



# THE HINDU

## International News

### Iran's top leader urges high turnout in presidential vote

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday called for high turnout in Friday's presidential election, urging voters to send a message to the United States. He said the U.S. and its allies, including the "pathetic prime minister of the Zionist regime," or Israel, are closely watching the vote.

## Jut

Extend out or project in space.

## Kindle

Call forth, as an emotion.

## Business News

### 'Air India revival discussions include disinvestment option'

The Centre has started consultations on the future roadmap for Air India with all options, including disinvestment, being discussed to revive the ailing national carrier. "We are holding meetings to discuss the future of Air India," Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju said on Wednesday. When asked whether disinvestment of the national carrier was also being discussed, the Minister said, "What else would it be? We need to make Air India a sustainable airline and we are holding discussions. All suggestions are welcome." The Centre was reconsidering its strategy on future equity infusions into the national carrier and a decision would be taken based on recommendations given by the NITI Aayog, a top Air India official said. The government think-tank has been tasked with formulating a roadmap for Air India's future. "Disinvestment talks are on. Government is rethinking why it should pump in a huge sum of money into Air India going ahead," the Air India official said.

## Knoll

A small natural hill.

## Luminous

Softly bright or radiant.

## State News

### Telangana scouts for sheep in Maharashtra

It may not be easy for the State government to supply sheep at subsidised cost to the Golla Kurma or shepherd community in the State under its programme to uplift it economically. Teams of officials from Adilabad district which recently went scouting for the animals to Maharashtra found that the number available is grossly inadequate to meet the target and whatever number can be purchased, will be costlier than the price fixed by the government. The State government has planned to supply 20 sheep and a ram, making up a unit, at 75 % subsidy to individual unemployed shepherds above the age of 18 years who are members of shepherd societies. In the first phase, half the number of eligible members of societies will be supplied with the grazing animals, the unit cost being Rs. 1.25 lakh including transit insurance. According to the Integrated Household Survey or the Samagra Kutumba Survey (SKS) of 2014, Adilabad could see a demand for over 1,780 units which translates to over 37,000 sheep.

## Malleable

Easily influenced.

## Meander

Move in a circular course.