largely driven by domestic mobile manufacturing -- an opportunity the country must tap. The current electronics manufacturing at nearly \$103 billion translates to a semiconductor requirement of \$26-\$31 bil-

lion, considering the industry average of 25 to 30 per cent of chip components in any electronics product's bill of material (BOM). "With the expected rise in electronics production (\$300 billion by 2026), this number is set to rise substantially to \$90-\$100 billion," according to the data by the India Cellular and Electronics Association



(ICEA). Mobile phone production contribution in the overall electronics manufacturing jumped from 10 per cent to a whopping 44 per cent in the span of the last seven years. In FY23, the total import of integrated circuits (ICs) reached \$16.14 billion (out of which \$12 billion was only for mobile phones).

Govt lifts ban on onion exports with price rider

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : The Government on Saturday lifted the ban on onion exports after about half a year, according to a notification from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). "The export policy of onions is amended from "prohibited to free" subject to a minimum export price of \$550 per metric ton with immediate effect and until further orders," the DGFT notification states. The move forms part of the government's balancing act to assure farmers a higher price as well as keep inflation in check so that consumers are not hit. On April 27, the Government allowed the export of 99,150 metric tonnes of onion to six neighbouring



countries -- Bangladesh, UAE, Bhutan, Bahrain, Mauritius and Sri Lanka. On December 8, 2023, the government banned the export of onions from March 31 this year. The ban was imposed to ensure adequate domestic availability.



Breakdown of law and order in Punjab, gangsters mushrooming : Sukhbir Badal

Ludhiana, May 5 (IANS) : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Badal on Sunday said the breakdown of law and order and "gangster culture" under the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) rule has sounded a death knell to Punjab's industry, asserting that his party once elected to power would eradicate gangsters and created an investor-friendly climate. The SAD President, who was here to campaign in the city for party candidate Ranjit Singh Dhillon, had an interaction with industrialists, besides heading the

Punjab Bachao Yatra in Khanna in favour of the party's Fatehgarh Sahib candidate Bikramjit Singh Khalsa. Badal said: "It is condemnable that home-grown industrialists are leaving Punjab and investing in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh." He said industrialists from the state had already invested Rs 20,000 crore in other states, a huge loss to the state's economy. Asserting that the AAP government and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann were solely responsible for this state of affairs, Badal said: "Industrialists told me

that many of their compatriots had thought it fit to pay extortion amounts because the state government had failed to curb gangsters." He said industrialists had conveyed how they had not got a single concession from the AAP government and that their power bills had also been hiked making their business unviable. He said some industrialists also pointed out that they were facing problems in sourcing raw materials as their counterparts were apprehensive about dealing with them in the current situation.

LS polls: Hemant Godse, Bharati Pawar file nominations for Nashik & Dindori seats

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : Shiv Sena nominee for Lok Sabha polls Hemant Godse from Nashik seat in Maharashtra, and BJP candidate -- Union Minister Bharati Pawar -- from Dindori LS seat, filed their nominations on Sunday. The MahaYuti took out a MahaVijay rally at Nashik in the presence of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, among others. Godse, whose nomination was declared on Wednesday, is pitted against Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Rajabhau Waje from Nashik. Union Minister Bharati Pawar is taking on the NCP (SP) nominee Bhaskar Bhagare.



4.14 crore eligible to cast votes in Andhra Pradesh

Vijayawada, May 5 (IANS) : A little over 4.14 crore voters are eligible to cast their votes in Andhra Pradesh for May 13 simultaneous elections to the state Assembly and Lok Sabha. The state's total electorate stands at 4,14,01,887 - 2,03,39,851 male, 2,10,58,615 female, and 3,421 third-gender voters. The state has 68,185 service electors. Chief Electoral Officer M. K. Meena said on Sunday that the final electoral roll was published under Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls with reference to January 1, 2024, as the qualifying date on January 22, 2024. Thereafter, the rolls were updated till the last date for making nominations for general elections, 2024 that is April 25. He said there are 46,389 polling

stations in the state, with 1,500 voters at each polling station. Since the model code of conduct came into force, two persons have died and 156 injured in cases of electoral violence. The enforcement agencies seized cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals and freebies worth Rs.203 crore from March 16 to May 2. The CEO revealed that 2,11,257 voters above 85 years of age and 5,17,227 PWBD (Persons with Benchmark Disability) voters are eligible for home voting. Out of the total 7,28,484 voters eligible for home voting, 28,591 have opted for it. A total of 31,705 essential services electors have opted for Form-12D collection. Polling for the 175-member Assembly and all 25 Lok Sabha seats is scheduled on May 13.

Omar Abdullah, 8 others file nomination papers for Baramulla LS seat

Srinagar, May 5 (IANS) : Nine more candidates, including National Conference Vice President and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, filed their nomination papers for the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat at the office of the Baramulla Deputy Commissioner and

Returning Officer Minga Sherpa on Sunday. Mir Mohammad Fayaz, a former Mirajya Sabha member, and Mohammad Rafiq Rather, both from the People's Democratic Party, Farooq Ahmad Bhat from National Youth Party's J&K unit, Irfan Ahmad Chack from the

Bharat Jodo Party, Khursheed Ahmad Shah from the Rashtriya Jankranti Party, Abdul Hamid Gajree from the Aam Janta Party Democratic, and Independents Mehraj Uddin Najar and Basharat Hussain Najar also filed their nomination papers. Sajad Gani Lone of the People's

Conference and incarcerated former legislator, Engineer Rashid have already filed papers for this Lok Sabha seat. The last date for filling nomination papers from Baramulla is May 3 and the seat is slated to go in for elections on May 20 in the fifth phase.



ASI finds articles from Shunga period in Rajasthan's Braj region

Jaipur, May 5 (IANS) : In a major success, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found ancient remains in the form of metal tools and coins, among other ancient articles, from the Shunga period, Kushan period, Maurya period, and Mahajanapada period during excavation at Bahaj village in Rajasthan's Deeg district. The Shunga dynasty was the fifth ruling dynasty of Magadha and controlled most of the northern Indian subcontinent from around 187 to 73 BCE. Needle-shaped tools made of bones have been found during excavation in this village in the Braj region, which have been sent to the Jaipur Archaeology Department. "Such fine bone points numbering about six dozen and

that too from a limited deposit have not been found earlier, particularly in the area which formed part of ancient Madhyadesha. We are yet to understand the usage of these bone points -- whether they were for writing, sewing, drilling, or something else," said Vinay Gupta, Superintendent of Archeology at the Jaipur Division told IANS. A stone ring made of Jasper stone has been found from pre-Maurya period (400 - 350 BCE). "The workmanship on the hard stone is even better than today's gold jewellery," said Gupta, adding, "Further, statues of Asvini Kumaras on a terracotta plaque from the Shunga period have also been found," he said.

BJP adopting innovative ways to instruct IAS, IPS officers to act on its behalf : Mamata Banerjee

Kolkata, May 5 (IANS) : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday accused the BJP of sending instructions to IAS and IPS officers deputed in the states not ruled by the BJP to act on its behalf during the elections. "The Chief Ministers of the BJP-ruled states are calling IAS and IPS officers from their state cadre posted in the other states and asking them to act on their behalf during the Lok Sabha polls," alleged Mamata Banerjee while addressing an election rally in support of Trinamool Congress candidate Mahua Moitra in Nadia district on Sunday. The Chief Minister's

allegation came a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi is supposed to address three public meetings in West Bengal, including one in Nadia district, on Sunday. Although CM Banerjee claimed that she got this information from her sources, she refused to reveal the nature of the sources. "No IAS or IPS officer complained about this. I came to know this from my reliable sources," the Chief Minister said. She also claimed that the BJP leadership has a special grievance against Trinamool leader Mahua Moitra, who has been renominated from Krishnanagar in Nadia district. Moitra was expelled from



the Lok Sabha for her alleged involvement in the cash-for-query case. Without naming the Prime Minister, she said, "He is coming here (Krishnanagar) on Friday to spread lies about Mahua Moitra. They are just jealous because she is a straightforward person who was like a tiger inside the Parliament."

BJP names Hemant Savara for Maharashtra's Palghar LS seat

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : The BJP has nominated Hemant Savara as the party candidate for Maharashtra's Palghar Lok Sabha constituency. He is the son of former BJP minister Vishnu Savara.



Dhinakaran objects to TN govt move to bring Kallar schools under School Education Dept

Chennai, May 5 (IANS) : AMMK General Secretary and NDA candidate for Theni Lok Sabha seat T.T.V. Dhinakaran on Sunday opposed the move of the Tamil Nadu government to bring Kallar reclamation schools under the School Education Department. In a social media post, he said that the state's 2023-24 budget had said that the Kallar reclamation schools would

come under the Directorate of School Education department, and the denotified communities had already appealed to the state government to stop the move. The AMMK leader expressed concern that taking over of the Kallar reclamation schools by the School Education Department would lead to the loss of concessions enjoyed at present by nearly 30,000 students in 298 such



schools, and called on Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to ensure that these schools continue to function under the jurisdiction of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Department.

LS polls: MVA, VBA candidates in Maharashtra file nomination amid muscle-flexing

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : Amid a huge show of strength and support, the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) candidates from Mumbai Metropolitan Region filed their nomination papers for the Lok Sabha elections, here on Sunday. They included INDIA-MVA alliance's -- Bhusan Patil (Congress) from Mumbai North; Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Amol G. Kirtikar for Mumbai North West LS constituencies. Besides, Nationalist Congress Party (SP)'s Suresh Balyamama Mhatre submitted his nomination papers for Bhiwandi (Thane); and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Bharati Kamdi filed her papers from Palghar (ST) seat. From the Prakash Ambedkar-led VBA which is contesting independent of any alliances, the candidates who submitted

their nomination papers are -- Adv. Sonal Gondane (Mumbai North), Santosh Ambulge (Mumbai North Central) and Parmeshwar Ranshur (Mumbai North West) constituencies. All the candidates in Mumbai, Thane and Palghar came out in massive processions of their supporters and top party leaders, with showers of flowers, banners, posters, full-throated slogans and enthusiasm among the party activists. Kirtikar visited and prayed at

the private chamber of the late Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray and sought blessings for his upcoming electoral battle in Mumbai North West. Kamdi, who is a long-time grassroots worker hailing from a tribal background, was seen doing a traditional dance with her community members before going to file her nomination papers.



LS polls: BJP will contest Palghar seat, says Devendra Fadnavis

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : Deputy Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Shiv Sena have arrived at an understanding over the Palghar Lok Sabha seat, adding the BJP will contest the Parliamentary constituency. Fadnavis said this at the launch of NDTV Marathi channel here on the occasion of Maharashtra Day. He further said the BJP will announce the party's nominee for the Palghar seat on Thursday. The last date for filing nominations is on May 3, while the polling is slated for May 20. Already the Bahujan Vikas Aghadi nominee and Boisar legislator Rajesh Patil has filed his nomination for Palghar seat.

Currently, the Palghar seat is represented by Rajendra Gavit who was elected in the 2019 elections as the Shiv Sena (undivided) candidate. Meanwhile, Fadnavis also said that the BJP and Shiv Sena held several rounds of talks over Palghar LS seat, Thane and Nashik constituencies, as both were aggressively making pitches for these seats. "However, now, there is a unanimous decision whereby BJP will contest Palghar seat while Shiv Sena gets Thane, Nashik and Mumbai South," he added. On the subject of the party fielding new candidates, he said it had changed candidates in seven-eight constituencies across the state.



I had flagged the alliance with AAP, says ex-Gujarat Congress leader Rohan Gupta

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : Former Congress leader in Gujarat, Rohan Gupta, who recently joined the BJP, said on Sunday that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is now seeking votes after causing maximum damage to the grand old party. While resigning from the Congress, he had also flagged the alliance between the AAP and the Congress, Gupta said on Sunday. Stating that two issues have always been part of the Congress' ideology, Gupta said, "The first is nationalism, and the second is its stand against corruption.

Intel Israel shared with India on Rajiv Gandhi went missing after former PM's assassination, expert reckons during Usanas Foundation discussion

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : Pointing out a "glaring instance" of politics destroying an extremely significant piece of intelligence shared between two nations, a security expert on Sunday said that Israel had shared with India certain transcripts about the possible threat to the life of late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi that went missing after the assassination of the top Congress leader in 1991. "In recent history, in the last three-four decades, the most critical information Israel shared with us was certain transcripts relating to possible threat to late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's life. Eventually, as the situation played out, the threat materialised... Once he was no more, the political dispensations were very different. "Nations had to work with each other on a day-to-day basis. The situation arose where that particular piece of intelligence got misplaced, re-



moved, or whatever," said Namit Verma during a discussion titled 'Intelligence Cooperation and Security Challenges in the Emerging World Order' organised by the Usanas Foundation. Verma, according to the programme's host and Usanas founder Abhinav Pandya, has been an "expert on global geopolitics with specialisation in security matters" for decades, having also "worked closely with the government on various critical matters of security and foreign policy". "In India, we reconstructed the material based on the correspondence with other files. We sought another copy of the transcript, but Israel never provided it.



38 more Myanmar immigrants deported to Myanmar from Manipur

Imphal, May 5 (IANS) : With the deportation of 38 immigrants from Manipur to Myanmar on Sunday, a total of 77 illegal Myanmar migrants, including 55 women and five children, have been deported to their country since March 8, officials said. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said in a post on X: "Without any discrimination, we have completed the first phase of deportation of illegal immigrants from Myanmar with 38 more immigrants leaving Manipur today through Moreh." He added: "A total of 77 illegal immigrants have been deported in the first phase. One Indian national was also brought back from Myanmar during the handover ceremony. The state government is continuing the identification of illegal immigrants and at the same time, biometric data are also being re-

corded. Let's keep our borders and country secure." A senior official said that the first batch of seven Myanmar migrants was deported on March 8 through the Moreh border town in Manipur's Tengnoupal district. The Myanmar nationals fled to Manipur after the military junta seized power in the neighboring country on February 1, 2021. The Manipur Chief Minister had said earlier that although India is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention, it has given shelter and aid to those fleeing the crisis in Myanmar on humanitarian grounds with a systematic approach. Since the military took over Myanmar more than three years ago, over 5,000 Myanmar nationals, including women and children, have taken shelter in Manipur while over 32,000 people have taken shelter in Mizoram.

A majority of the refugees in Mizoram live in relief camps and government buildings, while many are accommodated by their relatives. A large number of Myanmar migrants also live in rented accommodations. Besides civilians, a few hundred Myanmar soldiers also fled to Mizoram in phases after their camps were captured by the armed pro-democracy ethnic groups in Myanmar, who stepped up their battle against the army in October last year. However, these soldiers have been deported to Myanmar in phases. Following the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Manipur government has been collecting the biometric details of the Myanmar nationals sheltered in the state. The Mizoram government, however, turned down the MHA appeal to collect biographic and biometric data of the Myanmar refugees.



Ahead of Akshaya Tritiya, Raj HC directs state govt to step up action against child marriage

Jaipur, May 5 (IANS) : Terming the trend of child marriages in the state as alarming, the Rajasthan High Court directed the state government in an urgent order to ensure that no child marriages are solemnised during the upcoming Akshaya Tritiya festival (May 10). The court also directed to make the Panchs and Sarpanchs (village heads)

accountable if they fail to prevent child marriage. Given that many child marriages are solemnised on Akshaya Tritiya in Rajasthan, the court direction came on a PIL filed by Just Rights For Children Alliance, a coalition of multiple NGOs, seeking urgent intervention by the authorities to prevent child marriages during the auspicious occasion.



Ghulam Nabi Azad supports ECI decision on Anantnag-Rajouri LS seat

Jammu, May 5 (IANS) : Ghulam Nabi Azad, chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) said on Sunday that the decision of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to postpone polls in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency has come as a relief to several political parties. The ECI postponed the polling date from May 7 to May 25 in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency. Azad has been on an election campaign in Rajouri for his party candidate.

BJP govts set to crumble in 10-15 states upon INDIA bloc's poll victory, says Khera

Panaji, May 5 (IANS) : Congress media in-charge Pawan Khera on Sunday said that the moment the INDIA bloc forms government at the Centre, around 10 to 15 state governments of BJP formed by encouraging defection will get toppled. Addressing a Press conference in Congress House, Pawan Khera on Thursday appealed to people to take a wise step to save Goa from defections.

He said that MLAs who change sides by betraying voters need to be defeated. "BJP has made a mockery of democracy by importing MLAs and weakening the opposition. Hence we have decided to make the Tenth schedule strong. Thus elected MLAs who change sides will be disqualified," he said. "After forming the government, the first thing we are going to do is strengthen anti-defection law and by July you will see 10 to 15 BJP state governments formed by



encouraging defection getting toppled," he said. He said that once the anti-defection law is strengthened, nobody will think or dare of switching parties. "BJP leaders should be asked about anti-defection law. They will not dare to answer it," he said.

Several multimillionaires in the fray in Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati, May 5 (IANS) : Several multimillionaires are in the fray for simultaneous elections to the Andhra Pradesh Assembly and Lok Sabha with Telugu Desam Party (TDP) candidate from Guntur Lok Sabha constituency, Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar leading the list.

With family assets of more than Rs.5,705 crore, the NRI medical professional may be the richest candidate in the country. Founder and CEO of 'UWorld', he is making his electoral debut in the May 13 election.

Hailing from Burripalem village of Guntur district, Chandra Sekhar did MBBS from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad in 1999. Later, he moved to the US and completed post-graduation. The 48-year-old has done M.D. in internal medicine at

Geisinger Medical Centre in Danville, Pennsylvania. He served as a faculty at Johns Hopkins University and practices as a physician. Andhra Pradesh is heading for simultaneous elections to the 175-member Assembly and all 25 Lok Sabha seats. The list of wealthy candidates has only gone up. The majority of the rich candidates are from the main opposition TDP. The list includes industrialists, businessmen and actors. TDP president and former chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who is seeking re-election from Kuppam Assembly constituency in Chittoor district, has declared his family assets at Rs 931.83 crore. His wife Bhuvaneshwari accounts for the lion's share of this property - Rs. 895.47 crore. The couple's assets grew by 39 per cent in the last five years. Their assets were valued at Rs 668 crore in 2019. The 74-year-old, who served as chief minister of united

Andhra Pradesh and residuary Andhra Pradesh for 14 years, is once again aspiring to occupy the top post. Chandrababu Naidu's son and TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh has declared family assets of Rs 542 crore. His assets have gone up by 45 per cent in five years.

After unsuccessfully contesting for Assembly from Mangalagiri constituency, he is again testing his electoral fortunes from the same segment.

Chandrababu Naidu's brother-in-law and Tollywood actor N. Balakrishna has declared family assets of about Rs 483 crore. His assets grew by 67 per cent since 2019.

Balakrishna, son of TDP founder and former chief minister N. T. Rama Rao, is seeking re-election for Assembly from Hindupur for a third consecutive term.

The 63-year-old is also father-in-law of Naidu's son and TDP gen-

eral secretary Nara Lokesh.

TDP leader P. Narayana, who is contesting for Assembly from Nellore City, owns family assets of Rs. 824.05 crore. The former minister is the founder of Narayana group, which has educational institutions in both the Telugu states. He had declared family assets of Rs 669 crore in 2019.

Jana Sena Party candidate for Nellimarla assembly constituency in Vizianagaram district Lokam Naga Madhavi has declared family assets worth Rs. 898.73 crore. Most of the assets are in the name of her husband V. N. V. Prasad. Both are entrepreneurs.

Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is one of the richest candidates with declared family assets of 757.65 crore.

The YSR Congress Party chief's family assets grew by more than 48 per cent in the last five years. In 2019, he had declared family



assets of Rs 510.35 crore.

Jagan Mohan Reddy's own assets increased from Rs 375 crore in 2019 to Rs 529.87 crore while that of his wife Bharti Reddy mounted to Rs 176.30 crore from Rs 124 crore five years ago.

Jagan Mohan Reddy's sister and Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president Y. S. Sharmila Reddy and her husband own assets of Rs 181.79 crore.

TDP's Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, who is contesting for Lok Sabha from Nellore, has declared family assets of Rs 716.31 crore.

Jana Sena leader and Tollywood actor politician Konidala Pawan Kalyan has family assets of Rs 164.52 crore, up by over 215 per cent during the last five years.

Pawan Kalyan, who filed his nomination from Pithapuram constituency in Kakinada district, had assets worth over Rs 52 crore in 2019.

He has declared assets in his name and the name of his wife Konidala Anna (formerly known as Anna Lezhneva) and four dependent children.



Tripura govt imposes 'restriction' on sale of petrol & diesel amid regulations in train movements

Agartala/Guwahati, May 5 (IANS) : In view of the restricted and regulated movement of trains, including goods trains between Tripura and the rest of the country, the state government has imposed restrictions on the sale of petrol and diesel from Sunday.

Officials said that the stock of fuel -- petrol and diesel -- in Tripura has plummeted in view of temporary restriction on train movement between Jatinga-Lumpur and New Harangajao stations under Lumding division of Northeast Frontier Railway for undertaking track safety related work.

Tripura government's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department's Additional Secretary Nirmal Adhikari in an order said that in view of the supply constraint of petrol and diesel due to disruption of goods' movement through trains in the state, restric-

tions on the sale of petrol and diesel were imposed from Sunday.

Under these restrictions, from two-wheelers to all kinds of vehicles could purchase petrol and diesel from the petrol pumps up to a certain quantity.

NFR Chief Public Relations Officer Sabyasachi De said that the operation of passenger and goods carrying trains got affected since April 25 owing to derailment of an engine of a goods train.

He said that more than 300 labourers along with other technicians and 10 machines worked round the clock to restore the train service on the Jatinga-Lampur and New Haflong route that is vital not only for the entire South Assam areas but also for states like Tripura, Manipur and Mizoram.

Ex-Raj CM Ashok Gehlot says Congress manifesto most impressive since Independence

Ahmedabad, May 5 (IANS) : Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot said on Sunday that the Congress has prepared the most impressive manifesto since Independence.

Gehlot was in Ahmedabad campaigning for Congress and expressed concern over the current political discourse. He criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly making "unfounded comments about the Congress manifesto without having read it." "The Congress has prepared the most impressive manifesto since Independence, and the Prime Minister has no right to criticize it without fully understanding it," Gehlot said. He commended Rahul Gandhi's efforts, which he said were reflected in the manifesto, to address the needs of every class. Highlighting the broader implications of the government's actions, Gehlot pointed to the misuse of enforcement agencies, claiming, "In the



country, the ED and CBI are working illegally, which is a risk to our democracy." He also referred to international concerns, noting, "The UN has spoken about what is happening in India." Gehlot said in a direct attack on the BJP's electoral promises, "Promises were made but not fulfilled. Modi's guarantee was there in 2014 about black money, Rs 15 lakh in accounts, and doubling farmers' income, but whose guarantee was that?"

BJP diluting labour laws, intends to bring bonded labour system: Goa Congress



Panaji, May 5 (IANS) : Goa Congress Vice President Sunil Kawthekar claimed on Sunday that the BJP state government is "diluting labour laws to help industrialists, from whom they get electoral bonds". Addressing a press conference, Kawthekar slammed the BJP for "neglecting" issues of labourers.

UP Court orders Amar Mani Tripathi's remaining properties to be seized

Basti (Uttar Pradesh), May 5 (IANS) : The MP-MLA Court in Basti has directed district police to confiscate the remaining properties of absconding former MLA Amar Mani Tripathi in Gorakhpur. The court gave the order after receiving an anonymous letter giving details of Tripathi's properties in Gorakhpur.

The court will now take up the matter on May 15. On April 13, police had attached two rooms of former Minister Tripathi's Maharajganj office and put its seal on it. This action was taken against Tripathi after he failed to appear in a criminal case pending against him. He and his wife Madhumani were

serving life sentences in the Madhumita murder case and were set free in August 2023 following directives of the Uttar Pradesh prison administration and reforms. A senior police officer said that taking cognisance of the letter, the judge ordered the Kotwali police to investigate and confiscate the property mentioned in it.



Jodhpur Congress LS candidate booked for flouting MCC norms

Jaipur, May 5 (IANS) : A case has been registered against Congress candidate from Rajasthan's Jodhpur Lok Sabha seat, Karan Singh Uchiyada, on Sunday for flouting the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) by staging a protest in front of a police station on April 28.

The case against Uchiyada was registered at Phalodi police station as the Congress nominee along with his supporters staged a dharna outside the police station against the arrest of three party workers following their altercation with BJP workers.

BJP's Vijayendra slams Congress leadership over 'what if Modi dies' comment by K'taka MLA

Bengaluru, May 5 (IANS) : Karnataka BJP on Sunday slammed senior Congress leaders over party MLA Raju Kage's "what if Modi dies" comment.

"The Congress party leaders have obtained power over death. It reflects their lowly culture of being restlessly wishing for the demise of great personalities," state BJP President, BY Vijayendra stated.

Attacking the Congress, Vijayendra on Thursday, questioned why the Congress was yearning for the death of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He asked, "Is it for repealing Article 370 and integrating Kashmir into the mainstream of the country? For fulfilling the five-century-old dream of Indians by constructing a temple at Lord Ram's birthplace Ayodhya? Is it for saving the country by uprooting terrorism which was bleeding the nation?"

"Is it for making India the fifth-largest economy in the world? For bringing India to the forefront in the race for

development at the international level? Is it for winning the hearts of people after delivering clean governance through efficient and transparent rule?"

Vijayendra further stated, "The BJP has never been an individual-centric party. It has grown as a powerful organisation over its ideology, principles and dedication of party workers."

"The party had given leaders like late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Krishna Advani and Murlidhar Manohar Joshi to the country. The people of the country have resolved to make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for the third-consecutive time as being an efficient and great administrator he has strengthened the country. He grew from the level of an ordinary party worker to the highest position."

He alleged that the Congress was not able to digest this fact and frustrated leaders were talking ill. "Only dirty mindsets are capable of conceiving such perverted things. Congress lead-



ers got an ominous statement uttered through MLA Raju Kage, who has the same mindset," Vijayendra claimed.

"God and the power of blessings of the people are firewalls for the proud son of this nation, Prime Minister Modi, and it is going to be reflected in the Lok Sabha election results," Vijayendra underlined.

Raju Kage had made the statement while criticising the BJP and youths for raising 'Modi' slogans while campaigning in Belagavi.

"If Modi dies tomorrow will no one else become the PM? There is a population of 140 crore, is there no one else to become the PM?" Kage had stated on Sunday.



Surfer fatally stabbed in Australia, dies

Sydney, May 5 (IANS) : A male surfer was stabbed to death in Australia's southwestern state of New South Wales (NSW) on Sunday. At about 6:40 a.m. local time, emergency services were called to Ocean Parade in Coffs Harbour following reports of a man having been stabbed, Xinhua news agency reported.

Upon arrival, officers found the victim in his 20s suffering stab wounds at the scene before he was taken to a hospital.

"Officers attached to Coffs-Clarence Police District attended and established a crime scene. Police have now been advised the man has died," the NSW Police Force confirmed in a statement.

NSW police Chief Inspector Detective Guy Flaherty revealed to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation that the man was believed to have recently come out of the surf, as he was wearing a black wetsuit at that time. Earlier, a spokesperson from NSW Ambulance told Xinhua that the injured man sustained wounds to his chest and neck.

Coffs Harbour is a coastal city located in the state's mid-north, about 540 km north of the state capital Sydney.

Turkey announces suspension of trade activities with Israel

Ankara, May 5 (IANS) : Turkey halted all trade activities with Israel due to the latter's "non-stop violence" against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, the Turkish Trade Ministry said. The move follows Turkey's imposition of restrictions on an array of exports to Israel since last month, which Ankara said on Sunday would remain in effect until a ceasefire in Gaza is achieved.

In a statement, the Ministry recalled that Ankara previously restricted the export of 54 product groups to Israel in April because the "massacre, humanitarian catastrophe, and physical destruction caused by Israel continued," and the Israeli government "ignored" international ceasefire efforts and blocked humanitarian aid, Xinhua news agency reported. "It is observed that the Israeli government continues its aggressive behaviour and the humanitarian tragedy in Palestine worsens," the Ministry said.



Israel releases 64 Palestinians arrested in Gaza

Gaza, May 5 (IANS) : Israel released on Sunday 64 Palestinians who were arrested during the military operations in the Gaza Strip, said the General Authority for Crossings and Borders in Gaza.

The Authority said in a press statement that the Israeli authorities released 64 Palestinians, including one dead and one seriously injured, through the Kerem Shalom crossing in the southern Gaza Strip, Xinhua news agency reported.

During the ongoing Israeli ground operation in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army arrested hundreds of Palestinians, according to Palestinian human rights organisations.

The released prisoners were transferred to a hospital to check on their health status, according to Palestinian security sources.

Israel launched a large-scale offensive against Hamas in Gaza to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on October 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and more than 200 were taken hostage.

The ongoing Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip have resulted in



extensive casualties and damages, with the Palestinian death toll rising to over 34,000

since the conflict started, according to the Gaza health authorities.

India asks Indian student in US to obey local laws

Washington, May 5 (IANS) : India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Sunday urged Indian students enrolled in US colleges and universities to abide by local laws and regulations with regard to the ongoing protests that have swept across American institutions for higher education against Israel's ongoing war in Gaza.

There have been no reports yet of the involvement of Indian students in these protests and the ministry has also said no student or their family has contacted Indian missions for help. "We expect all our citizens at home and abroad to respect local laws and regulations," MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a news briefing in New Delhi in response to a question about protests at Columbia University.

"So far no Indian students or their families have contacted us for any assistance in regard to disciplinary action which has been taken for their participation in the protest," he added.

Hundreds of thousands of Indian students are enrolled in US colleges and universities in graduate and undergraduate courses. Many of them desire to work after college and settle down here. They are unlikely to participate in protests or take part in an action that pits them



against the law, which could jeopardize their future. Protests have spread across US colleges and universities against Israel's ongoing war in Gaza, with students demanding an end to US support for Israel and, as in the case of Columbia University, cutting with businesses and other entities with investments in Israel.

These protests have turned violent in many instances with students taking over parts of the university building as they did in Columbia. Police have arrested scores of students and are breaking up their encampments, as their tents pitched around the campuses are being

called. "Disclose, divest. We will not slow, we will not rest" is what protestors at Columbia University have been heard chanting.

They want the university to divest in Israel and cut ties with companies that invest in Israel or have supported its war effort. President Joe Biden addressed the violence in a speech from the White House saying that the freedom to protest must be accompanied by respect for the law. "Violent protest is not protected, peaceful protest is," he said.

Fears of complete economic meltdown rising in Pakistan

Islamabad, May 5 (IANS) : Fears that Pakistan is moving towards a complete economic meltdown are rising in the country.

The notion originates from multiple factors including slow economic growth, ever-increasing external debts, continuing bailout programmes, lack of cohesion between institutions, absence of clear and firm direction from the leadership and serious political differences among political parties, who are engaged in a paralyzing confrontation, which drains most of the energy and creates doubts over credibility and legitimacy.

The increasing spread of militancy, political uncertainty and an escalating dominance of Pakistan's military establishment over a democratically-elected government, coupled with the suppression of other political parties, its work-

ers and the overall political freedom, has further intensified the country's woes.

It is because of these factors that Pakistan finds itself in a bad fix and is deemed unfit and unequipped to handle the challenges. Currently, Pakistan lags behind much of the world and most of its neighbours in human development and economic indicators.

The country is stuck in a spiralling debt cycle as the government is constantly looking at other countries to seek short-term loans or extensions of its existing external debts.

Pakistan's newly elected Finance



Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb was in the US to have detailed table talks with the IMF, seeking another bailout programme worth \$10 billion. Upon his return, he said that the IMF was "very receptive" to considering a "larger-longer programme".

The efforts have been forced to seek external financing in terms of investments, through privatization and bailout programmes, completely being blind to the pivotal factors that lack progress and development.

10,000 London cabbies sue Uber for millions over taxi-booking rules

London, May 5 (IANS/DPA) : A group of more than 10,000 black cab drivers is suing Uber after accusing it of breaching taxi-booking rules in London, in a move which could cost the ride-hailing giant more than \$313 million. A group action claim has been filed in the High Court over Uber's operations in the capital between May 2012 and March 2018. The cab drivers claim that Uber misled Transport for London (TfL) over how it op-

erated its ride-booking system and therefore breached private hire licensing rules. They allege that the company allowed its drivers to accept bookings directly from customers, rather than going through a central system like minicab services. The legal claim says that this booking system was "unlawful" because it did not comply with private hire rules, and that Uber deliberately misled TfL about how the system worked in order to get its licence. The cab drivers say

that during this time they suffered losses as a result of having fewer customers or having to work longer hours to compete with the popular app.

RGL Management has filed the group action, known as BULiT21, on behalf of the London cabbies, who are being instructed by solicitors at law firm Mishcon de Reya. It is anticipating that the total claim value could be more than £250 million, with each cab driver's claim worth up to £25,000. A spokesman for Uber

said: "These old claims are completely unfounded.

"Uber operates lawfully in London, is fully licensed by TfL, and is proud to serve millions of passengers and drivers across the capital."

It is understood there has been no communication between Uber and RGL Management since the claims were first raised in 2019. RGL Management said it thinks up to 30,000 cab drivers who operate in London could be eligible to join the group and make a claim



against Uber. It is appealing for more drivers to join the action in the coming weeks. Michael Green, the director of RGL Management, said: "RGL is pleased to file this claim form to-

day on behalf of over 10,500 London cabbies, a major legal milestone in holding Uber to account for its failure to comply with the relevant legislation in the UK's capital.



Equestrian: Niharika, Jai, Hayden shine at EFI national qualifiers

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) : Riders from Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad have qualified for the Nationals in the Children 1 Dressage, Children 2 Dressage, Children 2 Show Jumping and Junior Show Jumping categories, respectively, Amateur Riders' Club hosted the 2nd Junior National Equestrian Qualifier at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse from May 3 and 4. The Tournament is staged under the aegis of Equestrian Federation of India (EFI).



Bajrang Punia provisionally suspended by NADA, Paris berth at stake : Sources

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) : Olympic bronze medallist Bajrang Punia has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for failing to provide a urine sample during the trials held in Sonipat on March 10, a source close to the development told IANS. It has been learnt that Punia will be ineligible to participate in any tournaments or trials until his suspension is lifted. Despite several calls, Bajrang was unavailable to comment on the matter.

China beat Indonesia to claim its 16th Uber Cup title

Chengdu (China), May 5 (IANS) : China claimed its 16th Uber Cup title after beating Indonesia 3-0 here on Sunday. Having lost the final to South Korea two years ago, China was tipped as an odds-on favorite when the championship took place on Chinese soil for the first time since 2016. Olympic champion Chen Yufei spearheaded the singles action as she defeated Gregoria Mariska Tunjung 21-7, 21-16, reports Xinhua. "I am ready to take on anybody. I am confident and in pretty good form," said Chen, who hadn't dropped a single set en route to the crowning moment.



IPL 2024: 'They are off the ventilator but still in ICU', Ajay Jadeja reflects on RCB's comeback

Bengaluru, May 5 (IANS) : As the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) picked up their fourth win of the IPL 2024 after beating Gujarat Titans (GT), former India cricketer Ajay Jadeja, praising RCB's comeback in the business end of the tournament, said Faf du Plessis-led side are "off the ventilator but still in ICU". Riding on a superb show by their fast bowlers and a scintillating 64 from skipper Du Plessis, RCB kept their playoff hopes alive with a four-wicket win at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. Saturday's win also lifted RCB off the bottom of the table to number seven. After Yash Dayal, Vyshak Vijaykumar and Mohammed Siraj picked two wickets each to bowl out GT for a below-par 147. A dominant start by the RCB openers, skipper du Plessis and Virat Kohli, set the platform for a win. Although there were a few nerves during the run-chase, RCB were comfortable as they chased the target down with 6.2 overs to spare. Jadeja praised the overall performance from RCB with significant contributions from Kohli (42), Du Plessis (64), Siraj (2/29), and Dayal (2/21) and said the win reflects that RCB picked the right road in the tournament. "We are excited about today's match after seeing Virat and Faf bat. But the real work that was done, was by the bowlers, an aspect RCB has historically struggled at. The bowling department has started to click for them now, and we're talking about the business end of the season, this is the point where realistic chances of winning comes from momentum... More than momentum, it's about the mentality of the team where you know if you're in a bad situation, someone will take you out of it..."



Premier League: Haaland scores four as Man City close gap with leaders Arsenal

Manchester, May 5 (IANS) : Erling Haaland struck four goals in a sensational performance to lead Manchester City to a defining 5-1 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers at the Etihad Stadium, moving within one point of the Premier League summit. The Norwegian was at his unstoppable best as he converted two penalties and an incredible header to seal a ninth City hat-trick before the half-time whistle was blown. He then added the fourth eight minutes into the second period to restore City's three-goal advantage just moments after Wolves forward Hwang Hee-chan had scored, reports the Manchester City website. Late substitute Julian Alvarez - making his 100th City appearance - added further gloss to the scoreline with a fifth in the closing stages.

LaLiga: Real Madrid assure title, Girona secure Champions League berth

Madrid, May 5 (IANS) : Real Madrid confirmed as La Liga champions with four games left to play after they won 3-0 at home to Cadiz, while FC Barcelona lost 4-2 away to Girona. Cadiz had slightly the better of a dull first half in the Santiago Bernabeu, but everything changed after the break. Thibaut Courtois kept the score 0-0 after he denied Chris Ramos when the Cadiz striker

was clean through on goal early in the second half, and almost immediately afterwards, Brahim Diaz put Madrid ahead. The attacking midfielder looked to be well-marked, but found space to control Luka Modric's pass and score in the bottom corner, reports Xinhua. Diaz turned provider to set Jude Bellingham up for Real Madrid's second in the 68th minute and Joselu added a third with a tap-in in injury time.

That result left FC Barcelona needing to win away to third place Girona to delay Madrid's title celebrations, but Girona won 4-2 with a stunning second half display. Barcelona got a perfect start when Andres Christensen fired them ahead from outside of the penalty area in the third minute, but Girona equalized immediately when Ivan Martin crossed for Artem Dovbyk to head in his 20th goal of the season.



Was sick, wasn't going to play at all, reveals Mohammed Siraj after brilliant spell v GT

Bengaluru, May 5 (IANS) : Friday's rain ahead of the Royal Challengers Bengaluru-Gujarat Titans clash meant that fast-bowlers could get some help in Saturday's clash at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here. It happened exactly like that as Mohammed Siraj, Vysakh Vijaykumar.

Formula 1: Verstappen charges to Sprint race win over Leclerc, Perez in Miami

Miami, May 5 (IANS) : Defending champion Max Verstappen converted his pole position into victory during Sunday's Sprint race at the Miami Grand Prix, finishing ahead of Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez at the end of an action-packed encounter. The 26-year-old Dutch driver, Verstappen defended his lead at the start and overcame an early Safety Car before building up a comfortable lead at the head of the field, with Leclerc settling for second and Perez fighting with Daniel Ricciardo for the third spot.

