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Hon'ble Chief Minister



Dr. G. Parameshwara
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

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Quick Read

Fake bomb hoax sparks panic in Jnanabharathi

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A fake bomb discovery within the Jnanabharathi Police Station limits triggered widespread panic among residents. Emergency services were alerted via the 112 helpline after locals spotted a suspicious object wrapped in tape and fitted with small pipes and wires. The Bomb Disposal Squad swiftly arrived and confirmed the device was a hoax meant to cause fear. City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh stated that a case has been registered against unknown perpetrators, and a special team is investigating. Authorities are searching surrounding areas for any similar discarded items.

Silent heart attacks strike without any warning

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A 40-year-old cashier, Chandrashekhar, tragically died of a sudden cardiac arrest while having a meal at Guru Green Bar and Restaurant in Hulimavu. The incident occurred on Friday, October 30, around 11:40 AM and was captured on CCTV. After suddenly collapsing from chest pain, staff rushed him to a local private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Following a complaint and suspicions raised by the family, Hulimavu police registered a case and launched an investigation. The post-mortem was conducted before handing the body over.

Family seeks FSSAI probe over airport food mix-up

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A major food service controversy has erupted at Kempegowda International Airport after a strict vegetarian family was allegedly served chicken biryani instead of their ordered vegetable biryani at 'Taste of India' (Terminal 1). The affected customer, Piyush Agarwal, shared his ordeal on X, stating that the restaurant bill clearly listed a veg order, yet meat was found in the dish and inadvertently consumed by children, hurting their religious sentiments. Agarwal and his family confronted the staff and have formally urged airport authorities and the FSSAI to investigate and take strict action.

Pension is a right, not charity: HC

Justice prevails for a veteran educator as courts protect hard-earned pensions and past service rights.

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The High Court has made it clear that hard work deserves fair pay and security. In a recent ruling, the court stated that an employee does not lose past service years when moving to a new job through a proper technical resignation.

The case involved a dedicated professor who spent many years teaching students. After serving at one university for 17 years, he applied for a higher post at another school. He followed every proper rule, took permission, and submitted a technical resignation before joining his new workplace.

When he finally retired, the government tried to deny him his well-earned old pension benefits. Authorities claimed his second job started after a specific cutoff date, meaning he only qualified for a newer, less favorable scheme. They argued that his long years of prior teaching did not count.

28
years of service for Prof. Chidanandareddy S. Patil, now to be counted in full

The court strongly disagreed with the government's stance. The judges pointed out that a pension is never a gift or act of charity from the state. Instead, it is a basic, lawful right for people who spend their lives in public service. An administrative rule cannot cancel out a person's legal rights.

Because of this, the bench ordered officials to count his full 28 years of combined service. The government must now release all unpaid pension money within eight weeks, complete with 6% interest. If the authorities delay payment further, that interest will double to 12 percent, and they will face a heavy penalty for putting an elderly teacher through needless court battles.

Teachers shape society and guide the next generation. Forcing them to fight for basic financial security in their old age is unfair. This strong legal decision brings great relief to educators across the region, ensuring their long years of dedication and hard work will always be respected and fully protected by the law.

Cong expels Krupa Alva over sting controversy

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The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) officially ordered the immediate expulsion of former General Secretary and party spokesperson Krupa Alva for a period of six years, citing gross anti-party activities. The decisive disciplinary action follows her alleged involvement in a high-profile "sting operation" controversy targeting senior party leadership, which generated severe negative publicity and sparked intense political friction across the state.

Denounced as fabricated

The political storm erupted after video materials surfaced regarding an alleged covert operation involving prominent figures, which former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and other party leaders denounced as a fabricated narrative and an engineered attempt to tarnish his political legacy. Siddaramaiah and his son, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, openly pointed to internal friction, noting that the content was aimed at exerting political pressure and securing assembly electoral tickets, specifically referencing the Puttur constituency.

Following the public exposure, Bengaluru police and crime branch units initiated comprehensive probes into the authenticity of the digital records, concluding that preliminary evaluations pointed toward a constructed narrative. Concurrently, opposition leaders, including Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, seized upon the controversy to target the ruling dispensation, alleging deep internal factionalism and demanding a thorough investigation into the orchestrators behind the scenes.

Allegations surfaced indicating that the covert recording and subsequent digital circulation were part of an internal factional fallout, drawing sharp criticism and aggressive attacks from opposition figures like Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. In response to the mounting fallout, KPCC President B.K. Hariprasad instructed that formal disciplinary procedures be launched. The party issued a formal show-cause notice to Krupa Alva, demanding an explanation regarding her alleged role in the controversy and the resultant embarrassment caused to the organization.

With law enforcement agencies launching comprehensive investigations into the authenticity of the circulated media, the grand old party's decisive expulsion of Alva serves as a strong signal to curb internal dissent and protect its political integrity. Because Alva failed to provide any response or defense within the stipulated timeframe, the KPCC acting through Vice President M. Narayanaswamy formally executed the expulsion order. Party leadership emphasized that acts undermining internal integrity and dragging the organization into engineered controversies will face swift, uncompromising penalties, setting a strict precedent for cadre discipline moving forward.

Nandini milk and curd prices surge today

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A Nandini toned milk packet.

REVISED PRICE LIST

TONED MILK (BLUE) ₹46 to ₹54	HOMOGENISED TONED ₹47 to ₹56	COW'S MILK ₹50 to ₹58
SPECIAL / SHUBHAM ₹64 / ₹65, from ₹52 / ₹53	CURD (HALF LITRE) ₹28 to ₹34	CURD (1 KG) ₹54 to ₹68

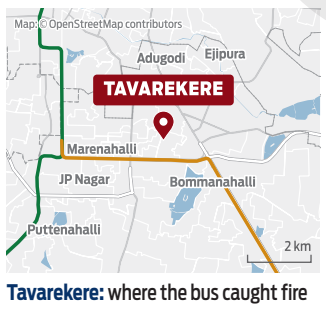
Following a crucial green signal from the State Cabinet, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has officially rolled out a sharp price revision of Nandini milk and curd across the state, including a rise of ₹8 per litre in standard milk, effective starting today, November 1. Out of this ₹8 revision, ₹7 goes directly to hard-working dairy producers to uplift rural livelihoods, while the remaining Re 1 is allocated to local cooperative milk unions to offset mounting operational and transit expenditures.

Under the newly updated rate card, popular staples have seen an immediate shift. The standard Toned Milk in the blue packet has moved from ₹46 to ₹54 per litre, while Homogenised Toned Milk climbs from ₹47 to ₹56 per litre. Furthermore, Homogenised Cow's Milk is now priced at ₹58 per litre instead of ₹50, and premium variants like Special Toned Milk and 'Shubham' have shifted upward from ₹52 to ₹64 per litre. Homogenised 'Shubham' milk has scaled to ₹65 per litre. Dairy-based accompaniments have not been left untouched; fresh curd packets now cost ₹34 for a half-litre, up from ₹28, while the 1 kg institutional and family-pack curd has risen from ₹54 to ₹68.

This decisive market adjustment was triggered by severe agricultural strain. Persistent dry spells and a lack of timely monsoon showers have resulted in harsh drought conditions, causing acute scarcity of green fodder and clean water. Local milk-producing farmers, who form the backbone of the state's rural economy with over 26.89 lakh registered members, faced steep inflation in cattle feed maintenance, healthcare, and transport logistics. With daily procurement counts dipping significantly, producers urged authorities for urgent intervention to keep dairy farming viable. KMF leadership emphasized that despite this necessary hike, Nandini products remain competitively priced compared to neighboring regions, ensuring that rural families and millions of consumers continue to support state cooperatives.

Technical fault suspected in BMTC bus fire

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Tavarekere: where the bus caught fire

A major transportation disaster was narrowly and miraculously averted on the afternoon of Friday, October 30 when a Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus suddenly caught fire near the busy Tavarekere Junction in the bustling Koramangala locality of Bengaluru. Thanks to the exemplary presence of mind, swift action, and prompt coordination displayed by the bus driver and conductor, all onboard passengers managed to escape the vehicle unharmed before the flames consumed the entire transport carrier.

According to eye-witness accounts and preliminary official reports, the terrifying ordeal began when dense, dark plumes of smoke suddenly billowed from underneath the floorboards and filled the passenger cabin of the moving commuter bus. Recognizing the immediate and life-threatening danger, the alert driver steered the heavy vehicle safely to the side of the road away from oncoming traffic, while the conductor immediately urged passengers to remain calm and directed an orderly evacuation through the emergency doors.

Within minutes of the evacuation, what initially appeared to be a minor technical glitch escalated rapidly, with roaring flames and thick black smoke completely engulfing the entire body of the BMTC bus. The dramatic incident triggered widespread panic and traffic snarls along the crucial Tavarekere stretch, drawing hundreds of anxious onlookers as towering columns of smoke filled the skyline. Local authorities and emergency response teams were alerted instantly via helpline calls, prompting fire tenders and traffic police units to rush to the scene. Firefighting personnel deployed high-pressure water hoses to battle the intense blaze, successfully bringing the inferno under control and preventing it from spreading to nearby commercial establishments or parked vehicles.

Although the exact root cause of the sudden fire remains officially undetermined at this stage, transport experts and initial police assessments suspect an electrical short circuit or a sudden mechanical malfunction within the engine compartment. Senior BMTC officials have visited the accident site to inspect the charred wreckage and launched a comprehensive technical inquiry to identify any potential maintenance lapses. Meanwhile, commuters and local leaders have widely praised the heroic and timely intervention of the transport crew, whose quick thinking undoubtedly saved dozens of innocent lives from a catastrophic disaster.

New bill: Penalties for elder abandonment

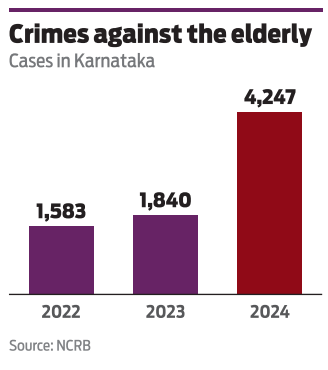
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Deeply concerned by a sharp and alarming spike in crimes targeting the elderly, the State Government has drafted a comprehensive new legislation titled the 'Karnataka Bill for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect of Senior Citizens and Their Protection'. This proposed legal framework aims to put a definitive stop to the callous abandonment and mistreatment of aging parents, imposing severe penal consequences on offenders who fail to fulfill their fundamental moral and legal caregiving duties.

Strict penalties

Under the current draft guidelines prepared following extensive consultations, individuals found guilty of abandoning senior citizens face strict penalties, including up to two years of rigorous imprisonment and a monetary fine of ₹1 lakh. Furthermore, a specialized 12-member expert committee consisting of distinguished representatives from the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, the Police Department, and various prominent civil society organizations has strongly recommended escalating the offense. The expert panel suggested classifying the abandonment of senior citizens as a serious non-bailable offense, which would carry an extended prison sentence of up to three years to ensure maximum deterrence against potential perpetrators.

Presently, Karnataka relies on central legislation implemented through the 'Karnataka Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules', lacking a robust, localized state-specific penal statute dedicated entirely to elder security. Officials from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens noted that the newly drafted bill bridges critical gaps found in existing regulations. It introduces dedicated grievance redressal mechanisms for elder care institutions, enforces accountability, and integrates modern technology to monitor and protect vulnerable citizens across urban and rural communities alike.



This legislative push has become an absolute necessity driven by troubling data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). Statistics reveal a dramatic escalation in offenses against older adults across the state, with recorded criminal cases jumping from 1,583 in 2022 to 1,840 in 2023, before surging dramatically to 4,247 cases in 2024. State authorities anticipate that the finalized bill will be formally tabled before the Legislative Assembly during the upcoming session in June or July 2027.

B'luru garbage tenders hit fresh hurdles

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Garbage-laden vehicles on a road.

Bengaluru's municipal solid waste management system is once again hurtling toward a severe administrative and operational gridlock. Garbage clearance across numerous municipal wards faces imminent disruption as waste contractors express deep frustration over chronic payment delays stretching past six months, heavy-handed threats of invoking the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), and deep-seated structural flaws embedded within the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited's (BSWML) contentious Rs 133-crore tender allotments.

According to municipal insiders and representatives of the contractor associations, the core of the current crisis stems from unrealistic operational parameters and arbitrary rule adjustments enforced across new tender packages. Contractors have strongly criticized municipal authorities for artificially depressing financial package values, slashing historical baseline operating figures of around Rs 72,000 down to roughly Rs 66,000 per unit. Industry stakeholders argue that these squeezed financial allocations, compounded by prolonged delays in clearing running bills, render routine ward-level garbage maintenance entirely unviable from a commercial standpoint.

Furthermore, intense political and administrative friction has erupted over technical discrepancies within the procurement process. Contractor representatives, alongside opposition leaders such as R. Ashoka, have raised serious allegations of irregularities and corruption regarding the Rs 133-crore tender framework. Critics point out that officials allegedly justified unachievable daily operational targets by heavily misrepresenting vehicle load capacities on paper. Official tender metrics claimed that compact three-wheelers rated for 750 kg and four-wheelers rated for 1,200 kg could haul between 3 to 4 metric tons per turnaround trip. Operational experts note that such guidelines ignore ground realities, forcing collection vehicles to make impractical, multi-kilometer trips to designated transfer stations without adequate site planning or infrastructural backing.

As political pressure mounts with demands for high-level inquiries and Lokayukta investigations into the BSWML contract allocations, the friction between disgruntled civic contractors and municipal administrators threatens to plunge Bengaluru back into chronic garbage heaps, leaving millions of residents vulnerable to an impending sanitation crisis.

CLEARING FESTIVE RUSH

Railways announce special Diwali trains from Bengaluru

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Passengers crowd a train at a railway station.

To effectively manage the massive surge in passenger traffic and severe seat shortages during the upcoming Diwali festival celebrations, South Western Railway has officially announced the operation of dedicated special train services connecting Bengaluru to Thoothukudi and Kannur. These timely festive special runs are designed to offer seamless, comfortable, and reliable connectivity for thousands of citizens heading back to their hometowns to celebrate with their families during the busy holiday season.

The comprehensive schedule released by railway authorities outlines specific routes departing on November 6 and November 7, 2026. For travelers heading south toward Tamil Nadu, Train No. 06533 will depart from the Bengaluru Cantonment station at 9:45 PM on November 6, reaching Thoothukudi at 12:30 PM the following afternoon on November 7. On the return leg, Train No. 06534 is scheduled to leave Thoothukudi at 3:30 PM on November 7, arriving back at Bengaluru Cantonment at 5:30 AM on November 8.

Similarly, for passengers journeying westward toward Kerala, Train No. 06545 will depart from the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) in Bengaluru at 12:05 AM (midnight) on November 7, reaching Kannur at 2:00 PM on the same day. The return service, Train No. 06546, will depart from Kannur at 6:25 PM on November 7, pulling into SMVT Bengaluru at 9:45 AM on November 8.

Railway officials have urged all travelers to take full advantage of these special services to avoid last-minute holiday rush and overcrowding. Passengers can book their tickets in advance through official Indian Railways ticketing portals, mobile applications, or designated reservation counters across the city. Authorities also recommend checking real-time schedule updates online before heading to the railway stations.

SPECIAL TRAIN SCHEDULES

06533 BENGALURU TO THOOTHUKUDI
Cantonment 9:45 PM, Nov 6; arrives 12:30 PM, Nov 7

06534 THOOTHUKUDI TO BENGALURU
Leaves 3:30 PM, Nov 7; Cantonment 5:30 AM, Nov 8

06545 BENGALURU TO KANNUR
SMVT 12:05 AM, Nov 7; arrives 2:00 PM, Nov 7

06546 KANNUR TO BENGALURU
Leaves 6:25 PM, Nov 7; SMVT 9:45 AM, Nov 8

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CENTRE RESETS WINDFALL TAX

Revised export rates (per litre)

Petrol: ₹0; from ₹2.50

Diesel: ₹11.50; from ₹8.50

Jet fuel: ₹11.00; from ₹10.50



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'GYANESH KUMAR MUST FACE TREASON TRIAL'

INDIA bloc holds symbolic 'public impeachment' of CEC, adopts resolution for his ouster

NEW DELHI

The Opposition INDIA bloc on Saturday held a symbolic public impeachment proceeding against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence in New Delhi, accusing him of electoral irregularities and seeking his removal from office.

The programme held at 10, Rajaji Marg, brought together leaders from around 21 Opposition parties. Former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar presided over the proceedings, while Kharge initiated the motion listing six allegations against the CEC.

They adopted a resolution seeking the removal of Gyanesh Kumar, accusing him of participating in a "devious and malevolent criminal conspiracy orchestrated by the BJP to steal national and state elections" and demanding that he be tried for "treason" in a court of law.

The resolution, read out by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, listed six charges against Kumar: conspiring to steal elections, deleting 13.2 crore voters from electoral rolls, rewriting Form 6 without Parliament's approval, seizing electoral rolls through ECINET and excluding the other two Election Commissioners from decision-making. They accused Kumar of acting at the behest of PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.



"The SIR exercise was being used to remove genuine voters, particularly those opposed to the ruling BJP.

- Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president

Kharge said the Opposition was demanding the removal of the CEC, an end to the SIR of electoral rolls and changes to the 2023 law governing the appointment of Election Commissioners.

He alleged that the SIR exercise was being used to remove genuine voters, particularly those opposed to the ruling BJP. He also raised concerns over the deletion of names from electoral rolls and the impact on vulnerable sections.

6 'charges' against CEC

1. Conspiring to steal elections.
2. Mass deletion of voters.
3. Bypassing Parliament on Form 6.
4. Seizing electoral rolls via ECINET.
5. Sidelining fellow commissioners.
6. Partisan functioning.

'Will move impeachment motion against Kumar in RS'

Meira Kumar said the Opposition would convene a meeting to move an impeachment motion against Kumar in the Rajya Sabha, with Kharge taking the lead. She stressed that every eligible citizen must retain the right to vote.

The demo was held as part of the Opposition's wider campaign against alleged voter deletions and SIR irregularities. The symbolic proceedings are not a formal constitutional impeachment or removal process.

MEKEDATU PROJECT

2,500 acres identified for land swap: CM

He says the project, once implemented, will enable Karnataka to store 66 TMC of water and regulate its release during difficult periods, benefiting farmers in Mandya and other Cauvery basin areas.

MANDYA

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said 2,500 acres of land had been identified as alternative land, including forest land, to facilitate the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project across the Cauvery river in Kanakapura taluk of Bengaluru South district.

He said the project, once implemented, would enable Karnataka to store 66 TMC of water and regulate its release during difficult periods, benefiting farmers in Mandya and other Cauvery basin areas.

"For the benefit of the people of Mandya, I have fought during my tenure, ensured that an affidavit was filed in the Supreme Court, won the case, and obtained the Supreme Court's permission to take up the Mekedatu project," Shivakumar told reporters in Mandya.

He said the Deputy Commissioner of Mandya district had been appointed chairman of the committee overseeing the process, and officials had already held meetings on providing alternative land to the Forest Department.



"We have collectively decided to provide alternative land, including forest land, in lieu of the land required for the project. We have identified 2,500 acres so far and are in the process of identifying the remaining land," he said.

He said, "Mekedatu balancing reservoir project is crucial for utilising Cauvery River water, the lifeline of Mandya district."

Explaining the importance of the project, he said Karnataka was required to release 177 TMC of water downstream and the proposed reservoir would help regulate water releases.

"At present, we keep receiving directions on how many cusecs of water we should release and when. The project will help us manage such situations," he said, adding that it would benefit farmers in Mandya and those dependent on the Hemavathi and other Cauvery basin areas.

He said the state government would upload the details of the alternative land on the forest clearance portal and expected the necessary permissions to be granted thereafter. "We will upload all the details of the land being provided, including the land particulars. Once we do that, they should grant the necessary permission," he said.

Noting that only around 500-odd acres of farmers' land would be acquired for the project, the CM said the land acquisition process would be initiated.

He said he had discussed the project with the Union Minister concerned and would also request BJP leaders to join the efforts to take it forward. The government hoped to make progress by the next Budget, Shivakumar added.

CM's announcement in a nutshell

Land swap and clearances

The govt has formed a panel headed by Mandya DC to identify compensatory land in exchange of required forest area. Details of 2,500 acres identified so far will be uploaded on the central forest clearance portal.

Minimal impact on private farmers

Out of the total land required for the project, only around 500-odd acres of private farmers' land will need to be acquired. The formal land acquisition process for these private parcels will start once the central forest clearance is granted.

Legal and administrative progress

The project is nearing a "decisive stage" and the govt is preparing to file an affidavit regarding the parallel land allocation before the SC to secure its final consent.

Timeline

The govt aims to show definitive legislative and physical progress on the reservoir project by the next state budget cycle.

Farmers hold black flag protest against CM, detained

Mandya: Tension escalated in Mandya before Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's arrival as members of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) gathered to stage a black flag protest over multiple unfulfilled demands, prompting the police to detain the agitators, on Saturday. The farmers staged a protest near the Viswesvaraya statue in the city, urging to protect government schools, to ensure uniform and equal education for all children, and to fix a fair remunerative price for sugarcane. As the farmers stood firm on their decision to wave black flags to the CM upon his arrival, SP VJ Shobharani reached the spot and attempted to persuade the protesters to call off the demonstration. However, as peace talks failed and the farmers continued their agitation, the police stepped in and took the protesters into preventive custody. They were subsequently bundled into buses and cleared from the protest venue.



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Quick Read

Uttarakhand helicopter crash claims Davanagere advocate

CH NEWS, DAVANAGERE

Advocate K. Sudheer from Tyavanige village in Channagiri taluk died in a helicopter crash in Uttarakhand on Friday, leaving his family and villagers in deep grief. Belonging to the Kokkanuru family, Sudheer was known for helping poor villagers with legal matters. He personally handled cases for people unable to travel to Bengaluru. He was returning from a pilgrimage to Kedarnath and Badrinath and was expected to attend his cousin's wedding in his native village. His sudden death shocked the family, who were preparing for the celebrations.

His father, Malleshappa, had served as a judge, and Sudheer reportedly wished to follow in his footsteps. He is survived by his wife and two children. Relatives have travelled to Uttarakhand to bring back his mortal remains. The family is yet to decide whether the last rites will be held in Tyavanige or Bengaluru. His relatives Jagadish and Krishna Kumar recalled his close ties with the village and his regular visits during festivals.

Koppal district to celebrate 71st Karnataka Rajyotsava

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

The Koppal district administration has organised the 71st Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations on November 1 at 9 a.m. at the District Stadium on Gadag Road.

Minister for Backward Classes Welfare and Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi will hoist the national flag. Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy and Opposition Chief Whip Doddanagouda Patil will attend as distinguished guests. Koppal MLA K. Raghavendra Hitnal will preside over the programme.

Koppal MP K. Rajashekhar Hitnal, Gangavathi MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy and Legislative Council members Shashil G. Namoshi, Dr. Chandrashekhar B. Patil, Sharanagouda Patil Bayyapura and Hemalatha Nayak will also participate.

Other invitees include Hasan Sab Nabisab Dotihal, chairman of the Munirabad Tungabhadra Project Command Area Development Authority; Prasanna Gadad, chairman of the Koppal Urban Development Authority; and Reddy Srinivas, chairman of the District Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority.

K.P. Mohan Raj, Government Secretary for Social Welfare and Koppal district in-charge secretary, will attend as a special invitee.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Suresh B. Itnal, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Varnit Negi and Superintendent of Police Sahil Bagla will also be present.

Ashoka accuses Congress of misusing democracy slogan

Ashoka questioned Congress's claims of 24 lakh deleted voter names in Karnataka, citing allegations of SIR vote theft and irregularities

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka accused the Congress of using the slogan of protecting democracy to cover up its electoral defeats.

He alleged that the party's campaign against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar was politically motivated.

Addressing a press conference in Hubballi on Saturday, Ashoka said the Congress questioned democratic institutions and the electoral process only when election results went against it. He alleged that the party had failed to accept the people's verdict in several constituencies, including 59 Assembly seats.

Referring to allegations of vote theft and irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Ashoka questioned the Congress's claims about the deletion of 24 lakh voter names in Karnataka.

Commenting on the BJP's recent electoral victories, he said Congress would have alleged vote theft if the elections had been conducted using electronic voting machines (EVMs). He defended ballot-based voting and expressed confidence that the BJP would win 149 seats in the next Assembly election.


At the BJP press conference

Ashoka said political protests were part of democratic rights but warned against threats of violence and public unrest. He alleged that the Congress campaign was aimed at reviving the party politically rather than protecting democracy.

Ashoka also criticised the State Government's handling of drought relief. He alleged that farmers had not received the promised ₹2,500 input subsidy and questioned the delay in reaching beneficiaries. However, the State Government had released ₹1,250 crore as the first instalment in October, with eligible farmers entitled to receive ₹2,500 each.

He sought details of the funds Karnataka had received under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). He rejected the Congress's allegation that the Centre had neglected Karnataka and claimed that the State had received five times more assistance than before.

On the ongoing sugarcane farmers' agitation, Ashoka said the issue required coordinated efforts by the State and Central governments. He said Union Minister Pralhad Joshi had held discussions and urged both governments to work together to resolve farmers' concerns.

Political Insights

Democratic Institutions
Ashoka criticised the Congress for questioning electoral processes and the Election Commission only when election outcomes run contrary to their expectations.

Relief Fund Utilisation
Rejecting claims of central neglect, he highlighted that the state received substantial disaster assistance and demanded transparency on fund expenditures.

Agricultural Concerns
Addressing the sugarcane growers' agitation, he emphasised collaborative framework discussions involving Union Minister Pralhad Joshi to address farmers' grievances.

Joshi mourns veteran leader Shivanand Koujalagi

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has expressed grief over the demise of senior politician, former Karnataka minister and veteran leader Shivanand Koujalagi.

In his condolence message, Joshi remembered Koujalagi's contributions to politics, education and social service. He said Koujalagi had completed degrees in Commerce and Law before beginning his career as a lawyer and entering public life.

President of the KLE Society for 25 years

Three terms as MLA

Koujalagi was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Bailhongal for three consecutive terms. He later won the 1996 Lok Sabha election from Belgaum, now known as Belagavi, on a Janata Dal ticket.

According to Election Commission records, 454 candidates contested the Belgaum parliamentary election in 1996, making it an unusual electoral contest. Koujalagi won the election with a clear margin over his nearest rival.

KLE Society president

Joshi also highlighted Koujalagi's long association with the Karnataka Lingayat Education (KLE) Society, where he served as president for 25 years. He also served as a trustee of the Kittur Rani Channamma Girls' Sainik Residential School, the Kittur Rani Channamma Education Society and Sri Mad Veerashaiva Shivayogamandira.

In recognition of his contribution to education and public service, the Karnataka Government honoured him with the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award in 2018.

A loss to North Karnataka

Describing his death as a loss to North Karnataka, Joshi said Koujalagi's contributions would be remembered. He also prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength for the bereaved family members and admirers to overcome their loss.

Nalkudure villagers launch Satyagraha to save lake

CH NEWS, DAVANAGERE

After 15 years of struggle to protect their village lake, residents of Nalkudure in Channagiri taluk have launched an indefinite hunger strike, demanding immediate action against alleged encroachments.

A 62.27-acre lake

The historic lake, located in Survey No. 56, covers 62.27 acres. According to villagers, around 20 to 30 acres have been encroached upon despite the land acquisition process and compensation reportedly completed in 1977–78.

Farmers said the encroachments have affected access to the lake and created difficulties in providing water for cattle. They also expressed concern over declining groundwater levels and the lack of development work at the water body.

Fifteen years of appeals

The villagers alleged that despite repeatedly approaching the district administration over the past 15 years, officials had failed to take effective action. They are demanding an immediate survey to identify the lake's boundaries, removal of encroachments, and desilting and restoration of the water body.

Farmer activist Channabasappa said some farmers who had received compensation for land acquired for the Bhadra canal had allegedly occupied portions of the area. He added that repeated complaints and protests had not produced results. The villagers have now decided to continue their Satyagraha until action is taken.

Referred to the Tahsildar

Responding to the demands, Davanagere Deputy Commissioner Dr. G.M. Gangadharaswamy said the complaint had been referred to the Tahsildar for necessary action. He noted that the administration's focus on special revision duties may have caused delays. He also said instructions had been issued to Tahsildars to identify similar cases and address them.

Regarding land acquired for the canal, he said the Dharwad Bench of the Karnataka High Court had issued directions concerning updates to land records. The administration would examine any pending issues and take corrective steps, he added.



Nalkudure: in Channagiri taluk, Davanagere district

Two Odisha workers suffocate to death at Karwar port

CH NEWS, KARWAR

Two workers from Odisha died of suffocation, while another was critically injured while unloading fish from a boat's storage tank at Mudga fishing port in Karwar taluk on Saturday morning.

The incident occurred around 6.30 a.m. when the workers entered the cold storage compartment of a purse seine fishing boat named Mukambika, which was docked at the port.

Second such tragedy at a port within a week

Both from Odisha

The deceased have been identified as Purandara Bisara (21) and Akash Naik (24), both natives of Odisha. Another worker, Lalindara Dhruva (41), fell critically ill during the incident.

Rushed to hospital

Sachin Krishna Kharvi, a resident of Belakeri in Ankola, rushed all three workers to KRIMS Multi-Specialty Hospital in Karwar. However, doctors could not save two of them. Dhruva remains in critical condition and is undergoing treatment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Karwar Rural Police visited the spot and launched an investigation into the incident.

Earlier, at Tadadi

This is the second such tragedy reported at a coastal fishing port within a week. Earlier, three workers died of suffocation while cleaning a fishing boat at Tadadi port under Gokarna police limits.

The deceased were identified as Naushad (48), Amin (40) and Aman (26). They reportedly died after entering the fish storage compartment of a boat named Kuchaima to unload fish and clean the area.

The repeated incidents have raised concerns over the safety of workers handling fish storage compartments at fishing ports.

FARMERS DEMAND ACTION

Gadag farmers block Kaiga-Ilkal highway during protest

CH NEWS, GADAG

Hundreds of farmers staged a highway blockade near Kanavihosur Cross, close to Harthi village in Gadag district, on Saturday, demanding action on various issues affecting the agricultural sector.

The protesters blocked the Kaiga-Ilkal State Highway, bringing traffic to a standstill.

The protest was organised in response to a statewide call given by Karnataka State Farmers' Association president Chunappa Pujeri and honorary president Shashikant Guruji. Farmers gathered at the spot from the morning and raised slogans against both the state and central governments.

The protesters expressed dissatisfaction over government policies concerning agriculture and demanded action on issues such as loan waivers, fair prices for agricultural produce and other long-pending demands. They alleged that the governments had failed to address the problems faced by farmers.


Farmers sit in protest with farm tools on the Kaiga-Ilkal State Highway near Kanavihosur Cross on Saturday

Agricultural equipment placed on highway

In an unusual form of protest, farmers parked tractors and bullock carts across the road. They also placed agricultural equipment, including hoes, rakes and baskets, on the highway to draw attention to their demands. Sitting in protest, the farmers urged the governments to address their concerns without further delay.

Motorists face inconvenience

The highway blockade led to long queues of vehicles on both sides of the road. Hundreds of vehicles, including buses, lorries and cars, were stranded for several kilometres, causing inconvenience to commuters and passengers travelling to different destinations.

Considering the situation, Gadag district police deployed additional personnel at the protest site to maintain law and order and prevent any untoward incidents.

Following discussions with police officials, farmer leaders appealed to the protesters to withdraw the blockade. The farmers subsequently called off their protest, allowing traffic movement to resume.

Farmer leaders Sharanpagowda Patil, Bapu Killedara, Ramanna Thollanavar, Gangappa Gadada, Sharanappa Kori, Manju Kuri, Parappa Koliwada, Srikanthagouda Patil, Mahesh Mayannavar, Sharanappa Baligera, Manju Kurthakoti and Raju Kurthakoti were among those who participated.

PROTEST TACTICS AND DEMANDS

Tactics: tractors, bullock carts, hoes, rakes and baskets across the highway

Grievances: loan waivers, fair prices and long-pending demands

Traffic: buses, lorries and cars stranded for several kilometres

Hubballi seeks sleeper train, affordable services



CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

Passengers in the Hubballi region have urged South Western Railway (SWR) to improve rail connectivity by introducing more Vande Bharat services and increasing affordable trains such as the Jan Shatabdi Express.

The demand comes amid discussions over the proposed Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express. Passengers have sought better connectivity through Hubballi, Davanagere and Belagavi. However, they have also stressed the need for affordable railway services for ordinary travellers.

Mahendra Singhi, a member of the South Western Railway Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC), said premium train fares could be difficult for middle-class and lower-income families. He called for more Jan Shatabdi and regular train services alongside modern trains.

The fare gap

A Hubballi–Bengaluru Chair Car ticket costs around ₹720 on the Jan Shatabdi Express, compared with approximately ₹1,330 on the Vande Bharat Express. The Jan Shatabdi takes about seven hours, while Vande Bharat completes the journey in six-and-a-half hours. Passengers therefore pay around ₹610 extra to save approximately 30 minutes.

Singhi said the additional expense becomes significant for families travelling together. He stressed that affordable transport should receive equal attention.

Memorandum to SWR

A delegation led by Singhi recently met P. Ananth of South Western Railway and submitted a memorandum seeking the Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express via Hubballi.

The proposal suggested operating the train through Kalaburagi–Wadi for three days and through Davanagere–Hubballi–Belagavi for another three days.

Passengers have urged the Railways to increase affordable services for students, employees, traders and daily commuters. They said railway development should focus on both modern facilities and reasonable fares.

Hubballi-Bengaluru Chair Car

JAN SHATABDI	VANDE BHARAT
₹720	₹1,330
about seven hours	six-and-a-half hours

Medical veteran honoured for lifelong service

CH NEWS, DAVANAGERE

Senior medical practitioner Dr. Siddalingappa Murugeppa Yeli (Dr. S.M. Eli), popularly celebrated as the "10-Rupee Doctor," has been conferred the prestigious Karnataka Rajyotsava Award for 2026 under the social service category.

> "As long as I have the strength, I will continue to serve the poor and the destitute without any greed for money."
> — Dr. S.M. Eli

Still in practice at 87

At 87, Dr. Eli continues his daily humanitarian practice, delivering accessible medical care to the poor and working-class families from a modest clinic in MCC 'B' Block, Davanagere. Originating from Hansabhavi, he moved to Davanagere decades ago, progressing through academic positions as lecturer, assistant professor, professor, and head of the department at JJM Medical College before his official retirement. Rather than hanging up his stethoscope, he opened a clinic beside his residence to serve the destitute.

Free for the poor

Driven by a philosophy of seeing divinity in patients rather than accumulating wealth, Dr. Eli charges a nominal fee of only ₹10 to ₹20 to those who can afford it. For impoverished patients, consultations and essential medicines are offered entirely free of charge, with the doctor often returning fees if poor patients insist on paying. Patients travel from Bengaluru, Chitradurga, Haveri, and Harihar for his treatment of cardiac, ocular, respiratory, and general ailments.

Quick Read

Dak Adalat scheduled for Nov 5 in Chitradurga

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

The Chitradurga Postal Division will organise a Dak Adalat (Postal Grievance Redressal Forum) on November 5 at 3 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Office of the Superintendent of Post Offices, near Filter House, Kamanabavi Layout, Kote Road, Chitradurga.

Superintendent of Post Offices K.R. Usha has requested postal customers and members of the public to submit their complaints and suggestions regarding postal services by November 4.

Complaints may be submitted to the Superintendent's office at Kote Road, Chitradurga–577501, for necessary action.

Power supply to be disrupted in Haveri district

CH NEWS, HAVERI

Power supply will be disrupted in Bankapura town and surrounding villages on November 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. due to emergency maintenance work at the Bankapura 33/11 kV power distribution station. All 11 kV feeders originating from the station will be affected, HESCOM officials in Shiggaon said.

In another announcement, power supply will be suspended on November 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., due to maintenance work at the Haveri 110 kV station and associated feeders.

The interruption will affect Haveri city and surrounding areas, including Aladakatti, Devagiri, Kerimattihalli, Karjagi, Sangur and other villages.

HESCOM officials have appealed to the public to cooperate.

Agricultural training programme to be held on Nov 2

CH NEWS, MADIKERI

A farmers' training programme on the 'Khet Bachao' (Save the Farm) campaign and Kharif agricultural activities will be held on November 2 at 10.30 a.m. at the Nerugalale Gram Panchayat Hall.

Scientists from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Coffee Board and Spices Board will provide technical guidance on the cultivation of coffee, black pepper, cardamom, ginger, paddy and maize. Farmers can also bring samples of crops affected by pests or diseases to obtain expert advice and suitable remedies.The Assistant Director of Agriculture for Somwarpet and Kushalnagar taluks has appealed to farmers to participate in the programme and make use of the opportunity.

Madikeri honours freedom fighter Appayya Gowda

Dr. Manthar Gowda praised freedom fighter Appayya Gowda, urged family support, and announced a ₹10 lakh grant for developmental works

CH NEWS, MADIKERI

The commemoration day of freedom fighter Subedar Guddemane Appayya Gowda was observed on Saturday near his statue in Madikeri, jointly organised by the District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture and Karnataka Arebhashe Culture and Literature Academy.

Several dignitaries, including Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda and Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, paid floral tributes to the freedom fighter. They called for his sacrifices and contribution to India's independence to be remembered throughout the year rather than through a single annual event.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Manthar Gowda described Appayya Gowda as a courageous freedom fighter who sacrificed his life for the country. He urged people to support his family and preserve his legacy. He also announced that an additional grant of ₹10 lakh would be provided for pending development works undertaken in his memory.

A.S. Ponnanna said Appayya Gowda was not merely a leader of the Arebhashe Gowda community but a national hero whose struggle against British rule should inspire future generations. He appreciated the Academy's efforts to organise annual commemorative programmes.

Professor K.C. Dayananda suggested naming educational institutions, including the district's military school, after Appayya Gowda. He also proposed establishing a dedicated research chair at Kodagu University to document his life and contributions.

Kiran Budleguthu called for greater awareness among young people about the sacrifices of freedom fighters and urged authorities to name the Madikeri bus stand after Appayya Gowda.

Following the programme, a procession passed through General Thimayya Circle and Mangerira Muttanna Circle before reaching the Fort, where floral tributes were offered at the site of his execution.

The event also featured patriotic songs, folk performances and a Lavani depicting his life. Several public representatives, Academy members and community leaders participated.



The procession held in memory of Subedar Guddemane Appayya Gowda in Madikeri on Saturday.

THE PROCESSION

- **General Thimayya Circle** the procession passes through
- **Mangerira Muttanna Circle** and on to the Fort
- **The Fort** floral tributes at the site of his execution

Hussain demands ₹600 crore for Ramanagara works



The groundbreaking ceremony at Kempegowdanadoddi village.

CH NEWS, RAMANAGARA

Ramanagara MLA H.A. Iqbal Hussain on Saturday announced that he has sought a comprehensive developmental grant of ₹600 crore from the Karnataka government to transform his constituency into a state-level benchmark.

Speaking to reporters after performing the groundbreaking ceremony (guddali pooje) for a borewell and a cement-concrete road in Kempegowdanadoddi village, Hussain said Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar—a native son of Ramanagara district—has assured the requisite budgetary sanctions.

Hussain stated that Kempegowdanadoddi, situated adjacent to Ramanagara city, has experienced rapid suburban residential growth without corresponding civil amenities. To address drinking water shortages, poor drainage, and damaged thoroughfares, an initial grant of ₹4 crore has been mobilized for local works.

The MLA disclosed that developmental allocations totaling nearly ₹600 crore will be released within a week. Major outlays include ₹80 crore for overall municipal infrastructure in Ramanagara town, ₹50 crore for Public Works Department (PWD) roads, ₹76 crore for modern judicial court facilities, and ₹73 crore for the modernization of the left and right bank canals of the Manchanabele reservoir. Additionally, ₹21 crore will be distributed equally among 21 Gram Panchayats, while ₹35 crore is earmarked for minority welfare.

Hussain added that following directives from Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, an administrative review meeting will convene on November 3 to expedite pending projects, including the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) campus, rural piped drinking water schemes, and a ₹37-crore bridge linking Phoolbagh, Maralawadi, Muduwadi, and Chakanahalli. Community infrastructure projects—including an Ambedkar Bhavan, Valmiki Bhavan, and Devaraj Urs Bhavan—have also secured state funding.

Haveri's Gram Sabhas will focus on rural development

CH NEWS, HAVERI

Starting November 1 (today), all 223 Gram Panchayats across Haveri district will convene special 'Vikasita Grama Panchayat' (VGP) Gram Sabhas under the People's Plan Campaign to formulate sustainable, grassroots rural development roadmaps, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Daljit Kumar announced on Saturday.

The initiative aims to build decentralized local development blueprints with direct civic participation. Villagers, Self-Help Group (SHG) members, farmers, women, and rural youth will help map community priorities, basic infrastructure needs, and public asset creation.

During these assemblies, officials and Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) will raise awareness regarding statutory frameworks and the reformed 'Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)'. Key discussions will focus on the enhanced statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment per year for rural households, streamlined wage disbursement, and sustainable livelihood support.

The Gram Sabhas will also serve as consultation forums for key departmental schemes spanning drinking water access, water conservation, sanitation, rural infrastructure, agriculture, and horticulture. Feedback gathered during these sessions will be integrated into the respective panchayats' official annual development plans.

To ensure widespread turnout, the district administration has instructed local bodies to roll out extensive Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) drives using public address systems, leaflets, posters, and community awareness programmes. Appealing for active participation, Kumar emphasized that sustainable rural transformation depends on citizens actively shaping policy decisions rather than relying solely on administrative machinery. Residents have been advised to approach their local Gram Panchayat offices for detailed schedules.



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Gram Panchayats in Haveri district hold special Gram Sabhas

KSRTC bus hits tractor, injuring over ten women



The overturned tractor and its trailer after the collision at Lakshmeshwar.

CH NEWS, GADAG

More than 10 women workers were injured after a KSRTC bus hit a tractor carrying them near Kanakapura Dhamavvana Gudi in Lakshmeshwar town on Saturday. The impact caused the tractor trailer to overturn by the roadside.

The women, residents of Patikeri locality, had travelled to a plantation along Shigli Road for field-clearing work. The accident occurred in the evening when they were returning home in the tractor after completing their work.

According to the information available, a KSRTC bus travelling from Shigli towards Lakshmeshwar attempted to overtake the tractor. During the manoeuvre, the bus reportedly lost control and rammed into the rear of the tractor.

The force of the collision caused the tractor's engine and trailer to separate. The trailer carrying the women overturned, throwing several workers onto the road and leaving more than 10 of them injured.

Injured shifted to hospital

Following the accident, personnel from Lakshmeshwar Police Station and local residents rushed to the spot and helped rescue the injured women. They were shifted to the Taluk Government Hospital, where they received initial treatment.

According to preliminary information, the injured women are out of danger.

Koppal unites to honour Kittur Chennamma

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

The Koppal Taluk Veerashaiva Lingayat Panchamasali Sangha will organise the 202nd Victory Anniversary and 248th Birth Anniversary celebrations of warrior queen Kittur Chennamma on Monday, November 2, at Sahitya Bhavana in Koppal.

Kariyappa Meti, president of the taluk unit, has appealed to community members to participate in large numbers and make the celebrations successful.

The programme will begin at 7.30 a.m. with a special puja at Kittur Chennamma Circle. A procession featuring traditional folk music, ceremonial pots and a horse-drawn carriage carrying the queen's idol will proceed to Sahitya Bhavana.

Merit awards for students who secured high marks in SSLC and PUC examinations

Sri Jayamrityunjaya Mahaswamiji of Koodalasangama Peetha, Sri Gavisiddeshwara Mahaswamiji of Gavi Matha and Sri Vachanananda Mahaswamiji of Harihara Peetha will grace the occasion.

District In-charge Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy, MP Rajashekhar Hitnal, MLAs Raghavendra Hitnal and G. Janardhana Reddy, and Opposition Chief Whip Doddanagouda Patil are among the dignitaries expected to attend.

The stage programme will begin at 12.15 p.m. Merit awards will be presented to students who secured high marks in SSLC and PUC examinations. Achievers will also be felicitated, followed by a special lecture.

Community leaders, including State President Somanagouda Patil, District President Basanagouda Tondehala and Women's Wing representatives, have urged people to attend the celebrations in large numbers.

Loan fair and grievance meeting set in Sirsi

CH NEWS, KARWAR

A Mega Loan Awareness Fair and Financial Literacy and Inclusion Campaign will be held on November 3 at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Community Hall in Sirsi from 10.30 a.m. onwards.

The programme is being organised under the guidance of the Zilla Panchayat and District Lead Bank, in collaboration with the Central and State governments, banks and various government departments.

Participating banks and departments will set up stalls to provide information about loan facilities, financial services and government schemes. Visitors can approach the stalls to learn about available benefits and services.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. Dileesh Shashi has appealed to residents of Sirsi, Siddapura, Yellapura, Mundgod, Haliyal, Dandeli and Joida taluks to attend the fair and make use of the facilities.

In another announcement, a taluk-level Praja Seva Andolana (Public Service Campaign) meeting will be held on November 7 at 10.30 a.m. at the same venue in Sirsi.

EX-GRATIA FOR KIN

Strict safety norms mandated for all mechanised fishing boats

CH NEWS, KARWAR

Following back-to-back asphyxiation tragedies that claimed five lives within five days, the Uttara Kannada district administration and the Department of Fisheries have issued strict safety protocols for all mechanised fishing boats operating across coastal harbours.

The directive follows the deaths of two fishermen on Saturday from toxic gas inhalation while unloading fish from a Malpe-registered vessel at Amadalli (Mudaga) harbour. Earlier on October 27, three fishermen died under similar circumstances at Tadadi fishing harbour in Kumta taluk. Minister for Fisheries and Ports K.S. Basavanthappa has sanctioned an ex-gratia compensation of ₹10 lakh each to the kin of the Tadadi victims under the 'Fishermen's Distress Relief Fund' (Meenugarara Sankashta Parihara Nidhi).

Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmipriya inspected the Amadalli site alongside National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Revenue, and Police teams. NDRF personnel confirmed lethal concentrations of gas using portable multi-gas detectors.

To eliminate risks of decomposition gases, the Fisheries Department has instructed boat owners to ensure adequate icing of catches. Crew members are strictly prohibited from entering fish holds without opening hatches hours in advance for sunlight and ventilation, or using mechanical exhaust blowers.

Workers entering holds must wear safety harnesses tethered to an external attendant stationed outside. Vessels must maintain emergency retrieval ropes and first-aid kits at all times. Rescues must not be attempted without protective gear.

The Joint Director of Fisheries warned that non-compliance will invite direct criminal liability and punitive administrative action against vessel owners.

NEW SAFETY RULES

- **Holds:** no entry without opening hatches hours ahead or running exhaust blowers
- **Harness:** tethered to an attendant stationed outside
- **On board:** retrieval ropes and first-aid kits at all times
- **Rescues:** never without protective gear

NAME CHANGE

I, **SEEMA THARANUM**, W/o Mr. Zabiullah Khan Bangalore Salar, aged 49 years, residing at No. 10, 2nd Floor, 7th Mainm CM H Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560038, have changed my name to **SEEMA TARANUM**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 31.10.2026 before notary SIVAKUMARA .M.N, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHAGUNDAPPA ANGADI S/o SHANKARAPPA ANGADI, R/o Ward No.5, Chalukya Nagar, 2nd Cross, Badami, Bagalkot, Karnataka-587201, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RISHIV ANGADI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mr.G Srinivasalu S/O Sannathimmappa,** Residing at #76/4, 4th Floor, Opposite Morning Star School, Thanisandra Main Road,Bangaloe North, Bangalore, Karnataka -560077. he had lost the Registered Original Sale Deed Of Doc No.BNS-1-09033-2012-13 dated on 16-11-2012 he had lost at Near Thanisandra bus stop, bus stop Accordingly he had lodged the complainant on Bengaluru City Police with E-Lost dated 31/10/2026 Report No.2511812/2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel property bearing Site No.49, Katha No.764/49,New Katha No.2334/A, Property No.76/4, Situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West : 30 Feets, and North to south :45 Feets, Totally measuring 1350 sq feets bounded on **East by :** Site No.48, **West by :** Site No.50, **North by:** Road, **South by :** Private Property ,If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

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Quick Read

Officials take National Unity Day pledge in Chikkaballapura

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

Officials and staff of the Deputy Commissioner's office observed National Unity Day by taking a pledge to protect the country's unity, integrity and security on Saturday. The pledge was administered in the presence of Deputy Commissioner G. Prabhu. The occasion highlighted the responsibility of every citizen to safeguard national unity and promote harmony, brotherhood and national integration. Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. N. Bhaskar, Sub-Divisional Officer Shobhita, Tahsildar Rashmi and staff members from various departments participated in the programme.

Koppal to hold preparatory meeting for Obavva Jayanti

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

A preparatory meeting will be held on November 2 to discuss arrangements for celebrating Veeravanite Onake Obavva Jayanti in the district on November 11. The meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office. Additional Deputy Commissioner Sidrameswara will preside over the meeting. Karnakumar, Assistant Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture, has requested officials from concerned departments and community leaders to attend the meeting without fail, according to an official press release.

Deadline extended for Backward Classes scholarship applications

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

The deadline for submitting online applications for various Backward Classes Welfare Department schemes for the 2026–27 academic year has been extended to November 30. Eligible post-matric students belonging to Backward Classes and Category-1 nomadic and semi-nomadic communities.

Ashoka calls Karnataka government financially bankrupt

Ashoka criticised the government's meagre ₹2,500 drought relief and handling of sugarcane farmers' agitation, contrasting it with the BJP's ₹25,000 demand

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka accused the Congress government in Karnataka of financial mismanagement, claiming that development works had stalled and the State treasury was running short of funds.

Addressing reporters at the Inspection Bungalow in Chitradurga, Ashoka alleged that the government lacked funds to support farmers, complete irrigation projects and even operate State transport buses. He questioned the government's ability to continue in power.



BJP leaders at the press conference in Chitradurga.

Ashoka's charges

Farmers
Sugarcane agitation not addressed; conditions on drought relief.

Corruption
Alleged irregularities in Excise, Bengaluru's solid waste management and the Valmiki Corporation.

Leadership
Tussle between former CM Siddaramaiah and CM D.K. Shivakumar.

Milk
₹8 price hike condemned; the promised ₹7 incentive for dairy producers not delivered.

Farmers and development neglected

Ashoka criticised the government for its handling of farmers' problems, particularly the ongoing sugarcane growers' agitation. He said the BJP had demanded ₹25,000 in drought relief for affected farmers, but the government had announced only ₹2,500 per eligible farmer family, subject to conditions.

He also alleged that roads across the State were in poor condition and funds had not been released for several development projects. He accused the government of failing to address farmers' concerns.

Allegations of corruption and internal conflict

The BJP leader alleged that corruption had become widespread in government departments. Referring to alleged irregularities in the Excise Department, Bengaluru's solid waste management and the Valmiki Corporation controversy, he questioned the government's accountability.

Ashoka also criticised the Congress leadership over internal differences and the reported political tussle between former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. He said the continuing leadership uncertainty could lead to another change of Chief Minister.

Milk price hike criticised

Ashoka opposed the ₹8 increase in milk prices, alleging that the government was shifting the financial burden onto consumers instead of fulfilling its promised ₹7-per-litre incentive to milk producers. He said the increase would also affect the prices of tea, coffee and other milk products.

Questions raised over SIR and EVMs

Ashoka accused Congress leaders of creating confusion over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and electronic voting machines (EVMs). He said the party questioned the electoral process because of its fear of losing elections.

He also referred to recent Legislative Council elections, claiming that NDA candidates had won even though voting was held through ballot papers.

Ashoka warned that Karnataka's financial condition could worsen if corrective measures were not taken. He alleged that the government was focusing more on political disputes than development.

Hassan Airport target: ready before Govt's term ends



On the runway at the Boovanahalli airport site, where the Minister inspected the works on Saturday.

CH NEWS, HASSAN

The State Government aims to complete the Boovanahalli Greenfield Airport project before the end of its tenure, Hassan District In-charge Minister K.M. Shivalinge Gowda said on Saturday.

He expressed confidence that efforts would be made to complete the project within a year.

Speaking to reporters after inspecting the airport construction site, the Minister said approximately ₹600 crore would be required to complete the pending works, including additional land acquisition, runway expansion, power line relocation and other infrastructure. A detailed proposal would be submitted to the State Cabinet for approval.

Around ₹200 crore has already been spent, and 536 acres have been acquired. However, another 92 acres are required to expand the runway according to revised project requirements.

Alternative road for Bailapura residents

The airport construction has disrupted the existing road connecting Bailapura residents to B.M. Road. Villagers have demanded an alternative two-lane road. The Minister said providing alternative connectivity to affected residents was the government's responsibility and that discussions were underway with officials.

Land acquisition and additional funds

Shivalinge Gowda said discussions would be held with farmers to acquire the additional land at the existing compensation rates. If negotiations failed, the government would consider the legally prescribed compensation process. Officials have also been asked to identify available government land.

The relocation of KPTCL power lines requires additional funding. Although ₹16 crore was previously released, rising land costs and compensation demands have increased the requirement.

The Minister said contractors were ready to resume construction once the pending land acquisition and related issues were resolved.

Gadag KDP meeting scheduled after 18-month gap

MALINGARAYA PUJAR, GADAG

The first district-level Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) review meeting in about 18 months has been scheduled for November 13 under the chairmanship of District In-charge Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy. The meeting has raised expectations that the district administration will speed up pending development works.

The previous KDP meeting was held on May 6, 2025, under the leadership of then District In-charge Minister H.K. Patil. Although these meetings are scheduled once every three months, the long delay has raised concerns among residents about the progress of development projects and the functioning of government departments.

Officials under scrutiny

At a recent drought review meeting, Minister Rayareddy reportedly expressed displeasure over incorrect statistics presented by the Agriculture and Horticulture departments. He also criticised officials for their handling of the situation. The upcoming KDP meeting is expected to examine departmental performance and address administrative shortcomings.

Major issues awaiting attention

The district is facing several challenges, particularly the impact of poor rainfall and crop losses. Farmers are seeking adequate compensation for damaged crops. Ensuring drinking water supplies and fodder for livestock is another major concern.

The progress of pending projects in the Road, Health and Education departments is also expected to come under review. Residents want officials to take concrete steps to complete delayed works and address public grievances.

Farmers' Karnataka bandh disrupts Belagavi

CH NEWS, BELAGAVI

The Karnataka bandh called by sugarcane farmers over their demand for ₹5,500 per tonne affected normal life in several parts of Belagavi district on Saturday.

However, neighbouring districts witnessed largely symbolic protests.

Protesting farmers briefly stopped buses from leaving the Central Bus Stand in Belagavi. A scuffle broke out between farmers and police when officers tried to clear the protesters. Later, farmers gathered near the Tourist Bungalow and raised slogans against the state and central governments.

Shops remained closed in several areas, including Hukkeri, Raibag, Mudalagi, Athani, Nipani and Chikkodi. Farmers also blocked roads at various locations, causing inconvenience to commuters and devotees travelling to temples. Dharwad, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Haveri and Gadag districts witnessed limited protests.

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar appealed to farmers to remain patient and continue discussions with the government. Referring to the October 26 meeting, he said the sugar price needed to be revised by the Centre to help factories pay farmers better prices.

He also said he had approached the Prime Minister's Office seeking an early decision on the issue.

DALIT LEADER ACCUSES HUNSUR MLA ON QUOTA

CH NEWS, HUNSUR

J. Mahadeva, district president of the Social Justice Forum, has accused Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda of failing to take effective steps to restore Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation in the Zilla Panchayat constituencies.

Addressing a press conference at the Journalists' Association office, Mahadeva said the government had published the draft reservation list for the Zilla Panchayat and Taluk Panchayat elections. However, the absence of an SC-reserved constituency in Hunsur taluk had caused resentment among members of the Dalit community.

Mahadeva alleged that although Harish Gowda had participated in protests demanding political representation for Dalits, he had not taken sufficient steps through official or legal channels to address the issue. He accused the MLA of showing sympathy for political gain rather than making genuine efforts to restore the reservation.

Mahadeva said an elected representative had a responsibility to address such concerns through democratic and administrative procedures. He urged members of the Dalit community to question the MLA's actions and seek accountability.

He also praised former Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath for his efforts to restore an SC-reserved Zilla Panchayat constituency. According to Mahadeva, Manjunath had held discussions with the Rural Development Minister, Chief Secretary and Election Commissioners regarding the reservation issue.

Venukumar, president of the Hunsur taluk unit of the Karnataka Rajya Dalita Sangharsha Samiti, and David Ratnapuri, president of the Ahinda Janajagruti Vedike, were also present at the press conference.

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No.EE/RMN/BECC/TEND/08/2026-27 Date: 30-10-2026

Invitation for Tenders (Short Term)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Ramamurthy Nagar Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. The Tenderers shall be registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike/CPWD/KPWD/ Railways/MES/ any State or Central Govt. organization.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Improvements to roads and drains Culverts at Yerrainapalya Extension, Dasappa layout and Cross roads and Surrounding area in Ramamurthynagara ward no.15 (Call-2). **Estimate Cost :** Rs.99.90 Lakhs. **EMD :** Rs.1.00 Lakhs. **Category :** ST.
2	Improvements to roads and drains Culverts at Pooja Garden main roads and Cross roads and Surrounding area in K.Channasandra ward No.7 (Call-2). **Estimate Cost :** Rs.99.90 Lakhs. **EMD :** Rs.1.00 Lakhs. **Category :** ST.

Calendar of events: 1) Availability of Tender documents : 02-11-2026. 2) Pre bid meeting : 06-11-2026 -15.00 hours. 3) Last Date &Time for receipt of tenders : 09-11-2026 -16.00 hours. 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 11-11-2026 -11.00 hours. 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : (Will be intimated after obtaining approval for Technical Evaluation). Tender Validity : 90 days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Ramamurthy Nagar Division

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ1.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:27:2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ:29–10–2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಎಂ–2.0 ಐಇಸಿ ಮಿಡ್–ಮೀಡಿಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಅನುದಾನ(2ನೇ ಕರೆ)–01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಶೇ.5ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ(2ನೇ ಕರೆ)–01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ(2ನೇ ಕರೆ)–02 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಎಂ 2.0 (ಕ್ಯಾಪಸಿಟಿ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್) (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)–01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ–01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 06 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. **(1)** ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 31–10–2026 **(2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 07–11–2026 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 **(3)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 07–11–2026 ಸಮಯ : 17.30 **(4)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 11–11–2026 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/397/ ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026–27

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GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY
Office of Joint Commissioner, IT Section, Annexure-2, GBA Head Office, NR Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.:GBA/2026-27/SE0039 Date:31.10.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited for Providing Staff for Revenue & IT Work of Greater Bengaluru Authority under the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal System (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

1	Tender Reference	**GBA/2026-27/SE0039**
2	Date from which Bid document is ready for download through KPP Portal of Government of Karnataka	**31.10.2026**
3	Last date for submitting clarification if any	**06.11.2026 @ 13.00 Hrs**
4	Pre bid Meeting	**06.11.2026 @ 15.00 Hrs**
5	Pre bid Meeting venue	**Above Office Address**
6	Last date and time for uploading of tender in KPP Portal	**18.11.2026 @ 17.00 Hrs**
7	Time and date of opening of tenders: Pre-Qualification & Technical Bid and Technical Evaluation	**19.11.2026 @ 17.10 Hrs**
8	Contact Person for queries	**Joint Commissioner Mobile Number - 94482 59312 E-Mail Id: dycomm-it @bbmp.gov.in**
9	Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for communication	**Above Office Address**
10	Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.15,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Only)

Note: Completed tender shall be uploaded through e-Procurement system only in the manner described under this tender Documents on or before the last date & time stipulated.

Sd/-
Joint Commissioner-IT, GBA.

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Quick Read

MBA student dies after fall from university's sixth floor

JAIPUR

A 23-year-old MBA student died after allegedly jumping from the sixth floor of a private university building in Jaipur on Saturday, police said.

The student, a resident of Prem Nagar in the city's Gurjar Ki Thadi area, was pursuing her second year of MBA. The incident occurred shortly before a mid-semester examination scheduled for 9.45 am, which was subsequently postponed.

According to police, she received a phone call before entering the examination hall and later went to the building's sixth floor. Students reportedly spotted her sitting on the edge and rushed to intervene but could not reach her in time.

She was taken to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared her dead. Police said discussions with classmates had not yet revealed a reason for the incident. An investigation is underway.

Goa cop, woman aide booked in minor's sexual assault case

PANAJI

A police inspector and a woman have been booked for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl at the Crime Branch office in Ribandar, North Goa, on July 25 and October 27.

Inspector Vikas Deykar and Ranjini Palyekar face charges under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act. Police said the woman allegedly facilitated the assaults.

The minor had initially approached the child helpline with a grievance, which was forwarded to Deykar. She later filed a complaint alleging assault inside his office.

Goa Police chief Alok Kumar said legal and departmental action had been initiated. The case has been transferred to Old Goa police station for investigation.

Woman stabbed to death by alleged stalker in AP

ELURU

A 29-year-old woman died after being repeatedly stabbed by an alleged stalker at her residence in Jangareddygudem, Andhra Pradesh's Eluru district, police said on Saturday.

The victim, a native of Tangedikonda village in Polavaram mandal, lived in rented accommodation and worked at a bakery. The attack occurred on Friday evening when she was alone at home.

The accused, identified as Ramakrishna, allegedly entered the house and attacked her with a knife before fleeing. The woman was taken to a local hospital and later shifted to a private hospital in Rajamahendravaram.

Before her death, she reportedly told police that a man who had been stalking her in the name of love had attacked her.

Police registered a murder case and launched a search for the accused. The motive remains under investigation.

Punjab govt provides over 70,000 jobs on merit

Punjab's recruitment drive aims to expand employment opportunities for young people, with the chief minister emphasising transparency and equal access to government jobs.

LUDHIANA

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday said his government had provided more than 70,000 government jobs to young men and women through merit-based recruitment, without bribes or political recommendations.

Addressing a gathering during a 'Lok Milni' programme at Kamalpur village in the Jagraon constituency of Ludhiana, Mann said the government's transparent recruitment process had created employment opportunities for young people from ordinary families.

He asserted that deserving candidates could now secure government jobs through merit and honesty, without depending on political connections or paying bribes. According to the chief minister, the initiative had helped make recruitment more accessible to young people who previously faced difficulties in obtaining employment.



Mann also urged young people to consider building their futures in Punjab rather than seeking opportunities abroad. He said his government was working to generate employment within the state so that young people could pursue their ambitions while remaining close to their families and communities.

70,000+

government jobs given on merit, the chief minister said

The chief minister assured the gathering that his government would continue supporting the youth and creating opportunities for their professional growth.

Mann highlighted the importance of merit-based selection in allowing young people from different economic backgrounds to compete for government positions.

Mann reiterated that the government intended to strengthen employment opportunities within Punjab, enabling young people to contribute to the state's development while pursuing their careers at home.

Modi flags off 2nd Vande Bharat sleeper on Varanasi-Delhi route



A Vande Bharat Sleeper train

The new sleeper service aims to improve overnight rail travel, offering passengers enhanced comfort and stronger connectivity between Delhi and key Uttar Pradesh cities.

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday flagged off the second Vande Bharat Sleeper train, connecting Varanasi, also known as Kashi, with New Delhi, promising faster and more comfortable overnight journeys for passengers.

The train will operate via Prayagraj and Kanpur Central, improving connectivity between the national capital and Uttar Pradesh's major spiritual and cultural destinations. Modi described the launch as a historic day for railway passengers, highlighting its modern amenities and advanced safety systems.

The Prime Minister said the service would benefit millions of devotees, tourists, young people and business travellers. He also emphasised the route's religious significance,



noting that passengers visiting the Kashi Vishwanath temple and the Sangam in Prayagraj would have a more convenient travel option.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the service from Varanasi on Saturday.

The launch expands the Vande Bharat Sleeper network, following the introduction of sleeper services on the Howrah–Guwahati corridor and its return route in January 2026. The latest service is expected to strengthen rail connectivity between eastern Uttar Pradesh and the national capital.

THE ROUTE

- **Varanasi** — Kashi Vishwanath temple
- **Prayagraj** — The Sangam
- **Kanpur Central** — Stop on the way
- **New Delhi** — National capital

The sleeper train features modern onboard facilities, enhanced safety systems and accommodation designed for long-distance overnight travel. Indian Railways aims to improve passenger comfort and reliability through its next-generation services.

Rijiju challenges Congress over SIR

NEW DELHI

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday challenged the Congress to explain its electoral defeats while defending the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

In a post on X, Rijiju raised five questions concerning the Congress's election performance, its criticism of the poll panel and its opposition to the ongoing voter list revision.

He questioned why the Congress won only 44 seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections despite election commissioners having been appointed under its government. Referring to the 2024 general elections, he also asked why the party suffered another defeat when Gyanesh Kumar was not the Chief Election Commissioner.

Defending the SIR

Defending the SIR exercise, the minister asked whether names of deceased voters, illegal immigrants, people who had shifted residence and duplicate entries should be removed from electoral rolls.

Rijiju accused the Congress of trying to undermine the Constitution and Indian democracy.

The Congress has criticised the SIR process, alleging that it threatens voters' rights. The dispute has also reached the Supreme Court.

In an affidavit filed on October 26, the Election Commission rejected allegations of unilateral decision-making by the Chief Election Commissioner. It maintained that decisions concerning the SIR exercise had been approved unanimously by the commission's three members.



WHAT RIJIJU ASKED

- **2014:** Why only 44 seats, with election commissioners appointed under Congress?
- **2024:** Why another defeat, when Gyanesh Kumar was not the CEC?
- **The rolls:** Should dead voters, illegal immigrants and duplicates be removed?
- **1952-2004:** Were the earlier intensive revisions illegal?

Delhi HC denies anticipatory bail to medical student in rape case

NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has denied anticipatory bail to a postgraduate medical student of Patna Medical College Hospital accused of rape, citing the incomplete investigation and the need for custodial interrogation.

Justice Sachin Datta dismissed the student's application on October 30 and vacated the interim protection granted to him in August. The court observed that the case did not qualify as an exceptional matter warranting anticipatory bail.

The complaint

According to the complaint, the accused, Akshay Aditya, contacted the woman through Instagram in November 2025 and allegedly promised to marry her. She alleged that he sexually assaulted her at a hotel in Vaishali, Ghaziabad, on December 21, 2025, despite her resistance.

The complaint further alleges that on March 8, 2026, after meeting her at Sunder Nursery in New Delhi, he took her to a nearby house on the pretext of introducing her to friends and sexually assaulted her without consent. He allegedly took her mobile phone to prevent her from contacting her family.

The woman also alleged that the accused withdrew his promise of marriage on March 10 and threatened suicide if she disclosed the incidents.

What the court noted

The court noted that material submitted during the investigation included call detail records, location data, hotel records, deleted Instagram communications and circumstances surrounding the unavailability of the accused's earlier mobile phone. It also pointed to inconsistencies in his account.

Justice Datta clarified that the protection granted in August and continued in September had been temporary, pending further proceedings, and did not amount to anticipatory bail being granted after a final assessment.

The court said the new material represented a significant change in circumstances and concluded that custodial interrogation was necessary. The case remains under investigation, and the allegations are yet to be established through judicial proceedings.

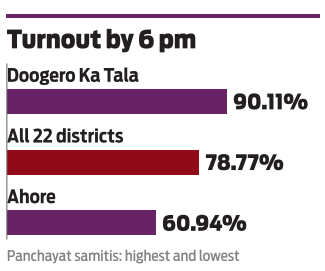
Rajasthan gram panchayat polls record turnout of 78.77%

JAIPUR

Polling for panch and sarpanch posts across 3,626 gram panchayats in 22 districts of Rajasthan concluded on Friday, recording a voter turnout of 78.77 per cent by 6 pm. The elections witnessed strong participation despite sporadic incidents of violence, disruptions and disputes at several locations.

Incidents of stone-pelting, alleged bogus voting and disagreements over an unsealed ballot box were reported in some areas. Despite these disturbances, voters continued to arrive at polling stations to exercise their franchise. Women and elderly people were among those seen waiting in queues throughout the day.

Doogero Ka Tala panchayat samiti in Barmer district recorded the highest turnout, at 90.11 per cent by 6 pm. In contrast, Ahore panchayat samiti in Jalore district registered the lowest turnout, at 60.94 per cent.



Polling was conducted across the participating districts, with voters turning out even as weather conditions affected some areas. In Kotputli-Behror district, people continued to vote despite light rain and drizzle at several places.

The election process also faced local disputes, including allegations of irregularities in voting. Reports of disruptions and disagreements over polling procedures emerged from certain locations. A boycott linked to delimitation was also reported.

Counting began immediately after polling concluded, with results expected to follow once the counting process was completed.

Manipur CM says community politics cannot bring peace

IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister Y Khemchand Singh on Saturday called for strengthening national unity, stating that prioritising the interests of a single community cannot ensure peace, integrity or economic progress in the state.

Speaking at a National Unity Day event, Singh highlighted the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Home Minister, in integrating more than 560 princely states after Independence.

Singh's remarks come amid continuing ethnic tensions in Manipur, where conflict between the valley-based Meitei and hill-based Kuki communities since May 2023 has claimed at least 306 lives, with several people still missing. Clashes between Kuki and Naga communities have also reportedly killed around 50 people since February 2026.

On Saturday, an umbrella body of Meitei organisations organised a large rally in Imphal, demanding protection for indigenous people and the termination of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with militant groups. Several Naga organisations supported these demands.



Naga civil society groups also held marches in Chandel and Senapati districts in support of the rally organised by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity.

The demonstrations followed an ambush in which militants reportedly targeted 14 Meitei men, killing three and triggering protests across the state.

Delhi Fire Service to add 2,345 posts in major restructuring

NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has approved the creation of 2,345 additional posts in the Delhi Fire Service (DFS), marking the department's first major cadre restructuring in its 84-year history.

With the expansion, the total number of sanctioned posts will rise from 3,096 to 5,441. Established in 1942, the department will see an increase in staffing across several ranks and categories, including Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Divisional Officer, Station Officer, Sub-Officer, Leading Fireman and Fire Operator, as well as support staff.

Gupta said the decision was necessary to strengthen firefighting and emergency response services in line with Delhi's growing population, expanding urban areas and increasing number of high-rise buildings, industrial establishments and densely populated settlements.

She emphasised that trained personnel, effective leadership and rapid response are crucial during fires and other disasters. The fire service also plays an important role in handling accidents and rescue operations beyond firefighting.

The chief minister described the creation of additional posts as an investment in public safety and the department's capacity to address the capital's future requirements.

Delhi Home Minister Ashish Sood said the restructuring would provide the department with a stronger institutional foundation and improve its ability to respond to emergencies. He added that adequate manpower and an effective supervisory structure were essential to managing the city's growing fire risks.

The government said the restructuring is expected to improve the availability of personnel at all levels, streamline responsibilities and enhance operational efficiency during emergencies.

TAMIL NADU LIQUOR CESS

Tamil Nadu imposes Rs 10 environmental cess on liquor

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu will introduce a Rs 10 environmental cess on liquor purchases from November 1, increasing the amount consumers pay for Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL), beer and wine sold through Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (TASMAC) outlets.



Liquor bottles on a store's shelves

How the cess works

- Rs 10 on IMFL, beer and wine from November 1
- Return eligible empty bottles to authorised vendors
- The Rs 10 is refunded

The state-run corporation has directed manufacturers, suppliers and wholesale depots to adjust pricing structures ahead of the implementation. The additional charge is intended to support environmental and social welfare initiatives undertaken by the state government.

According to a TASMAC official, retail outlets and licensed establishments across the state are preparing to implement the revised pricing. Manufacturers and wholesale depots have also been instructed to ensure accurate price labelling, including QR codes, to facilitate transparency.

TASMAC has warned employees against collecting any unauthorised additional charges from customers. Designated bank accounts have been established across five regional zones to maintain transparent financial records under the new system.

Consumers will be eligible for a refund of the Rs 10 cess when they return eligible empty bottles to authorised vendors. The refund mechanism is intended to encourage bottle returns and support the environmental objectives associated with the measure.

Quick Read

Mother, son die after allegedly jumping from 18th floor

PUNE

A woman and her six-year-old son died after allegedly jumping from the 18th floor of a residential building in Pune's Dange Chowk area on Friday evening, police said.

The incident occurred around 6.30 pm. The woman's husband works as an IT professional in Pune.

Police recovered a seven-to-eight-page note from their residence and are examining its contents. According to preliminary reports, the note expressed concern about her husband's future and her son's well-being.

CCTV footage reportedly showed the woman and child taking a lift to the 18th floor.

Rajasthan IPS officer put on APO amid corruption probe

JAIPUR

The Rajasthan government has placed IPS officer Prashakha Mathur on Awaiting Posting Order (APO) for administrative reasons, a day after approving an Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) investigation into her husband, senior IAS officer Shikhar Agrawal, over alleged corruption.

The ACB is investigating allegations that Agrawal favoured a private hospitality firm by granting construction relaxations, approvals without proper verification and concessional financial benefits.

The bureau has also alleged that Agrawal and his family purchased 40 villas at resorts in Udaipur and Alwar districts at prices below market value.

Agrawal, who has been on leave, has not responded to requests for comment. Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has demanded a central agency investigation into the allegations.

Man arrested for forcibly applying vermilion to married woman

SAMASTIPUR

A 25-year-old man was arrested in Bihar's Samastipur district for allegedly forcibly applying vermilion to a married woman's forehead, following a complaint and the circulation of videos of the incident on social media.

The accused, Kundan Kumar, a resident of Begusarai district, was arrested on Friday in Khodawandpur. The 38-year-old woman had filed a written complaint at Khanpur police station on October 28.

A viral video purportedly shows the accused applying vermilion to the woman in a field, surrounded by dozens of people. The footage also allegedly shows the woman being forcibly taken away on a motorcycle as she attempts to escape.

Police registered a case against five named accused under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Guwahati to get India's first state-run proton therapy centre

ASSAM HAS SIGNED A ₹600-CRORE AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED CANCER TREATMENT FACILITY, IMPROVING ACCESS TO SPECIALISED HEALTHCARE ACROSS THE NORTHEAST.

GUWAHATI

Assam has taken a major step towards strengthening cancer care in the Northeast, with the state government signing an agreement to establish a Proton Beam Therapy Centre in Guwahati at an estimated cost of ₹600 crore.

The agreement was signed on Saturday with IBA Particle Therapy India Pvt. Ltd. at Lok Sewa Bhawan in the presence of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The facility will be India's first proton therapy centre established by a state government, bringing advanced cancer treatment closer to patients in the region.

The project will receive ₹315 crore from the World Bank and ₹285 crore from the Assam government. It will use the ProteusONE system, an advanced technology designed to deliver precisely targeted proton beams to destroy cancer cells while minimising radiation exposure to surrounding healthy tissues.

Sarma said the initiative was part of the government's efforts to make specialised healthcare more accessible and affordable. He highlighted the potential benefits of proton therapy for patients with cancers affecting the brain, spine, eyes, head and neck, lungs, liver and other organs. The treatment may be particularly beneficial for children because their developing organs are more sensitive to radiation.



At the signing of the proton therapy agreement at Lok Sewa Bhawan.

Proton therapy centre

- **₹600 crore:** total project cost
- **₹315 crore:** World Bank funding
- **₹285 crore:** Assam government contribution
- **17 hospitals:** cancer hospitals planned
- **12 hospitals:** already operational

The project will also focus on developing specialised medical personnel. Doctors, medical physicists, technicians and other staff will receive training from IBA, with selected personnel undergoing further training at international centres.

Assam has been expanding its cancer care network through the Assam Cancer Care Foundation, established in partnership with Tata Trusts. Of the 17 cancer hospitals being developed across the state, 12 are already operational.

Delhi Assembly Speaker distributes field kits to Anganwadi workers

NEW DELHI

Delhi Legislative Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta on Saturday stressed the need to empower Anganwadi workers to improve grassroots welfare delivery, describing them as a vital link between government schemes and the families they serve.

Speaking at a programme held at Aggarwal Dharamshala in Rohini as part of the ninth Rashtriya Poshan Maah, Gupta said strengthening Anganwadi centres begins with providing meaningful support to women working at the grassroots level.

Field bags and essential kits were distributed to Anganwadi workers to help them carry out their daily responsibilities more effectively. The initiative aims to support household visits, community outreach and awareness campaigns, enabling workers to reach beneficiaries more efficiently.

Organised under the theme "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari" (Our Anganwadi, Our Responsibility), the programme highlighted the importance of developing Anganwadi centres into community-supported hubs for nutrition, early childhood development and family welfare.



Anganwadi workers with their field bags at the programme in Rohini.

The Delhi Assembly Speaker highlighted the importance of strengthening frontline workers to ensure welfare programmes reach vulnerable communities and families effectively.

Gupta underlined the significant role played by Anganwadi workers in delivering essential services to pregnant women, young children and families requiring nutritional assistance. He said these frontline workers often serve as the first point of contact for vulnerable communities seeking support through government welfare programmes.

He also emphasised that tackling malnutrition requires sustained public participation alongside government initiatives. Strong coordination among frontline workers, families and local communities is necessary to improve nutritional outcomes and promote healthy childhood development.

Govt launches data-sharing framework to boost AI training

BENGALURU

The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has launched a handbook to facilitate secure data sharing for artificial intelligence (AI) training while protecting privacy, intellectual property and institutional control.

The Handbook on Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture (DEPA) for AI Training was unveiled by MeitY Secretary S Krishnan at a high-level roundtable in Bengaluru, with support from the iSPIRT Foundation.

The framework aims to address concerns that prevent institutions from sharing data, including confidentiality, privacy and ownership rights. It provides a legal and technological structure for purpose-specific data collaboration, allowing organisations to make datasets available for AI training without surrendering control over the underlying information.



The DEPA handbook being unveiled at the roundtable in Bengaluru.

DEPA combines contractual permissions, controlled computing environments and privacy-enhancing safeguards. It also includes data provenance mechanisms to track the origin of datasets, permissions governing their use and how the information is used during AI training.

Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India Ajay Kumar Sood said the framework would enable AI models to access datasets without requiring institutions to transfer the original information. He described the approach as one in which "the model travels to the data", rather than the data being moved to the model.

> *"The model travels to the data"*
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> **AJAY KUMAR SOOD** Principal Scientific Adviser

Sood said the framework could encourage trusted collaboration between institutions and across national borders, supporting scientific research and the development of a responsible AI ecosystem.

Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder of Infosys and chairman of Axilor Ventures, said the framework could help researchers access diverse datasets to develop more robust AI models while protecting the rights of data custodians and contributors.

Manipur rally demands SoO pact scrapping, IDPs' return



Protesters with placards at the rally in Imphal.



Imphal, Manipur

IMPHAL

A large number of people from Manipur's hill and valley regions participated in a rally organised by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) in Imphal on Saturday, demanding the scrapping of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement and the safe return of internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Participants from different communities marched through the streets of Imphal, raising slogans calling for the removal of the agreement and the rehabilitation of people displaced by the ongoing conflict.

The rally focused on demands for restoring normalcy and ensuring that displaced families can return to their homes safely. Participants urged the authorities to take necessary steps to address their concerns and facilitate rehabilitation.

Earlier, Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh visited Sinai Camp in Khongbal Kuki village in Kangpokpi district on October 25. The camp was taken over by joint security forces following an operation in which 17 people were arrested for allegedly impersonating registered cadres under the SoO agreement using false identities.

According to Manipur Police, the operation involved the Assam Rifles, Manipur Police, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), CoBRA and other security personnel. The forces cordoned off and raided the designated camp associated with groups under the Kuki National Organisation (KNO).

Eighteen people were initially detained for verification. During the process, 17 were allegedly found using false identities while claiming affiliation with the Kuki National Army (KNA) and Kuki Liberation Army (KLA). All 17 were arrested.

Maharashtra villagers resist felling of 32,490 trees for power project

KARJAT

Protests have erupted in five villages in Maharashtra's Karjat taluka after the state forest department began cutting trees for a proposed 3,000-MW pumped storage hydropower project, triggering concerns over forest loss and tribal livelihoods.

The project, being developed by Gujarat-based Torrent Power at an estimated cost of ₹13,505 crore, requires 377 hectares of land, including 233 hectares of forest department land. As many as 32,490 trees across Dhak, Pali, Potal, Ambot and Bhaliwadi villages are marked for felling. More than 1,000 trees have reportedly already been cut.

Villagers said they were unaware of the tree-felling operation until chainsaws were heard in the forest on Dussehra. Residents gathered at the site, recorded videos and circulated them on social media, drawing support from neighbouring communities, political leaders and environmental activists. The forest department has temporarily halted the operation, although residents remain uncertain whether the suspension is permanent.

Most families in the five villages belong to the Katkari tribal community and depend on the forest for food and income. Residents collect firewood for sale, earning approximately ₹150 to ₹200 per family daily, while also growing fruits and vegetables for consumption and local markets.

Political leaders Aaditya Thackeray and Raj Thackeray, along with activist Manoj Jarange Patil, have visited the affected area amid growing opposition. Environmental activists have also maintained a presence at the site, fearing that tree felling could resume.

The Maharashtra government has defended the project as a means of meeting peak electricity demand and reducing dependence on thermal power. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said pumped storage would help provide cleaner electricity when demand rises.



Felled trees at the project site in Karjat.

3,000	₹13,505 cr	377 ha
MW proposed hydropower project	estimated cost	land needed

PATEL'S NATIONAL IDEALS

Om Birla urges youth to uphold national unity and integrity

NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday called upon young people to uphold national unity and integrity, urging them to draw inspiration from the life and ideals of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary.

Birla paid floral tributes to Patel's portrait in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan before addressing students and participants from various schools and colleges. He urged the younger generation to dedicate their abilities, innovation and collective efforts towards building a developed India.



Om Birla at Samvidhan Sadan.

> *National unity and the larger interests of the country must remain the common priority, the Speaker told students*

Highlighting Patel's contribution to national integration, Birla said the former Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister demonstrated exceptional leadership, organisational skills, determination and foresight. Despite several challenges following Independence, Patel played a decisive role in integrating more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union.

Birla observed that India's present unity and integrity owed much to Patel's vision and leadership. He also highlighted Patel's ability to engage in dialogue, make firm decisions when necessary and bring people together to achieve common national objectives.

Addressing the students, the Speaker said the diversity of languages, cultures, political systems and viewpoints reflected the strength of Indian democracy. However, he stressed that national unity and the larger interests of the country must remain the common priority.

Describing Samvidhan Sadan as an important institution in India's national journey, Birla noted that it had witnessed the freedom struggle and the making of the Constitution. He expressed confidence that young people would use the knowledge and inspiration gained from the historic institution to contribute meaningfully to national development.

Quick Read

Munir's security strategy risks worsening provincial unrest

ATHENS

Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir's coercive security strategy could worsen unrest in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a Greek City Times report warned.
The report linked emergency rule and Chief Minister Sohail Afridi's reported detention to concerns over federal control of provincial minerals. It argued that removing elected leadership could strengthen militant grievances rather than improve security. Police fatalities reportedly reached 122 in the first half of 2026, compared with 63 a year earlier.

Khamenei orders unrestricted retaliation if US strikes

TEHRAN

Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has ordered a swift, forceful response without geographical limits if the United States launches fresh attacks. He said Iran would decide when renewed hostilities end and urged commanders to strengthen military readiness, intelligence and defence technology.
A reported draft deal proposes moving Iran's highly enriched uranium abroad or reducing enrichment, alongside reopening the Strait of Hormuz. China could help guarantee an agreement, while direct talks could take place in Doha.

Congress battle intensifies as record ballots arrive

WASHINGTON

America's congressional election campaign entered its final weekend as early voting passed 49 million, setting a midterm record.
The Justice Department intensified an Alaska investigation into allegations that Democratic campaign aides recruited a candidate sharing Republican Senator Dan Sullivan's name.
Democrat Mary Peltola denied knowing about such efforts, while the other candidate denied coordination. Officials sought to block certification if Sullivan narrowly loses. Tuesday's elections cover 35 Senate seats and all 435 House seats.

Bangladesh death toll from dengue rises

DHAKA

Bangladesh recorded its highest monthly dengue death toll this year in October, as experts warned that relief was unlikely before December.
Health ministry figures showed 418 deaths and more than 133,000 hospital admissions this year through October 30. October accounted for 173 deaths, exceeding September's 148.

Jordan stops armed group crossing from Syria

AMMAN

Jordanian border guards stopped 14 armed people trying to enter the country from Syria on Friday, Jordan's armed forces said in a statement on Saturday.

US struck fishing boats off Qeshm Island: Iran

Two fishermen were injured and two remain missing after an alleged American attack near Iran's Qeshm Island on Saturday morning.

TEHRAN

Iran has accused the United States of attacking two fishing boats near Qeshm Island on Saturday, leaving two fishermen injured and two others missing, according to Iranian officials and local media reports.

Ahmad Nafisi, deputy governor of Hormozgan province, said the attack took place at about 11.30 am local time. Each boat was carrying two people, he said in remarks carried by Iranian state television.

Nafisi blamed the United States for the incident. He said two fishermen had been taken to Qeshm, while rescue teams were searching for the other two who remained missing. Iran's Fars news agency reported that a drone had struck the boats south of the island. It placed the incident about 14 miles from Qeshm and said the injured fishermen had been brought ashore.

The United States had not immediately confirmed the reported attack.



Fishing boats at sea (representative picture)

The incident

2 injured	2 missing
2 boats	14 miles from Qeshm (Fars)

Early accounts also differed over the number of people injured. An initial Reuters report, citing state broadcaster IRIB and a provincial official, listed one fisherman as wounded and two as missing. Reports from Fars and AFP put the number of injured fishermen at two.

Search efforts continued for the two missing fishermen, according to Iranian media. Their fate remained unknown as rescue teams worked to find them in the waters near Qeshm Island.

Taiwan probes suspected Chinese hacking before poll



The Chinese flag

Hackers target mayoral candidate Puma Shen's campaign systems, prompting security checks

TAIPEI

Taiwan's security officials are investigating suspected Chinese cyber attacks against Taipei mayoral candidate Puma Shen before local elections on November 28.

National Security Bureau Deputy Director General Chen Sung-chi said intelligence teams were jointly examining the case. Those responsible could face criminal charges, the Taipei Times reported.

Shen's campaign said hackers began targeting its online services on October 23. They used a weakness in a website's upload feature to gain control of a server and create hidden ways to enter it again.

However, the attackers failed to reach the campaign's internal system because it was stored elsewhere, the office said.

Staff discovered the breach on Wednesday and removed the hackers' access, changed passwords and strengthened security.

A new campaign website also faced more than 70,000 requests for verification codes from overseas internet addresses within an hour. The team changed its login rules to stop the disruption.

The campaign said its affected websites had been restored. The suspected Chinese link remains under investigation.

Bureau chief Tsai Ming-yen earlier said suspected methods included illegal campaign funding, cheap trips to China, false information and targeted hacking.

Investigators aim to submit evidence before polling day, while the bureau says protecting a safe and orderly election remains its priority.

Pakistani journalists face growing pressure through courts

ISLAMABAD

Journalists in Pakistan continue to face violence, threats and legal pressure, despite a fall in recorded attacks, a report by media watchdog Freedom Network has warned.

Its Impunity Report 2026 recorded 97 violations between October 2025 and August 2026, compared with 142 during the previous reporting period. The group said fewer cases did not mean reporters were safer.

The incidents included one killing linked to journalism, three attempted assassinations, 18 threats of violence, 11 physical assaults, 13 legal proceedings and 32 threats of legal action.

Punjab recorded 49 incidents, more than half the total. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad and Balochistan followed. Independent journalists and those working online faced particular risks.

Victims and their families alleged that government authorities and officials had instigated nearly two thirds of the incidents, according to the report.

Released before the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists on November 2, the study was written by Adnan Rehmat and Iqbal Khattak

The report warned that legal procedures were becoming a means of punishment in themselves, with journalists facing pressure through investigations and drawn out cases.

It identified the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency's use of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act as a major concern.

Khattak expressed concern that two laws and safety commissions had failed to provide sufficient protection.



A protester with a padlock over his mouth (representative picture)

97 violations

32	THREATS OF LEGAL ACTION
18	THREATS OF VIOLENCE
13	LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

'Nepal PM's India visit could renew bilateral ties'

KATHMANDU

Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah's expected visit to India in the coming weeks could help both neighbours build a practical partnership, according to a report in India Narrative.

The report suggested a five year plan focused on six priorities: disaster preparedness, safer border management, opportunities for young people, digital and financial links, easier trade and faster delivery of existing agreements.

It argued that the visit should produce progress beyond official meetings and statements about friendship.

India and Nepal share cultural, religious and family connections, but their relationship supports everyday needs. People cross the border for jobs, education, healthcare and business.

Nepal relies on Indian roads, markets and ports. India benefits from trade, Nepal's hydropower resources and stability along its Himalayan border.

The report said recent diplomatic exchanges, including Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal's call for stronger economic cooperation, had created an opening for change.

It also highlighted Sudhakar Dalela's appointment as India's next ambassador to Nepal. His experience as envoy to Bhutan could help him address concerns involving mountain environments, energy, transport and development.

Progress, it said, should be measured through everyday results: quicker border crossings for traders, timely flood warnings, completed electricity projects and better opportunities for young people. Those outcomes could give cooperation a lasting purpose.



Six priorities

- Disaster preparedness
- Safer border management
- Opportunities for young people
- Digital and financial links
- Easier trade
- Faster delivery of existing agreements

'Khalistani rallies become recurring nuisance'

OTTAWA

A report in Khalsa Vox has criticised protests supporting Khalistan outside Hindu temples in Canada, arguing that disorderly gatherings risk damaging relations between communities and overshadowing demands for justice.

The report said police restored order outside Surrey's Lakshmi Narayan Mandir after a protest became unruly. It reported arrests and said the crowd dispersed.

Demonstrators demanded justice over the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar outside a Surrey gurdwara in June 2023. Four men face murder charges in Canada, according to the report.

Khalsa Vox said Canadian Sikhs have the right to seek transparency and a fair legal process, while questioning tactics that disrupt places of worship.

The report also cited a separate American indictment that reportedly accused Lawrence Bishnoi and Satinderjeet Singh, known as Goldy Brar, of ordering Nijjar's killing. These remain allegations requiring proof in court.

It referred to an audio recording in which Brar allegedly claimed responsibility, while acknowledging that Canadian authorities had not authenticated it.

It argued that accountability should come through evidence and legal proceedings. Peaceful protest and respect for religious spaces, the report suggested, are essential to pursuing justice without deepening divisions among Canada's communities.



Khalistan flags at a rally (representative picture)

Rubio hosts Indo-Pacific Quad, wraps up G20 meet

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio was to meet the foreign ministers of India, Australia and Japan on Saturday as preparations advance for a Quad leaders' summit in Manila this month.

The meeting will be the ministers' third this year. The planned summit would take place during the ASEAN conference in the Philippine capital from November 15 to 18.

It would be the Quad leaders' first summit since 2024 and President Donald Trump's first such gathering. Trump cancelled a planned visit to India for a summit last year amid trade tensions and tariff disputes.

After the Quad discussions, Rubio was to conclude the two day G20 foreign ministers' meeting in Atlanta and hold a press conference.

At a reception on Friday, Rubio urged G20 members to cooperate wherever their interests overlap, despite differences over economic and political challenges.

However, the gathering exposed divisions over the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. Organisers dropped the group photograph after some European members refused to appear alongside Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Rubio said he hoped the discussions would prepare the way for the G20 leaders' summit scheduled for December 14 and 15 at Trump's Doral golf resort.



Dates ahead

- **NOV 15-18** ASEAN conference and planned Quad summit, Manila
- **DEC 14-15** G20 leaders, Doral

Pope tries to stay neutral as basketball rivals visit Vatican

VATICAN CITY

Pope Leo welcomed basketball teams from Villanova and Notre Dame to the Vatican on Saturday, joking about staying neutral despite his ties to one side.

The first American pope greeted the men's and women's teams at the Paul VI Audience Hall before around 7,000 players, supporters and guests.

Leo, born Robert Prevost, graduated from Villanova in 1977. However, he recalled hearing support for Notre Dame while growing up on Chicago's south side.

His attempt to separate his papal role from his college loyalty drew cheers and laughter.

"So the Pope doesn't take sides. Prevost has another opinion, but we won't do that now," he told the gathering.

Both Catholic universities brought their teams to Italy ahead of the opening of the college basketball season.



Pope Leo with a basketball

Opponents on the court should never be treated as enemies, Leo reminded those present

Their men's and women's teams will meet on Sunday at Rome's Palazzo dello Sport in the Eternal City Tip-Off.

Leo then turned to the meaning of sportsmanship. He recognised that fans support their own teams and can do so with emotion.

However, he reminded those present that opponents on the court should never be treated as enemies.

HALLOWEEN STIR ALERT

France tightens security as German youth mobilise

PARIS

France deployed 70,000 security personnel on Saturday ahead of Halloween protests, while people in Germany prepared to rally against rising costs, spending cuts and social inequality.

French authorities fear masks and costumes could help people hide their identities during violence. Interior Minister Laurent Nunez warned of a high risk of unrest and promised firm action against troublemakers.

The deployment matches last weekend's security operation and aims to prevent violence following clashes on October 17.

Some businesses boarded up their shops over fears of damage. Alain Di Crescenzo, president of France's chamber of commerce, said shopkeepers were anxious about the demonstrations.

French protests gathered strength in September as President Emmanuel Macron's minority government began discussing the 2027 budget.



Students angered by poor school conditions and crowded classrooms were joined by unions and Yellow Vest protesters demanding relief from living costs.

In focus

- **France:** 70,000 security personnel deployed ahead of Halloween protests
- **Officials:** feared masks could hide the identities of violent protesters
- **Demonstrators:** demanded better schools and relief from rising living costs
- **Germany:** Gen Z movement planned rallies across 34 cities

In Germany, the youth initiative Gen Z regelt call for demonstrations in 34 cities, including Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg and Munich.

Organisers have rejected violence against people and property, distancing their movement from the destruction seen during French protests.

German police said they would protect the right to peaceful assembly while remaining alert. Police union leader Andreas Rosskopf warned that extremists might join crowds to attack officers or damage property.

Appu Garage: A Masala Puri of Emotions and Entertainment

"Appu Garage" is like masala puri, a dish made delicious by a variety of ingredients. Similarly, the film blends love, friendship, action, humour and family emotions into an entertaining package.

Vishnu and Appu share a bond reminiscent of Krishna and Kuchela. They work at Appu Garage, owned by retired Major Dhanaraj. A relative schemes to seize the garage because of its prime location. Meanwhile, the two friends struggle to win the hearts of their lovers. The emotional bond between a mother and son adds warmth to the story. How do they save the garage? Do they succeed in love? The answers await audiences in theatres.

The director presents the scenes neatly, adding lightheartedhumour to keep viewers entertained. His three decades of experience help him understand the audience's pulse. An item



song featuring Alisha adds glamour to the film.

Vishnuteja attracts attention in the lead role, performing well in dance, action and emotional scenes. He shows promise as a future leading man. However, female leads Sumisaha, Radhika Ram and Raksha Gowda need further improvement in their performances. Jeevan delivers a decent supporting performance.

Veteran actors, including Mimicry Gopi, Ramesh Bhat, Avinash, Tabala Nani, Dingri Nagaraj, Rekha Das, M.S. Umesh, Shobhraj, Muni and Harish Rai, add strength to the cast.

Kaurava Venkatesh, who also handles stunts, portrays a Muslim character. Charles Tony as the antagonist and Renuka as the mother deliver convincing performances.

The songs, composed by S.K. Sai Shyam, are pleasant, while the action sequences choreographed by Kaurava Venkatesh and Bande Chandru are well executed. Overall, "Appu Garage" offers an entertaining mix of emotions, action and humour, appealing to fans of mass cinema.

Yash's Son Calls Ravana the Bad Guy in 'Ramayana'



Kannada superstar Yash has revealed his young son's surprising reaction to learning that his father will portray Ravana in the upcoming mythological epic 'Ramayana'.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, the film stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita and Yash as Ravana. During a recent interaction, the actor recalled how his son was shocked to discover that his father would play the demon king rather than Lord Rama.

The actor explained that portraying Ravana does not mean supporting his actions. He also wanted his children to understand the importance of Lord Rama's righteousness.

Yash said he encouraged his son to admire Rama's ideals while enjoying his father's performance on screen. He explained that Ravana may appear powerful and impressive, but true victory comes from following the path of righteousness.

The conversation took an unexpected turn when his son asked whether Ravana dies at the end of the story. Yash admitted that he had not anticipated such questions when signing the project.

The two-part epic also features Ravi Dubey as Lakshman, Sunny Deol as Hanuman and Arun Govil as Dasharatha. A.R. Rahman and Hans Zimmer have composed the music.

The first instalment is scheduled for worldwide theatrical release on November 5, 2026.

Veteran Tamil Actor Vatsala Rajagopal Dies at 93



Veteran Tamil actor Vatsala Rajagopal, known for her roles in films such as 'Roja', 'Anniyan', 'Sathi Leelavathi' and 'Mozhi', passed away in Chennai on Friday at the age of 93. She reportedly died due to age-related ailments.

Born and raised in Thiruvananthapuram, Vatsala developed an interest in dance and theatre during her school days. In 1953, she joined the Accountant General's office as a clerk, where filmmaker K Balachander was working as a senior officer.

Her acting journey began with Rasika Ranga, a theatre group run by cartoonist Sridharan. She went on to perform in more than 450 stage plays, earning recognition in Tamil theatre.

Filmmaker Mani Ratnam noticed her stage performances and offered her a role in the 1992 film 'Roja', starring Arvind Swamy and Madhoo. Interestingly, she was around 60 when she made her film debut, playing Madhoo's grandmother.

She later appeared in several films, including 'Winner', 'Pattiyal', 'Dhaam Dhoom' and 'Kalyana Samayal Saadham'. Her affectionate and humorous grandmother characters made her popular among audiences.

Vatsala also featured in popular television serials such as 'Chithi', 'Anandham', 'Mundhanai Mudichu' and 'Vasantham'. She worked with Balu Mahendra in his television anthology 'Kadhai Neram'.

With a career spanning theatre, cinema and television, Vatsala Rajagopal leaves behind a memorable legacy in Tamil entertainment.

'Sarala Subbarao' Arrives on Amazon Prime Video

Ajay Rao and Misha Narang's Kannada romantic drama, set against the 1971 Indo-Pak War, explores love, marriage and family life.



Kannada romantic drama 'Sarala Subbarao', starring Ajay Rao and Misha Narang, is now available for digital streaming. Directed by Manju Swaraj K R, the film premiered in theatres on February 20, 2026, and arrived on Amazon Prime Video on October 30.

Set in the 1970s, the story follows a young couple whose relationship develops during the 1971 Indo-Pak War. Rather than focusing on battlefield events, the film explores how the conflict affects ordinary people and their lives.

Ajay Rao plays Subbarao, an English professor who meets Sarala, an aspiring writer portrayed by Misha Narang.

Their friendship gradually blossoms into love, leading to marriage and family life. The narrative explores their journey through different stages of life, highlighting love, responsibility, resilience and parenthood.

The film draws inspiration from Kannada writer Triveni's novel 'Vasantha Gana'. Director Manju Swaraj K R uses the historical backdrop to portray the emotional experiences of people living away from the battlefield.

The supporting cast includes Rangayana Raghu, Veena Sunder, Shriraam and Rishika Naik.

The film is rated 2.5 out of 5 stars, noting its attempt to highlight the emotional impact of war on ordinary families rather than focusing on military action.

Viewers can now watch 'Sarala Subbarao' on Amazon Prime Video.Tighten this for newspaper printImprove the headline and opening

Antony Perumbavoor Clarifies Expectations Around Mohanlal's Athimanoharam

Producer Antony Perumbavoor has urged audiences not to expect Mohanlal's upcoming film 'Athimanoharam' to follow the style of his blockbuster 'Narasimham'. The film brings Mohanlal together with director Tharun Moorthy after their successful collaboration in 'Thudarum'.

Speaking to the media, Antony said the actor's moustache-twirling appearance should not lead to comparisons with his earlier mass entertainers. According to Reporter, he said, "Just because he comes in twirling his moustache, nobody should expect a film like 'Narasimham'. They should expect a Tharun Moorthy film featuring a moustache-twirling character."

The producer expressed hope that the film would achieve major success and said the team was praying for a positive response.

Initially announced as 'L365', the project was supposed to be directed by Austin Dan Thomas, with Ratheesh Ravi as the screenwriter. Following the director's exit, Tharun Moorthy took charge, and the film was renamed 'L366' before receiving its final title, 'Athimanoharam'.

The technical team includes cinematographer Shaji Kumar, music composer Jakes Bejoy, editor Vivek Harshan and art director Gokul Das. Vishnu Govind handles sound design, while Mashar Hamsa is the costume designer.

Meanwhile, Mohanlal also has 'Operation Ganga' in his upcoming lineup.

Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta Dies After Bathroom Fall



Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta, known for directing films such as 'Kaante', 'Kaabil' and 'Shootout at Wadala', died at the age of 59 after reportedly suffering a head injury in a bathroom fall at his Mumbai residence on October 30.

According to Mumbai Police, family members discovered Gupta the following morning and alerted the authorities. The Versova Police are investigating the incident.

A police official said other people were present at the house when the incident occurred. However, the family members became aware of the incident only the next morning.

Police said the family had not expressed any suspicion regarding the circumstances of his death. Necessary procedures are underway, and a forensic team has visited the filmmaker's residence. Gupta slipped in the bathroom during the night and sustained a fatal head injury.

Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit confirmed Gupta's death through an Instagram post, expressing shock and grief over the loss of his friend. Gupta entered the film industry in 1994 with 'Aatish: Feel the Fire', starring Aditya Pancholi and Sanjay Dutt. He later directed several notable films, including 'Ram Shastra', 'Khauff', 'Jung', 'Musafir', 'Zinda' and 'Shootout at Lokhandwala'.

Jiiva's 'Thagappan' Releases Emotional First Single 'Thangapulla'

The makers of director Ra. Venkat's upcoming family entertainer 'Thagappan', starring Jiiva, have released the film's first single, 'Thangapulla', offering a glimpse into its emotional storyline.

Jiiva shared the song on his X account, describing it as a beautiful celebration of love. The melodious track is written by Pa Vijay, sung by Murugavel and composed by Marshall Robinson.

The song highlights a father's deep love and longing to reconnect with his son. Its visuals show Jiiva silently following his son Prem and admiring him from a distance, suggesting an emotional separation between them.

Set against the backdrop of Madurai, the film explores the relationship between a father and son, highlighting family bonds and human values.

Rajisha Vijayan plays the female lead. The film also features cinematography by M. Sukumar, editing by Nagooran Ramachandran and art direction by K. B. Nandhabalan. Mahesh Mathew has choreographed the action sequences, while Rithesh Selvaraj is handling costume design. P. Balakumar serves as executive producer. The shooting was completed in August, with the entire film reportedly shot in one schedule.

Thabitha Sukumar Excited About Ram Charan's RC17 Reunion

Director Sukumar's wife, Thabitha Sukumar, has expressed excitement and pride over his upcoming film with actor Ram Charan, tentatively titled 'RC17'. The project marks the reunion of the actor and director after their successful collaboration in the 2018 blockbuster 'Rangasthalam'.

Ahead of the film's pooja ceremony scheduled for Sunday, November 1, Thabitha shared her thoughts on Instagram, appreciating Sukumar's dedication and hard work on the project.

She said she was proud of the effort, passion and countless hours he had invested in writing the film. She also expressed excitement about the popular combination coming together once again and said she was looking forward to the journey.

Thabitha also shared a video collage featuring Sukumar from his previous film sets and promotional events, along with glimpses of Ram Charan.

'RC17' was officially announced in March 2024 when Ram Charan shared a photograph with Sukumar during Holi celebrations. Devi Sri Prasad will compose the music for the film.

Reports suggest that Ram Charan may undergo a physical transformation for his role, including weight loss and a long-haired look. The makers are also reportedly planning to present the film to a pan-India audience. However, these details are yet to be officially confirmed.

Ram Charan was last seen in 'Peddi', directed by Buchi Babu Sana, while Sukumar's previous directorial venture was 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', starring Allu Arjun.



Rajkumar Periasamy Reacts to Dhanush's Political Buzz

Director Rajkumar Periasamy has shared his views on speculation surrounding actor Dhanush's possible entry into politics, saying he finds it difficult to imagine the actor moving away from cinema.

During an interview with Cinema Vikatan, the director said Dhanush remains deeply passionate about films and has an extremely busy schedule. He pointed out that preparations for the actor's 56th film had already begun even before the release of his 55th project. His 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th films are also reportedly planned.

Speculation about Dhanush's political ambitions gained attention after he met his fan club members in Tiruvallur on his birthday. Reports also suggest that his fan clubs have been transformed into an organised movement with a new flag. However, the actor has not officially announced plans to launch a political party.

There are also reports that his organisation is considering establishing air-conditioned tuition centres for students across all 234 constituencies in Tamil Nadu. Meanwhile, Dhanush continues to focus on cinema. His upcoming film 'OM', directed by Rajkumar Periasamy, is scheduled for theatrical release on November 20. The film features Mammootty and Sai Pallavi in important roles. He also has projects lined up with directors Tamizharasan Pachamuthu, Mari Selvaraj and Vetrimaaran.

Min calls for expanding IIPA's geographical reach

Jitendra Singh emphasises IIPA's nationwide outreach as a key priority for ensuring inclusive capacity building in governance.



Union Minister Jitendra Singh addressing the IIPA's 72nd Annual General Body Meeting

NEW DELHI

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh on Saturday called for expanding the Indian Institute of Public Administration's (IIPA) geographical reach, saying its learning resources and networks should be accessible to more people.

Addressing the institute's 72nd Annual General Body Meeting, Singh, Chairman of the IIPA Executive Council, identified nationwide outreach as a priority for inclusive capacity building in governance. He said efforts to extend activities beyond the national capital had been motivating and stressed the need to build on that momentum.

Singh said capacity-building opportunities in public administration should not remain confined to Delhi but reach officials and professionals in different regions. He called for stronger Regional and Local Branches, describing them as channels for participation, professional engagement and knowledge dissemination.

The minister also highlighted the expansion of IIPA's membership framework, including opportunities for younger professionals and recent graduates. With membership at 11,611, the institute can bring together experienced administrators, young professionals, researchers and others interested in public administration.

Singh underlined the role of digital learning and online courses in widening access to training. He also called for collaboration with the private sector and exploring ways to make learning resources available to larger audiences. Such initiatives could complement the institute's physical presence and widen participation in capacity-building programmes.

Wider IIPA reach

- → Membership has reached 11,611
- → 26 regional branches and 43 local branches across India
- → Digital learning and online courses key tools for wider access
- → Collaboration with the private sector to expand learning

SEBI focuses on investor protection, reforms


SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey

KOLKATA

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Saturday said the regulator is continuously working to make India's capital markets more accessible, efficient and resilient, while facilitating capital formation, improving the ease of doing business and strengthening investor protection.

Speaking at the Bharat Chamber of Commerce Investors Forum in Kolkata, Pandey highlighted the significant expansion of India's capital markets over the past decade.

Highlighting West Bengal's growing participation, he said the number of securities market investors in the state increased from around 12 lakh in FY15 to more than 90 lakh.

> **"World-class markets must be not only efficient during normal times, but also resilient during periods of stress."**
> — **Tuhin Kanta Pandey,** SEBI chairman

He further noted that 379 listed companies have their registered offices in West Bengal, while more than 40 MSMEs from the state have raised over Rs 1,400 crore through SME initial public offerings.

Pandey also outlined several regulatory measures introduced by SEBI to simplify fundraising and reduce compliance burdens.

Other measures include enabling debt securities with lower face values and relaxing mandatory merchant banking requirements for eligible private placements. The SEBI chief also underscored the importance of financial education, saying informed investors remain the first line of defence against market-related risks.

90 lakh+	36%	379
West Bengal investors, from 12 lakh in FY15	of them are below 30	listed firms based in the state

Centre pushes self-reliant panchayats mission

NEW DELHI

Union Minister of Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh has said that the approval of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM-VGSY) reflects the government's confidence in Panchayats as the foundation of democracy and recognises their importance in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Addressing the National Workshop on the People's Plan Campaign (PPC) 2026-27 in New Delhi, Singh called for collective participation from all stakeholders to build 'Atmanirbhar Panchayats' and 'Viksit Panchayats'.

Outlining the scheme's objectives, the minister highlighted the importance of creating awareness about government schemes, encouraging grassroots discussions and integrating Central and state government initiatives through a common digital platform.


Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh

Key objectives of PM-VGSY

- **Awareness:** government schemes at the grassroots level
- **Integration:** Central and State schemes on a common digital platform
- **Plans:** timely Gram Panchayat Development Plans
- **Revenue:** Gram Panchayats' own-source revenue

Singh said Panchayats could become self-reliant when Gram Sabhas confidently undertake development planning, improve their Own Source Revenue (OSR) and ensure coordination among different levels of government.

He urged Gram Panchayats to strengthen their revenue-generation capacity to become eligible for performance grants and work towards the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The minister also highlighted the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, launched on October 2, 2026, saying it places citizens at the centre of local development planning through participatory processes, digital platforms and Jan Bhagidari.

Cumulative 50-75bps RBI hike likely this cycle

NEW DELHI

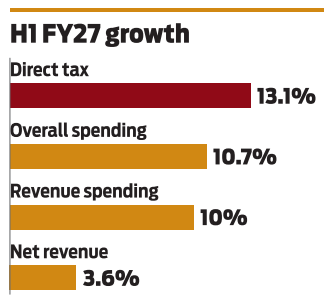
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which raised policy rates by 25bps for the first time in nearly four years with a change in stance to calibrated tightening from neutral, is expected to act in a pre-emptive manner and "we expect a cumulative 50-75bps hike in this tightening cycle", a report said on Saturday.

The glut in system liquidity has been absorbed by RBI's measures and "we expect RBI to hike rates in next policy," said the report by Bank of Baroda. Consumption in the month of September paints a strong picture overall as reflected by high frequency indicators such as non-oil and non-gold imports, electronic imports and auto sales data amidst festive cheer.

"Growing momentum in power demand, along with higher steel consumption and growth in personal loans segment, further supports the uptick in economic activity. However, there are some concerns as noted in deteriorating consumer confidence (RBI) for both urban and rural sector," the report noted.



H1 FY27 growth



Figures: Bank of Baroda report

On the agriculture front, the Southwest monsoon this year has been below normal (13 per cent below long period average or LPA) due to prevailing El Nino conditions.

"Centre's fiscal deficit ratio (12 MMA trailing basis) eased to 4.4% as of September from 5.1% as of September 2025. In H1 FY27 (April-September), net revenue growth has risen by 3.6%, following a 4.5% rise between April-September 2025. Moderation was led by indirect tax collections, which fell by 4.9% versus 2.6% rise noted in H1FY26," the report highlighted.

Direct tax collections on the other hand performed better (13.1% versus 3.1%).

CCI nod for Adani Energy's IntelliSmart buy

NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of equity share capital of IntelliSmart Infrastructure Private Ltd by Adani Energy Solutions Ltd.

"The proposed combination envisages the acquisition of 100 per cent of the equity share capital of the target (IntelliSmart Infrastructure Pvt Ltd) by the acquirer (Adani Energy Solutions Ltd) from National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)," the regulator said in a statement on Saturday.

IntelliSmart Infrastructure is involved in providing advanced metering infrastructure for electricity in the country.

Earlier in June, Adani Energy Solutions announced that it had executed a binding securities purchase and subscription agreement to acquire a 100 per cent equity stake in IntelliSmart Infrastructure.



The Rs 3,050-crore transaction includes the acquisition of 100% equity share capital of IntelliSmart and redemption of optionally convertible debentures held by NIIF.

NIIF is India's sovereign-anchored alternative asset manager, while EESL is a joint venture of leading public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Power.

The acquirer is part of the Adani Group and is a public listed company incorporated in India, listed on the BSE and the National Stock Exchange of India.

Shares of Adani Energy Solutions Ltd ended at Rs 1,345.55 apiece on the BSE. The stock has touched a 52-week high of Rs 1,789 and a 52-week low of Rs 804.70, according to the exchange.

India extends cotton import duty exemption till Dec

NEW DELHI

In a bid to augment the availability of cotton for the domestic textile sector, the government on Saturday extended the existing customs duty exemption on cotton imports till December 31, 2026.

Through the amendment, the existing exemption, which was available until October 31, 2026, has now been extended by two months. The aim is to address specialised cotton requirements and support value addition across the textile and apparel value chain, the Ministry of Textiles said in a statement.



"The measure is expected to provide greater flexibility to textile and apparel manufacturers in meeting their raw material requirements, help ease input cost pressures, support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and strengthen the competitiveness of Indian textiles in domestic and international markets," the statement said.

According to the government, this move is expected to facilitate uninterrupted availability of raw materials, improve operational flexibility for the textile industry, and promote greater value addition across the cotton-based textile and apparel sector.

Meanwhile, India's textile sector recorded strong export growth in August 2026, with total exports up 16.1 per cent year-on-year to Rs 29,776 crore. The cumulative textile exports during April-August 2026 reached Rs 1.43 lakh crore, registering growth of 10.3% over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The exports of cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups and handloom products grew by 24.1% in August, while man-made yarn, fabrics and made-ups increased by 19.9%.

IHCL, Ambuja Neotia unveil AltAir House hotels



KOLKATA

Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) and diversified corporate group Ambuja Neotia have unveiled AltAir House - IHCL SeleQtions in Kolkata and Siliguri, strengthening their partnership and expanding their presence in West Bengal's hospitality sector.

The two hotel openings mark a new chapter in the collaboration between the hospitality major and the Kolkata-based business group. Both properties have been launched under a franchise arrangement and will operate under IHCL's SeleQtions brand, known for its distinctive design and curated guest experiences.

Puneet Chhatwal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IHCL, said the partnership with Ambuja Neotia had strengthened with the launch of the two properties. He described AltAir House as an ideal addition to the SeleQtions portfolio, highlighting its bespoke design and unique experiences.

Separately, Ambuja Neotia announced an investment commitment of Rs 2,700 crore in West Bengal's hospitality sector.

The investment includes the two newly launched AltAir House properties and a Rs 100 crore expansion of Taj Chia Kutir Resort & Spa in Darjeeling. The expansion will add 28 keys to the property, along with 15,000 square feet of banqueting facilities, strengthening its capacity to host larger events and gatherings.

Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman of Ambuja Neotia Group, said Bengal offered diverse tourism experiences, ranging from vibrant cities and riverfronts to forests, tea gardens and the Himalayas.

Quick Read

Nifty, Sensex see nearly 2% gain amid renewed FII buying

MUMBAI

The Indian equity benchmarks posted a firm recovery of nearly 2 per cent this week amid renewed buying from foreign institutional investors (FIIs), easing bond yields and favourable domestic earnings results. Nifty added 2 per cent during the week and gained 0.51 per cent on the last trading day to reach 23,053. At close, Sensex was up 308 points, or 0.42 per cent, at 74,459. It gained 1.83 per cent during the week. "Indian equities closed the week higher as softer crude oil prices and easing bond yields revived risk appetite. While the Fed, ECB and BoJ kept rates unchanged as expected, their continued caution on inflation kept hopes of early monetary easing in check," an analyst said.

IGL Q2 profit slumps 94% to Rs 24 crore, revenue rises

NEW DELHI

Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) has reported a sharp decline in profit, with consolidated net profit falling 93.83 per cent to Rs 23.75 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, from Rs 384.95 crore in the year-ago period. However, revenue from operations rose to Rs 5,615.38 crore from Rs 4,445.96 crore a year ago. Total income increased to Rs 5,751.39 crore from Rs 4,540.86 crore in the year-ago period. Average daily gas sales crossed the 10 million standard cubic metres per day (mmscmd) milestone for the first time, the company said. Average sales rose to 10.06 mmscmd in the July-September quarter from 9.31 mmscmd a year ago.



Petrol export duty cut to nil; diesel, ATF duties raised

NEW DELHI

The government on Saturday withdrew the special additional excise duty on petrol exports while increasing export levies on diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF). According to notifications issued by the Finance Ministry, petrol exports will no longer attract any export duty, compared with the earlier levy of Rs 2.50 per litre.

At the same time, the duty on diesel exports has been increased to Rs 11.50 per litre from Rs 8.50 per litre, while the export levy on ATF has been raised to Rs 11 per litre from Rs 10.50 per litre.

The revised rates come as the government continues its fortnightly review of fuel export duties in response to fluctuations in international crude oil and refined product prices.

The latest revision reverses part of the October adjustment, when the government raised the levy on petrol exports to Rs 2.50 per litre from Rs 0.50 per litre while simultaneously reducing the duty on diesel exports to Rs 8.50 per litre from Rs 16 per litre.

The export levies were reintroduced in March this year after geopolitical tensions in the Middle East triggered a sharp rise in global crude prices and disrupted established energy supply routes.

AGARWOOD PUSH

Guwahati airport gets agarwood export approval

NEW DELHI

The Centre has approved Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati as an authorised export point for agarwood chips and agarwood oil, a move expected to benefit farmers, producers and exporters across Assam and the Northeast.

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced the decision on Saturday, saying the approval was granted following a request from Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Goyal said the decision would provide significant logistical relief to stakeholders involved in the state's agarwood industry, which has considerable export potential. He added that the move would bring international markets closer to producers and strengthen export opportunities for the Northeast.


Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal

> **"This is a big relief for farmers, producers and exporters of this special product of which Assam is a leading producer."**
> — **Piyush Goyal** Commerce and Industry Minister

The development comes after Assam exported 123 kg of agarwood chips to Dubai in October. The state government had described the shipment as an important milestone in expanding the international market for its traditional agarwood industry.

? WHAT'S AGARWOOD?

A fragrant wood formed in trees of the Aquilaria genus, widely used in perfumes, incense, essential oils and traditional fragrance products.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had said the industry supports more than 50,000 farmers and workers, highlighting its importance to the state's rural economy. According to the Chief Minister's Office, Assam accounts for approximately 81% of India's agarwood resources.

The airport's approval as an export point is expected to simplify logistics and provide exporters with better access to overseas buyers. The decision is also an effort to strengthen the Northeast's export infrastructure and support traditional industries with international market potential.

Muzumdar eyes white-ball dominance within 2 years



India women's team should dominate world cricket in a couple of years:

- Head coach Amol Muzumdar targets consistent white-ball dominance within two years.
- India won the 50-over World Cup at home last November.
- The team is yet to win a major T20I tournament.
- Smriti Mandhana takes charge as the new captain.
- India will compete in the inaugural six-team ICC T20I Champions Trophy in Mumbai and Vadodara.

MUMBAI

India women's cricket head coach Amol Muzumdar believes the national team can establish consistent dominance across both white-ball formats within the next two years, citing the growing pool of talented players emerging from age-group cricket.

Speaking on Saturday, Muzumdar expressed confidence in the team's future, pointing to the depth of young talent coming through the domestic and age-group structures.

He believes this growing talent pipeline will strengthen India's competitiveness in both One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).

India made a significant breakthrough last November by winning the 50-over World Cup on home soil.

The triumph marked an important milestone for women's cricket in the country and strengthened expectations surrounding the team's performance in international competitions.

However, the team is still chasing its first major T20I tournament title, leaving a notable gap in its achievements across the two white-ball formats.

Muzumdar, alongside newly appointed captain Smriti Mandhana, will now have an opportunity to address that shortcoming at the inaugural six-team ICC T20I Champions Trophy.

The tournament, scheduled to take place in Mumbai and Vadodara, will provide India with an opportunity to translate its growing strength into success in the shortest format.

With a World Cup title already secured in the 50-over format, India will be keen to build on that achievement and establish itself as a consistent force in T20I cricket. Muzumdar's two-year vision reflects the team's ambitions of developing sustained excellence rather than relying on isolated tournament victories.

India eye winning finish in final T20I against NZ

HAMILTON



India are expected to consider tactical changes to their playing eleven when they face New Zealand in the fifth and final T20I at Seddon Park, with the visitors looking to finish the series on a winning note.

India currently lead the five-match series 3-1 but suffered a heavy 87-run defeat in Auckland, prompting questions over their preferred combination ahead of the final encounter.

The most likely change could see young batter Vaibhav Sooryavanshi replace Sanju Samson. Samson started the series with a 67 in Christchurch but has managed only 14, 18 and four in his subsequent appearances.

Captain Shreyas Iyer is another batter seeking consistency. Since scoring his maiden T20I century against the West Indies in Lucknow, Iyer has struggled to produce substantial contributions, recording scores of 40, 1, 16, 22, 42, 7, 5 and 22 in his last eight innings.

Meanwhile, Naman Dhir and Nitish Kumar Reddy have contributed valuable runs in the lower order but are yet to make a significant impact with the ball.

Spin-bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule has indicated that wrist-spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy could feature if conditions favour them. However, including both could require India to sacrifice Dhir, potentially weakening their batting depth.

> "Wrist-spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy could come into the playing eleven in Hamilton if conditions demand the same."
>
> – Sairaj Bahutule (India's spin-bowling coach)

Pujara explains Kuldeep's inconsistent ODI selection

NEW DELHI

Former India cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara believes Kuldeep Yadav's limited batting abilities are a major reason behind his inconsistent appearances in India's ODI playing eleven, as the team management continues to prioritise batting depth in the lower-middle order.

Cheteshwar Pujara believes Kuldeep Yadav's batting limitations have restricted his ODI opportunities as India prioritises depth in overseas conditions.

Kuldeep has had limited opportunities in ODIs this year, missing five of India's 12 matches, particularly in overseas conditions.

During the three-match ODI series against England, the left-arm wrist-spinner was included in the squad but remained on the bench as India opted for Shivam Dube at No.8, alongside spinners Axar Patel and Washington Sundar.

India have also shown a preference for Harshit Rana at the No.8 position. Although currently injured, Rana remains part of the team's longer-term plans.

Explaining Kuldeep's situation, Pujara highlighted the importance of having batting options at the seventh and eighth positions, especially when playing outside India.

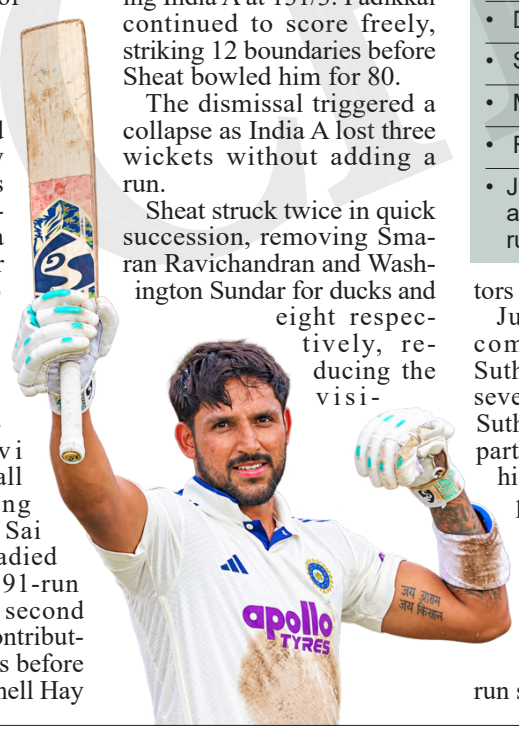
"Number seven has to be an all-rounder, and number eight has to be a bowler who can bat a bit.

With Kuldeep, he is a very good bowler, but his batting is not up to the mark. So, India are always looking at someone who can bat at number eight." – Cheteshwar Pujara (Former India cricketer).

Former India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar offered a different perspective, stressing that having five specialist bowlers is crucial to winning major ODI tournaments.

Dhruv Jurel's 99 anchors India A against New Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH



India A captain Dhruv Jurel produced a resilient unbeaten 99 to guide his side to 291/7 on the opening day of the second unofficial Test against New Zealand A at Hagley Oval on Saturday.

Jurel's determined innings, supported by Devdutt Padikkal's fluent 80, helped India A recover after a dramatic middle-order collapse threatened to derail their first innings.

India A suffered an early setback when Fraser Sheat dismissed Yashasvi Jaiswal for a four-ball duck in the opening over. Padikkal and Sai Sudharsan then steadied the innings with a 91-run partnership for the second wicket. Sudharsan contributed 41 off 63 deliveries before being caught by Mitchell Hay off Jarrod McKay shortly after lunch.

Yash Rathod managed only 13 before edging Brett Randell to the wicketkeeper, leaving India A at 131/3. Padikkal continued to score freely, striking 12 boundaries before Sheat bowled him for 80.

The dismissal triggered a collapse as India A lost three wickets without adding a run.

Sheat struck twice in quick succession, removing Smaran Ravichandran and Washington Sundar for ducks and eight respectively, reducing the visitors to 160/6.

India's Recovery:

- India A: 291/7 in 88 overs.
- Dhruv Jurel: 99 not out.
- Devdutt Padikkal: 80.
- Sai Sudharsan: 41.
- Manav Suthar: 22.
- Fraser Sheat: 4/50.
- Jurel and Akash Deep added an unbeaten 69-run partnership

Jurel then took charge, combining with Manav Suthar for a crucial 62-run seventh-wicket partnership. Suthar scored 22 before departing, but Jurel continued his resistance.Akash Deep provided valuable support, and the pair added an unbeaten 69 runs for the eighth wicket to take India A to 291/7 at stumps. Jurel remained unbeaten on 99, just one run short of a century.

17-member Indian team targets strong Dakar performance

DAKAR

A 17-member Indian contingent will compete across 11 sports at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal, as the country looks to build on its strong record at the multi-sport event, which begins on Saturday and runs until November 13.

The fourth edition of the Youth Olympics will be a landmark occasion for African sport, with Dakar becoming the first African city to host an Olympic sporting event.

Around 2,700 athletes are expected to compete across 25 sports for 153 medal events, with competitions spread across Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly.

The opening ceremony will take place at Stade Abdoulaye Wade in Diamniadio on October 31, while the closing ceremony is scheduled for November 13.

India's contingent comprises 11 women and six men, with several promising young athletes expected to attract attention. Fourteen-year-old windsurfer Priyanshi Patil is the youngest member of the team and will compete in the women's windsurfing event from November 8 to 12.

Among the prominent names is swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu, who represented India at the Paris 2024 Olympics. She will compete in the women's 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 200m individual medley. Badminton player Tanvi Patri, the Asian U17 champion, will represent India in the women's singles, while Syndrela Das will compete in table tennis.

Former Asian champion shot putter Om Prakash Singh Karhana will lead the Indian delegation as Chef de Mission.

India have won 23 medals across the three previous editions, comprising three gold, 16 silver and four bronze.

Fast Bowling Milestone

RABADA BECOMES FASTEST TO 350 TEST WICKETS

CAPE TOWN

South African pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada created history on Saturday by becoming the fastest bowler to reach 350 wickets in Test cricket in terms of balls bowled, achieving the milestone during the fifth day of the third Test against Australia at Newlands in Cape Town.

Rabada reached the landmark when he dismissed Australia's Travis Head during South Africa's defence of a 288-run target in the series-deciding encounter.

The right-arm pacer bowled a fuller delivery outside off stump, tempting Head into a drive. The Australian batter edged the ball behind, where Marco Jansen completed the catch at gully.

Rabada achieved the milestone in just 13,808 deliveries, surpassing compatriot Dale Steyn, who previously held the record with 14,719 balls. Pakistan's Waqar Younis follows with 14,905 deliveries, while West Indies legend Malcolm Marshall required 16,285 balls.



The South African also reached 350 Test wickets in 75 matches, becoming the joint fourth-fastest fast bowler to achieve the feat in terms of matches played. He shares the position with Marshall. Richard Hadlee and Steyn jointly hold the record, having reached the milestone in 69 Tests.

Rabada made an explosive start to the Australian second innings, striking twice in the opening over. He first dismissed Matt Renshaw, who edged a delivery behind to Ryan Rickelton. Three balls later, Rabada trapped Marnus Labuschagne leg-before-wicket with an inswinging delivery. Labuschagne reviewed the decision, but the ball-tracking showed umpire's call on the wickets. His remarkable spell further strengthened his position among the leading fast bowlers of his generation.

> "Kagiso Rabada has once again demonstrated why he is among the finest fast bowlers in modern-day cricket. Reaching 350 Test wickets in the fewest balls is a remarkable achievement and a testament to his consistency, skill and ability to deliver under pressure."
>
> – Cricket Expert (Former International Cricketer)

Aston Villa threaten legal action against Carragher

ANFIELD

Aston Villa will pursue legal action against pundit Jamie Carragher, the Premier League club said on Saturday, accusing the former Liverpool defender of making "unacceptable insults" about the club and its supporters.

Villa's response followed comments by Carragher on the Stick to Football podcast where he told Villa supporters to "shut the fuck up" and said, "Aston Villa will never be Manchester United."He also discussed speculation linking Villa manager Unai Emery with a move to United should the opportunity arise. "Aston Villa will initiate legal action against Jamie Carragher for his unacceptable insults about the club and its fans," Villa chairman Nassef Sawiris said.

"Aston Villa will not allow anyone to stop our ascension in English and European football." The club did not say on what legal basis it would take action. It did not immediately respond to a request for comment.Carragher did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Villa's threat.

India clinch 20 medals at World Armwrestling championships

NEW DELHI

Indian armwrestlers clinched four gold, two silver and 14 bronze medals across the first two days of finals at the 47th World Armwrestling and 28th World Para Armwrestling Championships 2026, placing fourth in the overall medal standings behind Russia, Kazakhstan and Türkiye.

The championships, being held in India for the first time, are taking place with more than 1,700 athletes from over 60 countries participating in the competition.

The event was inaugurated on Thursday in the presence of Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju and Hamirpur MP and former Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur. The championship is hosted by the People's Armwrestling Federation of India (PAFI) under the World Armwrestling Federation (WAF).

WAF president Assen Hadjitodorov, general secretary Mircea Simionescu-Simicel, Asian Armwrestling Federation president Jeenbek Mukambetov and Armwrestling Australia president Phil Rasmussen also attended the inauguration.

India's Masters contingent led the medal charge on October 29, collecting four gold, one silver and seven bronze medals. Jincymol Sebastian emerged as the standout performer, winning gold in both arms in the Grand Master Women's 80kg category.

Yogesh Choudhary secured gold in the Master Women's +80kg right-arm event and bronze in the left-arm competition, while Shoukath VT won gold in the Master Men's -60kg right-arm category and bronze in the left arm.

Minimol Jose claimed silver and Preetha C bronze in the Grand Master Women's +80kg right-arm event. Priya Payyan Kunhiveettil and Mini K added two bronze medals each in their respective categories.

The younger competitors contributed eight medals in the left-arm finals on October 30. Jimmison Marwein won silver in the Youth Men's 65kg category, while Aabhas Rana (Junior Boys +90kg), Laithansanga (Youth Men -55kg), Ajay Kumar (Youth Men 60kg) and Vishnupriya P (Youth Women 80kg) secured bronze. Sub-Junior wrestlers Aryan Singh (-45kg), Yumnam Chingkhei Singh (50kg) and Shane Salish (70kg) also won bronze medals.



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