



6.2 magnitude earthquake hits off Papua New Guinea coast



GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	25	7	LC	Los Angeles	27	12	SNY
Colombo	31	25	TDS	Melbourne	22	13	LC
Dhaka	34	25	LC	Moscow	-1	-4	LC
Dubai	38	26	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	16	9	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	19	8	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	15	5	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny



Screen grab from PA video shows a view of the British Steel plant in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire | AP

UK Parl holds urgent session for rescue of British Steel

LONDON

UK lawmakers returned to Parliament from their Easter break on Saturday to approve an emergency rescue of the country's last remaining factory that makes steel from scratch.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer summoned lawmakers for the highly unusual Saturday sitting to debate a bill aimed at blocking British Steel's Chinese owners, Jingye Group, from closing the two massive blast furnaces at its Scunthorpe plant in the north of England that are key in the steelmaking process. If the bill passes, which is expected, Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds will have the power to direct the company's board and work force, ensure its 2,700 workers get paid and order the raw materials necessary to keep the blast furnaces running.

The decision to introduce the emergency legislation was given added urgency by the recent move by Jingye to cancel orders for the iron pellets used in the blast furnaces. Without the pellets and other raw materials, such as coking coal, they would likely have to shut for good, potentially within days, as the furnaces are extremely difficult and expensive to restart once they have cooled.

That would mean the U.K. would be the only country in the Group of Seven industrial nations without the capacity to make its own steel from scratch rather than from scrap. The repercussions would be huge for industries like construction, defense and rail.

Iran says US rushing nuclear agreement after tense talks

Trump threatens Iran with military action if they fail to reach a deal

MOSCOW

THE United States wants a nuclear agreement "as soon as possible", Iran said after rare talks on Saturday, as US President Donald Trump threatens military action if they fail to reach a deal.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who briefly spoke face-to-face with Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff during the indirect meeting in Oman, said the talks would resume next Saturday.

"The American side also said that a positive agreement was one that can be reached as soon as possible but that will not be easy and will require a willingness on both sides," Araghchi told Iranian state television.

"At today's meeting, I think we came very close to a basis for negotiation... Neither we nor the other party want fruitless negotiations, discussions for discussions' sake, time wasting or talks that drag on for ever," he added. Oman's foreign minister acted as intermediary in the talks in Muscat, Iran said. The Americans had called for the meetings to be



Handout picture provided by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs shows Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (L) meeting with Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi in Muscat on Saturday | AFP

face-to-face. However, the negotiators also spoke directly for "a few minutes", Iran's foreign ministry said. It said the talks were held "in a constructive and mutually respectful atmosphere". The long-term adversaries, who have not had diplomatic relations for more than 40 years, are seeking a new nuclear deal after Trump pulled out of an earlier agreement during his first term in 2018.

Araghchi, a seasoned diplomat and key architect of the 2015 accord, and Witkoff, a real estate magnate, led the delega-

tions in the highest-level Iran-US nuclear talks since the previous accord's collapse.

The two parties were in "separate halls" and were "conveying their views and positions to each other through the Omani foreign minister", Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei posted on X.

The process took place in a "friendly atmosphere", Omani Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi said. Meanwhile the US, wants to stop Tehran from ever getting close to developing a nuclear bomb.

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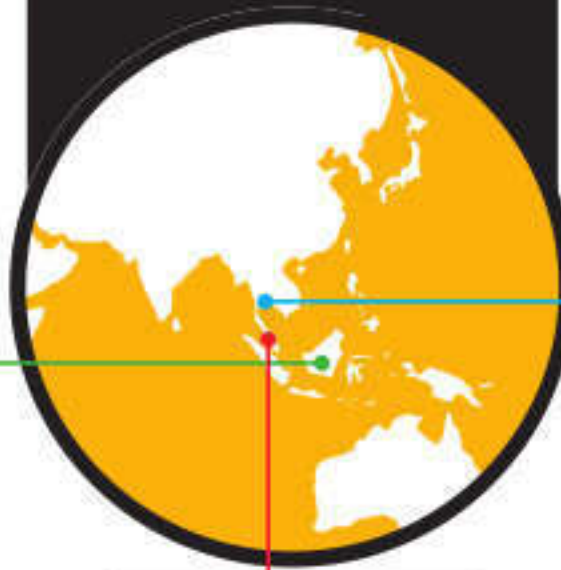
A man rides past bicycles which were blown over by strong winds in Beijing on Saturday. Strong winds wreaked havoc in Beijing and parts of northern China, causing hundreds of flights to be cancelled, public attractions to shut and rail lines to be suspended, state media said | AFP

INDONESIA

OPEN DUMPING LANDFILLS PHASED OUT

Indonesian government has officially ended all open dumping landfill practices, Environment Minister Hanif Faisol Nurofiq announced in Bali. Backed by President Prabowo Subianto, the move is part of a national strategy to achieve 100% waste management by 2029. Although the shift has been gradual, 343 landfills across Indonesia still use open dumping. The first phase will target 37 landfills for closure within six months. Bali, producing over 3,000 tonnes of daily waste, is a key focus. Hanif stressed the effort will be systematic, despite delays in meeting 2025 targets.

ASIA MATTERS



MALAYSIA

ANWAR: TRADE WAR MAY HIT MALAYSIA

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim warned that US tariffs on China could derail Malaysia's trade momentum. He said the high US import duties would affect Malaysia's economy, given its close trade ties with China. Although Malaysia is temporarily exempted, Anwar said the country remains vulnerable to trade tension and shifting policies.

THAILAND

AID TEAM SENT TO QUAKE-HIT MYANMAR

Thailand has sent a third humanitarian team to Myanmar to support disaster relief following the March 28 earthquake. Under Operation Mandalay 82, the mission includes 17 Royal Thai Armed Forces officers overseeing command, logistics, and coordination, and a 30-member medical team from the Ministry of Public Health. Gen Ukrit Boontanont presided over the sendoff at Wing 6 in Bangkok, joined by senior officials including Dr Opas Karnkawinpong. He praised the team's efforts, highlighting Thailand's commitment to humanitarian aid.

Trump hails new tariffs as China hits back on US goods

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump insisted Friday that his tariff policy was "doing really well" despite China hiking levies on US goods to 125 percent in the spiraling trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

Investors dumped US government bonds, the dollar tumbled and stocks seasawed after Beijing's retaliation against Trump deepened concerns on already traumatised global markets.

Trump sent financial markets into a tailspin by announcing sweeping import taxes on dozens of trade partners last week, only to abruptly roll them back to 10 percent on Wednesday for 90 days - while raising levies on goods from China. "We are doing really well on our tariff policy," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social network after China announced its latest hike.



"Very exciting for America, and the World!!! It is moving along quickly," he wrote.

The White House said later that Trump remained "optimistic" about a deal with China, and added that 15 other countries have offers "on the table" during his 90-day pause in their tariffs. But Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt added that "the president made it very clear, when the United States is punched he will punch back

US tariffs could shrink global trade: Economist

Global trade could shrink by three per cent and exports could see a shift from markets such as the US and China to India, Canada and Brazil, International Trade Centre Executive Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton said in Geneva on Friday has said. "Exports from Mexico are shifting from markets such as the US, China, Europe and even other Latin American countries, with modest gains.

harder." The US and Beijing have been trading salvos of increasingly harsh tariffs since last week. Chinese President Xi Jinping gave his first major comments on the tensions on Friday, with state media quoting him as saying his country was "not afraid." Xi also said the European Union and China should "jointly resist unilateral bullying practices" during talks with Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

AFP

Conservationists turn vultures from villains to VVIPs in Africa

CAPE TOWN

VULTURES have an image problem. Seen as ugly and associated with death, they are among the least loved animals in the world. But conservationists in Africa are trying to change that. They've launched an effort to save endangered vultures by trying to put a dollar figure on their incredible value.

A recent report by the BirdLife International conservation organization estimated that vultures are worth \$1.8 billion a year to certain ecosystems in southern Africa, which might surprise anyone not familiar with the clean-up, pest control and anti-poaching work performed by one of the most efficient scavengers on the planet. "They are not up there on the pretty scale. And they are not popular. But we know they are very useful," said Fadza



Cape vulture in its enclosure at the Vulture Programme at Boekenhoutkloof near Hartbeespoort Dam, South Africa on Sept | AP

Matsvimbo, an extinction prevention coordinator at BirdLife International. The report comes at an important time for Africa's vultures; six of the 11 species found on the continent are listed as endangered or critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which says vultures are highly threatened in

many parts of the world. In Africa, some species have declined by nearly 90%, Matsvimbo said. Conservationists hope the report will make authorities and the public more aware of the positive impact of vultures. A study said half a million people died in India because of the spread of infections in the absence of vultures.

Israel seizes key Gaza corridor, to expand offensive in battered land

GAZA CITY

ISRAEL announced on Saturday that its military had completed the takeover of a new corridor in southern Gaza, advancing its efforts to seize large parts of the war-battered Palestinian territory.

The military also announced a sweeping evacuation order for tens of thousands of residents of Khan Yunis and surrounding areas in southern Gaza ahead of a planned strike against projectiles were fired from there earlier in the day. The seizure of the "Morag axis" came while Hamas expected "real progress" towards a ceasefire deal to end the war in Gaza, an official from the group told AFP, with senior leaders from the Palestinian movement scheduled to hold talks with Egyptian mediators in Cairo later on Saturday. "The IDF (mili-

tary) has now completed its takeover of the Morag axis, which crosses Gaza between Rafah and Khan Yunis, turning the entire area between the Philadelphia Route (along the border with Egypt) and Morag into part of the Israeli security zone," Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a statement addressed to residents of Gaza. "Soon, IDF operations will intensify and expand to other areas throughout most of Gaza, and you will need to evacuate the combat zones. In northern Gaza as well - in Beit Hanoun and other neighbourhoods - residents are evacuating, the area is being taken over and the security zone is being expanded, including in the Netzarim corridor," he added.

Top Israeli officials have repeatedly said that the ongoing assault aims to pressure Hamas into freeing the remaining 58 hostages held in Gaza.

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E-AUCTION SALE POSTPONEMENT NOTICE
e-Auction sale under the SARFAESI Act, notice dated 27.03.2025 published in 'The New Indian Express' on 29.03.2025 scheduling the auction date **16.04.2025** in respect of secured immovable assets in the loan accounts of **M/s. Sri Ganesha Textiles & M/s. Ganesha Fabrics** are postponed to **03.06.2025** due to administrative reasons. All other matters remains unchanged.
Date : 11-04-2025
Place : Coimbatore
Authorised Officer

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
GeM NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai - 625016
for and on behalf of The President of India invites Online tenders in Two packet system from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The tenderer(s) / contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to be enrolled in the GeM portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl	Name of the work: Outcome based comprehensive cleaning contract at No. Dindigul Railway Station and Railway Colony for a period of 730 days	GeM Bid No.	Place of Work	Value of the Work (₹)	Tender closing date
1	GEM/2025/B/6088968 Dated: 08.04.2025	Dindigul - MDU Division	₹ 1,72,24,517/- (Including GST & other taxes)	29.04.2025 17:00 hrs	

Further details are available in the detailed tender notice on website www.gem.gov.in
Divisional Environment and Housekeeping Manager / Madurai

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ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 02/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:09-04-2025

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 2216-07-053-0-01-200- ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 5054-03-337-0-17-160 ರಾ.ವೆ.ನವೀಕರಣ, 3054-03-337-0-05-200 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿಗಳ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 5054-04-337-0-01-154 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ - ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳು, 8443 ಶೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು 10 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಸಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ (Standard Tender Document KW - 1 & 4 ರಂತೆ) ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 3ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳಧರ್ಮಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 995.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಕೆಪಿಸಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ 10 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 20248 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 16905 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 20797 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 20795 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 20796 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-04-2025, ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 19561 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 19679 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-04-2025, ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 21254, 20257 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 19513 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ದಿನಾಂಕ:24-04-2025ರಂದು) ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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"APPENDIX - IV-A"
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of Immovable Property

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 legal actions under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) including the possession and Sale of the mortgage property mentioned in schedule "A" Yellow, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital, the amalgamated company effective 1st April 2025 Accordingly, this sale notice is being issued by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below mentioned Immovable Property, mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited Now referred to as Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) post-merger with ABCL effective from 1st April 2025 will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whichever there is" and "Without Any Recourse basis" on 23rd May 2025 for recovery of Rs.11,78,48,329.28/- (Rupees: Eleven Crores Seventy Eight Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine and Paise Twenty Eight Only) as on 07.11.2024, as detailed in Column (E) against Loan Account Numbers mentioned in Column (B) of Schedule B hereto and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of dues to the Secured Creditor from M/s. GPR Textiles Private Limited, M/s. Thiruvethiyar Corporation, Mr. Ramsurburaj P. Mrs. R. Saroja, and Mr. R. Gokul as Borrowers/Mortgagor/Guarantor.

The reserve price will be Rs. 17,19,32,462/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Nineteen Lakhs Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-Two Only) and the earnest money will be Rs. 1,71,93,246.20/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy-One Lakhs Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six and Twenty Paise Only).

Schedule "A"
Description of the Immovable Property:

Property owned by Mrs. Saroja.
All piece and parcel of the property situated at: Coimbatore Registration District, Madukkarai Sub Registration District, Coimbatore South Taluk, Malumachampatti Village, S.F. No. 330/3 & 303/4 in this punjai acre 1.56 lands within the following boundaries and measurements: North of -15 cents common pathway, East of - S.F.No. 321 land, South of - S.F.No. 330/2 land, West of - S.F.No. 335 Highways Road.
Admeasuring in this middle punjai acre 1.41 extent of land with using the rights to layout roads common usage and common pathways etc.
This property is situated at within the Malumichampatti Panchayath limits.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor website i.e. <https://mortgagefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx> also on the website of <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Sl. No.	LAN No.	Name of Borrowers/ Mortgagor/Guarantor	Loan Amount	Total Outstanding As on 07.11.2024
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
1.	MINACS0232701, 80001130 & 80002349	M/s. GPR Textiles Private Limited, Mr. Ramsurburaj P. Mrs. R. Saroja, and Mr. R. Gokul as Borrowers/Mortgagor/Guarantor.	5,13,52,881/-	Rs. 4,79,86,781.62/-
2.	80001131, 80001176, 80002351, 80002385, MINACS0232801	M/s. Thiruvethiyar Corporation, Mr. Ramsurburaj P. Mrs. R. Saroja, and Mr. R. Gokul as Borrowers/Mortgagor/Guarantor.	7,33,50,961/-	Rs. 6,98,61,547.66/-

Note: "Earlier Sale Intimation & Sale Notice dated 11.04.2025 and Paper publication dated 11.04.2025 stands withdrawn"

Date: 12.04.2025
Place: Coimbatore
Loan Account Numbers: MINACS0232701, 80001130, 80002349, 80001131, 80001176, 80002351, 80002385 & MINACS0232801

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