

Bring back E10 for older vehicles:

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India should bring back a petrol variant with a lower ethanol blend to protect millions of older vehicles, according to a Government adviser, marking one of the strongest calls yet from a senior official for greater consumer choice amid growing concerns over the country's ethanol policy. E20 petrol, containing 20 per cent ethanol, was rolled out last year and has been the only petrol variant available for sale at fuel stations across India since April 1 as part of efforts to cut India's dependence on imported oil, support domestic agriculture and reduce emissions. Some users, particularly of

non-BS-VI vehicles, have, however, reported a drop in vehicular performance and damage to auto parts — a claim the government has repeatedly dismissed as far from the truth. Oil Ministry has maintained that it's not feasible to build and maintain infrastructure to supply multiple grades of fuel. Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran, alongside Akash Poojari, who is a consultant in the Department of Economic Affairs, in an opinion piece said the evidence did not support widespread claims that E20 damages vehicle engines, but argued that the policy could pose problems for India's large fleet of older two-wheelers.



Dismissing complaints outright would be "a mistake because beneath the noise lies a real problem and a much larger question," they wrote in the Indian Express. With a disclaimer that the opinion they were expressing

was personal, the two authors said India has roughly 75 to 80 million older two-wheelers built before BS-IV that run on carburetors. A carburettor cannot sense the extra oxygen in the blend and adjust for it, so on

E20, the engine draws in too little fuel for the air it draws in and runs hot. Further, older rubber seals that are not rated for ethanol are a separate problem, as they degrade on contact with the fuel regardless of engine temperature, they wrote. The authors recommended restoring a lower-blend fuel, such as E10, alongside E20 to protect older vehicles while allowing the government to continue its ethanol programme. The Government should "protect the existing fleet while the retrofit programme catches up," the opinion piece said. Ethanol contains less energy than petrol, meaning E20 can reduce the distance

Optimus Pharma gets DCGI nod for psoriasis drug

Optimus Pharma, an arm of PE firm PAG-backed Sekhmet Pharmaventures, on Monday said it has received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India to manufacture and market "tapinarof cream 1 per cent w/w and the tapinarof bulk drug. Tapinarof cream 1 per cent w/w is a non-steroidal topical treatment for plaque psoriasis in adults, the company said in a statement. Psoriasis is a chronic, non-communicable skin condition that the World Health Organization estimates affects at least 100 million people worldwide. The Indian market is currently not served by the innovator, and Optimus, through its partners, will be the first to introduce this product to patients in India, the company said. (PTI)



IRFC celebrates 80th Independence Day with patriotic

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Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC) celebrated the 80th Independence Day with great enthusiasm, dignity and patriotic spirit. On the occasion, Manoj Kumar Dubey, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), IRFC, unfurled the National Flag and addressed the officers and employees, calling

upon everyone to connect the spirit of freedom with the larger goal of nation-building. The celebration was attended by Ranjay Chaudhary, Director (Finance), Manish Chandra, Executive Director (HR), Deepa Kotnis, Executive Director (Finance), along with senior officers and employees of IRFC. In his inspiring address, CMD Manoj Kumar Dubey quoted the powerful



lines of renowned poet Dushyant Kumar. He emphasised that performing our responsibilities with honesty,

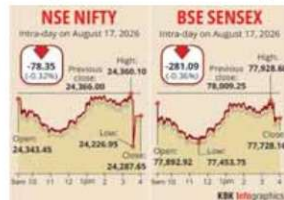
efficiency, transparency and dedication is also an important form of service to the nation.

The CMD said that today's India is a nation of confidence, aspirations and immense possibilities. At such a time, every institution needs to think beyond its defined role and continuously explore new ways to contribute to the country's development journey. He said that IRFC's journey is not limited to providing finance; it is also about providing financial strength and momentum

Sensex drops 281 points, Nifty falls for 5th day

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Benchmark Sensex dropped by 281 points, while the broader Nifty fell for the fifth straight session on Monday, due to selling in IT, FMCG, and telecom shares amid rising crude oil prices and persistent geopolitical tensions in West Asia. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 281.09 points, or 0.36 per cent, to settle at 77,728.16. During the day, it dropped 555.5 points, or 0.71 per cent, to 77,453.75. Falling for the fifth consecutive day, the 50-share NSE Nifty declined 78.35 points, or 0.32 per cent, to end at 24,287.65, taking the losses to the fifth



day. From the Sensex pack, Infosys, HCL Tech, Sun Pharma, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra and ITC were among the biggest laggards.

Tata Steel, Axis Bank, Reliance Industries and Bharat Electronics were among the winners. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, climbed 1.11 per cent to USD 89.50 per barrel. "Indian equity markets ended marginally lower on Monday, extending last week's cautious tone as persistent uncertainty surrounding the US-Iran conflict and the absence of meaningful progress toward reopening the Strait of Hormuz kept investors on the sidelines," Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said.

Unemployment rate dips to 5.1% in July: Govt survey

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Overall unemployment rate among persons aged 15 years and above declined to 5.1 per cent in July 2026 from 5.5 per cent in the previous month, according to a Government survey. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), released on Monday, the Unemployment Rate (UR) among persons aged 15 years and above was 4.5 per cent in rural areas, down from 5 per cent in the previous month. The urban UR remained almost steady at 6.7 per cent in July 2026



compared to 6.6 per cent in June 2026. Compared with July 2025, the overall UR and rural UR remained broadly stable in July 2026, whereas the urban UR decreased by 0.5 percentage point from 7.2 per cent in July 2025. Rural UR across genders

and urban male UR declined, it stated. Among males aged 15 years and above, the overall UR declined from 5.3 per cent in June 2026 to 5.0 per cent in July 2026. This is also lower by 0.3 percentage points as compared to July 2025 (5.3 per cent).

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Home Loan Centre (Erstwhile RACPC) Naraina Branch, C-59 Community Centre, Naraina Industrial Area Phase - 1, New Delhi-110028

DEMAND NOTICE (DECEASED BORROWER)

"SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI NOTICE ISSUED TO LEGAL HEIRS OF DECEASED BORROWER"

A notice is hereby given that the loan of the following Borrower/s and Co-Borrowers have been classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA). The notices were issued to legal heirs under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but since the borrowers are deceased, a notice to public is given by way of this public notice.

Name of Account/ Borrower & Address	Description of the Property Mortgaged / Charged	Date of Notice	NPA DATE	Amount Outstanding as on 14.08.2026
LATE MR. SUDEEP KUMAR Auto Loan A/C. No. 43664188294	Hypothecation of - MARUTI BREZZA VXI CNG CHASSIS NO.: MA3RYHK1SR15L4687 ENGINE NO.: K15CN9652360 REGN. NO.: DL2CBF3989 DATED 09/01/2025	14.08.2026	01.06.2026	Rs. 7,07,072/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Two Only) as on 14.08.2026 + further interest

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The legal heirs of the above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of Outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The all legal heirs of the borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DATE: 14.08.2026
PLACE: NEW DELHI

Sd/- Authorized Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, Naraina, New Delhi

AXIS BANK LTD.

Retail Asset Centre:
City Centre, Tower 2, 4th Floor,
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Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office:
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given to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guar
that the undersigned has taken possession of the
of powers conferred on him/her under Section
said rules on the below-mentioned details. The
Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in gene
group of persons dealing with the property will
The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor
provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of th
the secured assets.
Name of Borrower/Guarantor/Address
1. Artee Karmakar H No-J1/58, G Floor, DDA Flat
Kalkaji, New Delhi-110018 (Borrower)
2. Ritu Kalita H No-J1/58, G Floor, DDA Flat
Kalkaji, New Delhi, Delhi-110019 (Co-Borrower)
Description Of Immovable Property: Flat No 90
Vasundhara Ghazalabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201002
The above-mentioned Borrower(s) Co-Borrower
given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else
expiry of 30 days from the date of publication o
Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement)
Date: 18.08.2026, Place: Delhi & NCR