

IN BRIEF

India, Bhutan
to boost power
cooperation

NEW DELHI: India and Bhutan will strengthen cooperation in the power sector, an official statement said on Tuesday. A delegation from the neighbouring nation met Union Power Minister Manohar Lal in the national capital, the statement said. Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Bhutan Lhendup Gyel Tshering met Lal to strengthen cooperation in the power sector, the power ministry said. "During discussions, both sides deliberated on the commercial optimisation of power output from the Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project (1020 MW)," it said. Emphasis was also placed on the early commissioning of the Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric Project (1200 MW), the ministry said.

**Natco gets US nod
for cancer drug**

NEW DELHI: Drug firm Natco Pharma on Tuesday said it has received approval from the US health regulator for a generic cancer medication. The company has received tentative approval for Erdafitinib in strengths of 3 mg, 4 mg, and 5 mg, the drug firm said in a regulatory filing. The company's product is a generic version of Janssen Biotech Inc's Balversa. Natco said Erdafitinib is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced unresectable or metastatic urothelial carcinoma harbouring susceptible FGFR3 genetic alterations.

**Century Plyboards
to ramp up exports**

KOLKATA: Century Plyboards India Ltd is set to aggressively expand its export footprint in the United States, riding on Indo-US trade developments and a favourable tariff environment, Managing Director Sanjay Agarwal said on Tuesday. The company, which has so far been exporting limited volumes of laminates, cubicles and exterior laminates to the US, has decided to significantly scale up its overseas push after remaining cautious in the past. "We have been exporting laminates, cubicles and exterior laminates to the US, though in limited volumes, and we had been going slow," Agarwal said.

**KEC bags ₹1,020 cr
worth orders**

NEW DELHI: KEC International has secured new work orders worth over Rs 1,000 crore across various business verticals in domestic and international markets. With these wins, the company's year-to-date order intake has crossed over Rs 20,000 crore. In a statement, KEC International, an RPG Group Company, announced securing new orders of Rs 1,020 crore across various businesses - civil, transportation, Transmission and Distribution (T&D) and cables and conductors.

**Maha govt's pact
with Godrej Agrovet**

MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said the government has entered into a partnership with Godrej Agrovet Ltd, as part of which more than 5,000 women farmers from cotton-producing districts in the state will receive training in sustainable and modern farming practices. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Godrej Agrovet Ltd and the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM-Umed) under the guidance of the CM to empower women farmers in the state, a statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said.

**SAIL posts highest-ever
16% growth in FY26 so far**



NEW DELHI

**The company
recorded total sales
of 16.6 million tonnes
during this period in
FY 2025-26, showing
a strong growth of 16
per cent compared to
14.3 million tonnes
in the same period
last financial year,
according to the
official statement**

The strong sales performance helped the company reduce its inventory by around 0.25 million tonnes.

It also led to a significant reduction in borrowings, improving the company's financial position.

According to the company, the record achievements were seen across several areas such as sales, dispatches, cash collections and customer deliveries.

SAIL increased the volume of steel delivered directly to customers' locations, expanded warehouse-based sales and improved dispatches from its plants.

These improvements reflect the company's focus on better logistics and customer service. The marketing team played a key role in driving these results by strengthening market reach and meeting business targets.

**Streax Shampoo
ropes in Bumrah**



BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
HYDERABAD

STREAX, one of India's leading hair colour and hair care brands from Hygienic Research Institute (HRI), has unveiled Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah as the brand ambassador for Streax Shampoo Hair Colour, marking the association with a high-impact campaign titled "Main Fast, Streax Super-Fast."

The campaign positions Streax Shampoo Hair Colour as a quick, performance-driven grooming solution tailored for today's fast-paced, on-the-go consumers. Drawing inspiration from Bumrah's trademark speed and precision, the campaign reinforces the product's core promise of delivering effective hair colour results in just five minutes.

Commenting on the association, Priyanka Puri, Senior Vice President - Marketing, Hygienic Research Institute, said Jasprit Bumrah perfectly represents the brand's values.

"Bumrah embodies precision, performance, and passion - qualities that define Streax. 'Main Fast, Streax Super-Fast' reflects our belief in innovation that is quick, reliable, and effective. South India is a strategic market for us, and with a Rs 10 price point, we are making this breakthrough format even more accessible to households across the region," she said.

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India's housing prices up 9.6%, outperforming peers: Report

Strong domestic demand and a stable macroeconomic environment aiding growth, says report

STEADY GROWTH

- Housing sales in top eight cities remained steady at 3.48L units last year
- Sales in H2 2025 was the highest since 2013
- Price growth in Delhi saw a 19% increase
- It was followed by Hyderabad (13%), Bengaluru (12%) and Mumbai (7%)

NEW DELHI

INDIA ranked among the top ten global markets with residential prices up 9.6 per cent year on year, significantly outperforming the global average supported by firm domestic demand, improving affordability and a stable macroeconomic environment, a report said on Tuesday.

The report from real estate services firm Knight Frank said that residential sales across the top eight cities remained steady in 2025 at over 3.48 lakh units, with H2 2025 volumes the highest since 2013.

"Market health indicators remained balanced, with the quarters-to-sell ratio holding at 5.8 quarters, despite a rise in unsold inventory driven largely by higher-value project launches," the firm said.

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