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CM Revanth participates in ' Chalo Raj Bhavan ' protest over Adani issue

Hyderabad, Dec 18 (NSS): Telangana Congress leaders, including Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers and MLAs participated in a "Chalo Raj Bhavan" protest programme over the Adani issue in Hyderabad on Wednesday. The protest was organised by the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) led by its president Mahesh Kumar Goud as per a call given by the All India Congress Committee (AICC). Continued on pg 02

KTR dares Revanth Reddy for a debate on Formula E race in Telangana Assembly

Hyderabad, Dec 18 (IANS) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Wednesday dared Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to initiate discussion on Formula E-race issue in the State Assembly.

Denying any irregularities or corruption in the Formula-E race, the former minister, in a letter to the Chief Minister, demanded discussion over it. Stating that the event brought goodwill to the state and Hyderabad city, he alleged that

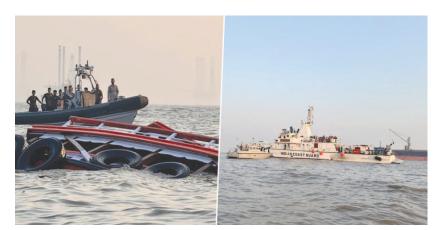


to the Chief Minister, wrote that his government has been making several baseless allegations against "the previous BRS government, especially against me, for several months regarding the Formula-E race issue". "Reports suggest that even in the cabinet meeting held under your leadership this

Second Mpox case detected in Kerala



Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 18 (IANS): With another person turning positive for Mpox on Wednesday, the total number of such cases in Kerala have reached two, forcing state health authorities onto a high alert. State Health Minister Veena George said all those who have come into direct contact with the two positive cases and are having symptoms have to get in touch with the nearest health authorities. Continued on pg 02



13 drown as Indian Navy speedboat bangs into passenger ferry in Arabian Sea off Mumbai coast

Mumbai, Dec 18 (IANS) : In a The passenger boat, reported gruesome maritime disaster, at least 13 persons drowned, including three Indian Navy sailors plus another 99 were rescued from the Arabian Sea when a naval speedboat on engine-trials lost control and abruptly rammed into a chockful passenger ferry, near the Raigad Coast, off Gateway of India, here on Wednesday evening, officials said.

to be a private catamaran named 'Neelkamal', was ferrying around 110 tourists plus five crew members to the world-famous UNESCO Heritage Elephanta Islands, and the disaster occurred around 5.15 p.m., said the BMC Disaster Control.

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New Delhi, Dec 18 : The Government of India remains steadfast in

the event was sacrificed purely due to political vendetta. He believes that a detailed discussion in the Assembly will reveal the truth to everyone. BRS Legislature Party also wrote to Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, seeking a debate on the Formula E race in the House. KTR, in his letter

week, this topic was discussed for about one and a half hours. Additionally, there are various leaks from the Chief Minister's Office to the media, hinting at filing cases on this matter and claiming that the Governor has granted approval," wrote KTR. The BRS working president stated that instead of having closed-door discussions, the truth about this matter should come out before the four crore people of Telangana through a debate in the State Assembly. **Continued on pg 02**



Musi Project a ploy to evict people for land sharks, says Kavitha

Hyderabad, Dec 18 (IANS) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC K. Kavitha alleged on Wednesday that the Musi **Riverfront Development Project** is a ploy to evict thousands of people for real estate sharks. Continued on pg 02

its commitment to the preservation, promotion, and development of India's rich linguistic heritage. Addressing media persons today, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy emphasized the government's vision for a developed India by 2047.





INS Nirdeshak commissioned into

the Indian Navy

Visakhapatnam, Dec.18 (NSS): INS Nirdeshak, the second ship of Survey Vessel (Large) project, was commissioned into the Indian Navy, in a ceremony presided over by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth on Wednesday at Dockyard, Naval Visakhapatnam.

Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, hosted the commissioning ceremony marking the formal induction of the second of the four ships of Survey Vessel (Large).

Ponguleti introduces Telangana Bhu Bharati **Bill-2024 in Assembly**

Hyderabad, Dec.18 (NSS): Minister for Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Wednesday presented the groundbreaking Telangana Bhu Bharati Bill-2024 in the Assembly, emphasizing its focus on protecting the land rights of common people. The Minister described this opportunity as a momentous achievement in his career. Speaking during the Bill's introduction, Minister Srinivas Reddy explained that the act is a comprehensive overhaul of the previous ROR Act, 2020. Following extensive consultations, including 40 days of public feedback via a dedicated website and suggestions from intellectuals, poets, retired officials, and public representatives, the revised act was crafted to address past shortcomings and provide a robust framework for land governance. Minister Srinivas Reddy assured landowners and stakeholders that Bhu Bharati is designed to last for at least a century, re-



flecting a strong commitment to protecting land rights. Moreover, the Minister stated that Bill will provide opportunity to reform the revenue records, including reduction of manual record errors by safeguarding both computerised and manual copies of revenue data. Similarly, six simplified modules are introduced for land records management, reducing the complexity of Dharani's earlier 33 modules. Moreover, the pahani records are expanded to 11 columns, restoring essential details omitted in the earlier single-column format, he disclosed. Ponguleti also promised that the rules will be drafted within three months to avoid delays seen under the previous government. The State government will organise revenue conferences at the village level to resolve issues swiftly.



Some MLAs coming drunk to Telangana Assembly, claims BRS leader Harish Rao

Hyderabad, Dec 18 (IANS): BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Wednesday made a sensational claim in the Telangana Assembly that some members are coming drunk to the House and proposed a breath analyser test for legislators. The former minister stated in the House that like a breath analyser test for drunk driving on roads, a test should be conducted on the legislators entering the House. Harish Rao remarked that some members are coming to the House after consuming liquor in the morning. These members don't know what they are speaking in the House, he said. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy demanded Harish Rao apologise to the House for his comments.

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On the occasion, Congress leaders in large numbers reached the Raj Bhavan on foot from Necklace Road, raising slogans against Industrialist

Gautham Adani and Prime Min- Revanth Reddy said that Adani ister Narendra Modi, who is not visiting violence-hit Manipur State. They demanded that these issues be discussed in Parliament. On the occasion, Chief Minister

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companies had offered bribes in America and the US government had initiated an action against him.

"There should be an investigation

against Adani, who has tarnished the image of the country. The JCC should lead the investigation into the episode," Revanth Reddy demanded.

Some MLAs coming drunk to Telangana Assembly, claims BRS leader Harish Rao

Continued From pg 01 He said Harish Rao's remarks are disparaging not just for the House but the entire society. The minister lamented that

Harish Rao is making personal attacks and opined that no member either from the ruling party or the opposition should make personal remarks.

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2) on 33(2)] 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500

DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

> Bank of Baroda (Earlier Vijaya Bank) Versus

K Venkata Kumar and Anothe

(CD 1) K Venkata Kumar, S/o. Ambi Raju, R/o. Late Malleshwari Nilayam, Nea Ministers House, D.No.86-109/4, GVS Appa Rao Street, Tilak Road Rajahmundry, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh.

(CD 2) E Anjaneya Prasad, S/o. E.L.N. Rao, R/o. H.No.3-8-2, Bagh Ammer Village, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of order passed by the **Presiding Officer**, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Hyderabad (DRT 2)** in OA/143/2007 an amount of Rs.21,80,707.00 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Thousands Seven Hundred Seven Only) along with pendentellite and future inter est @ 10.25% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 01.08.2024 till realization and costs o Rs.0 (Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/ Limited). 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts o the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 06/01/2025 a 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 09/12/2024 Sd/- Recovery Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal Hyderabad (DRT 2)

13 drown as Indian Navy speedboat bangs into passenger ferry in Arabian Sea off Mumbai coast

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Official sources said that an Indian Navy's rigid inflatable boat undergoing engine trials crashed into the 'Neelkamal' at high speed, overturning it and throwing most of the tourists into the Arabian Sea near Uran, Karanja on the Raigad coast, around 10 km from Gateway of India. The sources said that the ferry, 'Neelkamal', may have broken down with the sudden hit, overturned and started sinking with the passengers thrown into the sea.

Videos of the tragedy, clicked by aghast passengers from other ferries in the vicinity showed gruesome shots of people screaming for help, flailing their arms and legs to remain afloat or attempting to hold their near and dear ones from sinking in chilly sea waters.

On receiving the SOS from multiple sources on the disaster, a massive rescue operation was

launched by the Indian Navy's four helicopters and 15 other vessels including the Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, along with local fishers and other ferry boats to save the victims. By 9 p.m., the authorities confirmed 13 deaths comprising three Indian Navy sailors and 10 civilians, several 'critical' in different hospitals, and over 100 other tourists whose condition is reported to be 'stable' in various hospitals, while search continues for another five still suspected 'missing' as darkness fell. It was not immediately clear whether the ill-fated 'Neelkamal' was carrying passengers as per the stipulated norms for load and other safety measures. The owner of the vessel, Rajendra Padte, said that the 'Neelkamal' had departed on its regular tourism voyage to Elephanta Islands around 3.15 p.m. and barely a couple of hours later the tragedy was reported, "but it was not our fault".

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The first case was reported last week when a Wayanad resident, coming from the UAE, turned positive and health authorities went on a high alert. The second case is of a Kannur resident, also arriving from the UAE.

Both these people are now in isolation at the state-run Medical College hospital in Kannur. Under instructions from George, the emergency meeting of the Rapid Response Team decided to prepare a route map of the two people who turned positive. "All those who have had direct contact have to be under observation for 21 days. An alert has been sent to airports to ensure that people who arrive have to inform authorities.

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] (for Immovable property) Nhereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitis And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 200 Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred unde Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 29.07.2024, calling upon the (1) Shaik Mohammad Abdul Azia S/o. Shaik Mohammad Abdul Waheed, HNo .4 19 Maheshwaram Village, Maheshwaran Mandal Rangareddy-501359 ,(2) Shaik Mohammad Abdul Samad S/o.Shai Mohammad Abdul Waheed Hno 4-19 ,Maheshwaram Village Maheshwaram Manda Rangared dy-501359 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs. 7.07.146.86 -(Rupees Seven Lakh Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Six and Paise Eighty Six only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The borrower/owner/guarantor/legal heir having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/owner/guarantor/legal heir and the public in general tha the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 12th day of December of the year 2024.

The borrower/owner/guarantor/legal heir in particular and the public in general are hereb cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs. 7,07,146.86/-(Rupees Seven Lakh Seve Thousand One Hundred Forty Six and Paise Eighty Six only) and interest thereon. The borrower's/owner's/guarantor's/legal heir's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece of house bearing No.4-19, admeasuring 263 sq yds, with a plinth area of ACC roofing 600sft., situated near Maheshwaram Village and Grama Panchayat, Maheshwaran Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy District, Telangana State and bounded by: North :House o Mohammed Mohiuddin Khan, South : Open Place of Abdul Aziz, East : Open Place o

Monaninad Abdul Galool, WEST .Internal toad	
SRO Maheshwaram(Document No 5991/2015): Cersai As	set Id : 200053840440
Date :13.12.2024	Sd/- Authorised Officer
PLACE:MANKHAL	CANARA BANK

FILM NAGAR BRANCH, Plot No.A-10, খঁক গাঁজ হিজ্য BOIX Road No.4, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500096 Tel No.040-235428454, E-mail: filmnagar.telangana@bankofindia.co.in **POSSESSION NOTICE**



FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 31.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 31-11-2022." Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions o the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise o powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authonized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physical possession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble The Court Of The Chief Judicial Magistrate-Cum-Asstan Sessions Judge At Peddapalli, under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 18th Day of December 2024.

Borrower Name and Address Amount due as per 1) Srinivas Erroju, S/o. Laxminarsaiah, Age: 59 Years, Occ: Trading (Manikanta Jewellers), H.No. 3-64/1, Dharmaram, Karimnagar, PIN Code: 505416. <u>And also at:</u> Srinivas Erroju, S/o. Laxminarsaiah, Age: 59 Years, Occ: Trading (Manikanta Jewellers), H.No. 3-64/1, Dharmaram, Demand Notice Rs.34,58,745/-(Thirty Four Lakhs Larimital and Starting and S Fifty Eight thousand Seven Hundred Fourty Naresh (Alias) Narendra Chary, S/o. Shankaraiah, Age:38 Years, Occ: Business, H.No:3-6-340, Subhashnagar, Karimnagar, PIN Code: 505001. Five Rupees only)

Description of Property: House bearing No.3-64/1 Old 6-70/1(New) having the RCC roofed plinth area of 800 Sq. feets, in the total land of 363 Sq.Yards or 304-92 Sq. Mtrs., out of Sy.No.182/e의 situated at Dharmaram hamlet of Bommareddi pally revenue village of Dharmaram Mandal, Karimnagar District, Registration District: Karimnagar, Sub-District Sultanabad, bounded as under: Towards East: Land of Naligeti Odelu, Towards West: 15 Feet Wide Road, Towards North: Land of Noone Lingaiah, Towards South: 12 Feet Wide Road.

this notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Physica Possession of the immovable properties mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receip of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured asset eferred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL Place: Dharmaram, Date: 18-12-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer. Shriram Finance Limited



Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project to be completed by Dec. 2026 : Uttam Kumar Reddy

Hyderabad, project remains a top priority for the govern-Dec.18 (NSS): Ir- ment and dismissed allegations of neglect. He rigation and Civil outlined the detailed status of the project,

Branch Office:- M/s HD	DB Financial Services Ltd., A	al Services Ltd. Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahamedabad-09. ddress: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, et, Hyderabad, Telangana-500016.
AUCTION SALE	NOTICE CUM E-AU	JCTION SALE NOTICE
(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant	t / Public in General)(Under Rule 8(6)	R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)
Securitisation and Reconstruction of		n over Possession of the following property, under urity Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan AT IS BASIS"

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1) Rajitha Plastics, P.No.238 & 237, Injapur, Hayathnagar, Hyderabad Dol025, Telangana.
 2. Rajitha Agirisheti, P.No.75, Sriramnagar Colony, Turkayamjal Hayathnagar, Hyderabad-501218
 Telangana 3. Agirisheti Buchaiah, P.No.75, Sriramnagar Colony, Turkayamjal, Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad-501218, Telangana. Account No.3118437, Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.33,84,631/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One Only) as of 4th June 2022 With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses/ Costs Till The Date of Full Paymer Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL

Details of Immovable Properties: Schedule of The Securities Item no.1.- : All that the Piece and Parcel of Land Bearing No.238 Admeasuring 373 Sq.Yds and Plot No.287 Admeasuring 307 Sq.Yards Total Land Admeasuring 680 Sq.Yards or 568.56 Sq.Mtrs in Survey No.121/B,122/A, 122/B, 123 and 123/B, situated at Injapur Village and Gram Panchayath, Presently Hayath Naga Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy District and Bounded by: Boundaries of Plot No.238: (North-40' Wide Road) (South-Plo No.237) (East-Plot No.287& 288) (West-25' Wide Road).

No.237) (East-Piot No.267 & 260) (West-25 Wide Road).
<u>Item No.2:</u> All that the Piece and Parcel of Land Bearing No.238, Admeasuring 373 Sq.Yds And Plot No.287 Admeasuring 307 Sq.Yards Total Land Admeasuring 680 Sq.Yards Or 568.56 Sq. Mtrs In Survey No.121/B,122/A, 122/B, 123 And 123/B, Situated At Injapur Village And Gram Panchayath, Presently Hayath Nagar Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy District and Bounded by: Boundaries of Plot No.287: (North-40' Wide Road) (South-Plot No.238) (East-25' Wide Road) (West - Plot No. 288)

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time	
Rs.1,19,92,578/-	Rs.11,99,257/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	07-01-2025 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	06-01-2025 Up to 06:00 p.m	
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER CUM AUCTION SALE.					

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE

1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website https://www.bankeauctions.com Mobile APP or the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes.

- 2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: https://www.bankeauctions.com (the user ID & Passwo can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financia Service Limited" above. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser i required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification. Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal https://www.bankeauctions.com) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED.
- The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact MIs.C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem build ing, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries : sales@bankeauctions.com, 7291981129
- The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declar the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed
- The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, M/s.HDB Financial Services Ltd. Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower , 1 st Floor H No : 1-8-616 , 1, Prakash Nagar , Begumpet , Hyderabad , Telangana 500016 ,Auction venue: HDB Financial Services Ltd.Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower , 1 st Floor H No : 1-8-616 , 1, Prakash Nagar Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016 The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorize
- Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favor of "HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 06-01-2025 up to 06:00 p.m of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified
- For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: , M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower , 1 st Floor H No : 1-8-616 , 1, Prakash Nagar , Begumpet , Hyderabad , Telangana 500016 Authorised Officer A.NARSINGRAO (9703554646) & P.KRISHNAPRADEEP[(9059000515). The Property/ies is sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis.
- The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 11:00 am on the 07-01-2025 of Tender-cum-auc tion Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited.
- The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the paymer of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale.
- 10) The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entir sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein
- 11) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law.
- 12) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if an due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies.
- 13) The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any rea son thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s. HDB Financial Services Limited

lace: Hyderabad, Date: 19-12-2024

Reddy on Wednesday reiterated the Cong r e s s government's commitment to completing the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irriga-Scheme tion (PRLIS) by December 2026. Replying to a question in the Council, Uttam Kumar Reddy as-

Supplies Minister emphasising that significant progress has been N Uttam Kumar made in both physical and financial terms. He informed the House that PRLIS is being executed in 18 packages, including four lift packages and 14 civil works packages. The main works include approach channels, open canals, tunnels, pump houses, and reservoirs, spanning four major stages. He stated that the Stage-I pumping station was successfully commissioned on September 16, 2023, while the Stage-II, Stage-III, and Stage-IV pumping stations are nearing completion and are expected to be commissioned shortly. These developments mark significant milestones in addressing irrigation and drinking water needs in Telangana's drought-prone areas. Uttam Kumar Reddy noted that Rs 32,305 crore has been spent on the project so far, against the initial administrative sured that the approval of Rs. 35,200 crore.

[Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)]

hereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of BANK OF INDIA, under th Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the ecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 09.10.2024 alling upon the Borrowers Mr. Chinthareddy Yeswanth Reddy to repay the amount mer tioned in the notice being **Rs.66,69,993** + Interest + charges for Housing Loan from 10.09.2024 at monthly rests within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the porrower and the public, that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him unde ection (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 16th December of the year 2024. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to de

with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA, Film Nagar Branch for an amount of Rs.66,15,993 + Interest + charges for Housing Loan from 10.09.2024 at monthly rests within 60 (Sixty) days from he date of receipt of said notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeen the secured assets. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:- All that the Flat No 202, (in Secon

Floor), Door No 1-188/C/202/A/1 (PTIN: 1266320086), with built up area of 1595.00 Sq. Feet (including common area), along with undivided share of land admeasuring 72.0 Sq. yards or Equivalent to 60.19 Sq. mtrs.(out of total land of 1446.11 Sq.yards). 172.0 5d. yalds of Equivalent to 60.19 5d. Intris (out of bital and of 1446.11 5d.yalds), in the building known as "PRAGATHI PARADISE, BLOCK-C", on Part of Plot Bearing No 318A, Located in Survey Nos. 167(PART), 168, 169(PART), 175(PART), 176(PART), 177 and 178(PART), situated at Pragathi Nagar, Bachupally Village and Mandal, Under Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal- Malkajgiri District, T.S. and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES OF PROPERTY: <u>BOUNDARIES FOR PLOT</u> NO 24004. North c40.01 Wilds Part 6 2014. NO.318A: North: 40'-0" Wide Road, South: Part of Plot No.318/A, East: 60"-0" Wide Road, West: Park/Temple/Part of Plot No.318. BOUNDARIES FOR FLAT No.202 North: Open to Sky, South: Duct, East: Corridor, West: Open to S Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of India Date: 16.12.2024, Place: Hyderabad

Musi Project a ploy to evict people for land sharks, says Kay

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She declared that the BRS would fight for the rights of the people who would be evicted for the project. She told media persons that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy himself had claimed that the cost of the Musi project would be a whopping Rs 1.5 lakh crore but the state government sought a loan of Rs 4,100 crore from the World Bank and made a request to the BJP government at the Centre for Rs 14,100 crore.

Making public some key documents relating to the project, she termed it a project with zero clarity, no transparency, massive loans, and no compensation plan for those forced to rehabilitate. She alleged that Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu misled the House by giving wrong information that no assistance was sought from the World Bank for the Musi project and that DPR was not ready. She said on September 19, the Congress party stated that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) was ready and sought Rs 4,100 crore from the World Bank.

	SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 Branch Office: Plot No: 19-20, 2nd Floor, Kota Complex, Beside Prashanthi Residency, Opp: Modern High School, Mahabubnagar-509001. RULE-8(3)] POSSESSION NOTICE
vitha	Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public ir general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physica ossession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble the Court of Assistant Sessions Judge, Mahabubnagar under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 18th Day of December, 2024

BORROWER NAME AND ADDRESS	Amount Due as per Demand Notice
 Bhaskar S/o: M Venkatesh, Age: 47yeras, Occ: Self Employee R/O: HNo:1-70/1, Yenmamgandla(V), Nawabpet(M), Mahabubnagar(D)-509340, B/O: Propritor Of " Vilas Family Restaurant " At Same Address. 2) M Manjula W/o: M.Bhaskar, Age: 36years, Occ: House Wife R/O: Hno: 1-70/1, Yenmamgandla(V), Nawabpet(M), Mahabubnagar(D)- 509340. 3) Machanamoni Laxmamiah S/o: Machnamoni Venkataiah, Age: 54yeras, Occ: Self Employee R/O: Hno: 1-70/2, Yenmamgandla(V), Nawabpet(M), Mahabubnagar(D)-509340 Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/LegalHeirs 	Rs.35,06,938/- (Thirty-Five Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty- Eight Rupees
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - All That The Residential Open Totally Admeasuring 220sq. Yards In Sy.No. 145/2 Situated Within The Limits Of Yer Municipality, Bounded by Towards, East, Kaluya Towards, West-Plot No.	lugonda, Mahabubnaga

No.4, Towards South : 33ft Road This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of **SFL** is in the lawful Physical Possession of the immovable properties mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or an

person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate ar of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL. Sd/-Authorized Officer SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Date : 18-12-2024 Place:MAHABUBNAGAR

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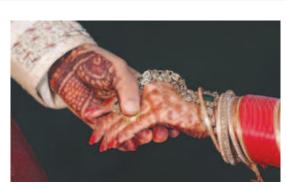
Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6)) movable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.)

Two Mumbai-based fraudsters posing as Delhi cops arrested in Kolkata



Kolkata, Dec 18 (IANS) : Two notorious Mumbaibased fraudsters engaged in extorting money from people posing as cops of the cybercrime division of Delhi Police were arrested from a hotel at Sealdah in central Kolkata on Wednesday.

The two accused have been identified as Vinode Kovinda Pawar and Dhanji Jagannath Shinde and are residents of Mumbai. The arrests were made following a recent complaint by a city-based woman to the Charu Market Police Station in South Kolkata.



BJP leader lodges cheating complaint against wife in Bihar

Patna, Dec 18 (IANS) : A leader of the BJP's Youth Wing in Bihar has filed a complaint with the police against his wife and in-laws, accusing them of cheating him. "I married a woman from Ganga Babu Chowk on April 19. First, the marriage was solemnised at a court and later at the Ikorchala temple as per Hindu customs," complainant Rakesh Gupta told the Town police station in Kishanganj after which an FIR was lodged.

He presented the marriage certificate with the court's seal as evidence of their legal union. After the wedding, a grand 'Bahu Bhoj' (welcome event), was hosted at a restaurant in the city on May 10, police said.

"However, after marriage, the in-laws refused to allow the bride to stay at my house. When I confronted them, they ignored me," Gupta said in the complaint. He said that the bride's family took Rs 30 to Rs 35 lakh and land from him, after which she "disappeared".

Madras High Court dismisses case against Chennai **Press Club elections**

Chennai, Dec 18 (IANS) : The Madras High Court has dismissed a case challenging the conduct of elections to the Chennai Press Club. On Wednesday, Justice G. Jayachandran, a single-Bench judge, declined to entertain a suit filed by T.M. Viswanaath, a member of the Chennai Press Club. The elections, scheduled for December 15, will take place after a 25-year gap, the last being held in 1999. The elections aim to select a complete set of new office-bearers, including a president.



Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Opposite Sivalayam, Anjaneyapet, Amarr and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 21 sion of the following property/ies pursuant to to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS The Sale will be done by the undersigned th	wathi Road, Guntur - 52200 002 (hereinafter "Act"). Where o the notice issued U/S 13(2) S, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AN	7 "under the Secur as the Auhorized C of the Act in the fol WITHOUT RECO	itisation and Recon fficer ("AO") of IIFL lowing loan accoun JRSE BASIS" for re	struction of Financial Assets -HFL had taken the posses- ts/prospect nos. with a right alization of IIFL-HFL's dues,
Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Symboli	ate of Possession	Reserve Price
 Ramkrishna Kanneganti 	19-Dec-2018, Rs.2,38,12,8	2/- 15-N	lar-2019	Rs. 1,32,00,000/-
2)Vimala Devi Kanneganti(K Vimala Devi),3) Charan Tej Kanneganti(K Charan Tej),	(Rupees Two Crore Thirty E Lakh Twelve Thousand Ei	jht 05-E	nding as On Date Dec-2024	(Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakh Only)
 VRC Shoreline Enterprises Pvt Ltd, 	Hundred Eighty Two Only	1.3. 2,00,00,0	26/-(Rupees Two	Earnest Money Deposit
5) Kanneganti Vivek Tej	Bid Increase Amount		Nine Lakh Sixty	(EMD) Rs. 13,20,000/-
6)VRC Agro Farms Pvt Ltd	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees O		ght Hundred and	(Rupees Thirteen Lakh
(Prospect No. 761884)	Lakh Only)	Iwent	y Six Only)	Twenty Thousand Only)
uated in Sy No. 535/1, Chowdavaram Village 2. Plot No.2, (Out of Ac.2.34 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 428 Sq.y Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 350 Sq.y 4. Plot No.4, (Out of Ac.2.34 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 230 Sq.y 6. Plot No.6, (Out of Ac.2.34 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 230 Sq.y 7. Plot No.7, (Out of Ac.2.34 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 185 Sq.y 7. Plot No.7, (Out of Ac.2.34 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 185 Sq.y 7. Plot No.45, (Out of Ac.2.34 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 185 Sq.y 8. Plot No.45, (Out of Ac.3.85 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 142 9. Plot No.13, (Out of Ac.3.85 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 130 0. Plot No.13, (Out of Ac.3.85 Cents) situati Mandal, Guntur (Admeasuring 130 0. Plot No.13, (Out of Ac.3.85 Cents) situati	d in Sy No. 535/1, Chowdar (a) n Sy No. 535/1, Chowdar (b) No. 535/1, Chowdar (c) No. 529/1,529/2 Ch (c) Sq.yds) (c) No. 529/1,529/2 Ch (c) Sq.yds) (c) No. 529/1,529/2 Ch (c) No. 529/1 Ch (c) No.	aram Village, Gunl aram Village, Gunl aram Village, Gunl aram Village, Gunl aram Village, Gunl aram Village, Gunl owdavaram Village owdavaram Village 2 Chowdavaram V	ur Municipal Corpo ur Municipal Corpo ur Municipal Corpo ur Municipal Corpo ur Municipal Corpo ur Municipal Corpo , Guntur Municipal , Guntur Municipal /illage, Guntur Mu	ration Limits, Guntur Rural oration Limits, Guntur Rural oration Limits, Guntur Rural oration Limits, Guntur Rural oration Limits, Guntur Rural Corporation Limits, Guntur Corporation Limits, Guntur nicipal Corporation Limits,
Date of Inspection of prop 03-Jan-2025 1100 hrs -1400		ID Last Date 1-2025 till 5 pm.		
Mode of Payment :- EMD payments are t home.com and pay through link availa Asset is different. Ensure you are using For Balance Payment - Login https://w 1. For participating in e-auction, Intending well in advance and has to create the lo along with the payment details towards 2. The bidders shall improve their offer in in the last 5 minutes of the closing time 3. The sourcessful bidder should deposit the AO and the balance 75% of the bid and payment shall be in the prescribec 4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, a	ble for the property/ Secu www.iiflonehome.com >My i TERMS AND CO bidders required to register th gin account, login ID and pass EMD, copy of the KYC and F multiple of amount mention, o of the aucion, the closing t 25% of the bid amount (after amount within 15 days from mode of payment.	Id Asset only. Not red Asset you int bid >Pay Balance <u>JDITIONS:-</u> ir details with the Si word. Intending bid AN card at the abou d under the colum me will automatical adjusting EMD) with he date of confirma	e: Payment link for end to buy vide pro- Amount. ervice Provider http: ders have to submit be mentioned Branco "Bid Increase Am ly get extended for hin 24 hours of the stition of sale by the submit	or each property/ Secured ublic auction. s://www. liflonehome.com, / send their "Tender FORM" h Office. ount". In case bid is placed 5 minutes. acceptance of bid price by secured creditor. All deposit
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tricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates ortgoings relating to the property. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL. Bidders are advised to go through the website https: // www.ilflonehome.com and https://www.ilfl.com/home-loans/proper-ties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:-care@iiflonehome.com, Support Helpline no.1800 2672 499. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no.1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email: care@iiflonehome.com. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of having physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIEL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of ropordy under the circumstances.

taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstance Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with La

Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with La In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale w be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of ar dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IFL-HFL will be final. 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

All that part and parcel of the property bear-ing Flat No. F-3, Block-F, Second Floor, Anamika Homes, Plot Nos 3 and 4, Survey No. 151 covered under Block No.09, Prakruthi Estates, Medchal, Malkaigiri District Telangana, 501401 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 360.00, 1008.00, 820.00

12-Dec-2023 Rs.33,35,062/- (Rupees hirty Three Lakh Thirty Five

Thousand and Sixty Two

Only)

Bid Increase Amount Rs.40,000/-(Rupees Forty Thousand Only)

(Prospect No IL10296012)

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cos Place:- Guntur, Date: 19-Dec-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limite

> 19-Jul-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 39,70,055/-(Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Seventy Thousand and

Fifty Five Only

Twenty Five Lakh ighteen Thousand Only

Earnest Money Depos (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty

One Thousand Eight Hundred Only)

PhD Agronomy student from Rajasthan's Dholpur selected for PM **Research Fellowship**

Dholpur, Dec 18 (IANS) : Anshul Sharma, a PhD Agronomy student from the Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, has been selected for the prestigious Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF). A resident of the Dihauli police station area in Dholpur district, Sharma has become the first student from the Rajasthan Agricultural University, Udaipur, to be awarded this highly competitive national fellowship.

The PMRF, established by the Government of India under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, is a mark of distinction, aimed at promoting advanced research in science and technology. As a recipient of this honour, Anshul Sharma will receive financial support of Rs 38 lakh over four years to further his research, which aims to contribute significantly to the nation's agricultural development.

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6)) Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6)) Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Piot No.s8 Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at: .40-55-1/A, 11B, Chandramouli Puram, Tikkle Road, Near Sweet Magic Hotel, MG Road, Vijayawada-520010/ Door No 4-14-111 A, 1st Floor, Opposite Sivalayam, Anjaneyapet, Amaravathi Road, Guntur - 522007/ Door No-44-41/A, 1st Floor, Govt Degree Collage, Revenue Ward No-4, Nidadavolu Mandalam, AP-5343011/IEL Home Finance, 1st Floor, Near Ganesh Chowk, Pangidi Road, Pati Meedha, Nidadavole Village, Nidadavole Mandalam- 543301, East Godavari District, AP/ H No 225(-1-31, 1st Floor, Yegireddy Complex, Old Bus Stop Back Side, Eluru, West Godavari, AP/ H No 25(58-5970, Buttajbet, Revenue Ward No-25, Machilipatnam, AP JIIEL Home Finance Ltd. 1st Floor, Side, Eluru, West Godavari, AP/ H No 25(58-5970, Buttajbet, Revenue Ward No-25, Machilipatnam, AP JIIEL Home Finance Ltd. 1st Floor, Siddartha Nagar, Street, Opposite Kala Bharathi Kalayana Mandapam, Balijpeta Road, Bobbili, Vizianagaram Dist, Pin Code-535558./ D no:1-15-8, 1st Floor, Kusuma Gajapathi Nagar, Church Road, Contomment, Vizianagaram - 535003/#16-14-298/1, First Floor, Behind Narayana Concept School, Mini Bypass Road, Srihari Nagar, Nellore - 524004 A.P/ BM-657, JIEL Home Finance Limited No 19-10-20, 2nd floor, AIR Byepass Road, Opp. PLR Convention Center, Near Passport office, Tirupathi-157501 Chittor district. AP/ "Shop No:687, TJ Complex, State Bank Main Branch Cire, Kurmoo - 158004 - 158004" / D.No.59-522/B/S/10, Sth Floor, My Home Sarovar Plaza, Secretaria Road, Hyderabad-500001/ HNO 1-4-248, Beside Ramalingehwara Talkies RT Road Suryapet-508213/ H.No -3-62/3/A/1, Medchal Railway Station Road, Beside Medchal District Library, Medchal, Malkajgir District, Telangana-501401/ H No 5-7-310, Opp Cowt. Veterinary Hospital, Miryalaguda Road, Nalgonda, Telangana -508001/ 1. Mrs. Kanaka Laxmi Rayagiri Mr. Narasimhu ayagiri , 3. Taraka rilaxmi Garments 1. Mrs. Shamini George 2. Mr. George Sunny (Prospect No IL10273666)

		navi Street, Opposite Kala Bharathi Kalayar ısuma Gajapathi Nagar, Church Road, Conto				Rs.40,000/-(Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 360.00, 1008.00, 820.00		Hundred Only)
8, Door No 8-12-5/5 Floor, Behind Naray	i, 1st Floor, Siddartha Nagar, yana Concept School, Mini B	1st Line, Near Commericial Tax Office,, RTC ypass Road, Srihari Nagar, Nellore - 524004.	C Complex, Vizianagaram - A.P./ BM-6657,IIFL Home Fi	535003/ #16-14-298/1, First nance Limited No 19-10-20.	1. Mrs. Shamini George	03-Jan-2024, Rs.13,67,241/-	All that part & parcel of the property bearing	06-Aug-2024 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.10,75,000/- (Rupe Ten Lakh Seventy Fiv
2nd floor, AIR Byepa State Bank Main Br	ass Road, Opp .PLR Convent ranch Cirle, Kurnool - 51800	ion Center,Near Passport office, Tirupathi-51 4 - 518004" / D.No.5-9-22/B/501,5th Floor, M	7501 Chittoor district. AP/ " ly Home Sarovar Plaza, See	Shop No:6&7, TJ Complex cretariat Road, Hyderabad	2. Mr. George Sunny	Seven Thousand Two	213.80 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area ad Measuring 480 Sq. Ft., and Built Up Area ad Measuring 600	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only)
District Library, M	ledchal, Malkajgir District,	alkies RT Road Suryapet-508213/ H.No- 3-62/ Felangana-501401/ H No 5-7-310, Opp Govi	t. Veterinary Hospital, Miry	yalaguda Road, Nalgonda.	(Prospect No IL10273666)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Sq. Ft., of Krupa Complex, in Block No 13 (K 13), Bearing Muncipal No 27-1/13/15 (PTI No.	(Rupees Seventeen Lakh	Earnest Money Depo (EMD) Rs. 1,07,500
Whereas the Auhoriz	ed Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL h	d Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enfor ad taken the possession of the following proper	ty/ies pursuant to the notice is	ssued U/S 13(2) of the Act in	1210210000)	Eive Thousand Only)	1170701595) on Plot No 64-A, 64-B, in Sy No 86, Neredmet, GHMC Malkajgiri, Medchal - Ma	Three Hundred and Two Only)	(Rupees One Lakh Se Thousand Five Hundr
		to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BAS will be done by the undersigned through e-auction			1.Mr.Bandavath	9-Feb-2024	Ikajgiri, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 500056 All that part and parcel of the property bear-	10-Aug-2024	Only) Rs. 4,40,000/-
Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price Rs. 19,80,000/-	Nageshwara Rao, 2. Mrs.Bandavathu	Rs. 11,55,448/-	ing Dr. No 1-341, Assessment No 341, Ground Floor, Bettathanda Village,	Total Outstanding as on	(Rupees Four Lakh Fo Thousand Only)
/ Guarantor(s)	28-Jan-2022, Rs.26,08,103/-	All that part and parcel of the property bear-	06-May-2024	(Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	Bajji, 3.Mrs. Banda- vathu Sandhya, 4.			1101 10,01,110	Earnest Money Depo
1. Mrs. Prabhavathi Thota, 2. Mr.	(Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Eight Thousand One	ing Flat No.Tf-1, 3rd Floor, with super built- up area 900 Sq. Ft., Sai Ramesh Residency, RS No. 74, Vijayawada Rural Mandalam,	Date 16-Dec-2024	Earnest Money Deposit	Ladies Tailoring, 5. Owner Com Driver	Bid Increase Amount	508355, India. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area,	(Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand One	(EMD) Rs. 44,000/- (Ruped
Satyanarayana Thota (Prospect No	Hundred Three Only) Bid Increase Amount	Ramavarappadu, Krishna District, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh- 521108	Rs.31,20,789/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Twenty	(EMD) Rs. 1,98,000/- (Rupees	(Prospect No IL10398103)	Rs.20,000/-(Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	Carpet_Area Property Area: 2997.00 , 576.00 , 300.00.	Hundred and Seventy Eight Only)	Forty Four Thousar Only)
(Prospect No 858117)	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Vijayawada, Andria Fradesii- 02 1100	Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine Only)	One Lakh Ninety Éight Thousand Only)	1. Mrs. Ruth	16-Oct-2023,	All that part and parcel of the property bear-	28-Jun-2024	Rs. 22,11,000/-
1. Pushpalatha Markondapatnaik	14-Nov-2019, Rs.16,02,269/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Two	All that part and parcel of the property bear- ing Flat No. C-8 in second floor in R.C.C slab	22-Apr-2024 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty	Chalagala 2. Mr. Jesse	Rs.33,21,305/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Twenty	ing Flat No. A1-911, Floor No. 9, 1, Tower A1, Sy.No. Part Of 662 663 667 668 And Part Of	Total Outstanding as On Date	(Rupees Twenty Tw Lakh Eleven Thousa
2. Markondapatnaik Chandranaga Raju	Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Nine Only)	building, "Ribano Enclave", VSN Colony, Duppada village, Vizianagram Mandal,	Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 24,23,645/- (Rupees	Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit	Dayanand Masa (Prospect No	One Thousand Three Hundred Five Only)	671 Blocka1, In Project Namely Sitara At Janapriya Lake Front, (South Wing), Kapra	Rs. 39,86,200/-	Only) Earnest Money Depo
(Prospect No 884718)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	535003 Andhra Pradesh (Area admeasuring 875 sq. ft.)	Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred	(EMD) Rs.1,05,000/-	IL10245730)	Bid Increase Amount	Village, Keesara Mandal, Ranga Reddy Dist, Presently Under Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist.	(Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Two	(EMD) Rs.2,21,100/- (Rupe
0041107	Five Thousand Only)		and Forty Five Only)	Thousand Only)		Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Telangana, 500094. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Saleable_Area,	Tranaroa oniy)	Two Lakh Twenty Or Thousand One Hund
1. Mrs. Kumari Jagu, 2. Miss.	6-Oct-2021, Rs.17,84,918/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh	All that part and parcel of the property S.no.89, Old D.No.2-56/1, Present D.No.3-26 Kakinada	20-Aug-2022 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.12,16,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Sixteen			Carpet_Area, Super_Built_Up_Area Property Area: 745.00, 745.00, 745.00.		Only)
Sumalatha Jagu 3. Mr. Satya	Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Only)	Rural Mandalam, Ganganapalli Village Ganganapalli Panchayathi And Village East	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit	1. Mr. Anil Kumar Panday	20-Sep-2023, Rs.17,74,774/- (Rupees	All that part and parcel of the property bear- ing Semi Finished House on Plot No. 7	16-Mar-2024 Total Outstanding	Rs. 10,90,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Nir
Narayan Veera Venkat (Prospect	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Godavari Andhra Pradesh , 533006, India (Land Area ad Measuring 1629 Sq. Ft., and			2. Mrs. Bhanu Priya Panday, 3. Akshaya	Seventeen Lakh Seventy	Western Part And West Side Part Of (Plot No. 8 Sourthern Part) ,In Sy No 644 ,645,	as on Date	Thousand Only)
No 903892)	Five Thousand Only)	Built Up Area ad Measuring 396 Sq. Ft.) All that part and parcel of the property	Three Only) 18-Jun-2024	Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Automobiles (Prospect No	Hundred & Seventy Four Only)	646/A, Turkayamjal Villages, Abdullapurmet Revenue Mandal , Turkayamzal,	Rs. 22,66,322/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh	Earnest Money Depo (EMD)
1. Mrs. Lakshmi Venkata Chalamala	16-Jan-2023, Rs.19,44,743/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh	Property Located in Rs No. 2/4B, 4th Floor,	Total Outstanding as on	Rs.10,08,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eight	IL10196188)		Rangareddi, Telangana, India, 501510 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area	Civity Civ Thousand Three	Rs.1,09,000/- (Ruper One Lakh Nine Thousa
2.Mr.Joji Kumar Chalamala	Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three Only)	With Carpet Area Ad Measuring 480 Sq. ft. And Built Up Area Ad Measuring 700 Sq.ft.,	Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs.22,93,896/- (Rupees	Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit	-	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 468.00, 250.00,100.00.	Only)	Only)
3.JK Clothes Stores (Prospect No	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Srinivasa Nilayam, Poranki, Vijayawada, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh, India, 521137	Twenty Two Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Eight	(EMD) Rs.1,00,800/- (Rupees One Lakh Eight	1. Mr. Shaik Janimiya	15-Dec-2022, Rs.6,02,515/- (Rupees Six Lakh Two	All that part and parcel of the property bear- ing H. No. 11-152A, Sy No. 1031, Block No.	10-Aug-2024	Rs.3,92,000/- (Rupe Three Lakh Ninety T
IL10192622)	Five Thousand Only)	(Built up area 600 sq. ft.) All that part and parcel of the property Plot	Hundred & Ninety Six Only) 19-Jan-2024	Hundred Only) Rs.12,53,000/- (Rupees	2. Mrs. Khasimbi Shaik	Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Only)	11, admeasuring 3240 Sq. Ft., Medlacheruvu, Nalgonda, Telangana,	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only)
1. Mrs. Sailaja Chebrole, 2. Mr.	(Rupees Twenty Three Lakh	No.7B, admeasuring 90 sq yards in Block No.1, Survey No.217, Venkatagiri village,	Total Outstanding as on	Twelve Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Only)	(Prospect No 971284)	Bid Increase Amount	Suryapet District, India-508204	Ten Lakh Six Thousand	Earnest Money Deposit (E Rs.39,200/- (Rupee
Mohan Bommagani 3. Sailaja Vegitanles,	Hundred Sixty Six Only)	Eluru Mnadal, West Godhavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India, 534001	Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 32,69,749/- (Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit	571204)	Rs.20,000/-(Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)		Three Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	Thirty Nine Thousand Hundred Only)
4. Mohan Car Transport (Prospect	(Rapooo Inony)		Thousand Seven Hundred	Rs.1,25,300/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand	1. Mr. Sathish Kumar Solleti	19-May-2023, Rs.7,27,105/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty	All that part and parcel of the property bear- ing Door No. 2-57, Western Portion of House	19-Apr-2024 Total Outstanding as on	Rs. 5,32,000/- (Rupe Five Lakh Thirty Tw
No IL10127157) 1. Mr.	Five Thousand Only) 28-Jul-2022. Rs.21.83.052/-	(Built Up Area ad Measuring 602 Sq. Ft.) All that part and parcel of the property bear-	and Forty Nine Only) 26-Jul-2024	Three Hundred Only) Rs. 14,11,000/-	2. Mrs. Swathi Solleti	Seven Thousand One	No. 25-130, Ground Floor, Land area admea- suring 1340 sq. ft., Carpet area admeasuring	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (I
Narayanapatrudu Karri, 2. Mrs.Naga	(Rupees Twenty One Lakh	ing Flat.No:107, East Part Third Floor, Ad measuring 900Sq.Ft., S No 197/2E2, Plot	Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024	(Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eleven Thousand Only)	(Prospect No 968388)	Bid Increase Amount	100 sq. ft., Built up area admeasuring 517 sq. ft., Rayanigudem, Suryapet, Nalgonda,	Twelve Lakh Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred	Rs.53,200/- (Rupees I Three Thousand Tw
Lakshmi Karri 3. BYK Spa	Two Only) Bid Increase Amount	No:5, Sai Deekshita Residency, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram, Andhra	Rs. 30,86,770/- (Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Rs.1,41,100/- (Rupees One),	Thousand Only)	508376, Telangana, India.	and Fifty One Only)	Hundred Only)
(Prospect No IL10125572)	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Pradesh, India, 535183 (Super Built Up Area Ad.Measuring: 750 Sq.ft)	Thousand Seven Hundred		1. Mrs. Ramanamma	15-Nov-2019 Rs. 20,23,005/- (Rupees	All that part and parcel of the property Survey No. 352/1, Consisting 39-30 Cents, in an	05 Eab 2020	Rs.12,59,000/- (Rupe Twelve Lakh Fifty Ni
1. Mrs. Sarada	Five Thousand Only) 20-Jun-2022, Rs.26,32,014/-	All that part and parcel of the property bear-	and Seventy Only) 09-Jul-2024	Rs. 17,16,000/-	Kantineni 2 Mr. Penchalaiah	Twenty Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Five Only)	Extent of 31 Ankanams or 248 Sq. yds. , in its RCC Consturction an extent of 20 Ankanams	Total Outstanding as on	Thousand Only) Earnest Money Depo
Poranki 2. Mr.Satya Dev	(Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Thirty Two Thousand and	ing Flat No.2, Second Floor, Area Admeasuring 750 Sq.Ft. Rishith	Total Outstanding as On Date 05-Dec-2024	(Rupees Seventeen Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only)	Kantineni (Prospect No	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	or 1440 Sq. Feets etc, Venkatachalam Mandal, Kanupuru Bit-1, Panchayath,	Rs. 43,49,013/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Forty	(EMD) Rs.1,25,900 (Rupees One Lakh Tw
Varma Poranki 3. Sarada General	Fourteen Only) Bid Increase Amount	Residency, Survey No.486/1, (As per Site S.No 485/1) Poranki Village, Penamaluru	Rs. 36,58,250/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Fifty Eight	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.1,71,600/- (Rupees One		Five Thousand Only)	Venkatachala, Near Ankamma Temple , Nellore, Andhra Pradesh-524126 (Carpet		Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
Stores (Prospect No IL10113217)	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, India, 521137. (Built up Area 600 Sq Ft.)	Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only)	Lakh Seventy One Thou- sand Six Hundred Only)	1. Mr.Bhanu	6-Nov-2017, Rs.32,36,308/-	Area ad Measuring 648 Sq. Ft.) All that part and parcel of the property Sry.	02-Feb-2018	Rs.22,40,000/- (Rupe
1. Mr. Ganapathi	16-Dec-2022, Rs.29,51,113/-	All that part and parcel of the property bear-	07-May-2024	Rs.22,62,000/- (Rupees	Prakash Reddy T 2 Mrs. Mounika	(Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Three	No.11, D.No.8-2192A(North Side), SLV Nagar 5th Cross, Tirupati Urban, Tirupati,	Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024	Twenty Two Lakh Fo Thousand Only)
Kandi 2. Mrs. Revathi	(Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty One Thousand One	ing Flat No. T2, 3rd Floor, admeasuring 932 Sq. Ft. (Built Up Area), Sri Satyasai Enclave,	Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024	Twenty Two Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Only)	Reddy T (Prospect No	Hundred Eight Only) Bid Increase Amount	Andhra Pradesh , 517501	Rs. 57,47,117/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Forty Seven	Earnest Money Deposit (E Rs.2,24,000/- (Ruped
Kandi	Hundred Thirteen Only) Bid Increase Amount	Plot No.39 And 40, Survey No.140/14, Door No.20-20-1, Situated At Sainath Colony,	Rs. 36,58,939/- (Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,26,200/- (Rupees Two	767526)	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	(Land Area ad Measuring 1116 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area ad Measuring 2188.8 Sq.Ft.)	Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen Only)	
(Prospect No IL10106611)	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Vizianagaram Bit 1, Andhra Pradesh, India, 535002. (Area Admeasuring 699 sq. ft.)		Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Only)	1.Mr.Shaik Faroz	12-Apr-2023, Rs.20,83,706/-	All that part and parcel of the property Plot No. 507-B, Land Area Ad Measuring 1320	19-Jun-2023	Rs.18,91,000/- (Rupe Eighteen Lakh Ninety
1. Mr. Chinna		All that part and parcel of the property Rsno	05-Apr-2023	Rs.9,25,000/- (Rupees	Basha, 2.Miss.Shaik Mumtaz Begum, 3. Al	Three Thousand Seven	Sq. Ft., Built Up Area Ad Measuring 965.30 and Carpet Area Ad Measuring 800 Sq. Ft.,	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only)
Ravuri 2 Mrs. Rani Ravuri	Thirty Thousand Four	248, admeasuring 688 sq. ft. , D.No 11/217, Munciple Ward - 11, Rvn Towers,3Rd Floor,	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only)	Rehaan Mobiles and Electronics	Bid Increase Amount	Sy No. 692/1A, Ward No.87, Ganesh Nagar, Kalluru, Near Jampala Apartme, Kurnool,	Twenty Eight Lakh Seven-	Earnest Money Deposit (B Rs.1,89,100/- (Rupee
(Prospect No IL10103781)	Hundred Twelve Only) Bid Increase Amount	Flat No. 301 , Asst No. 1068018398 Valivarthipadu, Gudiwada, Krishna, Andhra	Eighteen Lakh Thirteen	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.92,500/- (Rupees	(Prospect No IL10249499)	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Andhra Pradesh, India, 518003.	red and Twenty Nine Only)	sand One Hundred On
,	Rs.20,000/-(Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	Pradesh, India, Pincode:521301.	Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Only)	Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	1. Mr. Chennu Srinivasa Rao	20-Sep-2022, Rs.18,62,094/- (Rupees	All that part and parcel of the property bear- ing Dno 169/A,Plot No.11,12, Admesuring	07-Dec-2022 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.10,46,000/- (Rupe Ten Lakh Forty Six
1. Mr. Srinivas Vijjapu	27-Sep-2022, Rs.11,37,675/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty	All that part and parcel of the property bear- ing Flat No. G.F.2, Ground Floor, Carpet area	31-Aug-2024 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.7,84,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Four	2. Mrs.Chennu Naga Lakshmi	Eighteen Lakh Sixty Two	Carpet 1939 Sqft, Bheemavaram Grama Panchayathi Area, Bheemavaram, Guntur,	Date 16-Dec-2024	Thousand Only)
2. Mrs.Venkata Ratnam Vijjapu	Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Only)	admeasuring 350 sq. ft., RS No.108/1, Plot No. 108, D.No.7-48/1, K.S. Enclave,	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only)	(Prospect No 877950)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Andhra Pradesh- 522403.	Twenty Seven Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred	Rs.1.04.600/- (Rupe
(Prospect No 940880)	Bid Increase Amount	Ramavarapadu, Vijayawada, 521108, Andhra Pradesh, India (Area admeasur-	Rs. 15,15,801/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.78,400/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Thousand		Five Thousand Only)	(Area Ad.Measuring: 1800 Sq.ft)	and Ninety Six Only)	Six Hundred Only)
- 10000/	Rs.20,000/-(Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	ing 135 sq. ft. and Built up area 400 sq. ft.)	Hundred and One Only)	Seventy Eight Thousand Four Hundred Only)	1. Mr. Moghal Umar 2. Mrs. Mogal	Rupees Nineteen Lakh Six	ing D No.169/A, admeasuring 452.22 Sq.		Rs. 10,70,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh
1. Mr. Kacharlpati	(Rupees Eleven Lakh Four	All that part and parcel of the property Flat No G-1 Ground Floor, admeasuring 982 Sq.	25-Jul-2024 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.12,02,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Two	Mahuni	Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Only)	Yds. (378.10 Sq. Mtrs.), Plot No. 3, 4, Bheemavaram Grama Panchavath.	Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 28.58.613/- (Rupees	Seventy Thousand O Earnest Money Dep
Naveen Varama 2.Mrs. Kucharlapati	Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three Only)	ft., Sno 135/1P, Plot no 44, Sri Sai Nelaadri Residency, Pedathadavadi Village, Denkjada	Date 05-Dec-2024	Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD	878909)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Bheemavaram Gramam, Guntur, Andhra	Twenty Eight Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Six	(EMD) Rs. 1,07,000 (Rupees One Lakh Se
Nagamani (Prospect No	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Mandal, Dist Vizianagaram, Pin code: 535003, Andhra Pradesh, India	Seventeen Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Nine	Rs.1,20,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand	Data	Five Thousand Only)		Hundred and Thirteen Only)	Thousand Only) e of E-Auction
930684)	Five Thousand Only)	(Area admeasuring 351 sq. ft.)	Hundred and Fifty Only)	Two Hundred Only)	03-Jar	n-2025 1100 hrs -1400 hrs	s 08-Jan-2025 till 5 P.M.	. 10-Jan-2025 1	100 hrs1300 hrs.
1 Mr. Mahaboobbasha	27-Sep-2022, Rs.26,69,419/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 2060, Janardana Reddy Colony , Admeasuring Carpet Areas 1407 Sq. Ft., 68	14-Aug-2023 Total Outstanding as on	Rs.19,50,000/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh	through link available	e for the property/ Secured As:	te vide online mode only. To make payments y set only.	•	
Pathan 2. Mrs.Vahida	Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Only)	ILand Lavout, 28/2. Venkateswarla Puram.	Date 16-Dec-2024 Rs. 41,79,941/- (Rupees	Fifty Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD	lic auction. For Bala	ince Payment - Login https://	sset_is′different. Ensure you are using link of t //www.iiflonehome.com >My Bid >Pay Bala	ne property/ Secured Asset	you intend to buy vide
Patan (Prospect No. 848626)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Venkateswara Puram, Janardana Reddy Colony, Nellore, 524005, Andhra Pradesh, India. (Area Ad Measuring 1251 Sq. Ft and	Forty One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and	Rs.1,95,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Five			TERMS AND CONDITIONS:- ers required to register their details with the S		
1 Mer Dhamilte	Five Thousand Only) 29-Aug-2022	Built Up Area Ad Measuring 1656 Sq. Ft.) All that part and parcel of the property bear-	Forty One Only) 26-Sep-2024	Thousand Only) Rs.21,90,000/- (Rupees	advance and has ment details tow	s to create the login account, lo ards EMD, copy of the KYC an	ogin ID and password. Intending bidders have to nd PAN card at the above mentioned Branch O	to submit / send their "Tender Office.	FORM" along with the p
1. Mrs.Bhaguthu Syamala, 2. Mr.	Rs.22,45,090/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Forty Five	ing Survey No. 23/1, D.No.318, area admea-	Total Outstanding as On		The bidders shal utes of the closir	Il improve their offer in multiple ng time of the auction, the closi	e of amount mentioned under the column "Bid li sing time will automatically get extended for 5 m	Increase Amount". In case bid ninutes.	
Bagathu Narasihulu 3. M/S Syamala	Thousand Ninety Only)	suring 1650 Sq. Fts., Vadamalapeta Mandal, Kayam Village, Kayam Peta Village, Chittoor,	Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 28,36,035/- (Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit	 The successful to balance 75% of 	bidder should deposit 25% of th the bid amount within 15 days	the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 s from the date of confirmation of sale by the s	hours of the acceptance of the	bid price by the AO and and payment shall be in
Milk Business (Prospect No	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty	Andhra Pradesh, India, 517551 (Built up area 2134 sg. ft.)	Six Thousand and Thirty	(EMD) Rs.2,19,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh	prescribed mode 4. The purchaser h	e of payment. as to bear the cess, applicable	stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues	or other dues like municipal t	
IL10162322)	Five Thousand Only) 15-Jul-2022,	All that part and parcel of the property bear-	Five Only) 22-Apr-2024	Ninèteen Thousand Only) Rs. 41.45.000/-	and all other inci 5. The purchaser	idental costs, charges including has to pay TDS application to	g all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the p to the transaction/payment of sale amount a	property. and submit the TDS certification	ate with IIFL HFL.
Gorukanti 2. Mrs.Anitha	Rs.25,68,375/- (Rupees	ing House bearing No. 3-36/2 admeasuring 100.00 Square Yards, & House bearing No.	Total Outstanding as on Date	(Rupees Forty One Lakh Forty Five	6. Bidders are advi terms and condi	ised to go through the website itions of auction sale & auction	https: //www.iiflonehome.com and https://www n application form before submitting their Bids	w.iifl.com/home-loans/proper s for taking part in the e-auct	ties-for-auction for deta ion sale proceedings.
Gorukanti 3. Archana Dairy	Twenty Five Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Three	3-36/2/A admeasuring 40.00 Sq. Yards or equivalent to 33.4 Sq. Meters, total admea-	16-Dec-2024 Rs. 31,92,521/-	Thousand Only)	 For details, help home.com. Sup 	p procedure and online traini port Helpline Numbers:@180	ing on e-auction prospective bidders may c 00 2672 499.	contact the service provide	r E mail ID:- care@iiflo
3. Archana Dairy Form (Prospect No 862690 & 933772)	Hundred Seventy Five Only)	suring 140.00 Sq. Yards or equivalent to	(Rupees Thirty One Lakh	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 4,14,500/-	8. For any query re	elated to Property details, Inspe nday to Friday or write to email	ection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL I	HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 4	199 from 09:30 hrs to 18
002090 Q 933112)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.40,000/-(Rupees Forty	Square Feet, situated At Narsinghi Village And Gp, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy	Hundred and Twenty One	Fourteen Thousand Five	9. Notice is hereby	given to above said borrowers	is to collect the household articles, which were shall not be responsible for any loss of property		t the time of taking phys
	Thousand Only)	Dist, Hyderabad, Telangana, India- 500075.	Only)	Hundred Only)	10. Further the notic	e is hereby given to the Borrow	wer/s, that in case they fail to collect the above he successful bidder / auction purchaser within	said articles same shall be so	
1. Mr. Botla Bixapathi	11-Jul-2023, Rs.5,76,621/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy	All that part & parcel of the property Door No.3- 139, Assessment No. 173, Land area Ad.		Rs.5,03,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Three	the amount alrea	ady paid will be forfeited (includ	ding EMD) and the property will be again put to vary the terms and condition of tender/auction v	o sale.	
Dixabatini	Six Thousand Six Hundred	Measuring: 2691 Sq.ft, Carpet area Ad. Measuring: 100 Sq.ft, Built up area Ad.	Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 9,71,287 /- (Rupees	Thousand Only)		uction, the decision of AO of IIF	FL-HFL will be final.		anoroon. In case of dry
2. Mrs.Botla Nagamani	Twenty One Only)	Measuring. 100 Oq.it, Duiit up area Au.	KS. 9,/1,20/ /- (Rubees	Earneet Monoy Donocit	1	15 DAVE CALLEND			
2. Mrs.Botla	Bid Increase Amount Rs.20,000/-(Rupees Twenty	Measuring: 100 Sq.ft, SC Colony, YSR Stuch, G.P. Chandepally Village, Mootakondur Mandal , Sub District: Yadagirigutta, Distirct: Yadadri	Nine Lakh Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Seven Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.50,300/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand		hereby notified to pay the sur	DTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) O im as mentioned above along with upto date uctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be re	ed interest and ancillary exp	

Places of Worship Act: Mathura Shahi Eidgah mosque files intervention application in SC

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : A day ahead of the crucial hearing in the Supreme Court on pleas challenging the validity of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, the Committee of Management of Mathura's Shahi Masjid Eidgah, on Wednesday, filed an intervention application, saying that the law was enacted by Parliament in the interest of the country's progress, which has stood the test of time for more than 33 years.

The application said that the validity of the law, prohibiting the alteration of religious places of worship as they stood on August 15, 1945, has been upheld by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in M. Siddiq (D) Thr. Lrs. vs. Mahant Suresh Das & amp; Ors. case. It added that Parliament, in the exercise of its powers and in the interest of the forward progress of the country, had enacted the 1991 Act, which has stood the test of time for more than 33 years and the petitioners have chosen to challenge the enactment belatedly, after 29 years. Further, it said that the adjudication of the petitions against the Places of Worship Act is likely to have a significant bearing on the adjudication of its special leave petitions pending before the apex court against the dismissal of their application filed under Order VII Rule 11 of the CPC (Code of Civil Procedure).

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'Syrian Scenarios': What may lie ahead for Arab heartland nation, Middle East, world?

The quick fall -- and flight -- of Syrian Presi dent Bashar Al Assad has evoked triumph in L certain quarters and disquiet in others, as it seems to have upended the political situation and strategic calculus of the Middle East. However, a look at the record of the key Arab country and others may suggest the last word on what follows remains to be said. Both Israel and the US have rushed to take claim for the overthrow of the over six-decade rule of the Ba'ath Party, Turkey is quietly exulting, and the end of the Russian and Iranian influence in the Arab heartland state is being celebrated. There are, however, reports that Assad, who had been moving family members out of the country quietly, had cut a deal with the rebels for a safe exit, given the problems in maintaining control over a fragmenting and impoverished country. Russia, involved in Ukraine, and Iran, weakened by attacks on its regional proxies, are perceived as not extending themselves over much in preserving Assad's rule, like earlier. They are also seeking to build bridges with the new rulers -- Russia has obtained guarantees on its bases in the country, and both Moscow and Tehran may be biding their time till the inherent contradictions in the situation bubble up. The Al Qaeda-linked Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the Turkish-backed Syrian National Army, the US-supported Syrian Democratic Forces, and other elements of what may become a toxic Syrian brew, may find ousting Assad was the easy part. Take the SDF, which is predominantly Kurdish -- a community which Turkey regards as its enemy incarnate -- what happens when they come close?

While Syria is predominantly Sunni, the power was long held by the Alawite sub-sect of Shias, from which the Assad family and its key personnel hail, and the country also has sizeable Kurd, Druze, Shia, and Arab Christian (divided into six major churches) segments of the populace.

Described as a tribal and fractious country by then Saudi Crown Prince Faisal in the mid-1950s, Syria has witnessed at least eight military coups and a shortlived union with Egypt in the first quarter century as a free country following independence from France in 1946. It was only after Air Force chief Hafez Al Assad seized power in 1970, after being a key part of the 1961, 1963, and 1966 coups, that there was a semblance of stability, though with an authoritarian bent, save the abortive Islamist revolt of the early 1980s. While Assad had groomed his eldest son Bassel as his successor, the latter's death in a 1994 accident forced him to choose his second son, Bashar, for the role. Bashar Al Assad succeeded his father in 2000 and governed without hitch till the Arab Spring affected his country too, leading to the outbreak of the Syrian Civil War in 2011. It was a tough time for him till Russian and Iranian military intervention turned the tide, leading to roughly another decade in power till the rebels' resurgence at the end of 2024 spelt a final finish. Then, the Assads' long rule may have been despotic, but, here its end must be compared with the situation that arose after the violent overthrow of other 'despots' in the Middle East, spanning the entire region from the dusty plains of Iraq to the sandy expanses of Libya. Did the ouster of either Saddam Hussain of Iraq in 2003 or Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 meet the strategic aims of their adversaries or leave the countries a better place? The answer is evident -- in Iraq, the long-repressed Shia majority rose up and an alignment with neighbouring Iran was achieved, while sparking a Sunni insurgency that required the US and the regime a considerable time to stamp out. Scarcely had this been done, the spectre of the Islamic State -- which in some respects, outdid Al Qaeda in viciousness -- arose. While the US claims credit for countering and weakening it, the role of Iran-backed Iraqi militias, and Gen Qassem Soleimani as a strategist, was also key. In an unstable Syria, could either Al Qaeda or the IS regain strength? Israel, as a neighbour, will also face the blowback, irrespective of rumours of "common interests". And growing Turkish influence in an adjoining country, given the rising tension between the two over Gaza is not conducive to peace. On the other hand, the removal of Gaddafi's strong hand left the country divided and in chaos.



Centre sold 12.41 lakh tonne of Bharat dals at subsidised prices to ease inflation burden

12.41 lakh tonne of 'Bharat' dals at subsidised prices to consumers to ease the burden of inflation on households, the government told the Parliament on Wednesday. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, B.L. Verma said in the

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he Centre has sold Lok Sabha that 12.35 lakh tonnes of Bharat chana dal, 5,663.07 tonnes of Bharat moong dal, and 118 tonnes of Bharat masur dal have been sold at subsidised prices till now.

The government introduced Bharat dal in July 2023 by converting chana stock from the price stabilisation buffer into chana dal for retail sale to consumers at a

maximum retail price (MRP) of Rs 60 per kg for 1 kg pack and Rs 55 per kg for 30 kg pack till September 30, 2024.

Bharat chana dal has been extended and expanded by allocating another 3 lakh tonnes of chana stock for retail sale in the form of chana dal and chana whole at MRP of Rs 70 per kg and Rs 58 per kg, respectively, the Minister said in a written reply.

The Bharat brand has also been extended to moong and masur dals.

Moong stock has been converted into moong dal (Dhuli) and moong sabut for retail sale under the Bharat brand at MRP of Rs 107 per kg and Rs 93 per kg, respectively. Bharat masur dal is sold at Rs 89 per kg, he said.

Bharat atta and Bharat rice were also launched on Nov 6, 2023, and February 6, 2024, respectively, to provide atta (wheat flour) and rice to general consumers at subsidised rates.

During Phase 1, Bharat atta and

Bharat rice were sold at MRP of Rs 27.50 per kg and Rs 29 per kg, respectively, till June 30, 2024. In Phase 2, these products are now being sold at an MRP of Rs 30 per kg for Bharat atta and Rs 34 per kg for Bharat rice. A total of 15.20 LMT of Bharat atta and 14.58 LMT of Bharat rice were made available to consumers during Phase 1 until June 30, 2024. In current Phase 2, 2,952.25 MT of Bharat atta and 3,413.35 MT of Bharat rice have been sold to general consumers, the Minister also added.

Bharat brand of food items are distributed through own retail outlets and mobile vans of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), Kendriya Bhandar and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF), e-commerce platforms, and big chain retailers, Minister Verma said.

Indian scientists develop 1st human gene therapy for Haemophilia A

In a significant medical feat, Indian scientists have developed the first-in-human gene therapy using lentiviral vectors for severe haemophilia A The innovative therapy, developed by the Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR) at Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore -- a translational unit of BRIC-inStem, and supported by the Department of Biotechnology, has demonstrated transformational results. Early this year, scientists at the CMC-Vellore successfully conducted the country's first human clinical trial of gene therapy for haemophilia A (FVIII deficiency). The singlecentre study, which enrolled five participants aged between 22 and 41 years, showed transformational results. "The therapy successfully produced zero annualised bleeding rates in all five enrolled participants while enabling prolonged production of Factor VIII.



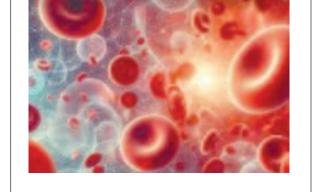
Indian pharma companies set to make further progress in US market in 2025 : HSBC

Indian pharmaceutical companies, which benefited from sector tailwinds such as L stable generic pricing and shortage-led opportunities and stable costs of raw materials in the past 18-24 months, will make further progress in differentiated and complex generics in the US market in 2025, a report showed on Wednesday.

According to a note by HSBC Global Research, these tailwinds are projected to con- HSBC, Indian companies will tinue in 2025 as well given that "we don't start their journey in GLP-1 see major changes on the demand-supply dynamics." "In 2025, we assume Indian companies will make further progress in differentiated/complex generics (peptides, inhalers) in the US with the potential launches of gAbraxane, gAdvair inhaler and peptides, etc," according to the note.

they will be crucial in navigating gRevlimid fall and sustain growth.

Amid the tailwind of steady generic pricing, "we believe the execution of key launches (gAbraxane for Cipla) will determine the course of the US sales in 2025." According to drugs with the launch of generic liraglutide (though generics for new-gen GLP-1 drugs are distant in the US). "We assume the Indian pharma market (IPM) continues to grow by high-single digits, led by price increase and new launches," it added.



Progress in complex generics and biosimilars will likely remain in focus as

Malaria cases, deaths in India decline by 69pc between 2017-2023: WHO

ndia has seen significant progress in reducing ma laria incidence and mortality rates, according to the latest World Malaria report, from the World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday. Malaria is a life-threatening disease spread to humans by female Anopheles mosquitoes. It is preventable and curable. The report showed that the number of estimated malaria cases in India decreased to 2 million cases in 2023 from 6.4 million in 2017 (69 per cent decrease). Similarly, the estimated malaria deaths decreased to 3,500 from 11,100 (68 per cent decrease) during the same period. As a result, "India exited the

High Burden to High Impact

(HBHI) group officially in 2024", the WHO said. The HBHI approach is a targeted malaria response that is used in several countries to accelerate the pace of malaria elimination in countries with high malaria burden. India joined the HBHI initiative in July 2019. The HBHI initiative was launched in four states in India: Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Further, the report showed that in 2023, India accounted for half of all estimated malaria cases in the WHO South-East Asia Region, followed by Indonesia, which accounted for just under one-third. The Region had eight malaria endemic countries in 2023 -- accounting for 4 million cases and contributing 1.5 per cent of the burden of malaria cases globally. Just over 48 per cent of all esti-



mated cases in the region were due to P. vivax. However, from 2000 to 2023, malaria cases reduced by 82.4 per cent, from 22.8 million in 2000, and incidence reduced by 87.0 per cent, from 17.7 to 2.3 per 1000 population at risk, the report said "The decrease can mainly be accounted for by a decrease in India of 17.7 million estimated cases and a decrease in incidence by 93 per cent, from 20 to 1.5 per 1000 population at risk," the WHO reported. At the same time, India and Indonesia accounted for about 88 per cent of all estimated malaria deaths in this region in 2023. Notably, Bhutan and Timor-Leste, from the Region, reported zero malaria deaths since 2013 and 2015, respectively, while Sri Lanka was certified malaria-free in 2016.

"The progress follows the highest ever political commitment by Member countries, matched by tangible actions and unstinted efforts over the years down to the sub-national level," said Saima Wazed, Regional Director WHO South-East Asia.

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South Korea voices hopes for 'peace, stability' in Syria after fall of Assad's dictatorship

Seoul, Dec 18 (IANS) : South Korea on Wednesday voiced hopes for the end of all violence, as well as the establishment of peace and stability in Syria following the recent fall of the Assad family's half-century-long dictatorship. On Wednesday, rebel fighters toppled the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad after 13 years of civil war, bringing an end to half a century of dictatorship by the Assad family, Yonhap news agency reported. "Taking this change as an opportunity, we hope that all violence will be brought to an end in Syria and Syrians will move toward peace and stability."





French forces begin withdrawal from Chad

Yaounde, Dec 18 (IANS) : stage of the withdrawal until France started the withdrawal of its troops from Chad, with some fighter jets taking off from a French base in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena, according to the Chadian army. In a brief statement, Chanane Issakha Acheikh, Chadian army spokesperson, said on Wednesday that the public would be informed of each

the final departure of all French forces, Xinhua news agency reported.

Last month, Chad announced that it had ended a security and defence cooperation agreement with France, stressing that it was time for Chad to assert its full sovereignty and redefine its strategic partners according to national priorities.

South Africa's business

confidence index increases significantly

Johannesburg, Dec 18 (IANS) : Business confidence has significantly improved in South Africa since the formation of the Government of National Unity (GNU) in June 2024, the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI) said on Wednesday. SACCI released its Business Confidence Index (BCI) on Tuesday following a survey of the business community across various sectors. The latest survey indicated that business confidence has improved on a monthly, annual and six-month basis. South Africa held elections in May 2024, which resulted in no outright winner and led to the formation of the GNU by 10 political parties. "The broader political representation in the administration of the national government has facilitated a positive assessment of economic prospects by businesses. This positive assessment has spilled over into the business climate, improving sentiment and stability," SACCI said in a statement, Xinhua news agency reported. The chamber said the BCI has improved steadily since the formation of the GNU, rising from a low of 107.8 in May 2024 to 118.1 in November 2024. Over the year to November 2024, the BCI improved by 6.6 points. "SACCI's BCI increased by 6.6 index points year-



on-year in November 2024 -- the largest yearon-year improvement for a single month since Covid-19 restrictions were lifted in December 2022," SACCI said, noting that increased tourist arrivals, higher precious metal prices and stronger new vehicle sales made the most notable positive contributions to the BCI in November. However, the survey also found that lower merchandise import volumes had the only significant negative impact on the BCI. "SACCI noted with concern and disappointment the slow economic growth of 0.4 per cent year-onyear for the first nine months of 2024, which reflects the challenging situation the South African economy finds itself in," the statement said, adding that nonetheless, the strong upward momentum in business confidence confirms the private sector's resolve and commitment to improving economic performance.

Trump names Harmeet Dhillon, ?critic of India, supporter of farmers' protest, as top civil rights official

New York, Dec 18 (IANS) : President-elect Donald Trump has named Republican Party activist Harmeet Dhillon, who is a supporter of the farmers' protest in India and raised aallegations of "Indian death squads", to be the assistant attorney general for civil rights. "In her new role at the DOJ (Department of Justice), Harmeet will be a tireless defender of our Constitutional Rights, and will enforce our Civil Rights and Election Laws FAIRLY and FIRMLY", Trump said on Truth Social announcing on Wednesday. Trump also noted that she "is a respected member of the Sikh religious community".

expressed support for the farmers' protest and raised what she said were "apparently Indian death squads operating in North America targeting Sikh activists". In a criticism of the administration of President Joe Biden, she virtually accused it of a cover-up, writing, "Our government refuses to provide details. Why"?

The mention of "death squads" was an apparent reference to the case filed against an Indian citizen and a former RAW official accusing them of plotting to kill a Khalistani activist in the US and echoes Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's accusations against India.

Mentioning her family's agrarian roots, another post by Dhillon

In yet another post she urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to meet with the protesters and make a compromise.

"As the Punjab-born descendant of farmers, my heart breaks to see Punjabi farmers assaulted for protesting Indian gov't's pro-big-corporation farm bill that will destroy their farms, way of life, and culture. Hear them, meet with them, & amp; compromise, PM Modi", she posted. The post of assistant attorney general for civil rights, for which she has been named, does not directly have international responsibilities and it does not oversee the two controversial cases involving India.

The ongoing case alleging the conspiracy against the Khalistani

sistant attorney general of the national security division.

The case alleging bribery by Indian business leaders is under the deputy assistant attorney general in charge of the Criminal Division. Trump has not announced names for those positions.

"Throughout her career, Harmeet has stood up consistently to protect our cherished Civil Liberties", Trump said in his Truth Social post.

He added, "Harmeet is one of the top Election lawyers in the Country, fighting to ensure that all, and ONLY, legal votes are counted". If her appointment is approved by the Senate, Dhillon will become the second Indian American to hold the top civil rights position



Barack Obama's administration and was the associate attorney general for two years under President Biden.

Dhillon ran unsuccessfully for the chair of the Republican National Committee last year.

She has been a member of the Republican National Committee and said a Sikh prayer at the Republican



Top US commander in Mideast meets Syrian Democratic Forces in Syria

Washington, Dec 18 (IANS) : The top commander of the US military in the Middle East visited the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in Syria to be briefed on ongoing efforts to prevent the resurgence of the Is-

On social media X, Dhillon said, "I stand who goes as "@pnjaban", has #FarmersProtests"!

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will not come under her purview after Vanita Gupta, who held that position in former President 2016 and 2024.

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PM Modi could soon embark on a historic visit to Kuwait

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Enhancing ongoing close cooperation and solid partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi could soon visit Kuwait in what would be the first visit by an Indian PM to the key West Asian country, which also holds the current presidency of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), in more than 43 years. Last week, as he called on PM Modi at his Lok Kalyan Marg residence during his visit to New Delhi, Kuwait's Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya had extended an invitation to the Prime Minister from the Kuwait leadership to visit the country "at the earliest opportunity which the PM had graciously accepted.

A few hour later, as he held the delegation-level talks with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar at the Hyderabad House, Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya called India as a "very important partner" and Prime Minister Modi as "one of the wisest persons" in the world. "I would like to thank you for



the invitation and also for the opportunity of meeting Prime Minister Modi, who we believe is one of the wisest persons worldwide. I am sure that the Prime Minister puts India on a better level, and I am sure that he will continue that... India is a very important partner and we count on our relationship," the visiting Foreign Minister said in the meeting held on December 4.

Kuwait remains the only GCC member country - also comprising the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Qatar that PM Modi has not visited so far since assuming office in 2014.

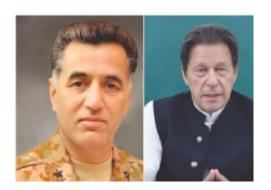
Pakistan: Former ISI chief Faiz Hameed indicted on political meddling, creating unrest

Rawalpindi, Dec 18 (IANS) : In a major development, Pakistan's former chief of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Lieutenant General (Retd.) Faiz Hameed has formally been charged for engaging in political activities, paving the way for his Field General Court Martial (FGCM). Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of Pakistan's military establishment, announced Tuesday that Hameed has been arraigned on charges of engaging in political activities, highlighting that the retired General would now be facing serious investigation on his activities as DGISI.

This would also include his involvement and extended hidden support to the country's former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his government while planning and execution of violent assaults and attacks on military installations on May 9, 2023 by the workers and supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

"On August 12, 2024, the process of FGCM was initiated against Lt. General Faiz Hameed (Retd) under provision of Pakistan Army Act and in first place Lt General Faiz Hameed (Retd) has been formally arraigned on charges of engaging in political activities, violation of Official Secret Act detrimental to safety and interest of the state, misuse of authority and government resources and causing wrongful loss to a person(s)," read a statement issued by the ISPR.

"During the process, involvement of Lt. Gen Faiz Hameed, in events related to creating agitation and unrest, leading upon multiple incidents including



but not limited to 9th May 2023 incident for fomenting instability; at the behest of an in collusion with vested political interests, are also being separately investigated. Lt. Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd) is being afforded with all legal rights as per the law," the ISPR added.

The latest development comes nearly four months after the Pakistan Army announced that its ex-spy chief was arrested to initiate FGCM proceedings on allegations of violating the Army Act. Hameed was arrested from Rawalpindi city and summoned to a meeting with the in-service senior military officials. He had allegedly misused his powers as DGISI against an owner of a private housing society. Later on, reports surfaced that former DGISI was also being investigated and interrogated for his involvement in the May 9 riots of last year when PTI workers stormed military installations across the country, attacking, vandalizing and damaging military properties besides also desecrating monuments of Pakistan Army and Pakistan Air Force (PAF) heroes, in response to the arrest of PTI founder Imran Khan.

lamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the US military said. The US Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a post on X that General Erik Kurilla, the CENTCOM commander, "visited US military commanders and servicemembers, as well as our Defeat-ISIS partners, the Syrian Democratic Forces, at several bases in Syria." "He received a firsthand assessment of force protection measures, the rapidly evolving situation, and ongoing efforts to prevent ISIS from exploiting the current situation," CENTCOM said.

Two seminal works on PM Modi's governance & leadership presented to Pope Francis

Rome, Dec 18 (IANS) : Pope Francis has been presented with two works highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance and leadership, it was announced on Wednesday. "A moment of immense pride for Bluekraft Digital Foundation as 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' and 'Mann Ki Baat.



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TN transport dept cracks down on bike taxis after circular from commissioner

Tamil Nadu Transport Department on Wednesday launched a crackdown on two-wheelers being used for commercial purposes.

This follows a circular issued on December 10 by the Tamil Nadu Transport Commissioner, directing all Zonal Officers and Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) to conduct a special drive to enforce the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules. The Tamil Nadu Road Transport Workers Association had earlier submitted a memorandum alleging widespread violations of the Motor Vehicles Act by two-wheelers being used for commercial purposes.

Auto and taxi drivers also raised concerns, complaining that vehicles with permits for personal use were being misused for commercial activities. A related case

Chennai, Dec 18 (IANS): The is currently pending before the Madras High Court. In the circular, the commissioner instructed field officers to ensure strict compliance with existing rules and regulations.

> Zonal officers and district transport officers have been directed to submit daily reports on the enforcement activities. The Auto-Taxi Thozhilalar Sangam, affiliated with the CITU, also demanded a ban on bike taxis.

> Its General Secretary, S. Balasubramaniam, stated, "We want the state government to ban bike taxis and instead launch an auto ride-hailing app."

> Taxi, autorickshaw, and van drivers in popular tourist destinations like Yercaud have echoed similar concerns, claiming that bike rentals adversely impact their livelihoods.

Kerala local body polls : Cong-led **UDF performs better, Left slumps**

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 18 (IANS) : The winning streak of the Congress-led UDF Opposition in Kerala continues in elections.

At the 31 by-elections held across the state in various local bodies, for which results came on Wednesday, the Congress-led UDF won 17, the CPI-M-led Left won 11 and the BJP-led NDA won in three wards. The Congress-led UDF regained four seats, which was previously held by the Left. Consequent to the 17 wins for Congress-led UDF, they will regain control of three panchayaths in Palakkad, Idukki and Thrissur districts. Inciden-

tally, this winning streak is an extension of what happened first in the April Lok Sabha polls when the UDF won 18 out of the 20 Lok Sabha seats, with the BJP and CPI-M winning one each.

Then came the three by-elections held last month and Congress candidate Priyanka Gandhi had a staggering win at Wayanad, bettering her brother's winning margin of 3.60 lakh to 4.10 lakh.

Likewise, at the Palakkad Assembly by-election, the Congress candidate won raising the margin from around 4,000 votes to over 18,000 votes. At the Chelakkara Assembly constituency, the margin of the CPI-M candidate came



down from over 39,000 votes to less than 13,000 votes. Even though victory at Wayanad and Palakkad was certain, the increased margin in these constituencies and the slide in the victory margin of the CPI-M candidate at Chelakkara had sent shockwaves

to the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left government. Even though the Left tried to put a brave face stating that the UDF just retained their seats, the discussions in the ongoing CPI-M party meetings, there has been criticisms against the style of functioning of Vijayan.

Ayushman Vaya Vandana card proving to be boon for elderly in UP's Maharajganj

Maharajganj (Uttar Pradesh), Dec 18 (IANS) : The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) has proven to be a boon for senior citizens in Uttar Pradesh, particularly those above the age of 70 who often struggle with the high cost of medical treatment. Under the newly-introduced Ayushman Vaya Vandana cards, elderly citizens can now access health benefits worth Rs 5 lakh, providing them with crucial support during their sunset years.

The scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is part of an ongoing effort to enhance healthcare accessibility and protect the health of senior citizens.

Many beneficiaries of the scheme have expressed their deep gratitude to both leaders, recognising the initiative as a much-needed intervention for those unable to afford expensive medical treatments. Vindhyalal Shrivastava, one of the first beneficiaries, shared his appreciation: "I got my Ayushman card today. I am happy that I will get Rs 5 lakh for my medical expenses. It is a very good initiative by CM Yogi Adityanath and PM Modi. We are very satisfied with this. Poor people like us cannot afford to buy medicines, which are



countless others who now have access to healthcare benefits they once thought were out of reach. The launch of Ayushman Vaya Vandana cards for those over 70 is a part of the Central government's and Uttar Pradesh's broader strategy to improve healthcare infrastructure and ensure that medical services are available to all, especially vulnerable populations. The Rs 5 lakh cover is designed to ease the financial strain on elderly citizens who often face overwhelming healthcare costs in their later years. In Maharajganj district, the distribution of Ayushman Vaya Vandana cards is well underway, thanks to the efforts of the Uttar Pradesh government.

District Magistrate Anunay Jha highlighted the progress of the initiative, saying, "For the last 15 days, we have been organising daily camps in five villages of each block area to help senior citizens avail their Avushman Vava



Two-member UNHCR team meets Rohingyas in Jammu

Jammu, Dec 18 (IANS): Officials said here on Wednesday that a two-member team of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) met the members of the Rohingya community staying illegally in J&K's Jammu city.

"A two-member team of UNHCR met Rohingya Muslims at a slum here on Monday," officials said.

The meeting took place in the aftermath of a heated controversy over the continuation of basic amenities like water and electricity to these illegal settlers.

Senior Protection Officer, Tomoko Fukumura along with Protection Associate, Ragini Trakroo Zutshi on Monday met the Rohingya Muslims and some local residents in the Kiryani

Surge in construction of illegal farmhouses in Aravallis, Sohna Council issues notice

Gurugram, Dec 18 (IANS): is now surveying the Aravalli After the illegal farmhouse construction issue was raised at the Municipal Council Sohna, it started a campaign to re-identify such structures in Aravalli Hills adjacent to Raisina village. Officials said in the last week, show cause notices have been put up outside nine farmhouses regarding illegal construction. The farmhouse owner will have to reply to the notice within seven days. After that rampant illegal



area to stop the construction of

illegal farmhouses. According

to information, about 450 farm-

houses have been sold in

Aravalli by private builders

who developed one or two



very costly." His words reflect the sentiments of Vandana cards."

Talab area of Narwal in Jammu City.

Delhi has decided to elect BJP CM, oust AAP govt : Harsh Malhotra

BJP MP from Delhi and Union Minister of State (MoS). Harsh Malhotra, on Wednesday expressed confidence that the people of the national Capital have decided to oust the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and elect a BJP chief minister in the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections.

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Speaking to IANS, Malhotra dismissed the impact of candidates switching parties, asserting that such developments would not affect the BJP's prospects. He also slammed the AAP's candidate selection strategy, calling it a sign of the party's declining credibility.

"AAP's ship seems to be sinking. Out of the 31 candidates announced so far, they've cut tickets for 15 sitting MLAs, including veterans like Manish Sisodia, who once touted his so-called 'education model', which is nothing but a third-class model. Sisodia has abandoned his constituency and moved to another seat. Even Rakhi Birla has run away from her seat. This clearly indicates that they know their MLAs have failed to

deliver on the ground," Malhotra claimed.

The BJP leader alleged that the AAP government has failed Delhi over the past decade.

"Even after 10 years, they haven't delivered clean drinking water. People in slum areas who were promised free electricity are getting bills of Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000. The public has seen through their

tall claims and decided to elect a BJP chief minister this time," he added.

On Tuesday, the AAP's Seelampur MLA Abdul Rehman became the first sitting MLA to quit the party after being denied a ticket. He has since joined the Congress.

Reacting to this, Malhotra remarked, "Opportunists are leaving AAP to join parties they think



might help them win. But this doesn't affect the BJP. Our focus is on serving the people and continuing the development.

Tejashwi Yadav questions Nitish Kumar over expensive Mahila Samvad Yatra

Patna Dec 18 (IANS) : Tejashwi business deals, not dialogue. For Yadav, the former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, criticised Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday, ahead of his Mahila Samvad Yatra, questioning the substantial allocation of Rs 225.78 crore for the initiative.

The Mahila Samvad Yatra is scheduled to begin on December 15 in Bagaha, West Champaran, and will span 15 days during which Nitish Kumar will interact with women and children across Bihar's districts.

Yadav's critique centred on the financial outlay, framing it as an extravagant use of taxpayer's money. He remarked, "Money makes

communication, it requires love, not money."

He further questioned how such a massive expenditure for a 15-day event, accusing the government of using public funds for political endeavours.

The significant budget allocation has drawn sharp scrutiny from the Opposition, with claims that the initiative may prioritise optics over meaningful outcomes. However, the Bihar government has defended the vatra as a platform to strengthen dialogue with women and address their concerns at the grassroots level. Tejashwi Yadav accused the Chief



Minister of prioritising an "expensive election picnic" over addressing the state's pressing issues when it is grappling with chronic challenges. "In the last 20 years, unemployment, migration, inflation, crime, and massive corruption have increased drastically. Bihar remains a backward state, yet the Chief Minister of such a state is going on an expensive election picnic," he said.



ED raids three places in Bengal in online forgery scam case

Kolkata, Dec 11 (IANS): The Tuesday night. Sources said that Enforcement Directorate (ED), on Wednesday, was conducting a marathon raid and search operation at three different locations in West Bengal in connection with an online forgery scam case.

The raid operation began on

one of the three places was the residence of Hasan Ali at Lashkardighi in the East Burdwan district. Although Ali was known in the locality as a tailor by profession, the investigating officials have clues about his involvement in online forgery.

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Indian firms raise over Rs 3 lakh crore from stock market in 2024

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The year 2024 has been historic for the Indian stock market as companies have raised a record capital of over Rs 3 lakh crore so far this year through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), Qualified Institutional Placements (QIPs), and Rights Issues, breaking the previous record of raising capital - Rs 1.88 lakh crore in 2021. According to reports, 90 companies have raised or announced fundraising of Rs 1.62 lakh crore so far this year.





Mortgage finance AUM in India projected to grow 16-17 pc in FY25 and FY26

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The assets under management (AUM) of mortgage finance loans in the country is expected to grow at a healthy 16-17 per cent this fiscal and the next (FY25 and FY26), a report said on Wednesday. Trends in the sub-segments like home loans, loans against property (LAP), and wholesale loans will vary. Over the current and next fiscals.

India's gold jewellery purchase poised to surge 18 per cent in 2024-25 : ICRA

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The domestic gold jewellery consumption (in value terms) is expected to continue its momentum in the current financial year with an estimated growth of 14-18 per cent year-onyear, according to an ICRA report released on Wednesday. This follows the sharp growth of 18 per cent in 2023-24, which was primarily driven by realisations even as volume growth was subdued.

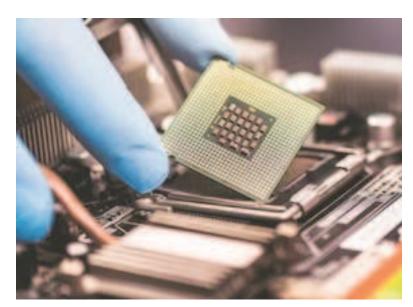
A sharp 900 basis points (bps) cut in import duty in the Union Budget in July 2024 and consequent correction in gold prices for a brief period led to some pre-buying of jewellery as well as bars and coins during Q2 FY2025, which is generally a seasonally weak quarter, the report said. "While gold prices were volatile, improving consumer sentiments and festive-led demand aided consumption growth in recent months. This, coupled with a higher number of auspicious and wedding days, and favourable monsoons aiding better rural output, is likely to help jewellery demand growth in H2 FY2025," the report opined.

Revenue growth for organised jewellery in FY2024 had



been supported by realisations with gold prices rising by 14 per cent year-on-year. The same trend is expected to continue this fiscal as well. So far in the current fiscal, the average gold price has risen by a sharp 25 per cent vis-à-vis FY2024 average price, despite occasional corrections - first, after the cut in customs duty in late July 2024 and then in November 2024, following the US elections and currency movements. The continuing uptick in the gold prices for the last seven quarters has been stimulated by the evolving global economic and geopolitical scenario, and rising investment demand for gold, the report observed.

On the supply side, organised jewellers are expected to add 16-18% to their existing retail network in FY2025.



MSI begins laptop production at manufacturing facility in Chennai

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS): Leading electronics company MSI on Wednesday announced the beginning of its India production with its first manufacturing facility now operational in Chennai. In line with the objective of the "Make in India" initiative, MSI will introduce Indian-made versions of two of its popular models -- 'MSI Modern 14' and 'MSI

Thin 15' laptops, the company said in a statement. "India has long been a key focus for MSI, and the country's growing demand high-performance for laptops has been integral to our decision to begin manufacturing locally," said John Hung, NB General Manager, MSI India.



Mumbai, Dec 18 (IANS) : The Indian stock market opened in red on Wednesday as selling was seen in Nifty's PSU Bank, financial service, FMCG and metal sectors. At around 9:33 am, Sensex was trading at 81,548.45 after declining 200.12 points or 0.24 per cent, while the Nifty was trading at 24,605.5 after dropping 62.70 points or 0.25 per cent. The market trend remained positive. On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), 1,263 stocks were trading in green, while 989 stocks were in red. Nifty Bank was down 133.10 points or 0.25 per cent at 53,448.25. Nifty Midcap 100 index was trading at 59,587.30 after rising144.25 points or 0.24 per cent. Nifty Smallcap 100 index was at 19,575.45 after rising 44.40 points or 0.23 per cent. In the Sensex pack, Reliance, Nestle India, Bharti Airtel, JSW Steel, HDFC Bank and Infosys were the top losers. Tata Motors, Adani Ports, Hindustan Unilever Limited, HCL and Tech Mahindra were the top gain-







Coal PSUs have created 16 eco-parks on 10,942 hectare green cover in 5 years : Govt

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Coal & Lignite public sector undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry of Coal have established 16 eco-parks during the last 5 years in and around coal mining areas to promote environmental regeneration as well as tourism and recreational activities, Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. To increase green cover in and around coalfields, Coal India Limited (CIL), NLC India Limited (NLCIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) have created a green cover of 10,942 hectares as part of their plantation and bio-reclamation efforts in and around coal and lignite mining areas, the minister said.

ditional methods of plantation. These include three-tier plantations, seed ball plantation, Miyawaki plantation, high-tech cultivation, bamboo plantation, and plantation on overburden dumps using drip irrigation, he explained.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

ers. Globally, markets will be looking forward to the Federal Open Market Committee outcome on Wednesday. Markets have already discounted a 25bp rate cut and, therefore, the focus will be on the Fed chief's commentary, said experts. The US services PMI coming strong at 58.5 per cent indicates a resilient economy, which augurs well for the market. In the Asian markets, except Japan, the markets of China, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Seoul and Jakarta were trading in red. In US stock markets, the Nasdaq Composite and S& P 500 ended 1.24 per cent and 0.38 per cent higher respectively and Dow Jones Industrial Average ended 0.25 per cent down in the previous trading session.



Maruti Suzuki India achieves 2 million units in a calendar year for 1st time

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Corporation's global automobile vehicles in a calendar year for the first time in its history.

The automaker also became the

Maruti Suzuki India on manufacturing facilities to reach Wednesday announced a pro- this landmark. Of the 2 million duction milestone of 2 million vehicles, almost 60 per cent were manufactured in Haryana and 40 per cent in Gujarat.

"The 2 million production milefirst among Suzuki Motor stone is a testament to India's

manufacturing potential and our dedication to 'Make in India' initiative," Hisashi said Takeuchi, Managing Director and CEO, Maruti Suzuki India.

HPCL inks pact with NLDS to integrate API with Unified Logistics **Interface Platform**

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS): Public sector oil major Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has signed an agreement with NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd (NLDS) to integrate its APIs with Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP), the Commerce and Industry Ministry announced on Wednesday. The HPCL API of ULIP provides Fuel Station & amp; Pricing Visibility, which offers real-time visibility into the location and pricing of HPCL fuel stations across India. This API is expected to address critical logistics challenges, such as lack of clarity on refuelling options and fluctuating fuel costs along various routes. By utilising this data, logistics service providers, traders and transporters can optimise their planning and operations, ultimately reducing costs and inefficiencies, the ministry said in a statement. Further, the visibility into fuel station locations helps logistics operators avoid unplanned stops and ensure smoother, more efficient operations. Fleet operators can also plan long-haul trips more effectively by identifying fuel stations along key routes, minimising downtime and ensuring timely deliveries. ULIP is a digital gateway that allows industry players to access logistics-related datasets from various Government systems through API-based integration.

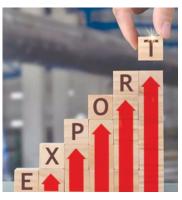
The PSUs have adopted innovative techniques in addition to tra(MoEF&CC) prescribes various specific and general conditions related to plantation in the Environmental Clearance (EC) of coal mining projects. These conditions encompass measures for plantation on reclaimed degraded forest and non-forest lands. As per the EC conditions, for reclamation and green belt development, plantations are carried out in coal mining areas, including external overburden dumps and reclaimed degraded forest as well as non-forest lands, the minister said.

India's total exports rise to \$67.8 billion in November

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) during November 2024 are estimated at \$67.79 billion, registering a growth of 9.59 per cent vis-a-vis November 2023, the Commerce and Industry Ministry announced on Wednesday.

The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-November 2024 was \$284.31 billion, as compared to \$278.26 billion during April-November 2023, registering a positive growth of 2.17 per cent. However, merchandise exports during November 2024 were \$32.11 billion as compared to \$33.75 billion

in November 2023, registering a marginal decline. This was largely due to the drop in petroleum exports. Non-petroleum merchandise exports in November touched \$28.40 billion which represents a 7.75 per cent increase in comparison with \$26.36 billion in November 2023, according to official figures.



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Govt spends over Rs. 147 cr to skill 1.42 lakh disabled

The Union government on Wednesday said it has spent more than Rs. 147 crore to skill 1.42 lakh Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) since 2015. In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment B.L. Verma that skill training was provided to persons with disability through the government and non-government organisations, across the country under the National Ac-

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS): tion Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP). NAP-SDP was launched by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in March 2015. "Since the launch of the scheme, Department has provided the skill training to 1.42 lakh PwDs at a cost of Rs. 147.78 crore. Out of these PwDs, 28000 have been placed in wage-employment/ self-employment," Verma said. "It is a demand-driven scheme and funds are released to empanelled training partners based on their proposal. The Department has re-



quested State Skill Development Mission (SSDM) of all States/UTs, including Uttar Pradesh, to encourage conducting skill training for PwDs," he added.

The main objective of the scheme is to enhance the skills of the disabled; and provide quality vocational Skill Training to Divyangjans

to enable them to have gainful employment and to become self-reliant and productive. Further, the MoS informed that the number of disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 "has been increased from 7 to 21". Section 34 of the Act provides for a 4 per cent reservation in government employment to the persons with benchmark (40 per cent or above) disabilities.

Further, Section 32 of the said Act provides a 5 per cent reservation in government or government-aided higher educational institutions for persons with benchmark disabilities.



Assam : Convention held to equip youth with skills to mitigate disaster risks

two-day state convention on "Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future" organised by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), began on Wednesday, aimed at equipping youth and community volunteers with skills to mitigate disaster risks and promote resilience at the grassroots level. The event is being held at the Birinchi Kumar Barua (BKB) Auditorium, Gauhati University.

The convention was inaugurated by Assam's Sports and Youth Welfare Minister, ties during emergencies.

Guwahati, Dec 18 (IANS) : A Nandita Gorlosa, who highlighted the need for sustainable living and disaster preparedness to minimise the impact of natural and human-induced calamities.

> She emphasised the importance of using lessons from past disasters to build a safer future for humans, animals, and ecosystems.

> An exhibition showcasing disaster management activities by various stakeholders, volunteers, and students was also inaugurated by the Minister.

> ASDMA's Chief Executive Officer, Gyanendra Dev Tripathi, said that empowering young responders through initiatives like Aapda Mitra, Circle Level Quick Response Teams (CQRTs), and integrating disaster preparedness into school curriculums is a priority.

> He stressed that trained youth can act as first responders and agents of change in their communi-



Cong and BJP in MP trade barbs over Scindia's 'old' letter

Bhopal, Dec 18 (IANS) : A war of words has erupted between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Opposition Congress in Madhya Pradesh over Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's letter. Scindia had purportedly written a letter to Sheopur District Collector for helping a farmer in January. The war of words erupted after MP Congress unit chief Jitu Patwari took a jibe at Scindia while addressing a public gathering in the Vijaypur Assembly seat on Wednesday. The seat was won by Congress in the recently held bypoll. While addressing a gathering, Patwari called a senior citizen on stage, took a letter from him and showed it to the audience. The Congress leader claimed that this senior citizen (pointing towards the man on stage) had approached Scindia to seek help to get back his land, which was illegally occupied by some land-grabbers.



Singapore to be first country partner at 'Utkarsh Odisha -- Make In Odisha Conclave 2025'

Bhubaneswar, Dec 18 (IANS) : Singapore will be the first country partner at the 'Utkarsh Odisha -- Make In Odisha Conclave 2025', scheduled to be held in Bhubaneswar from January 28 to 29. As per the press statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), Simon Wong, the High Commissioner of Singapore to India, told Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, when he met him at Lok Seva Bhawan here on Wednesday.

Wong also said during the meeting that Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam will visit Odisha during his trip to India in January next year. Singapore and India are celebrating 60 years of the establishment

of diplomatic ties in 2025. The CMO also added: "Both nations enjoy deep historical, cultural, and economic ties. This relationship has now evolved into a strategic partnership encompassing areas like trade, defence, technology, and cultural exchange. Singapore is one of the largest sources of FDI in India. India, too, has a strong presence in Singapore through its companies in IT, banking, and manufacturing."

"With shared values of democracy, innovation, and sustainable development, both nations are keen to strengthen ties for mutual growth and regional stability. To commemorate this bilateral tie, the Singapore President is visiting India next," the CMO said.

Besides, CM Majhi during his recent visit to the island nation last month had requested the Singapore government to arrange a visit of their country's President to Odisha too.

Accepting the invitation of CM Majhi, the Singapore President has decided to visit Odisha during his India visit.

Drug peddler's property worth Rs 50 lakh seized in J&K's Anantnag

Srinagar, Dec 18 (IANS) : peddler, Gh Hassan Bandro The property of a drug peddler worth Rs 50 lakh was attached on Wednesday by police in J&K's Anantnag district, officials said.

"In a significant crackdown on drug trafficking, Anantnag Police has attached a residential property worth Rs 50 lakh belonging to a notorious drug alias Qasim, son of Wali Mohammad, a resident of Sotkipora.



Govt released Rs 122 crore to over 1,700 agri-startups: Minister

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The government has released Rs 122.50 crore to over 1,700 agri-startups in the last five years under the Innovation and AgriEntrepreneurship Development programme, Parliament was informed. The programme, implemented in 2018-19 under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), aims to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship, by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startups.

A financial assistance of Rs 122.50 crore has been released to 1,708 agri startups from 2019-20 to 2023-24. The funds were released through five Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 **RKVY** Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs).

SC frowns upon 'glaring state of affairs' in Mathura's temples

: The Supreme Court has frowned upon "the glaring state of affairs" prevailing in Uttar Pradesh, particularly, in Mathura, with regard to the administration of the trusts of temples.

A bench, headed by Justice Bela M Trivedi, said that the issues of temple administration, and the appointment of receivers in the suits pertain-

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) ing to the temple administration, have become the "most difficult conundrum for the courts and very lucrative court proceedings for the advocates".

> "The courts, which are considered to be the temples of justice, cannot be permitted to be used or misused for the benefit of a group of people, who would have vested interest in prolonging the litigations. Nobody should be permitted to abuse or misuse the process of law

under the guise of prolonged litigations," added the Bench, also comprising Justice S.C. Sharma. In its order, the Justice Trivedi-led Bench ordered Mathura's Principal District Judge to submit a report listing temples in Mathura in respect of which the litigations are pending and in which the receivers have been appointed by the courts. It also sought the details of when such litigations are pending and the status of such proceed-

ings, the names and status of the an order of the Allahabad High persons, particularly of the advocates appointed by the courts as receivers, and the remuneration, if any, being paid to the receivers appointed in such proceedings. The Principal District Judge is re-

quired to file the report through the Registrar (Nazir) on or before December 19.

The apex court was considering a special leave petition filed by one of the committee members against Court setting aside the trial court decision for the management and operation of a temple in Mathura.



Working as AAP's B-team: Delhi BJP slams Owaisi over Tahir Hussain's candidature

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The Delhi BJP on Wednesday blasted AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi for fielding Tahir Hussain, an accused in the 2020 Delhi riots, as a candidate for the upcoming Assembly elections. Hussain, a former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) councillor, has been nominated by the All India Majlise-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) to contest from the

Mustafabad constituency. The announcement drew sharp criticism from the BJP, which accused AIMIM of acting as the AAP's "Bteam" and warned of serious consequences if any attempt was made to incite communal unrest in the national capital. Expressing outrage, BJP State Vice President Kapil Mishra said,

"Tahir Hussain is not just an accused in the riots. His house was found stocked with petrol bombs, stones, and weapons intended to



kill Hindus in Delhi. Young IB officer Ankit Sharma was brutally stabbed 400 times in his house, and his body was dumped in a drain." Speaking to IANS, Mishra further accused Owaisi and other "secular parties" of provoking Hindus in Delhi by fielding Hussain. "This is a clear attempt to disrupt the peace in Delhi. Last time, Shaheen Bagh protests were staged before the elections.

Centre brought Rohingyas to J&K: Farooq Abdullah

Jammu, Dec 18 (IANS) : Former J&K Chief Minister and President of the ruling National Conference (NC), Farooq Abdullah said on Wednesday that Rohingyas were brought to Jammu by the Central government and providing them basic amenities was the responsibility of the J&K government.



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Sadhvi Ritambhara urges Indian govt to put pressure on Bangladesh over atrocities on Hindus

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Religious leader Sadhvi Ritambhara on Wednesday demanded that the Indian government exert pressure on Bangladesh to end the ongoing atrocities against minorities, particularly Hindus in the neighbouring country.

Speaking to IANS, Sadhvi Ritambhara emphasised that the international community, particularly the Indian government, must not allow Hindus to be seen as weak or cowardly in the face of violence and oppression.

"The Hindu minority in Bangladesh, including women, children, and young sages, are being subjected to horrific treatment. Houses are being destroyed, livelihoods are being stolen, and women, aged 8 to 80, are being subjected to rape and humilia-



tion," Sadhvi Ritambhara said. She called for immediate intervention to stop the violence against Hindus and warned that the patience of the Hindu community should not be mistaken for weakness.

"The simplicity and innocence of a Hindu should not be seen as cowardice. We have strength, and

we will not stay silent," she added. The Sadhvi emphasised the unity of Hindu society, underscoring that it is vital for the community to stand together in the face of such injustices.

"Hindus in Bangladesh were persecuted earlier. Then the Hindus of Kashmir faced similar fates, and now again it is the turn of the Hindus in Bangladesh. These attacks on Hindu communities whether in Bangladesh or Kashmir - must not go unnoticed," she asserted.

Ritambhara called on Hindus to protect themselves and their communities.

"Your women are being insulted and persecuted, their honour is being defiled. This must not happen. Hindus must unite and rise against such atrocities," she concluded. Sadhvi Ritambhara's statements came as various civil society groups, including Delhibased organisations, held a protest march to the Bangladesh High Commission on Tuesday. The march aimed to bring glo-

bal attention to the ongoing persecution of Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

LoP in LS tool of foreign powers; contributes to bring instability in nation: Nadda

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha and Union Minister J.P. Nadda on Wednesday accused Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi of acting as a "tool" for foreign forces and contributing to bring instability in the nation.

The BJP has intensified its attack on the Congress, particularly targeting the Gandhis, over alleged ties with an organisation reportedly funded by the George Soros Foundation. The foundation has been accused of backing narratives challenging India's sovereignty, including advocating for Kashmir's independence.

Addressing the Rajya Sabha, Nadda stated that an organisation called the "Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) works to destabilise and harm the sovereignty of various countries," including India. Without naming Rahul Gandhi, he said, "It is concerning that the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha has raised issues reported by this organisation.



This proves that by acting as a tool of foreign powers, they are contributing to bring instability in the country." Union Minister J.P. Nadda also referred to the Forum for Democratic Leaders in Asia-Pacific (FDL-AP), alleging that it questions India's sovereignty and identifies Jammu and Kashmir as a separate state. "A senior-most Congress leader cochairing such an organisation is a big threat to the internal and external security of the nation," he said. Highlighting its funding sources, Nadda added, "This organisation is funded by George Soros. I want to understand the connection between Soros and the Congress party." He warned against tolerating external interference, saying, "History shows that nations which allowed attacks on their sovereignty have suffered. We are answerable to the common man, the poor villager, who is asking us whether we stand for the security of our country. I want to assure them that the BJP stands firm in its commitment to safeguarding India's sovereignty."



K'taka Lokayukta raids 10 locations in DA case

Bengaluru, Dec 18 (IANS): The Karnataka Lokayukta was, on Wednesday, conducting raids at more than 10 locations across Karnataka, including Bengaluru, in a disproportionate assets case. The raids are underway at the houses of officers attached to the BBMP, Bescom, Health, Excise and police departments. Sources in Lokayukta said the raids were being conducted following the tip-off regarding the amassing of disproportionate assets and huge illegal money transactions by officers. According to sources, the raids are being conducted at the residences and offices belonging to more than 10 government senior staffers in Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural, Gadag, Kalaburagi, Raichur and Chitradurga districts. High drama prevailed when the Lokayukta team arrived at the doorstep of a District Health Officer (DHO) in the Manjunathnagar locality of Bengaluru early in the morning. The officer and his family members refused to open the door for hours. Sources further stated that the Lokayukta team had to wait from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. When the officer finally opened the door, the Lokayukta sleuths began a search and seizure operation.



Meghalaya govt allocates major portion of state budget to education : CM

Shillong, Dec 18 (IANS) : have sanctioned Science and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Wednesday said that the state government has allocated a major portion of the budget to bring changes in the education sector and the challenges in this field will be addressed by the ruling dispensation.

Sangma attended the Closing Ceremony of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Nativity Higher Secondary School in Mawkyrwat in the South West Khasi Hills.

He said: "The government has focussed on the education sector with a major allocation of the state budget to this sector. The complexities in the education sector are being addressed. A lot of challenges are there and we need to work in a structured manner and the government will ensure that higher education opportunities are given to our students. We Commerce streams in government colleges of Sohra, Willamnagar and Baghmara and this will gradually be extended to people's colleges and I am hopeful that with these interventions we will be able to see a difference and improvement in the education sector."

In his speech, the Chief Minister also praised and appreciated the efforts of the founders namely Fr. Aron the Parish Priest of Nativity Higher Secondary School of our Lord Parish, along with Brixuis Marwein who established the school on the 15th March 1974.

He also spoke on the role of the past and the present governing members, faculty and staff who have not just helped in the creation of infrastructure but in the lives they have helped to shape, transform and touch through the institution.

World Bank to assess MP's healthcare system for upgradation: Dy CM

Bhopal, Dec 18 (IANS) : Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla on Wednesday said he has urged the World Bank to conduct a thorough assessment of the state's current healthcare challenges. He said the World Bank's study would provide a solid foundation for understanding the existing gaps in the healthcare system and implementing corrective measures.



Shukla, who is also the Health minister of Madhya Pradesh, informed that the delegation has assured to conduct an indepth study on the state's healthcare system and will provide its report by March 2025.



Australia: Two teens arrested over shooting, car fire in Sydney

Sydney, Dec 18 (IANS) : Two Australian teenagers were arrested on Wednesday after police believe they are linked to a crash, car fire and shooting in western Sydney. Police in Australia's state of New South Wales said in a statement on Wednesday that officers responded to reports of gunshots fired at a barbershop in Mount Druitt, about 40 kilometres west of central Sydney, at about 2:20 a.m. local time on Wednesday, reports Xinhua news agency. Upon arrival, police found several bullet holes in the shop's window.

Govt keen to develop new cities to meet rapid urbanisation needs : Manohar Lal

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The government is focussing on developing new cities to meet the growing needs of rapid urbanisation, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Manohar Lal, said on Wednesday, adding that under Modi government 3.0 urban infrastructure projects are being undertaken at a record speed. In the first six months of Modi 3.0, water treatment plants with 549 MLD capacity have been sanctioned and 752 MLD capacity sewage treatment plants have been sanctioned, he said. "The government is focussed on developing new cities to match the demand of urbanisation," he said, addressing media persons.

In a presentation comparing the milestones achieved during 2014-2024 and the pre-

2014 era, Manohar Lal said, "The number of cities with operational Metro Rail Network has touched 23 between 2014-24, as compared to five till 2014." His presentation also showcased that in the last ten years the length of the operational Metro Rail network in the country grew to 993 km, as compared to 248 km till 2014. "The average Metro rail line commissioned per month in the last 10 years was 6 km/month as compared to 0.68 km/month up to 2014," said the Minister. In the field of urban transport, the minister added that in the last ten years 19,752 buses were sanctioned as compared to 14,405 buses sanctioned between 2004-2014. Highlighting the achievements under PM Street Vendors' Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM Svanidhi), Manohar Lal said 94.3 lakh loans had been disbursed to over 67 lakh beneficiaries. "Under the scheme, 43 lakh digitally



active street vendors have carried out transactions of over Rs 4,23,275 crore," said the minister's presentation. Under the Smart Cities Mission, 8,076 projects in 100 cities were taken up with a cost of Rs 164,706 crore, said the presentation. These include 1,556 projects on Smart Mobility completed with a spending of Rs 36,449 crore, 636 Smart Governance projects completed at a cost of Rs 16,035 crore, 1,284 projects on Vibrant Urban Spaces completed with a spending of Rs 10,120 crore, 829 projects on Social Infrastructure completed with a spending of Rs 11,847 crore and 667 Smart En-

ergy projects completed with an investment of Rs 13,712 crore. Highlighting the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 2.0, Minister Manohar Lal said in principle approval has been speeded up and given for more than 6 lakh houses in 29 States and Union Territories with a view of speeding up urbanisation. Sharing details of some of the states which have been sanctioned over 50,000 houses this year, he said UP has been sanctioned 1.10 lakh houses, Maharashtra has been sanctioned 92,000 houses.

Assam govt promoting tourism around Kamakhya temple: Minister Dass

Guwahati, Dec 18 (IANS) : Assam Tourism Minister, Ranjeet Kumar Dass, on Wednesday said that the state government is giving priority to promoting tourism to the Kamakhya temple which attracts a huge number of devotees from across the country.

In the recent Cabinet expansion in the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led government, Dass has been given the tourism department. On Wednesday, the minister went to the Kamakhya temple and took blessings there.



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Leadership tussle in INDIA bloc sparks political debate

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (IN-DIA), a coalition of Opposition parties, is facing mounting questions and internal debates over its leadership structure, sparking diverse reactions from several political leaders. While leaders from the bloc while speaking to IANS pointed to unity and strength in the coalition of Opposition parties, those aligned with the BJP highlighted discord, raising questions about the alliance's readiness to present a united front.

Addressing reports of leadership disputes in the INDIA bloc, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi dismissed claims of discord within the Opposition alliance.

Speaking to IANS, she said, "The

INDIA bloc is robust and united, with a pool of capable leaders who can not only lead this coalition but also steer the nation forward."

She drew a sharp comparison with the BJP, challenging whether the ruling party leaders and Union ministers like Nitin Gadkari, Rajnath Singh, Kiren Rijiju, or J.P. Nadda could openly suggest an alternative leadership to Prime Minister Narendra Modi without fac-



ing dire consequences. She asserted, "If such discussions were to arise within the BJP, institutions like the ED and CBI would immediately be weaponised against those involved. In our alliance, democratic processes are re-

spected, and any decision will be collectively made in official meetings."

However, JD-U MLA Saryu Rai pointed to what he referred as visible cracks in the alliance. Rai remarked, "The contradictions within the INDIA coalition are becoming evident, particularly regarding leadership, rather than policies. This indicates that the alliance is not yet a cohesive or solidified front. It resembles an orange — seemingly whole from the outside but divided within."

Shiv Sena leader Raju Waghmare, too, offered a stark critique of the INDIA bloc's current state, particularly in response to reports of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressing interest in leading the coalition.



Mother tongue is key to creative and critical thinking : Union Education Minister pens article

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Amidst the week-long 'Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav' celebrations, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday said that the mother tongue remains a key to learning in young children, as it helps them develop their creative and critical thinking. The Union Minister, penning an article on 'Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav', wrote that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 will serve as a catalyst to reclaim our linguistic pride and how our linguistic diversity will be the cornerstone of educational excellence. He also reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comcountry's linguistic diversity. Notably, schools across the coun-

try are organising programs under the Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav to promote linguistic heritage and also to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati on December 11.

"Linguistic pride lies at the core of Bharat's civilisational ethos. All Indian languages are national languages, constituting the soul of Bharatiyata. Linguistic diversity strengthens national unity and helps realise the goal of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat". Each one of our people, therefore, must wear linguistic pride as a badge of honour," Pradhan pointed out.

He stated that 80 per cent of Bharat's population identifies itself as non-English, native language speakers and hence have a natural trait to master the skills in mother tongue.

nerstone of educational excellence. He also reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment on preserving the country's linguistic diversity. Notably, schools across the coun-

Oppn afraid of me; does not let me speak: BJP MP Dubey

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Wednesday alleged that the Opposition is "afraid" of him after he alleged that the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha was disrupted for the fourth consecutive day due to the sloganeering of Opposition MPs.

This follows stormy sessions in the Parliament after a heated exchange took place between Dubey and Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi after the BJP on December 5 accused the Congress of being complicit in "attacks on national interest by foreign forces."

Since then, Dubey claimed, the Opposition has consistently disrupted proceedings whenever his name is mentioned.

Speaking to IANS, Dubey said, "The Opposition is afraid of me. The Congress doesn't even have the courage to listen to my voice. Let me raise my ten questions -- it's my right. For the fourth day now, Zero Hour is being wasted. Every time my name is called, they start creat-



ing a ruckus." Commenting on Opposition MPs staging a protest outside Parliament by distributing roses and Indian flags to NDA MPs, while Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi recorded the protest on video, Dubey dismissed the actions as "childish."

"These are children. Have you ever seen a Leader of Opposition making videos like this?" Dubey remarked. Both Houses of Parliament have been witnessing stormy sessions after the BJP accused the Congress, particularly the Gandhis, of having connections with US businessman and philanthropist George Soros.

Earlier, Dubey had accused the Congress of colluding with foreign forces to undermine the country and derail its growth trajectory.





2025 Delhi election: No

No one better than Uddhav Thackeray to lead INDIA bloc, says Shiv Sena (UBT)

Mumbai, Dec 18 (IANS) : The question of leadership in the INDIA bloc has sparked intense debate after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently expressed dissatisfaction with the alliance's current leadership and her willingness to take charge.

Shiv Sena (UBT) spokesperson Anand Dubey on Wednesday stated that while Mamata Banerjee is a capable leader, party chief Uddhav Thackeray would be the most suitable person to lead the Opposition alliance. "Mamata Banerjee has proven her mettle by halting PM Modi's political surge in Bengal twice.





India evacuates 75 nationals from Syria after rebel forces overthrow Assad regime

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS): India evacuated 75 of its nationals from Syria on Wednesday, two days after rebel forces overthrew President Bashar al-Assad's authoritarian government, said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday. The evacuation was carried out amid a rapidly deteriorating security situation in the country following the collapse of the Assad regime. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed the successful operation, stating that the evacuees had safely crossed over to Lebanon and would soon return to India via commercial flights. "The evacuees included 44 'zaireen' from Jammu & amp; Kashmir who were stranded at Saida Zainab. All Indian nationals have safely crossed over to Lebanon and will return by available commercial flights to India," the MEA said in an official statement. India's embassies in Damascus and Beirut coordinated the operation, prioritizing the safety of its citizens in the conflict-ridden nation. "The Government of India accords the highest priority to the safety and security of Indian nationals abroad," the statement added.

High alert sounded in TN's in Valparai as elephant rampage continues

Chennai, Dec 18 (IANS) : The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has issued a public advisory urging residents near the forest in Valparai, Coimbatore district, to avoid venturing out at night due to the increasing threat posed by wild elephants straying into human habitats.

Forest officials are patrolling the area after three elephants, separated from a 17-member herd, raided human settlements in Valparai on Wednesday, injuring several people.

Four individuals sustained fractures to their hands and legs in the attacks and have been admitted to a government hospital.

This incident follows the death of 18-year-old S. Mukesh a few months ago. Mukesh, a resident of Puthukad near Valparai, was fatally attacked by a wild elephant while travelling

on a two-wheeler through an estate road on his way to the Sholayar Dam.

Despite being rushed to the Valparai General Hospital, he was declared dead on arrival. The death Mukesh came just days after a tribal man, Ravi, was trampled to death by a wild elephant at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR), near Valparai.

Over the past year, there have been several incidents of wild elephants damaging property, including houses and shops, in the Valparai region.

possibility of any alliance with Cong, says Arvind Kejriwal

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) :

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convenor and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Wednesday that his party will go solo in the upcoming Assembly elections in the national capital and there was no possibility of any alliance with the Congress.

Setting aside the murmurs of an alliance between Congress and the AAP, Kejriwal posted on X that his party will be fighting the elections on its own.

"Aam Aadmi party will be fighting this election on its own strength in Delhi. There is no possibility of any alliance with congress." For the past some time there were speculations that the two would be joining together to take on the BJP in Delhi.

Opposition repeatedly disrupting Parliament proceedings, says Anurag Thakur

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : BJP MP and former Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday accused the Opposition of repeatedly "disrupting Parliament proceedings" and alleged links with foreign forces to "undermine India's democracy." Thakur made these remarks while participating in the BJP's Mera Booth Sabse Majboot campaign in Delhi's Shahdara, where he placed stickers and flags to energise BJP workers. During the event, he raised the slogan 'Mera Booth Sabse Majboot' and reaffirmed the party's commitment to victory in the upcoming elections.

Taking a dig at the Opposition during the event, Thakur said, "The House does not function as soon as some individuals step in, repeatedly disrupting proceedings. These are the same people who once spoke of upholding democracy but are now allegedly taking foreign funding to weaken it." "Why do they not want the House to function? Why are they obstructing the voice of 140 crore Indians? On whose direction is Congress doing this? With whom does Congress have such connections?" the BJP MP added, indirectly referencing the Gandhis and raising questions about alleged

foreign links. The former Union Minister also commented on the leadership tussle within the INDIA bloc, particularly after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed her willingness to lead.



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Lagging behind in development, Pakistan now also has slowest internet speeds

Islamabad, Dec 18 (IANS) : The slow internet speed has become a nightmare for people in Pakistan, especially IT professionals and businessmen, as the country ranked 141st out of 158 nations that had the worst broadband speed in the month of October, the latest data has revealed.

Ookla's Speedtest Global Index ratings have put Pakistan on the 100th position out of a total of 111 countries in mobile internet speeds and has ranked the country on 141st position out of 158 countries with the slowest broadband speeds for the month of October 2024.

The continuous slow speed of

internet and data connectivity has made it almost impossible for users to send and receive messages, images, videos or voice notes on social media applications. Moreover, IT professionals, business houses, digital marketers, content creators, remote job workers and students getting online education have been severely affected by the ongoing internet disruption.

"We have lost clients after being unable to communicate, coordinate and deliver our tasks on time because of the reeling internet connectivity. I have two 100mb connections in my office and also a backup that is very costly. Yet, the inconsistent internet connectivity has damaged our work and clients, forcing us to lose major business contracts," said Khurram Ali, owner of a software company in Karachi.

IT experts maintain that inconsistency in internet connections is denting the country's economy with sectors like IT and telecom, which generate daily profits worth billions, getting directly affected.

Restrictions - including installation of a 'National Firewall' - imposed by the government and blockage of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) has majorly affected the netizens of the country.

Zambia's top court bars ex-leader from

contesting future elections

Lusaka, Dec 18 (IANS) : Zambia's Constitutional Court has ruled that former President Edgar Lungu is barred from contesting the 2026 general elections and any future elections, as he has already served the constitutionally mandated two terms in office.

The court determined Wednesday that Lungu is not eligible to run again, having been elected twice -- first from 2015 to 2016 and again from 2016 to 2021

In a landmark judgment delivered by six judges, the court dismissed Lungu's argument that his first term should not count as a full term since he had completed the remainder of the term left by his late predecessor Michael Sata, Xinhua news agency reported.





Shigeru Ishiba mentions martial law aftermath in South Korea

Tokyo, Dec 18 (IANS) : Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba said on Wednesday that no one could have ever imagined South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's short-lived martial law imposition last week, while US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin took note of Ishiba's 'steady hand'. Ishiba met with Austin at his residence in Tokyo as Seoul is reeling from the aftermath of the reversed martial law declaration. "The world changes very quickly on a weekly basis. No one could have ever imagined what has happened in South Korea. Also, people couldn't predict what happened to ... the Assad regime," Ishiba said.

"I think ... a century from now, we will have what's happening

in 2024 as something historic.

So, we need to be accountable for today's world as well as the world of tomorrow's generations," he added as reported by Yonhap news agency. Taking stock of progress in efforts by the US and Japan to improve security capabilities, Austin expressed his appreciation for Ishiba's leadership.

"As you pointed out, these are very dynamic times, and we certainly appreciate having your steady hand," Austin said.

"May our alliance remain a cornerstone of peace and stability in this region for the foreseeable future." Austin arrived in Japan on Sunday night in his 13th and last trip to the Indo-Pacific as the Pentagon Chief. An expected Korean portion of the trip was excluded in the wake of political turmoil from Yoon's botched martial law attempt.



Japan to raise taxes for defence budget expansion: Media Tokyo, Dec 18 (IANS) : The Japanese

South Korea: Assembly Speaker announces parliamentary probe into martial law declaration by Prez

Seoul, Dec 18 (IANS) : South Korean National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik said Wednesday he has invoked the authority to conduct a parliamentary probe into President Yoon Suk Yeol's short-lived imposition of martial law last week. Woo also called for the prompt formation of a special committee to handle the parliamentary investigation, Yonhap news agency reported. Woo told reporters that a parliamentary probe is needed to secure a "public testimony" from Yoon over the De-



cember 3 imposition of martial law. A parliamentary official said the Assembly plans to conduct the probe as swiftly as possible given the severity of the situation.



Bangladesh urges public to stay indoors to avoid health risks from air pollution Dhaka, Dec 18 (IANS): The Bangladeshi interim government has urged people with personal health risks to stay indoors due to worsening air pollution in capital Dhaka and elsewhere in the country, while advising people to wear masks when outdoors. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued the advisory in a release here Wednesday, saying that the air quality in Dhaka and its surrounding areas has deteriorated to an unhealthy and sometimes hazardous level (AQI above 250). "In this situation, the public is advised to wear masks when outdoors, while sensitive individuals are requested to avoid going outside unless absolutely necessary," said the advisory, Xinhua news agency re-

government is finalising plans to increase corporate and income tax rates to fund its plan to nearly double defence spending to 2 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), local media cited sources as saying on Wednesday. The government is targeting April 2026 for a 4 per cent hike in corporate tax rates, while the income tax rate is expected to rise by 1 per cent starting January 2027, reports Xinhua news agency, quoting Kyodo News.



UN experts urge US to end 'double standards' on Israel-Palestine conflict

Geneva, Dec 18 (IANS) : United Nations (UN) human rights experts condemned the US for its "double standards" in addressing violations of international law in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, urging an end to impunity for both Israel and its supporters. At a press conference in Geneva, four experts, who serve as Special Rapporteurs to the UN Human Rights Council, urged the international community to hold Israel accountable for alleged violations of international law, including disproportionate violence, humanitarian blockades.

Ecuadorian President receives national plan to combat corruption

Quito, Dec 18 (IANS) : Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa reaffirmed his commitment to fight corruption as he received the 2024-2028 national plan for public integrity and the fight against corruption. The plan, presented at Quito's Simon Bolivar Andean University, was developed over a year with input from civil society and academia, alongside technical support from Germany.

"This plan is not an empty promise but a genuine commitment to decisively tackle corruption," said Noboa, adding that corruption has undermined institutions, drained resources, and eroded public trust, Xinhua news agency reported.

Ecuador's Comptroller General Mauricio Torres said the fight against corruption should be a state priority, calling corruption a complex economic, social, and political challenge.



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China announces visa restrictions on US personnel over interference in Hong Kong affairs

Beijing, Dec 18 (IANS) : China has decided to impose visa restrictions on US personnel over interference in Hong Kong affairs, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Wednesday. Spokesperson Mao Ning made the announcement at a regular press briefing in response to the recent US announcement to impose visa restrictions on officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government.

"We have already expressed our firm stance over US moves," said Mao, adding that by abusing visa restrictions on Chinese officials under the pretext of Hong Kongrelated issues, the United States has grossly interfered in China's internal affairs and seriously violated the principles of international law and basic norms governing international relations. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China and the Law of the People's Republic of China on Countering Foreign Sanctions, China has decided to impose visa restrictions on US personnel who act maliciously in regard to Hong Kong-related issues, Mao said, Xinhua news agency reported. The spokesperson emphasised that Hong Kong is part of China and Hong Kong affairs are purely China's internal affairs.



Cambodia bans energy drinks at schools

Phnom Penh, Dec 18 (IANS) : Cambodia on Wednesday banned energy drinks at schools as the Southeast Asian country has seen a significant rise in diabetes among young people. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport Hang Chuon Naron said the move was aimed at preventing the risk of non-communicable diseases, especially diabetes, which was caused by the consumption of sugary and energy drinks. "The consumption, distribution, sale, and advertisement of all kinds of energy drinks in and around schools' campuses are strictly prohibited."

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Your legacy will inspire one and all, says Tendulkar on Ashwin's retirement

Legendary India batter Sachin Tendulkar said the legacy of retired off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin will continue to inspire one and all while expressing his admiration for how the Chennaibased cricketer approached the game with mind and heart in perfect sync. Ashwin, 38, an-

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) nounced his decision to retire from international cricket with immediate effect after India's third Test against Australia, a game he was not selected for, ended in a draw at the Gabba, Brisbane.

"Ashwin, I've always admired how you approached the game with your mind and heart in perfect sync. From perfecting the carrom ball to contributing crucial

runs, you always found a way to win.'

"Watching you grow from a promising talent to one of India's finest match-winners has been wonderful. Your journey shows that true greatness lies in never being afraid to experiment and evolve. Your legacy will inspire one and all. Wishing you all the very best for your 2nd innings," wrote

Tendulkar in his post on 'X'. Ashwin ends his 14-year international career with 537 wickets at an average of 24 in 106 Tests and becoming India's second leading wicket-taker after legendary legspinner Anil Kumble, including an incredible 37 five-wicket hauls in Tests, the second-most in the history of the game, along with eight ten-wicket hauls.





PKL: Beating Haryana Steelers is a massive boost to our confidence, says UP Yoddhas' Upendra Malik

Pune, Dec 18 (IANS) : UP Yoddhas did a world of good to their chances of qualifying for the playoffs in Season 11 of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) by Haryana Steelers, and the team's assistant coach Upendra Malik said the win gave their morale a massive boost.

In the post-match press conference, Malik offered deep insights into the team's remarkable performance and playoff aspirations.

The 31-24 victory against

and propelled them to third on the points table. After the match, Malik was candid about the team's current form and approach. "From the last 10-11 matches, our

team has been doing very well," Malik emphasized. "Beating a team like Haryana Steelers gives us even more confidence."

Malik specifically praised Bhavani Rajput, who was instrumental in the victory with 11 crucial points. "Bhawani played an excellent game. He scored a lot of Haryana Steelers was UP crucial points, and today he was move forward," he stated confi-Yoddhas' seventh consecutive win very good for us, which helped us dently.

win." The assistant coach revealed the team's philosophy. "Every day is a different player's day. If Bhawani is performing today, we will support him. If Gagan is performing, we will support him," Malik explained. With just three points separating them from securing a top-six position, Malik and the team remain focused and optimistic. "We will absolutely try to win the next two matches. If we win these matches, we will definitely



Sri Lanka prepare for New Zealand challenge with unchanged T201 squad

Colombo, Dec 18 (IANS) : Sri Lanka have named a strong 16-member squad led by Charith Asalanka for a six-match white-ball series involving three T20Is followed by three ODIs, against New Zealand.

The T20I squad sees no changes from the group that recently played against New Zealand in a home series in November. With the team looking confident under Asalanka's leadership, they are set to carry forward the momentum they've built on their

Pakistan will play in Kho Kho World Cup next year, assure organisers

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : KKFI announced The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) on Wednesday expressed confidence over the participation of Pakistan in next year's inaugural Kho Kho World Cup and said the Indian team will take on arch-rivals on January 13, 2025. "We are sure there will be no visa issues and Pakistan will come and play the first match of the Kho Kho World Cup against India on January 13," the organisers said.

Earlier on Wednesday, the



Salman Khan as the brand ambassador to promote the inaugural edition of the tournament, set to take place in New Delhi between January 13 to 19. Salman, expressed his excitement for the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup, recalling his history with the sport. The megastar praised the initiative to host the World Cup in the nation's capital and said he is thrilled to see the sport spreading across the world.

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Mitchell Santner appointed as New Zealand's new white-ball captain

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS) : Left-arm spin all-rounder Mitchell Santner has been appointed as New Zealand's new white-ball captain. Santner will be taking over the leadership role from Kane Williamson, who stepped down following New Zealand's groupstage exit from Men's T20 World Cup in June.

Santner previously led New Zealand in 24 T20Is and four ODIs, and will begin his full-time captaincy tenure through the upcoming T20I and ODI series at home against Sri Lanka, starting with the series opener in the shortest format happening at Bay Oval on December 28.

BFI, CPBL launch six-team Pro International Basketball League to be held in January 2025

New Delhi, Dec 18 (IANS): teams fighting for the cham-The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) has finally fulfilled its long-cherished wish to launch a professional league in the country to speed up the development of talented hoopsters. The BFI has now joined hands with Captains Professional Basketball Pvt Ltd (CPBL) to launch the Pro International Basketball League (InBL PRO U-25). The launch of the initiative to transform Indian basketball by creating superior opportunities was announced at a press conference here on Wednesday.

The league is set to commence surer, BFI, Rupinder Brar, on January 15, 2025, with six

of March 2025. The player will go in for auction on January 9, 2025, which will also feature international talent from countries like the USA, Australia, New Zealand, and others. The Key stakeholders present at the launch included Aadhav Arjuna, President,

pionship. Post commence-

ment, one game will be

played each day, culminating

with the final four games in

Abu Dhabi at the beginning

BFI, Kulvinder Singh Gill, Secretary General, BFI, Chengalraya Naidu, Trea-Founder and Chairman.





National Shooting Championship: Kiran Ankush Jadhav tops Olympians to clinch men's 3P crown

The Navy's Kiran Ankush Jadhav, overcame the challenge emanating from two Olympians, among them Paris Olympic bronze medallist Swapnil Kusale representing the Railways, to clinch the men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) title in the National Shooting Championships here at the M.P. State Academy Shooting range here on Wednesday. The navy man shot 465.8 in the final to leave double-Olympian Aishwary Pratap

Bhopal, Dec 18 (IANS) : Singh Tomar of the home state in second place on a score of 463.1. Kusale, after leading the 45-shot final till the 40th shot, bowed out in third ahead of the final gold-deciding shot, with a tally of 451.8. Earlier, the railwayman had topped the qualification with a world-class score of 593, leaving Aishwary a point behind in second in that match. Kiran had qualified fourth with a solid 590.

> However, both the gold and silver medallists pulled out the big shots when it mattered most, to finish ahead of Kusale, who af

ter leading at every stage of the final could not seem to hit the 10-ring after his 40th. His last four shots in the final Standing position read 9.2, 9.4, 8.9, and 9.5, putting paid to title hopes. Jadhav, meanwhile, remained in third place in the final till the same 40shot stage, before finishing with a series of 10.6, 10.4, 10.6, 10.0, and 10.8 to strike gold. Home favourite Tomar's 41st shot for a 9.9 meant he could not take advantage of Swapnil's slip, holding on to the second spot.