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Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: 120th Foundation Day Celebrations - Honouring the Swadeshi Banking Legacy

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Pursuant to the applicable Regulations cited in the subject matter and in continuation of our earlier communication to the Exchange dated September 02, 2025, we hereby submit copies of Newspaper Articles published on September 03, 2025 in various editions across India. The publications pertain to the commemoration of the "120th Foundation Day of the Swadeshi Banking Legacy" marked by a celebratory event held at the Chennai Trade Centre Nandambakkam, Chennai-600089 on September 02, 2025.

The event was graced by the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu as the Chief Guest. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, Shri R.N. Ravi Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Smt. P.Geetha Jeevan, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Government of Tamil Nadu were the Guests of Honour.

Kindly take note of the above intimation and disseminate to all concerned.

Thanking you

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### Banking industry plays a key role in India's growth story, says President

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

President Droupadi Murmu said here on Tuesday that the Indian economy was among the world's faswas among the world's has-test-growing large econto-mies, and the bunking in-dustry played a pivotal role in its growth story. Addressing the 120° foundation day celebra-tions of City Union Bank CUBB in Chempi she said

(CUB) in Chennai, she said banks could play an impor-tant role in transforming MSMEs into engines of growth, and urged them to prioritise empowerment of farmers and the rural

providing timely and affor-dable credit, promoting fi-nancial literacy, and sup-porting agri-tech intriatives, the banking sec-



President Droupadi Murmu, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitherama and City Union Bank Managing Director N. Kamakodi at the 120° foundation day celebrations of the bank in Chennal, Iwou it

sustainable and profitable. The MSME sector was im-portant for the economy, as it generated employ-ment and drove

She said the role of banks had expanded beyond financial transactions and they offered a va-riety of financial services,

tor could make agriculture playing an instrumental role in inclusive and susrole if inclusive and sus-tainable development. One-of the critical pillars of the country's development was financial inclusion. In a developing country such as India, a large population still lived in rural and semi-urban areas with limited access to formal banking. "I am happy to note that G ty Union Bank has made remarkable progress in the field of financial inclusion. Our of its total network of branches across the coun-try, over 50% of them are in rural and semi-urban areas," she said.

The Government of In-dia has launched several key initiatives to boost fisey minaries to roost in-nancial inclusion. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDV) enabled the opening of over 56 crore zero-balance bank accounts. Through schemes such as direct benefit transfer, subsidies and welfare benefits reached beneficiaries without leakage and intermedi-aries. Mobile banking and Unified Payments Interface had facilitated digital tran-sactions and strengthened the digital economy, Ms. Murmu said.

### THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Murmu bats for inclusive banking

### Prez Also Asks Banks To Help MSMEs Boost Economy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennal: President Droupo di Murmu has called for better integration of daily wagers and guest workers with banking services and urged banks to belp trunsform MSMEs into

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measures to help the under
privileged and marginalized
sections. Special efforts
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BRIDGING THE GAP: President Droupath Murmo with Finance Minister Mirmala Sitharaman at the 126th foundation day celebrations of City Union Bank held in Chennai on Tuesday

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Specialized branches, farmer Specialized branches, Eurmer Friendly products, and digital platforms for rural users can significantly bridge the rural-urbandivios." she added. Highlighting the role of basis in digital transforma-tion and entrepressurably, the Presidenticald.

"Prom startups to smart rities, there is a whole range of areas in which banks can become active partners in the making of a developed India."

The President said the govt of India had Juanched several initiatives to boost financial inclusion such as the Pradham Mantri Am Dhan Yejana that cuabled opening of more than 56 crore zero-balance bank ac-

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Treague progress in this area, several challenges are still faced in terms of digital lineracy, internet access, and financial assurences," the Presidentward.

### THE TIMES OF INDIA

# Next-gen GST reforms will make eco transparent: FM

'To Further Lower Compliance Burden, Help Small Biz Thrive'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai/New Delhi: Ahead of a crucial meeting of the GST Council starting Wednesday, finance minister Nirmals Sitharaman on Tuesday said the proposed rollout of next generation reforms in eight-year-old indirect tax will make an economy absolutely open and transparent and further lower the compliance burden, helping small businesses thrive.

At an event organised by City Union Bank, she pointed to the reforms taskfore set up by PM Narendra Modi to ease compliances and said: "Complementing this, the planned rollout of the next generation GST reforms with a council meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) and the day after, and in the coming mouths, it will set an exonomy absolutely open and transparent."

Apart from shrinking the number of main stabs to three -5%, 18% and 40% — by moving goods and services out of the 12% and 28% brackets The guiding principles for this transformation must be trust, technology and transparency

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- NIRWALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MANISTER

the Centre has circulated a plan for simplifying the registration and filing system to case the burden on businesses. In any case, fewer slabs will end the classification concerns of businesses.

The Centre has proposed that all food items and textiles products should face a 5% levy instead of them being scattered across multiple rates. Similarly, white goods are proposed to be included in the 18% segment, with mass use products such as refrigerators, large TC sets and air-conditioners seeing the GST drop from the current 18%. Sin goods and a handful of luxury

items, such as large cars, will face 40% tax, with the cess likely to be done away with. There is intense lobbying from industries, particularly automobiles and textiles, on the issue of rates.

A critical element of the entire strategy is to get all the stares on board, a challenge for Sitharaman as the head of the all-powerful body comprising ministers from the states and three UTs (Delhi, J&K and Puducherry). Opposition ruled states have upped the ante abead of the meeting, arguing that they should be compensated for revenue loss. On its part, the

Centre has argued that it too stands to take a hit for a few months, but the proposals are such that higher consumption will ensure that collections bounce back to current levels.

The changes in GST are also seen to be critical to boost domestic demand, and make up for some of the hit that some businesses may face due to the 50% import duty slapped by the US on India's exports.

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Sitharaman also urged benks to expand credit fundinfrustructure and MSMFs.
"The guiding principles for this transformation must be trust, technology and trans-

parency" she noted.

She also said that scheduled commercial banks have seen a massive improvement in their asset quality "The macro stress tests that we do have shown such results that the scheduled commercial banks' angregate capital levels will continue to remain above regulatory minimum even under these adverses stress scenarios, "she said.

## Chronicle

#### BANKS PARTNERS IN GROWTH, SAYS PRESIDENT MURMU

ARUL | DC CHENNAI, SEPT. 2

Emphasising the importance of digital transformation, President Droupudi Murma asserted that banks must be key partners in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation.

She highlighted the crucial contribution of the banking industry to India's economic development, adding that India ranks among the fastest growing large economies globally, with the banking sector playing a vital role in this growth trajectory.

"The role of banks has evolved beyond mere financial transactions. They are poviders of a wide range of financial services that are essential for fostering inclusive and sustainable growth, "See noted."



President Murmu who presided over the 120th year anniversary of CUB in Chennai with Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman who also spoke at the event Tuesday.

#### BANKS PARTNERS IN **GROWTH, SAYS** PRESIDENT MURMU

FROM PG 1

Stressing the significance of financial inclusion, President Murnu stated that ensuring affordable access to financial services for every citizen is a fundamental pillar of national processes.

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The President pointed out that hanks and finisch empairs are increasingly filling gaps through mobile applications, mixro-loors, insurance products, tigital wallets and banking our respondents, bringing services directly to underserved communities.

She praised City Union Bank for its efforts towards achieving the nation's goal of universal financial inclusion, especially in the rural and sensiurban regions, where access to formal banking is often limited.

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However, she also acknowlide, et also acknowledget the challenges peaced by
low digital literacy, inadequate
Internet connectivity and limited financial awareness,
underscoring the necessity for
collaborative initiatives to
fully integrate individuals into
the formal banking system.
Furthermore, President
Murnus stressed that the banking sector must prinritise the
empowerment of farmers and
the rural economy by offering
timely and affordable credit,
enhancing financial literacy,
and supporting agri-tech initiatives.

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enhancing financial literacy, and supporting agri-toch initiatives.

She highlighted the crucial role hanks play in strengthening micro, small and modilum enterprises (MSMEs), transforming them into engines of growth, while also extending support to marginalised groups such as dally wage-earners and migrant workers. The President said banks must be key partners in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation. "From stariups to smart cities, there are numerous areas where banks can contribute. Our digital and knowledge-driven economy will continue to expand, making the role of banks in extrepreneurship and innovation oven more vital," she added.







President Droupedi Nurmu, FM Nirmale Sitheremen and City Union Bank MD & CEO N Kemakodi at the 120° Foundation Day celebration of the bank in Chennel Lassew Passary

### GST 2.0 will boost MSMEs, says Nirmala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE next phase of Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, aimed at easing compliance and strengthening transparen-cy, is expected to build a more enabling ecosystem for startups, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and entrepreneurs, said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sith-araman on Tuesday.

Speaking at the 120th founda-tion day of City Union Bank, chaired by President Droupadi Murmu, the minister said a task force is working on "next-generation" measures to simplify GST regulations ahead of a council meeting scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. She described the overhaul as part of the centre's broader strategy to anchor growth on the principles of "trust, tech-nology and transparency." Her remarks follow Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's In-dependence Day pledge of sweeping GST reforms, pitched as a Diwali-season boost for households and enterprises.

Sitharaman also underscored the role of banks in India's long-term development agenda, urging them to expand credit, support infrastructure, ensure timely funding for MSMEs, bring the unbanked into formal finance and respond to diverse funding needs

funding needs.

She highlighted recent e nomic indicators such as GDP growth of 7.8% in the April-June 2025 quarter, outpacing forecasts; consumer inflation at an eight-year low of 1.55% in July after nine straight months of decline; and the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation recording a net addition of 22 lakh members in June, the sec-

takn memoers in June, the sec-ond consecutive month of record enrolments. Citing an IIM-Bangalore study, she said Jan Dhan Yoja-na accounts had safeguarded household savings and they proved valuable during the

#### FM holds talks with textile exporters on US tariffs

CHENNA: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met representatives of the textile industry, reeling under the 50% US tariff, in Chennal on Tuesday, The meeting follows appeals from CM MK Stalin and Industries Minister TRB Rajaa urging the Centre to step in, warning that up to 30 lakh jobs could be at risk. Exporters including SK Sundararaman, chairman of the Southern India Mills' Association, and A Sakthivel, chairman of Apparel, Made-Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council, along with members of 31 textile industry associations, presented a joint memorandum to the minister. They sought relief in the form of liquidity support, relaxed repayment obligations and emergency fiscal measures. "The government assured that relief measures will be announced soon," Sundararaman told TNIE,

pandemic.
The minister praised City Union Bank's emphasis on MSME lending, retail and wholesale trade and agriculture, saying such efforts em-power entrepreneurs and farmers and reflect the principle finance must support growth

at the grassroots."

In her address, President
Droupadi Murmu noted that
despite progress, challenges
persisted in digital literacy and

financial awareness. She urged banks to prioritise empowering farmers and the rural economy, and stressed the role of pay ment banks, digital wallets and banking correspondents in extending services to remote

of all stakeholders, people can be better integrated into the banking system through techbanking system through tech-nology, and financial and dig-ital literacy," she said. Banks, she added, could play a pivotal role in turning MSMEs into engines of growth by extending affordable credit, fostering fi-nancial literacy, and backing agri-tech initiatives to make agriculture sustainable and profitable.

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Murmu urges banks to facilitate the growth of micro, small, and medium enterprises, which she described as engines of economic growth

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### FINANCIAL EXPRESS

# Next-gen GST to open up economy, says Sitharaman

#### FM says asset quality of banks has improved a lot

FE BUREAU & PTI Chennai, September 2

THE NEXT GENERATION GST reforms would? absolutely set the economy open and transparent with a further reduction in compliance burden, particularly benefiting small businesses, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the 120th Foundation Day celebrations of City Union Bank (CUB), where President Droupadi Murmu was the chief guest, Sitharaman said Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced a task force for next-generation reforms with a clearer mandate to simplify regulations, lower compliance costs, and build a more enabling ecosystem for startups, MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

"Complementing this, the planned rollout of the next generation GST reforms with the planned Council meeting tomorrow and the day after, will set an economy absolutely open and transparent in the coming months and with further reduction in compliance burden, making it easier for small businesses to thrive," she said.



President Droupadi Murmu and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the 120th foundation day celebrations of City Union Bank, in Chennai on Tuesday

She said that if India is to advance towards its vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, banks are calledupon not only to expand credit but also to provide momentumfor infrastructure development, ensure timely and need-based funding for MSMEs, bring the unbanked into formal banking and meet diverse financial requirements. "The guiding principles for this transformation must betrust, technology and transparency," she noted.

The finance minister highlighted the progress in financial inclusion, with 560 million Jan Dhanaccounts opened over the past 11 years and deposits of ₹2.68 lakh crore, the majority held by women. Citing an IIM-Bengaluru study, she said lan Dhan accounts had safeguarded savings and proved critical during COVID-19. "Bank account is not just a passbook. It is a passport to opportunities enabling access to credit, savings, insurance and dignity," she added.

Turning to the banking sector, Sitharaman said scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) have reported massive improvement in asset quality." Gross non-performing assets of the scheduled commercial banks have come down to 2.3% as of March 31, 2025 while net NPAs were at 0.5%. I would think, at a time which is so challenging as this, ourbanks to achieve this is phenomenal," she said. Stress tests show SCBs' aggregate capital levels will remain above the regulatory minimum even under adverse scenarios. Strong, wellcapitalised banks with nearrecord-low NPAs mean "cheaper, steadler credit for households, MSMEs and infrastructure, lower systemic risks and also sustained confidence in India's financial system."

Sitharaman described private sector banks as "indispensable" to nation-building and urged them to expand credit, support infrastructure, and provide timely funding for SMEs.

Murmu, in herremarks, said banks can play a vital role in transforming MSMEs into engines of growth. "Payments banks, digital wallets, and banking correspondents have taken financial services to the doorsteps of people residing in remote villages," the said. CUB's MD & CEO N

CUB's MD & CEO N Kamakodi said the bank, with strong swadeshi roots, has completed 120 years of service with a consistent record of profitability and dividend declarations.

Praising its MSME focus, Sitharaman noted that 41% of its advances are to MSMEs, 17% to agriculture, and 3% to retail and wholesale trade, reflecting the principle that finance must support grassroots growth.

## **Business Standard**

## Rollout of GST reforms to bring transparent economy, says FM

New Dehi, 2 September

The planned rollout of goods and services tax (GST) reforms will lead to an open and transparent economy and further reduce compliance burden, making it easier for small busi-nesses to thrive, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday ahead of the GST Council meeting.

The 56th GST Council meeting scheduled for September 3-4 in New Delhi, is set to discuss one of the biggest tax overhauls since the GST regime was rolled out in 2017.

Speaking at the 120th Foun-dation Day Celebrations of City Union Bankin Chennai, the FM called upon banks to not only expand credit, but provide momentum for infrastructure development through trust, technology and transparency. Sitharaman said that all banks should ensure timely and needbased funding for MSMEs, bringing the unbanked into the

fold of formal banking, "The macro stress tests have shown that aggregate capital levels of the scheduled commercial banks will continue to remain above, regulatory minimum, even under se adverse stresses," the finance minister said.

Highlighting the critical role of the private sector banks



President Droupadi Murmu with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the foundation day celebrations of the City Union Bank in Chennai on Tuesday

in India's nation building efforts, Sitharaman said that the Indian scheduled commercial banks have recorded a massive improvement in their asset quality with gross non-performing assets at a decadal

low of 2.3 per cent.
"At a time which is so challenging as this, for our banks to achieve this is phenomenal," the FM added.

The finance minister high-lighted the recent first quarter GDP numbers with India achieving 7.8 per cent growth rate, "beating all estimates and showing overall good momentum across various sectors.

Sitharaman said Prime Min-ister Narendra Modi recently

announced the creation of a task force for next generation reforms with a clearer mandate to simplify regulations, lower compliance costs and also build a more enabling ecosystem for startups, MSMEs

and entrepreneurs. While urging banks to follow the guidelines of trust, technology and transparency, the FM elaborated that trust is earned through consistent ser vice of ethical conduct and sound governance, "It is very important for the banks to curn and retain trust. Technology should be leveraged not only for efficiency of banks, but also for inclusion and customer empowerment."

### States to be net gainers of rate rationalisation: SBI Research

States will remain "net gainers" of the proposed GST rate rationalisation exercise with their GST revenues, including devolution, estimated to be over ₹14.1 trillion this financial year, according to an SBI Research report

released on Tuesday. It said that, as was evidenced in the earlier exercise of GST rate rationalisation in 2018 and 2019, an immediate reduction in rates can cause a short-term dip of around 3-4 per cent in month-on-month collections (roughly ₹5,000 robound with sustained \$60,000 crore), revenues typically rebound with sustained growth of \$6 per cent per month.

The Centre has proposed a rationalisation of rates and slabs under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) by moving to

atwo-tiertaxstructure of 5 and 18 per cent, and a 40 per cent

#### Industry body calls for 18% GST on aerated beverages

The Indian Beverage Association (IBA) has written to the Finance Ministry asking it to reduce the goods and services tax (GST) on aerated beverages sector in India to 18 per cent and not as a sin/demerit good.

In an interview with Business Standard, Sanjeev Agar-wal, group chairman of MM Agarwal Group, which houses Moon Beverages, an aerated drinks bottler, said the sector has committed to investing ₹85,000 crore by 2030, create 3 million jobs and install 2 million coolers at grocery stores

countrywide.
"If the GST rate stays at 40 per cent, it will be difficult to invest. If the GST is reduced, we will be able to pass on the benefit to the consumer. In aerated beverages, 71 per cent of the transactions take place at the \$20 price point, which sees a higher demand in rural India," he added. BE REPORTER

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### GST reforms to ease compliance and boost growth, says Finance Minister

OUTLINING A ROADMAP. Sitharaman asks banks to back MSMEs, infra push as India eyes Viksit Bharat 2047.

Our Bureau

The planned roll out of the next-generation GST re-forms will further open up the economy and reduce compliance burden for busi-nesses, said Union Finance

Minister Nirmala Sithara-man on Tuesday. The FM was speaking at the 120° year celebrations of private sector bank City Union Bank in Chennai, The bank celebrated the mile-stone in the presence of President of India Droupadi Murmu, TN Governor RN Ravi, TN Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment P Geetha Jeevan and other ministers and

As India advances towards its Viksit Bharat 2047 goals, banks must support by not just expanding credit but also providing momentum for infrastructure develop-ment and timely funding for MSMEs, said the FM. The FM highlighted the



CELEBRATING A LEGACY, Droupadi Murmu, President of India: Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister and N Kamakodi, MD and CEO, City Union Bank, at the 120° year celebration of the private sector lender, in Chennal on Tuesday non-series

financial track record of City Union Bank, mentioning that it has not posted even one year of loss. The sectoral deployment of credit of the bank, with the MSME segment constituting 41 per cent of all advances, also benefits the economy, she

ASSET QUALITY The FM also highlighted the

fundamental economic indicators, noting that GDP, inflation and credit rating of the economy are at their best

levels currently. She also drew attention to the improvement in asset quality of Indian scheduled

commercial banks.
"Their gross NPAs have come down to multi-decadal level lows. It is at 2.3 per cent as of March 2025, and the net

NPA is reaching 0.5 per cent as of March 2025," she said. The President of India, in her talk, appreciated the

commitment and contribu-tion of City Union Bank's management and staff to na-tion building in the last 120

years, "CUB is also helping the country in meeting its finan-cial inclusion targets. I have been told that out of its total

network of branches, over 50 per cent are in rural and semi-urban areas, she said. Murmu added that banks

need to do more for the em-powerment of rural and farmer community.

#### ROBUST SHOW

Notices show

N. Kamakodi, Managing Director & CEO of City Union
Bank, said the bank's origins
can be traced to the time
when the entire banking system was under colonist powers. We have completed 120 years with an "unbroken track record" of profitability and dividend declaration, he

and dividend declaration, he said, adding that they have also adapted to today's digital banking needs.

The event also saw the release of a book tritled Bank on the Banks of Camery on the legacy of CUB.

The first copy was unveiled by the FM and presented to the President.

CUB today has 1887 branches covering 22 States. It has over 40 lakh castomers and over \$1,20,000 crore of business.





சென்னையில் நடந்த சீட்டி பூபரியன் என்னியின் 1211–வது ஆண்டு விதாவில் கலந்து வெண்டு முனதிபதி நினவு நி நிரு விழா மணை பெளிவிட்டபோது எடுந்த படம். அருகில், கைச்சை ஆர் சால் சனி மத்திய மந்தில் நிலை சிதாரைவி நடைச்சர் கீதர் நிலக், அங்கிலின் நகையை செயல் அதிகளிகளுகோடி உள்ளனர்.

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கட்டி பூனியன் வகக்கில், 120வது ஆண்டு விறாவை ஒன்னிட்டு, விறா வலை மத்திய நிற துணைசா நிருவர சோராயன் வெளியிட ஐனாநியதி நிரையுகி முறை பெற்றுக்கொண்டார். இடன்றத்து சிட்டி பூனியன் என்கி துணைய மகாவிக்கம். தமிழக அமைச்சர் சீதா இயன், கவர்னர் ஒவி, சிட்டி பூனியன் வங்கி நிர்வாக இயக்குதர் மற்றும் தலைமை செயல் அதிகாகி காமகோடி. இடன் நந்தப்பாக்கம், சென்னவை.

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சென்னை நந்தம்பாக்கம் வர்த்தக மையத்தில் நேற்று நடந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில், சிட்டி யூனியன் வங்கியின் 120வது ஆண்டு வீழாவை குத்துண்ளக்கேற்றி ஜனாதிபதி திரவுபதி முர்மு தொடங்கி வைத்தார். அருகில், ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் நிர்மலா சீதாராமன், அமைச்சர் கீதா ஜீவன், ஆளுநர் ரவி, வங்கி நிர்வாக இயக்குனர் காமகோடி, சேர்மன் மகாலிங்கம்.

சென்னை, செப். 3: நாட் டின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு வங்கித் துறை முக்கியப் பங்காற்று திறது என்று சென்னையில் நடத்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் ஜனா தபத் தாவுபதி முர்மு கூறி

கடடி யூனியன் வங்கி மின் 120வது இறுவன நாள் நிகழ்ச்சி நடந்தது. இதில் ஜனாகிபதி திரவு பதி முர்மு பங்கேற்றார். அப்போது அவர் பேசிய தாவுது உலகில் விரைவாக வளர்ச்சியடைந்து வரும் பொருளாதாரங்களில் இந் இய பொருளாதாரம் உள் ளது. இந்த வளர்ச்சியில் வங்கிகள் முக்கியப் பங்கு வகிக்கிறது. மாநிவரும் பொருளாதார இழுவில். மக்களின் விருப்பங்கள் பெருமளவில் விரிவடைத்

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மேலும் நாட்டின் வனர்ச்சியின் முக்கிய துண்களில் ஒன்று நிதி உள் எடக்கமாகும். அதாவது ஒவ்வொரு குடிமகனும் குறைத்த கட்டணத்தில்

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పుష్పగుచ్చంతో ఆహ్వానిస్తున్న ఉప ముఖ్యమండ్రి ఉదయనిధి స్టాలిన్ 🔸 రాష్ట్రపతికి జ్ఞాపిక అందిస్తున్న సిటీ యూనియన్ బ్యాంకు సీఈపో కామకోటి

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### నేదు శ్రీరంగం ఆలయ సందర్శన

రాష్ట్రపతి బుధవారం తిరుచ్చిలోని శ్రీరంగం ఆలయాన్ని సందర్శించుకోను న్నారు. స్వామివారి దర్శపం తర్వాత తిరు వారూర్లోని తమిళనాడు కేంట్రీయ విశ్వ విద్యాలయం 10వ స్నాతకోత్సవంలో పాల్గి ననున్నారు. శ్రీరంగం రంగనాథ అల యంలో ఈ ఏడాదికిగాను 9రోజుల పవిత్రో తృవం బుధవారం ప్రారంభం కానుంది.

చెన్నై, స్కూన్ట్ అధికారిక పర్యటనలో బాగంగా రాష్ట్రపతి డ్రౌపదీ ముర్ము మంగళ వారం చెన్నై చేరుకున్నారు. కర్ణాటకలోని మెసూర్లో సోమవారం జరిగిన కార్యక్రమంలో పాల్వెన్న రాష్ట్రపతి మంగళవారం ప్రత్యేక విమానం ద్వారా ఉదయం 11.30 గంటలకు నగరానికి చేరుకున్నారు. విమానాశ్రయంలో గవర్నర్ ఆర్.ఎస్.రవి, ఉప ముఖ్యమంత్రి ఉద యనిది స్వాలిన్ పుప్పగుచ్చాలు అందించి స్వాగతించారు. చెన్నై నందంజాభ్యంలోన ట్రేడ్ సెంటర్లో జరిగిన సిటీ యూనియన్ బ్యాంకు 120వ వ్యవస్థాపక వేడుకల్లో ముఖ్య ఆతీథిగా పాల్గొన్నారు. స్రత్యేక సంచిక ఆవిష్క రించారు. రాష్ట్రపతికి, కేంద్ర ఆర్థిక మంత్రి నిర్మలా సీతారామన్కు బ్యాంకు సీఈవో కామ కోటి జ్ఞాపీకలు అందించారు. కార్యక్రమంలో

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 రాష్ట్రపతి బ్రౌవరి ముర్కు వ్యాఖ్య
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సాక్షి, వెన్నై భారత దేశ అకివృద్ధి ప్రయాణంతో జ్యాజింగ్ రంగం కేంక సాత్రమ పోమిస్తున్నట్ల రాష్ట్రవేత బ్రౌవిసి ముద్దు వ్యాజ్యాసంధారు. చెన్ని నందంబాద్యం టైక్ సెలబరీలో మంగశవారం సెటీ నందంకాకృం టైప్ సంబర్లలో మంగకూరం సిటీ యూరియిన్ బ్యాంక్ 180వ వ్యవస్వికర సిట్ స్ట్రవ మేకు మనంగా జరిగింది. అందులో భారత రాష్ట్రకల్లో క్రామం మంద్రు కేంద్ర అర్థిక మండ్ర సిట్టలా సిజాబాదున్, రాష్ట్రవర్నిక్ అరేషన్ దవి, రాష్ట్ర మండ్ర సిశాజ జీవిన్, నీటి యూరియన్ బ్యాం కొల్లన్ను కారుకోటే పాల్చెన్నారు. ముందుగా ఇందరో దిమాబ్లామతా, తమిళగాయే మందుగా ఇందరో దిమాబ్లామతా, తమిళగాయే మందు 1905 మంద్రం కార్ట్ మంద్రం కార్డు మంద్రం ప్రామాలు మంద్రం కార్డు మంద్రం రాజుక కుమాంప్రవరా . అమారాయలు రోజం 1904లో ముదలైన తమ బ్యాంక్ స్టర్ట్మానం గరించి దివస్స్లూ ప్రస్తుత్వం 20 కా స్ట్రాంలో, 2 కేట ప్ర పాఠత ప్రాంతాంలో 887 బ్రాంకింతో బ్యాం కింగ్ కుమాంతో తాను. అందిస్తున్న సీవలను

విరుంచారు. అభివృద్ధి పడంలో... ఆ వేడుకలో రాత్రువర్ ముర్పు మాల్లాకుతూ, బారత ఆర్థిక వ్యవిస్థ ప్రమంచంలో అత్యంత వేగం గా అదివృద్ధి సందుతున్న పిద్ధలిక్లో వ్యవస్థలలో ఒకటి ఈ వివరంచారు. దీరికి బ్యాంతన్ మర్ శ్రమ కేలక పాత్ర పోటిస్తుందిన అన్నారు. స్టుతుం అనాయ్లలు గబనీయులూ విద్ధరందాయని పేర్కొం కూ. బ్యాంకుల పోత్ర అర్థిక చాపాడిపేందు మంచి



తించెనీరీను అవిష్కరంచిన రాష్ట్రపతి ప్రొపవి ముర్కు విర్మణా సీతారామనే తెవతరులు

పిస్తరించిందన్నారు. బ్యాంకులు సంపదకు నంద్వ కులు మాత్రమే కాడకు, నీరు అది వివిధ రకాల దులు మాత్రమే కారకు, కేదు అది వివిధ సాల అద్దిక పేవలను వివ్వతం రేగాయని పేర్కిన్నారు. సిన్నిళికి , శ్రీల్లెను అరిశ్విద్దకి కూడా కేంద పాత్ర సాహిస్తున్నాయున్నారు. రేశాలివ్వడికి కేంద్రమైన వైల భాలలో ఒకటి అద్దికం ఇది, అంటే ప్రదే పోరుడికి అద్దిక సీమలు అందులాటులో ఉందేలా మానుకోవ మే. ఇది వివరంలాడు బ్యాంకిల్లో వార్గాల అద్దిత రేరక రంగంలో జాతీయ అద్దార్వి దేరుకోవడంలో ఏటే యూనియన్ వ్యాంకి మంటే మ్యాంకులు అద్దిల మాయన్యమున్నాయని కొవసాహాలను అద్దిల మాయన్యమున్నాయని కొవసాహాలను అద్దిల మంట్రిల్ యానిత్తం, సూర్ణ రుజాలు, బీమా ఉత్పమ్మే లను అందుక్కున్నాయని వివరంలాడు. త్యాంకులు, మీకులో మానిత్తు, మార్లక్ల రుజాలను, తార్గాలనులు, మీకులో వారిత్తు, బ్యాంకింగ్ కరస్సాంచిందిన మారుమూల గ్రామాల మంటే ముంగికుల అద్దికి

సిర్మీకు సంతరం మండుందు.

సీమీకు దేవుత్విందున్నారు. ఈ రంగంలో మరోగణ ఉర్పుక్కుటే, దేశులో అక్షరావ్యత, ఇంట రెర్డింలో మరోగణ ఉర్పుకుట్టేకి, ఇంట రెర్డింలో నేరులా అదేక చదార్లో ఎదుర్పులుబ్యామర్యారు.
ఇప్పు కాలాకారం సమస్య ప్రయత్నాలతో, పాటే తీకిత, దేశకులో, ఆధిక అక్షరావ్యత కాగ్గారా ఘుజు బ్యాంకింగ్ సీమీలతో చితితగా కాదవ్యని మారిం రామ పైకులు పాటాంకింగ్ మరింది ప్రాంతం ఆధిక వ్యవ చో బ్యాంకింగ్ కింగం ప్రతో బ్యాంకింగ్ రంగం ప్రాధాన్యకగా ఉండాలని ప్రదే క్యాంకింగ్ రంగం ప్రాధాన్యతగా ఉందాలని హచించారు. పాలంటో కుణాలను అందించరం ఇద్దిక అంగాలను అందించరం, వ్యవసాయి-హేయులు, పలన కార్మికుండు బ్యాంకింగ్ సీఎ అంటేవిక కార్మిక్రమాలను మర్వితం ఇవ్వరం ద్వారా, వ్యాంకులు వ్యవసాయాన్ని శ్రీలిమైన కార్లు మందినంతాం అదిద్దవైలో ఇంత్సుగా మర్చకుంలో ద్వాలనులు ముఖ్యమైన పాత్ర పోస్ట్, మందినంతాను బ్యాంకులు విముకుండిని, అంటా మార్చికుంలో ద్వాలనులు ముఖ్యమైన పాత్ర పోస్ట్, మందినంతానం బ్యాంకులు విముకుండిని, అంటా మార్చకుంటే విమాత్యమైన పాత్ర పోస్ట్, మందినంతాను బ్యాంకులు విముకుండిని, అంటా మార్చకుంటే విమాత్యమైన పాత్ర పోస్ట్, మందినంతాను ప్రాధికుంటే విముకుండిని, అంటా



ద్రైస్తర్లు ముర్చుకు ఉదయినిని తినికినే అవేశ్వవం na zavoti zavoto žunovit imoditi రావాలన్ పిలుపు నిర్వారు. రోజువార్ వేతన నం

### राजस्थान पत्रिका

बैंकिंग क्षेत्र की मजबूती से ग्रामीण, लघु उद्योग और डिजिटल विकास को नई दिशा

## **भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था** की प्रगति में बैंकों की भूमिका अहमः राष्ट्रपति मुर्मु

#### किसानों और महिलाओं को प्राथमिकता से ऋण उपलब्ध कराएं

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धेन्यहुँ, भारतीय अर्थन्यवसमा की तेज एकार वृद्धि में मेंकिंग क्षेत्र की निर्णायक पुणिक की रेखांकिश करते पुर राष्ट्रपति द्वीपरी मुर्ग ने मंगतवार को कहा कि वीवेशा प्रणाली की मजबूती से न केवल मुक्त्म, तक्षु और मजबूत उद्यागी (एमएसएस) की नई क्रांत्र मिल होते, बलिक कृषि, ग्रामीण भारत और डिजिटल परिवर्टन की भी व्यापक आधार मिल रहा है। उन्होंने यह बात मिटी युनियन बैंक के 125वें स्थापना डिज्ञा मानाविस्त करी।

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बहुने जात्रों बड़ी अर्थक्करमाओं में
शामित हैं। इसमें बैंकिंग उद्योग कर
योगदान बेंदर महत्वपूर्ण हैं। उन्होंने
कहा कि ग्रामीय व अर्थ-शहरी क्षेत्रों में
बैंकों की पहुंच बहुने से बढ़े पैमाने पर
वित्तीय समावस्त्र हुआ है, जिससे
सम्बंद्ध की अर्थ-शहरी क्षेत्रों में
बहुन और कुम्मि महिल्म सक्तरात्र
अर्थ मुद्देय करकर, वित्तीय सक्तरात्र
कर्म और कृष्टि मोळांभिक्री को
सम्बंत देशर कृष्टि अर्थारक्ष में
उन्होंने क्षेत्रों से अग्रह किया कि वे
किसात्रों, महिला उद्योगित ग्रामीय
परीची और पुत्र नाजवादावादे ।

#### वित्तीय समावेशन में हुई उल्लेखनीय प्रगति

राष्ट्रपति ने बताया कि भारत जेसे विकाससील देश में बड़ी अवादी रामीण व अर्ध-शहरी क्षेत्रों में रहती है, जहां औपचारिक बैंकिंग की सुविधा शीमित है। उन्होंने सिटी खूनियन बैंक की सरहाना करते हुए कहा कि उसकी शासाओं का आधे से जवादा जिस्सा ऐसे क्षेत्रों में है जिससे विशीय समावंशन को गति मिली है। उन्होंने केंद्र सरकार की प्रधानमंत्री जन धन योजना का उल्लेख करते हुए बताया कि इस अभियान के तहत ५६ करोड से ज्यादा शुन्य-बेलेंस खाते खोले गए हैं। इसले गरीब, गहिलाओं और ग्रामीय समाज को औपवारिक वितीय तंत्र से जोड़ने में बड़ी सफलता मिली है।

#### डिजिटल बदलाव और उद्यमिता को समर्थन

राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि डिजिटल और ब्रान अधारित अर्थव्यवस्था के विस्तार के साथ ही बँधों की मुनिका महत्यपूर्ण हो गई है। श्वादीक्षम, स्मार्ट कहर हैं नकर्मेंस जैसे कीचों में बंक मामीदार बनावर विकस्तित आपता के निर्माण में बीज्यान से कहरों हैं। उन्होंने केंग्नों से अस्तार किया कि वे डिजिटल बदलस, नावचार और उन्होंने की में से अस्तार किया कि वे डिजिटल बदलस, नावचार और



सिटी युनियन बैंक के 120वें स्थापना विवस समारोह में बैंक औन व बैंक्स ऑफ कावेरी नामक पुस्तक का विमोचन करती राष्ट्रपति बीचवी सुन्।

### बैंकों की मजबूती से अर्थव्यवस्था को स्थिरता

सम्बद्धेक्ष में केंद्रीय विशा मंत्री निर्मला शीलार मण में कहा कि देश के निर्मी बैंक राष्ट्र निर्मण में बढी शुनिक्श निमा रहे हैं। उन्होंने मताया कि अनुसूचित व्यक्तिया में कार दल्ता सुवार हुआ है। गर्च 2025 का स्कारत और शुद्धे गैर-निष्पादित परिसर्वाचित्र (एनचिए) चाटकर दमारा 2.3 प्रतिक्षत और 0.5 प्रमिश्चात एक संदर्भ हु

दशकों का न्यूनगम स्टार है। वर्ष सी पहली रिकारी में वास्त्वीक सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडिपी) में 7.8 प्रतिकार की पृद्धि दर्ज हुई हैं, जो सभी अनुमानों से बहतर हैं। आगानी महीनों में वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) के अन्ति चरण से सुवार सालू होंगे। इससे अर्थन्यदस्था और अधिक पाराजी बनेगी, अनुपालन बोझ घटेमा और छटे साल्येसी के सिए ध्यायर अस्तान होना।

#### बैंकिंग क्षेत्र की ऐतिहासिक विरासत

समारोह में सिटी यूनियन बैंक के प्रबंध निवेशक एन कामकोटि ने बैंक की 120 वर्ष पूरानी विरासक और स्टर्शाम संक्रम में उसके खेनावान को याद किया 1 इस सैके पर बैंक औन व बैंक्स और कावेशी नामक पुरस्कृत कर विमोधन भी उपन्याम मंत्री में, समाज करवाम मंत्री में, मीता जीवन और बैंक के पैर-कार्यकारी अस्प्रात औ, महासिंगम महिता करिया की स्टर्शाम

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### FM: GST revamp to make economy open, transparent

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NEW DELHI: Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the government is planning the next generation of reforms in India's entrepreneuship ecosystem, starting with transformational improvements in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

The finance minister's comments came on the eve of the empowered GST Council meeting on Wednesday in which proposals on structural modifications, rate rationalisation, and case of living will be considered.

"Hon'ble Prime Minister has recently announced the creation of a task force for next generation reforms, with a clear mandate to simplify regulations, lower compliance costs, and also build a more enabling ecosystem for startups. MSMEs, and entrepreneurs," she said at the 120th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamil Nadu-based City Union Bank. President Droupadi Murmu was the chief guest at the function.

Sitharaman said that the rollout of the next generation reforms — with the Council meeting tomorrow and day after [Wednesday and Thursday] will 'set an economy, absolutely open and transparent, with further reduction in compliance burden, making it easier for small businesses to thrive," she added.

At the two-day meeting, the Council is expected to consider GST reforms including rationalisation of tax rates to benefit consumers, especially the common man, women, students, middle class, and farmers, according to a finance ministry's statement issued on August 15. In his Independence Day address, the Prime Minister spoke about big-ticket GST reforms that would



Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister.

come as a Diwali bonanza for the people.

"Reforms will also seek to reduce classification-related disputes, correcting inverted duty structures in specific sectors, ensuring greater rate stability, and further enhancing ease of doing business. These measures would strengthen key economic sectors, stimulate economic activity, and enable sectoral expansion," it said.

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The government is ushering in the reforms at a time when the eight-year-old GST regime has stabilised, and despite global headwinds. India has become the world's fastest growing major economy and is on track to become the third largest after the US and China.

Teven in these challenging times, India's economic fundamentals remain resilient and continue to be one of the fastest growing major economies," Sithanaman said, citing data that showed the economy grew 7.8% in the first quarter "beating many estimates and showing overall good momentum" across various sectors. The pace of growth was the highest in five quarters, underlining strong domestic tailwinds to growth amidst growing external headwinds from US tariffs on Indian exports.