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13-08-2026
Total pilgrims : 69,082
Tonsures : 26,671
Hundi kanaku : 4.09 CR
Laddu sale : 4.05 Lac
Annaprashadam : 2.36 Lac
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Centre avoided discussion during Monsoon Session: Congress

SHIMLA: (Aug 14) The Congress on Friday attacked the central government, saying it was not the opposition that was running away from discussion during Parliament's Monsoon Session, rather the government was avoiding the opposition's questions. The party's national spokesperson Kuldeep Rathore said that the opposition plays a crucial role in a democracy and has fulfilled its responsibility. He claimed that the attitude of the prime minister and the home minister regarding their presence in Parliament this time raises questions. Despite being present in the Parliament complex, the home minister simply sat in his office and left.

Telangana Cabinet OKs Smart Cards, Investment Summit

• Smart Ration Cards From August 15 Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0 in December



Hyderabad (TSIT BUREAU): The Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Friday approved several major initiatives covering food security, investment, agriculture, education, skills, green mobility, irrigation and energy. The Cabinet decided to launch Smart Ration Cards across Telangana on August 15, benefiting around 3.42 crore ration beneficiaries. It also approved the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0 from December 7 to 9 under the theme "Invest Telangana". The summit will highlight investment opportunities in defence, aerospace and pharmaceuticals and showcase the Future City Plan. For farmers, the government approved seven fine paddy varieties eligible for the Rs.500 bonus and decid-

ed to conduct awareness campaigns. It also approved the e-auction of 17.54 lakh metric tonnes of surplus Yasangi paddy at a base price of Rs.2,389 per quintal.The Cabinet approved bringing ITIs, Advanced Technical Centres and Polytechnic colleges under the Young India Skills University. Seven additional Young India Integrated Residential Schools were also approved. To promote green mobility, a Rs.200-crore electric auto conversion scheme was cleared, offering subsidies of up to Rs.1.50 lakh per vehicle.The Cabinet sanctioned Rs.2,100 crore for Phase-II of the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme. It also approved increasing the Gudum Doddli Pumped Storage Project capacity and conducting a study on solar power generation.

Need collective efforts to achieve 'Viksit Bharat@ 2047': Prez Murmu

New Delhi (TSIT): In her message to the nation on the eve of the 80th Independence Day, President Droupadi Murmu on Friday highlighted the rapid and inclusive economic growth despite global uncertainties in the past decade and called for collective efforts to achieve the aim of 'Viksit Bharat@ 2047'. Highlighting the Union government's welfare schemes targeted at women, youth, poor and farmers, the President also referred to the recent paper leak episode by assuring youth that the government is working to curb irregularities and ensuring transparency in the examination system. She said that in the last 10 years, the nation has progressed at a fast pace with the harmonisation of "Vikas and Virasat" (Development and culture). The President added that all citizens should commit themselves to making the country a global leader. Hailing the Union government's focus on infrastructure development, President



Murmu said the efforts have attracted investors and created jobs while the nation has entered into free trade agreements with other nations. She said the Startup ecosystem has been powered by youth and the country's march to golden future is being steered by them - with 65 per cent population being under 35 years. Highlighting social initiatives of the Union government, President Murmu said, "Success has been achieved in freeing more than 25 crore people from poverty. Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, the world's largest financial inclusion scheme, nearly 59 crore account holders have been connected to the banking system. Among them

are more than 32 crore women account holders." The President also referred to the empowerment of women and the women reservation law also that is increasing their participation in politics and strengthening the cradle of democracy. She also recalled the horrors of Partition and paid tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for uniting the more than 500 princely states. She also hailed the stride made by girls and women, including their gold medal haul at the Commonwealth Games and achievements reflected in becoming fighter pilots. The President also stressed on environment conservation for conserving the natural resources for the next generation. Earlier, President Murmu gave a message on the eve of the Parsi New Year saying, "On the auspicious occasion of Parsi New Year 'Navroz', I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all fellow citizens living in India and abroad, especially Parsi brothers and sisters."

Doval warns against mistaking India's tolerance for weakness



New Delhi (TSIT) National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has said India's generosity and tolerance should not be mistaken for weakness, asserting that the country is prepared to take risks and strike hard when necessary. Speaking in Discovery's upcoming docuseries "Declassified: Operation Sindoor", Doval said the 88-hour military operation was aimed at destroying terror camps linked to the Pahalgam attack.Doval recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought immediate clarity on the perpetrators following the attack. He said intelligence agencies quickly identified those responsible. Doval stressed that India would go as far as necessary to protect its sovereignty and would not tolerate support for terrorism.

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At his media briefing, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We have strong ties with Italy. Our ties with Italy in recent years have expanded and strengthened. It is important, as part of diplomatic practice, that we strengthen our ties, keeping in

As if giving a demonstration, Gandhi then called Rachnatmak Congress chief Sandeep Dikshit, grabbed him by the shoulders, and held him in a tight embrace.

The Logistics Data Bank provides end-to-end visibility of EXIM container

movement across India through RFID-based tracking technology. The platform currently offers visibility into 100 per cent of the country's EXIM container movement, covering 19 ports and 32 container terminals. Its network spans 103 Inland Container Depots (ICDs), 439 Container Freight Stations (CFSs), empty

Washington, Aug 14 : Indian drone manufacturers have been left outside a preferential US tariff regime that gives selected partners lower rates, potentially subjecting India-made unmanned aircraft and components to duties of up to 100 per cent. President Donald Trump signed the proclamation on Thursday to address what the White House described as a national security threat arising from US dependence on imported drones and components. The measure does not name India or impose an India-specific tariff. However, India is absent from the group whose qualifying products will receive lower rates. Eligible drones and components from the European Union, Japan, Liechtenstein, South Korea, Switzerland and Taiwan will face a maximum tariff of 15 per cent. Qualifying British products will be subject to a maximum rate of 10 per cent.

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TENDER NOTICE No: 21/2026.
Dt.14.08.2026.
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS
E-Procurement Tender Notice

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website www.ireps.gov.in And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On www.ireps.gov.in."

Tender No.	Brief Description
67255011B	Disel Generator Set 400KVA with AMF panel
29261063	Kit for EP Relay valve for E-70 brake system of 3 phase
75261416	PVC (FLOORING SHEET)
75261209	DTBT BLOCK
77261105	PU PAINT (Two pack)
81261462	Shielding Gas Mixture
80261201	Anti wear Hyd Oil VG 68
81261443	Penetrate System Consisting of the 3 items
82261448A	Monocomponent Insulin Recombinant DNA
82260815A	IXEKIZUMAB 80 mg/ml Single dose Injection
73261001A	AXLE END CAP SCREW
76261092	Solid MIG/MAG Welding Filler wire - 1.2 mm Dia Class-1
60267549	Procurement of ERC MK-V T- 5919
60267547	(Procurement of NCR GRSP for RDSO Drg.no. T-4865
60267156	Procurement of CGRSP RDSO Drg no. T-8747
56261236	Power Transmission Assembly for 220mm
56261003	48V, 200AH valve Regulated Lead Acid
56255290A	Supply of multi section Digital Axle Counter
47261001	0.5 HP self %2013 priming mono block pump
38262181A	Adapter (Narrow Jaw) Class "E"6 X 11" RD50 No AB/RB- 39-2002
38265018	Draft Gear with follower
38265017	Polymer Packing Washer size 105 Dia X 57 dia X MM
33261600	Sphroelastic Rubber Bearing
30261494	Brake Beam Complete
30261397	Foot Step Arrangement
30261537	Circuit Board power supply
82255007C	Modular Operation Theatre's for Room no.1,2,3
29265015	Set of space for BHEL make IGBT Auxiliary converters 3-phase locos
29265016	Set of space for BHEL make IGBT Traction converters 3-phase locos
29265014	Set of space for BHEL make TCN VCU's of 3-phase locos

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening:
SL.No.01 on dt.25.08.2026. SL.No.02 on dt.28.08.2026 SL.No.03 to 26 on dt.31.08.2026 SL.No.27 on dt. 03.09.2026 SL.No.28 & 29 on dt 08.09.2026 SL.No.30 on dt 09.09.2026

Corrigendum

1) Tender Notice No.16/2026 dt. 17.07.2026 Tender No.LY265419 Due date 11.08.2026 may be read as Due date 24.08.2026 instead of existing Due date 07.07.2026 may be read as Due date 31.08.2026 instead of existing

2) Tender Notice No.10/2026 dt.05.06.2026 Tender No.60266003 Due date 07.07.2026 may be read as Due date 31.08.2026 instead of existing

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders
There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above **Rs.50 Lakhs**.

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open e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E.
29/Elec/M/SC/27, 30 & 31/
TF/OT/2026-27 Dt.13.08.2026

For and on behalf of President of India
the undersigned invites e-tender for the
given below work up to 15.00 hours on
07.09.2026, 10.09.2026 & 11.09.2026

1. e-Tender No: etenderNo.
C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/27/TF/OT/2026-27
etenderNo.E-M-SC-27-OT-2026-27
Name of work : Secunderabad
Division Electrical Maintenance
Department - Provision of Electrical
arrangements at RDM for the one RBG
room and 3 GMTYS - Electrical
arrangements. **Tender value: (₹)**
43,38,343.00 **EMD : (₹)** 86,800.00
CTF : (₹) 0.00 Completion period : 6
Months Date of opening : 07.09.2026
2. e-Tender No: etenderNo.
C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/27/TF/OT/2026-27

C/E 29/Elec/M/SC/30/TF/OT/2026-27
 etender No.E-M-SC-30-OT-2026-27
Name of work : Secunderabad
 Division Electrical Maintenance
 Department - Provision of Goods
 loading line at Manikgarh - Electrical
 arrangements. **Tender value:(₹)**
 1,08,98,676.00 **EMD :** (₹) 2,18,00,000
CTF : (₹) 0.00 **Completion period :** 6
 Months **Date of opening :** 10.09.2026

3. e-Tender No: etenderNo.
 C/E 29/Elec/M/SC/31/TF/OT/2026-27
 etender No.E-M-SC-31-OT-2026-27
Name of work : Secunderabad
 Division Electrical Maintenance
 Department - Provision of longer loop
 line, RBG Building & Gcompt at RMY
 station - Electrical arrangements.
Tender value:(₹) 86,06,118.50 **EMD :**
 (₹) 1,72,100.00 **CTF :** (₹) 0.00
Completion period : 6 Months **Date of
 opening :** 11.09.2026

1. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at www.ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer,
(Maintenance)/Secunderabad
No.NW/148/WIII/Tender notice/
2026-27 Date: 13.08.2026

For and on Behalf of President of India,
The undersigned invite E-tenders for
the following works.

T. Tender No : T-202627-2-033
Authority : Co-ord Description of the work : Nanded Division: SW-I: Cess repairs/widening work under SSE/P.Way NED jurisdiction(4.20 Km). SW-II: Cess repairs/widening work under SSE/P.Way/MUE jurisdiction (6.30 Km). SW-III: Construction of new side drains by replacing damaged unserviceable drains -450mmx450mm under SSE/P.Way/NED under ADE/NVED's Jurisdiction(0.750 M). **Tender value: (₹) 33957213.21 Earnest money : (₹) 6792000 Completion period :** Twelve Months **Cost of tender form :** (₹) 0/-

2. Tender No : T-202627-2-034
Authority : Co-ord Description of the work : Augmentation/upgradation of facilities & infrastructure in existing running rooms and crew lobbies over NED division(NF Section). **Tender value: (₹) 4108036.44 Earnest money : (₹) 822000 Completion period :** Nine Months **Cost of tender form :** (₹) 0/-

3. Tender No : T-202627-1-035
Authority : Co-ord Description of the work : Housekeeping and Maintenance of Rest house at DCCN/ for a period of 02 (Two) years. **Tender value: (₹) 65250112**

years. Tender value: (₹) 535501.12
Earnest money : (₹) 11100.00
Completion period : Twenty Four Months
Cost of tender form : (₹) 0/-
1. Tender No: T-202627-2-033
Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs) : Any Civil Engineering work excluding zonal works.

1. Tender No: T-202627-2-034 & T-202627-1-035
Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs): Nil
 The above tender will closed on 08.09.2026 at 15.00 Hrs.
 For Bid document and other details, login to <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. Any corrigenda will be issued online only
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Four Telugu Players Earn Spot in Hyderabad Black Hawks

Black Hawks Make Winning Start in Goa Guardians Trophy



Hyderabad TSIT: Four promising volleyball players from the Telugu states have earned places in the Hyderabad Black Hawks squad following the franchise's Under-21 selection trials held recently in Vijayawada. Around 180 players registered for the trials, of whom 105 participated in the selection process. After an intensive assessment, 12 young players were selected for the final squad. The Telugu players selected are Karthik from Guntur, Dheeman from Visakhapatnam, Srunik from Peddapalli and Akshith from Warangal.

TGSPDCL steps up coordination in Malkajgiri



Hyderabad, August 14, 2026: TGSPDCL CMD Shri Jitesh V. Patil, IAS, participated in an MMC convergence meeting at the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate Office on Friday. The meeting discussed monsoon preparedness, emergency response, traffic management and uninterrupted public services during upcoming festivals. Patil directed officials to identify and shift electric poles and cables obstructing 21 key traffic junctions within 10 days. He also instructed removal of unused poles and structures causing traffic obstructions by August 30. He stressed stronger coordination among Electricity, Police, Municipal, HYDRAA and other departments. Officials also discussed tree-trimming, disposal of branches and storage of dismantled electrical materials. The meeting reaffirmed coordinated efforts to improve public services.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of **Arcil-Trust-2026-007 ("Arcil")** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("Said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Said Rules") issued a demand notice dated **17/12/2025** calling upon the borrower (s) **Gorantla Bademma Kiranam And General Store Proprietorship Concern Of Sanohyapogu Gorintla Solochana, Mrs. Sanohyapogu Gorintla Solochana And Mr. S. G Ravindar**, the guarantor(s) and the Mortgagor (s) under the Loan No. **FEDKOOSTL0509734** to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being the sum of **Rs. 16,04,589.81/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine and Eighty One Paisa Only)** as on **17-12-2025** in respect of the said loan facility with further interest at the contractual rate from **18-12-2025** till payment /realization, within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) /guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and in the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the secured assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 10th day of August 2026.

The borrower(s) /guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned secured assets and any dealings with the secured assets will be subject to the charge of Arcil for a sum **Rs. 17,94,112.09/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred Twelve and Nine Paisa Only)** as on **02.07.2026** in respect of the facility with the further interest at the contractual rate from **03.07.2026** till payment /realisation, together with all the incidental costs, charges and expenses incurred.

The borrower (s)/guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) attention is invited to the provisions of the sub-section (8) of the section 13 of the said act, in respect of time available to redeem the below mentioned secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS

Property Details -
All that part and parcel of the property House bearing No. 6-24-163/2, situated in leela Village, leela Municipality, leela Town, Gadwal Mandal, Sub- Registrar, Gadwal Sub District, Jogulamba Gadwal Revenue District, Mahaboob Nagar District Registrar. Total area: 72 Square Yards. North: Plot No: Road South: House of Anjaneyulu, East: Shutters of vendor West: Road

Sd/-
Place: Mahaboob Nagar
Date: 10/08/2026
For Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
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The borrower(s) /guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and in the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the secured assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 10th day of August 2026.

The borrower(s) /guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned secured assets and any dealings with the secured assets will be subject to the charge of Arcil for a sum **Rs. 21,57,691.46/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and Forty Six Paisa Only)** as on **02.07.2026** in respect of the facility with the further interest at the contractual rate from **03.07.2026** till payment /realisation, together with all the incidental costs, charges and expenses incurred.

The borrower (s)/guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) attention is invited to the provisions of the sub-section (8) of the section 13 of the said act, in respect of time available to redeem the below mentioned secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS

Property Details -
Immovable property bearing H. No. 7-41/1, situated at Renjarla Village, Mupkal Mandal, Nizamabad District, Telangana State - 503218, standing in the name of the borrower/mortgagor, more fully described as under: located in Village/colony: Renjarla / Grama Kantam, Ward/Block: 0-0, House No: 7/41/1, with an extent of 144 square yards and a builtup area of 0 square feet (ILT). The property is identified as a dismantled structure, assigned with GP No. 7-41/1, Renjarla Village. That the above mention immovable property is bounded is as under: **North:** House of Thummala Laxman **South:** Road **East:** House of Pippera Ashok **West:** Open Place of Aggu Mallesh

Sd/-
Place: Telangana
Date: 10/08/2026
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Telangana Raises Upper Age Limit for Uniformed Services Recruitment by Two Years

Hyderabad : The Telangana government has further raised the upper age limit by two years for direct recruitment to various uniformed services in the state, providing additional relief to unemployed youth.

According to G.O.Ms. No.122, issued by the General Administration (Services-A) Department on Friday, the two-year relaxation will be in addition to the five-year age relaxation already granted through an earlier government order issued on May 18, 2026.

The additional relaxation applies to direct recruitment to uniformed services in the Police, Fire, Prisons, Special Protection Force (SPF), Excise, Transport and Forest departments, the GO stated. The government said it took the decision after receiving representations from unemployed youth seeking relaxation in the upper age limit to enable more candidates to participate in the recruitment process.

The notification issued under Article 309 of the Constitution states that the upper age limit prescribed under the relevant special or ad-hoc rules for direct recruitment will be raised by two additional years, over and above the five years already granted under G.O.Ms.No.87 dated May 18, 2026.

Husnabad police arrest house theft accused

Husnabad, August 14 (TSIT): Husnabad police arrested a man accused of stealing 40,000 from a house in Mahammadapur village. According to police, the theft occurred on August 5 when the accused allegedly entered Sunnam Ravinder Reddy's house by breaking the cement roof sheets. He then forced open an almirah and fled with the cash. Following a complaint, SI Lakshma Reddy and his team registered a case and launched an investigation. Police identified the accused as Kasani Shivaraju of Mahammadapur and arrested him. The stolen 40,000 was recovered, while an auto-rickshaw allegedly used in the crime was also seized. The accused was later produced before the court. CI K. Sreedhar appreciated the police team's efforts.



TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Hails Phule Couple's Legacy



Hyderabad, TSIT: TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud said the services of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule, who dedicated their lives to education, equality and the eradication of social discrimination, would remain an inspiration for generations.

Addressing the unveiling ceremony of the statues of Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule at Necklace Road, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Phule couple firmly believed that education was fundamental to the nation's progress and relentlessly fought against untouchability, caste discrimination and social inequalities.

He said the Phules challenged the prevailing social order and established schools to provide education to women and oppressed sections, creating a revolutionary path towards social empowerment.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said installing their statues in the heart of Hyderabad was a fitting tribute that would ensure their ideals and contributions were remembered by future generations.

He said honouring great leaders from backward and marginalised communities under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reflected the government's commitment to social justice and inclusive development.

BJP seeks focus on Parakala development

Parakala, August 14 (TSIT): BJP State Executive Committee Member Dr. Pagadala Kali Prasad Rao urged the Telangana government to focus on the development of Parakala constituency ahead of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's proposed visit on August 16. He demanded that the 100-bed government hospital be equipped with adequate doctors, medical equipment, infrastructure and laboratory reagents. He also sought medical, engineering and nursing colleges, besides upgrading the existing Polytechnic College into an engineering college. The BJP demanded a government hospital and police station in Nadikuda mandal, recognition of Akkampet as a revenue village and separate district status for Parakala. Leaders also sought "Martyrs' District" status for Parakala.



Ph.D. Awarded to Rangu Rudrani, Maths Faculty Govt. Degree college Narsampet

Hanumakonda, TSIT : Rangu Rudrani, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics Govt. Degree college(Autonomous) Narsampet, has been awarded Ph.D. degree by the Kakatiya University Warangal said by the Controller of examinations KU Warangal. In a press note here on Thursday, the Controller of Examinations highlighted that Rangu Rudrani had submitted her Ph.D. thesis titled "Investigation on Determinant problems Bohr Phenomenon for Certain Subclasses of Analytic Functions". She did her research work under the supervision of Dr. R. Bharavi Sharma , Department of Mathematics, Kakatiya University Warangal.



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15 Days 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 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).
On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned below, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company.
Accordingly the **Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited** /Secured Creditor had taken possession of the following secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the **Aditya Birla Capital Limited** will be held on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 22-Sep-26 & LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF KYC & EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD) : 21-Sep-26

Sr No	Name of the Borrower(s) & Co-Borrower(s)	Description of Properties /Secured Assets	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Demand Notice Date & Total Amt (In Rs.)
1.	M/S. DIVYA JEWELLERS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. PACHIPALA RAMESH CHARY.	All That The House No-2-2-23/2/A, Consisting Of Ground And First Floor With A Ground Floor Built Up Area Of 1165 Sq. Ft. First Floor 1185 Sq. Ft. On Plot No.5, Admeasuring 244.44 Sq. Yards Or 204.379 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At D.D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, T.S., And More Clearly Delineated In The Plan Annexed Hereto, Is Bounded As Follows : North- Plot No.6, South - Land Belongs To S.B.H. Employees, East - Plot No.7 & 8, West - Proposed 30' Wide Road. Along With Existing Construction And Buildings	RS. 2,60,00,000/- (RUPEES TWO CRORE SIXTY LAKH ONLY)	RS. 26,00,000/- (RUPEES TWENTY SIX LAKH ONLY)	09-MAR-2026 & RS. 81,68,545.23/- (RUPEES EIGHTY-ONE LAKH SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE RUPEES AND TWENTY THREE PAISA ONLY) AS ON 06-03-2026
2.	MRS. PACHIPALA DIVYA			Incremental Value (In Rs.) - Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only)	

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://abfi.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-act.aspx> or <https://8bdiad.in> Contact Details - Aditya Birla Capital Limited. Authorized Officer - Apoorva Danthi (9930909725), Komal Patil (9867895795), Jahirul Laskar (9706003075), Harsh Kumar (9176547103), LingaSwamy Bathini (9000001411) and Raghuvveera Neerukonda (9642299899).

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Tourism development while protecting water resources

Madhira (TSIT): Natural water resources, tanks and lakes in the district should be developed as tourist destinations while protecting the environment, and comprehensive plans should be prepared to promote tourism in the district, said District Collector Divakara T.S.The Collector toured Bonakal and Madhira mandals on Friday and inspected tourism development works at Kalakota Pedda Cheruvu, Madupalli and Madhira Tank Bund. He directed officials to maintain quality standards in construction works and provide the required basic amenities. He also suggested taking up the Madhira Riverfront development in a planned manner to provide a pleasant environment for visitors. Proposals should be finalised quickly for three cottages, reception, cafeteria and parking facilities at Kalakota Pedda Cheruvu, and two cottages, reception, kitchen-restaurant and other facilities at Madhira Tank Bund, he said. Tourism development should create employment opportunities for local people and promote small businesses, while ensuring that water resources and the environment are not damaged, the Collector said.

TGCSB launches ‘Suraksha Ka Tiranga’ cyber safety campaign in Hyderabad

Hyderabad (TSIT) The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) organised a special ‘Suraksha Ka Tiranga –Towards a Cyber Independent Telangana’ event in Hyderabad on Friday as part of its statewide cyber safety campaign ahead of Independence Day. Director General of Police and Head of Police Force C V Anand, Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department and TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, and noted film actor Akkineni Nagarjuna Rao attended the event along with senior police officers, students, teachers and

community representatives. The campaign uses the three colours of the national flag to convey simple cyber safety messages–Saffron: Be Alert, White: Be Aware and Green: Be Safe & Secure. It particularly focuses on stock trading and business investment frauds, which account for around 60 per cent of financial losses suffered by cybercrime victims in Telangana. Anand congratulated TGCSB and police personnel for Telangana’s top national ranking and said an alert and informed citizen remained the strongest defence against evolving cybercrime.

Hyderabad, TSIT: In a pioneering initiative, the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate has introduced a Women Police Band Team, described as the first such women’s band in the Telangana Police Department. The initiative is aimed at showcasing the talent, discipline, dedication and confidence of women police personnel, while providing them a distinctive platform at official and ceremonial programmes. The Women Police Band has been provided with three differ-

Malkajgiri Police Launch First-Ever Women Police Band



ent types of uniforms and necessary musical instruments. The ceremonial black-and-white uniform has been specially designed to give the team a dignified appearance during official functions and ceremonial events.

4-Year-Old Girl Dies of Snakebite in Kothur

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) A four-year-old girl, Harini, died after being bitten by a snake at a brick-making unit in Kothur of the Ranga Reddy district Future City Commissionerate limits. The victim’s father, Varikuppala Ravi, works at the brick-making unit and was residing there with his family. On Thursday night, the snake reportedly bit Harini on her right thigh. She was immediately shifted to the Shadnagar Government Hospital and later referred to Osmania Hospital as her condition deteriorated. Doctors at Osmania Hospital declared her dead. Police are investigating the incident.



Hamali Workers Demand Welfare Board and Rs. 25 Lakh Accident Insurance.



Manchiriyal, August 14, TSIT : Hamali workers staged a dharna in front of the Tahsildar’s office in Naspur on Friday, demanding the implementation of welfare measures and fulfilment of assurances given by the government.As part of the State Committee’s call, the workers submitted a memorandum to Tahsildar S. Santosh seeking the immediate establishment of a welfare board for hamali workers, Rs. 25 lakh accident insurance, monthly pension of Rs. 6,000 and government-issued identity cards.Addressing the gathering, All Hamali Workers Union (CITU) district president Gomas Prakash urged the government to provide education and healthcare facilities to the families of hamali workers. He called upon rice mill, market, godown, IKP and rural hamali workers across the district to unite and fight for their rights.“Let us fight unitedly and secure our rights,” Prakash said. Union leaders M. Surender, G. Mogili, M. Chandraiah, B. Mogili, Posham, Shekhar, Sampath, U. Chandraiah , Ramesh, Mallesham, Raghu, Odanna and CITU district leader Midirelli Raj Kumar were among those who participated.

Congress Stages Satyagraha in Solidarity with Mallikarjun Kharge



Hyderabad, TSIT: Congress leaders and workers held a district-level Satyagraha at Jabbar Complex, Bansilalpet, on Friday in protest against the Haldwani incident and in solidarity with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.The protest was organised under the leadership of Secunderabad District Congress Committee (DCC) President Deepak John and was attended by a large number of party leaders and workers.Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, DCC President Deepak John and Gundelli Devi Vara Prasad, DCC Secretary and Ujjaini Mahakali Temple Trust Board member, were among those who participated in the Satyagraha.

National Librarians’ Day celebrated at NG College

Nalgonda, August 14: National Librarians’ Day was celebrated at Nagarjuna Government College on Friday, marking the 134th birth anniversary of Padma Shri Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, regarded as the Father of Indian Library Science. Dr. Anandam Durga Prasad, Librarian at Government Degree College, Hayathnagar, attended as chief guest and highlighted Ranganathan’s contribution to library science and his Five Laws of Library Science. He said libraries remain important sources of knowledge despite the digital era and encouraged students to develop reading habits for



academic and competitive success. Principal Prof. Samudrala Upender urged students to make effective use of the college library and said efforts were underway to appoint a regular librarian.

Crores being spent on Khammam development

Khammam town (TSIT): Several development works are being taken up in Khammam city with crores of rupees in funds, with Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao giving special focus to the city’s overall development, said Khammam Assembly A-Block Congress president and Three-Town area Congress coordinator Yerram Balagangadhar Tilak. He was speaking at a media conference at Jubilee Club on Friday. He said 1,177 beneficiaries received Rs.17.83 crore under Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak, 213 received Rs.4.71 crore through LOCs and 2,365 received Rs.7.27 crore under CMRF. Underground drainage works, including an 8.5-km trunk pipeline and STPs at Dhamsalapuram and Puttakota, are being taken up. Flood protection works along the Munneru are being carried out



with Rs.700 crore, besides Rs.220 crore for floodwater diversion drains. A cable bridge and ring road are being planned to ease traffic, while a Rs.15-crore ropeway at Khilla and a 500-acre eco-park at Velugumatla are also being developed. He said Rs.220 crore under AMRUT funds was being utilised to address drinking water problems. Government medical college, sports facilities, district court and temple development works are also being taken up, Tilak said.

Inspections target unapproved jewellery testing

Hanumakonda, August 14, TSIT : According to the complaint of the National Committee of the Consumer Council that the gold and silver traders were not mentioning the quality standards of gold and silver in the receipts, Hanmakonda District Legal Metrology Officer Vishveswaraiah, National General Secretary of the Council Sambaraju Chakrapani, CCI National Secretary Dr Pallepadu Damodar, State Joint Secretaries CH Praveen and Ravula Ranjith Kumar conducted inspections in Hanmakonda on Friday. On this occasion, District Metrology Officer Vishveswaraiah found that the XRF machines in gold and silver shops and testing centers lacked model permits. Vishveswaraiah said that conducting quality tests without model



approvals is not the right approach. Therefore, the owners of the shops who have conducted the inspections have been warned to give the quality standards reports only through the authorized XRF machines, giving time up to (15) days. Sambaraju Chakrapani said that there are five

types of silver quality standards in the open market: fine silver, sterling silver, coin silver, German silver and nickel silver. According to international standards, silver jewelry is considered “fine silver” when it contains 80% silver, but most traders sell silver brace-

lets, silver idols, silver glasses with 65% silver. But some other businessmen sell German silver or Nikhil silver in a way that misleads the consumers and said that the actual silver percentage in both of these is less than 20 percent and the coating is with traces of silver.

He said that cheap silver jewelry for Telangana state is mostly sold from Andhra Pradesh’s Tenali and Tamil Nadu’s Salem areas, and consumers should be aware of the addition of harmful cadmium. Dr Pallepadu Damodar said that according to the Consumer Protection Act 2019, the quality standards for the sale of silver jewelry must be written in the receipt. He said that if the quality details are not available, the Consumer Commission will issue judgments on such complaints. Officials are likely to conduct inspections as per Bureau of Indian Standards Act 2016 and Legal Metrology Rules 2011, he said. He expressed concern that no government has any interest in testing centers that are more than (150) in the combined Warangal district.

Irregular heartbeats Recognising rhythm disorders early

Heart rhythm disorders are often associated with major events, but sometimes, the earliest signals can be subtle, such as an irregular beat, a brief flutter, or a momentary racing pulse. These symptoms may point to arrhythmias, a condition in which the heart beats too fast, too slowly, or irregularly. While not every irregular heartbeat is dangerous, symptoms that are new, persistent, or concerning should be assessed by a qualified healthcare professional. Ajay Singh Chauhan, General Manager for Abbott’s Cardiac Rhythm Management business in India, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea, said, “For people living with heart rhythm disorders, what matters most is timely, effective care that fits seamlessly into their lives and helps them return to normal quickly. At Abbott, we aim to simplify this journey from enabling earlier detection through monitoring that utilizes Artificial Intelligence (AI) to helping patients receive the advanced care for treating bradycardia disorders. Innovations like leadless pacemakers are designed to reduce lead related and infection complications while supporting the potential for faster recovery and greater comfort. As awareness and diagnosis grow, we remain focused on



expanding access to these advanced solutions and partnering with doctors to deliver care that is not only clinically effective, but truly patient-centric. Dr.Arun Gopi, Director Cath Lab and Electrophysiologist at Metromed International Cardiac Centre (MICC), Kozhikode, said, “Each year, many people rely on pacemakers to manage heart rhythm conditions. While traditional devices are effective, leadless pacemakers offer a less invasive option with no visible scars and fewer procedure-related risks. For the right patients, this could mean faster recovery, greater comfort, and a quicker return to daily life. As more people look for treatment that fits their lifestyles, such innovations are especially valuable in India, where follow-up care can be challenging, helping simplify care and improve overall patient experience and outcomes. Heart rhythm care is evolving with more tools to help physicians’ diagnosis

and less invasive treatment options, such as leadless pacemakers that can offer greater comfort and convenience for eligible patients. However, the most critical step remains early action. Seeking timely medical advice can help identify issues early and open access to advanced treatments, improving quality of life and long-term heart health. Ultimately, greater awareness and proactive care are key to making the most of these advancements.” This is especially relevant in India, where cardiovascular disease remains a significant public health challenge. According to the WHO, cardiovascular illnesses, affect millions of people globally each year. Arrhythmia can affect individuals at any age, though older adults are more likely to experience it, with both incidence and frequency increasing sharply over time. In fact, it is estimated that up to 60% of older adults may experience some form of arrhythmia Within this broader cardio-

vascular burden, rhythm disorders deserve greater attention because they can sometimes be overlooked or mistaken for stress, exhaustion, or lifestyle-related fatigue. Arrhythmias occur when the heart’s electrical system does not function normally, causing the heart to beat too fast (tachycardia), too slow (bradycardia), or irregularly, as seen in atrial fibrillation. Some arrhythmias may cause noticeable symptoms such as palpitations, breathlessness, fatigue, dizziness, or fainting, while others can remain silent and only be detected during a medical evaluation. While not all irregular heartbeats are dangerous, some can increase the risk of serious complications such as stroke, heart failure, or even sudden cardiac arrest if left untreated. That’s why it’s important to listen to your body. If something feels off - especially if symptoms are new or persistent - seeking medical advice early can make all the difference in protecting your long-term cardiovascular health. Treating arrhythmias is not one-size-fits-all approach. The right course of action depends on the type of rhythm disorder, its severity, and the individual patient. In some cases, simple lifestyle changes or medications may be enough to restore a healthy rhythm.

In others, doctors may recommend specialised procedures to correct abnormal electrical signals or even implant a device that helps the heart maintain a regular beat. Pacemakers have long been an established treatment option, particularly when the heart beats too slowly or when electrical signals do not travel properly through the heart. Traditional pacemakers are usually placed under the skin in the upper chest and connected to the heart through thin, insulated wires called leads. This implantation method leaves a physical scar or bulge on the patient’s chest and around 1 in 8 patients may suffer from the device pocket and lead associated complications such as infection, lead dislodgement or fracture. Today, advances in cardiac care are opening up new possibilities. For select patients, leadless pacemakers offer a more discreet, minimally invasive alternative.These tiny, self-contained devices now available in India - are smaller than traditional pacemakers and implanted directly inside the heart using a catheter inserted through a vein in the leg. With no wires and no chest incision, they represent a significant step forward, designed to simplify treatment while improving comfort and recovery.

Mahabubnagar to celebrate Independence Day

Mahabubnagar, August 14 (TSIT): The 80th Independence Day celebrations will be held grandly in Mahabubnagar district on Saturday, State Minister for Excise, Tourism and Culture Jupally Krishna Rao will hoist the National Flag at the District Police

Parade Ground at 9:30 am. The programme will include a police parade, the Minister’s Independence Day address, felicitation of freedom fighters, cultural performances by students and a tableau showcasing government welfare and development programmes.

Certificates of appreciation will also be distributed, followed by a visit to various stalls. District Collector Khushboo Gupta appealed to officials and the public to attend the celebrations in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

Srijana reviews civic issues in Padma Nagar



Hyderabad, August 14 (TSIT): Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner Dr. Srijana reviewed civic issues and development requirements in Padma Nagar Ward under the “One Ward Every Day” programme. She interacted with Resident Welfare Association representatives and local residents and heard their concerns regarding drainage, water-logging, drinking water supply, damaged roads and manholes, illegal parking, streetlights, garbage dumping and traffic management. Residents also sought facilities such as an open gym, Basti Dawakhana and library. Dr. Srijana directed officials to conduct field inspections and address issues on priority in coordination with concerned departments. She instructed officials to ensure timely follow-up and monitor the progress of works for swift resolution of public grievances.

LTI Mindtree Leadership Delivered Masterclass on AI and Industry Talent Shift held at Auditorium, KITSW



Warangal, August 14, TSIT : A comprehensive two-hour expert session tailored for future tech professionals organised by the Training & Placement Office(TPO), Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) held at Auditorium told by the Principal, Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy. He also highlighted that there were 671 campus placements achieved by the AY 2025-26 students.On this occasion the Guest Speakers : Brahma Mutya (Principal Director, LTIMindtree, Hyderabad) and Macherla Kiran Kumar (Regional Head - Talent Acquisition Group, LTI Mindtree) have conducted the technical session in an interactive mode. The topic is entitled “How AI Is Reshaping the IT Industry and Redefining Talent Expectations”. According to the Dean-Training and Placements Prof. Y. Purandar, Over 400 enthusiastic students from the 2027 graduating B. Tech. have attended and gained direct insights into evolving industry demands.

EDITORIAL

How Far Is Saudi Arabia Really Willing To Go For Pakistan?

The Mecca Joint Defence Agreement, signed on August 7, 2026, by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye, marks a notable shift in regional security signalling. At its core, the pact states that an armed attack on any one of the three will be treated as an attack on all, while also describing itself as a defensive arrangement not directed against any specific country. Its importance lies less in the wording and more in the uncertainty it introduces: whether this commitment to collective defence will translate into actual military intervention, or remain limited to political support, intelligence sharing, logistics, and arms cooperation. In other words, the pact does not just signal solidarity - it raises an unresolved question about the depth and limits of that solidarity in a real crisis. To understand the Mecca agreement, it is important to see it as an extension of an earlier agreement rather than an invention. It builds on the long-standing strategic defence relationship between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, formalised in 2025 . However, history shows that such arrangements do not always translate to automatic military guarantees. Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have maintained close military ties for decades, including Pakistani troop deployments to the Kingdom. Yet Islamabad has shown restraint in becoming directly involved in Saudi regional conflicts. A key example came in 2015, when Pakistan's parliament declined participation in the Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen. This highlights the complexities of the regional power balance. Close defence partnerships are filtered through national interest, domestic politics, geography, and the specific nature of the conflict. The Mecca pact expands the bilateral partnership into a trilateral framework involving Turkey, raising the stakes, but not necessarily removing the same constraints. Against this backdrop, some commentators have described the agreement as an "Islamic NATO" or the emergence of a Sunni security bloc. While the analogy is politically striking, it might be an oversimplification of a complex regional dynamic. The three states are not aligned by a single strategic geography or unified threat perception. Pakistan's security focus remains overwhelmingly South Asia, particularly India and Afghanistan. Turkey operates across multiple theatres and pursues a more expansive regional role. Saudi Arabia's core concerns are the stability of the Gulf, protection of energy infrastructure, and managing threats emanating from Iran, Yemen, and Iraq. Saudi Arabia's security environment, in particular, has become more volatile. Attacks and threats linked to Iran-backed groups such as the Houthis and Iraqi militias have exposed vulnerabilities in its defence posture and raised questions about the limits of external security guarantees, including those traditionally associated with the United States. This helps explain Riyadh's interest in diversifying its security partnerships. Yet, as former Indian ambassador Navdeep Suri points out, the more important question is not ideological alignment but operational clarity: what kind of attack would actually trigger collective action? The answer to that question will define whether the pact becomes a hard security commitment or remains a flexible political framework.

Why are new employees appointed from 2022 to 2026 not transferred in Haryana?



—DR. VIJAY GARG

The primary objective of the Haryana government's online transfer policy is to ensure transparency, equal opportunity, fairness, and administrative efficiency in transfers. The online system was implemented to minimize the potential for arbitrary administrative discretion, favoritism, and disparate treatment, and to provide eligible employees with the opportunity to participate in the transfer process and submit their preferences under clear rules. However, the success of any policy is determined not simply by the formulation of rules, but by their logical, consistent, and fair implementation. In this context, the issue of employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 demands serious consideration. The most important question is: when all teachers appointed during this period are required to participate in the mandatory online transfer process, why are employees appointed during the same period in other departments being left behind? If teachers can be included in the policy's mandatory participation, there must also be a clear, objective, and rational basis for a separate arrangement for other eligible employees appointed during the same period. The demand here is not for an employee to be transferred to a location of their choice, but for an equal opportunity to participate in the process if eligible, to exercise their options, and to be considered according to the rules. In this context, provisions such as the cut-off date of May 23, 2025, the "notional category," and the "first online transfer drive for each cadre" used in the 2026 Model Online Transfer Policy

become important. To understand these provisions, it is necessary to examine the actual administrative history of the respective cadre. If a cadre is conducting its first online transfer drive in 2026, its situation may be different from that of a cadre that has been conducting online transfer drives since 2017. Therefore, it is necessary to examine the actual policy history of all cadres before applying the same cut-off to all cadres. The question of equality isn't limited to teachers and other departments. The situation of employees being allocated offline positions despite the implementation of an online transfer policy and the conduct of online transfer campaigns in some departments also warrants serious consideration. The example of Haryana's Animal Husbandry Department is significant in this context. The department has implemented an online transfer policy for the VLDA cadre since 2020, and two online transfer campaigns have already been conducted under it. According to departmental information, approximately 50 percent of VLDA cadre employees appointed after 2020 were allocated offline positions. If this figure is corroborated by departmental records, the government should clarify the basis for such widespread offline station allocation despite the already existing online transfer policy and campaigns. The issue becomes even more serious when such employees' appointment letters or station allocation documents stipulate that they must participate in the next online transfer campaign. If the government itself stipulated that employees must participate in the next online transfer process when assigning them offline stations, then excluding the same employee from the online campaign based on a new interpretation or order later raises serious questions of administrative justice and legitimate expectation. If an employee accepted such a condition and assumed charge at an offline station, it was a natural expectation that he or she would be required to participate in the next online transfer process. If the same employee is subsequently excluded from that process, it becomes not merely a matter of transfer, but a question of policy consistency and administrative credibility. Clarity is essential between the condition initially set by the government and its subsequent interpretation. In particular, the status of

employees who have previously participated in online transfer campaigns should be seriously considered. They followed the government's prescribed procedures, provided options, and participated in the online system. If employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 are not compulsorily included in the current campaign, the choices and opportunities of employees who have already participated in the online process will certainly be affected. In such a situation, it is natural to question what significance their previous participation will have in the current process. Making an employee a part of the online system first and then limiting their options in the next process under the same system raises questions about policy continuity. It should also be clarified that the right to transfer and the opportunity to participate in the transfer process are different things. Involving an employee in the online process, soliciting their options, and considering their claim in accordance with regulations does not guarantee transfer to their preferred location. The final decision may be based on established criteria such as vacancies, eligibility, cadre status, priority, and administrative exigencies. Therefore, including eligible employees in the process does not weaken administrative control but rather strengthens transparency. This is where the Model Online Transfer Policy of 2026 comes into play. If this policy is intended to provide a model and uniform principles for online transfers, then its core principles—transparency, eligibility, equal opportunity, a process for granting options, and a systematic decision—should apply to all employees in similar circumstances. If this is a policy specific to teachers, its limitations should be clear. But if it is being presented as a comprehensive model, the rationale for excluding employees in similar circumstances in other departments should also be explained. The government should make public the cadre-wise facts surrounding this entire matter. The number of online transfer drives conducted in each cadre since 2017, the years in which employees were given the opportunity to participate, the status of employees appointed between 2022 and 2026, which employees were assigned offline stations, and whose appointment letters stipulated participation in the next online process—all

these facts should be clearly disclosed. This will allow the dispute to be resolved on a factual basis rather than through emotional accusations. The cut-off date of May 23, 2025, also needs to be clarified. The government should specify what constitutes the "first online transfer drive for each cadre" and the status of cadres that have consistently conducted online transfer drives since 2017. Similarly, the impact of the notional category on existing participants and new employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 should also be clarified. Ultimately, this isn't just a cut-off date or a technical category dispute. The real question is one of equal opportunity, policy consistency, and administrative justice. If all teachers appointed from 2022 to 2026 are required to participate in the mandatory online transfer process, the reason for excluding eligible employees from other departments during the same period must be clear. If online campaigns have been conducted twice in a department, yet employees are assigned offline stations and their appointment letters stipulate mandatory participation in the next online process, then excluding them from that process later is also reconsiderable. The credibility of the online transfer policy can only be maintained if the rules do not vary by department, employee, or situation. The government should prioritize the spirit of the policy over technical interpretations, equal opportunity over departmental differences, and current eligibility over past involvement. Transfer is not a right to grant an employee a desired posting, but providing eligible employees the opportunity to participate in a fair process is a fundamental principle of administrative justice. Ultimately, the question is simple: when teachers appointed between 2022 and 2026 are being compulsorily included in the online transfer process, why not provide the same opportunity to other eligible employees appointed during the same period? When an employee's appointment letter stipulates that participation in the next online process is mandatory, why should they later be excluded from that process? And when an online transfer policy is already in place in a department and campaigns have already been conducted under it, why not consider that department's entire policy history when determining employee status?

These questions require clear, written, and reasoned answers. The true test of an online transfer policy is whether it is merely online, or whether it is also truly equitable, transparent, timely, and fair. If deficiencies persist in the interpretation and implementation of the Model Online Transfer Policy, instead of achieving the policy's objective, disputes may escalate and matters may reach the courts. Varying interpretations across departments, ambiguity regarding eligible employees, inconsistent treatment of old and new appointments, and contradictions between online and offline allocations increase the likelihood of judicial disputes. This impacts administrative time and resources, and employees face prolonged uncertainty and psychological distress. Therefore, the need is not to repeatedly launch new online transfer drives, but to establish a clear, foolproof, and truly model policy. Eligibility, cut-offs, notional categories, prior online participation, the status of employees with offline stations, and employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 should be clarified for all departments and cadres. Where necessary, conditions contained in old orders and appointment letters should also be honored. Once the rules are clear, the entire process should be completed in a timely manner, so that employees can focus on their work without the fear, uncertainty, and constant news of transfer drives. The objective of the Model Online Transfer Policy should not only be to accept online applications, but also to create a fair system that provides equal opportunity to eligible employees, considers their preferences in accordance with the rules, protects administrative needs, and completes the entire process in a timely manner. Only then will employees be able to receive new stations according to their eligibility and prescribed standards, and they will be relieved of the mental stress caused by frequently changing interpretations and incomplete transfer processes. After all, a good policy provides solutions rather than creating conflict, builds trust rather than increasing uncertainty, and allows employees to work with peace of mind rather than being constantly burdened by the transfer process. This is the true test of an online transfer policy—is it merely online, or is it also truly equitable, transparent, timely, and fair?

DRDO Is Being Restructured. But The Real Problem Remains Unsolved

India stands at a defining moment in its technological and strategic journey. The ongoing reforms within the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) are not merely another bureaucratic restructuring. They represent perhaps the most consequential institutional reform in India's defence innovation ecosystem - R&D. If executed with conviction, they could determine whether India becomes a genuine technology power or continues to remain dependent on others for critical military capabilities. According to government sources, the Prime Minister's Office has directed that the restructuring of DRDO be completed by 2026. The objective is ambitious: transform DRDO into a leaner, more efficient, and globally competitive research organisation, capable of delivering next-generation military technologies. The urgency is welcome. But structural reforms alone will not solve India's defence innovation challenge. The deeper questions concern talent, resources, institutional culture, and national priorities. R&D in national security must never be viewed as a cost centre. It is a strategic investment that safeguards sovereignty. Every breakthrough in propulsion, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, semiconductors, or autonomous systems translates directly into military capability and geopolitical leverage. For a rising power aspiring to become a developed nation by 2047, under-investing in defence R&D is not merely poor budgeting, but a strategic mistake.



The DRDO's achievements deserve recognition before criticism. Its record in missiles and strategic systems is remarkable by any global standard. The organisation has delivered the Agni to Akash and Nag, cruise missile BrahMos in partnership with Russia, and is now at work on complex air defence systems like Project Kusha. Its contributions to radar systems, electronic warfare, secure communications, sensors, and naval technologies have substantially strengthened India's armed forces. Working alongside defence public sector undertakings, the DRDO has enabled indigenous warship construction and advanced combat systems that were once considered beyond India's technological reach. These successes demonstrate that India can build world-class defence technologies when policy, scientific leadership, and political commitment converge. Yet, modern warfare is evolving much faster than traditional research institutions. The battlefields of today have fundamentally altered military thinking.

Autonomous systems, unmanned platforms, AI, drones, electronic warfare and cyber capabilities, and advanced propulsion are becoming the decisive technologies of future conflicts. What To Do In Military R&D It is precisely in several of these areas where India continues to lag. The Kaveri jet engine programme remains unfinished after decades. Indigenous propulsion technologies still trail global leaders. Autonomous and unmanned systems require much deeper investments than India currently makes. The country also lacks commercial-scale semiconductor fabrication facilities, forcing dependence on imported chips that power radars, avionics, communication systems, and electronic warfare equipment. These technological vulnerabilities cannot simply be addressed by reorganising laboratories. Managing DRDO, therefore, is not merely about restructuring departments. It is about rethinking how India conducts strategic research itself. Three fundamental questions deserve honest

answers. 1. Is DRDO Attracting Country's Finest Talent? The answer is uncomfortable: not consistently. Every year, India's best engineering graduates leave for universities, laboratories, and technology companies across the United States, Europe, and other global institutions. Thousands of Indian-origin scientists today contribute to cutting-edge research at organisations such as DARPA, NASA, leading semiconductor companies, AI laboratories, and global tech firms. Their work defines tomorrow's technologies - but rarely under the Indian flag. If India can produce world-class scientists, why cannot its premier defence laboratory attract and retain them? 2. Does DRDO Possess Adequate Resources? Again, only partially. DRDO operates 52 laboratories across multiple technology domains. Yet the existence of laboratories does not automatically translate into cutting-edge innovation. Scientific excellence depends upon concentration of talent, sustained funding,

THE COAST PAYS, DELHI COLLECTS:

WHAT THE CENTRE'S MINERAL BILL TAKES FROM STATES

On August 12, the Lok Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026. There was no debate. What the House voted upon was the reversal of a judgment nine judges of the Supreme Court had spent thirteen years arriving at, and the extinction of a taxing power that belongs, under our Constitution, to the states. Let me be fair to the Government, for its case is not frivolous. In July 2024, in Mineral Area Development Authority v. Steel Authority of India, a nine-judge Bench held by eight to one that royalty is not a tax but a contractual payment, and that the states retain their own power to tax mineral rights and mineral-bearing land. Correcting an error of 1989, it allowed demands back to 2005, payable from this April, leaving mineral states with claims worth thousands of crores and industry with matching liabilities. That deserved an answer. But this Bill raises more questions than it has tried to answer. Let's begin with where the matter was first settled: the Constituent Assembly itself. In December 1948, Professor KT Shah asked the Constituent Assembly to declare all natural wealth - our land, our minerals, the seas around our coasts - to be public property, held privately by no one and worked by public enterprise alone. The Assembly declined. Our Constitution vests the ownership of minerals in nobody but the owner of the land, and land is Entry 18 of the State



List. Where the framers wanted the Union to own a resource, as with the seabed in Article 237, they said so. What they wrote instead was a division of powers, chosen with care. On taxation, they placed two entries side by side. Entry 50, taxes on mineral rights, is subject to any limitations Parliament may impose by a law relating to mineral development. Entry 49, taxes on lands and buildings, is subject to nothing at all. Men who had just written an override clause did not forget how to write a second. The omission was a decision, and it is the decision on which the Court turned in 2024. This Bill restricts both. On mineral rights, the Government is within its rights. On mineral-bearing land, it does what the framers declined to permit, by declaring land a subject of mineral regulation. That provision will very probably fall in

court, handing the industry the very uncertainty the Bill was meant to end. Two further defects: any state levy uncollected before commencement is deemed invalid at all material times, while whatever has been collected need not be refunded. So the company that paid has lost its money, the company that did not owes nothing. And the Bill fixes no limit itself, leaving the Central Government to decide by rules what a state may levy. A constitutional entitlement has become a licence issued from New Delhi. Who pays? Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh had all either legislated such levies or stood to gain from the judgment. Arrears since 2005 are cancelled by a single clause. Nor is this a quarrel between

Union and Opposition: Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are governed by the party that governs at the Centre, and lose as much as Jharkhand or Karnataka. Which is why the Bill went to no committee, where members from those states would have had to say aloud what it costs them. Now coming to my home state, Kerala (soon to become Keralam) has not, so far as I am aware, levied a tax of this kind, and I make no claim of any arrears due to it. What Keralam loses, though, is the only fiscal instrument it ever had over the vital resources under its soil. Heavy mineral sand and china clay are more than ninety per cent of the value of our mineral production. Our mineral economy is not a mine in a forest. It is our coastline. At Chavara in Kollam lies one of the world's finest ilmenite deposits.

Stock markets decline in early trade; Sensex down 300 points

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Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.06 per cent higher at USD 87.12 per barrel. The unresolved US-Iran standoff continues to underpin crude oil prices, leaving oil-importing economies such as India more vulnerable to inflationary pressures and currency volatility, Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm, said. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi and Japan's Nikkei 225 traded higher, while Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index

quoted lower. US markets ended higher on Thursday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 510.69 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. On Thursday, flag-end buying helped the Sensex end the session in the positive territory. The 30-share index settled 113.61 points, or 0.15 per cent, higher at 78,079.96. The Nifty was marginally down 40.10 points, or 0.16 per cent, to end at 24,395.85, registering its third day of decline. The 30-share BSE Sensex was down 298.75 points to 77,760.21 in early trade.

US flags India among 40 nations aiding China's tariff evasion

Hyderabad: India has been named in a Tier 1 grouping of countries flagged by the White House over the alleged rerouting of Chinese goods into the American market to dodge higher US tariffs, in a report that could sharpen scrutiny of Indian shipments even as New Delhi and Washington work towards a trade deal. The report, "The Great Transshipment Scam," released by the White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, identifies more than 40 countries as part of what it calls a "shadow transshipment network." India is placed in the top tier, called "Diversified Scale Leaders", along with Canada, the European Union, Israel, Japan, Mexico, South Korea and Taiwan. These are large trading economies where, the report says, the risk of rerouting is hidden inside big volumes of genuine trade. Pune-Gujarat-Chennai corridor named The report names the Pune-Gujarat-Chennai industrial belt as a staging point for pumps and compressors, and pairs it with factories in the Ohio cities of Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus. It calls such pairs



"ugly sister cities," which is a foreign hub handling suspect China-linked goods on one side, and on the other, the American towns that make the same products and lose the orders. Illegal transshipment, as defined in the report, involves relabelling, repackaging, re-invoicing, minor processing or false country-of origin claims intended to secure tariff treatment that would not apply if the true economic origin of the goods were declared. The practice took hold after Washington imposed Section 301 duties on Chinese goods

in 2018, it says. Citing Commerce Department estimates, the report says roughly USD 67 billion worth of US-bound goods were transshipped from China through three leading hubs, Mexico, India and Vietnam, in 2025, costing the US exchequer about USD 28 billion in tariff revenue. Its wider estimates of annual illegal transshipment range from USD 40 billion to USD 303 billion, drawn from five separate government and private assessments. India well on our radar: US White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, who champi-

oned the report, named India directly at a briefing. "As we impose higher tariffs on other countries, India, Vietnam, down the line, they're going to try this transshipment too," he said, adding that preferential access to the American market was not a licence to launder another country's exports. Navarro said India was "well on our radar," describing the practice as a modern form of smuggling involving over 40 countries. The timing comes at an awkward time. India and the US are negotiating an interim reciprocal trade agreement and the framework announced in February carried commitments on rules of origin so that the benefits accrue mainly to the two countries. The final agreement is yet to be signed and the latest assessment could make those origin rules tougher. For Indian exporters using Chinese components, that could translate into having to document more clearly the extent of processing or value addition carried out in India before goods qualify as Indian-origin, raising compliance costs and customs risk on US-bound consignments.

Flock boss admits surveillance firm took too long to act over police abuse



Flock, the US surveillance firm, is rolling out new safeguards to prevent police misuse of its technology which, its founder and chief executive admits, should have happened sooner. Police have used Flock to track romantic partners and stalk strangers, leading to growing public backlash against the company. It has also been used to find stolen cars and missing people. Asked whether it had taken Flock too long to protect tens of thousands of its cameras, licence plate readers and drones from police abuse, Garrett Langley said: "Yeah... yes." Flock is cutting the number of days most data is retained, from 30 days to seven and abnormal searches and uses will also automatically be flagged. Flock cameras have been used by police to not only track former and current

romantic partners, but in one case, even a woman who had had an abortion. Police across the US have quit or been fired for misuse of the technology. A man in Indiana recently told local news he found out through a public records request that police had set a Flock alert for his vehicle, despite not being suspected of any wrongdoing. At least 50 cities have this year cut ties with Flock due to a public backlash. However, Langley told the BBC that another 16 cities that had turned off Flock services have in the last three months come back to the company. Generally, it's running at a 7:1 ratio of new customers to lost customers, he said. Langley said that, just six months ago, he asked in a meeting of the company's board why there seemed to be a growing public focus on Flock.

BLAZO i-TRK BY MAHINDRA: Setting New Standards for Profitable & Intelligent Trucking in India

Mumbai, August 14, 2026: Mahindra Truck and Bus, part of the Mahindra Group, today announced the launch of the all-new BLAZO i-TRK, a new generation Heavy Commercial Truck engineered around one singular promise to transporters and fleet owners - Profit Ka Rocket. Purpose-built as a complete business solution rather than just a truck, the BLAZO i-TRK combines best-in-class fuel efficiency, high-performance powertrain, intelligent connected technologies and an industry-leading uptime guarantee. It enables customers to maximise earnings, improve productivity, reduce operating costs and exercise greater control over their fleet. The BLAZO i-TRK has been engineered around three powerful customer assurances:

EARN MORE
Delivering up to 10% better fuel efficiency, the BLAZO i-TRK integrates advanced technologies including AI-powered iFUELSMART auto drive mode, TurboMAXX turbocharger, OptiFuel air compressor and multiple



other hardware solutions and software innovations to extract maximum value from every drop of fuel. These cumulative savings can translate into up to ₹15 lakh* of additional profit per truck over five years, helping customers grow their business faster.

RUN MORE
Powered by Mahindra's trustworthy and best-in-class 320 HP mPOWER engine across the entire BLAZO i-TRK range, the truck delivers strong performance, higher reliability and greater productivity. Enhanced driver comfort - through the COMFiMAXX suspended seat, EzyCruise cruise con-

trol, Bluetooth enabled music system with mic for handsfree and safe communication, spacious, premium and ergonomic AC cabin - keeps drivers productive on long-haul operations, enabling fleets to complete more trips with greater efficiency. Every BLAZO i-TRK is backed by Mahindra's comprehensive service assurance programme designed to maximise vehicle availability and minimise operating costs. At its core is the industry-first 48-hour Uptime Guarantee*, under which customers receive ₹10,000 per day* if the vehicle is not put back on road within the committed timeline

of 48 Hours*. This is supported by an expanding nationwide network of service centres and Mahindra Quick Service Points (mQSPs) located within 75 km on National Highways and 50 km on State Highways. Further strengthening the proposition are Mahindra's Parts Supply Guarantee*, which ensures 250 critical parts* availability across dealer network. If an eligible guaranteed part is not made available within the committed 24-hour period, the customer shall be entitled to receive the respective part free of cost*. It also offers a class-leading warranty on 100+ parts.

Selena Gomez sued for alleged fraud over mental health company



Hollywood actress and singer Selena Gomez is being sued by five investors who backed Wondermind Global, a mental health business she founded with her mother. Shareholders are claiming the pop star failed to fulfil promises that she would be "actively building" the brand, saying her "abject dereliction of her duties" has left the company in a "state of financial calamity". The lawsuit seeks to recover around \$1.2m (£890,000) it claims was invested as well as costs and damages. The BBC has contacted Wondermind and Gomez's representatives for comment. Gomez, who rose to fame as a child actor before moving into pop music, set up the mental health platform five years ago with her mother Mandy Teefey and businesswoman Daniella Pierson. It came after

Gomez publicly discussed her own mental health struggles, including with bipolar disorder. The 34-year-old is one of the most-followed women in the world on social media, with over 500 million followers, and an estimated net worth of nearly \$1bn. She also founded cosmetics company Rare Beauty, in 2020, which is closely associated with her name and image. Wondermind aimed to make mental health-related content more accessible through a digital platform, recruiting investors to back the venture. But the lawsuit claims Wondermind's founders "falsely represented" their position by suggesting "a full slate" of ad deals, celebrity cover stories, an app and other initiatives were already underway and promising that Gomez would take an active role as its head of marketing.

“Masthugundira Yavvaram” Song from Nenu Ready Released in Grand Style

Young hero Havish is all set to entertain audiences with a full-fledged entertainer directed by hit filmmaker Trinadha Rao Nakkina. The film has already generated considerable interest among movie-goers. Presented by Satyanarayana Koneru and produced by Nikhila Koneru, the film features Kavya Thapar as the female lead opposite Havish. Following the positive response to the promotional posters, two songs, and other promotional content released so far, the makers unveiled the much-awaited song "Masthugundira Yavvaram" on Thursday at Kalaji Kala Kshethram, Hanamkonda, with Warangal MLA Sri Nayani Rajender Reddy launching the song. A high-energy romantic entertainer, the song has been penned by Kasarali Shyam. The catchy tune, energetic beats, beautiful visuals, and the chemistry between Havish and Kavya Thapar add to the song's appeal. In particular, the Telangana slang lyrics beginning with "Masthugundira Yavvaram..." are expected to strike a chord with the youth. Director Trinadha Rao Nakkina presents Havish in a brand-new look while bringing his signature family-entertaining style to the film. The makers revealed that the movie gives equal importance to comedy, romance, and engaging elements designed to appeal to family audiences. Meanwhile, the songs "Konchem Konchem Kothaga" and



"Merupule Merupule" have already created a sensation on social media. The songs have crossed 50 million views and received an overwhelming response from audiences. Bollywood sensation Nargis Fakhri added glamour to one of the songs, which has also received

tremendous appreciation on social media. With the team consistently coming up with innovative promotional content and raising expectations around the film, the latest release of "Masthugundira Yavvaram" has created even more buzz among audiences.

SOUTH KOREA'S INCHEON AIRPORT BECOMES WORLD'S BUSIEST FOR GLOBAL TRAFFIC

Highlights

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South Korea's Incheon has become the world's busiest airport by international passenger traffic for the first time, new figures show. Incheon International Airport, the main gateway to South Korea, served 38.4 million international passengers for the first six months of this year, according to preliminary data from the Airports Council International. London Heathrow Airport ranked second with 37.79 million passengers, followed by Singapore's Changi Airport



with 34.53 million. Incheon's airport attributed its rise partly to the diversion of passengers from aviation hubs in the Middle East because of the conflict between the US and Iran. Dubai International Airport, which ranked second both in 2024 and 2025 based on full-year statistics, is expected to fall outside the top five this time. London's Heathrow airport ranked fifth in 2024 and seventh in 2025, while Incheon ranked 12th and 13th, respectively. Some passengers who previously transited

through Dubai on the way to Europe are now travelling via Incheon, the airport corporation said, fuelling an 18% rise in transfer passengers from the same period last year. The number of transfer passengers whose final destinations were in Europe rose 63.2% to 210,000, it added. The corporation said the expansion of infrastructure also enabled the airport to manage a larger traffic load. Incheon, which opened in 2001, serves 158 international destinations. In comparison, Hong Kong's

International Airport serves 139 destinations, Shanghai's Pudong serves 92 while Tokyo's Narita serves 86. "We're grateful for the [South Korean] government's support, the public's encouragement and the hard work of everyone stationed at the airport in making Incheon the world's No. 1 airport," said the Incheon airport corporation's acting president Kim Beom-ho. Kim added the corporation planned to strengthen competitiveness by focusing on passenger convenience.

US SAYS DOZENS OF COUNTRIES HELPED CHINA DODGE TRUMP'S TARIFFS



The White House said in a report on Thursday that more than 40 countries had helped China sidestep US tariffs by routing exports through nations that face lower American import duties. The countries named include Canada, India, Mexico, Japan and South Korea, which the White House said had helped China evade tens of billions of dollars in tariffs, which are levied on companies importing goods. White House trade adviser Peter Navarro said it had cost "American jobs and billions in revenue". A spokesperson for the Chinese embassy in Washington said "trade wars have no winners" and that it opposes the US tariff measures and the use of state power to target China's companies. "Any unilateral actions or agreements concerning transshipped goods must not target or harm the interests of third parties," the spokesperson added. The BBC has contacted the US embassies of Canada, India, Mexico, Japan, South Korea and other trading partners listed in the report for comment. The report follows a

wave of sanctions between the US and China and comes weeks before US President Donald Trump will meet Chinese leader Xi Jinping in Washington. Between \$30bn (£22bn) and roughly \$300bn in goods have been moved from countries with higher tariffs through those with lower rates, according to government and private sector estimates quoted by the White House. The process is known as transshipping, which refers to the practice of transferring cargo through another country while en route to a final destination. The US accused China of "taking advantage" of the practice by moving goods through nations that have lower import duties. China has used third countries as a stopover and has repackaged goods to hide their real origin to obtain lower tariffs, the White House said in its report, describing the process as "fraud cloaked in paperwork". "What has changed in today's Great Transshipment Scam is not merely the speed and scale of this modern form of smuggling, but the breadth.



■ Crimea bomb attack reportedly kills former Ukrainian submarine commander who defected to Russia

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS FUELLING CEUTA CRISIS WITH PAID ADVICE FOR HELP TO CROSS

This weekend, Mohammed wants to travel from Morocco to the neighbouring Spanish enclave of Ceuta, on the northern tip of Africa. He's a Moroccan man in his twenties and wants to emigrate to Europe - not least because he's been seeing lots of videos on Instagram that make the trip look easy. He contacts several of the Instagram accounts and one replies, claiming to have helped "many people" and offering him advice on how to cross for hundreds of pounds. Except Mohammed isn't real - he's a dummy account I've set up to investigate a network of interconnected Instagram profiles that are driving the influx of migrants to Ceuta with aspirational content and offering them help for a fee. It comes after roughly 78,000 migrants



from Morocco arrived by sea into Ceuta in a matter of hours last month, 100 of whom died according to the Mayor of Ceuta. The crisis has calmed since, but it has sparked tensions between EU nations who share open borders as well as criticism of the Spanish government. The BBC's Top Comment podcast has identified dozens of Instagram profiles that portray the short swim

around the Morocco-Ceuta border fence as safe and easy - but in reality, people have drowned trying to make the crossing and take much longer routes. The accounts also wrongly show Ceuta as a viable route to mainland Europe. Our research suggests that this has contributed to the influx, alongside other factors such as misinformation about changes to Spanish immigra-

tion law and allegations about weak border controls. After engaging with the accounts' profiles and posts, the BBC was added to multiple channels and WhatsApp groups. When I asked one of the anonymous accounts if they could help me cross to Ceuta this weekend, they said yes and requested "5000 dirhams upfront" (£400) for "information that will help you enter Ceuta". They said they had helped "many people" cross before and would give me information about the "sewer pipes" which I could use to help me reach the enclave safely. The account confirmed lots of other Instagram profiles help people to cross to Ceuta in this way, and asked for payment "via bank account" with a specific money transfer service.

STOLEN MATISSE ART-WORKS RECOVERED BY POLICE IN BRAZIL



Eight illustrations by French artist Henri Matisse that were stolen from a library in São Paulo have been recovered by police in Brazil. The works, which have a combined estimated worth of about \$200,000 (£148,000), were found on Thursday at a home in the town of São Bernardo do Campo, a suburb to the south of the city. A 44-year-old man was arrested at the scene. During the heist at Biblioteca Mário de Andrade on 7 December last year, two thieves overpowered a security guard and an elderly couple who had been visiting the library, before making off with the artworks through the main entrance on foot. Three other people were previously arrested in relation to the case. Five engravings by the Brazilian artist Candido Portinari that were also taken during the robbery have not yet been recovered. Police in São Paulo said they suspected the works had been sold. João Paulo Linhares de Araújo, the man arrested on Thursday, is suspected by police of having stored the Matisse artworks on behalf of those accused of being involved in the theft, as well as illegal possession of a firearm. Laércio Rodrigues de Oliveira, 53, described by Brazilian media as a prolific art thief, is suspected of having planned and

directed the crime, according to Brazilian news outlet Globo. He has been in custody since April after being arrested in relation to another case. The Matisse illustrations, made for the limited-edition art book Jazz, along with five engravings by Portinari, created to illustrate a special edition of the novel Menino de engenho (Plantation Boy) by Brazilian writer José Lins do Rego, formed part of a joint exhibition with the São Paulo Museum of Modern Art. The thieves targeted the exhibition, entitled From Book to Museum, on its final day. They reportedly entered the library by its main entrance mid-morning and headed towards the nearest metro station following the heist. Investigators said the thieves placed the stolen artworks in a canvas bag to flee the scene. The local department of culture said the illustrations had already been returned to the library, the security of which had been improved.

Matisse is widely considered to be one of the 20th Century's most influential artists and art critics say the value of the stolen works is "incalculable". Portinari, who often painted rural workers and labourers, is one of the most significant Brazilian Modernist artists.

Conditions on US aircraft carrier at sea for more than 250 days raise alarms

Thousands of US military members who have lived aboard an aircraft carrier for more than 250 days are reportedly contending with food shortages, broken plumbing and exhaustion, leading lawmakers to demand answers from the Pentagon and pressure the Trump administration over the Iran war. Military news outlets reported that some USS Abraham Lincoln sailors had attempted to jump overboard, while families have raised concerns about mental health aboard the ship. Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth called reports of conditions "completely misrepresented" on Thursday. The carrier left California in November for the South China Sea and was sent to the Middle East ahead of attacks on Iran in February. The deployment, which was originally set to end in May, has been repeatedly extended. No return date has been announced, but on Thursday multiple outlets reported the US was preparing to replace the carrier with the USS



George Washington as part of a previously scheduled rotation plan. Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal listed the reported hardships on the carrier, where about 5,000 people currently live, in a letter to Hegseth. "Shortages of basic supplies, water contamination, plumbing issues, deteriorating mental health, deck safety concerns and disruptions in the mail system, which have caused many care packages in route to the ship to be lost in transit for months," the Democrat, who serves on the Armed Services Committee, wrote. "These reports war-

rant immediate attention, but they also raise a broader question: whether the Navy can sustain the operational tempo now being demanded of its carrier force." Fellow Democratic Senator Ruben Gallego called for the military to allow a congressional delegation to visit the ship and "conduct oversight investigation into this horrible situation", he wrote on X, adding: "There is no reason to be denied access." Citing two unnamed officials, CBS News, the BBC's US partner, reported that earlier this month a sailor went overboard and was recovered by a

helicopter, treated by the medical department and transferred off the ship for further care. The circumstances of the incident are under investigation. The Military Times and Stars & Stripes reported earlier this week that multiple service members had considered jumping overboard, according to their families. They said that being at sea for an extended period of time and the conditions aboard were hurting some members' mental health. Those conditions also reportedly included not being able to clean laundry for more than a week and not eating fresh food due to infrequent visits to ports, when troops are not always allowed to leave the ship. The relative of one sailor aboard the ship told BBC News that their family member has lost 65lbs (29kg) since beginning their deployment. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to concerns about retaliation, said that their relative confirmed sailors had attempted to jump from the ship.

Presidential vote counting halted in Zambia over alleged attacks on polling staff



Zambia's electoral commission has suspended the counting of votes from Thursday's presidential, parliamentary and local elections over alleged attacks on polling staff. The authority said the process would be halted nationwide with immediate effect as it expressed concern over reports of violence that had "resulted in the theft of marked ballot papers in ballot boxes". President Hakainde Hichilema is seeking a second five-year term. Brian Mundubile is the main opposition candidate among 13 challengers. The electoral commission had previously set itself the

target of announcing the results by the end of Sunday. Counting got under way immediately after polls closed on Thursday but no official results had been declared when the halt in the count came into effect. In Friday's statement the commission said it would review the decision to suspend vote counting within the next 24 hours. Just hours before the commission's statement, Mundubile expressed "grave concern" over delays in the announcement of presidential results, warning that the delay could create opportunities for interference or manipulation.



'Unprecedented' rain in Japan kills eight people

BUILDERS UNEARTH €9M GOLD LOOT SEALED IN WALLS OF BELGIAN PROPERTY

Builders renovating a house in Belgium have discovered a stash of gold reportedly worth some 9m (£7.6m) sealed into the walls of its cellar. The construction workers stumbled across the hidden trove of gold bars and coins while drilling to lay new sewage pipes in the property in east Flanders earlier this week, local media report. The discovery has sparked interest in who might get to keep the loot - with both the builders and the local charity that owns the site having a chance of claiming it. An investigation has been launched and local police cautioned anyone hoping to go looking for more treasure that the site had been "turned upside down" and the gold moved to a secure location. The builders unearthed the hoard while working on the building's



foundations - including an 18-year-old working a summer job. "Our first reaction was actually disbelief, amazement," the student, named Kobe, told Belgian public broadcaster VRT. "At first I thought they were 1 coin. But then we also saw a gold nugget lying there. That's when we realised it was something bigger." Soon after, they alerted police to the dis-

covery and explained that them keeping it for themselves was not an option. "There are so many coins and bars - it would be almost impossible," the site manager Mario told VRT. "Besides, that would be theft." Kobe agreed: "9m - you simply can't keep that hidden." The property currently belongs to CAW Oost-Vlaanderen, which provides welfare sup-

port in Dendermonde, a Flemish community of around 47,000 people. Its director, Geert Hillaert, said his first reaction was "surprise and amazement", adding that he hoped the loot might eventually be used to support the charity's work and meet the "enormous need we experience daily". Local police urged the public not visit the active construction site looking for treasure. The force - which has updated its Facebook profile picture to an image of a gold coin - said it hoped the discovery would end up in "the right place" and change people's lives. The rightful owner has five years to claim the hoard under Belgian law - though the local prosecutor, who has launched an investigation, said it was not yet known who this might be.

"Huge Honour": Shubman Gill On Leading India In 600th Test On Independence Day

India's Shubman Gill said it is a "huge honour" to lead his side for the country's 600th Test when they face Sri Lanka Saturday in the opening match of a two-Test series. Only England (1,097) and Australia (883) have played more Tests than India and the landmark match also coincides with the anniversary of India's independence from British rule on August 15, 1947. "It's a big honour and privilege for me to captain India in any Test match," Gill told reporters in Galle. "Captaining India in our 600th Test is a huge honour and doing it on India's Independence Day makes it even more special." India began their Test journey in 1932 against England at Lord's and have since won 186 matches and lost 188. They have drawn 224 games, with one match ending in a tie. The tourists arrive in Sri Lanka looking to revive their red-ball fortunes after a difficult period under coach Gautam Gambhir. India, who have won eight and lost



10 of their 20 Tests under Gambhir, have slipped to fifth in the World Test Championship standings, one place above Sri Lanka. But Gill remains upbeat. Galle milestone "I'm very comfortable with the way we have progressed over the last year. I feel we are moving in the right direction," said Gill. "Our main goal is to play in the World Test Championship final next year and if we win six or seven games out of the next nine, we have a good chance." He added: "To get there, winning this series is very important and that's what everyone is focusing

on." The tourists have been forced to make changes in their line-up due to injuries. Top-order batter Sai Sudharsan is unavailable, and Devdutt Padikkal, who struck an unbeaten century in the warm-up game in Colombo, is set to take his place. The first match will also mark a milestone for Galle, which will become the first venue in Asia to host 50 Test matches. Sri Lanka captain Dhananajaya de Silva, who has played at the venue since his school days, said it would be a "big occasion" for the picturesque venue overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Iga Swiatek Rolls Past Elena Rybakina To Win WTA Toronto Title



Former world number one Iga Swiatek captured her first title of the year on Thursday, roaring past a weary Elena Rybakina 6-2, 6-3 to win the WTA 1000 in Toronto. Swiatek, a six-time Grand Slam champion, hadn't even reached a final in 2026 and saw her

Wimbledon title defense end in the third round. But she was in control throughout against second-ranked Australian Open winner Rybakina on the way to a first Canadian crown. The victory will see her rise from eighth in the world back into the top five heading into her title defense in Cincinnati, with the US Open beckoning later in the month. And as she accepted her 12th 1000-level trophy the 25-year-old had some words for the doubters who have contributed to what she has called her toughest year on court. "It means so, so much to me," Swiatek said. "All these past months were not easy. 'I'm really happy that I kept focusing on growing, changing m y

game a little bit, improving despite all the opinions that many people have about me every day on the internet. 'It's not easy to deal with all of that. So I'm really happy that the reality is different. I have people that know me so well and people that support me every week, every day ... so thank you to the team." Finally, she said: "I want to dedicate this title to everyone who is dealing with judgment and hate. Just keep growing ... and always remember what's ahead and what might be possible." Swiatek's efficient serve performance, polished defense and timely attacks were far too much for Rybakina, who was taken to three sets in four of her five prior matches and didn't polish off her three-set semi-final win over Coco Gauff until 1 am. She got off to a sluggish start, gifting Swiatek a break in

the opening game with a pair of double faults. "Today was a pity," Rybakina said. "I didn't have much energy. I tried my best, but it wasn't enough. "I was just very tired," she added. "You could see that I wasn't pushing with the legs enough. There was a lot of unforced errors, especially on top of the net. It was just pure lack of concentration. Even on those kind of easy balls, too." Rybakina steadied to hold at love in her next two service games, but after she failed to convert a pair of break chances in the sixth game, Swiatek broke her again for a 5-2 lead to find herself serving for the opening set after barely more than 20 minutes. Tough opponent Swiatek pocketed the set with a love game, delivering a swerving second-serve winner on set point.

India's Predicted Playing XI For 1st Test vs Sri Lanka: Debut On The Cards; Gautam Gambhir To Make Bold Call?

India captain Shubman Gill and head coach Gautam Gambhir have a few selection headaches to resolve when they pick the playing XI for the opening Test against Sri Lanka in Galle, starting August 15. India are expected to go in with a spin-heavy bowling attack given the spin-friendly conditions in Sri Lanka. Gill and Gambhir also have to find an answer to the No. 6 position. Who will play between Dhruv Jurel and Sarfaraz Khan? Will Gurnoor Brar or Saransh Jain make their Test debut? Here's our India predicted XI for the first Test. The Guarantees Most of India's batting and bowling core is fixed. Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul are almost certainly going to open, skipper Shubman Gill will slot in at No. 4, and wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant will be at No. 5. Ravindra Jadeja is also expected to return as the primary all-rounder in the team, while Mohammed Siraj is set to lead the pace attack in Jasprit Bumrah's absence. Given the spin-friendly



conditions in Galle, Kuldeep Yadav's selection is also all but guaranteed. Last among the certainties is Devdutt Padikkal at No. 3. Padikkal struck a century in India's warm-up game against Sri Lanka Cricket XI, and with Sai Sudharsan out injured, he has no direct competitor for this series. The Dilemmas India's big dilemma in the batting order comes for the No. 6

spot. Dhruv Jurel has played most of India's recent Tests, but Sarfaraz Khan's re-inclusion in the squad has created a debate for the position. However, Jurel is the favourite to retain his position. A combination of three spinners and two seamers seems more likely than four spinners and just one pacer. In that case, left-arm spinner Manav Suthar is likely to play, after a 'Player of the

Match' performance on Test debut against Afghanistan in June. This would see veteran Saransh Jain miss out. However, the Gambhir-led team management making the bold call of playing all four spinners cannot be ruled out. For the second pacer, Gill and Gambhir face a choice between Prasidh Krishna, Gurnoor Brar and Auqib Nabi Dar. Ahead of the first Test, Gill admitted that it is a "tough call" between Prasidh and Gurnoor. Gurnoor Brar impressed in his ODI outings, and was arguably better than Prasidh in India's warm-up match. Gill praised the 26-year-old's ability with the old ball. He also offers more with the bat. As a result, Gurnoor may get the nod over Prasidh, and be in line for a maiden Test cap. India predicted XI for 1st Test vs Sri Lanka: Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Devdutt Padikkal, Shubman Gill (c), Rishabh Pant (wk), Dhruv Jurel, Ravindra Jadeja, Manav Suthar, Gurnoor Brar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj.

MICHAEL CARRICK SAYS MANCHESTER UNITED NEED MORE SIGNINGS, DESCRIBES MARCUS RASHFORD'S RETURN AS 'EXCITING'

Manchester United manager Michael Carrick has called for more signings in a summer when the club's spending on new players has been below all of its main Premier League rivals. United has spent around 85 million pounds (\$115 million) combined on three players - midfielders Andrey Santos and Youri Tielemans and goalkeeper Karl Darlow - during the off-season, while also welcoming back Marcus Rashford from his loan spell at Barcelona. For Carrick, who is heading into his first full season as United manager and will be leading his team in the Champions League, it's not enough. "I think we've done really good business and we've got really some top, top, top players. We're delighted with that. We always want to



improve," Carrick said. "We want more, we need more, we keep looking for how we can do that." Chelsea, Manchester City and Tottenham have each splashed out more than 100 million pounds on a single player, in Morgan Rogers, Elliot Anderson and Sandro Tonali, respectively. Chelsea's expenditure on new players, in fact, has exceeded \$450 million. "Certainly the situation is

what it is as well, whether that's finances or whatever," Carrick added on United's situation. "For now, we've got to make the most of it, but we've got to keep pushing and push everything and every boundary that we can to be able to win again." Rashford returned to United this week after the World Cup, as Barcelona declined an option to buy the England winger following his loan spell.

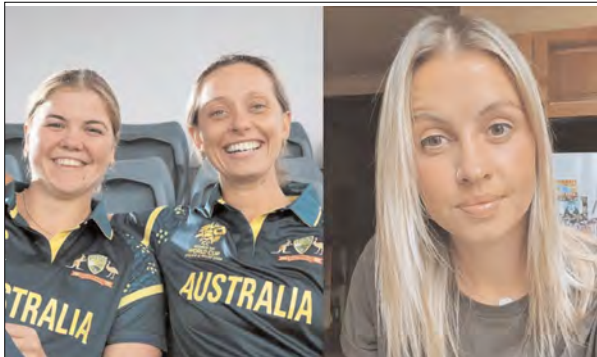
American Ben Shelton Repeats As ATP Montreal Masters Champion

Ben Shelton won his second consecutive ATP Montreal Masters 1000 title on Thursday, revving up his game to defeat Brandon Nakashima 6-3, 7-6 (7/4). Success in the first all-American title match in Canada since Andre Agassi beat Pete Sampras in 1995 sends Shelton into elite company. The son of a former ATP player is the fourth man in the 2000s to back up a Canadian title the next year after Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal.



Ashleigh Gardner "Cheating" Controversy Prompts Cricket Australia To Tighten Policy

Cricket Australia (CA) chief executive Todd Greenberg has extended support to all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner after she was retained as the vice-captain of the women's national team. Gardner has been in the news ever since her estranged wife, Monica Wright, accused the all-rounder of cheating on her with teammate Georgia Voll. Wright had also slammed Cricket Australia (CA) for not taking action against Gardner and allowing her to hold a leadership position in the team. Now, CA chief executive Todd Greenberg has confirmed that Gardner's future as vice-captain was discussed by board officials, but it was eventually decided that the 29-year-old will continue to be part of the leadership group. "It was discussed yesterday at the board level. The board asked for an



update on it, which we provided, and the outcome of that is the board are very supportive of Ash in the role as she was appointed to the vice-captaincy, [there's] huge and high regard for Ash." Greenberg told reporters in Darwin. Greenberg also revealed that CA was aware of the relationship between Gardner and Voll before it became public. He added that Gardner's situation

prompted CA to update its Respect at Work policy regarding players in relationships holding leadership roles. "We've got a Respect at Work policy, which we've now put some additional measures in place. Because we want to make sure that either the perception or the real conflict of selections, even though the vice-captain doesn't have a say in selections in the team.

Big Blow For India As Jemimah Rodrigues Ruled Out Of Women's Asia Cup, Asian Games. BCCI Names Replacement



India women's team batter Jemimah Rodrigues was on Friday ruled out of the upcoming Asia Cup and Asian Games due to a hamstring injury she sustained earlier this month while playing in The Hundred tournament in England. The BCCI said in a statement that the 25-year-old Rodrigues has been assessed by the medical team with a high-grade tear. The Women's Selection Committee has named Pratika Rawal as Rodrigues' replacement for the Asia Cup to be played in Dubai from August 28 to September 13. "Jemimah Rodrigues sustained a right hamstring injury on 3rd August while playing in The Hundred in England. The BCCI Medical Team

clinically assessed her at the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, and the assessment confirmed a high-grade tear," the Board said. "Consequently, she has been ruled out of the upcoming ACC Women's Asia Cup in the UAE and the Asian Games in Japan." The Asian Games will be held in Aichi-Nagoya in Japan from September 19 to October 4. India's updated Asia Cup squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, Bharti Fulmali, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh (WK), G. Kamalini (WK), Arundhati Reddy, Prema Rawat, Radha Yadav, Sree Charani, Renuka Thakur, Nandini Sharma, Kranti Gaud, Pratika Rawal.

"Instead Of Criticising, Support Us": Neymar Slams 'Negative' Santos Supporters

Brazilian legend Neymar hit back at sections of Santos' home support after being booed during their Copa Sudamericana comeback win over Macara, saying fans who cannot get behind the team during difficult moments should "stay home". The Brazilian forward provided two assists as Santos recovered from an early deficit to beat Ecuadorian side Macara 2-1 in the first leg of their round-of-16 tie at Vila Belmiro on Friday. However, Neymar's two-assist performance was overshadowed by his reaction to criticism from sup-

porters during the match. "What I was saying out there is that we were losing 1-0, and I know the fans have been suffering for many years... but if you're going to keep thinking about that and come to the stadium with a negative mindset, it's better to stay home," Neymar told ESPN after the match. "I told the guy up there: instead of criticising,

there's still 60 minutes left to play, support us... encourage us. Then we turn the game around, I come over to get some water, and he's making a heart sign in the stands... It's easy to be a Santos fan like that... Only liking the guy when he's winning," he added. Santos endured a difficult start as Macara took the lead inside four minutes through Franco

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Posse. The hosts, however, gradually found their rhythm, with Neymar playing a key role in their response. The 34-year-old set up Gabriel Barbosa for the equaliser before the break and then delivered another assist from a corner in the 75th minute, with Willian Arao heading home to complete the comeback. The victory extended Neymar's impressive run of form. He has now contributed 13 goals and eight assists in his last 24 appearances for Santos. Santos will now travel to Ambato for the second leg next week, holding a 2-1 advantage.



Telangana allocates Rs.1,000 cr for Godavari Pushkaralu 2027

Hyderabad, Aug 14 : Telangana's Minister for Information Technology and Industries, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, on Friday said that the state government has allocated Rs.1,000 crore for the Godavari Pushkaralu 2027.

He directed officials to start the works for 'Godavari Pushkaralu' in the first week of September. He asked them to complete the tender process by the end of August.

The minister chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on 'Godavari Pushkaralu - 2027'. Ministers Konda Surekha, Tummala Nageswara Rao, Ponnamparthi Prabhakar, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Vivek Venkataswamy, and Adluri Laxman Kumar, along with State Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy participated in the meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat.

The committee members reviewed the department-wise preparedness and the progress of arrangements, providing specific guidance to the officials. Subsequently, Cabinet Sub-Committee Chairman Sridhar Babu ordered the appointment of special officers specifically for 'Tier-1' areas expected to witness heavy pilgrim crowds. He also suggested establishing dedicated command and control centers in key locations.

It was made clear that senior officials from the concerned departments must ensure the works are completed within the stipulated timeframe. They were also instructed not to compromise on quality and to conduct regular field visits to monitor the progress of the works.

Officials from the Endowments Department were advised to implement a dedicated dashboard to track work progress on a daily basis. It was emphasised that the Pushkaram event would be successful and free of inconvenience to devotees only if all departments worked in unison. Senior officials were directed to take special initiative to ensure seamless coordination between departments.

Telangana police personnel honoured with President's Police Medals on Independence Day

Hyderabad (TSIT) Several Telangana police personnel and officers have been selected for prestigious police medals for their distinguished, meritorious and gallant service on the occasion of Independence Day 2026.

The awards recognise their exceptional dedication, courage and commitment to public service. Two officers have been selected for the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPMDS). They are R Jagadishwar Reddy, Superintendent of Police, Main Intelligence, Hyderabad, and Narsaiah Jogula, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Secunderabad Zone, Hyderabad.

The President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS) has been awarded to P. Venkata Ramana, Additional DCP (Administration), Karimnagar; R.G. Siva Maruthi, ACP, Cyber Crimes, Hyderabad; Ashala Gangaram, ACP, CTC, Cyberabad; B. Ravi Kumar Reddy, DSP, Vigilance and Enforcement, Hyderabad Rural-II; Bachalakura Ramesh, DSP, TG EAGLE Force, Hyderabad; B. Srinivas Rao, DSP, Regional Office, Sangareddy, CID; D. Satyanarayana, Assistant Commandant, 8th Battalion, TGSP, Kondapur; P. Jaadeeshwar, Inspector of Police, EOW, Cyberabad; C. Ramulu, Head Constable-322, OCTOPUS; and Kura Yati Thiru Yati Raju, Head Constable-501, PTO, Hyderabad. Medipalli Yadaiah (HG-225), Greyhounds, has also been awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service.

The Medal for Gallantry (PMG) has been awarded to B. Sathya Rao (JC-10156/PC-1899, TGSP), K. Sandeep Kumar (JC-10170/PC-1194, Greyhounds) and J Vamshi Krishna (JC-4780/PC-11770, Greyhounds).

The medals honour the recipients for their distinguished service, gallantry and exemplary commitment to the nation and the people, according to a statement released from the DGP's office on Friday.



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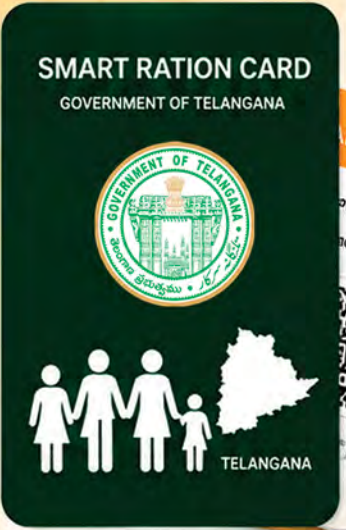


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