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India, France look beyond defence to deepen bilateral economic ties

New Delhi, Feb 10 : After forging close partnership in the defence domain, India and France are now looking at significantly deepening trade and investment relations especially in sectors like clean energy, new technologies and aviation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi landing in Paris on Monday. France has emerged as a major source of FDI for India

with more than 1,000 French establishments already present in India.

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CM Revanth consoles Chillkur temple chief priest Rangarajan over phone

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu called Chillkur Balaji Temple Chief Priest Rangarajan over phone on Monday. The Chief Minister spoke to the chief priest over phone and consoled him. Revanth Reddy warned that such attacks on priests will not be tolerated and ordered police officials to take stringent action against the assailants who involved in the attack on the famous temple chief priest in Hyderabad.



Congress Govt resolving unemployment crisis, spearheading North Telangana's growth: Uttam

Karimnagar, Feb.10 (NSS): Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy stated that the Congress government has been making historic strides in job creation and regional development, addressing the deep-rooted unemployment crisis that the previous BRS government neglected for over a decade. He asserted that, within just one year of coming to power, the Congress government filled 55,000 government posts, including 11,000 teaching positions, while also ensuring long-pending promotions for teachers. The Minister spoke at a massive public gathering on Monday. **Continued on pg 02**

Sonia Gandhi seeks early Census to include 14 crore people in food subsidy scheme

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson and Rajya Sabha MP, Sonia Gandhi, on Monday demanded an early conduct of the Census, claiming that its four-year delay has denied social benefits, like food security, to crores of people. In her maiden intervention in Rajya Sabha since taking oath in April last year, the former Congress President stated that 14 crore people were not get-

ting the entitled benefits of subsidised food grains due to a delay of about four years in conducting the next Census. "The quota for beneficiaries is still determined based on the 2011.



Telangana touching power demand of 16,000 MW

Hyderabad, Feb 10 : Telangana has achieved a remarkable milestone in power demand, nearing 16,000 MW. The state's electricity consumption is experiencing significant growth. **Continued on pg 02**



Allu Arjun's uncle lodges complaint with Prajavani on road expansion

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): Kancharla Chandrasekhar Reddy, the maternal uncle of Tollywood actor Allu Arjun, has submitted a complaint to Prajavani. In his complaint, he has sought a reassessment of the land acquisition for his residence, which is necessary due to the ongoing road expansion near KBR Park in Hyderabad. Chandrasekhar Reddy has requested clarification from the authorities regarding the acquisition of 20 feet of land on one side of his property and 30 feet on the other side for the road expansion. A few months prior, the State government made the decision to enhance the junctions surrounding KBR Park.

Congress Govt failed to deliver its promises: Harish Rao

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): Former minister and BRS MLA T Harish Rao has alleged that the Congress government has utterly failed to deliver on its promises, pushing every section of society into distress.

Addressing RMPs and PMPs at their protest in Indira Park here on Monday, Harish Rao accused the government of betraying the people by making grand election promises and then abandoning them after coming to power. "Before the elections, they made tall claims, even signing bond papers to prove their sincerity. They brought Rahul Gandhi to Telangana to make more promises.



There is big difference between KCR and Revanth Reddy's rule : MLC Kavitha

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): BRS party MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha today claimed that there was a big difference between the rule of former Chief Minister KCR and the present Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. "The rule of KCR was like an iPhone while the rule of Revanth Reddy is like a Chinese rule as it doesn't work properly. Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy, who took the votes of the BCs by saying big words, hit the trumpet. Why don't the calculations reveal how much population there is in which caste," she asked. Kavitha was speaking at a press conference in Jagtial.

BRS failed Telangana's irrigation sector, now blaming Congress: TPCC

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) spokesperson Syed Nizamuddin on Monday lashed out at the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) for misleading the public on irrigation projects.

Responding to allegations made by BRS MLC K Kavitha, he accused the previous BRS government of mismanaging irrigation projects and failing to secure national status for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project (PRLIP). Nizamuddin alleged

that the BRS and BJP were secret allies from 2014 to 2023 but are now pretending to be political opponents. He said the BRS government had ten years to seek national project status for PRLIP but never submitted a proper proposal in the required format. Despite making

over 30 representations, former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao failed to convince the BJP-led Centre. Now, after losing power, BRS leaders are blaming the Congress government, which has been in office for just a few months.



Indian Railways working on war footing to make sure that devotees come in & go back smoothly during ongoing Mahakumbh 2025

Hyderabad, Feb 10 (TIM Bureau): All eight stations in Prayagraj area including the Prayagraj Junction are fully functional; Railways run 330 trains on Sunday & 201 trains by today 3 pm to ease the con-

tinued rush of pilgrims Union Minister of Railways & the Chairman Railway Board review the ongoing rush situation & Railway's preparedness ahead of next Amrit Snan of Maghi Poonima on 12th January, 2025

Posted On: 10 FEB 2025 4:41PM by PIB Delhi Despite continued heavy rush, Indian Railways is working on war footing to serve the devotees by bringing them in & taking back their home during the ongoing Mahakumbh.

Countering a wrong media report a day before, Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw informed the nation through media that about 330 trains from eight different stations in the Prayagraj area car-

ried 12 Lakh 50 thousand passengers back to their homes. Even as rush is not coming down, Indian Railways by running one train each from these stations in just above 4 minutes is making sure that devotees don't have to wait after their holy bathing.



Maha Shivaratri celebrations should be successful with coordination : Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha

Rajanna Siricilla, Feb 10 (TIM Bureau): Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha has ordered the officials of all departments to coordinate and make the Maha Shivaratri fair celebrations successful. On the occasion of Mahashivratri Jatarata, SP Akhil Mahajan, Vemulawada Sri Rajarajeshwara Temple EO and senior officers of the respective departments held a Jatarata coordination meeting with the Collector on Monday

at the District Integrated Offices Complex. The officials of the concerned departments explained the plan prepared by them on additional buses, sanitation, parking, road maintenance, accommodation facilities at the temple, drinking water supply, establishment of health camps, fire engine facilities, Kalyana Katta, Dharma Gundam, Baddi Pochamma Temple, Help Center, CCTV installation, cultural programs and other issues during the Mahashivratri Jatarata. "On this oc-

casation, Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha spoke. He ordered that the Mahashivratri Jatarata celebrations be held in a grand manner from 25th to 27th of this month. In view of the large number of devotees coming, he said that temporary towers should be set up in discussion with the operators in view of the problem of phone signals. He said that a total of 857 buses will be run from various depots. Officials revealed that 20 lakh liters of water will be supplied through Mission Bhagiratha.



Collector holds review meeting with SP on Maha Shivaratri fair arrangements

Vemulawada Municipal Commissioner Anvesh said that 500 sanitation workers will be available. He said that 8 fire engines and 260 CC cameras are already available, and another 180 cameras will be made available. Officials explained that 24 people will provide services. The temple EO revealed that 3 lakh laddus and prasadam will be prepared.

Chola CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property))
WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower / Co Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / Co Borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 06th Day of February, 2025.
The borrowers / Co Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Borrower & Loan Account Number	Date of Demand Notice	Out Standing	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Possession
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	Loan Account No. TL01HYB0000060269 1. M/s. Payzigo Fintech Private Ltd., 2. Mr. Pynda Ravikanth, 3. Mrs. Leela Sai Vardhani, 4. Mr. Pynda Kameswara Rao	08.11.2024	Rs. 2,71,05,320 as on 08.11.2024 with interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of the open land admeasuring to an extent of 838.00 Sq Yds., or 700.67 Sq Mts., bearing Survey No.316/1/A, situated at Chandanagar Village, Serilingampally Mandal, under GHMC Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State and bounded as below. North: Manjeera pipe line Road, South: Neighbour's Property, East: Survey No.316/1/A, West: Survey No. 316/1/A.	06.02.2025

Date : 11.02.2025 Place: Chennai
Authorized Officer M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

India, France look beyond defence to deepen bilateral economic ties

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France is the 11th largest foreign investor in India with a cumulative investment of \$10.84 billion from April 2000 to December 2023. PM Modi, who is on visit to France from February 10 to 12, will be co-chairing the AI Action Summit, a

gathering of the world leaders and global tech CEOs, to exchange views on collaborative approach to AI technology for innovation and larger public good. PM Modi will also visit the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor project, in which India is a member of the consortium of partner countries including France, to harness energy for the global good. The two countries are in talks for small modular reactors to boost bilateral civil nuclear cooperation as part of the thrust on green energy to fight climate change. French Foreign Trade Minister Sophie Primas said during a recent three-day visit to Delhi that France was looking forward to further negotiations with New Delhi.

pnb पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank
CIRCLE SASTRA, CIRCLE OFFICE-SECUNDERABAD
2nd Floor, Maharshi House, Road No.3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034. [Phone No.040-23147032, 23147052] [E-Mail: cs8313@pnb.co.in]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 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 movable property charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Description of the movable Properties Mortgage/ Owner's Name (Mortgagors of property/ies)	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002		Date/Time of E-Auction
			A) Reserve Price	B) EMD	
1	042100-RP Road. PRICOM	AS A SINGLE LOT: Following items lying at No: 8-7-98/84/v/53, Road no :1 Venkateswara Colony, Hastinapuram Central, Hyderabad -500079	Quantity	C) Bid Increase Amount	27.02.2025 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM
		Epson All in One Printer	1	*Bidding shall start from one notch higher	
		Xerox Versant 80 Digital colour printer copier & scanner with integrated EFI server with 2400 DPI	1		
		Cutting machine (2.H.P)	1		
		Thermal Lamination Machine	1		
		Risco Entry Level Cv printing machine	1		
		UPS	1		
		Wire Binding maching with spiral die & comb die with electric motor etc.,	1		
		Sticker cutting , creasing, machine with electric motor. Size 24" & perforationg machine with motor	1		
		Heat press machine	1		
		Epson A3 printer for T-shirt	1		
		Manual creasing	1		
		Lamination Machine	1		
Dia cutter	1				
Rolary paper cutter	1				
Lanyard printing machine	1				
Sublimation paper-100 sheets	100				
Sublimation ink set (6 bottles)	2				
Lanyard joint machine - for metal	1				
Lanyard joint machine - for plastic.	1				
		AS A SINGLE LOT: Following items lying at No: 8-7-98/84/v/53, Road no :1 Venkateswara Colony, Hastinapuram Central, Hyderabad -500079	Quantity	A) Rs. 34,78,011.38/- + future interest + charges thereon	
		2.0Tr 5 Star Split AC Model: SHW24AAX1. Make :Blue Star.	1	A) Rs. 32,000/-	
		1.5Tr 5 Star Inverter Split AC. Model:5CNHW18PAFU Make :Blue Star	1	B) Rs. 3200/-	
		Copper pipe	5 metre	C) Rs. 500/-	
		Intel Core I3-5th Generation, Intel Original Mother Board, 16GB Ram DDR3, 2TB HDD, DVD Writer, Microsoft Wireless Keyboard and Mouse, Nvidia 2GB Graphics Card, ATX Cabinet Cooler Master SMPS, Windows 10 Pro	1	*Bidding shall start from one notch higher	
		Intel Core I3-5th Generation, Intel Original Mother Board, 8GB Ram DDR3, 2TB HDD, DVD Writer, Microsoft Wireless Keyboard and Mouse, Nvidia 2GB Graphics Card, ATX Cabinet Cooler Master SMPS, Windows 10 Pro	1		

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE
The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions.
1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. The properties are in the physical possession of the borrower only.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.com> on 27.02.2025
4. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer www.pnb.in, www.baanknet.com .
5. Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors : The Authorized Officer is not having such information. It is requested that Bidders should do their own due diligence prior to bidding.

Date: 11.02.2025, Place: Hyderabad
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor

Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma skips inquiry before Andhra CID
Amaravati, Feb 10 (IANS) Controversial filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma on Monday skipped his appearance before Andhra Pradesh's Crime Investigation Department (CID) for questioning in a case relating to a Telugu movie released in 2019. Varma sent his lawyer to the CID office in Guntur and sought eight weeks time to appear before the CID officials. RGV, as the noted director is popularly known, conveyed to the CID officials that he cannot appear before them as he was busy with film promotion. The CID is likely to issue a fresh notice to the filmmaker on Tuesday. The CID had earlier issued a notice to RGV, directing him to appear before it on February 10. He was summoned for questioning in connection with a complaint lodged by a leader of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in the past. The case is related to the 2019 movie 'Kamma Rajyamlo Kadapa Reddilu' (Kadapa Reddys under Kamma rule) directed by RGV. The controversial movie featured actors playing roles of then Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chandrababu Naidu, Lokesh and Pawan Kalyan.

Bank of Baroda (A Government of India undertaking)
Marredpally Branch: Prakash Arcade, West Marredpally Main, Secunderabad-500026.
SEIZURE NOTICE
Mr. Nagendra Prasad Karnam, Mrs. Ananathalaxmi Jakkula, 2-2-18/49, Flat No.402, Hardik Platina Apartments, B Lane, Besides AMS Women Law College, DD Colony, Bagh Amber pet, Hyderabad-13.
Dear Sir/ Madam,
Re:- Seizure Notice of Hypothecated Vehicle
Please refer to our registered letter dated 09.01.2025 therein we had requested you to make the payment of total outstanding of Rs.82,51,637.64 as on 08.01.2025 from date of the receipt of letter and it was further informed you that in case of non-payment of overdue we will be constrained to initiate appropriate legal action including appointment of Enforcement/ Seizure Agency for seizure of Vehicle.
We noted that in spite of our above letter you have not paid the dues amount in your captioned account hence, we hereby give you notice to make the payment of total outstanding of Rs.82,51,637.64 + unapplied interest within - 7 - days from the date of publication to the Notice in Newspaper published in Telugu & English language. In case of non-payment of entire outstanding along with the interest within - 7 - days from the date of date of publication to the notice in Newspaper, we will initiate legal action including seizure of Hypothecated vehicle and subsequently sale of the asset at your cost and expenses. This is in terms of documents executed by you with the bank at the time of availing the loan.
Date: 10.02.2025, Place: Hyderabad
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

BOI Plot No. A-10, Road No. 4, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500096. Tel No.040-235428454, E-mail: filmnagar.telangana@bankofindia.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property))
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of 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 02.12.2024 calling upon the Borrowers Mrs.Vadakattu Rani to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 91,74,112.43/- + Interest + charges for Housing Loan from 01.12.2024 at monthly rests within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public, that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 7th February 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 the BANK OF INDIA, Film Nagar Branch for an amount of Rs. 91,74,112.43/- + Interest + charges for Housing Loan from 01.12.2024 at monthly rests within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Description of the Immovable Property:- All that Western part of House No 1, bearing Municipal No.7-1-69/1/25, with built up area admeasuring 106 Square feet on land measuring 180 Square yards out of total land admeasuring 360 Square Yards, in Survey Nos 84 and 85, situated at Dharan Karan Road, Ammestep, Hyderabad. (PTIN No 1100711301) and bounded as follows: Boundaries of Property North: 30 Feet wide Road, South: Sobanadri Apts and H. No 7-1-69/1/25, East: Part of H.No. 7-1-69/1/25, West: H.No. 7-1-69/1/25/1 on Plot No 2
Date: 07.02.2025 Place: Hyderabad
Authorized Officer Bank of India

BOI BANJARA HILLS BRANCH 8-2-403/4, Ground Floor, Road No.4, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034
DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
Whereas the notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Principal as mentioned below have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the bank and the loan has been classified as non performing asset (NPA). The notice was issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unreserved and as such they are here by informed by way of this public notice.
Name of the Borrower : 1.Shri Veerabhadr Reddy Cheedu S/o Cheedu Linga Reddy,H.No 9-12,Kindi Basti Near Santhoshi Mata Temple, Secunderabad - 500014 Also at Flat No 403, 4th Floor,Sri Sai Nilayam, Plot No 129 & 130 Athvelly Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri,Hyderabad - 501401
A/c No.86397510000162. Demand Notice Dt. 10.02.2025. NPA Date:26.02.2024
Amount Outstanding: Rs.19,11,236.19 Dr+ Uncharged Interest from 26-02-2024 @ 9.35% p.a RBLR +2.00% as penal interest at monthly rests with costs, expenses etc + Charges.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMovable PROPERTY
All that the part and parcel of the Flat No.403, in Fourth Floor,with a Plinth Area of 1,075 Sq Ft (including common area) and Car Parking area 100Sq.Ft., together with undivided share of land measuring : 38.25 Sq.Yards, out of 765 Sq.Yards, on Plot Nos: 129&130, in Survey Nos: 245, 268 to 273, in the complex named as "SRI SAI NILAYAM" Situated at ATHVELLY Village, Medchal Nagara Panchayat, Medchal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist., T.S., Bounded by: Land Boundaries: North :Plot Nos: 127 & 128, South :33' wide road, East :33' wide road,West: Plot No.131.Flat boundaries: North: Lift & Open to sky,South:Open to sky, East:Open to sky, West:Staircase & Corridor
If you the above mentioned person/s fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other provisions of law.
Date : 10.02.2025 Place : Hyderabad
Sd/- Authorized Officer BANK OF INDIA

BOI BANJARA HILLS BRANCH 8-2-403/4, Ground Floor, Road No.4, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034
APPENDIX -IV [See Rule -8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)
Whereas the Authorized Officer of 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 11.04.2023 calling upon the borrower M/s.Archna Projects (Partners Mr. Gandham Abhinay and Mr Dori Srinivasulu) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Over Draft Account No. 863925110000058 an amount of Rs.10,05,200.89 + Interest from 25.03.2023 (Rupees Ten Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Nine Paise + Interest from 25.03.2023) and also Term Loan account No. 863970410000053 an amount of Rs.47,37,406.30 + Interest from 25.03.2023 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Six and Thirty Paise + Interest from 25.03.2023) as mentioned with monthly rests together with cost, charges etc 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 10th day of February 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 Over Draft account: 863925110000058 for an amount of Rs.10,05,200.89 + Interest from 25.03.2023 (Rupees Ten Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Nine Paise + Interest from 25.03.2023) and also Term Loan account No 863970410000053 for an amount of Rs.47,37,406.30 + Interest from 25.03.2023 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Six and Thirty Paise + Interest from 25.03.2023). 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 SECURED ASSETS**
Primary Security-1.Over Draft: Hypothecation of Bank Debts 2.Term Loan: Hypothecation of Machinery and Equipment purchased out of the Bank's finance.
Collateral Security: All that the Residential house bearing Municipal No.3-108/117, on plot bearing no.1175Southern part in survey no.44, admeasuring 100 Sq.yds or 83.6 Sq mts, with plinth area (Ground Floor 800 Sft and First Floor 800 Sft) of R.v.C.Roofing, situated at Chenchiperla Village, Under Boduppal Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District Telangana state bounded by: Plot boundaries: North :Plot No.117 Northern part,South: Plot No.126, East 25' Wide road,West: Plot No.116
Date : 10.02.2025 Place:Hyderabad
Sd/- Authorised Officer BANK OF INDIA

Telangana touching power demand of 16,000 MW Continued From pg 01 largely influenced by the summer season and the needs of Yasangi crops. Last year, Telangana's power companies.



KTR calls on Chilukur temple priest CS Rangarajan

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): BRS party working president K Taraka Rama Rao today said the attack on Chilukur Balaji temple chief priest Rangarajan was a testimony to the deteriorating law and order situation in the state. He visited Rangarajan, who was attacked by fanatics a couple of days back. Speaking on the occasion, he said that attacking Rangarajan, who is constantly engaged in the service of God, was an insult to god. KTR demanded that the attackers should be severely punished.

Hyderabad, Feb.10 (NSS): BRS party working president K Taraka Rama Rao today said the attack on Chilukur Balaji Temple Rangarajan The attack on Rangarajan was the most vicious and the most despicable act. It is the responsibility of the state government to deal with the law and order problems with an iron fist," he said. He said that Strict measures should be taken to ensure that such incidents did not recur in future and added that Security should be provided to Rangarajan's family while noting that the family of Soundararajan has millions of fans all over the world.

Congress Govt resolving unemployment crisis, spearheading North Telangana's growth : Uttam

Continued From pg 01 during the nomination event of Congress candidate Narender Reddy from the Karimnagar-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Medak Graduate constituency in Karimnagar.

BOI FILM NAGAR BRANCH Plot No. A-10, Road No. 4, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500096. DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

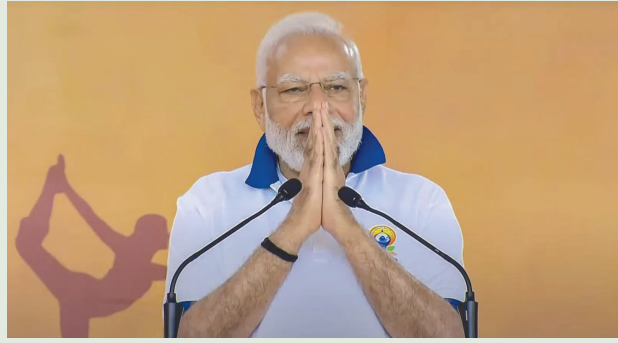
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OUR PRIME MINISTER HAS HIS UNIQUE WAYS TO CELEBRATE A VOTING DAY

How come Prime Minister Narendra Modi always invariably makes a symbolic statement on Election Day, doesn't matter where and when the election. Once, he sat in a cave in Kedarnath and meditated with eyes shut to what people thought of the gimmick as long as they saw him though most of his core Hindu vote-bank were willing partners in the "crime" and marked him as a devout Hindu; therefore, deserving their vote. In today's world of the smartphone and social media, pictures and images travel as fast as data moves and Prime Minister Narendra Modi knows this as surely as he must know that such poll-gimmicks give him an advantage over other politicians and political parties. Prime Minister Narendra Modi uses the perks of power to advance his agenda and does so unabashedly. Modi's dip in the 'Sangam' the other day was timed to coincide with the voting in the Delhi Assembly elections and in the Milkipur bypoll. February 5 was chosen for the "Prime Minister's Day out" keeping in mind the voting in Delhi and Milkipur. The camera never left Modi's image out in the cold. All the television channels kept up a commentary, giving a second by second coverage of the Prime Minister approaching the Sangam's dip-spot.

Boat traffic at the stretch of holy waters was severely crippled and on purpose and brought to an abrupt halt, no doubt planned days earlier or overnight. What if an errant 'Nishad boatman' flipped a paddle and it had struck the "PM's Steamer"? It is another matter that the Prime Minister's presence was noticed by over two crore plus devotees craning their necks for a glimpse of the country's topmost VVIP ducking his head in the allegedly most contaminated watery confluence on earth. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is no longer the spritely politician of 2014. Ten years on, he has added several '365' days to his presence on the planet and he can no longer duck heads below underwater. On February 5, the Prime Minister held on to a rope with a hand for support, and not fully submerging. Yep, time takes its toll on even the best. Eyes shut, in the garb of a saffron saint, Prime Minister Modi fell just short of ducking his head in the Ganga-Yamuna-Saraswati tri-point and if voters in Delhi and Milkipur got an inspiration, the Election Commission cannot be bothered with such trivia!

People lining up in queues outside polling booths isn't rare in the world's largest democracy. It happens all the time. And everybody is part of this festival. If anything, the poll body should have ascertained and anticipated the Prime Minister's 'dip-date' and scheduled the poll dates accordingly. Prime Minister Narendra Modi cannot be blamed for the constellation of stars aligning and deciding for him and all and sundry which day should be the holy water dip for the VVIP and which day left for the hoi polloi, the 'aam aadmi' and the 'aam aurat'? Guess what, the Milkipur bypoll recorded more than 65% voting. Was it because Prime Minister Modi took the Mahakumbh dip and the Hindus of Milkipur took the hint and voted for the BJP candidate in one mass? There are allegations, yes. The Election Commission should have taken note is a demand. And what's this we are hearing; that Milkipur's Hindu voters were full of remorse and wanted to avenge the Yogi's loss to Awadhesh Prasad and Akhilesh Yadav, the former's cronies even challenging Lord Ram and claiming victory! Now, if the BJP goes on to win the Milkipur bypoll, the credit will go to Prime Minister Modi and the BJP's IT Cell will call it another Prime Ministerial "masterstroke": Yogi Adityanath lost Faizabad; therefore, Ayodhya; therefore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the dip at the 'Sangam' on Voting Day and, therefore victory in Milkipur!

The last time when the Samajwadi Party won Milkipur, the voting percentage was 60%. This time it's 65%! 'Modi Magic' at work? Milkipur, which is a reserved assembly seat, saw the highest voter participation since the first elections were held in the seat in 1967, when Nehru was Prime Minister. So, Modi beat Nehru and if that isn't beating, what is? There are those who are calling the Milkipur bypoll a grudge fight in Lord Ram's Ayodhya.

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Australian researchers produce first kangaroo embryos through IVF

Australian scientists have successfully produced the first kangaroo embryos through in vitro fertilisation (IVF) in a major breakthrough for conservation efforts. In a study published on Thursday, the team led by researchers from the University of Queensland (UQ) detailed how they produced the eastern gray kangaroo embryos by injecting sperm into a mature egg, a process commonly used in human IVF called intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI). Lead researcher Andres Gambini said that the groundbreaking achievement could support the conservation of Australia's endangered iconic marsupials, including koalas, wombats, possums and Tasmanian devils.

Private varities bill hits road block in Kerala cabinet, CPI wants more discussion

The Kerala government's proposed Private Universities Bill hit a roadblock at the state cabinet meeting on Wednesday with the ruling LDF's second-biggest constituent - the Communist Party of India (CPI) - expressing its strong reservation to the measure. As State Agriculture Minister and senior CPI leader P. Prasad expressed his doubts and the ramifications that will be caused to the present educational system, the Cabinet decided to defer it to hold more discussions on it, as sought by the party. But with the CPI-M-lead Left Democratic Front (LDF) - the highest decision-making body of the Pinarayi Vijayan government - clearing it, the present opposition to it raised by the CPI might be overlooked and it will not be long before the proposed Bill gets cleared by the cabinet. Senior RJD leader Vargheese George said that when this issue came up at the LDF meeting, he spoke for 20 minutes against this Bill as "it is detrimental to our state's education system". "But, since we are part of the LDF, we raised our concerns and agreed to it," he said. Moreover, on Wednesday, Higher Education Minister R. Bindhu was out of station and was not present in the cabinet meeting. Hence, this will be coming up at the next cabinet meeting and with the LDF already clearing it, it's just a matter of time before the foreign universities set up shop in the state.



Leader of Opposition V.D.Satheesan said they have always vouched for this Bill and before Vijayan sits down to clear it, he should render an apology to former diplomat T.P. Sreenivasan, who was beaten up by the protesting student wing activists of the CPI-M when he was going to attend a meeting here as the Vice-Chairman of the state's higher education body, that was to take up the discussion of the need for private universities in Kerala. "We have always supported this Bill, but Vijayan and his party were all along opposing this. Now that they have decided on it, he should first go and apologise to Sreenivasan," the Congress leader said.

J&K Haq Insaaf Council observers 'Pakistan Doomsday'

J&K Haq Insaaf Council (Truth & Justice Council) on Wednesday observed February 5 as 'Pakistan Doomsday'. Speaking to reporters in Jammu, the organisation's Chairman Advocate Zeshan said that the J&K Haq Insaaf Council (Truth & Justice Council) has designated February 5 as 'Pakistan Doomsday.' "The development happening in Jammu and Kashmir is something we want to showcase to the people living in Pakistan and in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir

(PoJK). Our Indian government has ensured the security of PoJK as well," he claimed. He added that Pakistan, on the other hand, goes to the international stage seeking aid money, but instead of using those funds for the welfare of its common people, it spends them on buying weapons. "You can see how launching pads have been set up inside PoJK, and how ISI is funding various sources to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir. While a train has now reached Kashmir from Delhi, Pakistan still lacks even basic infrastructure for transportation," he claimed.



The advocate further added: "I want to ask the people of our neighbouring country, don't you want better education, healthcare, and, most importantly, the freedom to speak? We have often seen that anyone who dares to speak out in Pakistan is picked up by the ISI. But the real limit was crossed when their own country's former Prime Minister Imran Khan was abducted. You have seen how even Pakistan's former Prime Minister is now behind bars." He added that a Lashkar-e-Taiba

deputy commander has stated that by 2026, they will hoist their flag in Kashmir. "I want to make it clear that this dream of theirs will never be fulfilled. Our vision is clear: we will never let this happen," he said. He added that Jammu and Kashmir is and will always remain one. "For 75 years, we have been attacked from across the border by ISI, Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Hizbul Mujahideen. But now, the time has come to respond to them unitedly and face this challenge head-on," he said. He further claimed that today, India has 5G, while Pakistan doesn't even have proper 2G. "We have our own banks, whereas PoJK doesn't even have one."

Acharya Kaushik hails PM Modi for upholding Sanatan dharma through Mahakumbh participation

Acharya Shri Kaushik Maharaj hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation in the sacred dip at the Mahakumbh, calling it a moment of great pride for Sanatan Dharma. Talking to IANS on Wednesday, he said that PM Modi has always been at the forefront of promoting Sanatan Dharma and has worked relentlessly to propagate its values. "It is a matter of immense pride and joy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself came to the holy land of Maha Kumbh and took a dip. This is not the first time he has participated in such cultural events; he has always been actively involved in promoting our cultural heritage," said Acharya Kaushik.

He also said that PM Modi's visit to Maha Kumbh should not be linked to any politics. His visit has sent out a good message among the public, he added.



Adani family begins 'Mangal Seva', an initiative to support 500 'divyang' women every year

Ahead of the wedding of Jeet Adani, the younger son of billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani, the Adani family on Wednesday announced 'Mangal Seva', a one-of-its-kind initiative to support five hundred 'divyang sisters' every year. Under the program, about 500 specially-abled women will be provided with the financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh each, every year. The initiative was launched at Adani's residence, just two days before Jeet Adani's wedding. He met 21 women with special abilities along with their husbands to launch this initiative. Jeet is set to tie the knot with Diva Shah on 7

February 2025 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani also took to social media to express his joy and happiness over the pledge, undertaken by son Jeet and daughter-in-law Diva. He said that it was a matter of immense joy that Jeet and Diva were starting the first chapter of their married life with a virtuous resolution. "Jeet and Diva have pledged to do 'Mangal Seva' by providing financial assistance of Rs 10 lakhs for each in the marriage of 500 handicapped sisters every year. As a father, this 'Mangal Seva' is a matter of immense satisfaction and good fortune for me."



Bharatiya Kisan Sangh misleads farmers, claims MP LoP

Madhya Pradesh Leader of Opposition (LoP) Umang Singhar on Wednesday criticised RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) for "misleading" the farmers. "Bharatiya Kisan Sangh is the outfit of the RSS which helps the BJP. These people had distributed pamphlets that the government would procure paddy at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal and wheat at Rs 2700 per quintal, which never happened," said Madhya Pradesh LoP.

He further alleged that whenever the Congress raised farmers' voices, the members of BKS maintained silence and misled farmers to support the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh. "BJP government has been in power for the last several years, but farmers are yet to receive the benefits of schemes. I want to ask the farmers, have they got these benefits? Will the BJP announce this in this budget," he asked. However, Madhya Pradesh minister Vishwas Sarang hit back at Singhar, saying BKS has always fought for the rights of farmers.

Myanmar seizes over 88 tonnes of illegal timbers, 200,000 stimulant tablets

Yangon, Feb 10 (IANS) : Myanmar authorities have seized over 88 tonnes of illegal timbers across the country in a week, local media reported on Monday. From January 27 to February 2, they confiscated over 16.6 tonnes of teak, over 9.41 tonnes of hardwood and over 62.23 tonnes of other types of timbers in the country, reports Xinhua news agency, quoting the state-run daily The

Mirror. During this period, 17 offenders were charged in connection with the cases, along with the seizure of three vehicles and machines, it added. The Forest Department has been cracking down on illegal logging and trading of forest products through various measures, including a community monitoring and reporting system, the report said. Additionally, in a separate incident, the authorities

seized 200,000 stimulant tablets in southern Myanmar, local media reported on Monday. Acting on a tip-off, anti-narcotics police searched a motorcycle in Myeik town of Tanintharyi region on January 31 and confiscated 40,000 stimulant tablets along with a suspect. Further investigation led to the seizure of an additional 160,000 stimulant tablets at the suspect's house in Myeik, the re-

port said. Authorities arrested another suspect involved in drug trafficking in Kyunsu township of Tanintharyi region on February 3, it added. The confiscated narcotics had a street value of 600 million kyats (about 280,000 US dollars), it said. The confiscation of stimulant tablets comes amid the relentless crackdowns by the authorities on drugs across the nation.



South Korea: Ex-commander confirms Yoon ordered removal of lawmakers, not agents, from National Assembly

Seoul, Feb 10 (IANS) : A former military commander of South Korea involved in President Yoon Suk Yeol's botched martial law bid confirmed on Monday that the people Yoon ordered to be removed from the National Assembly were lawmakers, not agents. Lt. Gen. Kwak Jong-keun, the then chief of the Army Special Warfare Command, made the remark as a witness during the sixth formal hearing of Yoon's impeachment trial at the Constitutional Court. Yoon was also in attendance, reports Yonhap news agency. "I obviously thought and un-

derstood the part about dragging people out from inside as referring to lawmakers because there were no operation agents inside the main (parliamentary) building at the time," Kwak said, referring to a phone call he received from Yoon on the night martial law was imposed on December 3.



Turkish experts urge developing countries to prioritise agriculture for food security

Istanbul, Feb 10 (IANS) : Agricultural experts in Turkey said that developing countries must prioritise agriculture to ensure national security and food sustainability through robust farmer support. Halim Orta, an academic at Tekirdag Namik Kemal University and a wheat farmer in Turkey's Thrace region, noted that nations with favourable climates can achieve food self-sufficiency if governments invest in long-term strategies. Turkey, for example, can leverage its unique geography

not only to meet its own food requirements but also to grow exclusive crops like Malatya apricots and Antalya citrus, reducing import dependence and enhancing food security, said Orta. Orta emphasised that lowering production costs, implementing long-term policies and providing subsidies are essential for ensuring sustainable, affordable food access, reports Xinhua news agency. Murat Kapikiran, head of the Istanbul Chamber of Agricultural Engineers, stressed the need for developing countries, including Turkey, to protect farmers' motivation and resilience against market risks. He warned that cur-

rent policies have led to rural depopulation, declining productivity, land abandonment, water commodification, and increased reliance on food imports.

"To reverse these trends and build a resilient agricultural sector, the government must adopt policies that prioritise farmers' welfare.



Study links assault weapons to higher death toll in US mass shootings

Sacramento (United States), Feb 10 (IANS) : New research reveals that mass shootings involving assault weapons result in more deaths and injuries compared to attacks without such firearms, according to a study. The research, published Monday in The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Network Open, examined 184 public mass shootings in the United States from 1966 to 2023 and found

that incidents where assault weapons were present led to an average of 0.72 more deaths per attack. According to the study, handguns were the most common type of firearm used, appearing in about 79 per cent of mass shootings. However, assault weapons were present in roughly 29 per cent of the attacks, though only about 7 per cent of shootings involved assault weapons exclusively, reports Xinhua news agency. The study also found that shooters using assault weapons tended to have more firearms experience. Only 11 per cent of attackers who used assault weapons had no firearms experience, compared to nearly 30 per cent of those who used other types of weapons.

Laos, IFAD to strengthen partnership to enhance rural livelihoods

Vientiane, Feb 10 (IANS) : Laos and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) have reaffirmed their long-term commitment to improving rural livelihoods in alignment with Laos' Ninth National Socio-Economic Development Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Representatives from the Lao government and stakeholders gathered in the Lao capital, Vientiane, on Monday to review the IFAD's current strategy in the country and lay the foundation for future programs aimed at enhancing rural development.



South Korea: Top police officials deny insurrection charges during 1st pretrial hearing



Seoul, Feb 10 (IANS) : The South Korean national police chief and the former Seoul police chief accused of involvement in President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid denied charges of playing a key role in an insurrection during their first pretrial hearing on Monday. Cho Ji-ho, commissioner general of the National Police Agency, and Kim Bong-sik, former chief of the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency, were indicted with physical detention last month on charges of mobilising police forces to close off the National Assembly and organising the arrest of key politicians during the brief im-

position of martial law on December 3. Cho has since been released on bail to undergo treatment for blood cancer, reports Yonhap news agency. "As the national police chief, (Cho) carried out public order maintenance activities that are naturally required under conditions of martial law, but he is being misunderstood for assisting the operations of martial law troops," his attorney said during the preparatory hearing at the Seoul Central District Court.

UN humanitarian aid to Gaza despite Trump threat

United Nations, Feb 10 (IANS) : Despite US President Donald Trump's threat to take over Gaza, UN humanitarian aid operations across the region.



Los Angeles wildfires cost up to \$164 billion in property and capital losses: Report

Los Angeles, Feb 10 (IANS) : The two largest wildfires that recently ravaged Los Angeles County may have caused total property and capital losses of as much as 164 billion US dollars, according to a new report. The report published on Monday by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) suggests total property and capital losses caused by the Palisades and Eaton fires could range between 95 billion dollars and 164 billion dollars, with insured losses estimated at 75 billion dollars. The report, authored by UCLA Anderson Forecast economists Zhiyun Li and William Yu, predicts a 0.48-percent loss in county-level GDP for 2025, amounting to approximately 4.6 billion dollars, and a total wage loss of 297 million dollars for local businesses and employees in the affected areas, reports Xinhua news agency. "Without substantial and effective wildfire mitigation ef-



orts and investments, Californians will face increasingly higher insurance premiums and growing health risks from wildfire-related pollution," said the report, adding that Los Angeles housing markets, "in particular for rental units, will become increasingly

unaffordable." UCLA Anderson Forecast is one of the most widely watched and often-cited economic outlooks for California and the nation, according to UCLA Anderson School of Management's website.

South Korea: Acting President grilled at parliamentary probe into Yoon's insurrection allegation

Seoul, Feb 10 (IANS) : South Korean Acting President Choi Sang-mok was grilled on Monday at a special parliamentary committee investigating President Yoon Suk Yeol's martial law bid.



BJP ally Tipra Motha Party threatens to withdraw support if govt does not fulfil promises

Agartala, Feb 10 (IANS) : Tripura's ruling coalition partner, the Tipra Motha Party (TMP), on Monday threatened to withdraw its support from the BJP-led government if the Centre did not fulfil the provisions of the tripartite accord signed on March 2 last year. TMP supremo and Tripura's former royal scion Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma said that the Centre and the state government are yet to fulfil the provisions of the tripartite accord even as the pact was signed around a year ago in Delhi. "We are not hanker-

ing for power. Our sole aim is to upgrade the socio-economic aspects of the tribals and keep the constitutional rights of the indigenous people," Debbarma said in a video message.

A top state BJP leader said that they would discuss the TMP leader's demand within their party forum.

After signing a tripartite agreement with the Centre and the Tripura government on March 2 last year, the opposition TMP joined the BJP-led coalition government on March 7 last year and two of its MLAs - Animesh Debbarma and Brishaketu

Debbarma - became ministers. The TMP chief said that politics is not important but upholding the rights of tribals is more important.

"So, unless rights are given to our indigenous people, then the power now enjoyed by some of our people would be temporary. We are ready to make the right decision at the right time and we shall think about it.

Our party leaders and members should be ready, if we are not given our rights, if the promises given to us are not fulfilled.



Third child shows symptoms of GBS in Jharkhand, govt on alert

Ranchi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Another child exhibiting symptoms of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) has been admitted to a hospital in Ranchi, bringing the total number of suspected cases in Jharkhand to three. While two children are undergoing treatment in private hospitals, one has been admitted to Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi. The state health department's surveillance team is closely monitoring all three patients. Authorities have also alerted civil surgeons across Jharkhand to remain vigilant.

Approximately ten days ago, a

five-year-old girl was diagnosed with GBS at a private children's hospital in Booty Mor, Ranchi. While doctors report slight improvement in her condition, she remains bedridden.

Similarly, another girl from Koderma was admitted to RIMS with their families and fell seriously ill upon their return, experiencing nervous system failure.

Following the first reported case on January 31, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren convened a high-level meeting with the Health Minister and senior officials. Deputy commissioners and

civil surgeons from all districts participated via video conferencing. The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure immediate diagnosis and treatment for anyone exhibiting symptoms of GBS.

The government has set up special wards across the state as a precautionary measure and mandated the availability of ventilators, oxygen supplies, and essential medicines in these wards.

RIMS Director Dr Rajkumar emphasised that while GBS is not contagious, timely treatment is crucial. He also stressed the need to raise public awareness about the disease.

Lack of cooperation from Bengal govt holding back airports' development: Suvendu Adhikari

Kolkata, Feb 10 (IANS) : Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari on Monday alleged that lack of cooperation from the state government has been posing major hurdles for airports' development in the state and highlighted several instances for the same.

The BJP leader pointed out how "lack of cooperation" from the state government had been holding back the expansion of the biggest airport in the state, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport.

Adhikari pointed out that prolonged efforts from the Union Civil Aviation Ministry to get land for the expansion of infrastructure at the said airport had failed to evoke any positive response from the state government.



Karnataka Culture Minister faces embarrassment for writing Kannada word incorrectly

Koppal, Feb 10 (IANS) : Karnataka Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadgi faced an embarrassing moment on Monday when he wrote a grammatically incorrect Kannada word in front of schoolchildren in Koppal district. After the inaugural ceremony of an Anganwadi centre in Karatagi, the minister wrote the word 'Shubhavagali' (meaning good luck) with a slight grammatical error.

The error led to controversy, raising questions about the Minister's proficiency in the language.

Akhilesh Yadav's remark on ECI sparks backlash; NDA leaders demand apology

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav has stirred controversy with his accusations that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) "indirectly influenced" voting in the Milkipur bye-election in Uttar Pradesh. Yadav's remarks, which alluded that the Election Commission of India (ECI) was compromised, have drawn sharp criticism from NDA leaders who have condemned his statement and called for an apology.

Yadav, speaking on Monday, accused the BJP of using underhand tactics in the election, claiming, "This is how the BJP contests elections, and the ECI is dead."

Speaking to IANS, Jagdambika Pal, Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), fired back, saying, "When his party wins, was it because of the impartiality of the same ECI? The Samajwadi Party is a constitutional party, and they also saw success in the Lok Sabha in Uttar Pradesh. When they won in Ayodhya, the Election Commission was fine. Now, when they're losing in Kathari Assembly or Milkipur, they cry foul. This is condemnable, and Yadav should apologise for his statements." BJP MP Ravi Kishan



expressed disappointment, remarking, "It's unfortunate that Akhilesh didn't make these claims when his party won 42 Lok Sabha seats in the past 24 years." Union Food Processing Minister Chirag Paswan also joined in the criticism, saying, "I don't understand how, under the same ECI that oversaw the Lok Sabha elections, you became the third-largest party in the House. Yet now, when

Milkipur is slipping away from you, you start making excuses. This is wrong. Your tone shifts based on whether you win or lose, and that's a flawed approach." The allegations stem from Yadav's claims on Wednesday that police were checking the IDs of voters during the bypoll. He took to social media demanding action from the ECI to remove those responsible.

Man arrested for raping minor in Bengal's Sonarpur

Kolkata, Feb 10 (IANS) : A 52-year-old man was arrested on Monday morning for raping a minor girl at Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. The accused raped the minor victim multiple times after blackmailing her of making some of her private pictures, captured and stored in his mobile phone, viral on social media. The accused man will be presented at a district court on Thursday. He had been framed under various sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences



(POCSO) Act, 2012. The case was filed based on a complaint by the victim's grandparents. According to them, some time back, the victim was allured by the accused to come to his house to show her some special features on his mobile phone. When the minor visited his home, the accused raped her and thereafter took some obscene snaps on his mobile phone.



Royal Bhutan Army COO concludes visit to India with focus on cooperation

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Reinforcing bilateral military cooperation, the high-level visit to India by a Bhutanese delegation led by Lieutenant General Batoo Tshering, Chief Operations Officer (COO) of the Royal Bhutan Army, concluded on Monday. "During the visit, the two Armies explored new avenues for defence collaboration and reaffirmed the enduring bond between the two," the Indian Army said in a message on X.

India and Bhutan share a deep-rooted friendship built on historical ties, cultural affinity and mutual respect. Their partnership reflects a bond of trust and cooperation that has strengthened over the decades, it said. Earlier, Lieutenant General Batoo Tshering called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on February 4 and discussed cooperation, capability enhancement and training support for the Royal Bhutan Army.

Not new procedure, been in place since 2009: EAM Jaishankar on deportation row

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar stated in the Rajya Sabha on Monday that there has been "no change from the past procedure" in the deportation of illegal immigrants by the United States, emphasizing that the process is "not a new one". "It is the obligation of all countries to take back their nationals if they are found to be living illegally abroad. This is naturally subject to an unambiguous verification of their nationality. This is not a policy applicable to any specific country, nor is it one practised only by India. It is a generally accepted prin-

ciple in international relations. Members would be aware that the process of deportation is not new and has been ongoing for several years," the EAM said while making a statement in Parliament on the deportation of Indians from the United States. The statement came after Congress submitted adjournment motions in the Lok Sabha, demanding an urgent discussion on the deportation of over 100 illegal Indian immigrants by the US and urged the Centre to clarify its stance and outline diplomatic efforts being made to ensure the dignified treatment of deported individuals.





RBI rate cut to boost demand across sectors, be positive for India's economic growth: ASSOCHAM

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : The reduction in the policy interest rates by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is a catalyst for boosting demand across different sectors of the economy, a top industry body said on Monday. In a bid to provide flexibility to respond to the macroeconomic environment, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced the repo rate cut by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent. According to Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) President Sanjay Nayar, the 25 basis points cut in the repo rate would help push demand in several key sectors of the economy, including housing, automobile,

and consumer durables amongst others. "Any drop in cost of borrowing gives a positive push not only to the demand side of the economy but also helps corporate balance sheets," he added. As RBI MPC kept the inflation forecast unchanged for the current financial year, Nayar further mentioned that if the inflation rate retains its downward trend, "we could expect further rate cuts by the RBI in the next few quarters". He said that inflation has declined and is expected to further moderate and gradually align with the RBI's target. The ASSOCHAM said it is confident that the RBI, with the support of the government, would continue to ensure

stability in the foreign exchange market as well in the face of pressure from the rising dollar on the emerging markets. "We need to be watchful about the evolving global geo-political tensions and protectionist trade policies amongst major economies of the world, Indian policy prescription be it fiscal or monetary, is responding in an appropriate manner," said concluded. "The RBI decision to start the easing cycle with a 25-bps cut was timely, contextual and also well communicated with respect to regulatory changes in transition to ensure a seamless and non-disruptive manner," SBI Chairman C.S. Setty said.

Tata Motors unveils registered vehicle scrapping facility in Guwahati

Guwahati, Feb 10 (IANS) : Tata Motors on Monday launched its registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) here that has the capacity to safely dismantle up to 15,000 end-of-life vehicles annually, using sustainable and environmentally conscious processes. The facility is operated by Tata Motors' partner, Axom Platinum Scrappers, and is equipped to scrap both passenger and commercial vehicles of all brands. This marks the inauguration of the seventh such facility in

the country with others being in Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Surat, Chandigarh, the Delhi-NCR region and Pune. "The launch of this advanced vehicle recycling facility will create valuable employment opportunities and support economic growth of our state and communities," said state Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jogen Mohan. In addition, it will also ensure safe disposal of end-of-life vehicles, reduce carbon emissions, and contribute to a cleaner environment. "I thank Tata Motors for pioneering the start of start smart facilities in Assam," he added.

Tata Motors has taken a significant step in advancing responsible vehicle scrapping in the region. "Committed to the principles of a circular economy, we are driving practices that support sustainability. With our network of RVSFs across seven states, we can now dismantle over 100,000 end-of-life vehicles annually," informed Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors. Each facility is fully digitalised, with all its operations seamless and paperless.



Six of top 10 firms add Rs 1.18 lakh crore in market value; HDFC Bank leads the tally

Mumbai, Feb 10 (IANS) : The combined market valuation of six of the top 10 most valuable companies saw a significant rise of Rs 1,18,151.75 crore last week as the rise was mainly driven by positive investor sentiment and steady buying interest in banking and telecom stocks. HDFC Bank and

Bharti Airtel emerged as the biggest gainers, benefitting from strong business performance and growth prospects. In the last trading week, the Sensex climbed 354.23 points, or 0.45 per cent, while the Nifty added 77.8 points, or 0.33 per cent.

SEBI proposes stricter rules for listed companies to strengthen corporate governance

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed new rules to improve corporate governance at listed companies. These proposals focus on revising the format of the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report (ASCR), setting eligibility criteria for appointing auditors, and introducing monetary limits for approvals of Related Party Transactions (RPTs). The SEBI aims to ensure that listed companies follow strict compliance and maintain transparency in their operations.

In a consultation paper, the regulator has suggested changes to make the ASCR more detailed. The new format will provide clearer confirmation of whether a company is following securities laws.



Additionally, the SEBI has proposed making ASCR a mandatory part of the annual report, which would enhance accountability. For auditor appointments, it has suggested incorporating provisions from the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, into the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulations. This will ensure that statutory auditors have the necessary qualifications and experience suited to a company's size and complexity. The SEBI has also proposed that audit committees should carefully evaluate the qualifications of signing partners before appointing them.

India's forex reserves rise for 2nd consecutive week, gold reserves up

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : The forex reserves rose \$1.05 billion to reach \$630.607 billion for the week ended January 31, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data. The overall reserves had increased by \$5.574 billion to \$629.557 billion in the previous week. The forex reserves had increased to an all-time high of \$704.885 billion in September last year.



OYO reports Rs 166 crore profit in Q3, revenue jumps 31 pc

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Travel tech unicorn OYO on Monday reported a strong financial performance in the third quarter (Q3) of FY25, posting a profit after tax (PAT) of Rs 166 crore. This is a significant rise compared to Rs 25 crore in the same period last year (Q3 FY24). The company's revenue also saw growth of 31 per cent at Rs 1,695 crore in the October-December quarter (Q3), compared to Rs 1,296 crore a year ago period. According to reports, OYO's adjusted EBITDA for the quarter stood at Rs 249 crore, a 22 per cent increase from Rs 205 crore recorded in the same period last fiscal.

Foreign investors set to return in Indian market to get sound, effective net returns

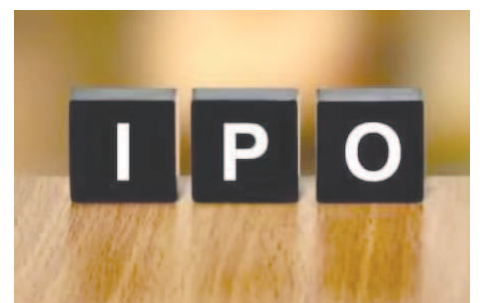
New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : The foreign investors' fraternity is all set to take a plunge investing in the Indian stock market to get sound, effective net returns from a long-term perspective, according to experts on Monday. With the sound and pathbreaking reforms for making the financial services sector more robust, inclusive and enhance foreign participation, the government has clearly laid the roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat' vision on track. "Though the foreign portfolio investment (FPI) inflows are still not turned fully green, the announcements made in the Budget last week followed by the Central Bank's policy release this week has made India back to forefront as the fastest emerging economies of the world," said Manoj Purohit, Partner and Leader, FS Tax, Tax and Regulatory Services, BDO India. Despite the macro factors such as fear of potential tariff and trade curbs to be announced by the newly-elected US government under Donald Trump, rising inflation risk, currency



depreciation, trade wars looming around, India is well poised and self-insulated by strong measures and timely rate cut measures taken by the RBI to boost domestic investments and consumption keeping the market buoyancy live. "The government has echoed the sentiments by simplifying tax regime, clarifying anomalies on taxation, extending several tax holidays in IFSC Gift City by another 5 years to keep the door open for them," said Purohit. Inviting 100 per cent FDI in insurance will deepen the budding insurance market with more penetration, competitive policy framework pushing to adopt the global best practices in the insurance sector with the entry of large offshore players. Keeping technology, youth's skill developments and infrastructure as primary areas to allot capex; the intention is very vivid to take India on being an autonomous nation with long term growth trajectory.

Upcoming IPOs : 9 new public issues to hit the market next week, 6 listings scheduled

Mumbai, Feb 10 (IANS) : Nine new initial public offerings (IPOs) are scheduled to open for subscription next week, with three mainboards -- Ajax Engineering, Hexaware Technologies, and Quality Power -- and six SMEs to hit the market. The Ajax Engineering IPO will open for subscription on February 10 and close on February 12. This is a book-built issue worth Rs 1,269.35 crore and is entirely an offer for sale of 2.02 crore shares.



Priyanka Gandhi not a 'tourist' MP, to start extensive visit to Wayanad

Wayanad, Feb 10 (IANS) : Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will be on an extensive visit to her constituency Wayanad, beginning Monday, during which she will interact with people and address their issues. A close aide of Priyanka told IANS that she is not a "tourist MP" and will be visiting her constituency from Saturday onwards. Her visit is scheduled to end on February 10. "She will visit all the seven Assembly constituencies of Kozhikode, Wayanad and Malappuram districts. Even though there will be no public meetings, she will meet people to address their issues," said the close aide who did not wish to be identified.



Mokama firing case : Court rejects Anant Singh's bail plea

Patna, Feb 10 (IANS) : A special MP-MLA Court in Patna has rejected the bail plea of former legislator Anant Singh in connection with the Mokama firing case. His legal team plans to challenge this decision in a higher court. The case pertains to a firing incident in Mokama, where Singh is accused of several offences, including obstructing government work and misbehaving with law enforcement personnel. After the court's ruling, Singh's supporters have expressed disappointment. Earlier, the court had reserved its decision after hearing the case on Monday. On January 22, a violent confrontation occurred in Nauranga Jalalpur village under Panchmahala police station in Mokama, Bihar, involving former MLA Singh and members

of the Sonu-Monu gang. The incident stemmed from a dispute over the alleged illegal occupation of a house by the gang. Singh claimed he visited the village to assist the affected residents, but the situation escalated into a shootout, with approximately 200 rounds fired by both sides. Fortunately, Singh escaped unharmed, though one of his supporters sustained a bullet injury on his neck. Two First Information Reports (FIRs) were filed against Singh. Patna Police lodged the FIR under the Arms Act, and the second one was filed on the complaint of Urmila Devi, the mother of Sonu and Monu Singh. In response, Singh surrendered before the Barh sub-divisional court on January 24, 2025, and was lodged in Beur Central Jail in Patna.

Bihar: Lalu Prasad seeks support for RJD, says Tejashwi will become CM

Patna, Feb 10 (IANS) : Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) national president Lalu Prasad Yadav reaffirmed his commitment to making Tejashwi Yadav the Chief Minister of Bihar if his party emerges victorious in the upcoming Assembly elections, while asserting, without mentioning any name, that he will not bow down before anyone under pressure. Addressing a gathering during an event in Nalanda, Lalu Prasad urged people to unite and support the RJD in forming the next government in Bihar. "We all have to unite and form our government in Bihar. Tejashwi Yadav has to be made the Chief Minister, and no one's head should be bowed." "I have never bowed my head before anyone, nor

will I ever do so. We must all stand together -- youth, journalists, women, brothers, and sisters -- to protect this country," he said. Lalu Prasad, a veteran RJD leader who is also a former Union Minister and ex-Bihar CM, reiterated Tejashwi Yadav's campaign promises, especially Rs 2,500 per month for women under Mai-Bahin Maan Yojana, similar to the scheme introduced in Jharkhand. He also promised 200 units of free electricity for households and more jobs and employment opportunities for the youth. After the formation of the new government under the leadership of Hemant Soren in Jharkhand, Tejashwi Yadav spoke of adopting the Maiya Samman Yojana and re-packaging it in the form of Mai-



Bahin Maan Yojana in Bihar. Lalu Prasad Yadav's assertions come at a crucial time when the Bihar assembly election will take place this year. He indicated that the RJD is gearing up for a strong electoral battle in Bihar. According to political observers, his emphasis on Tejashwi Yadav's leadership signals that the party will rally behind the former Deputy CM.

Bihar CM to inaugurate projects worth crores during Pragati Yatra in Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura

Patna, Feb 10 (IANS) : Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who began his visit to Lakhisarai and Sheikhpura districts as part of his Pragati Yatra on Monday, is expected to inaugurate projects worth crores. Ahead of his Pragati Yatra extensive preparations were made to ensure a smooth and secure visit. The Chief Minister is slated to inspect a sports complex, the Panchayat government building and Rajiv Gandhi Service Centre in Gangaur village under Ghatkusbhambha block in Sheikhpura district. Besides, he will inspect electricity, Jivika stalls and visit key facilities, including the health and wellness centre, school, Anganwadi centre,

pond, river, water taps, animal sheds, and Indira Awas, paved roads, and others in these two districts. Nitish Kumar will inaugurate and lay the foundation stones of various projects worth crores of rupees. Earlier, ahead of the yatra, administrative and security arrangements were in full swing, with local officials and NDA workers camping in the area to prevent any disruptions. The Bihar Chief Minister visited Munger on Wednesday as part of the fourth phase of his Pragati Yatra, inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for 160 projects worth 440 crore. He also announced new development projects totalling 1,500 crore, aimed at boosting infrastructure and public services in the region. Nitish Kumar visited Tarapur in



Munger as part of his Pragati Yatra, inaugurating multiple development projects and announcing new infrastructure initiatives. During the Pragati Yatra in Munger, Nitish Kumar inspected a 100 crore Ring Road for Tarapur that is slated to give a major infrastructure boost to improve connectivity and also laid the foundation stone for the 12 crore beautification project for Rishikund to promote tourism and natural conservation.

Neither I nor any Congress leader is running for CM's post: Kerala LoP Satheesan

Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 10 (IANS) : Leader of the Opposition in the Kerala Assembly, V.D. Satheesan, on Monday, dismissed speculation over Congress' chief ministerial candidate, asserting that the party high command alone decides on the matter. His remarks came in response to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's jibe about internal politics in the Congress. "Neither I nor any other Congress leader is in the race for the chief minister's post. Everyone knows that at the right time, the party high command makes the selection. We don't need lectures from Vijayan on this," Satheesan said. The exchange arose from an incident at a state-run diaspora organisation NORKA's event.



TN school board exams: Minister to meet chief education officers for final preparations

Chennai, Feb 10 (IANS) : With just a month left for the Tamil Nadu school board examinations, State School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi is set to meet the Chief Education Officers (CEOs) from all districts on February 13 to finalise preparations. The Tamil Nadu state board exams for Class 12 will be held from March 3 to 25, for Class 11 from March 5 to 27 and for Class 10 from March 28 to April 15. The results for Class 12 are expected on April 9, while the Class 10 and 11 results are likely to be announced on April 19. To ensure smooth conduct of the exams, the Directorate of Government Examination (DGE) has recently appointed senior officials, including directors and

joint directors, as monitoring officers to oversee examination procedures in each district. In addition to exam preparations, the minister has called upon businesses, non-profits, and individuals to support government schools through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects. Poyyamozhi emphasised that the state is actively promoting the 'Namma School' portal, which enables donors to track how their funds are utilised. As part of the initiative, the minister distributed scholarships to 797 girls for the upcoming academic year and accepted corporate-funded scholarships for 3,511 students for 2024-25. He also urged more organisations to contribute towards improving school infrastructure and learning programs.

Himachal CM lays foundation for north India's first green hydrogen plant

Shimla, Feb 10 (IANS) : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu on Monday laid the foundation stone for north India's first 1 MW green hydrogen plant at Dabhota in Nalagarh tehsil of Solan district. This pioneering project, being developed by Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd (HPPCL) in collaboration with Oil India Ltd, is set to be established at a cost of Rs 9.04

crore. The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure its completion within a year. In his remarks on the occasion, the Chief Minister reaffirmed Himachal Pradesh's commitment to becoming India's first Green Energy State by March 2026. He emphasised that the Dabhota green hydrogen plant marks a major milestone in the state's renewable energy journey.



Chorus grows for UCC in Uttar Pradesh, Minister and MPs from the state rally support

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : With Gujarat government forming a committee to study the modalities for drafting and implementing a law on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), many Parliamentarians from Uttar Pradesh have welcomed the move and are also rallying support for a similar legislation in their state. SP Singh Baghel, the Union Minister of State (MoS), representing Agra LS constituency, has emerged as the leading face to offer support to the law. "This was in our manifesto, so it was implemented. Everything else in the manifesto will also be implemented. The country cannot run on

tribal customs, it will function only according to the Constitution and the laws enacted by Parliament. A truly equal society will be achieved only when the UCC is implemented," the Union Minister emphasized. Many BJP MPs from the state made similar assertions on the law, that has evoked fierce resistance from the Opposition parties, with the latter accusing the Centre and BJP-ruled states of bulldozing the rights of minorities with such legislations. BJP MP Rajkumar Chahar expressed confidence that Uttar Pradesh would soon follow Gujarat's lead. "UCC will come in UP also. The states being ruled by nationalist and patriotic parties, which are working to fulfil the Prime

Minister's resolution of Viksit Bharat, will implement it," he told IANS. Backing the call for UCC, BJP MP Dinesh Sharma and former UP CM told IANS, "This is a good start, and it will be better for states to adopt it as soon as possible." Many UP lawmakers argued that a uniform legal framework is essential for creating a "truly equal society." Echoing the sentiment, UP BJP MP Asim Arun pointed out that the concept



of a Uniform Civil Code was envisioned by B. R. Ambedkar and is also enshrined in the Constitution. "Baba Saheb Ambedkar gave this instruction; it is not just in the resolution of BJP but also in the Constitution. The previous party saw it as appeasement and thought it would cause harm," he told IANS. "Everyone should have equal rights, whether male or female. I thank Uttarakhand's double-engine government for taking the first step forward. The UP government is also planning on this," he added.



Chinese President holds talks with visiting Pakistani counterpart in Beijing

Beijing, Feb 10 (IANS) : Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari in Beijing on Monday. Xi said China and Pakistan enjoy ironclad friendship and are all-weather strategic cooperative partners. In recent years, the two countries have provided firm political support for each other, maintained close high-level exchanges, and advanced the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and cooperation in various fields, setting a good example for relations between countries, he said. China stands ready to work with Pakistan to advance their respective modernization drives, accelerate the building of an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era, bring more benefits to the two peoples, and make greater contri-

butions to regional peace, stability and prosperity, Xi said. Earlier, Zhao Leji, Chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, also met with the Pakistani President. China is willing to work with Pakistan to continue the traditional friendship, implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, and accelerate the building of an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era, he said. Noting that exchanges and cooperation between legislative bodies are an important part of bilateral relations, Zhao said the NPC is willing to work with the Pakistani parliament to strengthen exchanges at all levels, and provide a legal guarantee for China-Pakistan cooperation, Xinhua news agency reported.

226 archaeological sites damaged in Gaza due to Israeli strikes

Ramallah, Feb 10 (IANS) : Israeli strikes have damaged 226 archaeological sites in Gaza during the war, with repair costs estimated at 261 million euros, according to a report released by the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. The damage assessment revealed that 138 sites suffered significant damage, 61 moderate damage, and 27 minor damage, while 90 sites remained intact, the Ministry said on Monday in its report on cultural heritage sites. The Ministry accused Israeli forces of deliberately targeting historical sites, which it described as fundamental to Palestinian national identity, Xinhua news agency re-

ported. The Ministry made this announcement in cooperation with the Centre for Cultural Heritage Preservation as part of a report dubbed "Inventory of the Damages and Risks to Cultural Heritage Sites in Gaza", which assessed the damages inflicted on them as a result of the recent Israeli aggression. Co-prepared by

13 Palestinian experts in cooperation with an Oxford University team over a year, the report examines 316 cultural heritage sites in Gaza, encompassing archaeological sites, heritage buildings, museums, religious buildings, historical cemeteries, cultural scenes, natural sites.



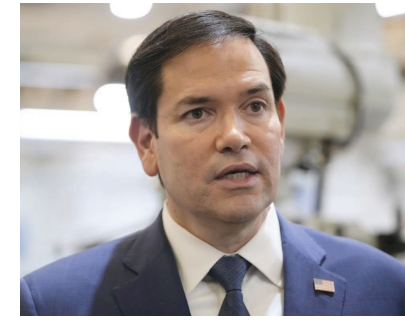
Now, Pakistan will take Hamas' help for terrorist attacks in Kashmir: VHP

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) spokesperson Vinod Bansal on Monday claimed that Pakistan will now take the help of Hamas for terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The VHP leader shared on social media platform 'X' that on Wednesday, Hamas commander Khaled al-Qaddoumi and other Pakistani terrorists were spotted during a rally in Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir (PoK).

Top Trump officials try to walk back President's Gaza ownership comments

Washington, Feb 10 (IANS) : Top officials in the Donald Trump administration have tried to walk back the President's remarks that the

US will "take over" the Gaza Strip and gain a "long-term ownership position" in the enclave. "The only thing President Trump has done, very generously, in my



view, is offer the United States' willingness to step in, clear the debris, clean the place up from all the destruction that's on the ground, clean it up of all these unexploded munitions," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who is on a visit in Guatemala.



UN chief speaks out against 'ethnic cleansing' in context of Trump plan to clear Gaza

United Nations, Feb 10 (IANS) : United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has spoken out against "ethnic cleansing" in Gaza after US President Donald Trump suggested ousting Palestinians living there to neighbouring countries. "It is essential to avoid any form of ethnic cleansing," Guterres said on Monday. "It is vital to stay true to the bedrock of international law," he said at a meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Asked if it can be seen as a response to Trump's proposal, Guterres's Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said, "I think that would be a fair assumption." Trump said on Tuesday that "we just clean out" Gaza and send the Palestinians to Egypt and Jordan.



Uganda safe for tourism, trade despite Ebola outbreak : health ministry

Kampala, Feb 10 (IANS) : Uganda's Ministry of Health said Monday the country is safe for tourism and trade despite an Ebola outbreak. Minister of Health Jane Ruth Aceng told reporters in the eastern Ugandan city of Mbale that the outbreak is confined to well-defined areas in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, and Mbale, where all measures have been deployed to control and prevent the spread to other parts of the country. "Even when we have an outbreak, we don't restrict tourism, trade and travel. In any case, the outbreak is in well-defined areas. It's not widespread all over the country," said Aceng. "Uganda is very safe. We encourage all tourists to

come to Uganda. We encourage trade and we encourage travel. There is no threat of Ebola anywhere the tourists will go," the minister stated, Xinhua news agency reported. Last week, Uganda declared an Ebola outbreak after a 32-year-old nurse succumbed to the disease. The Ministry of Health said two relatives of the index case have tested positive for the virus and 234 people who had contact with the deceased have been identified and isolated. On Tuesday, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said that the ongoing Ebola vaccine trial in Uganda is an achievement in the fight against the disease.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project picks pace with 100-metre bridge construction

Gandhinagar, Feb 10 (IANS) : A 100-metre-long steel bridge has been constructed in Gujarat's Surat for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project. Developed by the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), this bridge spans four railway tracks, including two tracks of the Western Railway and two tracks of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) between Kim and Sayan. The bridge comprises two spans of 100 meters and 60 meters, designed to facilitate a double-track standard gauge rail system. The 100-meter span, weighing 1,432 metric tonnes, was launched between January 28 and February 5, over the Western Railway and DFCCIL tracks.



I do not believe in factionalism: Ex-CM Bommai tells K'taka BJP leaders

Bengaluru, Feb 10 (IANS) : Commenting on some senior leaders plotting against Karnataka BJP President, B.Y. Vijayendra, former Chief Minister and BJP MP, Basavaraj Bommai, has dubbed the development as unfortunate. Releasing an official statement on Monday in this regard, Bommai said, "I

strongly believe that the central leadership will immediately focus on the developments in Karnataka BJP, hold discussions with all key leaders, and make an appropriate decision." Bommai stated, "The Congress government in the state is witnessing extreme misgovernance, failing on all fronts. Common people, farmers, and women are facing hardships, while incidents of violence and suicides are on the rise. At a time

when the BJP should be waging a battle against this, internal differences and infighting within the party are deeply unfortunate." He stated that the BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is providing efficient governance to the entire nation. "The decisions made by the party leadership are final, and I do not believe in factionalism. Therefore, the question of me calling any group meeting does not arise," he

clarified. "I am one of the many leaders making sincere efforts to bring everyone together. Both sides must remain patient and, under the guidance of Karnataka BJP's senior-most leader and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, as well as other senior leaders, we must sit together and resolve this issue through dialogue.



Krishnagiri school rape victim gets counselling; AIADMK, BJP flay TN govt

Chennai, Feb 10 (IANS) : A 13-year-old girl from a government school in Bargur, Krishnagiri district, Tamil Nadu, who accused three of her teachers of rape.

Ethiopia, Kenya launch joint operation to dismantle terror activities along border

Addis Ababa, Feb 10 (IANS) : Ethiopian and Kenyan intelligence agencies have launched a joint military operation aimed at dismantling a militant group along their common border areas, Ethiopia's National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) has said in a statement.

The primary objective of the joint operation is to dismantle 'Shene', also known as the Oromo Liberation Army, a militant group designated as a terrorist organisation by the Ethiopian government, thereby enhancing regional stability along the border, the statement said.

Specifically, the operation aims to counter activities related to terrorism, contraband trade and the trafficking of people and arms.

The statement further noted that the operation seeks to implement security agreements focused on combating threats that jeopardise the national interests of both nations.

NISS said joint security forces from Ethiopia and Kenya are actively conducting operations in designated camps of the group within their respective border territories to neutralise its influence and promote peace in the Horn of Africa region, Xinhua news agency reported.

Kenya's National Police Service said the operations target criminals engaged in illegal activities such as arms, drug and human trafficking, illegal mining, instigating tribal conflicts, and kidnapping for ransom along the two nations' border. Last week, experts met in the Kenyan



capital of Nairobi to promote peace in the Horn of Africa region. The two-day Regional Validation Forum for the Horn of Africa Initiative's Peace and Social Cohesion White Paper brought together more than 100 delegates, including security officials from Kenya, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan, as well as officials from international development agencies, to exchange knowledge and strategies for strengthening peacebuilding.

In his opening remarks, Raymond Omollo, Principal Secretary in the Kenyan Ministry of Interior and National Administration, said the forum presents a significant opportunity to reinforce the collective commitment to peaceful and accelerated development as well as social cohesion in the Horn of Africa region.

He noted that the region has made a collective resolve to improve the lives of the communities in the borderlands through peace, investment, and development because it has long faced insecurity, marginalisation, conflict, fragility, and underdevelopment.

Kanyakumari MP moves Adjournment Motion on fishing community 'crisis', funding cuts

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Kanyakumari Lok Sabha MP Vijay Vasanth on Monday moved an adjournment motion in the House, seeking a discussion on the crisis faced by the fishing community in Tamil Nadu and the funding cut to the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR). Highlighting the issues, he pointed out that fishing communities in coastal districts like Kanyakumari, Rameswaram, and Nagapattinam have been severely affected by the funding

cut to NIRDPR and "lack of support." In the motion, Vasanth stated, "The recent reduction in funding to NIRDPR has adversely affected various welfare schemes for rural communities, including the fishing community. This funding cut has directly impacted the livelihoods of thousands of fishing families who depend on such initiatives for their development." He also criticised the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in Tamil Nadu, arguing that it has "failed" to provide



"sufficient support" to the fishing community. "The scheme's implementation in the state has been ineffective, leaving the community without adequate financial aid, technology, and infrastructure development," he added.

The MP further pointed out that fishing harbours and fish landing centres in Tamil Nadu remain "severely underdeveloped," which has hampered efficiency and safety in the sector and led to economic losses for local fishermen.

Excavation in 2,500-year-old tomb compound in Israel reveals ancient trade routes

Jerusalem, Feb 10 (IANS) : Excavations of a 2500-year-old tomb compound in the Negev desert in southern Israel revealed ancient trade caravans traveling through the area, revealing the region's possible historical significance as an international trade crossroads connecting cultures.

The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said on Monday that arrowheads dating back around 2,500 years and originating from Yemen were discovered in the excavations. Among the artifacts discovered were copper and silver jewelry, alabaster items used to prepare incense, hundreds of beads made from various colorful stones, rare types of shells, an Egyptian god Bes amulet, and alabaster vessels used to transport incense resins from southern Arabia.

Meanwhile, traces of red ochre, a substance used in ancient cultures to symbolise blood and for other decorative purposes, were also found on the arrowheads and other artifacts, which, according to the researchers.



Nepal bars solo expeditions to peaks above 8,000 metres

Kathmandu, Feb 10 (IANS) : Nepal has banned solo expeditions to all the mountains above 8,000 metres inside the country, including the world's tallest Mount Everest or Mount Qomolangma, an official said on Monday. The government has made it mandatory for all climbers to be backed by a guide in the expeditions by amending the mountaineering regulations, said Liladhar Awasti, Director at the Department of Tourism.

"The move was taken to ensure the safety of the climbers on the peaks above 8,000 metres," Awasti told Xinhua news agency. The South Asian country announced in January that it would raise climbing permit fees for Mount Everest which straddles Nepal and China, with the fee for foreigners hiked to 15,000 US dollars from 11,000 dollars from September 1 for the spring climbing season.

Pressure is not right way for US to deal with China: Chinese Foreign Ministry

Beijing, Feb 10 (IANS) : Applying pressure is not the right way for the United States to handle its relations with China, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said on Monday, referring to the additional 10 per cent tariff the US has placed on goods from China under the pretext of fentanyl-related issues.

"Disregarding the outcomes of China-US cooperation on drug control, the US has insisted on imposing this tariff on Chinese imports.

China has expressed its strong dissatisfaction with and firm opposition to the move, and has taken necessary measures to safeguard its legitimate rights and interests," Lin told a regular news briefing.



African officials pledge continuity of malaria financing amid donor uncertainties

Nairobi, Feb 10 (IANS) : The financing of malaria programmes across sub-Saharan Africa will continue as governments shift to domestic resources and plug shortfalls occasioned by the abrupt halt in support from Western donors, senior officials said Monday at a forum in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

Hosted by the End Malaria Council Kenya and the African Leaders Malaria Alliance, the day-long forum discussed innovative strategies to ramp up domestic financing of malaria programmes on the continent amid growing fatigue from foreign donors.

An estimated 6.3 billion US dollars is required annually to

sustain the malaria fight in Africa, inching the continent closer to eliminating the mosquito-transmitted disease by 2030, noted the officials and experts at the forum. Christopher Getonga, Chairman of the End Malaria Council Kenya, acknowledged Africa's high malaria burden, which has exerted pressure on public coffers and hampered economic growth.

To bridge the malaria financing gap, Getonga called on governments to strengthen partnerships with industry and encourage contributions from local philanthropists while utilizing available resources prudently.

Meeting Trump not on Iran's agenda now : VP Aref

Tehran, Feb 10 (IANS) : Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref said on Monday that meeting and negotiating with US President Donald Trump, though not "impossible", is not on Iran's agenda at the moment, the official news agency IRNA reported. Noting Iran's strategies, especially in the defence sector, are "stable and permanent," Aref told reporters on the sidelines of a cabinet meeting that under the fatwa, an Iranian religious decree, using nuclear technology for unpeaceful ac-

tivities is prohibited. Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said on the sidelines of the cabinet meeting that the "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran the United States just restored will fail again, according to IRNA.

"Regarding the remarks made by the US President last night, I maintain that the 'maximum pressure' has been a defeated experience, and retesting it will lead to another defeat," Araghchi said.

"If the main issue is that Iran should not pursue nuclear weapons, this is achievable and not a

difficult matter," he said. Iran is a committed member of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and its positions are completely clear in that regard, he said, Xinhua news agency reported.



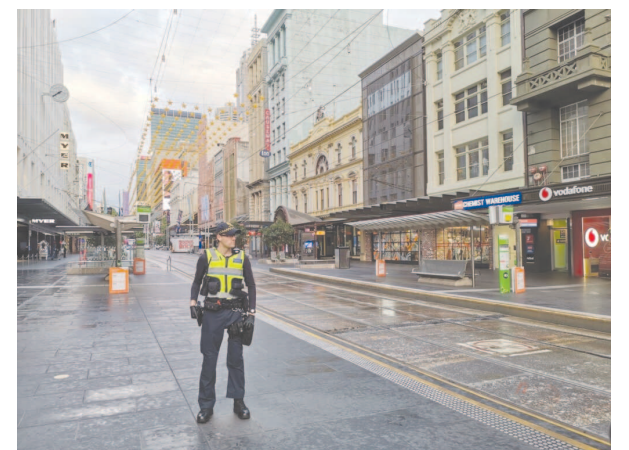
New task force to combat violent youth crime in South Australia

Canberra, Feb 10 (IANS) : Police in South Australia (SA) have established a new task force to combat violent crimes committed by youth gangs. SA Police announced the new Youth and Street Gangs Task Force on Monday as part of a boost to police resources allocated to investigating youth crime, domestic and family violence, cybercrime and retail theft.

Commissioner Grant Stevens said that the new task force would respond to crimes as well as undertake preventive and rehabilitative work. "Youth crime is not just about the criminality, but the recruitment of younger members, so the task force provides an opportunity to break this cycle," he said in a statement. "This permanent task force will disrupt and reduce the criminal activities of a target group of offenders, particularly focusing on crimes of violence that pose a significant risk to community safety." The task force has been formed by merging two existing police operations and adding 13 police officers to its ranks.

SA Police data released earlier in January revealed that the number of crimes committed by offenders aged 10-17 rose by 140 per cent from 6,938 in 2018-19 to 16,710 in 2023-24.

Responding to the data at the time, Acting Assistant Commissioner John De Candia said that police were observing



high rates of re-offending within youth crime. He said that 10 per cent of youth offenders accounted for about 50 per cent of the crimes committed, Xinhua news agency reported. The task force is part of an initiative redirecting more than 70 police officers to frontline areas.

An additional nine police officers will be assigned to investigate financial and cybercrime under the shake-up while an additional 13 will join family and domestic violence investigations.

On Wednesday, a man was hospitalised after being stabbed on a busy street in inner suburbs of Melbourne.

Police in the state of Victoria said the man in his 30s was stabbed near a busy intersection on a major road in Prahran, about four km southeast of central Melbourne, shortly before 8 am local time, Australia's 9News network reported.

He was taken to a nearby hospital in a serious condition with non-life-threatening injuries to his lower body.

Authorities have commenced a search of the local area for an unknown male attacker.



White House dials down Trump's plan to 'take over' Gaza

Washington, Feb 10 (IANS) : The White House said on Monday that President Donald Trump had not committed any funds for his proposal for the US to take over Gaza or deploy troops there for that purpose. Senior officials of the Trump administration also sought to make clear President Trump was not talking about indefinitely occupying Gaza as he seemed to have suggested in a news conference on Tuesday alongside visiting Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The President has not committed to putting boots on the ground in Gaza," White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said at the daily briefing. "He has also said that the United States is not going to pay for the rebuilding of Gaza. His administration is going to work with our partners in the region to reconstruct this region." Leavitt went on to describe the proposal as an "out-of-box idea" characteristic of the President whose goal was to bring "lasting peace" in West Asia. Asked if Leavitt was rolling back Trump's willingness to send American troops to Gaza to implement his plan.

Bangladesh founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's house vandalised, set on fire by mob in Dhaka

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : A large group of protesters on Monday vandalised and set on fire Bangladesh founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's residence in Dhaka during a live online address of his daughter and former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The angry mob vandalised the memorial and residence of Sheikh Hasina's father located at Dhanmondi 32 in Bangladesh demanding a ban on the party he founded, Awami League, on Monday evening. The attackers forcibly entered the premises after breaking open the gate and began a destructive rampage. The demonstrators were seen destroying the structure by climbing up. They also set ablaze the top floor of the building. Hasina delivered her address organised by the Awami League's now-disbanded student wing Chhatra League and called upon the countrymen to organise a resistance against the current regime.



US federal judge indefinitely blocks Trump's order ending birthright citizenship

Washington, Feb 10 (IANS) : A federal judge in Maryland has indefinitely blocked US President Donald Trump's executive order to end birthright citizenship for undocumented immigrants and foreign visitors with temporary visas.

Judge Deborah L. Boardman from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on Monday issued a preliminary injunction after a court hearing in Greenbelt, Maryland, in a case filed by civil rights groups seeking to block Trump's order.

The injunction applies nationally, Xinhua news agency re-

ported. "The Maryland lawsuit is one of at least six different federal cases brought against Trump's order by a total of 22 Democratic-led states and more than half a dozen civil rights groups," according to The Washington Post. Trump signed the order hours after taking office on January 20. It directed federal agencies to halt recognition of citizenship for children born after February 19, if neither parent is a US citizen nor a permanent resident.

More than 20 states and civil rights groups immediately filed lawsuits challenging the order, calling it blatantly "unconstitutional".

On January 23, Senior US District Judge John Coughenour, a federal judge in Seattle, Washington state, temporarily blocked Trump's executive order for at least 14 days, as lawsuits in Washington state and elsewhere over Trump's action proceeded.

The 14th Amendment states that "all persons born or naturalised in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States".

Trump's executive order argued that the 14th Amendment "has always" excluded from birthright citizenship persons who were born in the United States but not "subject to the jurisdiction thereof".

Greek state mobilised to respond to seismic activity in Santorini region

Athens, Feb 10 (IANS) : Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said that the Greek state mechanism has been fully mobilised to respond to any potential scenario as a series of tremors continued to shake the area around the Santorini volcanic region.

"The entire state apparatus has been mobilised. All relevant

contingency plans have been activated, and numerous state resources have been deployed to Santorini and neighbouring islands. The state is now prepared for any eventuality," Mitsotakis said during a televised press briefing held at the Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection in Athens on Monday.

A total of 6,400 earthquakes were

recorded in the Santorini and Amorgos islands region between January 26 and February 3, according to the University of Athens' Interdisciplinary Committee for Handling Threats and Crises on Wednesday, reports Xinhua news agency. The committee did not rule out the possibility of a stronger earthquake occurring in the near future, echoing warnings

from several Greek seismologists over the past week. Santorini is home to approximately 20,000 permanent residents, with around 5,000 tourists visiting during this period, a small fraction of the three million tourists who choose Santorini annually. Greek authorities, who estimated that roughly 11,000 people have departed Santorini since seismic activity in-



tensified over the past week, have dispatched experts and emergency teams to Santorini, Amorgos, and nearby islands. Tents have been

set up in sports centres, and residents have been advised to take precautionary measures, avoid derelict buildings, cliffs, and shorelines, and refrain from indoor gatherings until further notice.

However, experts remain calm, emphasising that Santorini is capable of withstanding such quakes. They reiterated that the ongoing seismic activity is tectonic in nature, not volcanic. Santorini is part of the Hellenic Volcanic Arc, an active volcanic zone.

French PM survives 2 no-confidence votes in a day

Paris, Feb 10 (IANS) : French Prime Minister Francois Bayrou survived a second no-confidence vote, launched by the hard left-wing party La France Insoumise (LFI). Only 122 French deputies voted in favour of the motion, falling well short of the 289 votes needed to oust Bayrou, Yael Braun-Pivet, Speaker of the French National Assembly, announced on Monday evening.

Earlier in the day, Bayrou had already survived a separate no-confidence vote, Xinhua news agency reported. According to results announced by Braun-Pivet, only 128 deputies backed the motion.

LFI initiated two no-confidence motions against Bayrou after he invoked Article 49.3 of the French Constitution on Monday to push through France's 2025 state budget bill and the first part of the Social Security financing bill

without a parliamentary vote. Without support from the far-right National Rally (RN) and its left-wing ally, the Socialist Party (PS), LFI failed to secure enough votes to unseat Bayrou in both attempts.

French President Emmanuel Macron appointed Bayrou as Prime Minister on December 13 after Michel Barnier was ousted in a no-confidence vote.

The survival of Bayrou's government will be a relief for Macron who has faced calls to resign since the middle of last year but insisted he will stay on until the end of his term, due to end in 2027. Many analysts and even allies are still baffled by the President's decision to call snap parliamentary elections last summer which gave the far right its biggest-ever foothold in a divided Parliament.



Prince Rahim Al-Hussaini Aga Khan V named new spiritual leader of Shia Ismaili Muslims

Lisbon, Feb 10 (IANS) : Prince Rahim Al-Hussaini Aga Khan V was on Monday named the 50th hereditary Imam (spiritual leader) of the Shia Ismaili Muslims following the death of his father, Prince Karim Al-Hussaini Aga Khan IV, who died in Lisbon, Portugal, on Tuesday at the age of 88, in accordance with historical Shia Imami Ismaili tradition. Born on October 12, 1971, Prince Rahim is the eldest son of the late Prince Karim Aga Khan and his first wife, Princess Salimah. Prince Rahim was educated at the Phillips Academy Andover and graduated in 1995 from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature.



After US, Israel withdraws participation from UN Human Rights Council

Jerusalem, Feb 10 (IANS) : A day after US President Donald Trump announced America's withdrawal from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gideon Sa'ar, has said that Israel would also join the US in its decision not to participate in the UNHRC. Sa'ar on Monday expressed Israel's support for Trump's decision, calling it a step in the right direction.

In a post on X on Monday, the Israeli Foreign Minister said, "Israel welcomes President Trump's decision not to participate in the UN Human

Rights Council (UNHRC). Israel joins the United States and will not participate in the UNHRC." He called the UNHRC to have "traditionally protected human rights abusers by allowing them to hide from scrutiny, and instead obsessively demonises the one democracy in the Middle East - Israel. This body has focused on attacking a democratic country and propagating anti-semitism, instead of promoting human rights."

"The discrimination against us is clear: In the UNHRC, Israel is the only country with an agenda item dedicated solely to it. Israel has been subjected to over 100 condemnatory resolutions, over 20

per cent of all resolutions ever passed in the Council - more than against Iran, Cuba, North Korea, and Venezuela combined. Israel will not accept this discrimination any longer!" he added.

The announcement from the Israeli Foreign Minister came amid Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the US.

US President Trump announced America's departure from the "anti-semitic" UN Human Rights Council and the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which drew a lot of flak over the allegations of links with Hamas.

Trump made the announcement during a joint press conference with Israeli PM Netanyahu in Washington, DC on Tuesday (local time).

"I'm also pleased to announce that this afternoon the United States withdrew from the anti-semitic UN Human Rights Council and ended all of the support for the UN Relief and Works Agency, which funnelled money to Hamas and which was very disloyal to humanity. Today I also took action to restore our maximum pressure policy on the Iranian regime. And we will once again enforce the most aggressive possible sanctions.



China's Haotong Li eyes PGA Tour after sensational win in Qatar Masters

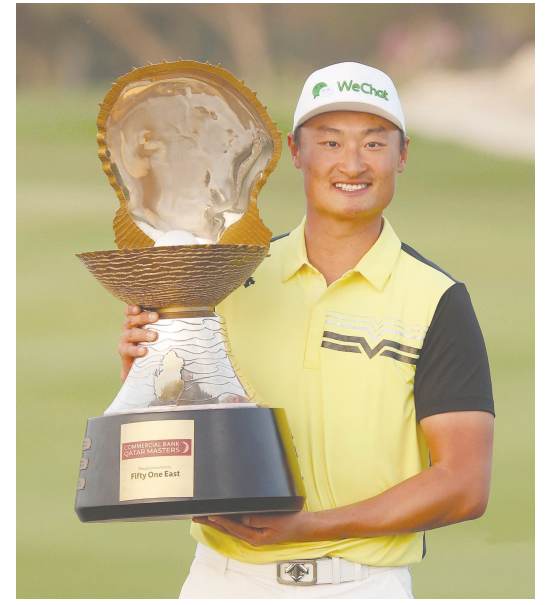
Doha, Feb 10 (IANS) : China's Haotong Li has several messages weaved onto his driver headcover that keeps him focused and motivated. The one that stands out is "Dream Big". The 29-year-old Li is now starting to dream big again after claiming a career fourth DP World Tour title following an emotional triumph at the Qatar Masters on Monday which he hopes will help form the building blocks to fi-

nally put his career on the right path. Li, who is the only mainland Chinese golfer to compete in the Presidents Cup after qualifying for the International Team in 2019 at Royal Melbourne, holed a winning birdie putt from 15 feet on the 72nd hole at Doha Golf Club before breaking into celebration with his caddie and with tears flowing down his cheeks. He became the second successive Asian golfer to win in Qatar and now hopes to emulate his prede-

cessor, Rikuya Hoshino of Japan, by earning a priceless PGA Tour card via the DP World Tour Top-10. Hoshino was amongst 10 players from the DP World Tour to secure playing rights on the PGA Tour at the end of last season. "This time, I will keep working hard and keep the momentum going into the end of the season. My goal is always to try and get my PGA TOUR card back, so hopefully I'm in a great position right now and hopefully I can continue

to play some good golf, play solid and go to America," said a jubilant Li, who moved up to seventh position in the Race to Dubai rankings. Li's outstanding victory saw him match compatriot Ashun Wu's four wins on the DP World Tour, which is the most by a mainland Chinese golfer, and much has always been expected from the mercurial Li who was on the brink of quitting the game post-COVID. Ranked as high as 32nd in the official World Golf Ranking in

2018, Li has proven in the past that he can compete against the very best on any given day. He finished third at The Open Championship at Royal Birkdale in 2017 following a closing 63 while playing alongside South African legend.



CT: Australia to look at top three batters and bowling combination, says McDonald

Galle, Feb 10 (IANS) : Australia head coach Andrew McDonald said the side would be looking at the structure of their top three batters in the absence of Mitchell Marsh and their bowling combination minus Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood in their upcoming two ODIs against Sri Lanka. With the Champions Trophy just less than ten days away, Australia will be using ODIs against Sri Lanka in Colombo to see who can fill up the vacancies in their squad for the eight-team

tournament after Cummins, Hazlewood and Marsh were ruled out due to varying injuries and Marcus Stoinis announcing a shock retirement from ODI cricket. "You want to play to win, there's no doubt about that because winning form always helps the confidence of a group. But there will definitely be some options that we look at, how we go about it - what the structure of the top three (batting) looks like without Mitch Marsh there."

Matthew Breetzke posts highest individual ODI score on debut vs NZ

Lahore, Feb 10 (IANS) : South African opener Matthew Breetzke etched his name into the record books by becoming the first batter to score 150 runs on ODI debut in second match of the ongoing tri-series against New Zealand at the Gaddafi Stadium on Monday. His stunning knock of 150 off 148 balls, laced with 11 fours and five sixes, surpassed the previous record held by the legendary West Indies' batter Desmond Haynes.



WPL 2025: Delhi Capitals will be one of the favourites to win the title, says Aakash Chopra

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Former India men's cricketer Aakash Chopra believes the Delhi Capitals' are one of the favourites to win WPL 2025, saying that despite the trophy eluding them twice, their consistency in playing will make them go one step further this time. DC have been table-toppers in league stages of WPL 2023 and 2024, but have ended up runners-up on both occasions, including at their home ground Arun Jaitley Stadium. DC will open their WPL 2025 campaign

against Mumbai Indians in Vadodara on February 15. "Success is always defined by trophies, but in the first two seasons of the TATA WPL, Delhi Capitals have truly stood out with their style of play and consistency. I know they haven't won a title yet, but they came very close last season. Given their performances, they will definitely be one of the favourites this year as well," said Chopra on Disney+ Hotstar on Monday. DC's opening pair will once again be captain Meg Lanning and young Shafali Verma, but

Chopra sounded not too optimistic about them clicking as a pair in WPL 2025. Meg has played cricket sporadically since her international retirement, while Shafali has been out of the Indian team set-up after a poor ODI series against New Zealand last year. It meant Shafali was back to playing domestic cricket, and finished as the leading run-getter in the Senior Women's One-Day Challenger Trophy, amassing 414 runs in five matches at an average of 82.80 and a strike rate of 145.26, including hitting one hundred and three fifties.



Assam's Viraj Sarawgi clinches silver at Bangkok Rapid Chess Championship

Bangkok, Feb 10 (IANS) : Assam's rising chess talent, Viraj Sarawgi, a Grade 5 student at Royal Global School, Guwahati, delivered a stellar performance at the Bangkok Rapid Chess Championship, held on Sunday at Kings College, Bang Phong Phang, Bangkok. Competing in the Under-12 category, Viraj secured the silver medal with an impressive 5.5 points out of 6 rounds, making a mark in the competitive international field. The tournament witnessed participation from around 250 players across seven countries, making it a prestigious platform for young chess talents. Viraj, who entered the event as an un-rated player.

I understand what is required of me, I've played for a long time now: Rohit Sharma

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : India captain Rohit Sharma backed his strong mindset after gaining his form back with a century in the second ODI against England at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack on Monday. The opener was under immense criticism for his underwhelming form in the last two Test series against New Zealand and Australia, respectively. The 37-year-old also failed to get going in the first ODI of the series in Nagpur and departed for just two runs. However, the Indian captain returned to

form with a stylish knock of 119 off 90 balls decorated with 12 fours and seven sixes to guide India to a second consecutive win in the series to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. "When people have played for number of years and scored so many runs over the years. That means something," Rohit said in a BCCI video.



Pakistan have enough depth to be dangerous at home in CT, feels Shastri

Dubai, Feb 10 (IANS) : Former India head coach Ravi Shastri feels Mohammad Rizwan-led Pakistan will have "enough depth to be dangerous in home conditions" in the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy. Pakistan have the benefit of playing at home conditions as the country is set to co-host a senior ICC event for the first time

since the World Cup in 1996. "There's always pressure when you play at home in the sub-continent - whether it's India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, or Pakistan - the expectations are massive."

Don't think Labuschagne is out of form; big score is just around the corner: Smith

New Delhi, Feb 10 (IANS) : Australia's captain Steve Smith in their 2-0 Test series win over Sri Lanka, said he remains confident in Marnus Labuschagne making a big score and believes that the top-order batter isn't even out of form. In Australia sealing their first Test series victory in Sri Lanka since 2011, Labuschagne made 50 runs at an average of 25

across the series, including hitting an unbeaten 26 in Galle to help Australia chase down the modest target of 75 runs needed for victory in the second game. With Cameron Green's return looming, Labuschagne will be locked in a tough fight to keep his spot in Australia's playing eleven for their World Test Championship final against South Africa at Lord's in June.

