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## Ready to face thousand cases : KTR

Hyderabad, Jan 9 (IANS) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao said on Thursday that he was ready to face a thousand cases like the one registered against him in connection with Formula-E race.

Talking to reporters while leav-

ing his residence to appear before the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), he denied allegations of corruption and made it clear that he was not afraid of any case.

KTR, as the former minister is popularly known, said he has full faith in law, courts and the Constitution.

The BRS leader alleged that the Congress government registered the case against him as he was questioning its "failure" to implement the promises made to people during elections. The BRS leader stated that he could answer all questions as he did no wrong.

He declared that he would con-

tinue to question the Congress government over its failures. "As son of KCR, I will die for Telangana if needed but not bow in front of such people," he said.

He claimed that as the then minister he tried to enhance the brand image of Hyderabad by bringing the Formula-E race to the city.



## CM Naidu visits Tirupati stampede spot, pulls up officials

Tirupati, Jan 9 (IANS) : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday visited the stampede spot in Tirupati that claimed the lives of six devotees and pulled up officials for failing to make proper arrangements for the distribution of tokens for an annual event at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple.

Soon after landing at Renigunta Airport, the Chief Minister drove to Vishnu Nivasam and later to Padmavati Park, where two separate incidents of stampede took place.

Accompanied by ministers, he went around the two places and asked officials including the District Collector, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Executive Officer, Joint Executive Officer and police officials why they failed to anticipate a huge turnout of devotees and accordingly make arrangements.



## Supreme Court grants Mohan Babu interim relief in journalist assault case

New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) : The Supreme Court, in an interim order passed on Thursday, ordered that no coercive action will be taken against veteran Tollywood actor Manchu Mohan Babu, who was booked under attempt to murder charges for allegedly attacking a television journalist at his residence on December 10. Fuming over a reporter of a news channel asking him about the ongoing dispute with his actor.



## Congress rocked within by battle between loyalists and turncoats, lack of coordination among Ministers in Telangana

Hyderabad, Jan 9 (IANS) : The lack of coordination between Ministers and MLAs, a widening gap between party workers and leaders, differences over filling up of nominated posts between loyalists and turncoat MLAs are all rocking the Congress boat in Telangana, with the recent Pradesh Congress Committee and Political Affairs Committee (PAC) meetings at Gandhi Bhavan witnessing tremors of the same. Interestingly, discussions and arguments over these issues took place in the very presence of AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal, AICC Telangana incharge Deepadas Munshi, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and TPC president Mahesh Kumar

Goud. Venugopal is learnt to have expressed displeasure over the lack of coordination between the Ministers, MLAs and party cadre in execution of party and government programmes.

The AICC General Secretary also particularly discussed the performance of a few Ministers and their respective portfolios. Directions were issued to the Ministers to focus on their departments and ensure development works.

## Governor approves Bhu Bharati Bill

Hyderabad, Jan.9 (NSS): Governor Jishnu Dev Verma has given his approval to the significant Bhu Bharati Act.

In this regard, Principal Secretary (Revenue) Naveen Mittal, accompanied by department officials, presented a copy of the Bhu Bharati Bill to Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.



## PM Modi flags off Pravasi Bharatiya Express, a special tourist train for NRIs

New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday remotely flagged off the inaugural journey of the Pravasi Bharatiya Express, a special tourist train for the Indian diaspora. The train will travel to various tourism and religious destinations across India over three weeks. This initiative is part of the Pravasi Teertha Darshan

Yojana of the Ministry of External Affairs. The Pravasi Bharatiya Express is a special state-of-the-art tourist train, exclusively designed and built for the Indian diaspora, and that too for the age group between 45 and 65 years. Starting from its launch day, January 9, the train will travel to multiple destinations across the nation, including prominent tourist.



## Om Birla meets ex-PM Sunak; promotes India-UK ties, Mahatma Gandhi's legacy

New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is currently on a tour of Britain, which includes visits to Scotland and Guernsey Island. During his tour, he met with former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Thursday and exchanged views on a wide range of issues, including their historical ties, shared values of parliamentary democracy, and people-to-people contacts. They also discussed the impact of Information Technology.



## Private bus operators cash in on Sankranti across Telangana, AP

Hyderabad, Jan 9 (IANS) : With Sankranti around the corner, private bus operators who are mandated to keep fares in line with the RTC rates are charging around three times the regular prices on major routes across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Families and individuals wishing to return to their native places in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the Sankranti

festival via private buses and other means of transport are forced to pay exorbitant fares. any private operators have increased their bus fares towards Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Kurnool, and Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh.

Private operators are exploiting the high passenger demand, which typically peaks between January 10 and 15, by significantly increasing ticket prices.

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



Andhra announces Rs 25 lakh each for families of Tirupati stampede victims

Tirupati, Jan 9 (IANS) : The Andhra Pradesh government on Thursday announced compensation of Rs.25 lakh each to the families of the six devotees who died in the stampede on Wednesday night during distribution of tickets for a sacred event at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple. Revenue minister A. Satyaprasad made the announcement after a ministerial team called on the families of the deceased at Ruia Hospital.

Naidu should own moral responsibility for stampede : Ex TTD chairman

Tirupati, Jan 9 (IANS) : YSR Congress Party leader and former chairman of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Bhumana Karunakar Reddy on Thursday demanded that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu own moral responsibility for the stampede at Tirupati, which claimed lives of six devotees. The former MLA demanded stern action against the officials concerned and payment of compensation to victims.



Nizamabad Collector urges people to strictly adhere to road safety norms

Nizamabad, Jan 9 (IANS) : Collector Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanth said parents and school authorities should educate children on the consequences of rash and negligent driving and teach them about traffic rules and good driving sense. Speaking after flagging off a bike rally as part of the national road.



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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank BRANCH OFFICE: Circle SASTRA Hyderabad Circle SASTRA - Hyderabad, Regency Plaza, Maitri Vihar Area Gayathri Nagar, Plot No.3, Ameerpet, Hyderabad -500 038, Phone No: 91620247376, E-mail: cs4732@pnb.co.in

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Table with columns: Name of the Branch, Description of the Immovable Properties, A) Dt. of Demand Notice, B) Outstanding Amount, C) Bid Increase Amount, Date/Time of E-Auction, Details of the encumbrances.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India Stressed Asset Management Branch Hyderabad, 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad-500001.

MEGA E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8(6) & Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s).

1) Borrower / Directors/Partners/Co-obligants/Guarantors/ Mortgagees: M/s Ramakrishna Electronics (Kurnool Divn.), H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518001. M/s Ramakrishna Electronics Pvt.Ltd., H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518001. Also at: Flat No. 601A, Pavani Estates, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. Mr. V.Ravi Kumar, S/o Anantha Krishna, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. Also at: 1B 2100, Belmont, Lodhba Belloza, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. Mrs. V.Rajeswari, W/o Mr. V.Raghavendra, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. Also at: 1B 2100, Belmont, Lodhba Belloza, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. Mr. V.Raghavendra, S/o Anantha Krishna, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518001. Also at: 1B 2100, Belmont, Lodhba Belloza, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. Mrs. V.Neelima, W/o Mr. Ravi Kumar, Flat No.601A, Pavani Estates, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. Also at: H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. And 1B 2100, Belmont, Lodhba Belloza, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. Mr. V.Anantha Krishna, S/o Subbiah, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. Legal heirs of late Mrs. G.Seshamma, W/o Ramaiah, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. M/s V.Bhagya Lakshmi, W/o Anantha Krishna, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. Mr. J.V.Prasad, S/o Subramanyam, 51-936-C, Opposite to New Bus Stand, Near Spencer Complex, Kurnool, AP-518001. M/s V.Nagarekha, D/o Anantha Krishna, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001. Legal heirs of late Mr. G.Ramaiah, S/o G.Seshiah, H.No.51/971-A, SBI Colony, Kurnool, AP-518001.

Table with columns: S.No., Name of the borrower, Date of Demand notice issued.

Union Bank of India, Stressed Asset Management Branch, 3rd floor, Andhra Bank Building, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad the secured creditor, caused a demand notices dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein.

Since you failed to comply with the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorized Officer, had taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Possession notice dated 03-05-2018 & 04-05-2018 issued by the Authorized Officer, as per Appendix IV to the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 was delivered to you and the same was also affixed at the properties mortgaged with the Secured Creditor, apart from publication of the same in newspapers. Please note that as per the said demand notice you were informed about your right to redeem the property within the time available under Section 13(8) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The secured debt for recovery of which the immovable secured asset is to be sold: M/s Ramakrishna Electronics, Kurnool Division: Rs.86,40,42,633/- (Rupees Eighty Six Crores Forty Lakh Fourty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Three Only) as on 30.09.2023 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. M/s Ramakrishna Electronics Pvt Ltd: Rs.102,97,04,001/- (Rupees One Hundred Two Crores Ninety Seven Lakhs Four Thousand and One Only) as on 30.09.2023 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. Mr. V.Ravi Kumar & Mr. V. Raghavendra (Term Loan): Rs.5,66,79,063/- (Rupees Five Crores Sixty Six Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand and Sixty Three Only) as on 30.09.2023 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. M/s Ramakrishna Electronics, Kurnool Division: As per demand notice dated 03.07.2017, the outstanding dues is Rs.46,25,46,921.24 (Rupees Forty Six Crores Twenty Five Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Twenty Four Paise Only) as on 03.07.2017 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. (M/s Ramakrishna Electronics Pvt Ltd: As per demand notice dated 03.08.2017, the outstanding dues is Rs.54,60,66,623 (Rupees Fifty Four Crores Sixty Lakhs Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five and Twenty Three paise only) as on 03.08.2017 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. Mr. V Ravi Kumar & Mr. V Raghavendra (Term Loan): As per demand notice dated 01.08.2017, the outstanding dues is Rs.3,11,43,929/- (Rupees Three Crores Eleven Lakhs Forty Three thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Nine Only) as on 01.08.2017 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon.)

Table with columns: Sr. No., Description of securities, Reserve Price, EMD, Bid Multiples.

2) 1. Borrower: - M/s. Haritha Fertilizers Ltd., rep by it's Managing Director Mrs. P.Aruna Kumari, Regd Office: 8-3-988/34/71, Jain Marble Lane, Near Satyasa Nigamagam, Singar Colony, Hyderabad-500073. Plant Address: Unit 1: Sy.No.146, 147 & 148 at Ankireddypally (Village), Keesara Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana-501301. Unit 2: Sy.No.744, 750 to 757 at Damarcherla Village, Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana-508355. Directors/Co-obligants/Guarantors/Mortgagees: Mrs. Pochimareddy Aruna Kumari, W/o Mr. P.Ravindranath Reddy, H.No.1/1491-1, Smith Road, Cuddapah, A.P-516001. Mr. Naravula Gangi Reddy, S/o Gangi Reddy, H.No.7-1-3/BG-7, Hyderabad-500068. Mrs. Navya Tea Rajamreddy, W/o. Mr. P.Naren Ramanujula Reddy, H.No.5-157-1B, RV Nagar, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-516001. Mr. Venappasa Ram Reddy, S/o. Mr. V.Gangi Reddy, H.No.5/157-1B, RV Nagar, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-516001. Mr. P.Naren Ramanujula Reddy, S/o. Mr. P.Ravindranath Reddy, H.No.5/157-1B, RV Nagar, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-516001. Mr. Pochimareddy Ravindranth Reddy, S/o. Mr.P.Ramanujula Reddy, H.No.1/1491-1, Smith Road, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-516001. Mrs. P.Padmavathy, W/o. Mr. P.Chandira Pratap Reddy, Door No.1/34, Pullareddypally, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-516175.

Union Bank of India (E-ab), SME, Mallapur, Hyderabad the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 22.05.2019 under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply with the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorized Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Possession notice dated 09.10.2019 issued by the Authorized Officer, as per Appendix IV to the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 was delivered to you and the same was also affixed to the properties mortgaged with the Secured Creditor, apart from publication of the same in newspapers. Please note that as per the said demand notice you were informed about your right to redeem the property within the time available under Section 13(8) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The secured debt for the recovery of which the immovable secured asset is to be sold: Rs.48,32,27,865.28 (Rupees Forty Eight Crores Thirty Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five & Paise Two Eight Only) as on 31.03.2024 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. (As per demand notice dated 22.05.2019, the outstanding dues is Rs.32,00,26,506.18 Rs (Rupees Thirty Two Crores Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Six and paise Eighteen only) as on 22.05.2019 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon.)

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS TO BE SOLD:

- A) All the Factory, shed constructed on land measuring A.C-30 Gts, in Survey No.750 and bounded by: North: Land belongs to Chadalavada Hanumanth Rao, South: Land belongs to M/s. Haritha Fertilizers Ltd., East: Land belongs to M/s. Haritha Fertilizers Ltd., West: Land in Survey No.761
B) All the Factory, Shed constructed on land measuring Ac.14-1/2 Gts, in Survey No. 737, 739, 741, 742, 743 and 744 and bounded by: North: Survey No.745, 744 & 746 of Bhureddy Saidu Reddy Ch. Rahul Reddy and 40' Road in Survey No.738 of Maa Sai Fertilizers India Ltd., South: Vazirabad Sivar, Land of India Cements and Survey No.742 of S.Saidu Reddy, East: Survey No.737 of Ch.Rahul Reddy, Survey No.739 of Ch. Venkatarama Reddy and Survey No. 740 of K.Sadhasivaiah, West: Survey No.752, 754 of Maa Sai Fertilizers India Ltd., Survey No. 746 of Bhureddy Saidu Reddy and Survey No.742 of S.Saidu Reddy.
C) All the Factory, shed constructed on land measuring Ac.11-30/3 Gts, in Survey No. 757, 750, 754, 753, 752, 751 and 745 and bounded by: North: Survey No.761 (Government Land), Survey No. 750 of Chadalapakha Hanumanth Rao and Survey No. 751, 745 of Anipreddy Kaniki Reddy, South: Survey No.757 of Maa Sai Fertilizers India Limited and Vazirabad Sivar and Land of India Cements, East: Survey No. 743, 744 of Maa Sai Fertilizers India Limited and Vazirabad Sivar and Land of India Cements, West: Survey Nos. 754, 753 of maa Sai Fertilizers India Limited.
D) All the Factory, Shed constructed on land measuring Ac.12-17 Gts, in Survey No.756, 757, 754, 753, 752, 744, 742, 739 and 737 bounded by: North: Land of G.Sambaiah in Survey No.757 & 750, South: Outsiders of Vazirabad and Land belongs to India Cement and Saidu Reddy, East: Land belongs to Maa Sai Fertilizers India Limited in Survey No. 753,754, West: 30 Feet Road (Road Leads to Railway Station from Damarcherla to Vishnurapuram)

Reserve Price: Rs.11,06,19,450/-

LOT-1: ii) Plant & Machinery in Sy. Nos. 756,757,754 & 753 at Damarcherla Village & Mandal, Nalgonda,508355 belonging to M/s. Haritha Fertilizers Limited. Reserve Price: Rs.75,44,205/-

GPS Coordinates: 16.71445 79.63935, Type of Possession: Constructive Possession, MSTC Property ID: UBINHDD-SAM5206A (Property description as specified in the 2302 Deed dated 15.02.2007, 2303 Deed dated 15.02.2007, 2304 Deed dated 22.02.2008, 2324 Deed dated 15.02.2007 & 5140 Deed dated 01.10.2007, 5141 Deed dated 01.10.2007, 5142 Deed dated 01.10.2007) Both Properties considered as single lot so Total Reserve Price of the property comes to Rs.11,81,63,475/-

Reserve Price: Rs.11,81,63,475/-; EMD: Rs.1,16,50,000/-; Bid Multiples: Rs.5,00,000/-

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: Not Known to the Bank. Last date for submission of EMD: EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction as per clause 7 below. It is advisable to deposit and Link / Map the EMD amount with the property ID well in advance to avoid any technical glitch.

Registration, Login and Bidding Rules visit the following sites: The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website https://baanknet.com on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through https://baanknet.com (Buyer Registration - link provided in the home page of the website) by using their mobile number and valid email-ID. The intending bidders / purchasers further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intending bidders / purchasers can be guided by the Buyer Manual provided in the home page of the website https://baanknet.com using mobile number and email ID. For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit Buyer Manual link provided in the home page of https://baanknet.com For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & email ID: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com Bidders are advised to go through the website: https://baanknet.com and https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property-view-auction-property.aspx tenders for detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction sale proceedings. Successful bidder will be intimated through e-mail after the closing of the e-Bidding Process.

Date & Time of Auction: 29-01-2025, From 12.00 Noon to 5.00 P.M. (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) Place: Hyderabad, Date: 08-01-2025 Sd/- Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank HO: BENGALURU; REGIONAL OFFICE: HYDERABAD NORTH No.3-5-168/1234, 1 Floor, Opp. Shanthi Talkies, Narayanaquda, Hyderabad-500029. BRANCH: Ameerpet II (13039)

ANNEXURE - 10 - POSSESSION NOTICE (SECTION 13(4)) (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 21.10.2024 calling upon the borrower i.e. Mr. Bathula Sravan Kumar, S/o B.Ramesh, 2. Smt. Gallipalli Anuradha, D/o Sri G.Venkata Swamy (Guarantor and GPA Holder) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs.3,03,98,236.86/- (Rupees Three crores three lakhs ninety eight thousand two hundred thirty six and eighty six paise) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 8th day of January of the year 2025. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs.3,09,21,672.86/- (Rupees Three crores nine lakhs twenty one thousand six hundred seventy two and eighty six paise) and interest thereon, other penal charges thereon. The borrower'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 the FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS of House bearing No.3-4-114/B/2 (PT-1020310533) having plinth area 3097 Sq.ft, including common area and common staircase (i.e First Floor 2238Sft and Second Floor 685Sft), with an undivided share of land measuring 360 Sq.Yards out of the total land measuring 533 Sq.Yards (i.e First Floor 180sq.yards and Second Floor 180sq.yards)constructed on Plot No.338/34, in Sy.No.42, situated at Sachitra Nagar, Ramamathanapur, under G.H.M.C, Uppal Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. Total Resumes Bounded by: North: H.No. 3-4-114/F/2 On Plot No.438/4, South: 30' Wide Road, East: H.No.3-4-114/B/1 On Plot No.35, West: 30' Wide Road, Boundaries for the First & Second Floors: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Staircase and Corridor.

Date: 08-01-2025 Sd/- Authorized Officer CANARA BANK Place: Hyderabad

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया BOI #8-2-403/4, Ground Floor, Road No. 4, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Tel: 040-2335494/233508006, E-Mail: BHILLS@CP.Telangana@bankofindia.co.in

[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the authorized officer of the Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 03.10.2024 calling upon the borrower Mr. Balrajju Etukuri & Mrs. Etukuri Rekha to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Housing Loan Account No. 863975110000084, an amount of Rs.16,90,694.06 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand and Six Hundred Ninety-Four and Six Paise Only) + Uncharged Interest from 28.09.2024 @ 8.75% p.a. RBLR + 2.00% as penal interest per month in Housing Loan at monthly rests with costs, Expenses etc + Charges, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic/Constructive Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of said rules on this 03rd Day of January 2025.

The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for Housing loan Account No. 863975110000084, an amount of Rs. 16,90,694.06 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand and Six Hundred Ninety-Four and Six Paise Only) + Uncharged Interest from 28.09.2024 @ 8.75% p.a. RBLR + 2.00% as penal interest.

The borrower attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY: All that Duplex house in Plot No:100B admeasuring 190sq.yds with 158.84 Sq.Mts. along with built up area 1350sqft of Prabhu Gulmohar in Survey No: 108 (Part to 119 (Part)), situated at Kuntloor Village & Gram Panchayat, Abdullahapur Revenue Mandal, Hayath Nagar Sub Dist., Ranga Reddy District under Pedda Ambampet Nagara Panchayat, the schedule property is bounded as follows: Plot Boundaries: North: Plot No. 100A, South: Plot No. 101, East: Road, West: Plot No.98.

Date: 06-01-2025, Place: Hyderabad Sd/-Authorized Officer, Bank of India

# Dalit man's death in police station : Woman who lodged complaint against him found dead

Bhopal, Jan 9 (IANS) : A week after a Dalit man died inside a police station in Madhya Pradesh's Dewas, the woman, who lodged a complaint against him, was also found dead on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Rukhsana Khan (40), a resident of Kannod town in Dewas district. Her body was found hanging from a ceiling fan at her home, police said on Friday. Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDOP) of Kannod town.



# Four Bengal cops under scanner in Bangladeshi fake passport racket case

Kolkata, Jan 9 (IANS) : Four more cops are under the scanner of Kolkata Police over their involvement with rackets engaged in arranging fake Indian identity documents, including passports for the illegal infiltrators coming from neighbouring Bangladesh. Sources aware of the development said that one of the four policemen is attached to the office of security control, and another is a police station-level cop. Apart from that, one constable and altogether, nine persons have been arrested by the West Bengal Police. The last one arrested has been identified as Abdul Hai (61) who retired as a Sub-Inspector just a year ago. Sources in the state police said that during the last few years of service, he was mainly assigned the task of "police verification" for the new passport applicants. He was arrested from his residence at Habra under Ashoknagar Police Station in North 24 Parganas district. Recently, both West Bengal and Kolkata Police have started the process of investigation against their colleagues of lackadaisical "police verification" processes resulting in the issuance of fake Indian passports to Bangladeshi infiltrators. The investigation started after a city court recently directed investigating officials to probe their colleagues in relevant police stations. The main charges against a section of cops engaged in the task of "police verification" for new passport applicants are that they did not physically make spot visits to the residences of certain passport applicants before submitting the clearance report on this count. Since December 15, 2024, nine persons have been arrested for their involvement with rackets engaged in arranging fake Indian identity documents, including Indian passports, for illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators. Several Public Distribution System (PDS) dealers are also under scanner for helping in the process of getting fake ration cards for such illegal infiltrators. Getting fake ration cards was the foundation in the entire chain of securing other fake Indian documents with passports being the last step on the count.

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## SBI State Bank of India

**Locker Break Open Notice**  
Subj: Break-open of unclaimed lockers and rent due lockers  
To, All valued customers of our Branch  
We hereby notify that the following safe deposit lockers have not been paying rents or remained unclaimed/unoperated for an extended period. The notices sent as per RBI Bank's guidelines to the customers at their recorded addresses have been returned undelivered stating either persons/addresses not found or left or remaining unanswered. The below mentioned locker hirers have failed to breached the terms and conditions of the locker agreement.

DETAILS OF RENT DUE LOCKERS:		
S. No.	Locker Number	Name of the Customer
1	3/18	Mid Osman
2	3/70	Mohammed Moizuddin
3	4/33	Balalaxmi Vangala
4	5/03	Durgam Aruna
5	5/32	Shiva Pooja Jyothi
6	5/34	R Vijaya Kumar
7	5/37	Gourishetty Rajeshwar

DETAILS OF UNCLAIMED LOCKERS:		
S. No.	Locker Number	Name of the Customer
1	2/19	B Venkatesham
2	2/22	Semishetty Narayana
3	2/31	Madanlal Mohanlal and Bidami Devi (Balaji Radio)
4	2/64	Samishetty Gangaram & S Padma
5	2/69	K Shankaraiah & Shyamala
6	3/54	Shi Cheela Satyanarayana
7	3/55	M Ibrahim & Gousunnisa Begum
8	3/45	Brahmandapalli Pentaiiah & B Sushela
9	3/69	Shantha Patel, Naveen Patel & Dinesh Patel
10	5/09	Dubbaka Boomiah & D. Rambai
11	5/10	Champla Mahender Jain
12	5/14	Manchirya Narsimha Chary
13	2/04	Uppu Kishtiah and Revathi
14	5/40	K Venkatramulu

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN:** Pursuant to the Bank's policy and applicable laws, we will forcibly open these lockers on 10/02/2025. The Locker will be broken open in the presence of a Committee consisting of two officers of the branch and two independent witnesses, content will be inventoried and stored securely. Disposal of the articles is to be done either by sale in public auction or otherwise proceeds are to be applied first towards bank's charges and balance refunded to locker hirer(s).  
**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:** If you are a holder of these lockers or known of the above mentioned customers, please contact us immediately within a period of 30 days, failing which the bank will proceed to Break Open the Locker.  
Sd/- Chief Manager



# Rahul Gandhi is a member of 'Mummy, Jiji and Jiji' party, says Rajasthan BJP MLA

Jaipur, Jan 9 (IANS) : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA from Rajasthan's Hawa Mahal constituency, Balmukund Acharya, on Thursday criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him a member of the "Mummy, Jiji, and Jiji's party". He claimed that individuals like Rahul Gandhi, who are out on bail, only come to India during election season to campaign.

Will stay in NDA, removed those suggesting changing alliance, says CM Nitish Kumar  
Patna, Jan 9 (IANS) : Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has reiterated that he will remain in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) dismissing any possibility of aligning with other political groups. The CM was in Vaishali on Thursday during his ongoing Pragati Yatra. While talking about his past decisions to switch alliances, he stated that such suggestions came from individuals who were subsequently removed. "The mistake was made twice, but now I will remain in NDA. Those who suggested changing alliances were removed," Kumar said. Reflecting on his longstanding ties with the NDA, he acknowledged the support of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, highlighting collaborative efforts during their tenure. Earlier on January 2, RJD Chief Lalu Prasad Yadav said that his door was open for Nitish Kumar. Lalu earlier said, "My door is always open. Nitish Kumar should also keep his door open." On whether he would forgive Nitish Kumar if he returned, Lalu stated, "Forgiving has been my job. If he comes back, I will forgive him without any problem. Everyone will work together." During the Pragati Yatra in Vaishali, Kumar announced development schemes worth crores of rupees, underscoring the government's focus on grassroots development.



# 'A mini India': Navy chief visits NCC's Republic Day Camp

New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) : The National Cadet Corps (NCC) represents a mini-India that would lead the country into Viksit Bharat, Indian Navy chief, Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi said on Thursday. During his address at the NCC Republic Day Camp 2025 in Delhi Cantonment, he lauded the NCC cadets for their high standards of display and immaculate turnout.



# Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015, (Haryana) and Branch Office at- 40-5-5/A, 1/B, Chandramouli Puram, Tikke Road, Near Sweet Magic Hotel, MG Road, Vijayawada-520010 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 23.10.2024 calling upon the borrower that 1. Mrs. SAHITHI ENTERPRISES represented by its Partners 2. Mr. KARASAM NAVEEN KUMAR (Partner) 3. Mr. ARCOT KANNABIRAN RAMESH (Partner & Mortgagee) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs.2,81,43,262.60 (Rupees Two Crores Eighty One Lakh Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two and Sixty Paise only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IFL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (6) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower clears the dues of the "IFL HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IFL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Sujamma Bukya Rajender, Rajender Painting Works, Rajeshwari Kiranam General Stores (Prospect No. IL021931)	All that piece and parcel of H.No 6-113, Asst. No. 535, Situated at Ramulu nayak thanda Village, Narasampet Mandal, Warangal District, Telangana - 506553. Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area, Super Built Up, Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 4620.00, 1387.0, 1387.0, 1192.70 Bounded By: North: Open Place of Bhukya Erru, South: G.P Road, East: Open Place of Bhukya Erru, West: IRS B Road (Annuhanayakkhanda To Gungjala Road)	Rs.11,46,026/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Forty Six Thousand and Twenty Six Only)	07/06/2024	07/01/2025

For further details please contact the Authorized Officer at Branch Office, H.No. 2-5-478 Adhalath Circle, Oppo DEO Office DC Plaza, 1st Floor Hanumankonda Warangal - 508001 or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.  
Place: Warangal, Date: 10-01-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

# SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032  
Administrative Office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q, Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.  
**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited name changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032 and having its Administrative Office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q, Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 07th day of January, 2025.

BORROWER NAME AND ADDRESS	Amount Due as per Demand Notice
1) Kurmindala Damodar @ Alias Kurmindala Damodar Goud @ Alias Kurmindala Damodar, S/o: Nadam Kurmindala @ Alias Kurmindala Nadam, @ Alias K Nadam, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Self Employee, Address-I: R/O: H.No: 1-10-1/216/21/29/30/103, (Or) 1-10-1/216/21/29/30/103, Flat No:103, Block No: 1, Sri Balaji Towers, Krishna Nagar Colony, Chakrapuram, Ecil, Secunderabad, Hyderabad -500062. Address-II: 5-131/5, Mariyal (V), Bommalaramam (M), Yadadri-Bhongiri (D) -508116, B/O: Proprietor Of 'M/S Varamma Building Materials Supplier' Address I # Same As Residence Address-I, Address II: Plot No.4, Bhagavan Colony/ Road No.4, Kushaiguda/ Kapra Mandal/ Kapra/ Medchal- Malkajgiri, B/O It: Bunny Wines At # Shop No: A4, Door No: 2/157/G, Cheekati Mamidi (V), Bommalaramam (Md), Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist. 2) Kurmindala Pavani @ Alias Kurmindala Pavani, W/o: Kurmindala Damodar Goud @ Alias K Damodar Goud, Age: 39 Years, Occ: House Wife., Address-I: R/O: H.No: 1-10-1/216/21/29/30/103 (Or) 1-10-1/216/21/29/30/103, Flat No: 103, Block No: 1, Sri Balaji Towers, Krishna Nagar Colony, Chakrapuram, Ecil, Secunderabad, Hyderabad -500062. Address-II # 5-131/5, Mariyal (V), Bommalaramam (M), Yadadri-Bhongiri (D)-508116. 3) Eedula Kanti Dayakar Reddy, S/O: Ranga Reddy Eedukanti, Age: 56 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 3-116, Maryala, Bommalaram Mandal, Maryala, Nalgonda-508116, B/O: Proprietor Of 'Constructions And Poultry Farm' .....Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs	44,93,686/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight and Eighty Six Only)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - BHONGTR2203290009** -Property holder Name is SRI KURMINDALA DAMODAR GOUD & SMT. KURMINDALA PAVANI, Mortgage deed dated 30.03.2022 Registered as Document No 4329/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at BHONGIRI.  
**Item No.1:** Kurmindala Damodar Goud, Doc. No. 2067/2021, & Doc. No. 37/20/2022 Dt 19-03-2022) All That Open Land in Survey No.459/AA/1, Admeasuring An Area Of 363 Square Yards Or Equivalent To 303.468 Sq.Mtrs. Situated At Maryala Village, Bommalaram Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri District, Regn. Sub. Dist. Bhongir, Regn. Dist. Nalgonda. G.P. Maryala. M.P.P. Bommalaramam. Z.P.P. Yadadri-Bhongiri District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Road, Towards West: Road, Towards North: Neighbors Land, Towards South: Road.  
**Item No.2:** Kurmindala Pavani, Doc. No. 2289/2022, ) All That The House Bearing D.No.5-131/3, in Survey Nos. 459/459/1 & 459/1B/1/2, Admeasuring An Area Of 937.75 Square Yards Or Its Equivalent 783.959, Situated At Maryala Village, Bommalaram Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri District, Regn. Sub Dist. Bhongir, Regn. Dist. Nalgonda. G.P. Maryala, M.P.P. Bommalaramam. Z.P.P. Yadadri-Bhongiri District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 15' Wide Road, TOWARDS WEST: HOUSE OF THUMKUNTA RAMESH AND THUMKUNTA YADAGUN, Towards North: 16' Wide Road, Towards South: House Of Uma Reddy, House Of Annaram Krishna & House Of Manne Radhamma.  
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.  
Date : 07-01-2025 Sd/-Authorized Officer  
Place: YADADRI- BHONGIR. SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mrs. Rokati Aruna, 2. Aruna Traders, 3. Mr. Brahmaiah Rokati (Prospect No. IL10485633)	23-Aug-2024 Rs.33,15,798/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.201, First Floor, Shruthi Nivas, Plot Nos.12,19,20, Sy No.99/3, Ambapuram Village, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, NR District, Andhra Pradesh, 520012 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up, Area Property Area: 366.30, 780.00 (Area admeasuring 975 sq. ft.)	07-Nov-2024	Rs.29,01,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh One Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,90,100/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Thousand One Hundred Only)

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1. Mr. Ramarao Yariagadda, 2. Mrs. Veeranki Sai Durga (Prospect No. IL10182756)	12-Oct-2022 Rs.27,00,785/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property Door No. 2-3, land and building situated at Pamidimukkala Village, Krishna Dist, Andhra Pradesh, India, 521255 (Area admeasuring 584 sq. ft.)	11-Jan-2023	Rs.12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)

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Sant Samiti moves  
SC challenging Places of Worship Act, 1991

Akhil Bhartiya Sant Samiti, an organisation of 127 sects of Sanatan Dharma, has filed an intervention application before the Supreme Court challenging the validity of certain provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which prohibits the filing of a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August 15, 1947. The plea said that Sections 3 and 4 of the 1991 Act are unconstitutional for being violative of Articles 14, 15, 21, 25, 26 and 29 of the Constitution of India because the impugned provisions prevent judicial review, a basic feature of the Indian Constitution, give an arbitrary cut off date in complete disregard of historical facts and injustices, infringes upon the religious rights of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs, violate the principle of secularism, and favour one particular community over other communities. It contended that the law has barred the remedies against illegal encroachment on the places of worship and pilgrimages and therefore now Hindu and other religious followers cannot file a suit and won't be able to restore their places of worship and pilgrimage, and illegal act of invaders will continue in perpetuity. "When the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991 came into force, the Central Government has created arbitrary, irrational, retrospective cutoff date to declare that character of places of worship/pilgrimage shall be maintained as it was on 15.8.1947 and no suit or proceeding shall lie in the Court in respect of disputes against encroachment done by fundamentalist barbaric invaders and lawbreakers and such proceeding shall stand abated," said the intervention application filed through advocate Atulesh Kumar. It further said that the Centre can neither close the doors of lower courts, appellate courts and Constitutional courts for aggrieved citizens of the country nor can take away the power of High Courts and the Supreme Court, conferred under Articles 226 and 32 of the Constitution of India. "The injury caused to Hindus and other religious followers of the country is writ large because Sections 3 and 4 of the Act has taken away the right to approach the Courts and thus right to judicial remedy has been closed. This is totally against the principle of natural justice," argued the plea. As per the application, the impugned law not only offends the right to pray, practice, and prorogate religion (Article 25), the right to manage, maintain, and administer places of worship-pilgrimage (Article 26), the right to conserve culture (Article 29) but also contrary to government's duty to protect historic places (Article 49) and preserve religious cultural heritage (Article 51A). The Sant Samiti is an organisation that works for the cause of seers, Mutts and temples. Swami Jeetendranand Sarswatee is the General Secretary of Akhil Bhartiya Sant Samiti. As per the computerised case status, the batch of petitions challenging the validity of the Places of Worship Act is tentatively listed for hearing on February 17. In an interim order passed on December 12, 2024, the CJI Sanjiv Khanna-led Special Bench had ordered that no fresh suits would be registered under the Places of Worship Act in the country, and in the pending cases, no final or effective orders would be passed till further orders. The Special Bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar and K.V. Viswanathan, had asked the Union government to file within four weeks its reply to the batch of petitions challenging the validity of the 1991 Act.

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Justin Trudeau to step  
down as Canadian Prime Minister

Justin Trudeau on Monday announced that he will step down as the Canadian Prime Minister and Liberal leader once his party has chosen a new leader. Trudeau, who has been the leader of the Liberal Party since 2013, and has been serving as the country's PM for more than nine years, announced his decision at a news conference in Ottawa, late Monday evening, India time. Facing a major revolt within his party and a dismal public opinion polls



ahead of this year's general elections, Trudeau also asked Governor-General Mary Simon to prorogue Parliament until March 24. "I intend to resign as party leader and as prime minister after the party selects a new leader," said Trudeau, adding that he had reflected over his decision during the holidays and with family last night.



Chandigarh University announces launch  
of first AI-augmented futuristic campus in UP's Unnao

The Chandigarh University (CU) on Monday announced the establishment of a first-of-its-kind Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled next-gen futuristic campus at Unnao in Uttar Pradesh, to provide AI-augmented multidisciplinary education. The AI-augmented University campus at Unnao (in Lucknow state capital region) is 'tailored' to the evolving needs of 21st-century learners and promises to revolutionise the country's educational landscape with 43 futuristic undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. These programmes will be offered across six streams including Engineering, Business Administration, Health and Life Sciences, Humanities, Liberal Arts and Legal Studies from the 2025-26 academic year. Uttar Pradesh government had earlier issued an 'Authorization Letter' to Chandigarh University for its AI-integrated campus at Unnao. The information was shared at a press conference at the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where UP higher education minister Yogendra Upadhyay launched the Chandigarh University Lucknow web portal and prospectus for the 2025-26 academic session.

The overlooked  
atrocities and  
EU's failure to act

On 31 October 2024, the EU-Bangladesh Sub-group on Good Governance and Human Rights met in Dhaka to discuss cooperation in strengthening human rights, good governance, and ongoing reforms under Bangladesh's interim government. Both parties acknowledged the opportunity for progress amidst the country's political transition, particularly following the July/August uprising. The EU welcomed Bangladesh's commitment to reforms, including ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and creating a Commission on enforced disappearances.



L-G distributes 57 appointment letters  
to anti-Sikh riot survivors, latter applauds move

Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena on Monday distributed 57 appointment letters to the survivors of 1984 anti-Sikh riots and their family members in the Tilak Vihar area. The move to provide government jobs brought smiles on the faces of 1984 riot victims as they said that this would bring some sort of closure to the pain and suffering, they endured for 40 long years. After handing over appointment letters, the L-G said that nobody could heal the wounds that they underwent 40 years ago, however, such efforts would do a great deal in bringing the affected families back into the mainstream. He also pointed out that for the first time in history, a 55-year-old person was being provided with a government job. Notably, a total of 88 persons have been shortlisted for government jobs out of which 57 were given appointment letters on Monday and the rest will be facilitated later. Earlier in the day, the Raj Niwas shared on X, "VK Saxena has given relaxation in educational qualification and age limit to the family members of 1984 Sikh riot victims, which will give opportunity to 88 applicants in government jobs. This is an important step towards justice and rehabilitation of victim families." Delhi Pradesh BJP President Virendra Sachdeva along with MP Kamaljit Sehrawat, Chief Secretary of Delhi Government Dharmendra Kumar and Divisional Commissioner of Revenue Department were also present on the occasion. Many beneficiaries of Mata Gujri Devi Colony of Tilak Nagar spoke to IANS, expressing their happiness over receiving appointment letters. A woman beneficiary said, "103



people have got recruitment letters in two instalments. The wounds of the 1984 riots can never be forgotten but this will come as a great solace for those who are living in penury." "We are very thankful to LG for this. He stated clearly that no one is obliged to follow anyone's directions as the city government has taken charge of the whole project," she added. Kulwant Kaur told IANS that this was a very good development. "We have been denied our due for long but with this, a healing process will begin. We can't for-

get those days of brutality and hardship. "I thank the government for extending the benefits to us," she said. Pradeep Singh said, "It was long overdue, still if the government has begun this, it's a good and welcome move. Appointment will enable the community to contribute to the nation's growth." Honey Singh said, "I am very happy to receive the appointment letter, it's happening after 40 years. Justice is being delivered after such a long time. We are grateful to the government."

HMPV not new virus, majority Indian population immune to it : Experts

The Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is not a new virus and most of the Indian population are immune to it, said health experts on Monday, even as the number of reported cases climbed to three in the country. On Monday, health officials in the country reported three cases of HMPV -- babies aged three- and eight-month-old from Bengaluru (Karnataka) and a two-year-old

child in Gujarat's Ahmedabad. "Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is not a new virus. It has been part of the circulating flu virus in India for long. Hence, the majority of the Indian population has developed immunity against it," Dr. Harshal R Salve, Additional Professor, Centre for Community Medicine at AIIMS, New Delhi, told IANS. He added that the "chances of a

severe disease are very rare". HMPV was first discovered in 2001 and is part of the Pneumoviridae family along with the Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The symptoms commonly associated with HMPV include cough, fever, nasal congestion, and shortness of breath. "Like for any other flu viruses, elderly people, children and people with comorbidities must

take care. There is no need to create panic, and one should stop rumour-mongering in the public," Salve said. The two cases from Karnataka were detected via routine surveillance by ICMR in a 3-month-old girl and an 8-month-old boy. Both had a history of bronchopneumonia -- a form of pneumonia, a lung infection, and were admitted to a private hospital.



## Sudan remains in humanitarian crisis of staggering proportions: UN official

**United Nations, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Sudan "remains in the grip of a humanitarian crisis of staggering proportions" after 20 months of war, a senior United Nations official said, calling for more international support and unimpeded humanitarian access.

"Armed conflict continues to severely impact civilians, including humanitarian workers, across the country, despite repeated calls for a cessation of hostilities," Edem Wosornu, director of Operations and Advocacy at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), told the UN Security Council on Thursday. This situation in and around El Fasher in North Darfur remains "especially catastrophic," she said. According to OCHA data, more than 11.5 million people are estimated to be internally displaced, of whom nearly 8.8 million people have been uprooted



since April 2023. Over 3.2 million others have fled into neighbouring countries, Xinhua news agency reported. "With fighting having intensified and access to key hunger spots having tightened, a further spread of starvation and hunger was, tragically, the most likely scenario," Wosornu warned. The latest analysis from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) indi-

cates that famine conditions are present in five areas in Sudan. It also projects that five additional locations, all in North Darfur, will be affected by mid-2025, with risk of famine in 17 other areas. Wosornu described the unfolding disaster as "a man-made crisis," adding that Sudan is currently the only place in the world where famine has been confirmed. She stressed that the

impacts are not experienced evenly across the Sudanese population, with extreme hunger posing disproportionate risks for women and girls, children and the elderly.

"The unprecedented scale of the needs in Sudan demands an unprecedented mobilisation of international support," Wosornu said, and appealed for \$4.2 billion of the 2025 Sudan Humanitarian needs and response plan to support nearly 21 million people, with an additional \$1.8 billion required for refugees in neighbouring countries.

Beth Bechdol, deputy director-general of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), said during the briefing that conflict and displacement are the main drivers of food insecurity, "exacerbated by restricted humanitarian access."



## US-Canada together would be 'great nation,' says Trump as Trudeau announces resignation

**Washington, Jan 9 (IANS) :** US President-elect Donald Trump reignited his proposal to make Canada the "51st state of the United States" hours after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation.

In a dramatic turn of events, Trudeau announced the end of his 11-year leadership tenure and nine years as the country's Prime Minister on Thursday. Trudeau, 53, decided to step down as he was under pressure from his ruling Liberal Party, stemming from his growing unpopularity. However, he confirmed he would remain in office until the party elects a new leader ahead of the upcoming general elections.

Amid this political upheaval in Canada, Trump, 78, who has had a fraught relationship with

Trudeau since his first term as President (2017-2021), renewed his offer just hours after Trudeau's announcement.

Taking to Truth Social, Trump said, "Many people in Canada love being the 51st State. The United States can no longer suffer the massive Trade Deficits and Subsidies that Canada needs to stay afloat. Justin Trudeau knew this and resigned."

"If Canada merged with the US, there would be no tariffs, taxes would go way down, and they would be totally secure from the threat of Russian and Chinese ships that are constantly surrounding them. Together, what a great Nation it would be!" Trump further added.

Trump has been vocal about this idea since meeting Trudeau in November 2024 at Mar-a-Lago after his electoral victory.

## Major winter storm sweeps across US, causing travel disruptions



**New York, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Large parts of the US experienced extreme winter weather, including heavy snowfall, ice storm, and blizzard. The severe conditions caused widespread disruptions to transportation and infrastructure on Monday, with nearly 70

million people under a winter weather warning, Xinhua news agency reported. "For some, this could be the heaviest snowfall in over a decade," the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said in a statement.

As much as 18 inches of snowfall was reported in Chapman and St. George, Kansas, as of Monday morning, with over 10 inches of snowfall in Cameron, Missouri, and Mason, West Virginia.

According to flight tracker platform FlightAware, more than 1,900 flights within the US, both inbound and outbound, were canceled on Thursday.

For some of the country's major airports, John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York had an average delay of 46 minutes, canceling more than 104 flights. Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) had an average delay of 50 minutes, canceling more than 140 flights. Rail travel was also severely affected.



## Two Israeli troops killed, two injured in Gaza clash

**Jerusalem, Jan 9 (IANS) :** An Israeli deputy company commander and another soldier were killed, and two others were injured, in a clash with militants in northern Gaza, the Israeli military said.

The military on Thursday identified one of the dead as Eitan Israel Shiknazi, 24, from the settlement of Eli in the West Bank, a deputy company commander in the infantry Nahal Brigade's 932nd Battalion. He "fell during combat" in the northern Gazan city of Beit Hanoun, the military said in a statement. The name of the other fatality was not released because his family had not yet been notified, the military said.

## Lebanese PM raises ceasefire violations as US reaffirms Israeli withdrawal

**Beirut, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati demanded that Israel halt its violations of the ceasefire agreement as Israeli forces continued their withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

Mikati on Thursday reiterated "the demand to stop the Israeli security violations of the ceasefire, the ongoing attacks on southern towns, the systematic destruction of



homes and facilities, and the violation of Lebanese airspace" during a meeting with visiting US envoy Amos Hochstein.

## Aid distribution starts for 80,000 people in war-torn region in Sudanese capital

**Khartoum, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Humanitarian aid started distribution in the southern part of the Sudanese capital Khartoum, aiming to support over 80,000 war-affected people who have been grappling with dire humanitarian conditions amid the current civil war, a local volunteer group said. "Eight centres have been set up to

distribute aid to thousands of residents in Al-Azhari, Al-Ingaz, Ed Hussein, and Mayo neighbourhoods, south of Khartoum," Mohamed Kandasha, spokesperson for the South Khartoum Emergency Room, told Xinhua. "This is the first time such aid has been distributed since the war broke out" in April 2023,

Kandasha said, noting the aid distribution would last for three days, Xinhua news agency reported. For the first time since the conflict erupted, the World Food Program has managed to deliver a convoy of 28 trucks carrying food aid, including five trucks containing vital medicines, to the southern Khartoum area, the UN



agency has said. The South Khartoum Emergency Room has made significant efforts to facilitate the arrival of humanitarian aid

trucks to the area. "Following close coordination with the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), the Rapid Support Forces (RSF),

international organisations and United Nations agencies, we managed to deliver humanitarian aid in late December," Kandasha said. According to official statistics, 28.9 million people in the country need humanitarian assistance due to an ongoing conflict between the SAF and the RSF since mid-April 2023. The deadly conflict has claimed around 30,000 lives and displaced over 14 million people, either inside or outside Sudan, according to estimates by international organisations.

## Yemen's Houthis say targeting US aircraft carrier in Red Sea, Israeli sites

**Sanaa, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Yemen's Houthi group said in a statement that it targeted the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier in the northern Red Sea with two winged missiles and four drones, as well as sites in Israel. The group "carried out a qualitative military operation... while the American enemy was preparing to launch a major air attack on Yemen," which had "failed" thanks to its operation, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in the statement aired by the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV.



According to Sarea, Houthis also carried out two attacks in the afternoon and another in the evening on Israeli sites, targeting with drones two military targets in Israel's Tel Aviv city, and a "vital target" in Israel's Ashkelon city,

Xinhua news agency reported. "We will continue our operations in support of the Palestinian resistance, and these operations will not stop until the aggression on Gaza stops and the siege is lifted."

## Turkey's President Erdogan warns of cross-border operation in Syria

**Ankara, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hinted at the possibility of a new cross-border military operation in Syria if Turkey perceives threats to its national security. "Turkey has often shown that it has an uncompromising will to protect its survival. If it comes to that point, we may come again suddenly one night," Erdogan said on Thursday following a cabinet meeting in Ankara. The Turkish leader also addressed the broader implica-

tions of Syria's latest development, stressing Turkey's stance against the fragmentation of Syria, Xinhua news agency reported. "We will not consent to the disintegration of Syria and the disruption of its unitary structure. If we see a risk in this regard, we will take the necessary steps swiftly," he said. Turkey has conducted multiple military operations in Syria since 2016, citing threats from Kurdish armed groups and instability along its border. Previous cross-border operations include "Euphrates Shield" (2016), "Olive Branch" (2018),



and "Peace Spring" (2019), which primarily targeted the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) in northern Syria. Ankara considers the YPG as the Syrian branch of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). The PKK, designated as a terrorist organisation by Turkey, the US, and the European Union, has been engaged in armed rebellion against the Turkish government for four decades.

## Himachal varsity signs pact to promote natural farming

**Shimla, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF) in Himachal Pradesh's Nainital has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. (HIL) to promote natural farming across India, it said on Thursday. The pact facilitates the joint implementation of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) Regional Child Project, which focuses on reducing and managing agrochemical use through the Fostering Agrochemical Reduction and Management (FARM) initiative in India. HIL, a public sector undertaking under the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, manufactures agrochemicals, seeds, and water-soluble fertilisers. This collaboration marks a pioneering effort by a company tra-

ditionally involved in the production of agrochemicals and fertilisers to actively promote natural farming practices in the country. The pact was signed by R.S. Chandel, Vice-Chancellor of UHF, and Kuldeep Singh, Chairman and Managing Director of HIL. The primary goal of the FARM project is to offer safer alternatives to chemical pesticides and promote integrated pest management (IPM) practices, including natural farming, among India's farming communities. The initiative aims to transition 1.5 million hectares of farmland from conventional chemical farming to organic and natural farming methods and protect 1.5 million people from exposure to harmful pesticides. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, known for its expertise in agroecology and natural farming.



## Kumaraswamy alleges 60 pc commission charges against K'taka Cong govt, Siddaramaiah asks for proof

**Bengaluru, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy has accused the Congress-led Karnataka government of extorting 60 per cent commission from contractors. He has further hit back at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who asked for proof to substantiate the allegations. The Union Minister questioned, "Honorable Chief Minister, where did the allegation of a 60 per cent commission without evidence come from?" He added, "This accusation was made by contractors aligned with your party and Congress leaders from Tumakuru."



## Only 234 elected members eligible to speak in TN Assembly: Speaker Appavu

**Chennai, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M. Appavu on Thursday stated that only the 234 elected legislators have the right to express their views inside the house. The strength of the Tamil Nadu Assembly is 234. The Speaker's remark came in response to Governor R.N. Ravi walking out of the house without delivering the speech prepared by the state government. In a statement on Monday, the Speaker emphasised that the Governor has the constitutional duty to read out the text prepared by the state government under Article 176 of the Constitution. He reminded the Raj Bhavan that

this tradition, followed since the days of the Madras Presidency, remains integral to the functioning of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. Speaker Appavu noted that the elected government and its cabinet prepare the Governor's speech, and the Governor is expected to deliver it during the first session of the year as a matter of tradition and constitutional duty. He questioned the Governor's repeated deviation from this practice and asked whether the Constitution specifies that the House must adhere to a particular schedule based on the Governor's decisions. "This Governor has done it thrice.

If the same Governor continues, we will still go and invite him respectfully. It is his choice to decide whether to read the text," the Speaker said. He reiterated that the Assembly would continue to function in this manner regardless of which party forms the government. The Speaker's statement comes after Governor Ravi walked out of the Assembly session immediately after it commenced to protest its decision not to sing the National Anthem and reminded the House of its constitutional responsibility to do so. He urged Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to ensure adherence to this protocol.

## UP Ministers invite Sikkim Guv to attend Kumbh Mela

**Gangtok, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday extended a formal invitation to Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur to attend the upcoming Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj, officials said. Two Uttar Pradesh Ministers - Om Prakash Rajbhar and JPS Rathore visited Gangtok on

Thursday and called on the Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur at the Raj Bhavan. The Sikkim Governor extended a warm welcome to the visiting Ministers, presenting them with traditional Khadas. According to an official statement, during the meeting.



## Siddaramaiah hopes Maoists will surrender with a change of heart

**Bengaluru, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stated on Thursday in Bengaluru that he is hopeful of a change of hearts among the Maoists who are likely to surrender following his appeal. Responding to a question about whether the government is ready to accept the surrender of the Naxals, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, "I have called upon the Naxals to surrender, and there is a possibility of their surrender through a change of heart." "The process of bringing them into the mainstream of soci-

ety is underway," Siddaramaiah stated. Most wanted Maoists operating in the deep jungles of Western Ghats, the hilly and coastal region of Karnataka have decided to lay down their arms and join the mainstream following the appeal by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led Karnataka Congress government. According to sources, the Maoists have taken the decision following the encounter with Vikram Gowda and the continuous combing operations in the Western Ghat region by the Anti-Naxal Force (ANF) and the Karnataka Police. Sources said that top leaders like Mundagaru Latha who heads the

Tunga Naxal Wing in the state; Sundari, Vanajakshi, and Jeesha, the most wanted Maoists of south India; K. Vasantha from Andhra Pradesh and Mareppa Aroli, have decided to surrender and lay down their arms. Maoist leader Sundari's brother Anand, who was also a Naxal and returned to the mainstream, stated, "They will welcome her home if she decides to lay down arms. Let her and associates stop the struggle and live like common people. It's 17 years since she had gone away from home. We will be happy if she comes back to us." "Sundari, surrender before the government and come back



home," he appealed in Kutlur of Mangaluru district. The surrender procedure will happen in two to three days, sources confirmed. The sources also revealed that the Maoists had written a letter in this regard to the Citizen's Forum, a progressive organisation and the members of the forum have discussed the matter already with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The CM welcomed the proposal and gave the green signal for authorities to start the surrender procedures.

## Bihar : Woman granted Indian citizenship under CAA after 40 years

**Patna, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The Indian government has granted citizenship to Sumitra Prasad alias Rani Saha, a woman who had been living in Bihar's Ara city for 40 years. This marks the first instance in Bihar of citizenship being granted under the provisions of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and related rules. Sumitra, who resides on Chitra Toli Road in Ara and runs a grocery shop, has been living in India on a visa since 1985. Her journey to citizenship has been long and challenging, involving numerous visits to police stations and embassies over the decades. Her citizenship was finally approved under the State Level Empowered Committee as per sub-rule (1).



## Jungle safari and green corridor to transform rural landscape, provide new jobs : Haryana Minister

**Gurugram, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Haryana's Environment, Forest and Wildlife Minister, Rao Narbir Singh, has said that the upcoming world's largest jungle safari and green corridor, set to be developed in the Aravalli mountain range in Gurugram and Nuh districts, will change the fate and landscape of the region's rural areas. He said that once the project is completed, it will not only aid in environmental conservation but also generate new employment opportunities for local residents in tourism. The Minister assured that his effort will be to ensure that every individual in the project area benefits from it. Singh said this while addressing citizens during his visit to the villages of Aklimpur, Tikli, Gairatpur Bas, and Sakatpur in the Badshahpur Assembly constituency on Thursday. Jungle Safari is to be built on about 10,000 acres in Gurugram and Nuh district in the Aravalli

mountain range in Haryana, he added. The Minister remarked that the Haryana government is committed towards the inclusive development of all regions in the state under PM Modi's slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'. He added that while maintaining the pace of development in Gurugram district, new milestones are being set to provide the region with a new identity in the global development and industrial sectors. "The state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, is implementing people-friendly policies with transparency."



## Fan murder case : Bail to actor Darshan, partner Pavithra Gowda challenged in SC

**Bengaluru, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Karnataka Police have challenged the bail granted by the High Court for Kannada star Darshan, his partner Pavithra Gowda and other accused in fan murder case in the Supreme Court. Bengaluru DCP West S. Girish confirmed that a Special Leave Petition (SLP) was filed in the Supreme Court on Monday. The police department has filed an appeal petition seeking the cancellation of bail of actor Darshan, partner Pavithra Gowda, another accused Laxman, Pradoosh, Nagaraju, Anukumar and Jagadish. The petition has been submitted through senior counsel Anil C Nishani, sources said.



## Enrolment of new women voters in Tripura higher than of men : Officials

**Agartala, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Enrolment of new women voters in Tripura, at 2,166, has been more than that of new male voters, leading to an increase of the gender ratio to 993 in the final electoral rolls from 991 of the draft electoral rolls, officials said here on Thursday. As per the instructions of the Election Commission, after the over two month long special summary revision of the photo electoral rolls with January 1, 2025, as the qualifying date, the final photo electoral rolls of all the 60 Assembly constituencies of Tripura were published on Monday. According to an election official,

Tripura's gender ratio of 993 in the electoral rolls is much higher than the national average of 948. The national gender ratio on the electoral rolls increased from 940 in 2023 to 948 in 2024, the official said. He said that the elector-population ratio of Tripura has also increased to 681 in the final electoral rolls as compared to 675 in the draft electoral rolls, published on October 29 last year. Against the total number of voters in the draft electoral rolls of 28,64,475, the total number of electors in the final rolls increased to 28,91,082, out of which, 14,50,709 are male, 14,40,229 are female, and 74 are third gender.

## Safe internet: Govt's GAC resolves 2,081 user appeals against social media intermediaries

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** In order to enhance grievance redressal framework for a safer internet, the government's Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) has resolved 2,081 user appeals and provided relief for 980 appeals through 1,214 orders issued, it was announced on Thursday. The GAC was established under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, as part of the government's

commitment to creating a safe, trusted, and accountable internet. Operational since January 2023, the GAC provides an online dispute resolution mechanism for users aggrieved by decisions of intermediaries' grievance officers. An average of over 300 appeals are being received per month in its second year, marking a significant increase from the first year. Around 10,000 users are registered on the platform. Towards achieving this goal, a workshop

was organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to address stakeholder concerns regarding a safer internet. It was attended by GAC members, social media intermediaries, and senior government officials.

The Centre urged social media intermediaries to act quickly against fake content to build public trust in grievance officers. It was also emphasised that GACs must work efficiently to

resolve issues promptly, ensuring users can navigate the internet safely and with confidence.

According to S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, GACs must ensure a swift grievance redressal process to address issues promptly, as trust in the mechanism is established only when complaints are resolved efficiently.

He also said that regular interaction between the appellate au-



thority and the regulatory framework is crucial for identifying potential issues and finding effective solutions, ultimately benefiting stakeholders. Bhuvnesh Kumar, Additional

Secretary, MeitY, the number of grievances received at the appellate level by the GACs was initially limited but has now seen a notable rise, primarily driven by increased public awareness.



## Markets regulator SEBI sends notice to Ola Electric for violating disclosure norms

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Electric vehicle (EV) company Ola Electric Mobility Limited has received an administrative warning from the markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), for violating disclosure norms.

The reason cited is that Ola Electric announced its e-scooter expansion plans first on social media instead of announcing it on the

stock exchanges.

In an administrative warning, sent via email on January 7 for violating various sections of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), 2015, the regulator asked the EV firm to ensure "equal, timely,



## Samsung misses Q4 profit forecast on missteps in AI chips

**Seoul, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Samsung Electronics on Thursday estimated its fourth-quarter operating profit more than doubled from a year earlier but missed market expectations due to lacklustre performance in its high-end memory chips for artificial intelligence accelerators.

The world's biggest maker of memory chips expected an operating profit of 6.5 trillion won (\$4.46 billion) for the three months ended in December, up from 2.82 trillion won a year earlier, the company said in a regulatory filing.

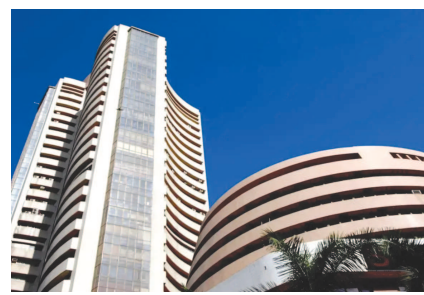
But the operating profit is 15.7 per cent lower than the average estimate based on a survey by Yonhap Infomax, the financial data firm of Yonhap News Agency. On-quarter, operating profit retreated 29.19 per cent from 9.18 trillion won. Samsung's lower-than-expected operating figure comes amid prolonged delays in securing Nvidia Corp.'s approval for its high bandwidth memory (HBM) chips for AI computing.



## Mahindra unveils new manufacturing, battery assembly facility

**Pune, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Automaker Mahindra on Thursday unveiled its new manufacturing and battery assembly facility at its Chakan plant, a fully integrated ecosystem dedicated to producing electric SUVs. To boost EV manufacturing, Mahindra has allocated Rs 4,500 crores out of the total Rs 16,000 crore planned in the F22-F27 investment cycle — which includes powertrain development, two product top hats including soft-

ware and tech and manufacturing capacity. The company said the new EV manufacturing hub is a fully integrated, highly automated manufacturing ecosystem that leverages over 1,000 robots and multiple automated transfer systems. The EV facility also targets a 25 per cent gender diversity ratio, reinforcing the plant's inclusive and future-ready work culture. "Driven by this foundation, Mahindra is now charged up to roll out next-generation Electric Origin SUVs," the automaker said in a statement. The facility deploys over 500 robots and fully automated transfer systems in body shop, all monitored via an IoT-based "Nerve Center" for real-time process insights and end to end traceability.



## Indian stock market opens flat, Nifty below 23,700

**Mumbai, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The domestic benchmark indices opened flat on Thursday as selling was seen in the auto, IT, PSU bank, financial service, FMCG, metal, realty and media sectors. At around 9.28 am, Sensex was trading at 78,014.77 after dropping 184.34 points or 0.24 per cent, while Nifty was trading at 23,662.2 after declining 45.70 points or 0.19 per cent.

On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), 749 stocks were trading in green, while 826 stocks were in red. Nifty Bank was down 117.25 points or 0.23 per cent at 50,084.90. Nifty Midcap 100 index was trading at 56,405.35 after dropping 463.95 points or 0.82 per cent. Nifty Smallcap 100 index was at 18,568.10 after declining 105.35 points or 0.56 per cent.

## Per capita nominal GDP in FY25 to grow by Rs 35,000 more than FY23: Economists

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Despite a slowdown in real GDP growth, per capita nominal GDP in India is expected to increase significantly in FY25, by at least Rs 35,000 more than FY23, economists have said.

The first advance estimate (AE) of GDP for FY25 by the National Statistical Office (NSO) indicates GDP growth at 6.4 per cent. The gross value added (GVA) growth is also estimated at 6.4 per cent. Nominal GDP growth is estimated to remain flattish, increasing by 9.7

per cent in FY25 (9.6 per cent in FY24). "Historically, the difference between RBI's estimate and NSO's estimate is always in the range of 20-30 bps and hence the 6.4 per cent estimate of FY25 is along expected and reasonable lines.



## LG Electronics' operating profit drops 53.2 pc in Q4

**Seoul, Jan 9 (IANS) :** LG Electronics, South Korea's leading home appliance maker, on Thursday estimated its fourth-quarter operating profit decreased more than 53 percent from a year earlier due to global economic uncertainties. Operating profit for the three months ended in December dropped to an estimated 146.1 billion won (\$100.7 million) from 312.5 billion won in the same period of 2023, the

company said in a regulatory filing. Sales, however, increased 0.2 per cent to 22.77 trillion won. The data for net earnings was not available, reports Yonhap news agency.

For the whole of 2024, LG Electronics said its operating profit likely decreased 6.1 per cent on-year to 3.43 trillion won, while its sales climbed 6.7 percent to hit an all-time high of 87.74 trillion won. The company said its operating profit went down due to a

rise in shipping costs and one-off costs sparked by its stock consolidation efforts, but its flagship home appliances business showed robust performance. LG Electronics' home appliances unit is expected to post annual sales of over 30 trillion won for the second consecutive year in 2024.

The company will release its final earnings report later this month.

Meanwhile, the company announced a strategic partnership with Microsoft, aiming to



lead artificial intelligence (AI) innovations by combining its customer insights from various devices and spaces with the U.S. tech giant's advanced AI

technologies. Under the partnership, the two companies will collaborate on the development and advancement of AI agents for use in

various spaces ranging from homes to vehicles, hotels, offices and more. LG Electronics CEO Cho Joo-wan said during a press event at CES 2025 in Las Vegas.

LG Electronics has incorporated Microsoft's speech recognition and synthesis technologies in its AI home hub project, enabling the AI to understand customers' various accents in different situations. LG Electronics and Microsoft also plan to co-develop a new AI agent that not only interacts with customers but also predicts their needs and preferences.

## Punjab's first town to collect wet, dry household waste separately

**Chandigarh, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Punjab Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Thursday inaugurated the state's first pilot project of door-to-door collection and segregation plant to enable wet and dry waste to be collected separately from each household in Khanna town. Sond said the pilot project with an outlay of Rs 4 crore would continue for a year. After the success

of this project, it will be started in other areas of Punjab as well, he said. The Minister said the government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is striving to make the state garbage-free and to fulfill this goal, the first pilot project of the state has been started from Khanna city. He said wet and dry garbage and solid waste will be collected separately from every household of

every ward of Khanna. He said with the start of this project, garbage will not be dumped at any other point of the city. As a result of this, the garbage will be eliminated from all the wards. He said all the residential, commercial, and street vendors will be issued a unique identification number which would be linked to an app. A nominal bill for garbage collection will be sent to each user

on their mobile phone through a message. The Minister said the city residents can pay the user charges both online and offline. A complaint cell has also been set up in this regard, the toll-free number of which is 1800-121-5721. Any complaint regarding garbage received on this toll-free number will be processed within 60 minutes. He said there would



be GPS tracking of all the vehicles collecting garbage. The details of all these vehicles will be displayed live on the screen of the established control room.

The Minister said his dream was to make Khanna City clean and beautiful, so this effort is being made for the fulfillment of this goal.

## Rajasthan health dept to set up separate OPDs for Covid-19, swine flu patients



**Jaipur, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Amid the cold weather and rise in seasonal diseases in Rajasthan, the State Health Department on Thursday issued directions to healthcare facilities to establish separate outpatient department (OPD) and inpatient department (IPD) arrangements for patients infected with Covid-19, swine flu, and influenza, officials said. Additionally, it mandates genome sequencing of Covid-19 samples when cases are detected. These in-

structions were outlined in a letter issued by Ravi Prakash Mathur, Director of the Rajasthan Health Department, to all chief medical health officers, medical college principals, hospital superintendents, and primary medical officers of district hospitals. The letter highlighted that 921 cases of swine flu and Covid-19 were reported in the state between January and March 2024, with a surge during the winter season. In anticipation of a similar trend this year, healthcare professionals have been advised to remain vigilant and follow treatment protocols for symptomatic patients. The Health Department Director has instructed hospital superintendents to create separate OPD and IPD facilities for suspected swine flu and Covid-19 patients. Dedicated isolation wards are to be set up in IPDs for severe cases to prevent the spread of infection in general wards. Moreover, OPD areas for suspected cases must be segregated to ensure proper treatment and minimise exposure to other patients. The directive also emphasises conducting genome sequencing for Covid-19 cases. Hospitals are instructed to send samples to Sawai Man Singh Medical College, Jodhpur Medical College, and Kota Medical College in Jaipur for this analysis.



## Rahul was on study tour in Vietnam: Rawat on LoP's absence during mourning

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's visit to Vietnam during the national mourning for former Prime Minister late Manmohan Singh was on Thursday termed a 'study tour' by former Uttarakhand Chief Minister and Congress leader Harish Rawat. "I believe he has gone to Vietnam to study its economy and social system that are currently a model.

## No need for Dhananjay Munde to resign over Beed killing issue: Chhagan Bhujbal

**Mumbai, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Amid a demand for NCP minister Dhananjay Munde's resignation until the ongoing investigation into the brutal killing of Massajog sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh from Beed district, the party's veteran leader and former minister Chhagan Bhujbal on Thursday came to his defence, saying there was no need for him to step down right now. "Munde's resignation is being sought. I want to tell you that Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has clearly said that the government will conduct a thorough investigation and take action against everyone found guilty. "Why are they demanding Munde's resignation before that? Has anything come out of the investigation? If you have anything, give it to the police. Until something comes out of the investigation, it is wrong to demand his resignation. I don't think this is right," Chhagan Bhujbal told reporters. Bhujbal recalled how he resigned after the multi-crore stamp scam involving Abdul



Telgi in 2003. "I have been through such a case. In 2003, during my stint as the state Home Minister, Telgi was arrested and a case was filed against him. My resignation was taken as at that time, I was the Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister. But after seeing the situation, I went to the Supreme Court. Through the Supreme Court, this case went to the CBI. "At that time, there was a BJP government at the Centre. The CBI investigated and ruled that I was not guilty as my name was not there in the charge sheet. However, I lost my post and my image was tarnished.

## Jharkhand CM transfers Rs 2,500 each to 56 lakh women under 'Maiya Samman Yojana'

**Ranchi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday transferred Rs 2,500 each as the December instalment under the 'Maiya Samman Yojana' to the bank accounts of over 56 lakh women across the state. A grand event was organised at Namkum Khojatoli

Ground in Ranchi to mark the occasion, with approximately two lakh women from various parts of the state attending. Addressing the gathering, CM Soren said, "This initiative is a significant step towards making women financially self-reliant. I am pleased to fulfill the promises made by our government before the elec-

tions." By pressing a remote button, the CM transferred a total of Rs 1,415.44 crore to the accounts of 56,61,791 women under the scheme. Initially launched five months ago with a monthly instalment of Rs 1,000, the scheme saw an increase to Rs 2,500 per month following a Cabinet decision ahead of the announcement of elections.



## CBI will raid Manish Sisodia's house in next few days: Kejriwal's startling claim

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday made some startling and sensational claims about 'imminent' CBI raids on the premises of his close aide and ex-Deputy CM Manish Sisodia. Taking to his social media handle X, Kejriwal claimed that reliable sources have confirmed that Manish Sisodia will face raids by CBI sleuths in the next few days at the behest of the BJP-led government at the Centre. He claimed that the BJP was frustrated and rattled with the AAP's model of growth in the national Capital and hence was resorting to such 'devious' ways to score political points. "I had said a few days ago that Delhi CM Atishi ji would be arrested and some AAP leaders would be raided. According to reliable sources.



## Will increase opportunities: Pathankot locals count benefits as PM inaugurates Jammu railway division

**Pathankot, Jan 9 (IANS) :** As Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the new Jammu Railway Division, locals in Pathankot expressed their excitement, calling the move a game-changer for the region's economy and connectivity. Talking to IANS, one local resident shared, "It will surely help all the people of Pathankot. It will boost business activities and provide a direct link to the Jammu rail division. This will certainly increase opportunities for everyone." Another resident added, "This development will benefit almost everyone. It will support businesses, help Army personnel travel efficiently, and improve earnings. Tourists, too, will now find it easier to travel, something they struggled with before."

## Delhi engulfed in dense fog; flights, trains experience continued delays

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The national capital was enveloped in thick fog on Thursday, affecting visibility and exacerbating winter challenges. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported a temperature of 11.6 degrees Celsius in Delhi at 5:30 a.m., with a minimum forecast of 8 degrees Celsius and a maximum of 19 degrees Celsius for the day. Due to low visibility conditions in Delhi, over 400 flights were delayed at Delhi airport on Wednesday. SpiceJet, in a post on X.

## Medical hub to be created in Tripura : CM Manik Saha

**Agartala, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Thursday reiterated that the state government would create a medical hub in the state, the Chief Minister's Office said. Addressing a lamp lighting and oath-taking ceremony of the second batch of Agartala Government Nursing College at the Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital Complex here, the Chief Minister said that the state government is working on a priority basis to strengthen the healthcare system and overall infrastructure in the state.

"The Tripura government is trying to further strengthen the health system in the state so that the people of the state do not need to go outside it for advanced and modern medical treatment. To speed up health services, nurses must establish a good relationship with the patients' families while providing services to the patients," said CM Saha, who is himself a dental surgeon. CM Saha, who also holds the Health portfolio, said the topic of nursing reminds him of Florence Nightingale, the architect of modern nursing. "She (Florence Nightingale) established the nursing profession as a service-oriented vocation rather than merely a profession. She healed the seriously injured and dying soldiers in the Crimean War through her dedicated service. Some people are born in this world



and are forever remembered through their work. One such person was Florence Nightingale, who spread nursing practices worldwide," the Chief Minister said. He emphasised that the nursing management of any institution must be robust. CM Saha said that alongside doctors, nurses can enhance the reputation of the institution through their service. "There is no substitute for hard work. The students of this nursing institution must move forward, guided by the ideals of Florence Nightingale. One must remember that the work entrusted to me must be done with utmost dedication.



## South Korea : Prosecutors indict military intelligence commander in martial law probe

**Seoul, Jan 9 (IANS) :** South Korean prosecutors on Thursday indicted the top military intelligence commander over his alleged involvement in President Yoon Suk Yeol's botched martial law imposition last month. The prosecution's special investigation team indicted Defence Intelligence Commander Major general Moon Sang-ho on charges of playing an "integral" role in an insurrection and abuse of power. Moon is suspected of sending

troops to the National Election Commission's office in Gwacheon, south of Seoul, on the night of the short-lived martial law imposition on December 3. He is also suspected of discussing martial law operations with Noh Sang-won, a former defence intelligence commander, alongside two other subordinates, at a burger franchise in Gyeonggi Province two days ahead of the martial law imposition, Yonhap news agency reported. Earlier on December 31, 2024, prosecutors indicted the chiefs of



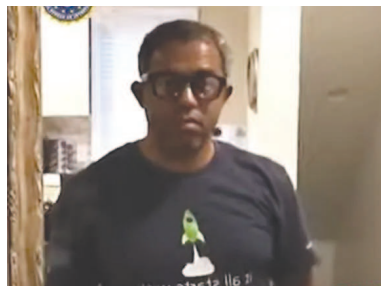
the Defence Counterintelligence Command and the Capital Defence Command over their alleged role in President Yoon Suk Yeol's botched martial law imposition earlier that month. The prosecution's special investigation headquarters indicted Lieutenant General Yeo In-hyung of the Defence Counterintelligence Command and Lieutenant General Lee Jin-woo of the Capital Defence Command, with physical detention.



## South Korea vows to bolster alliance with US during Blinken's Seoul visit

**Seoul, Jan 9 (IANS) :** South Korea's National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik met with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken here on Thursday and discussed ways to strengthen co-operation between South Korea and the United States, officials said. The meeting at the National Assembly came as the top US diplomat visited Seoul amid efforts to ensure its alliance with the US remains strong despite political uncertainties coming from last month's botched martial law imposition. In the meeting, Woo requested continued support from the US, adding that a special parliamentary delegation is set to travel to the US soon to explain South Korea's situation and seek cooperation for their alliance. "On top of a national crisis over the martial law imposition, the Republic of Korea is in great grief due to the passenger aircraft trag-

edy," Woo was quoted as saying. "But as we have survived numerous national crises, such as colonial rule, (territory) division and dictatorship, I am certain we will overcome this crisis," he said. An official at the National Assembly said Blinken is the first US state secretary to visit the parliament to meet with a South Korean National Assembly speaker, Yonhap news agency reported. Earlier in the day, Blinken paid a courtesy call on acting President Choi Sang-mok, and discussed North Korea's nuclear development and military alignment with Russia with Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul.



## Investigators probing New Orleans Islamic State terrorist's Canada link

**New York, Jan 9 (IANS) :** As investigations into the New Orleans attack cross international borders, a spotlight has been put on the terrorist's possible links to Canada from where terror threats to the US emanate. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent Lyonel Myrthil said on Thursday that Shamsud-Din Jabbar had visited Ontario Province in Canada for three days last year. His visit there in July 2023 followed a trip to Egypt starting the previous month. "Our agents are getting answers as to where he went, who he met with and how those trips may or may not tie into his actions here in our city," Myrthil said at a news conference in New Orleans. Jabbar has proclaimed his allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) and said he had joined.

## Australia's fatal light aircraft crashes claim 27 lives in 2024

**Canberra, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Fatal light aircraft crashes claimed 27 lives in 20 unnecessary accidents last year in Australia after two consecutive years of recording 33 deaths, according to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).



## India, US working together to build next generation semiconductors: NSA Sullivan

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** IIT Delhi hosted Jake Sullivan, the US National Security Advisor (NSA), on Thursday as the latter said that both countries are working together to build next-generation semiconductors further boosting the diplomatic partnership between the two allies. Speaking at the event hosted by IIT Delhi, Sullivan said, "Being here at IIT Delhi with young technologists.



## Indonesia officially launches free meal programme

**Jakarta, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Indonesia launched its free meal programme on Thursday, a key initiative of the government led by President Prabowo Subianto and Vice President Gibran Rakabuming Raka, to improve the nutrition of its citizens. "Our goal is to reach three million beneficiaries from January to April," said Dadan Hindayana, head of the National Nutrition Agency, on Monday. He emphasised that the programme will be implemented in stages, with daily evaluations to ensure effective delivery. The initial phase is being rolled out in 26 of the

country's 38 provinces, prioritising school students as the first group to receive assistance. It will then include toddlers, pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers. Hasan Nasbi, head of the Indonesian Presidential Communication Office, reported that 190 kitchens are currently operational to provide meals across the 26 provinces. He expressed hope that the programme will achieve a target of 937 kitchens by the end of January, with an ultimate goal of 5,000 kitchens by the end of 2025, capable of serving up to 20 million beneficiaries, Xinhua news agency reported. Last August, Indonesia's Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati announced the government's plans to expand its free meals

programme to benefit not only school students but also pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and toddlers. "The government agreed with the parliamentary factions that the free meals programme, funded by the state budget, should also target pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and toddlers," Indrawati said during a hearing with parliament in the last week of August 2024.



## Tribunal established by Sheikh Hasina issues arrest warrant against former Bangladesh PM

**Dhaka, Jan 9 (IANS) :** A special tribunal in Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, has ordered an arrest warrant for former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 11 other people over incidents of enforced disappearances. The two-member International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh (ICT-BD), led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Majumdar, is-

sued the warrant on Thursday in Dhaka. Ironically, the tribunal was established by the government led by Sheikh Hasina under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act to provide for the detection, prosecution and punishment of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other crimes un-

der International Law committed by the Pakistani Army, with the help of their local collaborators, in the territory of Bangladesh during the 1971 Liberation War. Hasina's former Defence Advisor, Major General (retired) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, and former Inspector General of Bangladesh Police, Benazir

Ahmed, are among the other suspects. Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam told journalists that they have applied for arrest warrants for a total of 12 people in a case of enforced disappearances. "Among them, dismissed Major General Ziaul Ahsan has been ordered to be produced as he is behind the bar.

## Jeju Air to cut 188 international flights from Busan after deadly crash

**Seoul, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Jeju Air, the embattled low-cost carrier facing intense scrutiny over a recent aircraft crash that claimed 179 lives, said on Thursday it plans to cut 188 international flights departing from Busan in the first quarter, with a total operational reduction plan to be finalised this week. Following the tragic December 29 crash, Jeju Air announced plans to cut flight

operations by 10-15 per cent by March to enhance operational safety, reports Yonhap news agency. According to the company, flights from Busan, South Korea's southeastern port city, to Clark of the Philippines have been canceled from January 22 to March 30, resulting in a reduction of 78 flights. Additionally, flights from Busan to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, have been canceled from February 3 to March 29, resulting



in 110 reduced flights. The airline's overall reduction plan for the January-March period, including measures to cut flights on routes departing from Incheon, the country's main gateway with the highest volume of operations, is expected to be finalised this week. The total reduction is expected to amount to approximately 1,900 flights in the quarter, according to industry watchers.

## Major bushfire in Australia contained after three weeks

**Sydney, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Cooler conditions and rain have allowed authorities in the southeastern Australian state of Victoria to contain a major bushfire that has been burning since mid-December. Victorian authorities on Thursday downgraded emergency warnings for the bushfire in the Grampians National Park, about 230 km west of Melbourne, and allowed evacuated residents of nearby towns to return home. Firefighters were able to contain the fire after temperatures dropped to a maximum of 40 degrees Celsius (C) on Sunday to under

15C on Monday, with the cool change bringing rainfall. The fire, which was sparked by lightning on December 16, has burned through more than 76,000 hectares of land in the national park.





### Estranged Left-backed MLA Anvar granted bail in vandalism case

**Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The arrest of Nilambur legislator P.V. Anvar late night has sparked growing support for the estranged Left-backed leader. Arrested for allegedly vandalizing the District Forest Office on Sunday, Anvar was granted bail by Nilambur First Class Magistrate court on Thursday. Leader of Opposition V.D. Satheesan on Thursday condemned the arrest, further fueling the controversy. Anvar, who had parted ways with the CPI(M)-led Left after criticizing Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, had been attempting to ally with the Congress-led opposition. However, Satheesan strongly opposed the move, and no alliance materialized.



### BJD stages massive protest against price rise

**Bhubaneswar, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Thursday staged a massive protest against the rise of prices of various commodities in the state. Thousands of BJD workers and senior leaders of the party assembled at the Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar to protest against the price rise. BJD supremo and former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik also joined the protest and attacked the BJP's double engine government (both at Centre and state) over price rise and Goods and Services Tax (GST). Taking a dig at the ruling BJP, the Leader of Opposition Patnaik said, "The BJP government which was formed in June 2024 has already completed seven months. We have been hearing

only tall talks while on the work front their achievement is zero. The prices are soaring but there is no action to control it." "This government is claiming to be the people's government but it doesn't seem they have any connection with people and their hardships. The price of essential commodities from grocery items like Dal or edible oil to medicines has skyrocketed. Government has no control over the market," added Patnaik. The former CM further alleged that the farmers in the state are committing suicide every day over the crop loss due to the unseasonal rains which have been adding salt to their injury. He said the life of the common man has become miserable. The women and farmers are in distress but the government

is in deep sleep, alleged Patnaik. He further charged that the ruling BJP, despite securing less votes than BJD, has grabbed the power by making false promises to people. The LoP Patnaik stated that the double-engine government has doubled the woes of people with GST and price rises. Patnaik said people are forced to pay more in taxes because of the draconian GST. The BJD chief asserted that the protest by 4.5 crore Odia people will unmask the real face of the BJP government. Meanwhile, Odisha Supplies Minister Krushna Patra called the BJD protest over price rise as a drama only. Denying allegations of price rise, the minister also held the 24-year rule of BJD responsible for the rise of prices.

### 91 kg of heroin blocks seized in Myanmar

**Yangon, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Myanmar authorities have seized 91 kg of heroin blocks in eastern Myanmar's Shan state, the state-run daily Myanmar Alinn reported on Thursday. Acting on a tip-off, anti-narcotics police searched a vehicle in Kengtung township in Shan state on January 1, and seized the narcotics, the report said. The confiscated narcotics are worth 1.365 billion kyats (about \$650,000), and two suspects were arrested for the case, it said. According to the investigation, the drugs were being transported from Kunhing township to Tachileik township in Shan state. The suspects were charged under the country's law, and further investigations are ongoing, Xinhua news agency reported.

Earlier on January 4, Myanmar authorities seized 60 kg of ICE (methamphetamine) in eastern Myanmar's Shan state, as reported by the state-run daily The Mirror. Acting on a tip-off, anti-narcotics police had searched a vehicle in Kengtung township in eastern Shan state on December 30, and confiscated the narcotics, the report said. The seized drugs were valued at 480 million kyats (about \$228,571) on the black market, and a suspect was arrested in connection with the case. Investigations revealed that the drugs had been transported from Mong Ping township to Tachileik township in Shan state. The suspect was charged under the country's law, and further investigations were ongoing.



### Tensions rise as Pakistan warns Afghanistan of more cross-border strikes

**Islamabad, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Justifying its recent airstrikes in Afghanistan's Paktika province, the Pakistan government on Monday stated that it would carry out more such attacks inside the Afghan territory to target Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) hideouts, if necessary. "We have the legal right to continue these operations if Afghan soil is used to attack Pakistan," Rana Sanaullah, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on political affairs, was quoted as saying by the local media on Thursday. On December 24, Pakistani air strikes inside Afghanistan resulted in the death of 46 people.



### Sullivan meets NSA Doval, highlights US efforts to bolster civil nuclear cooperation with India

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** US National Security Advisor (NSA) Jake Sullivan on Thursday emphasised efforts of the outgoing Biden administration in finalising necessary steps to delist Indian nuclear entities to promote civil nuclear cooperation and resilient clean energy supply chains. Sullivan met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his Indian counterpart NSA Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Monday during his farewell two-

day India visit ahead of Donald Trump being sworn in as the 47th president of the United States on January 20. He was accompanied by a delegation of senior US government officials. During their meeting, the two NSAs, who have engaged regularly in a high-level dialogue through extensive discussions on

a broad bilateral, regional and global agenda, reviewed the ongoing progress in their high-level dialogue, including in diverse fields such as defence, cyber and maritime security. "US NSA Jake Sullivan briefed the Indian side on the updates brought out by the Biden administration to US missile export control policies under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) that will boost US commercial space cooperation with India. Reflecting the progress the United States and India have made—and will continue to make—as strategic partners and countries with a shared commitment to peaceful nuclear cooperation, NSA Sullivan announced US efforts to finalize necessary steps to delist Indian nuclear entities, which will promote civil nuclear cooperation and resilient clean energy supply chains," read a joint press statement issued by both

countries following the Sullivan-Doval meeting. Both NSAs have acknowledged that the iCET, unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden on the side lines of the Quad Summit in Tokyo in May 2022, would play a defining role in deepening the strategic partnership between the two countries. Since then, the two NSAs have driven concrete initiatives between the two countries across a range of areas including Artificial Intelligence, quantum computing, semiconductors, telecommunications, defence and space. Sullivan also called on PM Modi and handed over to him a letter from President Biden. During their meeting, Prime Minister Modi asserted that the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership has scaled new heights.

### North Korea fires suspected hypersonic missile in its first provocation in new year

**Seoul, Jan 9 (IANS) :** North Korea fired a suspected hypersonic missile into the East Sea on Thursday, the South Korean military said, marking its first provocation in the new year ahead of US President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration. The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it detected the launch of a suspected intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) at about

12 p.m. from the Pyongyang area and it flew some 1,100 kilometres before splashing into the waters. While the missile's flight range fell short of the 3,000 to 5,500 km usually covered by IRBMs, it is suspected to have characteristics similar to North Korea's intermediate-range hypersonic missiles launched in January and April last year, a JCS official said. If confirmed to be a

hypersonic missile, it would be the farthest range travelled by a North Korean missile of its kind. The latest launch took place as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was visiting Seoul for talks on efforts to deter North Korean threats amid political turmoil in South Korea stemming from President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid.



### Baba Banda Singh Bahadur memorial to focus on promoting martial arts, says Union Minister Khattar

**Chandigarh, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini jointly chaired the meeting of the Lohgarh Project Development Committee on Thursday and directed that the memorial should also focus more on promoting the traditional Sikh martial arts. The committee was formed to oversee the development of the world-class Baba Banda Singh

Bahadur Memorial, which will be built at Lohgarh in Yamunanagar district. For this, the state government has constituted the Lohgarh Project Development Committee to monitor the progress of the memorial. Union Minister Khattar serves as the Chief patron of the committee, while Chief Minister Saini is its Chairman. During the meeting, Union Minister Khattar directed the officials to accelerate the progress of establishing the world-class heritage memorial, ensuring that the project is completed and dedicated to the people at the earliest. He said the memorial should primarily focus on the biography of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, which should reflect the heroic saga of his bravery and sacrifice. He also suggested that the memorial must comprise a museum dedicated to the battles fought by Baba Banda Singh Bahadur and other Sikh Gurus against the Mughals across the country.



## Austrian president gives Freedom Party mandate to form government

**Vienna, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen on Thursday tasked Freedom Party leader Herbert Kickl with forming a new government after recent coalition talks without the far-right party collapsed. Van der Bellen announced the decision following a one-hour talk with Kickl around noon. Speaking at a press conference, the president said that the political landscape had shifted, as the People's Party was now ready to negotiate a coalition under Kickl's leadership. Kickl expressed confidence in finding viable solutions and affirmed willingness to take the responsibility, Van der Bellen was quoted as saying by Austrian news agency APA. The Freedom Party has previously served as a junior coalition partner but has never led an Austrian government. The Austrian president's latest move follows the collapse of three-party coalition talks involving the People's Party, the Social Democratic Party and the NEOS party.



## US Congress certifies Trump winner of 2024 election

**Washington, Jan 9 (IANS) :** The US Congress on Thursday certified President-elect Donald Trump's victory in the November 2024 election, peacefully wrapping up a ritual his supporters had tried to prevent in 2021 in the misleading belief that he had been cheated of a win. Vice-President Kamala Harris presided over the process on a snowy day that amounted essentially to certifying her own defeat to Trump as the Democratic Party nominee.

"The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538 within that whole number, the majority is 270," Harris said ending the proceedings.

"The votes for President of the United States are as follows. Donald J Trump of the State of Florida has received 312 votes. Kamala D. Harris of the State of California has received 226 votes. The number of electors appointed to vote for Vice-President of the United States is 538 within that whole number, a majority is 270. The votes for Vice-President of the United States are as follows: JD Vance of the State of Ohio has received 312 votes." "This announcement of the state of the vote by the President of the Senate shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President.



## UAE, Syrian FMs meet on bilateral ties, developments in Syria

**Abu Dhabi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Thursday met with visiting Syria's interim Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shibani on bilateral ties and developments in Syria. The two sides discussed ways to enhance the "strong fraternal" bilateral relations in areas of mutual interest, reviewed the overall developments in Syria and the current regional situation, and addressed "several issues of mutual

concern," the UAE Foreign Ministry said in a statement. Sheikh Abdullah "reaffirmed the UAE's steadfast stance in supporting Syria's independence and sovereignty over its entire territory" and voiced the country's "solidarity with the Syrian people and its support for all regional and international efforts aimed at fulfilling their aspirations for security, peace, stability, and a dignified life," it said. Following the meeting, Syria's interim Foreign Ministry posted four photos on social media platform X showing al-Shibani shaking hands and having talks with Sheikh Abdullah. According to the two ministries, the meeting was also attended by senior officials from both sides, including defence ministers of the two countries, Xinhua news agency reported.

## Israeli PM approves measures in West Bank after deadly shooting

**Jerusalem, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that he had approved "offensive and defensive" measures in the Israeli-occupied West Bank following a deadly shooting attack. In a statement released by his office on Thursday, Netanyahu did not specify the details of the measures but said they included operations to apprehend the perpetrators and "a series of additional offensive and defensive actions." He noted that the decision followed "a situation assessment" with senior security officials, Xinhua news agency reported.

The attack, which took place near al-Funduq, a Palestinian village in the northeastern West Bank, involved gunmen opening fire from a vehicle on an Israeli bus and a private vehicle. Three Israelis -- two women in their 70s and a policeman -- were killed, and seven others were injured, according to Magen David Adom rescue service.

The suspects fled the scene, prompting an ongoing manhunt, the Israeli military said in a statement.



Israeli military troops and Shin Bet agents have been deployed in the area, preparing for potential revenge attacks by settlers and working to prevent settlers from reaching sensitive locations, Israel's Ha'aretz newspaper reported.

In recent months, attacks by settler activists on Palestinian villages have increased, including incidents of arson and, in some cases, killings. The shooting occurred amid esca-

lating tensions in the occupied Palestinian territories, which Israel seized in the 1967 war, and as negotiators were meeting in Doha, Qatar, for renewed efforts to secure a ceasefire agreement in Gaza.

Earlier Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz issued a stern warning to Hezbollah, stating that if the armed group does not withdraw all forces north of the Litani River, Israel will break the ceasefire agreement.



## UN envoy visits Yemen's Sanaa to advance peace efforts

**Aden, Jan 9 (IANS) :** United Nations Special Envoy to Yemen Hans Grundberg arrived in the Yemeni capital Sanaa, marking his first visit in nearly two years as part of efforts to push forward the stalled peace process. A source at Sanaa International Airport told Xinhua that Grundberg, who landed on a UN plane on Thursday with a team of assistants, was received by Houthi officials and left the airport shortly after for the city center.

In a brief statement posted on X, Grundberg emphasised that his visit aims to "urge for concrete and essential actions" by the Houthi group to advance the peace process, Xinhua news agency reported. The envoy stated that his visit is part of "continuing efforts to support the release of arbitrarily detained UN,

NGO, civil society and diplomatic mission personnel." Grundberg's trip follows a meeting on Sunday in Muscat with the head of the Houthi negotiating delegation, where he reiterated the need for tangible measures to facilitate peace talks. The visit is the first by the UN envoy in nearly two years, as tensions and detentions of international staff have hindered the progress of the talks. Over the past two years, the Houthis have detained dozens of employees from UN agencies and international and local non-governmental organisations.

Yemen has been in a state of uneasy calm since October 2, 2022, when the government and the Houthi group failed to renew and expand a UN-brokered truce.

Despite years of diplomatic efforts, neither side has shown a willingness to resume negotiations to end the conflict, which the UN estimates has killed hundreds of thousands of people and pushed millions to the brink of famine in Yemen.



## Iran ready for nuclear talks 'based on dignity': spokesman

**Tehran, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baghaei said on Thursday that the country is ready for negotiations "based on honour and dignity" to address concerns about its nuclear program and lift sanctions.

He made the remarks at a weekly press conference in Tehran, in reply to a question about the likelihood of negotiations between Iran and the United States.

Baghaei said Iran always believes in dialogue, stressing that Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi had explicitly declared the country's latest position that "we are ready for dignity and honor-based negotiations on lifting sanctions.

## Palestine's GDP shrinks 28 pc, unemployment up to 51 pc in 2024

**Ramallah, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Palestine's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by 28 per cent and its unemployment rate increased to 51 per cent in 2024, the Ramallah-based Ministry of Economy said in a statement. "The Palestinian economy is facing an unprecedented shock due to the Israeli war on Gaza and the deduction of tax funds, which has significantly impacted the GDP," it said. Israel collects taxes on behalf of the Palestinian Authority for imports into Palestinian territories and transfers the funds on a monthly basis, Xinhua news agency reported. Trade exchanges between Palestine and the outside world fell 11 per cent year-on-year in 2024, the ministry added. Amidst repeated



Israeli military incursions, the systematic destruction of infrastructure, restrictions on the movement of people and goods, and the closure of all crossings with Gaza, among others, Gaza has witnessed the collapse of all economic activities, whereas the West Bank has also

seen a sharp decline in economic activities, it noted. Israel has been conducting a large-scale offensive against Hamas in Gaza to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on October 7, 2023.

## India condemns Pak airstrikes on Afghanistan, says 'old practice' to blame neighbours for internal failures

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** India on Thursday condemned the recent Pakistani airstrikes on Afghanistan, emphasising that it is Islamabad's "old practice" to blame its neighbours for its own internal failures. "We have noted the media reports on airstrikes on Afghan

civilians, including women and children, in which several precious lives have been lost," said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), on Monday while responding to media queries regarding airstrikes on Afghan civilians. "We unequivocally condemn any attack on innocent civilians. It is

an old practice of Pakistan to blame its neighbours for its own internal failures. We have also noted the response of an Afghan spokesperson in this regard," he added. On December 24, Pakistani airstrikes inside Afghanistan resulted in the death of 46 people, including several women and children,

inviting worldwide criticism and a stern warning from the current regime in the war-torn country. The airstrikes by Pakistani fighter jets on parts of Barmal district in Paktika province was the second instance in 2024 of Islamabad directly hitting "civilian areas" on Afghan territory. In March 2024, a similar strike had killed eight



people, including three children. "Afghans will not forget the invasion of their territory, and Pakistani rulers should adopt a measured policy," said Acting Afghan

Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, two days after the air strikes.

During his speech at an event marking the 45th anniversary of the Soviet invasion, Muttaqi had strongly advised Pakistan to "learn from the fate of the Soviet Union and the United States", emphasising that Afghanistan will never accept invasions. He also called on the people of Pakistan to stop their rulers' wrong policies.

League Cup: Bergvall fires Tottenham to first-leg semis victory over Liverpool

**London, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Tottenham Hotspur took a significant step toward ending their 15-year trophy drought with a gritty 1-0 victory over defending champions Liverpool in the first leg of the League Cup semifinal on Thursday. Lucas Bergvall, the 18-year-old Swedish sensation, emerged as the hero, netting his maiden goal for Spurs in the dying moments of the match to snap Liverpool's 24-game unbeaten streak across all competitions. Arne Slot's Liverpool came into the game as favourites, having secured a dominant 6-3 Premier League victory.



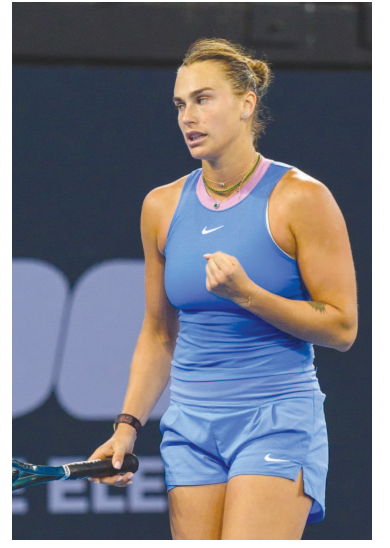
Connolly earns maiden call-up for Sri Lanka Test; McSweeney, Kuhnemann, Murphy included

**Melbourne, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Western Australia's young all-rounder Cooper Connolly has received his maiden Test call-up, while Nathan McSweeney has been recalled after missing the latter part of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy as Australia announced a 16-player squad for the upcoming two-Test tour of Sri Lanka, scheduled to kick off from January 29 in Galle. The squad also includes emerging talents Sam Konstas and Beau Webster, both rewarded for their impressive debuts during the India series. Connolly, a 21-year-old left-handed batter and left-arm spinner, has been included as a versatile all-round option. Connolly's selection not only underscores his potential but also signals the selectors' intent to develop young players in challenging subcontinental conditions.

Sinner, Sabalenka to headline Aus Open draw; Djokovic, Alcaraz set for potential QF

**Melbourne, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Defending champions Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka headlined the men's and women's singles draws, as a star-studded lineup for the Australian Open 2025 was unveiled on Thursday at Melbourne Park. World No. 1 Sinner, who secured his maiden Australian Open title last year, will kick off his campaign against Chilean Nicolas Jarry in the first round. Sinner, coming off a remarkable 2024 season, is looking to solidify

his position as the top player on the ATP Tour. Ten-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic faces a potentially tricky opener against wildcard Nishesh Basavareddy, a rising American talent. The Serb, determined to reclaim the title he last won in 2023, could meet third-seeded Carlos Alcaraz in a blockbuster quarterfinal clash.



Golf: Japanese trio Hoshino, Onishi, Kanaya to debut in Hawaii

**Hawaii, Jan 9 (IANS) :** A trio of aspiring Japanese – Rikuya Hoshino, Kaito Onishi and Takumi Kanaya – will make dream debuts as PGA Tour members at this week's Sony Open. Hoshino, 28, traversed the globe in 2024, where he competed in no fewer than 15 different coun-

tries to secure his PGA Tour card via the DP World Tour Top-10 while Kanaya, 26, played primarily on the Japan Golf Tour with the occasional forays to the U.S. to attend Qualifying School, where he fought to a solo third finish in the cutthroat Final Stage for his playing rights.



'Not sure yet' : Bailey updates on Cummins participation in Champions Trophy

**Melbourne, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Australia's chairman of selectors, George Bailey, has provided an update on the fitness of Pat Cummins, raising concerns over the Australian skipper's availability for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy. Cummins, who participated in all five Tests of the recently concluded Border-Gavaskar Trophy, is set to undergo scans on an ankle issue he managed

throughout the summer. Cummins has not been included for the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka, as the fast bowler is on paternity leave, awaiting the birth of his second child. However, his fitness ahead of the Champions Trophy, set to begin on February 19, remains a pressing concern for the Australian camp. "Pat's obviously on paternity leave for the next little bit," Bailey told reporters. "He's got a little bit of a sore ankle as well. In the next



week or so, he'll undergo scans, and we'll have more information about where things stand." When questioned about Cummins' chances of featuring in the Champions Trophy, Bailey adopted a cautious tone. "Not really sure yet. We'll have to wait

and see the results of his scan and how he progresses," he said. The Australian camp has been managing a series of injuries among its premier fast bowlers.

I had a lot more to give New Zealand Cricket : Guptill laments end of international career

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** After being retired from international cricket, former New Zealand opening batter Martin Guptill feels he had more to contribute to the national side and expressed "a little bit of disappointment with how it all ended." The 38-year-old batter, who gave back his contract to pursue playing opportunities elsewhere in late 2022, officially confirmed his retirement from international cricket on Wednesday. He played 367 games (198 ODIs, 122 T20Is, 47 Tests) for the Black Caps, scoring 23 international centuries

across the three formats. He finished his 14-year international career (2009 to 2022) as New Zealand's leading T20I run-scorer with 3,531 from 122 T20I matches, and his 7,346 ODI runs placed him third on the ODI list behind Ross Taylor and Stephen Fleming.



Shiva Thapa, Sachin Siwach shine on Day 2 of men's Boxing Nationals

**Bareilly, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Shiva Thapa, the reigning welterweight (60-65 kg) champion, kicked off his title defence at the Elite Men's National Boxing Championship with a commanding victory on Day 2. Representing Assam, Thapa, who made history as the youngest Indian boxer to qualify for the Olympics at London 2012, defeated Enayat Khan 5-0 in his opening

bout, setting a strong tone for his campaign. Joining Thapa in the spotlight, former World Youth Boxing Champion Sachin Siwach marked his entry into the championship with an emphatic 5-0 victory for the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) against Akshay. Session three of the tournament on Day 2 also witnessed a thrilling opening bout as Devansh

Solanki of Rajasthan defeated Uttar Pradesh's Vikas Singh with a unanimous decision in the flyweight (47-50 kg) category. In the same category, Ashutosh Yadav of Chhattisgarh delivered a dominant Round 1 performance to overcome Gujarat's Akleem Khan, setting the stage for thrilling action across the day.



No need to go by any rumours, all stadium work will be done by Feb first week : PCB official

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** Amid the reports claiming the possibility of the Champions Trophy being shifted out of Pakistan due to delay in renovation work at the stadiums, a PCB official said preparations are in full swing and all the work related to the stadiums will be done by the first week of February. The Champions Trophy will commence on February 19. The eight-team tournament, featuring 15 contests, will conclude on March 9. Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium and Karachi's National Bank Stadium are scheduled to host the matches of the Champions Trophy. With the renovation work at the venues, which started in August last year and was supposed to be completed by December 31, yet to be completed, several reports emerged that the ICC will send a team to Paki-

stan to inspect the three stadiums. If the venues are not ready for handover on February 12, the entire tournament will be shifted to the UAE. "All the work (related to stadiums) will be done by the first week of February. Pakistan will successfully host the Champions Trophy. No need to go by any rumours. We are committed to give our best. There are people who are trying to tarnish Pakistan's image on social media. We know who all they are and why they are doing this," the PCB official told IANS. How-

ever, the PCB on Wednesday moved the ODI tri-series, also involving South Africa and New Zealand, from Multan to Karachi and Lahore, saying the move was due to the advanced stage of preparations.



We've got quality local & international players in SA20: League commissioner Graeme Smith

**New Delhi, Jan 9 (IANS) :** As the SA20 season 3 starts on Thursday, League Commissioner and former South Africa cricket captain Graeme Smith shared his thoughts on what sets SA20 apart from the rest of the T20 leagues in the world.