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Hyderabad, May 15 : Union Minister Bandi Sanjay today wrote an open letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over the issue of the non-payment fee reimbursement dues to all the private colleges of the State and asked the CM as to what happened to his statement given as a witness in the Assembly on the fee reimbursement arrears?



SC slams MP Minister Vijay Shah for remarks against Col Sofiya Qureshi

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : The Supreme Court on Thursday slammed Madhya Pradesh Tribal Affairs Minister Vijay Shah over his controversial remarks on Army officer Colonel Sofiya Qureshi. "What sort of statement are you (Shah) making? Such a person holding a constitutional office is expected to exercise a degree of restraint. Every sentence uttered by a minister has to be with responsibility," remarked a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai. The Bench's observation came when Shah's lawyer sought urgent listing of his special leave petition (SLP).

Saraswati Pushkaralu commences on grand note at Kaleshwaram

Kaleshwaram, May 15: The Saraswati Pushkaralu, a revered river festival, commenced with grand celebrations at Kaleshwaram, where the Godavari, Pranahita, and the subterranean Saraswati rivers meet, creating the sacred Triveni Sangam in the Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Thursday.

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Our women insulted at miss world event : BJP MP DK Aruna

Hyderabad, May 15 (NSS): BJP MP DK Aruna today claimed that the women of Telangana were insulted at a Miss World competition event held.

Telangana to introduce Karnataka-model of licensed surveyors: Ponguleti

Hyderabad, May 15 (NSS): Minister of Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that measures are being put in place to enhance the efficiency and transparency of land transactions in order to better serve farmers. As part of this initiative, the State government is developing a special plan to introduce a successful Licensed Surveyor System similar to that of Karnataka. In a statement made on Thursday, the Minister stated that the State



government plans to recruit 5,000 licensed surveyors, with applications being accepted until May 17.

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CORRIGENDUM

Reference to our Demand notice dated 28-04/2025 published in this Newspaper on 10-05-2025 Against the Borrowers 1. Chetty Sangeetha (Borrower), 2. Thumkili Dilip (Co-Borrower), LAN: H400HLD0237349 in which it is mentioned as BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED All the Details of said notice remain unaltered. Inconvenience Regretted.

Date: 16.05.2025, Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited

SC gets angry at govt on Kancha Gachibowli land case again

Hyderabad, May 15 (NSS): The Supreme Court has once again expressed its anger at the

in the Kancha Gachibowli land issue. It said the government must answer for the cutting of trees in Kancha Gachibowli lands and warned that if the environment

was not restored, the officials concerned would have to go to jail while making it clear that the State government should not justify its act of felling trees.

The issue of Kanche Gachibowli lands in Telangana was heard again today by the SC . A bench of Chief Justice BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George conducted the hear-

ing and asked as to what was the point in cutting the trees on the weekend? “The Trees were cut on the weekend with a clear plan. Dozens of bulldozers were brought in and the trees were cut off.

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED

BRANCH OFFICE: Axis Finance Limited, Ground and 1st Floor, Alpha Centre, #216, Double Road, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560002

Ref. No. AFL/2025-2026/APR/SHABEENAMOHD/95

Dated: 28/04/2025

DEMAND NOTICE

To:
1) Mrs. Mohammed Shabeena (Borrower cum Mortgagor), 76-8-10/1, Flat no. 09, 5th Floor, Bhavani Towers, Sivalayam Centre, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada Urban, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh-520012, Email: md.shabeena76@gmail.com, 2) Mr. Mohammed Asif Basha (Co-Borrower I) 76-8-10/1, Flat no. 09, 5th Floor, Bhavani Towers, Sivalayam Centre, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada Urban, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh-520012, Email: md.shabeena76@gmail.com..
Dear Sir/Madam,
SUB: Notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (As Amended From Time to Time) and the Rules made thereunder .
I, the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Finance Limited** (hereinafter referred to as the "**AFL/Secured Creditor**"), a company incorporated under the provision of the Companies Act, 1956 and a Non-Banking Financial Company registered under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, having its Registered Office at Axis House, Axis Finance Limited, ground floor, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400025 do hereby give this Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred to as the "**SARFAESI Act**") as under:
AFL, in the ordinary course of its business, at the request of Borrower sanctioned the following credit facilities to the Borrowers on the terms and conditions as mentioned therein:
a) Rs. 46,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Only) ("Credit Facilities"), Loan no. 0456AH00009403 on the terms and conditions as mentioned in Loan Agreement dated 24th July 2024 ("Facility Agreement") signed and executed by Mrs. Shabeena Mohammad (Borrower), Mr. Mohammad Asif Basha (Co-Borrower I)
1) Pursuant thereto, you Addressee(s) in your capacity as Borrower, Co-Borrower(s) and Mortgagor in order to secure/guarantee the repayment of all amounts payable under the aforesaid Facility Agreement and consequently, have become jointly and severally liable for the repayment of the Credit Facility availed by the Borrower. You the Addressee(s) had agreed to repay the Credit Facility in Equal Monthly Installments.
[The facility and security documents executed/submitted for the Credit Facility in terms of the Facility Agreement shall collectively referred to as the "Transaction Documents" hereinafter in this notice]
2) That as a security towards repayment of all amounts payable under the aforesaid Credit Facilities, on **20th August 2024** the Mortgagor had with an intent to secure the Credit Facility, created mortgage and charge of all their right, title, interest in the land/asset more particularly detailed in SCHEDULE A hereto. [The asset as mentioned in SCHEDULE A shall be hereinafter referred to as "Secured Asset"]
3) It is pertinent to state herein that the Borrower/Mortgagor, Co-Borrower I by virtue of the Facility Agreement has availed Credit Facilities from AFL by mortgaging the property mentioned in SCHEDULE A, and thereby created secured interest in favour of AFL. The security mentioned in SCHEDULE A is "Secured Asset" within the meaning of section 2(1) (zc) of the SARFAESI Act.
4) At the request of you the Addressee(s), AFL had on various dates disbursed the Credit Facilities to the Borrower on specific instructions, as described in detail in SCHEDULE B hereto.
5) As per the terms of the Transaction Documents, you the Borrower/Mortgagor and the Co-borrower I were required to repay the dues under the said Credit Facility and further you the Borrower and Co-borrower(s) were also required to pay interest thereon and other charges at the contractual rates as in the manner set out in the Facility Agreement and subsequent communication(s).
6) However, you the Borrower/Mortgagor, Co-borrower I failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Transaction Documents and defaulted in repayment of the amount payable under the Facility Agreement. AFL had through various default notices informed you the Addressee(s) of such default, however, till date, the same have neither been rectified nor any steps have been undertaken thereto to repay the outstanding amounts.
7) In this context, it is important to note that since you the Addressee(s) have committed continuous defaults, the account of the Borrower has become non-performing asset ("**NPA**") w.e.f. **05/04/2025** in compliance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.
8) It is imperative to state herein that the above information of classification of account as **NPA** was communicated by AFL to you the Addressee(s) vide NPA intimation letter bearing Ref. No. AFL/NPA/CO/Apr-25/0290 dated **07/04/2025**.
9) Please note that as per the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, the debt due to Secured Creditor is a debt secured against the Secured Asset and you being the Borrower, the Mortgagor and the Co-Borrower(s) have committed defaults in repayment of such secured debt/Credit Facility in terms of the Transaction Documents.
10) As on **05/04/2025**, the outstanding debt due and payable by the Borrower/Mortgagor, Co-borrower I to the Secured Creditor is **Rs. 45,24,541/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred and forty one Only)** as more particularly detailed in SCHEDULE C hereto.
11) In view of the aforesaid, the Secured Creditor has become entitled to issue this statutory notice to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor, in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and hereby call upon you all Addressee(s), jointly and severally to discharge in full the dues towards the Secured Creditor amounting/ aggregating **Rs. 45,24,541/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred and forty one Only)** due as on **05th April 2025**, together with applicable interest, further interest, default interest, premia, costs, charges etc., at contractual rates in respect of the Credit Facility from this date of repayment, within 90 days (Ninety days) from the date of this Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, failing which the Secured Creditor shall be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under the said SARFAESI Act and entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences.
12) On expiry of 60 days from the date hereof and on your failure to comply with the demand, the Secured Creditor shall take the following measures under the SARFAESI Act:
a) Take over possession of the Secured Asset as mentioned in Schedule A hereto including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the same.
b) Take over management of business of you the Addressee(s) including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the Secured Asset, subject to the conditions as stipulated in the proviso to Section 13(4)(b) and Section 15 of the SARFAESI Act;
c) appoint any person to manage the Secured Asset, the possession of which will be taken over by AFL;
d) require at any time by notice in writing, any person who has acquired any of the Secured Asset from you the Addressee(s) and from whom any money is due or may become due to you the Addressee(s), to pay AFL, so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the secured debt.
13) I also invite your attention to Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, whereby you have an opportunity to tender the amount due as stated above to the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of secured assets.
14) All of you are notified and cautioned that as per the provisions of Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no transfer of the Secured Asset (set out in the SCHEDULE A hereunder) by way of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made without prior written consent of Secured Creditor. Please note that any non-compliance/contravention of the provisions contained in the said SARFAESI Act read with the Rules, is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the SARFAESI Act.
15) Please further note that this statutory notice is issued without prejudice to the rights of the Secured Creditor including initiation of any other legal proceedings/legal action as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any law for the time being in force and/ or as per contract or both.
16) I hereby expressly reserve all rights under the relevant Transaction Documents, any other associated documents, under law or otherwise. Nothing contained in this notice or any action or inaction by us shall operate as a waiver of, or prejudice, diminish or otherwise adversely affect, any of our present or future rights or remedies under the respective Transaction Documents or any of our rights or remedies under law or generally, which remain and shall continue in full force and effect.
17) The undersigned is duly Authorized as Authorized Officer to issue this Notice and exercise powers on behalf of the Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act read with the Rules.
18) Request you to kindly acknowledge the receipt of this Notice. A copy of this notice is being retained in our office for future reference.

SCHEDULE A

Description of Land: An extent of 4013 sq yds of site in R.S No. 34/1, situated at Crombway Road, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada, NTR District within the Municipal Corporation limits of Vijayawada within the jurisdiction of District Registrar Vijayawada, Registration District of Vijayawada, Revenue District of NTR bounded by: North: Property of Abdul Rehman, South: Same extent of Municipal Road and some extent of others, East: Property of Mohammad Ismail West: 100 ft wide Crombway Road. Within the above boundaries 4013 sq yds or 3355.38 sq mtrs of this undivided joint share 35 sq yds or 29.26 sq mtrs of site.
Description of Flat: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat no 4, 2BH/K, 4th Floor, having 1082 sq ft plinth area, 315 sq ft of common area, 120 sq ft of Car Parking in the Apartment Building known as "Bhavani Towers", constructed on site described above with Assessment no 1073158969, Door no 76-8-10/1 and bounded by: North: Flat no 3 along with Open to sky, South: Flat No.5 along with Duct, East: Open to Sky, West: Corridor.

SCHEDULE C

Details Of Outstanding Amounts As On 05/04/2025 (Amount in INR)

Facility	Loan Account no	Original Limit sanctioned	Principal O/s	Unapplied Interest	Penal and other charges	Total O/s
Housing Loan	0456AH00009403	4600000	4524541	0	0	4524541
TOTAL						4524541

Note:- Interest at the applicable interest rate as defined in the facility Agreement.
Date: 15-05-2025, Place: Vijayawada Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Finance

Trump says India is offering US a zero tariff trade deal

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that India has offered to enter a bilateral trade deal with the US that “basically” proposes that "no tariffs" would be levied on a range of American goods. "They are offering us a deal where basically they are willing to literally charge us no tariffs," Trump said during a meeting with business executives in Qatar’s capital Doha where he is on a state visit.

However, Trump did not offer any further details. The US President also said that he told Apple CEO Tim Cook to give up his plan of setting up more manufacturing facilities in India and focus on building these plants in the US instead. “Apple will be upping its production in the United States,” Trump added.



Saraswati Pushkaralu commences on grand note at Kaleshwaram

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Festivities officially began on Thursday at the Kaleshwaram Triveni Sangam with a Ganapati Puja. The ceremonial Pushkara Snanam (holy dip) began at 5:44 AM, led by His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Madhavananda Saraswati. Among those who participated in the sacred bath were Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu and his spouse, District Collector Rahul Sharma, Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao, High Court Justice Surapalli Nanda, and other dignitaries. In the evening, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, along with his cabinet Ministers, including Konda Surekha, Ponnam Prabhakar, Sridhar Babu, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and legislators, took a bath in the river and offered the special Harathi to the sacred river. The Chief Minister, after taking a Pushkara bath, had a darshan of Sri Kaleshwara Mukhteswara Swamy and offered special prayers to the presiding deity. During his visit, Revanth Reddy unveiled the monolithic statue of Sri Saraswati Devi installed at Pushkara Ghat and also inaugurated the 86-room complex built for the accommodation of devotees. After that, the Chief Minister took part in the Saraswati Harathi performed by priests who offered the rituals on the lines of Ganga Harathi at Kashi in Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, the State government has made elaborate arrangements for the Saraswati Pushkaralu, which will be held till May 26. The Saraswati Navratna Mala Haarthi is held at Saraswati Ghat every day from 6.45 pm to 7.35 pm. In addition to this, art and cultural programmes are conducted. A temporary tent city has been constructed so that devotees can stay for a fee. The state government has allocated Rs. 35 crore for the management of the Pushkaralu festival. Arrangements have been made for drinking water facilities, sanitation maintenance, construction of ghats, road repairs, parking, etc.

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Pre – Auction Sale Notice- Issued under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

To:1)Mr. Bandaru Kondaiah, House no- 34-98/1, Bandar Nagar/Wanaparthy, Telangana 509103. 2)Mr. Bandaru Kondaiah, House no-44-189, Plot no-18, Sy. No-66/A, 66/B, 67/A, 67/B, Panuganti Ventures, Ramnagar Colony, Wanaparthy city & Dist., Telangana 509103.
Sir/Madam,
NPA Account:Housing loan & Mudra loan
Pre-Auction Sale Notice- Issued under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
1. This has reference to recovery actions initiated against you under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act 2002.
2. Please refer to the **possession notice dated 06/05/2025** ...issued to you regarding taking possession of the secured assets morefully described in the schedule below and the publication of the said possession notice in thenews papers as mentioned belowby the authorized officer for the purpose of realization of the secured assets in exercise of the powers conferred on the bank as Secured Creditor under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Rules there under. News paper Date of publication 1)The Indian Mail 07/05/2025 2)Mans Telangana -07/05/2025
3. You the above named borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors have failed to pay the dues in full after issuance of **demand notice dated 04/10/2024** And possession notice dated 06/05/2025 # except part payment of Rs.0.00/-
Hence it is proposed to sell the secured assets mentioned in the Schedule below on "**as is where is**" and "**as is what is**" condition under Sec 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
4. The dues in the loan account as on **07/05/2025 is Rs.7,72,047.63** and further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs / charges incurred till the date of repayment in full is liable to be paid.
5. We hereby give you notice of 30days under rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 under SARFAESI Act to pay the dues of the bank being **Rs.7,72,047.63** as on **07/05/2025** along with further interest and costs till the date of payment. We furtherdraw your kind attention to section 13 (8) of SARFAESI Act regarding time available to you for redemption of the scheduled properties.
6. If you fail to redeem the properties by payment of the dues to the bank as aforesaid, the same will be put to sale to recover the dues under appropriate provisions of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 of SARFAESI Act.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES:All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House no-44-189, Plot no-18, Sy. No-66/A, 66/B, 67/A, 67/B, Panuganti Ventures, Ramnagarcolony, Wanaparthy Town City within the registration sub-district Wanaparthy and District Wanaparthy owned by Mr. **Bandaru Kondaiah**. Extent : 165.00sq.yds. **Bounded:**On the North by : Plot no-19, On the South by : Plot no-17, On the East by :Plot no-23, On the West by : 40 ft. wide road

Date: 15.05.2025, Place: Wanaparthy Sd/- Authorised Officer, INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

RARE ASSET RECONSTRUCTION LIMITED

Regd. Office: 104-106, Gala Argos, Nr. Harikrupa Tower, Gujarat College Rd., Ahmedabad-380006. Tel: 079-40092295

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE

E-AUCTION Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors and Guarantors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (AO), of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is, Where is" "As is, What is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse" basis for recovery of dues from Borrower & Guarantors.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Guarantors/Mortgagors	Particulars of the Property	Possession Status	Outstanding Dues with further interest & cost thereon.	Reserve Price (Rs. in lakh)	EMD (Rs. in lakh)	Date and time of inspection
1	Borrower: Gurumurthy Jeeru, Co-Borrower: Ms. Varalakshmi Jeeru Guarantors: Mr. Srinu Vangala	All that it is a residential open plot bearing plot number 18, Total extent of 119.16 Sq. yards, in Sy.No.49/1, 3, 4 situated within Gajulraja Village of Vizianagaram area - Andhra Pradesh -531219.	Constructive	Rs. 7,81,959/- as on August 31, 2023	14.30	1.43	03/06/2025 (11 AM TO 01 PM)
2	Borrower: Srinivas Rao Pandi, Co-Borrower: Ms. Kanaka Durga Pandi Guarantors: Mr. Durga Prasad Pallaparthi	All that pertaining to Residential Open Plot, Total extent of 100 Sq.yards, in Sy.No.487/8, at near door no 4-167, Yadav Nagar, situated within the R.D of Denduluru west S.R.D of Godavari and Forming part of Godavari municipal limits and within 9th ward, Yadav Nagar, Andhra Pradesh-534432.	Constructive	Rs. 7,78,196/- as on August 31, 2023	10.00	1.00	02/06/2025 (9AM TO 11AM)
3	Borrowers: Venkateswara Rao Midatani, Co-Borrower: Ms. Bramaramba Midatani Guarantors: Mr. Apparao Midatani, Mr. Vikas Gedela	All that it is a residential open plot bearing plot number 1389, Total extent of 209 Sq. yards, in door no. 4-404, Sy.No.259/2 situated within the R.D of Kakinada east S.R.D of Godavari and forming part of Godavari Municipal limits, Ramanyayapeta Andhra Pradesh Pincode-533005.	Constructive	Rs.12,86,645/- as on August 31, 2023	22.99	2.30	03/06/2025 (10 AM TO 12 PM)
4	Borrowers: Leela Durga Juthuga, Co-Borrower: Ms. Satyavathi Juttuga Guarantors: Mr. Lakshmi Narayan Kadali	All that it is a residential open plot bearing Door No.3-47, Total extent of 145.2 Sq.yards, situated in R.S. No's: 65/11A, 65/11B, nearby D.No.3-47 within the R.D of Penugonda west S.R.D of Godavari and forming part of Godavari Municipal limits and Kotalaparu area, Andhra Pradesh-534320.	Constructive	Rs.6,55,322/- as on August 31, 2023	5.93	0.59	02/06/2025 (2 PM TO 4 PM)
5	Borrowers: Dhanaraju Bokka, Co-Borrower: Ms. Vijayalakshmi Bokka Guarantors: Mr. Babu Cheeli Mr. Potharaju Oleti	All that it is a residential open plot, Total extent of 183 Sq. yards, in RS.No.26/1A, in near door No. 1-8 in Gurajada village and Pamidimukla Mandala, situated within the R.D of Vuyuru Forming part of Krishna municipal limit, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode-521165.	Constructive	Rs.8,74,937/- as on August 31, 2023	8.24	0.83	28/05/2025 (9 AM to 11 AM)
6	Borrowers: Sita Ramaiah Godavarthi, Co-Borrower: Naga Lakshmi Godavarthi Guarantors: Krishna Kishore G	All that it is a residential Open Plot, Total extent of 489.77 Sq.yards, in Sy.No-219/1, 219/2, 223/1 and 223/2 Situated within the R.D of Kaikural Mandal S.R.D of Krishna and Forming part of Krishna municipal limits, Gopavaram Vilage.	Constructive	Rs.13,27,086/- as on August 31, 2023	15.18	1.52	28/05/2025 (01 PM to 03 PM)
7	Borrowers: Srikanth Beeram Co-Borrower: Ms. Kamala Kumari Beeram Guarantors: Mr. Santhikumar Kadavakolu Mr. Ameen Mohammad	All that it is a Residential Open Plot bearing Plot number 14, 39 & 56 Total extent of 727 Sq.Yds. in Sy.No.443/3, Ward No. 20 Situated within the R.D of Machilipatnam S.R.D of Krishna and Forming part of Krishna Municipal Limits, Chilakalapudi, Andhra Pradesh-521001.	Constructive	Rs. 16,08,095/- as on August 31, 2023	45.80	4.60	29/05/2025 (09 AM TO 11 AM)
8	Borrowers: Subramanyam Donepudi, Co-Borrower: Ms. Lakshmi Donepudi Guarantors: Mr. Anjaneyulu Polukonda	All that it is a residential open plot, Total extent of 290.4 Sq.Yards, in Sy.No.360/1 near D.No.5-58/1 Forming part of Krishna Municipal Limits, Mandavalli Area, Andhra Pradesh-521345.	Constructive	Rs.16,22,883/- as on August 31, 2023	18.00	1.80	29/05/2025 (12 PM TO 2 PM)
9	Borrowers: Suresh Kanagala Co-Borrower: Ms. Sai Prasanna Dasari Guarantors: Mr.Srinivasrao Paladuguri Mr.Subbarao Dasari	All that it is a residential open plot bearing House number 4-108, Total extent of 484 Sq. yards in Sy.No-944/2 Situated within the R.D of Nagaram Mandal S.R.D of Guntur and Forming part of Guntur municipal limits, Alapuru village Andhra Pradesh Pincode-522262.	Constructive	Rs.14,13,992/- as on August 31, 2023	23.23	2.32	30/05/2025 (10 AM to 12 PM)
10	Borrowers: Venkateswara Rao Tirumalasetty Co-Borrower: Ms. Deepika Tirumalasetty Guarantors: Mr. Lakshmi Kanth Bommid	All that it is a residential open plot bearing S.No.246, near Door No.307/15, Total extent of 133.34 sq.yards, in Sy.No.246 situated within the R.D of Machilipatnam Mandal S.R.D of Krishna and Forming part of Krishna municipal limits and, Peda Ullingipalem Village, Andhra Pradesh-521001.	Constructive	Rs.5,52,639/- as on August 31, 2023	13.33	1.33	30/05/2025 (02 PM TO 04 PM)
11	Borrowers: Nagababu Danduprolu, Co-Borrower: Ms. Tirapattamma Danduprolu Guarantors: Mr. Lakshman Kokkiligadda	All that it is a residential open plot near Door number: 26-1-6, Total extent of 397.25 Sq. yards, in Sy.No- 226/2 Situated within the R.D of Chirala Mandal S.R.D of Prakasam and Forming part of Prakasam municipal limits and within, Perala, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode-523157.	Constructive	Rs.9,28,960/- as on August 31, 2023	16.68	1.67	27/05/2025 (10 PM TO 12 PM)
12	Borrowers: Sudhakar Pallapu, Co-Borrower: Ms. Prabhavathi Pallapu Guarantors: Mr. Ravi Pallapu Venkataratham Palapud	All that it is a residential open plot bearing Door number 26-1-1680, Total extent of 48 Sq. yards Sy.No- 74/1 Situated within the R.D of Nellore Mandal Forming part of Nellore municipal limits and, Padarupalli, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode-524004.	Constructive	Rs.3,84,033/- as on August 31, 2023	7.00	0.70	26/05/2025 (11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM)
13	Borrower: Venkata Nikes Peteti, Co-Borrower: Ms. Sailaja Peteti Guarantors: Mr. Dinesh Neerukattu Mr. Nijam Shaik	All that it is a residential open plot building bearing Plot number 68 & 69, Total extent of 400 Sq. yards in Sy.No. 42-12 situated within the R.D of Sullurupeta S.R.D of Nellore and forming part of Nellore municipal limits, Kudiri Mandal village, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode-524121.	Constructive	Rs.10,85,720/- as on August 31, 2023	15.00	1.50	26/05/2025 (3 PM TO 5 PM)
14	Borrower : Ms. Lakshmi Reddy Koduru, Co-Borrower: Ms. Subhashini Koduru, Guarantors: Mr. Prasad Reddy Battula & Mr. Kishore Thummala	All that it is a residential open Plot number 66&67, Total extent of 460 Sq.yards, in Sy.No-338-A Situated within the R.D of Railway station S.R.D of Bogolu Mandal and Forming part of Nellore municipal limits, Kovvurupalli area, Nellore, 524137.	Constructive	Rs.16,98,200/- as on August 31, 2023	23.00	2.30	26/05/2025 (9 AM TO 11AM)
15	Borrower: Umadevi Kandhagalla Co-Borrower: Mr. Srinivas Kandhagalla Guarantors: Mr. Dharma Kumar Manda	Open Plot along with construction at H. No. 11-25-937/2, admeasuring to an extent of 60 Sq. yard, situated at Kothawada, Warangal city & District and forming part of Warangal municipal limits.	Constructive	Rs.6,55,322/- as on August 31, 2023	19.58	1.96	23/05/2025 (10 AM TO 12 PM)
16	Borrower: Ismail Mohammad Co-Borrower: Mr. Shaik Hussain Mohammad Guarantors: Mr. Osman Syed, Mr. Khatija Bee	All that it is a residential open plot bearing number 49, Total extent of 120 Sq. yards, in Sy.No-720, Ward no.2, Block No.5, situated within the R.D of Sangareddy S.R.D of Medak and Forming part of Sangareddy Municipal limits, Sangareddy Telangana Pincode-502001.	Constructive	Rs.12,81,284/- as on August 31, 2023	10.80	1.08	21/05/2025 (09 AM to 11 AM)
17	Borrower: Kumaraswamy Sontirekalla Co-Borrower: Ms. Kavitha Sontirekalla, Guarantors: Mr. Kanaka Reddy Karkah	All that the pertaining to residential open plot bearing Plot number 52, Total extent of 150.7 Sq.yards, in Sy.No.1476 situated in Cherial Town & Mdl, Siddipet District, Telangana, Pincode-506223.	Constructive	Rs. 3, 57,964/- as on August 31, 2023	13.56	1.36	21/05/2025 (02 PM to 04 PM)
18	Borrowers: Madhan Mohan Reddy Komati Reddy, Co-Borrower: Ms. Manjula Komati Reddy Guarantors: Mr. Rajalingam Kantam, Mr. Sekhar Dhandla	All that it is a Residential Open Plot, Total extent of 200 Sq. yards in Sy.No 2034 within the R.D of Siddipet S.R.D of Medak and forming part of Siddipet Municipal limits Telangana Pincode - 502103.	Constructive	Rs.12,54,070/- as on August 31, 2023	8.00	0.80	21/05/2025 (02 PM TO 04 PM)
19	Borrowers: Shiva Kumar Gannaboina, Co-Borrower: Ms. Venkatamma Gannaboina Guarantors: Mr.Sathish Yasarapu	All that it is a residential open plot, Total extent of 436.04 Sq.Yards, Block No.17, in Sy.No.491 Situated within the R.D of Nalgonda Telangana Pincode-508211.	Constructive	Rs.4,96,378/- as on August 31, 2023	17.44	1.75	22/05/2025 (10 AM TO 12 PM)
20	Borrower: Upendhra Veeramalla, Co-Borrower: Ms. Mounika Veeramalla Guarantors: Mr. Osman Shaik	All that pertaining to Residential open plot bearing House number 2-66/1, Total extent of 1200 Sq. yards, in Sy.No. 365/A situated within the R.D of Nalgonda and, Gaddipalli, Telangana, Pincode-508201.	Constructive	Rs.11,64,134/- as on August 31, 2023	35.93	3.60	22/05/2025 (02 PM TO 04 PM)
21	Borrowers: Mr. Madhu Kodam Co-Borrowers: Saththava Kodam Guarantors Kandikatta Ramprasad & Kondabathini Prasad	All that it is a Residential House (Tiled/Acc Sheet) building bearing House number 6-7-48/1, Total extent of 143 Sq.yards, situated within the R.D of Siricilla S.R.D of Karimnagar and Forming part of Karimnagar municipal limits and within, Geethanagar area, Karimnagar, Pincode-505301	Physical	Rs.15,16,166/- as on 31-08-2023	22.88	2.29	20/05/2025 (10 AM TO 12 PM)

Gist of the terms & conditions appearing in Bid Document

• Date & Time of E-auction: 19/06/2025 (THURSDAY) from 02 PM to 04 PM (with auto extension clause in case of bid in last five minutes before closing) • Last Date of EMD Payment: 18/06/2025 (WEDNESDAY). • The Auction will be conducted through online portal: <https://sarfaei.auctiontiger.net>, as per the further terms and conditions of the Tender document and as per the procedure set out therein. • The Tender Document can be obtained from <https://sarfaei.auctiontiger.net>. • Each Bid has to be supported by a deposit of the EMD as per the terms and conditions detailed in the Tender Document. The successful bidder will be required to deposit 25% of the sale price/bid amount (less the amount of EMD deposited) at the time of confirmation of sale. • The balance amount of the sale price is to be paid within 15 days of the confirmation of the sale or such extended period as may be agreed to by the AO. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the deposited amount shall be forfeited, including EMD. • The Bids may be increased in multiples of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousands Only). • In the event the auction scheduled herein above fails for any reason whatsoever, Rare ARC has the right to sell the secured asset by any methods under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and SARFAESI Act, 2002. • At any stage of the auction, the Authorized officer may accept / reject / modify / cancel the bid / offer or post-pone /cancel auction, without assigning any reason therefor and without any prior notice. • It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification and make their own independent inquiries / due diligence before submitting the bid. • For Queries related to User ID/password contact Rare ARC's service provider: e-Procurement Technologies Ltd., (Auction Tiger), P: 079-68136878, M: 8153834053, 9978591888, email: rampasad@auctiontiger.net • For any query, Bidder may contact at any working day during office hours: Mr. G.Vishwanth, AO, Rare ARC, Mobile No.- 9704717272 or on 079-40092295/97, info@rarearc.com, Website: www.rarearc.com

Statutory 30 Days Sale Notice under Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby Notified for sale of immovable secured asset towards realization of outstanding dues of Secured Creditor.

Place: Ahmedabad, Date: 16-05-2025 Sd/- Authorized Officer, Rare Asset Reconstruction Limited

India has proved its supremacy in tech-driven warfare in last 4 days: Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Modern warfare is entirely technology-driven and India's supremacy stands proven over the last four days, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said on Thursday. Addressing the National Technology Day celebration at the Ambedkar International Centre here, the minister said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has successfully

developed and deployed home-grown technologies that have significantly enhanced national security and defence capabilities. He pointed out that India has scaled up its defence capacity substantially over the last decade and credited Prime Minister Modi for providing an enabling ecosystem for scientific growth. "India was never short of talent, but now we have leadership that fosters innovation," he said. "Most of the technologies used today in defence are indigenously



developed, and it is Prime Minister Modi who instilled the confidence in us to seek Aatmanirbhar Bharat," Singh said. Recalling the origins of Na-

tional Technology Day, Dr Singh noted that the day was first celebrated in 1998 to commemorate the successful Pokhran nuclear tests, conceptualised by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

3rd party intervention to negotiate or settle India's matters uncalled-for : CPI-M

Agartala, May 15 (IANS) : CPI-M General Secretary M.A. Baby on Thursday said that third party intervention to negotiate or settle India's any matters and problems is un-

called for. Reacting to reports that US President Donald Trump had played a role in facilitating the "understanding" between India and Pakistan and his (Trump's) 'keenness' to mediate on Kashmir issue.



Union Minister Pralhad Joshi slams Pakistan over its 'double standards'

Hubballi (Karnataka), May 15 (IANS) : Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has attacked Pakistan, saying that even after a military pause was announced, it continued attacks, which display its double standards. "In response, the Indian Army is retaliating. The central government has given the Army complete freedom and authority to act against Pakistan," he added. Speaking to the media in Hubballi on Thursday, Joshi remarked that Pakistan is well-known for its duplicity and double-dealing. Once again, it has become clear that the Pakistani military does not listen to the country's elected government. After the Pahalgam terrorist attack, to teach Pakistan



a harsh lesson, our government has given the Indian Army a free hand. Accordingly, the Indian Army has launched a sharp and retaliatory response against Pakistan. It has destroyed a large number of terrorist bases, he said. On the very first day, the Indian Army destroyed more than nine terrorist camps in Pakistan.

MP: Five killed in two separate road accidents

Bhopal, May 15 (IANS) : Five persons were killed and three others injured in two separate road accidents in Madhya Pradesh. The first incident occurred on Sunday afternoon along the Damoh-Chhatarpur State Highway near Mara village, under the jurisdiction of the Narsingharh rural police outpost. A speeding truck, whose driver remains unidentified.



NIA arrests key Khalistani operative in Bihar

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : In a significant breakthrough, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Kashmir Singh Galwaddi, a key Khalistani operative and one of the escapees from the high-profile 2016 Nabha jail break. The arrest was made in Motihari, Bihar, in a joint operation with local police. Kashmir Singh, a resident of Ludhiana, Punjab, had been on the run since the jailbreak and was closely linked with foreign-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).



Popular govt in Manipur in two months, says BJP MP

Imphal, May 15 (IANS) : BJP's lone Rajya Sabha member from Manipur, Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba, on Thursday expressed hope that a popular government would be formed in the state within the next two months.

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED

BRANCH OFFICE: Axis Finance Limited, Ground and 1st Floor, Alpha Centre, #216, Double Road, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560002

Ref. No. AFL/2025-2026/APR/PYDABALAVISHNUMURTHY/96
Dated: 02/05/2025

DEMAND NOTICE

To,
1) Mr. Pyda Bala Vishnumurthy (Borrower cum Mortgagor), No 2-12-17, 10th Ward 65, Peddagayyada Mndi, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 530012. Email: vishnubala9964@gmail.com, 2) Mrs. Pyda Varalakshmi (Co-Borrower I), No 2-12-17, Mndi Ward 65, Peddagayyada Mndi, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 530012. Email: vishnubala9964@gmail.com, 3) Mr. Pyda Veera Prasad (Co-Borrower II), No. 2-12-17, Mndi Ward 65, Peddagayyada Mndi, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 530012. Email: vishnubala9964@gmail.com. Dear Sir/Madam,

SUB: Notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (As Amended From Time to Time) and the Rules made thereunder .

I, the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Finance Limited** (hereinafter referred to as "the **AFL/Secured Creditor**"), a company incorporated under the provision of the Companies Act, 1956 and a Non-Banking Financial Company registered under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, having its Registered Office at Axis House, Axis Finance Limited, ground floor, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400025 do hereby give this Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred to as the "**SARFAESI Act**") as under:

AFL, in the ordinary course of its business, at the request of Borrower sanctioned the following credit facilities to the Borrowers on the terms and conditions as mentioned therein:

a) **Rs. 23,82,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Eighty Two thousand Only)** ("Credit Facilities"), **Loan no 0456MLA00000310** on the terms and conditions as mentioned in Loan Agreement dated 23rd August 2023 ("Facility Agreement") signed and executed by Mr. Pyda Bala Vishnumurthy (Borrower), Mrs. Pyda Varalakshmi (Co-Borrower I) and Mr. Pyda Veera Prasad (Co-Borrower II)

1) Pursuant thereto, you Addressee(s) in your capacity as Borrower, Co-Borrower(s) and Mortgagor in order to secure/guarantee the repayment of all amounts payable under the aforesaid Facility Agreement and consequently, have become jointly and severally liable for the repayment of the Credit Facility availed by the Borrower. You the Addressee(s) had agreed to repay the Credit Facility in Equal Monthly Instalments.

[The facility and security documents executed/submitted for the Credit Facility in terms of the Facility Agreement shall be collectively referred to as the "Transaction Documents" hereinafter in this notice]

2) That as a security towards repayment of all amounts payable under the aforesaid Credit Facilities, on **12th October 2023** the Mortgagor had with an intent to secure the Credit Facility, created mortgage and charge of all their right, title, interest in the land/asset more particularly detailed in SCHEDULE A hereto. [The asset as mentioned in SCHEDULE A shall be hereinafter referred to as "Secured Asset"]

3) It is pertinent to state herein that the Borrower/Mortgagor, Co-Borrower I by virtue of the Facility Agreement has availed Credit Facilities from AFL by mortgaging the property mentioned in SCHEDULE A, and thereby created secured interest in favour of AFL. The security mentioned in SCHEDULE A is "Secured Asset" within the meaning of section 2(1) (zc) of the SARFAESI Act.

4) At the renewal of the Credit Facility, the Addressee(s), AFL had on various dates disbursed the Credit Facilities to the Borrower on specific instructions, as described in detail in SCHEDULE B hereto.

5) As per the terms of the Transaction Documents, you the Borrower/Mortgagor and the Co-borrower I were required to repay the dues under the said Credit Facility and further you the Borrower and Co-borrower(s) were also required to pay interest thereon and other charges at the contractual rates as in the manner set out in the Facility Agreement and subsequent communication(s).

6) However, you the Borrower/Mortgagor, Co-borrower I failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Transaction Documents and defaulted in repayment of the amount payable under the Facility Agreement. AFL had through various default notices informed you the Addressee(s) of such default, however till date, the same have neither been rectified nor any steps have been undertaken thereto to repay the outstanding amounts.

7) In this context, it is important to note that since you the Addressee(s) have committed continuous defaults, the account of the Borrower has become non-performing asset ("**NPA**") w.e.f. **10/04/2025** in compliance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

8) It is imperative to state herein that the above information of classification of account as NPA was communicated by AFL to you the Addresseees vide NPA intimation letter bearing Ref. No. **AFL/NPA/CO/APR-25/0328 dated 28/04/2025**.

9) Please note that as per the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, the debt due to the Secured Creditor is a debt secured against the Secured Asset and you being the Borrower, the Mortgagor and the Co-Borrower(s) have committed defaults in repayment of such secured debt/Credit Facility in terms of the Transaction Documents.

10) As on **10/04/2025**, the outstanding debt due and payable by the Borrower/Mortgagor, Co-borrower I to the Secured Creditor is **Rs. 24,33,206/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Two hundred and Six Only)** as more particularly detailed in SCHEDULE C hereto.

11) In view of the aforesaid, the Secured Creditor has become entitled to issue this statutory notice to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor, in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and hereby call upon you, all Addressee(s), jointly and severally to discharge in full the dues towards the Secured Creditor amounting/ aggregating **Rs. 24,33,206/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Two hundred and Six Only)** due as on 10th April 2025, together with applicable interest, further interest, default interest, premia, costs, charges etc. at contractual rates in respect of the Credit Facility from this date till date of repayment, within 60 days (Sixty days) from the date of this Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, failing which the Secured Creditor shall be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under the said SARFAESI Act and entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences.

12) On expiry of 60 days from the date hereof and on your failure to comply with the demand, the Secured Creditor shall take the following measures under the SARFAESI Act:

- Take over possession of the Secured Asset as mentioned in Schedule A hereto including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the same;
- take over management of business of you the Addressee(s) including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the Secured Asset, subject to the conditions as stipulated in the proviso to Section 13(4)(b) and Section 15 of the SARFAESI Act;
- appoint any person to manage the Secured Asset, the possession of which will be taken over by AFL;
- require at any time by notice in writing, any person who has acquired any of the Secured Asset from you the Addressee(s) from whom the money is due or may become due to you the Addressee(s), to pay AFL, so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the secured debt.

13) I also invite your attention to Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, whereby you have an opportunity to tender the amount due as stated above to the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of secured assets.

14) All of you are notified and cautioned that as per the provisions of Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no transfer of the Secured Asset (set out in the SCHEDULE A hereunder) by way of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made without prior written consent of Secured Creditor. Please note that any non-compliance/contravention of the provisions contained in the said SARFAESI Act read with the Rules, is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the SARFAESI Act.

15) Please further note that this statutory notice is issued without prejudice to the rights of the Secured Creditor including initiation of any other legal proceedings/legal action as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any law for the time being in force and/ or as per contract or both.

16) I hereby expressly reserve all rights under the relevant Transaction Documents, any other associated documents, under law or otherwise. Nothing contained in this notice or any action or inaction by us shall operate as a waiver, or prejudice, diminish or otherwise adversely affect, any of our present or future rights or remedies under the respective Transaction Documents or any of our rights or remedies under law or generally, which remain and shall continue in full force and effect.

17) The undersigned is duly Authorized as Authorized Officer to issue this Notice and exercise powers on behalf of the Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act read with the Rules.

18) Request you to kindly acknowledge the receipt of this Notice. A copy of this notice is being retained in our office for future reference.

SCHEDULE A

DETAILS OF SECURED ASSET: All that piece and parcel of Residential House constructed on site measuring an extent of Schedule 108.33 sq yds or 90.57 sq mtrs together with 750 sq ft in Ground Floor, RCC Slabbed House, bearing Door no 2-12-17, old Asst no. 1089011340, New Asst No 1089384721, Water Asst no. 520100/20013, Electricity Service Connection no. 003940, situated at Mndi covered by Survey no 43/4 of Mndi Village and within the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Gajuwaka, Sub-Registrar, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh and bounded by: **North:** Road, **South:** House of Sri. Reddipalli Gurram Dora, **East:** Road, **West:** House of Sri. Vyda Malla Rao. **Measurements:** East Wing: 65 Feet or 19.81 mtrs, South Wing: 15 Feet or 4.57 mtrs, West Wing: 65 Feet or 19.81 mtrs, North Wing: 15 Feet or 4.57 mtrs

SCHEDULE C

Details Of Outstanding Amounts As On 10/04/2025 (Amount in INR)

Facility	Loan Account no	Original Limit sanctioned	Principal O/s	Unapplied Interest	Penal and other charges	Total O/s
ML-Term Loan	0456MLA00000310	2382000	2340509	83642	9055	2433206
TOTAL						2433206

NOTE: Interest at the applicable interest rate as defined in the facility Agreement.
Date: 16-05-2025, Place: Visakhapatnam Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Finance

BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate office: Cerebrum IT Park B2 Building 5th Floor, Kalyani Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra-411014. Branch office: 1st Floor, Someswara Complex, 16/130B, Above ICICI Bank, SLV Talkies Road, Guntakal-515801, 1st floor, Usman plaza, No 21/143/70/B, Opp Rayal function hall, SKD Colony, Adoni, Andhra Pradesh, 518301.
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Corrigendum
Please refer the advertisement of "Symbolic Possession Notice" dated 07-05-2025 of Borrowers: Mrs. Onukuru Sri Devi W/o. Late Onukuru Venkateswarlu And Mr. Late Onukuru Srikanth S/o. Late Onukuru Venkateswarlu published on 11-05-2025 in this News Paper. Demand Notice Date may please be read as 30-10-2024 instead of 30-04-2024. All other details remain same.
Date: 15-05-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited
Place: Khammam Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFIL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as Indira Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFIL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at: "DNO 9-1/31, 2ND FLOOR, VENKAT LAKSHI PLAZA, BODDUPAL, REEDIPALLI, HYDERABAD-500039" (IFIL-HFL Home Finance Ltd Floor 13-17, Vaishali Street, Opposite Kala Bharathi Kalyana Mandapam, Ballipeta Road, Bobbili, Vizianagaram Dist.Pin Code-535558" under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IFIL-HFL has taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFIL-HFL's dues. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.ifilfinance.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Aneesh Kumar Reddy Chirra 2. Mrs. Chirra Achyutavalli (Prospect No IL10352840)	16-Oct-2024 Rs.12,80,473/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Three Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.407 in D01 Tower, 4th Floor, Survey No.35, Raju Swagruha, Pocharam, Sadothavana Township, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500088 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Saleable Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 514.00, 410.00	03-Jan-2025 Total Outstanding As On Date: 13-May-2025 Rs.13,75,514/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand and Forty Three Only)	Rs.13,31,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit Rs.13,31,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Swathi Kumar Patilwada 2. Mrs. Pathivada Lakshmi 3. Mr. Padmavathi Srinamurthy 4. Just Wow (Prospect No IL1073494)	20-Jun-2023; Rs.31,23,847/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. 201, 2nd Floor in the above mentioned Enclave D.No: 13-6-47, TS No. 1089, Block No.23, WARD No. 13 Area Ad Measuring: 1250 Sq.ft, Carpet area Ad Measuring: 1000 Sq.ft, Saleable area Ad Measuring: 1250 Sq.ft, Puligedavari veeidhi Street, Kotla Peta Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh 535002 Area admeasuring 416 sq.ft. Only	23-Aug-2023 Total Outstanding As On Date: 09-May-2025 Rs.38,58,051/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Fifty Six Thousand and Fifty One Only)	Rs.25,83,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.2,58,300/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Only)

Important information: This auction is published basis possession vide Sec 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act. Physical possession will be offered post receiving of Section-14 order as per process laid down under SARFAESI Act and as and when physical possession will be taken. Bidder shall do necessary due-diligence in respect of documents and legality before participating in auction proceedings.

Mode of Payment: EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit <https://www.ifilfinance.com> and pay through link available for the property Secured Asset. Note: Payment for Secured Asset is to be made by the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Secured Asset. you intend to buy vide public auction. For Balance Payment - Login <https://www.ifilfinance.com> >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

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- The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will be automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
- The purchaser has to bear the costs, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
- The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IFIL HFL.
- Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.ifilfinance.com> and <https://www.ifilfinance.com/home/loans/properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E-mail ID:- care@ifilfinance.com, Support Helpline no.1800 2672 499.
- For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IFIL HFL toll free no.1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@ifilfinance.com.
- Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFIL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
- Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
- In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
- AO reserves the rights to postpone / cancel the auction and the public in general that the undersigned on behalf of Mrs BAJAJ Housing Finance Limited, has taken over the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8-(1) of the said Rules. The Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the first charge of IFIL-HFL for the amount(s) as mentioned herein under with future interest thereon.
- 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 8 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:- Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, Date: 16-05-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IFIL Home Finance Limited.

BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate office: Cerebrum IT Park B2 Building 5th Floor, Kalyani Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra-411014. Branch Office: 2nd Floor Flat No.203, Office No.3A & 3B, Aditya Trade Center, Above passport office, Ameerpet, Hyderabad Telangana India-500038.
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POSSESSION NOTICE
U/s 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. Rule 8-(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. (Appendix-V)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Mrs BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (BHFL)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice(s) to Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. In the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned on behalf of Mrs BAJAJ Housing Finance Limited, has taken over the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8-(1) of the said Rules. The Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the first charge of BHFL for the amount(s) as mentioned herein under with future interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (LAN No., Name of Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
Branch: Hyderabad LAN No. HA400HLO250838 and HA400HLO255859, 1.Pavan Kumar Vemula, 2. Vemula Lalithanjali (Co-Borrower) at Flat No.203, Block-A, Street No 1 Anjanadri Nagar, Dammaiguda, Nagaram, Hyderabad, Telangana-500083	All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: Flat No. 201 Block-A Second Floor Abode Aruna Heights in Survey No. 507 With Built Up area of 950 Sq Ft., Including all Common Area and One Car Parking Area Along With Undivided Share of Land 43 Sq Yds. Equivalent to 35.94 Sq. Mtrs., Situated at Dammaiguda H/o. Nagaram Village and Grampanchayat Keersara Mandal Medchal Malkajgiri Dist. Erstwhile Rangas Reddy, East : Road, West : Corridor, North : Open to Sky, South : Open to Sky	05th Feb 2025 Rs.25,02,535/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five Only)	14-May-2025

Date: 16.05.2025, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited

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Regional Office, Kotli, Hyderabad.
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The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned with undelivered. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 28-05-2025 before 03:00 P.M. failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at 04:00 P.M on 28-05-2025 without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank. GST OF 3% IS APPLICABLE ON THE SALE PRICE.

S.No.	Date of Loan	Loan Number	Name & Address of the Borrower
1	18-10-2023	131216540000343	MRS. C.S.SHYAMALA, H.No.11-13-146, Road No.3, Near Soukanya Apartments, Alkapuri Colony, Saroomagar, Hyderabad-500035, Telangana.

Date: 16-05-2025 Sd/- OFFICER/MANAGER

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Weekly yoga podcast launched to promote holistic wellness

The Ministry of Ayush on Sunday announced the launch of its Weekly Yoga Podcast, a new digital initiative produced by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). The weekly podcast has been launched by Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush on his social media platforms.

This podcast aims to bring the timeless wisdom of yoga to every household, blending ancient practices with modern lifestyles.

According to the ministry, the inaugural episode of the podcast, sets the tone for a transformative journey into the world of yoga. The podcast series is designed to engage listeners with insightful discussions, guided practices, and expert interviews, making yoga accessible and relatable to people of all ages and backgrounds.

The launch comes in the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address during the 120th episode of his Mann Ki Baat programme on March 30, 2025, where he emphasised the significance of International Yoga Day and its 2025 theme: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

The theme underscores yoga's role in fostering physical, mental, and environmental well-being, resonating with India's global vision of unity and sustainability.

In the first episode, listeners are welcomed into a vibrant conversation about the essence of yoga and its global impact. The podcast highlights how yoga, once a sacred Indian tradition, has become a worldwide movement for health and harmony.

It also explores the philosophical roots of this year's theme, inspired by India's G20 presidency and the ethos of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" — the world is one family.

The episode also throws light on the special nature of this year's Yoga Day. Being the 10th anniversary of International Day of Yoga observance to mark this observation the government has initiated activities along ten signature tracks. All of them together giving a practical interpretation of the theme 'Yoga for One Earth One Health'. To mark a decade of International Yoga Day, the Ministry of AYUSH has also unveiled 10 Signature Events to celebrate and expand the reach of yoga.

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Trump offers to mediate Kashmir solution after announcing India-Pakistan ceasefire

US President Donald Trump on Sunday expressed willingness to mediate a resolution to the decades-old Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan, sarcastically terming it a conflict of "a thousand years," even as Pakistan breached a fresh ceasefire agreement within hours of its announcement.

New Delhi has been opposed to any third-party mediation on the issue as Kashmir is an integral part of India. Posting on his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump lauded the ceasefire "understanding" between India and Pakistan that followed four days of escalating military hostilities triggered by the Pahalgam terror attack.

He warned that the situation could have led to the deaths of millions if not controlled in time. "I am very proud of the strong and unwaveringly powerful leadership of India and Pakistan for having the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have led to the death and destruction of so many, and so much. Millions of good and innocent people could have died! Your legacy is greatly enhanced by your brave actions," Trump wrote. Claiming credit for the de-escalation, which Islamabad broke nearly two hours after Trump's announcement, he added, "I am proud that the USA

was able to help you arrive at this historic and heroic decision. While not even discussed, I am going to increase trade, substantially, with both of these great Nations." Trump also proposed to mediate the Kashmir issue, a highly sensitive subject between India and Pakistan. "Additionally, I will work with you both to see if, after a 'thousand years', a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir. God Bless the leadership of India and Pakistan on a job well done!!!" he posted. However, hours after the ceasefire agreement took effect on Saturday evening, Pakistani forces violated the understanding by launching drone attacks and shelling Indian territories.

'Pak is rogue state, can never be trusted,' Army veterans slam ceasefire violations

In the wake of ceasefire violations by Pakistan, Indian Army veterans, Retired Lt Col Anil Bhatt and Major General P.K. Sehgal, have come down heavily on Islamabad's aggression, saying Pakistan is a rogue state which can never be trusted.

Lt Col Anil Bhatt (Retd) sharply criticised Pakistan's repeated breaches of the ceasefire agreement and likened its behaviour to that of a "rogue nation."

He remarked, "They have been caught lying so many times. And secondly, it's often said, though I hesitate to use the phrase, that it's like a dog's tail, which can never be straightened. This reflects the behaviour of the entire rogue state. In English, such a country is called a 'rogue state.'"



Ayushman Bharat turns lifesaver, Uttarakhand woman shares her story of treatment

Ayushman Bharat Yojana is proving to be a lifesaver for many, particularly those belonging to poor families. While lakhs of people from across the country benefit from the scheme, an elderly woman named Rasila from Mehuwala Mafi in Dehradun shared her story of recuperation, with help from government assistance. She is a heart patient and had her heart operated some time back. Beneficiary Rasila's daughter-in-law informed that she also got her son treated using the Ayushman card. The beneficiary's daughter-

in-law, Sajida, said, "My mother-in-law was very ill. She did not know that she had a heart problem. She has taken advantage of the Ayushman Card scheme. After reaching the hospital, it was found that she had a heart problem. Initially, two to three lakh rupees were needed." She further said that they came to know that patients get benefits using the Ayushman card. "After getting the Ayushman card made, we contacted the hospital and after this treatment of the mother-in-law became possible. Through this card, we have got free treatment up to Rs. 1.5 lakh," she said. She further stated that poor people do not have enough

money to get treatment for serious diseases. Every poor person should take advantage of this; with this card, one can get treatment up to Rs. 5 lakhs. Sajida also said that if they didn't get the benefit of this scheme, they wouldn't have been able to get

treatment. "We have benefited a lot from the Ayushman card. I thank Modi ji for making this scheme for the poor of the country," she said. "My mother-in-law's life was saved only because of this card," she said.



Operation Sindoor: Pakistan punished through military and non-military means

Operation Sindoor marked a significant demonstration of India's military and strategic prowess through a blend of military and non-military means.

This multi-dimensional operation successfully neutralised terrorist threats, deterred Pakistani aggression, and reinforced India's zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism, all

while maintaining strategic restraint and international support. India employed a range of precise and deliberate military actions to achieve its objectives. The Indian Armed Forces carried out coordinated precision missile strikes on the nine terrorist facilities - four in Pakistan (including Bahawalpur and Muridke) and five in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (such as Muzaffarabad and Kotli).

These facilities were key command centres for Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), responsible for attacks like Pulwama (2019) and Mumbai (2008). In response to Pakistan's retaliatory drone and missile attacks on May 7, 8, and 9th, 2025, targeting multiple Indian cities and military installations, India launched kamikaze drones to destroy Pakistani

air defences across the country, including neutralising the air defence system of Lahore. India's air defence system proved instrumental in neutralising all incoming threats, resulting in near-zero casualties or material losses, and exposing flaws in Pakistan's HQ-9 system. India's counter-military actions on the night of 9th and 10th May also became the first instance of a country damaging the air force camps of a nuclear country. Within three hours, 11 bases were attacked, including Nur Khan, Rafiqui, Murid, Sukkur, Sialkot, Pasrur, Chuanian, Sargodha, Skaru, Bholari and Jacobabad. The scale of destruction was clearly visible in the before and after photos of Shahbaz airbase at Jacobabad.

In the strikes, various ammunition depots and bases like Sagodha and Bholari that housed F-16s and JF-17 fighter jets were hit. This led to the destruction of 20 per cent of the infrastructure of Pakistan's Air Force. India bombed Pakistan's Bholari Air Base, killing over 50 people, including Pakistan's squadron leader Usman Yousuf, four airmen among others, as well as destroying Pakistan's fighter jets. Over the course of Operation Sindoor, multiple terror and military locations across Pakistan were attacked by India. Along the LoC, following Pakistani artillery and mortar shelling in the Poonch-Rajouri sector, which targeted civilian areas, Indian troops responded with calibrated counterfire.



'Thumping Yes': IAF declares success in strikes against Pak under 'Operation Sindoor'

In a significant joint press briefing held by defence officials here on Sunday, Air Marshal AK Bharti confirmed that the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully repelled Pakistani attempts to breach Indian airspace in the wake of India's decisive cross-border counter-terror strikes launched under 'Operation Sindoor'.

The large-scale Indian military operation, which began on May 7, was initiated in response to a brutal Pakistan-backed terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, that claimed 26 lives. The Indian military's swift and coordinated response marked one of the most comprehensive military actions in recent years.



Putin proposes direct talks with Kyiv in Istanbul to end Russia-Ukraine war

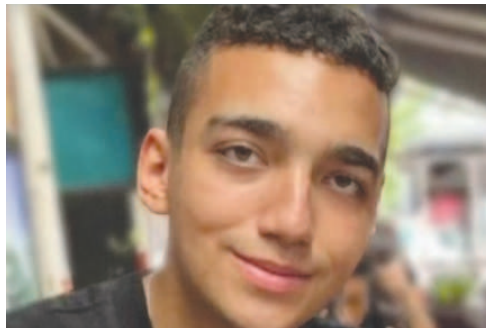
Moscow, May 15 (IANS) : Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday proposed holding direct talks with Ukraine in Istanbul on May 15, hours after Kyiv and European leaders called for an unconditional 30-day ceasefire to start on Monday. Putin did not explicitly address that call in his statement, delivered after 1 a.m. in the Kremlin, instead outlining the counter-proposal for fresh Russia-Ukraine negotiations. "We propose to the Kyiv authorities to resume the talks that they broke off in 2022, and, I emphasise, without any preconditions," Putin said. The leaders of Ukraine, Brit-

ain, France, Germany and Poland had in Kyiv on Saturday threatened Moscow with fresh sanctions and military support for Ukraine if Russia did not agree with the proposal. Russian and Ukrainian negotiators held direct talks in Istanbul in the first weeks of the conflict, but failed to agree to halt the fighting, which has been raging ever since. "We propose to start (negotiations) without delay on Thursday, May 15 in Istanbul," Putin said, adding that he would talk to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan soon to ask for his help to facilitate the talks. Putin said he was "committed to serious negotiations with Ukraine" and that he wanted talks to "eliminate the root causes of the conflict and to establish a long-lasting peace".

Hamas to free Israeli-American hostage in bid to secure ceasefire

Gaza, May 15 (IANS) : Hamas said that it will release Israeli-US hostage Edan Alexander from the Gaza Strip as part of efforts to secure a ceasefire and reopen border crossings for aid delivery. Khalil al-Hayya, a senior Hamas official and head of the group's negotiating team, said in a statement that Hamas had been in contact with the US admin-

istration in recent days and had shown "great positivity" toward mediation efforts, Xinhua news agency reported.



Israel warns civilians to evacuate Yemeni ports ahead of potential strike

Jerusalem, May 15 (IANS) : Israel's military issued an urgent warning, advising all civilians and workers to evacuate three Red Sea ports in Yemen controlled by Houthi forces, citing the risk of a possible new strike. In a statement on the social media platform X, Israeli military spokesperson Avichay Adraee identified the ports as Ras Isa, Hodeidah, and Al-Salif.

Ceasefire agreement reflects India, Pakistan commitment to regional peace: UNGA president

United Nations, May 15 (IANS): United Nations General Assembly President Philemon Yang has said the cease-fire agreement between India and Pakistan reflects their commitment to regional peace. Welcoming the ceasefire, he said on Thursday, "It is a meaningful step towards de-escalation reflecting the commitment of both nations to regional peace and stability." Secretary-General Antonio Guterres sees the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan as a "positive step" towards easing tensions and hopes it will contribute to "lasting peace," according to his Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric. India and Pakistan reached a cease-fire agreement on Saturday. However, hours after the agreement, Pakistan violated the ceasefire. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that the Indian armed forces have been responding adequately to the ceasefire violations. Speaking at a press briefing, Misri said the government has taken a serious note of the Pakistani actions. "This is a breach of understanding. The army is monitoring the situation closely," he said. He informed that the agreement to halt the ongoing hostilities over the past few days was reached this evening. However, in the past



few hours, there have been serious violations of this agreement from the Pakistani side. Notably, India launched 'Operation Sindoor' on Wednesday, targeting "terrorist infrastructures" in retaliation against last month's killing of 26 people in the Kashmir tourist spot Pahalgam by The Resistance Front, an offshoot of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba. While the tension was mounting last week, Guterres had expressed deep concern over the conflict, saying.

Iran says nuclear talks 'more serious,' rejects US call to dismantle facilities

Tehran, May 15 (IANS) : Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said that indirect negotiations with the United States in Oman to revive the 2015 nuclear deal had become "much more serious and frank," as President Masoud Pezeshkian rejected US demands for Tehran to dismantle its nuclear infrastructure. The talks in Muscat, facilitated by Oman, mark the latest effort to salvage the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. The

United States unilaterally withdrew from the accord in 2018 under US President Donald Trump's first term, prompting Iran to reduce compliance with its nuclear commitments gradually, Xinhua news agency reported. Araqchi, speaking to Iran's state-run IRIB TV after the fourth round of negotiations in Oman's capital, said the discussions had shifted from general topics to more specific proposals. He characterised the talks as "forward-moving" but acknowl-

edged the growing complexity of the issues. Both sides agreed to continue the discussions. The latest round, lasting about three hours, follows previous sessions in Muscat on April 12 and 26, and in Rome on April 19. Meanwhile, President Pezeshkian firmly rejected US calls to dismantle Iran's nuclear infrastructure. "This is unacceptable. Iran will not relinquish its peaceful nuclear rights," he declared, reaffirming Tehran's stance that its

nuclear program is for civilian purposes. He also referenced a religious decree from Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei banning nuclear weapons development. Ahead of the Muscat talks, US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff reiterated demands for Iran to completely dismantle its nuclear program, including facilities at Natanz, Fordow, and Isfahan. US officials, including Secretary of State Marco Rubio, have suggested that Iran should import enriched uranium.



Pezeshkian stressed that Iran's nuclear activities are essential for "peaceful" purposes, such as pharmaceuticals, healthcare, agriculture, and industry. "We are serious in the

negotiations and seek an agreement. We hold talks because we want peace," he said, emphasising Iran's commitment to regional peace and security.

US notifies Israel Hamas plans to release Israeli-American hostage: PM Netanyahu office



Jerusalem, May 15 (IANS) : The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirms that the United States has informed Israel that Hamas will release hostage Edan Alexander "without any compensation or conditions," in what Washington described as a goodwill gesture expected to pave the way

for broader negotiations. The release, possibly set for Thursday, would be the first not tied to the exchange of Palestinian prisoners. Alexander, a US-born soldier, was abducted on October 7, 2023, when Hamas-led gunmen killed around 1,200 people and took around 250 hostages in a cross-border assault

on southern Israel, Xinhua news agency reported. "The United States conveyed to Israel that this move is expected to lead to negotiations based on the original Witkoff framework, which Israel has already accepted," Netanyahu's office said, referring to a US-backed plan proposing a phased release of hostages in return for an extended ceasefire. The Witkoff plan, unveiled in March, envisions the release of roughly half of the surviving hostages in exchange for a 50-day truce and subsequent talks. It does not include Hamas's demands for a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza or the release of Palestinian prisoners.

UN to host first high-level meeting on North Korea's human rights violations

Seoul, May 15 (IANS) : The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will hold its first high-level meeting next week over human rights abuses and violations by North Korea, diplomatic and civic group sources said Thursday. In a circulated letter, UNGA President Philemon Yang announced a plan to convene a high-level plenary meeting on May 20 to address North Korea's human rights violations, in accordance with a relevant UNGA resolution adopted in December last year, the sources said. It marks the first time that a high-level meeting on the North Korean human rights situation will be hosted by the UNGA, Yonhap news agency reported. A previous high-level meeting on the subject, held in September 2014 during a UNGA session, was hosted by the South



Korean and US governments along with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. No new sanctions against North Korea have been passed since 2018. In May 2022, Russia and China vetoed a new sanctions package proposed by the United States in response to North Korean ballistic missile tests, a violation of UN sanctions. A foreign ministry official told Yonhap News Agency that the ministry is currently reviewing options to dispatch a senior official from Seoul, the top envoy to the UN or another representative to the meeting.

South Korea: DP's Lee leads by over 50 pc in hypothetical matchup against PPP's Kim, poll shows

Seoul, May 15 (IANS) : The Democratic Party's (DP) presidential candidate Lee Jae-myung has expanded his lead to over 50 per cent in a hypothetical matchup against the People Power Party's (PPP) Kim Moon-soo, a recent poll showed Thursday. Lee garnered 52.1 per

cent support against Kim's 31.1 per cent in the hypothetical three-way race that also included Lee Jun-seok of the minor New Reform Party, according to a Realmeter poll conducted from Wednesday to Friday on 1,508 eligible voters. Lee Jun-seok earned 6.3 per cent. It marks

an increase from the 46.6 per cent the DP's Lee recorded in a similar three-way race in the previous Realmeter poll, in which Kim received 27.8 per cent and the minor party's Lee 7.5 per cent. Among those who identified as politically moderate, 54.9 per cent

opted for Lee, while 24.3 per cent chose Kim. In another hypothetical three-way matchup that included former Prime Minister Han Duck-soo instead of the PPP's Kim, the DP's Lee garnered 51.7 per cent support, Han 30.5 per cent and the minor party's Lee 5.8 per cent.



Exercise special caution, cancel all leaves: Haryana Health Minister

Chandigarh, May 15 (IANS) : Haryana Health Minister Arti Singh Rao on Thursday directed the Health Department to exercise special caution and cancel all leaves in view of the situation arising on the India-Pakistan border and the incidents of repeated ceasefire violations by Pakistan. As per the order of the minister, the Director General (Health Services) has issued an order to all the civil surgeons and chief medical officers. The order states that all types of leaves of all health officers and employees of the state -- be it earned leave, child care leave, extraordinary leave or any other type of leave -- have been cancelled with immediate effect.



Zero tolerance for terrorism: Jagdambika Pal on Operation Sindoor

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : In the aftermath of tensions between India and Pakistan, sparked by the Pahalgam attack, BJP MP Jagdambika Pal came out strongly in support of the Indian government's firm response against cross-border terrorism. Pal hailed the recent military action taken by India, stating, "We destroyed nine of their major terrorist base camps. In the future, too, we will take this to its logical end. There is zero tolerance for terrorism." He emphasised

that India's emergence as a global economic power has enabled it to act decisively despite threats, including warnings of nuclear retaliation from Pakistan. "We know that war brings destruction and losses. But despite their threats, even of a potential nuclear war, we went ahead and destroyed their terror bases. I believe everyone will welcome this move," Pal added. Highlighting the need for preparing India's youth to face future security challenges.



Tiger mauls woman to death in MP

Bhopal, May 15 (IANS) : In another tragic and horrifying incident of human-tiger conflict, a woman lost her life to a tiger attack in Madhya Pradesh's Seoni district. The incident occurred in the forest near Bichhua village in the Kurai area, within the Rukhad buffer zone of the South General Forest Division on Saturday. Confirming the report, a senior forest official told IANS, the attack happened early in the morning when the victim ventured into the forest to pluck tendu leaves. The tiger, estimated to be around four to five years

old, struck suddenly and fatally wounded the woman. "We are working to rescue the animal, but first, we need to determine the reason behind its aggression. Typically, older or injured tigers seek out easy prey and sometimes attack humans out of desperation. However, in this case, the tiger was not old," the officer said. The victim has been identified as 50-year-old Hemlata Daharwal. Tendu leaves are used as a wrapper for beedi. Fresh leaves are hand-picked by the tribals in summer. The activity generates additional income for

them. The State Government gives the license for the collection and processing of the tendu leaves through a tender every year. According to police, the animal lunged at her, sinking its claws and teeth into her neck and other parts of her body. She died instantly. The tiger then dragged her remains to few meters into a dense area of the forest. Witnesses nearby responded quickly - more than 50 villagers swarmed the scene upon hearing the commotion, and loud cries startled the tiger, forcing it to abandon the body and flee.

Nation won't accept anti-national voices: Giriraj Singh

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Union Minister Giriraj Singh, on Thursday, strongly asserted that the nation stands united in support of the Indian Army and the government's handling of the India-Pakistan border situation, warning that "anyone who speaks against the nation will never be accepted by the country." His remarks come amid a wave of political reactions following

the recent understanding reached on a ceasefire between India and Pakistan after days of cross-border tensions. Commending the Indian Army, Singh said, "The entire nation is proud of the bravery of the Indian Army, which has demonstrated its valour. People have full faith in the country's leadership. Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Army have made the nation proud. We say with pride, we

are Indians." Interestingly, the ceasefire decision has garnered bipartisan support, with several senior opposition leaders backing the move and lauding the government's stance. Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram described the decision as "wise" and credited Prime Minister Modi for not escalating the situation further. Chidambaram's support of the government's action drew con-

siderable attention, leading to reactions across the political spectrum. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor echoed Chidambaram's sentiment, stating that the message India intended to send had already been delivered. "Prolonging the conflict was never the intention," Tharoor said, suggesting that the ceasefire was a responsible step towards de-escalation. Congress leader Manish Tewari also highlighted the rare political

unanimity, saying, "The entire opposition has welcomed and praised the actions taken by the Indian Army. The whole nation, be it the ruling party, the opposition, or the common people, has stood united. This is a living example of India's internal strength and unity." Mrityunjay Tiwari of the RJD welcomed the ceasefire but cautioned against complacency. "India is a peace-loving country, and any steps towards peace will



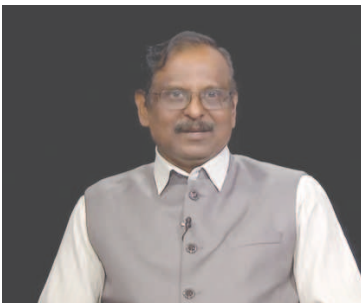
be welcomed. However, the violation of the ceasefire is the real concern here. India does not start wars, but will not sit silently if attacked. Further clarity on the circumstances that led to this ceasefire is still awaited," he noted.

Ceasefire is just a means to expose Pakistan before the world: Nishikant Dubey

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : BJP leader and member Lok Sabha, Nishikant Dubey, on Thursday said the ceasefire was a means to expose Pakistan before the world, which will continue with terrorism and in that case, the fight will be fierce and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir will be taken. He said he has faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and that this will be the last battle. In a morning post on his X handle in Hindi (loosely translated), he said, "If the newspapers are to be believed 1. Pakistan sponsored terrorism in India will be considered a war 2. What I know about Pakistan is that terrorism will continue 3. I have faith in Modi Ji that this will be the last battle, the whole of Kashmir till Muzaffarabad will be ours Ceasefire is just a means to expose Pakistan before the world then there will be no talk, there will be war the fight will be fierce."



His post comes after Pakistan violated the ceasefire and continued sending drones and missiles in several places on the western border on Saturday night. Following the violations, Dubey in a cryptic post wrote in Hindi, "There is no difference between a dog's tail and Pakistan". Hours after India and Pakistan reached an understanding on stopping military actions, Pakistani drones were sighted and intercepted in various locations in Jammu and Kashmir, including Srinagar, parts of Gujarat, and Barmer in Rajasthan. Blackouts had to be reimposed in several border areas. India said Pakistan violated the ceasefire, adding that the armed forces were giving an "adequate and appropriate response". Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, in a late-night press briefing on Thursday.



Satellites are continuously working to ensure

India's security: ISRO Chairman

Agartala, May 15 (IANS) : ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan on Thursday said that 10 satellites are continuously working round-the-clock for the strategic purpose to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of the country. Addressing the 5th Convocation ceremony of the Central Agricultural University (CAU), the ISRO Chairman said: "If we want to ensure the safety of our country, we have to serve through our satellites. We have to monitor our 7,000 km sea-shore areas. Without satellite and drone technology, we can't achieve many things." He said that through many satellites, the ISRO has been serving the common men in agriculture, tele-education, tele-medicine, television broadcast, weather forecasting, environment, food sectors and security and strategic areas. Noting that the satellites are effectively working in disaster management and mitigation sectors, the ISRO Chairman said that earlier, during the disasters, thousands of people lost their lives, but today this is not the case.

'India's response reflects will of 140 crore citizens', Gajendra Singh Shekhawat hails armed forces

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Following fresh ceasefire violations by Pakistan, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Thursday, lauded the Indian Armed Forces for their courageous and effective response, stating that the nation's military strength has once again gained global recognition. Speaking to the media,

Shekhawat said, "Last night, reports came in that Pakistan violated the ceasefire again. In line with the expectations of the 140 crore citizens of the country, the Indian military has displayed extraordinary courage and valour in its operations, and through this, India's military capability has gained a new recognition across the world." Commenting on the recent escalation and Operation



Sindoor, Shekhawat said that Pakistan's deliberate provocation amid already tense border conditions was unacceptable. He emphasised India's unwavering commitment to eliminate terrorism.

China and Pakistan can never be trusted, says J&K BJP leader

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS): Senior BJP leader and former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Thursday launched a scathing attack on China and Pakistan, accusing both countries of promoting terrorism and calling them fundamentally untrustworthy partners in any potential dialogue with India.



IMD forecast for early monsoon brightens Kuruvai prospects in TN's Cauvery delta

Chennai, May 15 (IANS) : The Tamil Nadu government's decision to release water from the Mettur dam on the customary date of June 12, along with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast of an early southwest monsoon, has boosted hopes for a significant increase in kuruvai paddy cultivation in the Cauvery delta region this year. Farmers and agricultural ex-

perts are optimistic that the acreage under cultivation will surpass last year's figures. Many farmers have already begun preparing their fields, skipping the second round of crops such as black gram and sesame to focus on kuruvai paddy. It may be recalled that Water Resources Minister Durai Murugan, while responding to a calling attention motion in the Assembly.



Aditya Birla Capital Q4 net profit drops 31 pc as expenses rise

Mumbai, May 15 (IANS) : Aditya Birla Capital on Thursday reported a sharp decline in its net profit for the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY25, as rising expenses offset the company's healthy revenue growth. The company's consolidated net profit fell by about 31.29

per cent to Rs 885.61 crore in Q4 FY25, compared to Rs 1,288.11 crore in the same quarter last fiscal (Q4 FY24), according to its stock exchange filing. This decline came despite a 13.3 per cent increase in revenue from operations.

Govt tightening rules to check gas emissions in upstream oil sector

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : The Centre's new draft policy framed for the upstream oil & gas exploration and production sector aims to minimise the environmental impact of mineral oil operations, including gas flaring activities, and closer monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions and flared gas. Routine flaring of gas takes place during production from oilfields due to the absence of facilities for gas utilisation, such as reinjection, on-site use, or transportation to market. The draft policy stipulates that all lessees and contractors shall submit reports specifying the volume of gas flared and the associated emissions on a quar-

terly basis in accordance with the format specified within fifteen days from the end of each calendar quarter. The rules make it clear that every lessee and contractor will adopt measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that take place during the course of mineral oil operations and comply with the applicable environmental laws and norms. The draft rules state that every lessee and contractor shall submit a monitoring plan within 180 days of the commencement of production of mineral oil from the leased area for the identification of sources of greenhouse emissions from mineral oil operations, and the methodology and frequency of



measurements. The lessee and contractor will also have to review and update the monitoring plan submitted from time to time as may be necessary. Every lessee and contractor will also submit to the government reports of their greenhouse gas emissions in the manner as may be specified by the government from time to time. The new draft also provides for

clear steps in the authorisation for greenhouse gas (GHG) sequestration, injection and storage permit. Any lessee or contractor intending to assess the feasibility of geological storage of greenhouse gases (GHGs) within a leased or contract area shall, prior to commencement of any such activity, obtain an authorisation for such assessment from the Government.

Bharti Airtel's Q4 net profit slips 23 pc, sales up as India market grows

Mumbai, May 15 (IANS) : Bharti Airtel on Thursday reported a 22.68 per cent sequential decline in its net profit for the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY25, as a sharp swing in tax expense weighed on earnings. The company's net profit dropped to Rs 12,475.8 crore from Rs 16,134.6 crore in the previous quarter (Q3), according to its stock exchange filing. The profit decline was largely driven by a shift from a tax

gain of Rs 757.3 crore in Q3 to a tax expense of Rs 2,891.9 crore in Q4, putting pressure on the bottom line despite revenue growth. The telecom major's revenue from operations grew 6.1 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to Rs 47,876.2 crore in Q4, up from Rs 45,129.3 crore in Q3. The increase was supported by solid momentum in the India market, a rebound in Africa's reported currency revenues, and the full-quarter impact of Indus Towers consolidation. However, one seg-

ment that saw a pullback was Airtel Business, which posted a 2.7 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in revenue. This was due to a deliberate move to phase out low-margin services like global wholesale commodity voice and messaging. The company said this strategic transformation is part of its broader goal to focus on higher-value, sustainable business areas. In India, quarterly revenues grew by 6 per cent to Rs 36,735 crore, supported by better realisations in

the mobile segment and strong performance in the homes business. Average revenue per user (ARPU) rose to Rs 245 in Q4, up from Rs 209 in the same quarter last financial year -- reinforcing Airtel's premiumisation strategy. The company's homes business saw impressive growth, with a 21.3 per cent jump in revenue YoY, helped by strong customer additions and accelerated fiber and home-pass expansion. The company added over 800,000 new customers during the quarter, bringing the total base to 10 million. Vice-Chairman and MD Gopal Vittal said the company ended the financial year on a strong note, despite the dip in profit. He added that Airtel remains focused on premium growth areas, supported by solid



cash generation and disciplined capital spending. Airtel also prepaid Rs 5,985 crore in high-cost spectrum dues last quarter, bringing total prepayments to over Rs 42,000 crore in the past two years, which has strengthened the balance sheet.

Tata Motors' net profit tanks 51 pc to Rs 8,470 crore in Q4

Mumbai, May 15 (IANS) : Tata Motors on Thursday reported a sharp 51 percent drop in its consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY25, even as revenue remained steady and its Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) business posted growth. The company's net profit stood at Rs 8,470 crore for the January-March 2025 period, down from Rs 17,407 crore reported

in the same quarter last fiscal, according to a regulatory filing. Despite the profit decline, Tata Motors' consolidated revenue from operations rose marginally by 0.4 per cent to Rs 1,19,503 crore, compared to Rs 1,19,033 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total expenses for the quarter were lower at Rs 1,09,056 crore, compared to Rs 1,11,136 crore in the corresponding period last financial year, helping the company control costs. The company's total in-

come for the March quarter was Rs 1,21,012 crore, slightly higher than Rs 1,20,431 crore in the year-ago period. Operating profit (EBITDA) in Q4 was Rs 16,700 crore, showing a drop of 4.1 per cent. However, earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) rose to Rs 11,500 crore, an increase of Rs 1,000 crore year-on-year (YoY).



Siemens' net profit drops over 37 pc to Rs 408 crore in March quarter

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Technology conglomerate Siemens Ltd on Thursday reported over 37 per cent decline in its net profit at Rs 408 crore in January-March quarter, from Rs 649 crore in the year-ago period. Revenue remained flat due to the ongoing normalisation of demand in digital industries and due to normal project delivery schedules in the Mobility business, the company said in its stock exchange filing. The decline in profit from opera-

tions was due to under absorption and higher cost of material in the Digital Industries business. Additionally, the profit was impacted by an extraordinary gain of Rs 192 crore from the sale of property in Q2 FY 2024 and demerger expenses of Rs 63 crore in the current quarter, informed the company. The company follows an October-September cycle, which makes the January-March period its second quarter (Q2). "In spite of the challenging macro environment, our

Order Income grew by 44 per cent driven by our mobility and smart infrastructure businesses where we see continued public Capex spending on infrastructure," said Sunil Mathur, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Limited. The company, a leading technology company focused on industry, infrastructure and mobility, said that the short cycle 'Digital Industries' business, however, continues to be impacted by muted private Capex spending.

Samsung acquires German ventilation firm FlaktGroup Holding for \$1.68 billion

Seoul, May 15 (IANS) : Samsung Electronics said on Thursday it has acquired FlaktGroup Holding, a Germany-based ventilation company, for 1.5 billion euros (\$1.68 billion), marking its largest takeover in about eight years. The company has signed an agreement with European investment firm Triton to take over a 100 percent

stake in the German heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) company, according to Samsung Electronics. "Through the acquisition of FlaktGroup, an applied HVAC specialist, Samsung Electronics has laid the foundation to become a leader in the global HVAC business, offering a full range of solutions to our customers," said Roh Tae-moon, acting head of the device division at Samsung Electronics, reports Yonhap news agency. "Our commitment is to continue investing in and developing the high-growth HVAC business as a key future growth engine." This is the South Korean tech giant's most significant acquisi-



tion since its \$8 billion purchase of Harman International in 2017. Based in Herne, western Germany, FlaktGroup provides energy-efficient air solutions for a wide range of facilities, including data centres, airports, museums and commercial buildings. This acquisition is seen as part of Samsung Electronics' broader strategy to secure new growth drivers across HVAC, robotics, medical technology.

Indian telcos poised to rake in higher revenue as rural data usage surges

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Increasing internet adoption and data consumption by rural subscribers are emerging as structural drivers for growth in average revenue per user (ARPU) of Indian telecom companies.





Nagaland Guv, CM express solidarity with armed forces, national leadership

Kohima, May 15 (IANS) : Nagaland Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio jointly called an emergency meeting on Thursday and expressed solidarity with the Indian armed forces, national leadership and commitment to national unity and security.

The resolution taken in the meeting said that the Indian armed forces, in a resolute act of national defence, have conducted Operation Sindoor to neutralise terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), upholding India's sovereignty

and security. "The people of Nagaland, as proud citizens of India, stand unwavering in their support for the nation's unity, territorial integrity and the valiant efforts of our armed forces," he said. The Nagaland Governor and the Chief Minister, recognising the gravity of the evolving security situation, have convened this emergency meeting of top officials of the state government, officials from various security forces, and religious and community leaders to reinforce collective resolve. "We solemnly express our unequivocal solidarity with our armed forces and the national leadership under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We salute the bravery, sacrifice and professionalism of our soldiers in safeguarding our nation against all threats," the unanimous resolution of the meeting said. The meeting urged all religious leaders.



Military action was imperative for the country's security: Sharad Pawar

Mumbai, May 15 (IANS) : Former Union Minister and NCP-SP president Sharad Pawar in his reaction after the announcement of ceasefire said that India has never supported terrorism, adding that through 'Operation Sindoor', India has only taken strong and precise action against terrorist camps. "There was no intention to attack any Pakistani military bases or civilians. The military action was imperative for the security of the country," he said. "It is India's responsibility to respond to the constant provocations from Pakistan with restraint and decisiveness. India has done so with the spirit of global peace.

MP govt to organise regional agri-conclave in Narsinghpur, Satna

Bhopal, May 15 (IANS) : Buoyed by the success of the recently concluded regional summit on agriculture in Mandsaur district, the Madhya Pradesh government will organise two upcoming summits in Narsinghpur and Satna.



Fishermen associations meet in Kanyakumari today to oppose hydrocarbon project

Chennai, May 15 (IANS): Fisherfolk associations in Tamil Nadu's Kanyakumari district are stepping up their protest against the Centre's proposed hydrocarbon exploration project in the Kanyakumari sea. A crucial meeting is being held on Thursday in Kanyakumari, where fishermen federations, coastal village representatives.



Gaurav Gogoi welcomes ceasefire between India, Pakistan; hails Indian armed forces

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi welcomed the cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan and also praised the Indian armed forces for safeguarding India's sovereignty. "I am grateful to the Indian armed forces for their stellar and professional role in defending India's territory and sovereignty. The men and women made us proud. I continue to pray for those families who suffered tremendously during the Pahalgam attack and the cross-border firing in Jammu and Kashmir, especially the Poonch region. Pakistan wanted to spread the two-nation theory in India, but Indians of all religions, ethnicities, and linguistic backgrounds rejected it and swore by the secularism in our Constitution.

Bengal areas under intelligence surveillance after three JMB activists arrested

Kolkata, May 15 (IANS) : After the arrest of three Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) activists in West Bengal in the last two days, the intelligence agencies, both central and state, have increased surveillance in pockets that have records of the presence of sleeper cells of various fundamentalist and terrorist groups. Sources aware of the development said that these pockets have been kept under special surveillance, including those districts that share International Borders

with Bangladesh, with additional focus on the two minority-dominated Murshidabad and Malda. The sources added that apart from that, certain other minority-dominated pockets in districts like Birbhum, East Burdwan, and Hooghly districts have also been brought under this special surveillance. Of the three JMB associates who were arrested by the sleuths of the special task force (STF) of West Bengal, two, namely Aazmal Hossain and Saheb Ali Khan, were ar-

rested on Thursday from Nalhati in Birbhum district, and both were residents of the same district. On interrogating them, the investigating officials came to know of their associate, Abasuddin Molla, who was arrested on Saturday from his residence at Patra village under Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha constituency in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Similarly, some pockets in East Burdwan district, especially the minority-dominated ones.



Pakistan using IMF loans to bankroll terror networks: Top UN ex-official

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : In scathing criticism of the IMF loan to Pakistan, former Assistant General Secretary of the United Nations Laxmi M. Puri said, "The world needs to understand- funding Pakistan is

not supporting peace. It's subsidising terrorism." "From 1958 to yesterday — Pakistan has turned the IMF into a revolving credit line for chaos. Not for reforms, not for development — but to bankroll terror networks,

shield global fugitives and prop up a military that thrives on instability," Laxmi Puri lamented in a note on X. "Pakistan has defaulted on democracy, violated every IMF programme condition, and used bailouts to underwrite Parghesh.

Yet the world keeps writing cheques. Why? Fear? Fragility? Or just failure to learn?" she questioned. Pointing out that Pakistan has borrowed from the IMF 28 times since joining in 1950.



Karnataka Police probe suspicious death of Padma Shri awardee Subbanna Ayyappan



Bengaluru, May 15 (IANS) : The Karnataka Police have launched an investigation into the suspicious death of Padma Shri awardee Dr Subbanna Ayyappan, the first non-crop scientist to head the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), officials said on Thursday. The 70-year-old Ayyappan,

a respected aquaculture scientist and a prominent leader of India's 'Blue Revolution', was found dead under mysterious circumstances. His decomposed body was discovered in the Cauvery River near Srirangapatna town in Mandya district on Saturday. He had been missing since May 7, after stepping out of his home as usual. According to police, Ayyappan's scooter was found abandoned on the riverbank. The Srirangapatna police, who are handling the case, said a missing person complaint had been filed earlier by his family with the Vidyanayapuram police station in Mysuru.



CM Yogi praises 'Operation Sindoor', says 'Ask Pakistan about the power of BrahMos'

Lucknow, May 15 (IANS) : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday hailed the success of Operation Sindoor, stating that it demonstrated the formidable power of the BrahMos missile to the world. He said this while inaugurating the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile production unit at the Uttar Pradesh.

Shobha Karandlaje leads 'Walk for Nation' march in Bengaluru in support of Indian armed forces

Bengaluru, May 15 (IANS) : Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour and Employment, Shobha Karandlaje, led the 'Walk for Nation' march in Bengaluru on Thursday in support of the Indian armed forces and soldiers. The march witnessed a massive turnout and was held from Vidyanayapura Playgrounds to the Ganesh temple in Sahakarnagar in Bengaluru. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, retired Wing Commander V. K. Singh, and other prominent

BJP leaders participated in the event. Participants waved the Indian National Flag and raised slogans in support of the armed forces. "Since 1971, India has been under the shadow of war. Most of us here did not witness that war. But every time our soldiers fall to enemy shelling and bullets, we grieve. After 1971, came the Kargil war, followed by incidents in Uri, Pulwama, and more recently Pahalgam terror attack. On all these occasions, we have lost both civilians and brave soldiers," Shobha Karandlaje said. "Our nation has never initiated war against any country. Pakistan, however, has repeatedly



proven that it cannot be trusted. This was once again evident when it violated the ceasefire within just three hours of its declaration on Saturday. The attack in Pahalgam was a deliberate act of religious targeting. In response, Indian armed forces struck back.

Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif addresses nation after ceasefire agreement amid violation of deal across LoC, IB

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday addressed his nation, hours after it reached a ceasefire agreement with neighbouring India brokered by the US. However, hours after the agreement on the ceasefire, Pakistani armed forces violated the agreement by resuming provocative firings and

drone attacks across the LoC and the International Border (IB), exhibiting non-seriousness about the ceasefire. Ironically, when Sharif was celebrating the ceasefire, the Pakistan Army was engaging in violation of the agreement on the border. In a late night address, Sharif, however chose to indulge in chest thumping as he credited his troops for the valour shown.

The Pakistani Prime Minister said that as a responsible state, Pakistan has given a positive response to a ceasefire in the interest of regional peace and for the sake of the lives of the tens of millions of its citizens. However, this statement by Sharif seems far distant from truth and reality. Pakistan violated the bilateral understanding on ceasefire with India just hours after the two coun-

tries reached an agreement to stop all military aggression. Indian and Pakistan, which have been engaged in a cross-border conflict, decided to immediately stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea on Saturday afternoon. However, the Pakistani side quickly violated the agreement, sending drones across the border on Saturday night. Pakistani



drones were sighted from Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir to Bhuj in Gujarat, and the cities in the bor-

der states again plunged into darkness with the imposition of complete blackout.



Satellite images of Pakistan's ravaged airbases surface, after India's precision strikes

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : As Pakistan continues to remain in denial over India hitting its military installations and airbases with precision, the satellite images have started coming to the fore, exposing its bluster and hollow claims. Satellite images procured by a Chinese firm, MIZAZVISION, show the damage at Pakistan's Noor Khan airbase, one of its most strategic airstrips. The satellite images show disabled infra-

structure and also support vehicles grounded on the site. Nur Khan airbase, located in Rawalpindi, is in close proximity to the Pakistan Army's headquarters. The Indian strikes came as a symbolic blow to Pakistan, exposing the gaps in Pakistan's air defence system and also its inability to defend this high-value target. Notably, India's targeted strikes on multiple Pakistani airbases, as part of Operation Sindoor, inflicted heavy damage, dismantling its ability to launch strikes and also dealt a strategic and psychological blow to its defence establishment.



'War is not India's choice': NSA Doval speaks to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi amid India-Pak tensions

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : In a high-level diplomatic exchange, Indian National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Saturday held a telephonic conversation with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and reaffirmed that "war was not India's choice" and emphasised India's commitment

to ceasefire and restoring peace with Pakistan. The talks between India and China were held following the deadly terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed the lives of several Indian personnel. During the call, Doval reportedly conveyed that the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam resulted in serious casualties and necessitated counter-terrorism actions by India. The conversation, disclosed by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, focused on regional sta-

bility and the imperative of maintaining peace amid escalating India-Pakistan tensions. According to Beijing's readout, NSA Doval described the Pahalgam attack as a grave incident necessitating counter-terrorism responses, but reaffirmed that "war was not India's choice" and emphasised India's commitment to ceasefire and restoration of peace with Pakistan. Foreign Minister Wang Yi condemned the attack and reiterated China's firm opposition to terrorism in all forms. "The Pahalgam terrorist attack caused serious casualties among Indian personnel and that India needed to take counter-terrorism actions. War was not India's choice and was not in the interests of any party. India and Pakistan would be committed to a ceasefire and look forward to restoring regional peace and stability as soon as possible," Chinese Foreign Ministry quoted NSA Doval. "Peace and stability in the Asian region is hard-won and deserves to be cherished," Wang said, adding that both India and Pakistan, as immediate neighbours of China

and each other, should resolve disputes through dialogue and avoid further escalation. "China appreciates your statement that war is not India's choice," Wang told NSA Doval, expressing hope that both India and Pakistan would remain calm, exercise restraint, and reach a "comprehensive and lasting ceasefire" through mutual consultations -- an outcome China believes aligns with the fundamental interests of both countries and the expectations of the global community. However, events on the ground soon painted a grim contrast to the diplomatic tone. Just hours after India and Pakistan announced a mutual understanding to halt military actions, the truce appeared to collapse under renewed hostilities. In a late evening press briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri accused Pakistan of violating the ceasefire terms agreed upon by the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs).

China backs terror, most hypocritical country: Former DGP SP Vaid

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Former Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) S. P. Vaid on Thursday launched a scathing attack on China, saying it is the most

hypocritical country in the world and obstructs global efforts against terrorism. "There is no country in the world more hypocritical than China. China supports Pakistan.



Delhi L-G to lay foundation stone for Assembly's 500 KW solar power plant

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : The Delhi Assembly will take a big step toward becoming the country's first fully solar-powered legislature with Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena set to lay the foundation stone for a 500 KW solar power plant on the premises on Thursday, an official said. The new green energy source is expected to result in zero electricity bills, generating estimated savings of approximately Rs 15 lakh per month, while dramatically reducing the carbon footprint of one of Delhi's most vital democratic institutions, an official said on Thursday. "This fast-tracked implementation highlights the government's urgency and commitment to transforming governance into a model of environmental stewardship," said Speaker Vijender Gupta. Apart from the Speaker, the foundation laying event will be attended by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Deputy Speaker Mohan Singh Bisht, Minister for Public Works Department Parvesh Sahib Singh and Minister for Power Ashish Sood. On Thursday, the Speaker convened a meeting to deliberate on key operational and logistical aspects of this significant project, reaffirming the Assembly's dedication to advancing clean energy adoption and environmental responsibility.



Odisha CM appeals to youth to join Civil Defence as volunteers

Bhubaneswar, May 15 (IANS) : Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday urged the youths to come forward and join the Civil Defence organisation as volunteers. Sharing a video message on the social media platform X, the Chief Minister emphasised the collective responsibility of ensuring the safety and security of citizens' lives and property. "The safety and security of our people and their livelihoods are our collective responsibility. Protection and service are our highest duties. So, I call upon the general public, especially the youth, to join the Civil Defence organisation as volunteers with a strong sense of nationalism," CM Majhi said. Highlighting the importance of patriotism and public service, CM Majhi called upon young citizens to embrace the spirit of nationalism and actively participate in civil defence efforts. He further encouraged the youth to strengthen their commitment to service and national pride by taking up volunteer roles in the Civil Defence Organisation.



Confident of winning third consecutive term in Kerala: LDF Convenor

Thiruvananthapuram, May 15 (IANS) : Left Democratic Front (LDF) convener T.P. Ramakrishnan has expressed strong confidence that the ruling alliance in Kerala, led by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, will return to power for a third consecutive term in the 2026 Assembly elections. Speaking to the media in Kozhikode on Thursday, Ramakrishnan was responding to a recent statement by outgoing KPCC president K. Sudhakaran, who said he would go to any extent to remove Pinarayi Vijayan and the Left Front government from office.



MP: A unique initiative to apprise prisoners about govt's public welfare schemes

Mandsaur, May 15 (IANS) : In a first-of-its-kind initiative, a district jail in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur district organised an awareness programme to impress upon the inmates and prisoners about various public welfare schemes being run by the Central government and also encouraged them to subscribe

to them upon release from jail. The one-of-its-kind camp also saw prisoners getting registered for the wide array of welfare schemes. The District Legal Services Authority organised the camp in Mandsaur District jail, where prisoners were informed about various schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri E-Shram Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Aabha Yojana, and Madhya Pradesh Sambal Yojana.

Gurugram: Admin making
'serious' efforts to deal with waterlogging
ahead of monsoon season

Gurugram, April 15 (IANS) : The administration is making all possible efforts at the administrative level to prevent waterlogging in Gurugram city during the monsoon season, an official said.

The official said that to ensure there are no lapses in these efforts, Haryana Industries and Commerce Minister Rao Narbir Singh reviewed the preparations with the officers of the concerned department.

The minister chaired a review meeting with officers about preparedness during the monsoon season. During the meeting, the minister reviewed the cleaning status of stormwater drains and internal sewer systems in different wards, the efficiency of the STPs, and the zonal sanitation arrangements.



J&K: Jan Aushadhi Kendras bring respite to
Baramulla residents with cheaper medicines

Baramulla, May 15 (IANS) : Jan Aushadhi Kendras, opened under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PM-BJP), have made affordable medicines accessible to the common public, thus bringing a paradigm change in how people buy routine medicines to life-saving drugs. In Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, thousands of families have become loyal customers of Jan Aushadhi Kendras as they have made a permanent shift from private medical stores and now buy medicines at cheaper prices. Many customers spoke to IANS and shared how the government's healthcare scheme has changed their lives.

Mushtaq Ahmed, a customer, said this scheme has brought immense respite for people like him.

"Medicines are becoming expensive, their prices are skyrocketing. But, at this centre, we are getting medicines at highly subsidised rates. Particularly, the poor and marginalised families are benefitting from it," he said.

"We are very thankful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching such a scheme," he added.

Secured own airspace, penetrated Chinese-made
systems in Pak: Expert praises India's air defence

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : India's air defence system, in the wake of fierce India-Pakistan showdown in the skies, has come as the shining example of the country's military might in bringing enemies to its knees and is also garnering the international spotlight, with many defence experts weighing in their praise.

Noted defence analyst John Spencer, taking note of India's modern air defence said that

the country not only defended its own airspace but also pierced through Chinese-made systems fielded by Pakistan, with ease and precision. In an article titled "Air Defense in the Modern Era: No Silver Bullets, Only Layers", Spencer says that the defense is not about what you buy – but it's about what you integrate.

Praising India's military preparedness, he says "In recent weeks, India has demonstrated the evolving nature of modern air defense—not



only in defending its own airspace with a robust, layered architecture, but also in successfully penetrating the Chinese-made systems fielded by its adversary, Pakistan. It's a reminder that defence is not about what you buy -- it's about what you integrate."

World saw what India
is capable of: BJP leader BL Santhosh

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : BJP National General Secretary B.L. Santhosh on Thursday said the world has seen what India is capable of after its successful attack on Pakistan's 11 airbases, which forced its Director General of Military Operations (DGMO).



With Rs 10.27 lakh crore investments,
Tamil Nadu tops in industrial growth

Chennai, May 15 (IANS) : Tamil Nadu has emerged as the leading state in India in terms of industrial growth, with a total of 897 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed for investment proposals worth Rs 10,27,547 crore. These projects are expected to generate employment for over 32.23 lakh people, according to a statement released by the state government on Thursday.

The government attributed this achievement to its sustained focus on industrialisation, investment facilitation, and inclusive growth. The state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) recorded an impressive economic growth rate of 9.69 per cent.

Exports from Tamil Nadu have also witnessed a significant rise—from \$26.16 billion in 2020-21 to \$52.07 billion in 2024-25. The state leads the country in electronic goods exports, contributing \$14.65 billion, surpassing states like Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka, said the government.

Employment figures in both public and private sectors have shown remarkable growth, with the total number of workers rising from 2.9 crore in 2020-21 to 3.87 crore by 2024-25. The government credited several flagship schemes, such as Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, Illam Thedi Kalvi, Naan Mudhalvan, and Kalaigarn Kanavu Illam, for the rapid development.

3 sacks of decomposed
flesh: Mystery chase lands Delhi
cops at caterer's doorstep

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : The mystery behind the recovery of three sacks of decomposed flesh in south Delhi's upscale Malviya Nagar colony has been solved with a caterer admitting to disposing of goat slaughter waste irresponsibly, a police official said on Thursday. Initially suspected to contain human or communally sensitive cattle body parts, the sacks' contents turned out to be hides, bones and offal of goats that were slaughtered by the caterer to cook mutton for hundreds of guests at a mega wedding reception.

"We have managed to identify and reach the culprit," said an aide of Deputy Commissioner of Police, South District, Ankit Chauhan. The discovery of the three sacks – with blood oozing from them and stench of decomposed flesh hanging in the air – had caused a commotion in the area on April 21 with some residents.



Punjab Police arrest
two for espionage linked to Pakistan High Commission

Chandigarh, May 15 (IANS): In a significant breakthrough, Punjab Police have arrested two people, including a 31-year-old woman, for their alleged involvement in espionage activities linked to an of-

ficial posted at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav on Thursday. Those arrested have been identified as Guzala and Yameen Mohamad, both residents of

Malerkotla in Punjab. Police teams have also recovered two mobile phones from their possession. The development came days after Amritsar (Rural) Police arrested two people, identified as

Falaksher Masih and Suraj Masih, for their alleged role in leaking sensitive information and photographs of army cantonment areas and air bases to Pakistan's intelligence agency. DGP Yadav said preliminary in-



vestigation has revealed that the arrested accused had been receiving payments through online transactions in exchange for sharing classified information. They were in frequent contact with the handler and were involved in channelling funds to other local operatives as per his instructions, he said.

Need health culture to fight
obesity and serve nation: Delhi CM

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday called for developing a health culture in the country to fight obesity and incorporate exercise, yoga and meditation in daily activities. Speaking at the inaugural function of the National Obesity Care Conference and Annual Accolades Ceremony for 400 Women Doctors, CM Gupta said rather than expecting the government to do something about obesity, citizens should avail facilities created for physical exercise and serve the nation by leading a healthy life.

"The government is doing its bit. Thousands of parks in Delhi have been provided with open gyms. But the final step to use them must be taken by people themselves," she said. "I would request doctors to write in their prescription that people need to undertake exercise or use government-installed gyms," she said. CM Gupta called upon people to follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reduce consumption of oil and urged women to find time for themselves and lead a healthy lifestyle. She thanked PM Modi for his high focus on the health of the nation. "The concept of millets, which



was a part of our tradition, has been revived by him," she said, stressing on healthy eating. At the event, which coincided with International Mother's Day, she said women end up caring for others and, as a result, ignore their nutrition and exercise. Cautioning about mindful eating and an active lifestyle, CM Gupta said millet's repackaging in the modern era has caught the attention of the young generation. "The challenge to fight obesity also needs to be reoriented by bringing in millet foods, fasting and an active lifestyle," she said. The Chief Minister urged people to take the resolve to take care of them as a national asset. "The success of an individual can become the success of the nation if 140 crore people start working as national assets," she said.

Govt approves final
survey for new railway line in Sikkim

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS): Aiming to use rail connectivity for promoting tourism and generating employment in north-eastern states, the Railway Ministry has approved the final location survey for a proposed line from Melli to Dentam in Sikkim, said an official on Thursday.

The proposed railway line, via Jorethang and Legship, promises to extend rail connectivity to western and southern regions of Sikkim and boost tourism and economic activities, he said.

The proposed line, with an estimated length of 75 km as per the preliminary feasibility assessment, will improve connectivity as part of a strategic continuation of the on-

going Sivok-Rangpo railway project. The Sivok-Rangpo railway project is one of the crucial connectivity projects for the north-eastern region and is expected to be completed by 2027. According to the Northeast Frontier Railway's website, the work

for the Sivok-Rangpo project is going on in full swing to establish a railway connection between Sikkim and the rest of the country. The total length of the Sivok-Rangpo rail line project is 44.96 Km (41.55 km in West Bengal and 3.41 km in Sikkim).



Rattled Pak Minister denies ceasefire violation after India warns of retaliation

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS): Hours after violating a ceasefire deal with India, Pakistan Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar has denied that his country did not commit any ceasefire violations as India issued a stern warning saying that their armed forces will retaliate to any instances of repetition of the firing along the International Border as well as the Line of Control (LoC). "Pakistan cannot do any ceasefire violation nor has it thought about this. It is a moment of celebration and people

are rejoicing since it is a victory for us," The Dawn quoted Tarar as speaking during an interview with Geo News. Tarar said once the ceasefire was done, there was no question of Pakistan violating it. "Sanity should prevail instead of such baseless accusations." He said, "As of now, there is no violation from Pakistan." In a late-night media briefing, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with "seriousness and responsibility". The armed forces have been given instructions to deal



strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, he said. "For the last few hours, there have been repeated violations of the understanding arrived at earlier this evening between the Directors General of Military Operations of

India and Pakistan," he added. "This is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today," Foreign Secretary Misri said. "The armed forces are giving an adequate and appropriate response to these violations and we take very very serious note of these violations," he added.

India's fight against terrorism will continue: Tripura CM Manik Saha

Agartala, May 15 (IANS) : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Thursday said that India's fight against terrorism would continue in future too. The Chief Minister, who according to the senior officials regularly monitors the India-Bangladesh border situation with Tripura, said that all the security and other agencies both at the state and national level are closely monitoring the situation. "Appropriate action would be taken as and when the situation arises," Saha, who holds the home portfolio, told the media. Reacting to the reports of Pakistan's violation of ceasefire even after their com-

mitment to stop firing towards India, the Chief Minister said: "Let us see the situation." He said that he has requested the Central and state forces to work in synchronisation in dealing with the present situation arising in view of the India-Pakistan tensions. The Chief Minister said that during a meeting with the senior security officials, he had requested security officials in the state to maintain close coordination among them to deal with the border-related issues and other related developments in view of the tension between India and Pakistan.



Guterres calls India, Pakistan ceasefire agreement 'positive step' towards lasting peace

United Nations, May 15 (IANS) : United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres sees the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan as a "positive step" towards easing tensions and hopes it will contribute to "lasting peace," according to his Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric. Guterres "welcomes the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan as a positive step toward ending current hostilities and easing tensions," Dujarric said on Thursday. "He hopes the agreement will contribute to lasting peace and foster an environment conducive to addressing broader, long-standing issues between the two countries," he added. Dujarric said, "The United Nations stands ready to support ef-

forts aimed at promoting peace and stability in the region." India and Pakistan announced on Saturday a ceasefire in the four-day conflict that pushed limits by launching attacks beyond Kashmir into other areas in both countries. It began on Wednesday when India struck "terrorist infrastructures" in retaliation against the massacre of 26 people in the Kashmir tourist spot Pahalgam last month by The Resistance Front, an offshoot of the Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). While the tension was mounting last week, Guterres had expressed deep concern over the conflict, saying, "The world cannot afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan."



19 killed in drone strike on prison in Sudan: sources

Khartoum, May 15 (IANS) : At least 19 inmates were killed and more than 45 others injured in a drone strike targetting a central prison in El Obeid in western Sudan's North Kordofan State on Thursday, according to a medical source and eyewitnesses. A medical source at El-Obeid Hospital, who requested anonymity, told Xinhua news agency that the 19 dead bodies and the 45 injured have arrived at the hospital, and that "the number of casualties is expected to rise." An eyewitness near the central prison building told Xinhua that "three drones launched around five missiles at the prison, with about three of them directly striking the building and the in-

mates' living quarters." Another eyewitness said, "Rescue operations inside the prison are still ongoing, and the number of the dead and injured is higher than what has been announced." So far, no official statement has been issued regarding the incident. The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) intensified its drone attacks recently on military sites and key facilities in areas controlled by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), including El Obeid. Local media reported that the RSF continued its drone attacks for the seventh consecutive day on Port Sudan on Saturday, which has become the de facto administrative center of the country since May 2023. The RSF has not commented on the report.

Punjab CM vows to thwart Centre's attempt to 'snatch water'

Chandigarh, May 15 (IANS) : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday vowed to thwart any attempt of the BJP-led Central government to mete out step-motherly treatment to the state by "snatching the waters" through the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). The Chief Minister, who reached Nangal town to protest against the move of BBMB to release water, said, "It's unfortunate that on one hand Punjab is bravely confronting the enemy on the in-

ternational border and on the other, the BJP government at the Centre is playing dirty games to deprive state of its waters". He said Punjab "is on high vigil as Punjab Police are helping the Army to safeguard the 532-km border along with Pakistan".



Punjab BJP chief Jakhar meets shelling victims, seeks Central package for state

Ludhiana, May 15 (IANS) : Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar on Thursday visited DMC Hospital here to meet victims from Ferozepur who were injured in Pakistani shelling and drone attacks in a village. Jakhar emphasised the need for collective action. "Given Punjab's strategic location and the economic constraints, especially in terms of disrupted trade, border zone restrictions and heightened security risks, it is imperative that we now pursue a structured and sustained form of the Central (government) support," he was quoted as saying. At the all-party meeting, attended, among others, by Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Jakhar raised the need for a special economic package for Punjab, keeping in mind the continuing losses the state suffered owing to a border state. The state BJP president specifically proposed that Punjab should be considered for a special status on the lines of what is extended to states like Jammu and Kashmir.

Indian Army taught Pakistan a lesson : Jitan Ram Manjhi

Patna, May 15 (IANS) : A day after the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi praised the Indian Army's swift and decisive action during Operation Sindoor, asserting that Pakistan was forced to seek U.S. mediation due to the pressure exerted by India's military might. "Within just two days of Operation Sindoor, the Indian Army taught a tough lesson to Pakistan. Now they understand the power of our defence forces," Manjhi said, addressing the media in Gaya on Thursday. He further added that the Indian government's stance on terrorism remains unchanged despite the ceasefire, highlighting the termination of the Indus Waters Treaty as a strong diplomatic move post-Pahalgam terror attack. "Any terrorist activity from now on will be treated as an act of war.



Operation Sindoor: Know what India has achieved

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : India, rattled and angered by the dastardly April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, launched a massive strike deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied J&K in the early hours of May 7, targeting the terror launchpads, to avenge the brutal killing of its civilians. The operation was an absolute success. Let's have a look at what India has achieved. Nine Terror Camps Destroyed India neutralised 9 high-value terror launchpads across Pakistan and PoK. Targets belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen. The locations were identified as key training and operational centers for planning attacks against India. Deep Strikes into Pakistan's Mainland India has changed the terms of engagement, displaying willingness to strike deep into Pakistan's heartland. India shredded the notion that terrorists are separate from terrorist backers and thus targeted both, shifting to a new paradigm. Strikes extended



hundreds of kilometers inside Pakistan, not just PoJK. India struck targets even in Punjab province, considered a strategic stronghold of Pakistan's military. India struck at sensitive terror hubs such as Bahawalpur, places which even the US had not dared to send its drones, sources said. India has made it clear that neither the LoC nor internal Pakistani geography is off-limits if terror emanates from its soil. Through its strikes, India has proved to the world that every inch of Pakistan was under reach. Red line drawn India's response asserted a doctrinal shift toward calibrated deterrence. Operation Sindoor has drawn a red line Pakistan can no longer ignore - that terrorism as state policy will trigger targeted,

visible consequences. New paradigm against terror For the first time, India decisively rejected the distinction between terrorists and their sponsors, taking action against both. It also undermined the long-standing assumption that certain influential rogue elements within the Pakistani state could orchestrate terrorist activities with impunity. Exposed Pakistan's Fragile Air Defence Indian forces successfully bypassed or jammed Pakistan's air defence grid. The swift and precise nature of the strikes, conducted within a 23-minute window, highlighted gaps in Pakistan's air defense systems. Indian Rafale jets equipped with SCALP missiles.



Hockey: Back in national camp, forward Selvam Karthi is hungry for games and goals

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : The Indian men’s hockey team is preparing for their European leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25, where they will face the likes of the Netherlands, Argentina, Australia and Belgium. And making his comeback in the national camp is the forward Selvam Karthi. Speaking on being drafted back into the national team set-up for the first time since the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, Karthi said, “I am very happy to be back in the national camp.



FIFA lifts suspension of Congolese Football Association

Zurich, May 15 (IANS) : FIFA has lifted the suspension of the Congolese Football Association (FECOFOOT), which was imposed after undue interference by third parties in the organisation.

Bangkok, May 15 (IANS) : The Indian campaign at the Thailand Open suffered a significant blow on Thursday as rising stars Unnati Hooda and Malvika Bansod bowed out of the Super 500 tournament in the second round of the women’s singles category. Facing formidable local opponents, both shuttlers endured straight-game defeats, ending their run in the competition earlier than hoped. Unnati Hooda, just 17 and already a two-time BWF title winner with triumphs at the Odisha Masters and Abu Dhabi Masters, came up against top seed and world No. 6 Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand.



Thailand Open: Unnati Hooda, Malvika Bansod crash out in second round



Southee joins England men's teams as specialist skills consultant on short-term basis

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : England have added former New Zealand fast-bowler Tim Southee to their men’s team coaching staff as a specialist skills consultant on a short-term basis across all formats. Southee, 36, concluded his Test career in December 2024.

Zimbabwe to fine-tune preparation for England Test with warm-up match in Leicester

Leicester, May 15 (IANS) : Zimbabwe will step up their preparations for next week’s landmark Test against England with a four-day warm-up match against a Professional County Club (PCC) Select XI, starting Thursday at the Uptonsteel County Ground in Leicester. The tour match is the visitors’ only fixture ahead of their much-anticipated return to Test cricket on English soil for the first time since 2003. The one-off Test at Trent Bridge, scheduled for 22-25 May, marks a historic chapter in the team’s red-ball journey. For Zimbabwe, the warm-up match represents a crucial opportunity to acclimatise to English conditions ahead of the highly anticipated encounter. “Look, there’s a few things that we’re really looking forward to getting out of this match,” Zimbabwe assistant coach Dion Ebrahim said after the

team’s third day of training in Leicester. “One is getting further accustomed to the conditions, of both here in England and the pitch conditions. So it’s a chance for both our bowlers and our batsmen to spend out in the middle, with the new Dukes ball . . .” Ebrahim underscored the importance of refining Zimbabwe’s game plan ahead of the Trent Bridge showdown. “It’s also for, I guess, all the players to start really narrowing and solidifying what their game plans will look like as we hit England,” he said. “It’s like it’s part and parcel of



being an international cricketer — so the need to be able to adjust and adapt to different conditions is a necessity. “So rather than, I guess, create too many demons around it, it is what it is. We’ve got to find the tools and the strategies to overcome the differences. “And, look, it’s not something that’s too foreign. It’s just

ensuring that we’re able to narrow our basics and be able to do them for a long period.” Ebrahim also spoke about the broader significance of Zimbabwe’s return to Test cricket in England, describing it as a chance to reclaim their place on the global stage.

Never close friends with Arshad Nadeem, things won't be the same now: Neeraj Chopra



New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) Ahead of the Diamond League meet in Rome, India’s javelin ace Neeraj Chopra addressed the recent controversy surrounding his association with Pakistan’s Arshad Nadeem, setting the record straight on where things stand between the two star athletes. Chopra, India’s first Olympic gold medallist in track and field and reigning world champion, clarified that despite the mutual respect between the two on the field, he and Nadeem were never particularly close off it. “I would like to clarify that I don’t have a very strong relationship with Arshad Nadeem,” Chopra said during a press conference. “We were never really close friends or something. But, because of this (India-Pakistan border tensions), it will not be like before.”



IPL 2025: Moeen and Powell to miss KKR's remaining matches due to medical reasons

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : Defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) said on Thursday that all-rounders Rovman Powell and Moeen Ali will not come back to India for the rest of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 due to their respective medical reasons. KKR further said that apart from Moeen and Powell, all

other players — both Indian and overseas — as well as support staff members, have arrived in Bengaluru. “Both Powell and Ali couldn’t come back due to medical reasons. Rovman is undergoing a procedure, while Moeen and his family are down with a viral infection. We wish them good health and a quick recovery,” said the franchise in its statement.

IPL 2025: Virat Kohli’s mastery shines in a season of high-octane cricket

New Delhi, May 15 (IANS) : In IPL 2025 season that featured nearly 13,000 balls bowled, over 19,000 runs scored, and close to 300 wickets taken, a comprehensive analysis of IPL 2025 has been done on Virat Kohli as the enduring symbol of cricketing brilliance. As Kohli bids an farewell to Test cricket earlier this week, the IPL has borne

witness to his remarkable resurgence in the shortest format. Representing Royal Challengers Bangalore in the 18th season. Kohli’s 2025 campaign has been one of grit, poise, and controlled aggression — a masterclass in modern-day T20 anchoring. According to stats, Kohli has amassed 505 runs in 11 matches at a staggering average of 63.13 and a strike rate of 143.47, reaf-

firmed his form to navigate the middle overs. Virat Kohli remains a standout in IPL 2025 with 505 runs in 11 innings at a strike rate of 143.5 and a 27 per cent dot ball rate, showcasing his trademark consistency and control. Amid power-hitters like Suryakumar Yadav and Nicholas Pooran, Kohli’s anchor role, marked by an 18 per cent boundary rate, brought stability to

RCB, reaffirming his status as one of the most dependable performers in his 17th IPL season. Despite facing 94 dot balls — the third-highest in the season — Kohli demonstrated elite game management by making the most of the 352 deliveries he faced.

