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YOUTH DRIVING INDIA'S GROWTH: PM

Modi hails startup ecosystem, urges support for Indian-made gifts; he says India has emerged as a major mobile manufacturing hub due to the energy and innovation of its young population.

MYSURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India's youth are emerging as the driving force behind the country's progress, crediting them for achievements across sectors ranging from manufacturing and the economy to space exploration.

He also highlighted the government's push to strengthen education and skill development, saying educational institutions are key to unlocking the country's potential.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre, also known as the Vivekananda Memorial here, Modi congratulated the Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama and the scholars associated with the project.

"Today, through the inauguration of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre, also known as the Vivekananda Memorial, we are giving this mission a new dimension," he said.

Emphasising the role of young people in nation-building, the Prime Minister said the strength of any nation lies in empowering its youth with the right opportunities, guidance and confidence to pursue their aspirations.

"The potential of the youth in any country becomes the strength of that nation when they receive the right opportunities, the right guidance, and the confidence to dream big and fulfil those dreams on their own soil. In this, our educational institutions play a very important role," Modi said.

He said the success of flagship initiatives such as Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India has been driven by the contribution and capabilities of India's youth. Modi also said India's youth are powering the country's rise on the global stage.

He added that India has become the world's second-largest



FORCES THAT ARE ON DRIVING SEAT

PM Modi credits young Indians for making India the world's third-largest startup ecosystem and a prominent global hub for mobile and semiconductor manufacturing.

Key themes from the address

Tech and manufacturing leadership: Young professionals are driving breakthroughs in high-tech fields like semiconductor manufacturing, space tech (such as private rockets), and drones.

Startup revolution: India houses the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, boasting over 2 lakh startups and 125+ unicorns, with substantial participation from tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

Viksit Bharat Vision: The youth are framed not just as the workforce behind a developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047, but also as its primary beneficiaries.

Govt Support Framework

Policy backing: Programs like Startup India, Digital India, Skill India, and the Atal Innovation Mission provide the foundational enterprise ecosystem.

Inclusive Growth: Expanding educational institutions (IITs, IIMs) and introducing modern, industry-oriented learning via the National Education Policy.

est mobile phone manufacturer because of the talent and capabilities of its young people.

Highlighting achievements in the space sector, Modi said young Indians have reached another milestone.

"For the first time, a rocket developed by a private company founded and driven by young Indians has successfully reached space," he said, adding that India's youth are driving global growth.

Sports key to nation-building

Highlighting the government's focus on sports, he said initiatives such as the Khelo India Youth Games, University Games, Para Games and Winter Games were helping identify talent from villages and smaller towns while strengthening India's sporting ecosystem.

'Mysuru centre of India's glory'

Reflecting on the historical significance of the location, Modi said Mysuru played an important role in the life of Swami Vivekananda. About 130 years ago, the young monk visited Mysuru during his travels, and the then Maharaja of Mysuru was among those who recognised and supported him. While in America, Swami Vivekananda wrote a letter to the Maharaja acknowledging that support. "Today on this sacred land of Mysuru, I am experiencing a different kind of energy. I humbly bow at the feet of all saints. Mysuru has been a centre of India's ancient cultural consciousness..." he said.

RK Mission played key role in shaping my life: Modi

MYSURU: PM Modi on Saturday said the Ramakrishna Mission has played a profound role in shaping his life.

Dedicated to the ideals of Swami Vivekananda, the youth centre is built on the historic site in Mysuru sanctified by Swamiji's stay in 1892, where he first resolved to participate in the 1893 World Parliament of Religions in Chicago. Recalling his long-standing association with the spiritual order and highlighting the cultural legacy of Mysuru, he said, "You all know where my journey began and where I am today; the Ramakrishna Mission has a very significant contribution to it. Three months ago, I visited Belur Math in Howrah and had the opportunity to have satsang with the revered saints. Today, I once again got the opportunity in Mysuru to meet the saints associated with the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, my brother disciples, and seek their blessings."

The event and Association

The Location: The newly-opened Viveka Smaraka in Mysuru marks the historic site where Swami Vivekananda stayed in 1892 before his iconic Chicago address.

Early life connection: When Modi left his home as a young man, his primary focus was drawn toward Swami Vivekananda, Bengal, and the Ramakrishna Mission.

Guidance from monks: During his formative wandering years, he found shelter, mentorship, and entry points into a new path through senior monks like the late Swami Atmasthananda of the Ramakrishna Mission.

Vision for youth: Modi expressed confidence that the newly built Mysuru centre—equipped with a meditation hall, museum, and library—will guide young people to place national welfare above personal interest.

'Please be generous, save Karnataka'

Mysuru: Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday urged PM Modi to be "generous" in supporting Karnataka, stressing that the state's progress was closely tied to India's growth and calling for stronger Centre-state cooperation under the spirit of cooperative federalism. Speaking at the inauguration of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre, or Viveka Smaraka, in Mysuru in the presence of Modi, he described Karnataka and Bengaluru as India's "window to the world" and made

a direct appeal to the PM for greater support to the state. "Today, my Prime Minister is here, and on behalf of the Government of Karnataka and all the people of this state, I request him to be generous in helping Karnataka and saving Karnataka, because the entire world is looking at India through Karnataka and Bengaluru," he said. Calling the inauguration "a historic event for the youth movement of this country", he recalled Swami Vivekananda's words: "Be broad-hearted when you are defeated; be large-hearted when you are victorious".



Tweaked anti-paper leak law kicks in

NEW DELHI

An amended law that empowers states to set up fast-track courts for speedy trials of accused and enhance punishment in public examination question paper leak cases has received the assent of President Droupadi Murmu.

In a gazette notification issued on Friday, the law ministry said President Murmu has given her assent to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, after it was cleared by both Houses of Parliament earlier this week.

Now, investigations into paper leak cases are to be completed within two months. According to the legislation, individuals involved in paper leaks or unfair means in exams will get jail terms for a minimum of five years and a maximum of 10 years, and a fine of up to Rs 50 lakh.

For organised crimes, the amended law proposes a minimum sentence of seven years and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore. The government pushed for an early passage of the Bill by Parliament amid massive protests here and in other parts of the country by students against the NEET 2026 paper leak.

The new law amends a two-year-old Act by enhancing fines and imposing stricter punishments on paper leak convicts.

PM Narendra Modi had

NEW RULES

Jail term: Minimum 5-year and up to 10-year in prison for individuals caught leaking exam papers or using unfair methods.

Fines: Fines reach up to ₹50 lakh for individuals, and up to ₹10 crore for organized crime syndicates.

Fast probes: Police/task force investigations must finish within two months.

Fast-Track Courts: Special courts to conduct speedy trials of accused.

promised the law and fast-track courts amid the recent student protests. The law outlines 15 illegal acts, including leaking question papers, tampering with OMR sheets, creating fake websites and issuing fake admit cards.

The 2024 law was brought in when the government faced raging paper leak controversies. Before the 2024 legislation, there was no specific substantive law to deal with unfair means adopted or offences committed by various entities involved in the conduct of public examinations by the Central government and its agencies.

Under the amended law, all the states and UTs will be directed to set up fast-track courts, which will complete the trial within three months of filing of the chargesheet.

'Will take back plots if no house is built within 5 years'

BENGALURU

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Saturday said his government would take back sites (plots) allotted by agencies such as the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), the erstwhile City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), civic bodies and cooperative societies if allottees failed to construct houses within five years, while refunding the amount paid along with interest.

He said the move was aimed at preventing vacant sites from turning into garbage dumping grounds and asserted that beneficiaries of government-allotted plots had a responsibility to

build houses and maintain their properties.

"Whether it is a BDA or a Corporation site, the owner must ensure it is kept clean. Therefore, a house must be constructed within five years of obtaining the site. If it is not, either double tax will be imposed or the site will be resumed," Shivakumar told reporters after launching the "Freedom from Waste" campaign near Hebbal Junction here. He said if plots are left vacant without constructing houses, they become dumping grounds for garbage. That is why this decision has been taken.



Cauvery water can't be held back: DKS

Mysuru: DK Shivakumar on Saturday defended the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, saying the state had no option but to allow surplus water to flow downstream once reservoirs reached full capacity, even as protests intensified across Karnataka against the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee's directive. Addressing agitating farmers and pro-Kannada activists in Mysuru, he sought to temper public anger, asserting that nature, not politics, dictated the release of excess water. "We cannot hold back Cauvery water. Once the Kabini reservoir is full, the excess water has to flow downstream. It is impossible to stop it," he said. The CM stressed that Karnataka was not voluntarily releasing water but complying with the physical realities of overflowing reservoirs while simultaneously contesting the Centre-backed water-sharing order through legal channels.

MOUNTAIN BOY FINALLY RESTS

Elite mountaineer 'Nims' killed in avalanche on PoK peak

ISLAMABAD

Legendary mountaineer Nirmal "Nimsdai" Purja and nine other elite climbers have tragically lost their lives following a massive avalanche on Broad Peak in Pakistan.

His organizing company, Elite Exped, confirmed the devastating news, stating that the group was struck while attempting to scale the challenging mountain.

The 43-year-old adventurer led a team of 10 climbers when disaster struck the 12-highest peak in the world. Regional officials reported that harsh weather conditions

severely hampered initial search operations. However, rescue crews managed to locate several victims using drone technology and successfully recovered three bodies, identifying casualties from Nepal, Oman, and the United States.

Purja achieved global fame in 2019 by setting a world record for scaling all fourteen of the world's highest peaks in a remarkably short time. His incredible journey inspired the popular Netflix documentary film "14 Peaks: Nothing Is Impossible." Before his mountaineering career, he served with distinc-

tion as a soldier in the British military's elite Special Forces units and the Gurkha regiments.

Global leaders and fellow athletes expressed profound sorrow over the tragedy. Nepal's Prime Minister shared emotional condolences, praising the enduring courage and dedication of all the deceased climbers.

Local authorities in Pakistan's Gilgit-Baltistan region noted that search and rescue teams are currently planning careful operations to retrieve the remaining bodies from the remote and treacherous high-altitude terrain.



Military Background

Served 6 years in the British Army's Brigade of Gurkhas.
Served 10 years with the elite UK Special Forces (SBS).

RaGa, two MPs booked for 'insulting' Sanatan Dharma

LUCKNOW

A case was registered in Varanasi against Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and two other MPs on Saturday for allegedly insulting Sanatan Dharma.

The case was filed on them for enacting a play in Parliament premises on Friday in a symbolic depiction of 'fund theft' at Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

The FIR was lodged after several prominent seers in Varanasi, led by Patalpuri Mutt Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Balak Devacharya, filed a complaint at the Kotwali police station in Varanasi.

Major mountaineering achievements

Scaled all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in 6 months and 6 days.

Set records for the fastest ascents of the top five highest mountains in the world.

Led the historic first-ever winter ascent of K2 in January 2021.

Subject of the acclaimed Netflix documentary 14 Peaks: Nothing is Impossible.

Freedom from waste, but what about potholes?

Bengaluru's "Freedom from Waste" campaign drew mixed reactions as the opposition welcomed cleanliness while demanding urgent pothole repairs

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The launch of the "Freedom from Waste" campaign, across the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area has drawn mixed reactions, with the opposition welcoming the cleanliness initiative while questioning the government's handling of the city's deteriorating roads.

The campaign was inaugurated as part of a citywide effort to remove accumulated waste and improve urban cleanliness. Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Jagadish G. launched the drive in the Mavalli area, where officials inspected sanitation works and appealed for public participation.

However, the initiative quickly became the subject of political criticism. Referring to the campaign, the opposition asked when the city would achieve "Freedom from Potholes," arguing that road conditions remain one of Bengaluru's most pressing civic concerns. It noted that



despite substantial expenditure on road maintenance over the past three years, potholes continue to endanger motorists and pedestrians alike.

According to the criticism, the monsoon has once again exposed poor road infrastructure, with waterlogged potholes contributing to accidents, injuries, traffic congestion and inconvenience for daily commuters.

The opposition maintained that while waste management deserves attention, ensuring safe and motorable roads

should receive equal priority.

Calling for a dedicated "Just Fill Potholes Bengaluru" initiative, it urged the government to focus on permanent road repairs instead of publicity campaigns. The opposition argued that Bengaluru residents expect tangible improvements in civic infrastructure and that addressing hazardous road conditions would have a more direct impact on public safety and quality of life than promotional initiatives alone.



OBJECTIVES OF THE DRIVE
• Bengaluru launches "Freedom from Waste" campaign.
• Opposition welcomes cleanliness drive but questions road safety.
• Potholes continue to pose risks during the monsoon.
• Concerns raised over spending on road repairs.
• Demand for a focused pothole-filling initiative.
• Safe roads highlighted as a priority alongside sanitation.

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Junk food curbs around schools

Bengaluru

The Karnataka Food Safety and Drug Administration Department has implemented restrictions on the sale of high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt food products in and around educational institutions, including schools and colleges in Bengaluru. The regulation covers campuses as well as areas within a 50-metre radius. Officials said the initiative is aimed at promoting healthier eating habits among students, reducing the availability of unhealthy food options, and strengthening food safety measures across the state.



Metro services set for expansion

Bengaluru

Bengaluru's metro connectivity is set to receive further improvements with plans to enhance services across key corridors. The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL) is working on increasing train frequency and reducing passenger waiting times to provide a smoother travel experience. The Yellow Line has been a major focus, with additional trainsets planned to improve operations during peak hours. The expansion measures aim to support growing ridership and strengthen public transport connectivity across the city.

Cauvery row triggers political debate

Bengaluru

The Cauvery water-sharing issue has once again triggered political discussions in Bengaluru, with concerns over reservoir levels and future water availability. Karnataka leaders are reviewing the state's water position amid changing rainfall patterns and increasing demand. The issue has also intensified exchanges between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu regarding water release decisions, with both states closely monitoring developments and legal options related to the dispute.

MLA Somashekar highlights growth in Yeshwanthpur

BENGALURU

Yeshwanthpur MLA S.T. Somashekar stated that Union Minister V. Somanna has played a vital role in boosting local development. He shared these remarks during a large public grievance event held at the Valagerahalli playground in Shivanahalli Ward.

Mr. Somashekar promised residents that authorities would quickly resolve their local issues. He praised local leader Savitha Mahesh for setting up the public interaction camp. He noted that such gatherings let citizens fix problems directly with government officials without running around to various offices.

The legislator detailed several major ongoing infrastructure projects across the constituency. Key works include the new Kengeri First Grade College worth forty-one crore rupees, a local fire station, and a major super-speciality



Yeshwanthpur MLA S.T. Somashekar praised Union Minister V. Somanna's development contributions at a grievance redressal event highlighting major constituency infrastructure projects.

hospital costing two hundred nine crore rupees. Other notable upgrades feature the Cauvery Phase-Five drinking water scheme, a dialysis centre in Herohalli, a maternity hospital on Kommaghatta Road, and the S.M. Krishna Road linking Mysuru Road to Magadi Road.

Savitha Mahesh explained that her core goal is ensuring everyday citizens, particularly senior citizens, easily receive basic amenities and government benefits. Meanwhile, local families living in

Jnanabharathi Layout voiced safety concerns, urging officials to install speed control measures to protect children playing near fast-moving traffic zones.

Alongside the main grievance meetings, organizers hosted a free health check-up camp and a blood donation drive. Numerous local leaders, public representatives, and government officials joined the community program to interact directly with everyday residents and listen closely to their daily needs.

West Bengaluru Corporation focuses on better sanitation

Bengaluru West City Corporation launched the month-long “Freedom from Waste” campaign to improve sanitation and eliminate garbage across local neighbourhoods

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Bengaluru West City Corporation launched the "Freedom from Waste" campaign as part of the Greater Bengaluru Authority's (GBA) citywide initiative to improve cleanliness and eliminate waste across the city.

The month-long campaign aims to remove accumulated garbage, improve sanitation, and encourage citizens to actively participate in maintaining cleaner neighbourhoods. It forms part of a coordinated drive being implemented across the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority to make Bengaluru a cleaner and more liveable city.

Following the formal launch of the campaign by the Chief Minister and the Minister for Greater Bengaluru Development, Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Dr. Rajendra K.V. inaugurated the initiative within the corporation's jurisdiction at Govindaraj Nagar Division.

The campaign will focus on clearing waste from public places, improving solid waste management, creating awareness about responsible waste disposal, and ensuring regular monitoring of sanitation activities. Civic officials said the initiative would also



seek greater public participation, with residents encouraged to cooperate in keeping roads, footpaths and public spaces free from litter.

Senior officials of the corporation participated in the inaugural programme, including Additional Commissioner (Development) Kavitha Rajaram, Chief Engineer Basavaraj Kabade, Superintendent Engineer Jayashankar, Executive Engineer Anusha, officials of the Solid Waste Management Department, Assistant Executive Engineers, marshals and sanitation staff.

The civic body expressed confidence that sustained public cooperation and coordinated efforts by officials would help achieve the campaign's objective of creating

Goals of Campaign

- **Clear Public Spaces:** Workers will quickly remove old garbage piled up on roads and footpaths.
- **Better Solid Waste Management:** Officials will upgrade daily trash collection and check sanitation work regularly.
- **Public Involvement:** Residents are asked to stop littering and help keep their local areas tidy.

cleaner surroundings and improving the overall urban environment in west Bengaluru. The drive will continue for one month with regular inspections and cleanliness activities across all wards.

Bengaluru issues traffic alert for police exams

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru traffic police have released a special travel advisory ahead of the civil police constable written exam. The Karnataka Examinations Authority will hold the test on August 2 across various centres in the city.

Officials want to make sure

thousands of job seekers can reach their test halls easily without getting stuck in heavy traffic jams. Extra police officers will stand at major junctions and near exam venues to guide vehicles and control jams during peak reporting hours.

Police advised all candidates to start their journey early.

Planning ahead will help them avoid last-minute rush, road delays, and panic at the gates.

Citizens are requested to cooperate by obeying traffic rules and avoiding parking vehicles near testing sites. If anyone faces trouble finding routes on test day, they can call the traffic control room at 22943131 or 22943030.

REVENUE REVIEW MEET

Parameshwara reviews progress of development authorities

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Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara chaired a high-level review meeting at Vidhana Soudha to assess the performance of various development authorities functioning under the Revenue Department and directed officials to accelerate the implementation of development works.

The meeting focused on the functioning of different development authorities and boards, progress of ongoing

infrastructure and development projects, implementation of government schemes, and utilisation of funds allocated for various initiatives. Dr. Parameshwara reviewed the status of key projects and instructed officials to ensure timely execution while maintaining quality standards.

Emphasising efficient governance, the Deputy Chief Minister stressed the need for effective coordination among departments to speed up developmental activities and improve service delivery. He



also reviewed the utilisation of financial allocations and called upon officials to ensure that sanctioned funds are fully and properly utilised for public welfare projects.

The review meeting provided an opportunity to evaluate the progress of various authorities under the Revenue Department and identify areas requiring greater attention. Officials briefed the minister on the status of ongoing schemes, administrative challenges and measures being taken to achieve project targets within stipulated timelines.

Minister M.B. Patil, Byadgi MLA Basavaraj Shivannanavar, Shiggaon MLA Yasir Khan Pathan, Kittur MLA Babasa-

heb Patil, Bilgi MLA J.T. Patil, Hungund MLA Vijayanand S. Kashappanavar, Additional Chief Secretary of the Revenue Department Rajendra Kumar Kataria, and senior officials representing various development authorities participated in the meeting.

The government reiterated its commitment to strengthening the functioning of development authorities and ensuring that infrastructure projects and welfare schemes are implemented efficiently for the benefit of the public.

Discussed topics during reviews

- Revenue Department authorities' performance reviewed.
- Focus on ongoing development projects.
- Fund utilisation discussed in detail.
- Officials directed to expedite implementation.
- Legislators and senior officials attended meeting.

Rescheduled Bidadi Padayatra to oppose township: Nikhil

RESCHEDULED BIDADI PADAYATRA WILL BE HELD FROM AUGUST 9 TO 11 TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP PROJECT.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Bidadi Padayatra, which was postponed following the demise of Smt. Chennamma Deve Gowda, has been re-scheduled, with the organisers announcing fresh dates for the protest against the proposed Bidadi Township project.

Yuva Janata Dal Karnataka State President Nikhil Kumaraswamy said the agitation against the Congress government's alleged move to acquire agricultural land be- longing to six revenue villag-

es in the name of the town- ship project would continue.

According to the revised schedule, the Bidadi Padaya- tra will be held from August 9 to 11, starting from Bairaman- gala Circle and concluding at Freedom Park in Bengaluru. A "Vidhana Soudha Chalo" programme has also been planned on August 14, begin- ning from Freedom Park. Ku- maraswamy stated that the objective of the protest is to safeguard the agricultural land, livelihood and interests of farmers in the Bidadi re-



gion. He ap- pealed to farm- ers, residents and supporters to participate in

large numbers and strengthen the movement.

The organisers had earlier post- poned the padayatra as a mark of respect following the passing of Smt. Chennamma Deve Gowda. The renewed schedule has now been announced, with leaders

preparing for a larger mobili- sation during the three-day march and sub- sequent Vidha- na Soudha Chalo pro- gramme.

“Our resolve to protect the soil of Bidadi and the farmers has not weakened. Everyone should join hands in this struggle.”

- Nikhil Kumaraswamy, Yuva Janata Dal Karnataka State President

Heavy traffic endangers pedestrians at Chikkabidarakallu

Pedestrians crossing near Chikkabidarakallu Metro Station face severe safety risks due to heavy traffic and lack of signals.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Crossing the road in front of Chikkabidarakallu Metro Station on Tumakuru Road has become a dangerous chal- lenge for pedestrians due to heavy traffic movement on both the main road and ser- vice road. The location has two parallel traffic flows, making it difficult for pedes- trians to judge vehicle move- ment. After crossing the ser- vice road, commuters often face fast-moving vehicles on the main road, creating a risky situation.

The problem is more severe during morning and evening peak hours when employees, students and metro passengers frequently cross the road. An underpass near the station connects Chikkabidarakallu and the metro station, increas- ing pedestrian movement. De- spite the high risk, there are no traffic police personnel or signals to assist pedestrians regularly. Police deployment is reportedly seen only during special events at BIEC. Resi-



Safety Measures Needed

Residents and commuters have demanded immedi- ate installation of traffic signals and better pedestrian facilities near Chikkabidarakallu Metro Station. They said crossing the road has become a daily struggle, with people risking their lives amid speeding vehicles. Improved traffic management, pedestrian crossings and regular police monitoring are needed to prevent accidents and ensure safe movement for all.

dents have also pointed out the lack of proper speed breakers to control speeding vehicles from Nelamangala towards Bengaluru.

After the metro station be- came operational, pedestrian traffic has increased signifi- cantly. Elderly people, chil-

dren and persons with dis- abilities face greater difficul- ties while crossing the road. Residents have urged author- ities to install traffic signals, improve pedestrian facilities and introduce proper speed-control measures to ensure safety.

Authorities clear footpaths in Dasarahalli division

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru North City Corpora- tion has continued its special drive to clear footpath en- croachments across its juris- diction, with a focus on restoring pedestrian-friendly public spaces and improving road safety.

The drive is being carried out under the direction of Greater Bengaluru Development Min- ister Krishna Byre Gowda and the guidance of Bengaluru North City Corporation Com- missioner Pommala Sunil Ku- mar.

Officials conducted an en- croachment clearance opera- tion on Shettihalli Main Road in Dasarahalli Division, clear- ing 1.50 km of footpaths. During the drive, one petty shop, four pushcarts, eight AC

sheets and canopies, eight steps and ramps, and two advertise- ment poles and name boards were removed.

Around 30 tonnes of con- struction debris and earth were cleared during the operation. The civic body deployed one JCB, two tippers, additional machinery and 15 staff mem- bers for the drive.

According to officials, be- tween July 1 and August 1, a total of 176.55 km of footpaths have been cleared of encroach- ments across Bengaluru North City Corporation limits.

The overall action resulted in the removal of 415 shops, 608 pushcarts, 1,389 AC sheets and canopies, 1,270 steps and ramps, 1,369 advertisement poles and name boards, and 45 temporary or permanent sheds.

HC Allows Flexibility in 120-Day Filing Rule

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The Karnataka High Court has upheld the rule requiring defendants to file written statements within 120 days in civil cases, while allowing courts to grant relaxation in rare and exceptional situa- tions.

A single-judge bench head- ed by Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order while hearing a petition chal- lenging the validity of the Karnataka Civil Procedure Code Amendment Act, 2024. The amendment introduced a strict deadline for defendants to submit their written state- ments after receiving sum- mons in civil suits.

The court refused to cancel the amendment and observed

Bengaluru's Waste-Free Drive Removes 70 Tonnes Debris

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru South City Corpo- ration launched the "Freedom from Waste" campaign by clearing construction debris from public areas in HSR Layout, Sector 4, 19th Main Road, as part of its initiative to create a clean, beautiful and waste-free city.

The campaign was launched by Corporation Commissioner K.N. Ramesh along with Bommanahalli MLA Satish Reddy under the guidance of Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. The initiative is being implement- ed in association with Benga- luru Solid Waste Management Limited and other civic agen- cies. Commissioner Ramesh said the month-long cam- paign, organised as part of Independence Day celebra- tions, aims to remove illegally dumped construction waste, debris and other waste mate- rials from public roads, foot- paths, vacant sites and other public spaces.

The drive was carried out across four Assembly consti- tuencies under the corporation limits — Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, Padmanabhanagar



Bengaluru South City Corporation has launched the "Freedom from Waste" campaign across its limits, clearing construction debris from public spaces and urging citizens to support efforts for a cleaner city

and Bommanahalli. On the first day of the campaign, around 70 tonnes of construc- tion waste accumulated in public places were removed. The corporation deployed eight tippers, three JCB ma-

chines and 16 workers for the clearance operations. Addi- tional vehicles and manpower will be arranged as required to complete the waste remov- al process quickly.

The Commissioner directed owners of vacant sites to clear construction debris and waste from their properties by Au- gust 15. Failure to comply will result in civic action, re- covery of cleaning costs from property owners and penalties ranging from ₹25,000 for the first violation to ₹1 lakh for subsequent violations. Chief Engineers Basavaraj Kabade, K.V. Ravi and other officials were present during the cam- paign launch.

Dasarahalli student overcomes poverty to crack JEE

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Determination and hard work can help overcome even the toughest challenges, and this has been proved by Srikanta, a student from a poor family in Dasarahalli, who has secured admission to IIIT Kan- chipuram after excelling in the Joint Entrance Examina- tion (JEE).

Belonging to a Scheduled Caste family from Raichur, Srikanta lives in Shambhavi Nagar, Rajagopal Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage. His parents are daily wage workers and have had no formal education. Despite financial hardships, Srikanta studied in govern- ment schools and Dasarahalli Government College without attending any private tuition. With dedication, regular stud- ies and guidance from his lec-



turers, he achieved a top rank in JEE and earned a seat at IIIT Kanchipuram, bringing pride to the state and becom- ing an inspiration for other students.

Recognising his achieve- ment, the Hasiru Prathishtana led by its president K.G. Ku- mar visited Srikanta's resi- dence, felicitated him and extended financial assistance.

K.G. Kumar appealed to philanthropists to support Sri-

kanta's higher education, stat- ing that poverty should never become a barrier for talented students. He said that educa- tion is a fundamental right and timely support can transform the lives of deserving students, who can later contribute to so- ciety. The programme was at- tended by educationists, social workers and community lead- ers, including B.N. Ravi, Gov- indaraju Patel, C. Andanappa and others.

Parameshwara directs temple development measures

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara directed offi- cials to purchase land in the name of 'A' and 'B' category temples across Karnataka to support long-term infrastruc- ture development and provide better facilities for devotees.

Chairing a meeting of the Rajya Dharmika Parishad at Vidhana Soudha, Dr. Parameshwara said temples have sufficient funds and stressed that available resour- ces should be used for develop- ment works, including acquir- ing permanent assets in the name of temples.

He instructed officials to in- stall CCTV cameras at temple donation boxes by the end of August to prevent misuse of offerings and ensure transpar- ency. He also expressed con- cern over the lack of basic amenities at some prominent temples and directed officials to prepare master plans for

comprehensive development.

The Deputy Chief Minister said 'C' category temples should not be handed over to private organisations for adop- tion, as such arrangements could create future claims over temple properties. He suggested that 10% of grants from 'A' category temples be utilised for development works at 'C' category temples. Dr. Paramesh- wara directed officials to con- duct surveys of encroached temple lands, clear illegal occu- pation and hand over recovered properties to the Muzrai Depart- ment within three months. He also instructed officials to invite scholarship applications for children of priests and employ- ees working in notified temples for the current academic year.

Additional Chief Secretary to the Revenue Department Ra- jendra Kumar Kataria, Muzrai Commissioner Sharath, Rajya Dharmika Parishad members and other officials attended the meeting.

Religious attire allowed with early screening

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Home Minister Priyank Kharge said candidates wearing religious attire for the police constable re- cruitment examination will be allowed to appear, but they must report early for mandatory screening.

Kharge said there is no restric- tion on religious clothing, but candidates must strictly follow the dress code and instructions mentioned in their hall tickets. Those arriving after 2.30 pm wearing such attire will not be permitted to enter the examina-

tion hall. He said the govern- ment has made extensive ar- rangements for a transparent and secure examination process. OMR sheets will be uploaded on the CET website within 24 hours, and security measures in- cluding CCTV cameras, jam- mers and flying squads have been arranged.

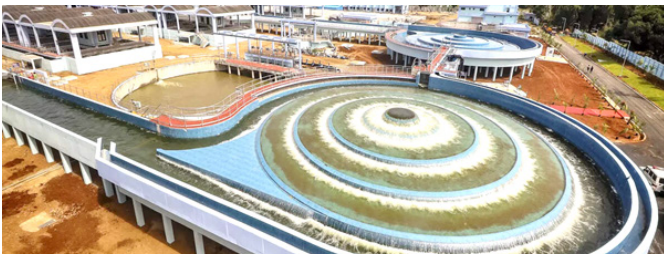
Mobile phones, Bluetooth de- vices and other prohibited items will not be allowed. The minister warned that strict action would be taken against negligence, malpractice or security viola- tions during the examination.



Ishwar Khandre announces drive to fill PDO roles

Bengaluru

Minister Ishwar Khandre announced that the govern- ment is actively filling vacant Panchayat Devel- opment Officer roles across rural regions. Cur- rently, over one thousand positions remain empty statewide. Officials have already promoted eighty workers from the Kalyan Karnataka division and handed out fresh ap- pointment letters to sev- enty-six individuals. Fur- thermore, roughly one hundred fifty successful candidates will receive official job orders within two to three months after completing mandatory health checks and docu- ment verifications. Once all these steps finish, au- thorities expect to fill about ninety percent of total vacancies, greatly boosting local govern- ance efficiency every- where.



Under the upcoming guide- lines, residents will face clear restrictions. People must not use drinking water for con- struction work or for washing vehicles. Furthermore, the board plans to mandate the installation of water-saving aerators on taps. Officials will supply water through tankers to areas facing shortages and carry out re-boring work where necessary. The board has issued a firm warning that anyone caught breaking these

rules will face heavy financial penalties.

Authorities are already cracking down on misuse. The chairperson noted that the board has collected about six hundred crore rupees in fines from individuals caught using drinking water for unauthor- ized activities. The state govern- ment urges all citizens to cooperate with these upcom- ing measures to ensure a stable supply for everyone through the dry season.

Guidelines set for conservation

- No Non-Essential Use: Drinking water must never be used for general purposes or building construction work.

- Vehicle Washing Ban: Using clean drinking water to wash cars and other vehicles is now prohibited.

- Conservation Tools: Authorities plan to install widespread water aerators and supply tank- ers to dry areas.

- Strict Penalties: Officials have re-bored systems where needed and warned that breaking rules invites heavy fines.

QUICK READ

Tata Ace Vehicle catches fire near petrol pump

Mulki
A Tata Ace vehicle caught fire near a petrol pump at Bappanadu on National Highway 66 in the border area of Dakshina Kannada district. The incident occurred after the driver refused the vehicle and parked it on the service road before stepping away. The vehicle suddenly burst into flames, reportedly due to a suspected short circuit. As the driver was away from the vehicle, he escaped unharmed. Local residents rushed to the spot and helped douse the fire using water, preventing further damage. No casualties were reported in the incident.

Teacher receives heartfelt farewell after 38-year service

CH NEWS, Haveri
A farewell ceremony was held for Chanaveerappa Bhajantri, who retired as headmaster of Government Higher Primary School in Halerithi village. Taluk Area Education Officer B. Srinivas said a warm farewell from students, colleagues and villagers is the biggest award for teachers. He praised Bhajantri's 38-year service and contribution to education and society. Teachers, students and villagers honored him with respect and wished him a peaceful retired life. The program included tributes and appreciation from former colleagues and school members. Officials highlighted the importance of respecting teachers and their valuable role in building a better future for society.

Haveri completes voter enumeration form distribution

HAVERI
Local election officers are successfully finishing a massive house to house voter list survey. Running until August eighth, this special revision drive covers all polling booths across the region. Out of nearly two hundred forty thousand registered voters, dedicated officers have already finished computerizing over two lakh forms. Authorities also tracked many changes, including permanent migrations, recent deaths, and duplicate entries. This important exercise guarantees clean and accurate records for upcoming democratic polls. Citizens can check their personal details online or contact local administrative offices for additional help before final lists are published very soon next week.

Ballari officials told to strengthen disease prevention measures

CEO directed RBSK teams to inspect 80 hostels monthly, conduct student health checks, and ensure safe drinking water through Gram Panchayat coordination

CH NEWS, BALLARI

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Mohammed Haris Sumer instructed health officials to take strong preventive measures to control the spread of infectious diseases in the district. He said timely action and public awareness are important for protecting community health.

He was speaking while presiding over the progress review meeting of national health programmes at the District Health Association Meeting held at the Zilla Panchayat Hall on Friday.

Sumer directed officials to ensure that pregnant women register within 12 weeks of pregnancy. He said early identification of health complications and proper treatment can help reduce maternal and infant deaths. He also advised continuous monitoring of pregnant women facing health risks.



He stressed the need to achieve complete vaccination coverage for newborns under the National Vaccination Programme. All children should receive vaccines against 12 dangerous diseases, he said.

The CEO instructed RBSK medical teams to visit around 80 hostels in the district every month, conduct health check-ups for students and provide health education. He also asked officials to regularly inspect drinking water sources in villages and cities and ensure water quality through coordination with Gram Panchayats.

He called for awareness campaigns on mosquito-borne diseases, dog bites, snake bites and child marriage prevention in schools, colleges and communities. He also directed health centres and hospitals to increase tuberculosis screening and ensure early diagnosis and treatment.

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Alakananda D. Malagi, District Surgeon Dr. N. Basareddy and other health department officials attended the meeting. The officials reviewed various health programmes and discussed

Major highlights of the meeting

- Health officials directed stronger measures against infectious disease spread
- Pregnant women registration within 12 weeks prioritized for safety
- Complete newborn vaccination coverage under National Vaccination Programme stressed
- RBSK teams to inspect 80 hostels monthly regularly
- Villages urged to monitor drinking water quality regularly
- TB screening and early treatment efforts to increase statewide

steps to improve healthcare services across the district.

Minister Khandre directs ceos to visit Panchayats

BIDAR

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Es-hwar B. Khandre has instructed Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of all Zilla Panchayats in Karnataka to personally visit Gram Panchayat offices at least two to three times a week and address public grievances.

Chairing a meeting with Chief Secretaries and Zilla Panchayat CEOs at Vikas Soudha, Khandre said direct visits to Gram Panchayats would help officials understand ground-level issues and speed up development activities in rural areas.

He said regular interaction with villagers and local officials would improve the implementation of government schemes and ensure that problems faced by people are resolved quickly. Active participation of senior officers at the grass-roots level would contribute

Khandre urged proactive action amid rainfall shortage, directing officials to efficiently implement government programmes and ensure effective public service delivery

to better rural development, he added.

Khandre also directed CEOs to remain proactive, especially during the current situation of rainfall shortage in several parts of the state. He instructed Taluk Panchayat Executive Officers and Panchayat Development Officers to work honestly and efficiently to ensure effective delivery of government programmes.

The minister emphasised the need for close monitoring of rural development works and urged officials to ensure that projects are completed on time without delays.

Drought hits Gadag farmers as crops suffer

CH NEWS, MALINGARAYA PUJAR

Farmers across Gadag district are facing severe difficulties as failed monsoon rains have damaged crops and increased worries among farming communities. Farmers who invested thousands of rupees per acre after taking loans are now struggling due to moisture shortage and reduced yields. Crops including groundnut, cotton, maize and other varieties that were sown after good pre-monsoon showers are drying because of insufficient rainfall.

Although seeds sprouted well initially, the lack of rain for two to three months has weakened plants and increased disease risks. Cloudy and sunny weather conditions have further affected crop growth, leaving farmers worried about their future income.

Farmers in Lakshmeshwar taluk are facing another challenge from monkeys and deer that are damaging standing crops. Large groups of mon-

keys are entering fields and destroying groundnut and yam crops, forcing farmers to protect their fields from morning until evening.

Farmer Abzal Rithi said crops were damaged due to heavy rain last year, while this year drought has caused losses again. He urged the government to provide immediate support to affected farmers. Farmers said they need assistance as they are unable to recover their investment without proper rainfall and crop protection measures.

The continuing dry conditions have created uncertainty among farming families in the district. With hopes of saving remaining crops, farmers are waiting for government help and better weather conditions. Authorities are expected to assess the situation and take necessary steps to support farmers during this difficult period. The administration must act quickly to reduce losses and provide relief so rural families can overcome this farming crisis soon.

SIR awareness drive gains success across district

CH NEWS, KARWAR

The special comprehensive revision of the voter list has received strong public support in Uttara Kannada district, where the SWEEP Committee conducted several awareness programs to educate citizens about the process.

Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya said the campaign helped thousands of people understand voter list updates and their responsibilities. The statement was made at the Zilla Panchayat Hall after prizes were distributed to winners of various competitions organized by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, and SWEEP Committee.

More than 40,000 people participated directly in SWEEP activities across the district. Programs included voter awareness sessions, beach cleaning, health checks for election workers, student interactions, and self-defense training for women. Officials also highlighted that the dis-

VOTER REVISION WORK ADVANCES ACROSS UTTARA KANNADA

The Special Comprehensive Revision of the Voter List-2026 is progressing quickly in Uttara Kannada district. A total of 12,30,037 voters have received enumeration forms and 11,20,615 forms have been computerized so far, said Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya. House-to-house visits identified 1,02,333 cases linked to migration, deaths and duplicates across the district. In Karwar constituency, 1,98,831 forms were computerized from 2,23,390 voters while Kumta recorded 1,77,277 computerized forms from 1,92,055 voters.

trict achieved major progress in digital work, with 91% of forms collected through door-to-door visits.

The draft voter list will include eligible citizens, while names may be removed after verification if people have shifted, passed away, or are unavailable. Authorities assured residents that no name would be deleted without proper checking. Eligible people will get a month to submit claims after the draft list is published.

Zilla Panchayat CEO Dr. Dileesh Shashi appreciated the support from students,

youth, and various departments. Police, education, forest, health, and local bodies contributed to making the programs successful. Winners of chess, rangoli, poster making, speech, cricket, and dialogue competitions received prizes and certificates. Officials said teamwork helped complete one-third of the SIR process smoothly and encouraged citizens to continue co-operating.

The officials further requested citizens to remain active and aware during the revision process for a fair and accurate list.

APMC officials inspect Ballari land auction dispute

BALLARI

APMC Directorate officials inspected a site in Ballari after allegations that agricultural market committee land was auctioned below market value.

A three-member team visited the location on Saturday and examined details related to the tender process following concerns raised over the auction.

The inspection was conducted based on a report submitted by Deputy Commissioner K. Nagendra Prasad, after APMC Director A. M. Yogish ordered verification of the matter. The team included Additional Director Allahbhakshi, Raichur APMC Secretary Adeppa and Executive Engineer Arun Kumar. APMC officials and members were present during the inspection.

Allahbhakshi said the Registration Department fixed a guideline value of Rs 806 per square foot in 2023, while the auction price was Rs 1,210 per square foot.

He added that no rule violations were found during the initial inspection, but a detailed report would be prepared after checking documents and facts.

APMC President Kattemane Nagendra said the tender followed all rules and was completed above the guideline value set by authorities.

He explained that only 15 of 40 plots were auctioned due to market conditions and remaining plot allocation was temporarily stopped following instructions from the District Collector.

Notices were issued to stall owners violating lease rules, and further action would follow legal procedures.

The APMC Directorate team said the final decision would depend on the complete investigation report.

Authorities assured that facts would be verified before taking action.

Students urged to choose self employment paths

CH NEWS, HAVERI

Assembly Speaker and local MLA Rudrappa Lamani advised students to focus on self-employment opportunities amid growing competition and limited government job vacancies.

He was speaking at the welcome programme for first PUC students of Swami Vivekananda Science PU College in Basaveshwara Nagar.

Lamani said women students are achieving success in various fields and encouraged students to prepare for state and central government examinations. He added that

students should also consider self-employment options to become financially independent and build a secure future.

Haveri Urban Development Authority Chairman S.F.N. Ghazi Gowdra urged students to concentrate on their studies and bring pride to their parents and educational institution. Retired Deputy Director of Pre-University Education Department H.S. Chinnikatty said the country needs more scientists and students should develop interest in technology and innovation.

He advised science students to start preparing for NEET examinations and make use of

the opportunities available in the field. The programme was presided over by college principal Ravikumar Poojara.

Top-performing PUC students Suvarna Gundannavara, Raju Akki, and Mahalakshmi Chauti were felicitated during the event. Several dignitaries, teachers, and students participated in the programme.

The speakers encouraged young learners to remain focused, avoid distractions, and work hard to achieve success in their chosen careers while contributing to society's progress through knowledge and dedication.

MANDYA VOTER REVISION ENSURES FAIR LIST ACCURACY

CH NEWS, MANDYA

The Special Comprehensive Revision of Voter List-2026 is being conducted across the district as per Election Commission of India guidelines, with focus on accuracy and transparency. District Collector Dr. Kumar said strict measures are in place to ensure eligible voters are not removed and ineligible names are not added to the voter list.

Speaking at a review meeting with political party representatives, he said maintaining the purity and credibility of the voter list remains the priority of authorities. Door-to-door collection of census forms is underway and Au-

gust 8, 2026, is the final date for submission. Voters were urged to return forms on time and support the revision process.

Officials informed that 13,94,203 forms out of 15,75,849 voters have been computerized so far. Around 1,49,347 voters were identified under the ASDDO category, including deceased, absent, shifted, duplicate and other cases. The remaining forms will be collected and updated soon.

The draft voters list will be published on August 17, 2026. Citizens can submit claims and objections until September 16, 2026, to correct details.

Gadag Sharan Literature Inspires Children Towards Values

CH NEWS, GADAG

Sharan literature and Vachana traditions are helping children understand knowledge, culture and the right path of life, said Dharwad KCC Bank President Shivakumar Gowda Patil at the second Children's Sharan Literature Conference held in Hosalli village of Gadag taluk on Saturday. After releasing books, Patil said literature provides wisdom and teaches values beyond caste and religion. Sharan literature gives people confidence and awareness while Vachanas spread mes-

sages of equality and humanity. Conference chairman Dr. Ningu Solagi said Basavanna's teachings remain a guiding light and the culture of Kayaka and Dasoha should reach children from an early age.

He said children should learn folk stories, games and life skills along with education to develop creativity and social responsibility. Parents and teachers must encourage their interests instead of focusing only exams. Children are not blank sheets and they have unique abilities that need support and guidance.

Dr Nagalakshmi urges action on women's problems

CH NEWS, GADAG

Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Chowdhury said officials must respond quickly to women's issues and ensure they receive government scheme benefits without delay.

She spoke at the Mahila Spandana Sabha and Pragati Parishilana Sabha held at the District Administration Building on Saturday. She stressed that hostels run by government departments should provide basic facilities and safe conditions for students. She also said quality education and stu-



dent protection are the responsibility of concerned departments.

During the meeting Dr. Nagalakshmi received applications related to Aadhaar updates, ration cards, housing

facilities, widow pensions, and old age pensions. She assured applicants that their concerns would be addressed soon and directed officials to take necessary action for quick solutions.

She highlighted that social security schemes should reach eligible beneficiaries properly and no person should face unnecessary difficulties in accessing welfare services. The officials present at the meeting included Deputy Commissioner C.N. Sridhar and representatives from various departments. They discussed women's welfare concerns and steps to improve public services. Officials from Women and Child Development Department, Health Department, Social Welfare Department and other offices participated in the discussion. Women from

different communities also shared their concerns during the programme. The commission assured that suitable steps would be taken after reviewing the applications. Dr. Nagalakshmi Chowdhury said continuous efforts from authorities and public cooperation are essential to create a supportive environment where women can access their rights, schemes and opportunities with confidence. The meeting concluded with a promise to strengthen services for women across Gadag district and ensure better support through effective welfare measures all.

QUICK READ

Free farming training
announced for tribal
farmers

CH NEWS, Chitradurga
A three-day free training program on sustainable integrated farming systems for Scheduled Tribe farmers will be held at Babbur Farm in Hiriyur taluk from August 5 to 7. Organized under the National Agricultural Development Scheme, the program will provide information on crop methods, dairy farming, sheep and goat rearing, organic farming, compost preparation and bee-keeping. Experts and successful farmers will guide participants during the training. A study tour to Akshaya Kalpa Integrated Agriculture Center in Tiptur is also planned. Interested 43 farmers can register by August 3 by contacting the given number. Participants must bring their FID or election identity card.

Vayo Mitra Program
Provides Health
Care To Elders

CH NEWS, Koppal
The Government Ayurveda Hospital in Koppal organized the 'Vayo Mitra' program at Surabhi Old Age Home to provide free health check-ups and treatment for 40 elderly residents. Senior Medical Officer Dr. Sujatha Patil created awareness among senior citizens about health and cleanliness, stating that AYUSH services are always available for their well-being. Medical officers examined patients, conducted blood pressure checks and blood tests, and distributed medicines. Hospital staff and old age home members participated in the program. The initiative helped elderly people receive medical care and support, promoting better health and a healthy lifestyle.

Treasury officials bid
farewell to retired
staff members

CH NEWS, Chitradurga
The District Treasury department organized a farewell program to honor retired Assistant Director N. Boraiah and transferred Chief Accountant Gangadhar H.K. Deputy Director of District Treasury Ashok H.T. said that retirement and transfers are common parts of professional life, and employees should accept them positively. He wished both officers a happy and successful future. The event was attended by Davangere District Treasury Deputy Director Ramesh Aremallapura, Assistant Director A. Narasimha Murthy, Assistant Treasurer Umanna from Jagalur Sub-Treasury, retired officials and staff members. The gathering remembered their valuable service and contributions.

Koppal officials stress strict checks on scanning centres

Dr. Savadi stated PC and PNDT Act bans fetal sex determination, warning doctors and institutions of strict legal action for violations.

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Eshwar Savadi directed officials to regularly inspect scanning centres in Koppal district to ensure strict implementation of the PC and PNDT Act. He said violations of the law would invite serious action.

He was speaking at the district-level advisory committee meeting held at the District Health and Family Welfare Department office on Saturday. The meeting discussed measures to prevent illegal prenatal sex determination and ensure proper monitoring of scanning centres.

Dr. Savadi said fetal sex determination and selection are prohibited under the PC and PNDT Act, 1994. He warned that doctors and institutions involved in such illegal practices would face legal action. He added that advertisements related to prenatal sex determi-



nation are also banned under the law.

He instructed inspection committee members to regularly visit scanning centres, check records and submit reports during advisory committee meetings. All centres must complete registration and renewal procedures on time, follow scanning guidelines and maintain required documents. Institutions failing to follow rules may face suspension or closure.

District Family Welfare Officer Dr. Ravindranath M.H. explained that doctors in-

involved in illegal fetal sex determination can face imprisonment, fines and cancellation of medical licences. He said strict punishment provisions are available for repeat offences. He also warned that family members who pressure doctors or attempt illegal sex determination can face legal consequences. The meeting was attended by doctors, UNICEF representatives, radiologists, social organization members and other officials. The committee emphasized the importance of protecting children's rights and preventing gender

Key highlights of the meeting

- Officials ordered regular scanning centre inspections across Koppal district
- Illegal prenatal sex determination will attract strict legal action
- PC and PNDT Act prohibits fetal sex selection practices
- Centres must maintain records, renew registrations and follow guidelines
- Violating institutions may face suspension or possible closure orders
- Doctors committing offences risk imprisonment, fines and licence cancellation

discrimination through effective enforcement of the law.

Pappi inaugurates infrastructure development works

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

MLA K.C. Veerendra Pappi launched development works worth Rs 1.40 crore in Kank-anathottu constituency, including CC road and sewerage projects. He said public cooperation and quality work are essential for successful development.

Speaking after performing Bhoomi Puja for road construction near Madakaripura and Amrutha Ayurvedic College on Saturday, the MLA said the government is providing funds through various schemes to improve roads, drainage systems, drinking water facilities and other infrastructure in urban and rural areas. Under the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Plan for 2025-26, a CC road from the Zilla Panchayat Office in Chitradurga city to Amrutha Ayurveda College will be constructed at a cost of around Rs 70 lakh. The MLA said the new road will solve long-standing problems of pot-

“Urban and rural areas are receiving equal development priority, with government funds being effectively utilized for every village and city's progress.”
— MLA K.C. Veerendra Pappi, Chitradurga Assembly Constituency

holes, dust and mud, helping students, residents and motorists travel safely.

Another project worth Rs 70 lakh was started in Madakaripura village from Sri Anjaneyaswamy-Sri Mahalakshmi Mahadwara to Rajashekar's house through the Government Lower Primary School. The project includes CC road construction and sewerage work under the Rain Relief Scheme.

Veerendra Pappi said the new drainage system will prevent waterlogging during the rainy season and increase the durability of the road. He urged residents to cooperate and monitor development works to ensure better results.

Youth key to building addiction-free society: Shivanna

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

District Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority President R. Shivanna said that the participation of youth is essential in creating an addiction-free society and that the country can progress only when people stay away from harmful habits. He was speaking at the Addiction-Free Day programme organized at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Knowledge Hall of Government Arts College in Chitradurga on Saturday. The event was held by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, Information and Public Relations Department and other departments to mark the birth anniversary of Mahant Shivayogi of Chit-

taragi Ilalak Sri Vijaya Mahanteshwara Sansthan.

Shivanna said youth are the strength of the nation and students must understand their responsibility towards society. He added that poverty, unemployment, lack of interest in education and unhealthy surroundings can push young people towards addictions. He highlighted government efforts such as free bus passes, hostels and educational support schemes to help students continue their studies.

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. M.C. Sunil Kumar expressed concern over increasing mobile phone, gaming and drug addictions among children and youth.

Hanagal to hold mega health and blood donation camps

CH NEWS, HANAGAL

A series of social service programmes will be organized in Hanagal taluk to mark MLA Srinivas Mane's 52nd birthday, including large-scale blood donation camps and a free health check-up camp. District Guarantee Committee President Hanumanthappa Maragadi announced the details at a press conference on Saturday.

He said MLA Srinivas Mane has been actively involved in social service, especially in the fields of health and education, and has been working for public welfare. As part of the birthday celebrations, blood donation

camps will be held at seven locations across the taluk on August 6.

The camps will take place in Hanagalla town, Akkialur, Adur, Belgalpet, Bammanahalli, Hirur and Thilavalli. Organisers aim to collect around 700 units of blood, which will be supplied to blood banks in Haveri, Hubballi, Ranebennur and Davanagere.

A special programme promoting unity among different religions will also be held at Sadashiva Mangala Bhavan in Hanagal town on August 6 evening. Religious leaders from Hindu, Muslim and Christian communities will participate on a single plat-

form to spread the message of harmony.

A free mega health check-up camp will be organized on August 9 at the MLA Model School premises. Specialist doctors from SDM Medical College, Hubballi, will examine patients for heart problems, neurological disorders, skin diseases, dental issues, bone and joint problems, eye-related conditions and other health concerns.

Congress leaders, party workers and local representatives attended the press conference. The organisers said the programmes aim to support public health and encourage social unity through collective participation.

Gadag Postal Department opens new delivery centre for faster service

CH NEWS, GADAG

The Postal Department has launched a new independent delivery centre in Gadag city to provide faster and more customer-friendly parcel services. Gadag Divisional Postal Superintendent S.S. Shirahatti said the centre will help deliver parcels booked in cities and nearby areas on the same day.

Speaking at the inauguration programme on Saturday, Shirahatti said the postal department has entered into an agreement with e-commerce company Flipkart to improve parcel services. He said independent delivery centres will make delivery operations quicker and more efficient in urban areas.

He instructed postal delivery staff to ensure complete parcel distribution and said every employee should focus on timely service. He added that combining technology, staff efficiency and customer-focused services will help India Post become a globally recognized service organization.

The Postal Department has introduced several customer-friendly facilities, including OTP-based secure delivery, online payment options and SMS alerts. These services aim to provide safer and more convenient delivery experiences for customers.

Gadag Sub-Division official Vinod Kumar Medar said the opening of independent delivery centres is part of the modernization of India Post. He said the Postal Department is not only a government service but also an emotional connection for people across the country.

The centre will operate with 39 postal delivery staff under one roof to ensure faster delivery of postal items in Gadag-Betageri twin cities.

Koppal holds awareness programme against human trafficking

District Legal Services Authority officer Pradeep Kumar inaugurated the programme, stating that human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights and dignity

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

An awareness programme on preventing human trafficking and providing legal assistance to victims was organized in Koppal on Saturday. The event was jointly conducted by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, District Legal Services Authority, police department and other organisations.

District Legal Services Authority Deputy Chief Legal Officer Pradeep Kumar inaugurated the programme and said human trafficking is a serious violation of human rights. He explained that people are often cheated with false promises of jobs or opportunities and later forced into exploitation.

He said women and chil-

dren are the most affected by trafficking, facing problems such as forced labour, sexual exploitation and child labour. He urged the public to report such cases to the police and create awareness, especially at the gram panchayat level. He also stressed the need to protect the dignity and safety of every individual.

Women and Child Development Department District Narrator Nataraj said various centres, including Sakhi One Stop Centre, Santwana Centre and women empowerment units, are working to support women and children.

He said child protection committees have been formed in gram panchayats to monitor issues related to

children and ensure timely action.

Advocate K.B. Baramanna advised people to remain alert and contact emergency services like 112 during dangerous situations.

Officials highlighted the importance of rehabilitation and support for trafficking survivors.

The programme was chaired by Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director Amresh. Officials, Anganwadi workers, supervisors and representatives from various departments participated.

Participants also took pledges on Anti-Human Trafficking Day and Drug-Free Day, spreading the message of safety and social responsibility.

Journalists must uphold ethics: Shidlaghatta MLA

CHNEWS, SHIDLAGHATTA

Journalists play a key role in correcting social issues and must perform their duties honestly while following professional ethics, said MLA B.N. Ravikumar during the Press Day celebration held in the city.

Speaking at the event organized at Shiram Palace along with a free blood donation camp, Ravikumar said the media is considered the fourth pillar of democracy. He added that the press helps keep politicians and officials accountable by highlighting mistakes and important issues.

Bangalore North University Vice Chancellor Prof. B.K. Ravi expressed concern over journalists forgetting their social responsibilities.

He said small and medium newspapers face challenges due to growing competition and stressed the need to sup-

port Kannada journalism and local publications.

The celebration included a blood donation camp organized with the Indian Red Cross Society, where 67 units of blood were collected. Various programmes, including a historical photo exhibition, women's association displays, sales fair, and talent awards, were also conducted.

Religious leaders, government officials, political representatives, journalists, and social workers participated in the event. Speakers urged media professionals to continue serving society with honesty and responsibility.

They said journalists have the power to shape public opinion and contribute to positive changes, making their role important in protecting democratic values and strengthening society through truthful reporting.

Chikkaballapura Police urge youth to reject addictions

CH NEWS, CHIKKA-BALLAPURA

District Superintendent of Police Kushal Choukse urged people to avoid bad habits and adopt a healthy lifestyle during the Addiction-Free Day programme held on Saturday.

The event was organized at Srinivas Supply Chain Solutions near Set Dinne in Guvvalakanahalli by various departments to mark the birthday of Dr. Mahant Shivayogi.

Choukse said alcohol, tobacco and drugs negatively affect individuals, families



and society. He expressed concern that addiction among people is increasing despite awareness efforts and warned citizens about health risks. He said every person should choose positive activ-

ities like sports, music and exercise instead of harmful habits.

He recalled that Dr. Mahant Shivayogi worked for decades to remove social evils and inspired people to

leave addictions.

Following his ideals, everyone should support the creation of an addiction-free society. He advised youth to use their skills for personal growth and the development of the country.

Sub-Divisional Officer D.H. Ashwin said addictions often begin due to wrong decisions, bad company and unhealthy curiosity. Psychiatrist Dr.

Lavanya explained the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and excessive mobile use through a presentation. She advised people facing addiction problems to seek

help through the Telemanas helpline 14416.

A health check-up camp was also conducted for workers during the programme. Participants took a pledge to stay away from alcohol, tobacco and narcotics.

Officials, employees and citizens joined the event and supported the message of building a healthier community free from harmful habits. The organizers highlighted awareness and responsibility among all sections of society to create a safe environment where future generations can live with better health.

Assam intensifies flood relief efforts

The number of relief distribution centres has been increased to 1,811 to ensure timely assistance

GUWAHATI

The Assam government has intensified relief and rehabilitation measures in flood-affected areas, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday announcing that the number of relief distribution centres has been increased to 1,811 to ensure timely assistance reaches affected families across the state.

Sharing the latest flood update on social media, Sarma said the government's priority remains relief, rehabilitation and restoration of normalcy in the flood-ravaged regions.

According to the official flood bulletin covering the period from April 29 to July 31, floods have affected 25 districts, 77 revenue circles and 2,251 villages across Assam. More than 11.45 lakh people



have been impacted during the current flood season.

The bulletin stated that 218 relief camps are currently sheltering 71,889 displaced persons, while relief distribution centres are supplying food, drinking water and other essential commodities to affected residents.

The floods have claimed 82 lives, with Sivasagar reporting the highest number of deaths at 42, followed by

Charaideo (21), Jorhat (9), Dhemaji (3), Golaghat (3), Karbi Anglong (2), Sonitpur (1) and Kamrup (1). Two people remain missing, one each from Sivasagar and Dhemaji districts.

The disaster has also caused extensive damage to homes, with 2,530 houses completely destroyed and 9,668 partially damaged. Rescue teams have evacuated 29,985 people from vulnerable locations as opera-

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- Flood toll rises to 82; two persons remain missing.

tions continue across the affected districts.

The flood season, which began in late April, has severely impacted Upper Assam, Central Assam and parts of western Assam, causing widespread damage to infrastructure, agriculture and residential areas. Authorities continue to monitor the situation while scaling up relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Min asks IFS officers to drive innovation

NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav on Saturday called upon the 2024 batch of Indian Forest Service (IFS) probationers to address pressing environmental challenges through innovation, technology and public participation while contributing towards the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

Addressing the Convocation Ceremony at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) in Dehradun, the Union Minister said the officers would play a crucial role in shaping India's environmental future.

He expressed confidence that when the probationers reach the peak of their professional careers, the country would be celebrating 100 years of Independence.

Yadav, who attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest, presented certificates and medals to the successful probationers.

Training highlights

- 111 officers completed the 20-month programme.
- Batch included 109 IFS probationers and two trainees from Bhutan.
- 75 officers secured over 75% marks and received Honours Diplomas.
- IGNFA has trained Indian Forest Service officers since 1938 along with 369 officers from 14 friendly countries.

He urged the officers to tackle issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and desertification by adopting innovative approaches, leveraging modern technologies and encouraging people's participation.

Highlighting the growing role of advanced technologies, he said artificial intelligence should be utilised not only for data collection and analysis but also for develop-

ing practical, human-centric solutions to environmental challenges.

The minister also emphasised that ethics and efficiency form the foundation of an effective public servant. He encouraged the officers to develop leadership qualities rooted in compassion, sacrifice and the ability to inspire others, stating that these attributes distinguish exceptional administrators from true leaders.

IGNFA Director Rajendra Prasad Khajuria said the academy has been serving the nation since 1938 and has trained all Indian Forest Service officers of independent India, along with 369 forest officers from 14 friendly countries.

Under the revised curriculum aligned with 'Viksit Bharat 2047', 111 officers, including two trainees from Bhutan, completed the 20-month programme, with 75 earning Honours Diplomas.

Taslima's return to Kolkata echoes her novel 'Phera'

NEW DELHI

Saturday marks author Taslima Nasreen's first public appearance in Kolkata almost two decades after she was forced to leave the city she once called home. Her visit almost resembles Phera (The Return), the former Bangladeshi writer's novel about Kalyani, a Hindu woman who leaves what was then East Pakistan for India, and later revisits the country of her birth.

The comparison nevertheless highlights a common theme running through both journeys: the complex relationship between memory, belonging and displacement.

Home, in both cases, is not merely a geographical location but a repository of experiences, relationships and identity.

Moreover, Phera is a social-historical and feminist novel that depicts the impact of past events, the tragedy of Partition, and the challenges faced by women. Still, the journeys bear certain similarities where home is not merely a place, but a relationship with the location, people, and memory.

Naidu, Kalyan appeal to people to stand by PM Modi

BHOGAPURAM

Rallying behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid the criticism in the wake of 'insults' and 'abuses' directed at him during recent protests, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Saturday appealed to people to stand by him, saying he alone is capable of making India a developed country.

Calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a 'blessing' for India and the 'tallest leader' in the world, Chandrababu Naidu urged people to protect his leadership. Claiming that there is no leader in India who can surpass PM Modi, Pawan Kalyan called for ensuring that he remains in power as long as he wants.

Leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Jana Sena Party (JSP), both allies of the BJP-led NDA, came out in support of PM Modi while sharing the dais with him at a public meeting held during the inauguration of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district.

Mr Narendra Modi is the right man at the right time and at the right place. The nation is blessed with his leadership.

I am appealing to the entire nation to think only thing, without him we can't imagine 2047, said Chandrababu Naidu.

Delhi Lakshmi Yojana will empower women: BJP

NEW DELHI

After Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the government's flagship 'Delhi Lakshmi Yojana' on Saturday, the BJP said that the scheme aims to empower women. The women who got themselves registered on the first day expressed their gratitude to the government for providing financial security.

The portal for the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana, under which eligible women will receive a monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500, went live on Saturday.

Speaking about the much-hyped scheme, BJP MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat said: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta was keen to introduce this scheme for women. Earlier, the government had already provided the 'Pink Pass' for free

travel in DTC buses and bicycles for Class 9 girls. But this was an important scheme whose registration began from today.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi always thinks about making women independent, she added. Delhi Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa requested all eligible women to submit their applications at the earliest.

I also want to inform everyone that BJP MLAs have deployed additional staff at their constituency offices to assist women with the application process.

Eligible beneficiaries can also visit their local MLA's office to complete the registration and receive the monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500 under the scheme.

East Delhi District Magistrate Vadodaria Karanjit P. said that so

far more than 1,000 registrations have been completed across the national capital.

The Chief Minister launched the portal this morning. Registration camps have been set up at the district offices across all 13 districts, where eligible beneficiaries can visit and complete their registration. Apart from this, beneficiaries can also register through their mobile phones or computers, he said.

A housewife praised the scheme, saying, Earlier we had to remain dependent on our husband, but this scheme will make us financially independent and will enable us to fulfil our basic needs on our own.

A senior citizen who registered herself said she will be happiest when the money actually comes into her account.

**BENGALURU SMART INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED**

Office of the Project Engineer-01, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited, No.30/1, 3rd Floor, Thimmalah Road, Miller Tank Bund Area, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052

No.B-SMILE/PE-01/TEND/08/2026-27 **Date:31.07.2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER
Through KPP Portal Only (Two Cover System)

The Government of Karnataka has Constituted " Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) for implementation of Specific Infrastructure works in the city of Bengaluru. On behalf of the Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE), The Project Engineer-01 invites proposals from **Man Power** who have relevant experience in doing works of similar nature for Project Management works from registered firms/agencies/individuals. Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) accompanied by requisite Tender Processing fee. The tenders shall submit tenders for works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka with relevant qualification criteria as per K/C-8 (<http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>)

Sl. No.	Name of the work/Provision in the Estimate/Amount Put to Tender/EMD in Rupees
1.	Providing office and Support Staff for Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited. Provision Estimate: Rs.42.24 Lakhs , Amount put to tender: Rs.42.24 Lakhs , EMD: Rs.85,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of Tender Documents: **01.08.2026, 16:00 hours onwards.**(2) Pre-Bid meeting: **06.08.2026, 16:00 hours.** (3) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **13.08.2026, 16:00 hours.** (4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **14.08.2026, 16:30 hours.** (5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: (Will be Intimated after obtaining approval for Technical Evaluation).

Sd/-
Project Engineer-01
Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited

**BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION**

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamaraajpet Division, 2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Chamaraajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.

No: EE/CRP/KPPP/TEND/10/2026-27 **Date: 01-08-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Chamaraajpet Division, BCCC, Bengaluru invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have done similar type of work for Preparation of Detailed Project Report, Consultant for Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the below Project.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1	Consultancy Service for Topographical Survey, Cadastral Survey, Preparation of Land Acquisition Plan and Preparation of Form-1, Form-3 Notification and Assisting Department for Completing TDR Process of 1.855 Km and Providing PMC Services including Supervision & Quality Control for the Work of “ Widening of Padarayyanapura Main Road from Binny Mill Tank Bund Road to Vijayanagara Pipeline Road ”. PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 93.00 , EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 1.86

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from **05-08-2026**. 2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **07-08-2026 at 11.00 Hours. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamaraajpet Division.** 3) Tenders must be Submitted Online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or before **16.00 Hours on 12-08-2026.** 4) Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> at the **Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamaraajpet Division on 13-08-2026 at 16.30 Hours or next working day.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Chamaraajpet Division, BCCC.

India defends Indus Treaty stand

NEW DELHI

India's decision to place the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) in abeyance following the Pahalgam terror attack is both a strategic and logical step, as international agreements cannot continue to operate in isolation from national security concerns, according to a report by Media India Group. The report said the existing treaty

framework, signed in 1960 for sharing the waters of the Indus river system, was built on unconditional trust and imposed obligations largely on India without corresponding reciprocal commitments from Pakistan.

It argued that the arrangement has become ineffective in the present security environment and requires a fresh framework based on mutual responsibility.

**BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION**

Office of the Executive Engineer, Whitefield Division, Beside Government Polytechnic College, Immadihalli, Bengaluru-560066

No: BECC/EE/WF/TN/03/2026-27, **Date:01.08.2026**

Invitation for Tenders (Short Term)
(Through KPP Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Whitefield Division invites **Item Rate** tenders through KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. The Bidders shall be registered in CPWD/KPWD/ Railways /MES/any State or Central Govt. organization.

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1.	Engaging Tipper/tractor and Labours in Ward No. 33, S. M Krishna Ward. Estimated amount : 35.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 70,000/- Category : SC.
2.	Engaging Tipper/tractor and labourers in Ward No. 38, Whitefield Ward. Estimated amount : 35.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 70,000/- Category : SC.
3.	Engaging Tipper/tractor and labourers in Ward No. 39, Hagaduru Ward. Estimated amount : 35.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 70,000/- Category : CAT-II(A)
4.	Engaging Tipper/tractor and Labours in Ward No. 50, GunjuruWard. Estimated amount: 35.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 70,000/- Category : Others.
5.	Engaging Tipper/tractor and Labours in Ward No. 40, Varthuru ward. Estimated amount: 35.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 70,000/- Category : Others.
6.	Annual Maintenance of the footpath, providing missing slabs, Desilting of Drains and other Allied works in S. M Krishna Ward No. 33, Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : CAT-II(A)
7.	Annual Maintenance of the footpath, providing missing slabs, Desilting of Drains and other Allied works in Whitefield Ward No. 38, Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
8.	Annual Maintenance of the footpath, providing missing slabs, Desilting of Drains and other Allied works in Hagaduru 39, Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
9.	Annual Maintenance of the footpath, providing missing slabs, Desilting of Drains and other Allied works in Varthuru. 40, Varthuru Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
10.	Annual Maintenance of the footpath, providing missing slabs, Desilting of Drains and other Allied works in Gunjuru. 50, Varthuru Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
11.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Hagaduru Ward No 39 in Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 30.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 60,000/- Category : Others.
12.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Vinayaka Layout in Hagaduru Ward No 39 in Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
13.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Narayanappa Layout in Hagaduru Ward No 39 in Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
14.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Immadihalli Gramatana and Surrounding Area in Hagaduru Ward No 39 in Whitefield Sub Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
15.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Immadihalli Surrounding Area in HagaduruGramatana and Surrounding Area, Ward No 39 in Whitefield Sub-Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : Others.
16.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Hagaduru Surrounding Area in Hagaduru Ward No 39 in Whitefield Sub-Division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : CAT-II(A).
17.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Inner Circle in Whitefield Ward No 38 in Whitefield Sub-Division. 30.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 60,000/- Category : CAT-II(A).
18.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Ramagondanahalli Gramatana and Surrounding Area in Whitefield Ward No 38 in Whitefield Sub-Division. 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category : CAT-II(A).
19.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Ramagondanahalli Kaliyamma Temple and Surrounding Area in Whitefield Ward No 38 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
20.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Borewell Road and cross roads in Whitefield Ward No 38 in Whitefield sub division . Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: SC.
21.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Springdale Layout and surrounding Layout in Whitefield Ward No 38 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
22.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Byrappa Layout and surrounding Area in Whitefield Ward No 38 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
23.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Shamanna Layout, S M Krishna Ward No 33 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 30.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 60,000/- Category: Others.
24.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Pattanduru Agrahara Gramatana and Surrounding Area village Ward No 33 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: ST.
25.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Pruthvi Layout in S M Krishna Ward No 33 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: CAT-I.
26.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Pai Layout in S M Krishna Ward No 33 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: SC.
27.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Prashanth Layout in S M Krishna Ward No 33 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
28.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Athashri Layout in S M Krishna Ward No 33 in Whitefield sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
29.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in road Opposite to BDA apartment in Gunjur Ward No 50 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 30.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 60,000/- Category: ST.
30.	Improvements of Drains in 150 ft Road in Gunjur Ward No 50 in Varthur sub division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
31.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in 2nd A Cross Gunjur Palya village in Gunjur Ward No 50 in Varthur sub division. Estimated amount : 20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
32.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in 3rd Cross, Gunjur Hosahalli village in Gunjur Ward No 50 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: SC.
33.	Improvements of Roads and Drains beside Union Bank, Doddakannalli village in Gunjur Ward No 50 in Varthursub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: SC.
34.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Nagappa Reddy Layout in Doddakannalli village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
35.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Madhuranagara village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount: 30.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 60,000/- Category: ST.
36.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Prakash Layout in Varthur village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
37.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Kashi Vishwanatha temple opposite road in Varthur village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 20.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
38.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Vemana Layout in Varthur village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
39.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Patel Layout in Varthur village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: Others.
40.	Improvements of Roads and Drains Near Yallamma temple in Varthur village in Varthur Ward No 40 in Varthur sub-division. Estimated amount : 25.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000/- Category: CAT-IA.
41.	Providing Temporary arrangements for Ganesha immersion in Ward No. 33 S. M Krishna Ward. Estimated amount : 3.50 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 8,750/- Category: Others.
42.	Providing Temporary arrangements for Ganesha immersion in Ward No. 38 Whitefield Ward. Estimated amount : 3.50 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 8,750/- Category: Others.
43.	Providing Temporary arrangements for Ganesha immersion in Ward No. 39 Hagaduru Ward. Estimated amount : 3.50 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 8,750/- Category: SC.
44.	Providing Temporary arrangements for Ganesha immersion in Ward No. 40 Varthuru Ward. Estimated amount : 3.50 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 8,750/- Category: SC.
45.	Providing temporary arrangements for Ganesha immersion in Ward No. 50 Gunjuru Ward. Estimated amount : 3.50 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 8,750/- Category: CAT-IA.

1) Last date of submission queries:10-08-2026 upto 3.00 P.M, 2) Date & time for Pre Bid Meeting: 10-08-2026 at 4.00 P.M. 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders:12-08-2026 Upto 4.00 P.M. 4) Date & Time for Opening Technical bid: 13-08-2026 at 4.30 P.M. 5) Date & Time for Opening Financial bid : 14-08-2026 at 4.00 P.M. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Whitefield Division



QUICK READ

ED seizes villas in Goa, Delhi

Jalandhar

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) attached luxurious farmhouses, villas and other properties worth Rs 187.13 crore in Goa, Delhi and Haryana as part of a crackdown against call centre scammers who defrauded US citizens of millions of dollars, an official said on Saturday. The action was taken in connection with a money laundering investigation against persons involved in operating a network of transnational financial crime by running illegal call centres and committing cyber fraud by targeting foreign citizens online, the ED said.

Wife of international Kabaddi player ends life

Rohtak

A 23-year-old woman, identified as Muskan, the wife of international kabaddi player Sheelu Bahara, allegedly died by suicide at her residence in Haryana's Rohtak district. Muskan, a resident of the Meham area of Rohtak, had married Bahara in December 2023. The couple welcomed their son, Hardik, in November last year. Following information about the incident, police officials reached the spot on Friday and initiated an investigation. A forensic team was also called in to examine the site and collect evidence.

Indian Railways prematurely retires 5 Group 'A' officers

NEW DELHI

Indian Railways on Saturday said it has recommended premature retirement of five Group 'A' officers in public interest on grounds of doubtful integrity, vigilance inputs, disciplinary history and other relevant service records.

The Review Committees have recommended premature retirement of two SAG officers of IRHS, one JAG officer of IRSE in Northern Railway, one officer of IRSEE in Northern Railway, and one JAG officer of IRTS in Western Railway, according to an official statement.

It further stated that Indian Railways follows a policy of zero tolerance towards corruption, lack of integrity and inefficiency.

Integrity, discipline and accountability in public service remain non-negotiable. Actions taken under the relevant provisions of the Indian Railway Establishment Code are aimed at upholding these core values, it added.

In the statement, Railways said the decision has been taken under Rule 1802(a) of the Indian Railway Establishment Code, Volume II, which is equivalent to Rule 56(j) of the Fundamental Rules.

The Review Committees carried out a detailed assessment of the officers' service records in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

The review included examination of Annual Performance Appraisal Reports (APARs), integrity records, vigilance inputs, disciplinary history and other relevant service records before arriving.

Lashkar revives proxy terror strategy

Security agencies believe Lashkar-e-Tayiba is reviving its proxy terror network in J&K, using new fronts and targeting civilians to regain relevance and boost recruitment

JAMMU

Security agencies have linked the two terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir over the past ten days to Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Tayiba (LeT), which is believed to be reviving its old strategy of operating through proxy organisations to target civilians in the Valley.

Officials said both the Anantnag and Kulgam attacks were carried out by operatives of The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of LeT. However, investigators have also detected attempts by the terror outfit to project a new organisation, the United Liberation Council, to divert attention from TRF and reduce international scrutiny.

Following the Anantnag attack, social media posts claimed responsibility in the name of the United Liberation



Council. Intelligence agencies, however, dismissed the claim, stating that it was another front created by LeT to conceal its direct involvement.

Investigators are probing the role of a Lashkar operative identified as Latif, who is believed to have masterminded the recent attacks. Latif previously worked with slain LeT commander Zakir Gnanai and was involved in several strikes across Anantnag, Sh-

pian and Kulgam. While Gnanai was eliminated by security forces in Kulgam, Latif managed to evade capture.

According to Intelligence Bureau officials, Latif has deliberately maintained a low profile while planning a series of low-intensity hit-and-run attacks across South Kashmir. The objective, officials said, is to demonstrate that LeT remains operational in the Valley and revive its recruitment network.

Renewed modus operandi

- Two attacks in 10 days linked to LeT.
- used to divert attention.
- Latif suspected mastermind behind attacks.
- Migrant workers targeted in Kulgam.
- Agencies warn of more low-intensity strikes.

Officials noted that the Kulgam attack, which targeted migrant workers, mirrors LeT's earlier pattern of attacking non-local civilians to spread fear.

The attack also followed threat messages and hit lists circulated through terror-linked channels two days earlier.

ALKA ARORA ASSUMES OFFICE AS CGDA

NEW DELHI

Alka Nangia Arora, a 1991-batch officer of the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS), assumed charge as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) on Saturday, a Defence Ministry official said.

An alumnus of Garhwal University, Dehradun and IIT Roorkee, Arora has over three decades of extensive experience in defence financial manage-

ment and public service, said an official statement.

Arora has tenanted key appointments in the Government of India, including as Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Managing Director of Central Cottage Industries Corporation.

FCRA Bill likely to be tabled in LS next week

NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties on Saturday strongly protested against the Centre's likely introduction of the 'Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act Amendment (FCRA) Bill' next week during the ongoing Monsoon Session of the Parliament, claiming that it will cripple the functioning of the NGOs.

According to sources, the Bill is likely to be introduced in the Lok Sabha. CPI National General Secretary, D. Raja said: There are serious apprehensions. Many NGOs and civil society organisations have expressed serious concerns that their work will suffer and that their functioning will be crippled. That is what the government is trying to do.

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(ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ E- PORTAL ನಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಉಡುಪಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರಿಂದ 2025-26 ಸಾಲಿನ 5054 ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (Standard Tender Documents for Procurement of Goods)ನ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅನ್ನು ಅಪ್ಪಾಸಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು Government of Karnataka e-procurement portal WEB site <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ಅನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಾಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ	ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇಂದಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಅವಧಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ
1	ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಬೈಂದೂರು ತಾಲೂಕು ಜಡ್ಡು ಬಿಸಿನಾಪಾರ ಸಿಮ್ ಸಾಲ್ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಕಾಲೋನಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ.	100.00	2,00,000.00	ಕ್ಲಾಸ್-3 ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು
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1. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-07-2026 ರಿಂದ 10-08-2026ರ 4.00 (PM) ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
2. ಬೆಕ್ಕಿಕ್ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11-08-2026 4.05 (PM) ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು, ಪರಶುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಚೇರಿಯವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಉಡುಪಿ.

**Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Division
Ramangara Division, Bengaluru South District**

No. EE/PWD/RMN Div./TND-07/2026-27 Date : 01.08.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short term tender invited from qualified contractors for the works through KPP portal as per standard bid document. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Documents may be downloaded from: **03.08.2026** & Last date for submission of tenders **Dt: 10.08.2026 up to 16.00 hours**. Date of opening of Technical Bid **Dt: 11.08.2026 at 16.30 hours** (if possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per KPP Portal. No of works **03**, Estimate Cost **Rs. 66.00 lakhs to Rs.99.00 Lakhs**. For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note: Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in KPP-Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Division,
Bengaluru South District

DIPR/BSD/210/SA/2026-27

**Government of Karnataka
HAVERI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES,
DEVAGIRI-YALLAPURA, HAVERI-581110
(Autonomous Institution of Government of Karnataka)
Website : <https://himshaveri.karnataka.gov.in> E-mail : himshvr@gmail.com**

Direct Recruitment of Teaching faculty on Regular basis

Detailed notifications have been published on the official website of Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS), Haveri for filling the vacant permanent teaching faculty posts through direct recruitment. Eligible candidates are required to submit the prescribed application form, along with all relevant supporting documents and a Demand Draft (DD) for Rs. 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) drawn in favour of "Director, HIMS, Haveri", payable at Haveri, to the following address: "The Dean & Director, Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences, Devagiri-Yallapura, Haveri - 581110". Detailed information, eligibility criteria, application forms, and other instructions are available on the official HIMS Haveri website. Applicants are advised to refer to the website for complete details before submitting their applications. Website address: - <https://himshaveri.karnataka.gov.in>

**Details of OBC Backlog Teaching Faculty Posts Notified for Direct Recruitment
Revised notification No.: HIMS/EST/T.Staff/PER-01/Rev-01/2026-27**

Sl. No.	Post	No. of Posts	Local Cadre (Kalyana Karnataka)	Residual Parent Cadre
			OBC Backlog	OBC Backlog
1	Associate Professor	03	No vacancy	03
2	Assistant Professor	08		08
	Total	11	NIL	11

**Details of vacant Teaching Faculty Posts Notified for Direct Recruitment
Revised notification No.: HIMS/EST/T.Staff/ PER-02/Rev-01/2026-27**

Sl. No.	Post	No. of Posts	Local Cadre (Kalyana Karnataka)	Residual Parent Cadre
			Fresh vacancy	Fresh vacancy
1	Associate Professor	15	03	12
2	Assistant Professor	30	03	27
	Total	45	06	39

Note : The last date for submission of applications is **14.08.2026**. Eligible candidates are instructed to submit their duly filled applications on or before 5:30 PM on the said date.

Sd/- Dean and Director,
Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences, Haveri

DIPR/Haveri/260/KSMCA/2026-27

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Raj targets BJP over political rhetoric

MUMBAI

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray on Saturday condemned the abusive language used against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the recent Janar Mantar protest, while urging the Prime Minister to ensure leaders and supporters of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also refrain from using similar rhetoric.

Addressing the 20th anniversary programme of the Maharashtra Navnirman Vidyarthi Sena (MNVS) in Mumbai, Thackeray said he completely agreed that objectionable language should not be used against any individual, irrespective of political affiliation.

Referring to the controversy surrounding the protest, Thackeray said the remarks directed at the Prime Minister were inappropriate. However, he argued that the same standards should apply to members of the ruling party and its online supporters.

His comments came a day after Prime Minister Modi shared a video on Instagram expressing anguish over the abusive language used against him and his mother during the Janar Mantar protest. In the

Outline

- Raj condemns abusive remarks against PM.
- Seeks equal standards in political discourse.
- Criticises BJP's alleged trolling culture.
- Remarks made at MNVS's 20th anniversary event.

video, the Prime Minister said he had forgiven the youths involved and requested that no legal action be initiated against them.

Criticising the political discourse over the past decade, Thackeray alleged that the BJP had encouraged an aggressive culture of online trolling. He claimed that abusive language had been routinely used against leaders across political parties as well as public figures and artists, creating an atmosphere where many hesitate to express their views.

Thackeray said every political party should maintain civility in public discourse and urged the Prime Minister to advise his party workers to observe the same standards expected from political opponents, stressing.

**ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ
ರಮನ್‌ಪಟ್ಟಣ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ-570019
TOWN PANCHYATHI, RAMMANAHALLI, MYSURU DISTRICT-570019
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**ಮರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.- ಪಟ್ಟಣಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)**

ರಮನ್‌ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೆತ್ತಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು 1999 ಹಾಗೂ 2000ರ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಪ್ಪಾಸಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪಟ್ಟಣಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪರಶು ಹಾಗೂ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಅನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

1. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಡೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17.08.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18.08.2026** ರಂದು ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18.08.2026 ಮತ್ತು 19.08.2026** ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೆ ಸೂಚಿಸುವ /ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ	ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
1	DMA/2025-26/WS/WORK_ INDENT54783/ CALL-2	54.20	108400/-
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ಸೂಚನೆ: 1. ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದರೆ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.- ಪಟ್ಟಣಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

2. ರಮನ್‌ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದ ಲಭ್ಯತೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಬಿಡ್ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು

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BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

**Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Government Secretariat, Vikasa Soudha, 4th Floor,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore**

No: UDD/200/MNX 2026 Dated: 20.07.2026

FINAL NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Government of Karnataka has sanctioned an improvement scheme i.e., for the "Formation of Peripheral Ring Road-2" (Part-II) Between Hosur Road - Mysore Road and Tumkur Road (Part-II) in the outskirts of Bangalore City by the Bangalore Development Authority vide Government Order No:UDD 399MNX 2006, Bangalore, Dated: 23.04.2007.

Now Therefore exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section '(1) & (3) of Section 19 of Bangalore Development Authority Act 1976 (Karnataka Act No. 12 of 1976). The Government of Karnataka hereby declares that the lands specified in the schedule here below be the same a little more or less are needed for public purposes for the "formation of Peripheral Ring Road -2" (Part-II) and in exercising the powers conferred by clause (C) of sec 3 & 7 of Land Acquisition Act 1894, read with Section 36 of the Bangalore Development Authority Act 1976, The Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore is hereby appointed to perform the function of the Deputy Commissioner (land acquisition) under the said land acquisition act and directed to take order for the acquisition of the said land.

A plan of the lands is kept in the office of Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, T. Chowdaiah road, Bangalore-560 020, for information.

The preliminary notification for the "formation of Peripheral Ring Road -2" (Part-II) has been published in the Karnataka gazette dated:29-04-2026 in part-3 page no. 5254 to 5255 vide preliminary Notification No:BDA/ BBC80LAC/1/2026/BBC8, Bangalore, Dated: 23.04.2026.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Village: Basavanapura Hobli: Begur Taluk: Bangalore South

1	Rashmidevi W/o Sajjanrao	9	3	Dry	4	30	0	21	4	9	9.90	3	2	Road	8/4, 7	9/2	9/3 Part
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By order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka (Sd/-)
(Rajesh S Sulikeri)
Under Secretary to Government Urban Development Department

QUICK READ

Lithuanian embassy damaged in Russian attack

Kyiv
Lithuania's embassy in Kyiv was damaged on Saturday when two missiles landed nearby during a Russian attack, the Lithuanian foreign ministry said. There were no injuries from the missiles, but embassy windows broke, solar collectors were damaged and the yard was scattered with debris, a ministry spokesperson said. One missile landed 10 metres from the embassy, the other 150 metres from it, Foreign Minister Kestutis Budrys said. Today we will summon the Russian embassy representative to protest, he said in a video statement.

US to make visa bond permanent for people

WASHINGTON
The U.S. State Department will make permanent a visa bond program that could require applicants from 50 countries, mostly from Africa, to post bonds of up to \$20,000 when seeking U.S. visas, according to a post online. The Federal Register notice applies to B1 and B2 visas, which are issued for business and tourism travel.

Spain seals Ceuta after migrant surge

Spain installed a floating sea barrier after a deadly migrant rush into Ceuta left at least 67 dead.

CEUTA

Spain has begun installing a 500-metre floating barrier along the coastline of its North African enclave of Ceuta after a massive migrant influx left at least 67 people dead and prompted emergency border measures.

Authorities confirmed on Saturday that migrant crossings into the enclave had stopped overnight following the unprecedented rush.

According to Spanish officials, nearly 50,000 migrants crossed into Ceuta by land and sea from Thursday, marking one of the largest migration attempts ever recorded at one of the European Union's only land borders with Africa. More than 48,000 of those migrants returned to Morocco within 48 hours without any major incident.

Spanish soldiers and Civil Guard officers were seen patrolling the largely deserted Tarajal beach as authorities commenced installation of the floating barrier.

The structure, supported by anchored naval buoys, will rise between 30 and 70 centimetres above the water while extending up to one metre below the surface.

A designated channel between the barriers will remain



Snapshot

- Spain installs 500-metre floating sea barrier.
- Crossings into Ceuta stop overnight.
- Around 50,000 migrants entered from Thursday.
- More than 48,000 returned to Morocco.
- At least 67 migrants died during the crossing.
- EU governments seek emergency talks on migration.

open to allow Civil Guard vessels to conduct surveillance and patrol operations.

Officials said at least 67 bodies had been recovered on the Spanish side of the frontier.

confederations and national associations before the proposal was unveiled.

The fallout also extended to FIFA's senior leadership. Adviser Carlos Cordeiro resigned, describing the proposal as a bad deal for football, while Chief Operating Officer Kevin Lamour reportedly accused Infantino of misleading staff and labelled the initiative a project of one person.

Infantino, who became FIFA president in 2016 following the corruption scandal that ended Sepp Blatter's presidency, had previously overcome internal criticism through strong financial results.

However, analysts believe the latest controversy could weaken his authority ahead of the FIFA presidential election scheduled for March, despite previously being considered the overwhelming favourite for another term.

NEW YORK

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has suffered one of the biggest setbacks of his tenure after abandoning a controversial proposal to sell a stake in the commercial rights of the World Cup and other major tournaments to private investors.

In a statement issued, FIFA confirmed that the plan to establish a separate commercial entity, with 20 per cent ownership offered to private equity investors, had been withdrawn after widespread opposition from football's governing bodies and stakeholders.

The proposal triggered an intense three-day conflict within world football, culminating in UEFA announcing a boycott of all FIFA events until the plan was scrapped. The backlash exposed growing dissatisfaction with Infantino's

In brief

- UEFA threatened a boycott of FIFA events.
- Private equity proposal officially withdrawn.
- Senior FIFA officials publicly criticised the plan.
- Infantino's leadership faces renewed scrutiny before the next FIFA presidential election.

leadership and concerns that the governing body was prioritising commercial interests over the sport.

The initiative came shortly after the conclusion of the most financially successful FIFA World Cup in history and was widely regarded as a key project championed by Infantino. However, criticism intensified over the lack of consultation with FIFA's member

‘LE CAMPING’ FACES A FIERY FUTURE

BISCARROSSE

The order to evacuate came around 8.30 p.m. — just as families were sitting down to dinner. Wildfire flames were bearing down on a campsite in southwest France, and police told manager Hadrien Folliot he had little time to remove roughly 1,200 holidaymakers.

Less than half an hour later, the site was empty. They had to leave very, very quickly, said Folliot, recalling the evacuation of the Domaine de La Rive campsite near the town of Biscarrosse, one of 20 he manages in a region of

pine forests and long sandy Atlantic beaches. Many customers left their meals on the tables. They were in the middle of eating.

The scene was a stark illustration of a growing threat facing one of France's most cherished holiday traditions.

Born out of a wave of social reforms 90 years ago that introduced paid holidays and democratised leisure time, 'le camping' has come to embody an egalitarian ideal of summer, travel and freedom.

France's 7,400 campsites are cherished places where children play late into the night, teenagers sneak their

first kiss, and adults clink milky glasses of pastis with neighbours from across France whom they meet year after year.

But as French camping approaches its centenary, an industry that has shaped generations of family holidays finds itself increasingly exposed to the realities of a warming climate.

Campings are located in forests, by the sea, and along rivers, which is why we are directly affected by wildfires, said Nicolas Dayot, president of France's National Federation of Outdoor Lodging. We need to find solutions.



Russia pounds Kyiv, kills 9

KYIV

Russia pounded Kyiv in a heavy ballistic missile attack early on Saturday, killing nine people, as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned that Ukraine had run out of interceptor missiles for its U.S. Patriot air defence systems.

Zelenskyy said that Russia launched 35 missiles at Ukraine, including 27 ballistic missiles, and also 185 drones. Only one ballistic missile was intercepted, simply because there are no interceptors for the Patriot system, he said.

More than a dozen explosions reverberated through the city during several waves of attacks, according to Reuters witnesses.

Every package of ballistic missile interceptors saves the lives of our people. And every night without them results in more casualties, Zelenskyy said on the Telegram app.

With the war in its fifth year, fighting is raging along about 1,200 kilometres (750 miles) of front line. But Russian advances have slowed by more than half this year, and Ukraine has been launching strikes inside Russia hitting its oil facilities, logistics sites and weapons production.

Oil prices rise amid Hormuz tensions

CAIRO

Global oil prices rose after Iran announced it had stopped two vessels attempting to leave the Strait of Hormuz, intensifying concerns over the security of one of the world's most vital energy transit routes.

According to Iranian authorities, four additional tankers turned back after intervention by Iranian forces, although these claims could not be independently verified.

The development followed a drone attack on ships at an Egyptian Mediterranean port earlier this week, adding to market uncertainty over global oil supplies.

Shipping data showed that two large oil tankers carrying Gulf crude successfully passed through the Strait of Hormuz, while two other commodities vessels also transited the waterway. However, tracking data does not account for ships travelling with their transponders switched off.

The Strait of Hormuz, located between Iran and Oman, handles nearly one-fifth of global energy shipments.

Iran has restricted most commercial shipping through the strait since the conflict began five months ago.

Meanwhile, Yemen's Houthi rebels have also threatened shipping in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, another



Oil prices climbed as Iran tightened control over the Strait of Hormuz, raising fears of prolonged global energy disruptions.

er strategic route connecting the Red Sea to the Suez Canal.

Benchmark Brent crude futures gained more than one per cent and were on course for a 23% rise during July, with analysts expecting prices to remain elevated if geopolitical tensions continue.

US President Donald Trump said he believed negotiations with Iran were still possible despite expressing frustration over Tehran's commitments.

However, Iran maintained that shipping restrictions would continue because of ongoing US military actions in the region, keeping global energy markets on edge over future supply disruptions. The Strait of Hormuz carries nearly 20% of global energy shipments, making any disruption there capable of significantly affecting international oil prices and global energy security.

‘US not agreed to Ukraine building Patriot missiles’

CAMP DAVID

President Donald Trump said that the United States has not agreed to Ukraine building Patriot missiles but that talks are ongoing, adding that the U.S. must be very careful about letting somebody build them.

Trump said during a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Turkey this month that he was going to give Ukraine a license to manufacture Patriot missile interceptors to help defend against Russian strikes, but has since backed away from that pledge despite hosting Zelenskyy at the White House this week.

Asked about the Patriot missiles during a cabinet meeting at the Camp David retreat, Trump emphasized concerns about sharing advanced U.S. weaponry including missile technology.

In the case of President Zelenskyy, he'd like to have some Patriots, he'd like to have some Tomahawks, which are you know lethal — one offensive, one defensive, Trump said.

You have to be very judicious, but you have to be very careful. Now we have not agreed to that. We're talking about it, but it's a hard thing to give away that kind of technology. And I don't think this would ever happen but, you know, there's people that you give that technology, they can someday turn on you, Trump said.

China conducts naval, air patrols

BEIJING

China's military and the China Coast Guard conducted joint air and naval combat drills around the disputed Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea, according to Chinese state media reports, in a move that is likely to heighten tensions with the Philippines over the strategically important maritime feature.

The exercises were held in the airspace and waters surrounding the shoal, which China refers to as Huangyan Dao. The Chinese military described the drills as a necessary response to actions by certain countries that it claimed were undermining peace and stability in the region, without directly naming any nation.

Scarborough Shoal, known as Bajo de Masinloc in the Philippines, is claimed by both Beijing and Manila and has remained a major flashpoint in the long-running South China Sea territorial dispute.

In a statement, the Chinese military rejected what it described as the Philippine side's so-called territorial sea base-lines around Huangyan Dao, calling them illegal and invalid. It added that the joint exercises were aimed at testing and improving the combat readiness of Chinese forces to safeguard the country's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights. The Philippine embassy in Beijing did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the Chinese military activities around the disputed shoal.

Separately, China announced a new policy governing the administration of the Huangyan Island National Nature Reserve, which was established in September 2025. According to the official Xinhua news agency, the regulations prohibit unauthorised fishing, mining, coral extraction, giant clam harvesting, and other activities deemed harmful to the marine environment.

NAME CHANGE

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ATHENS

Wildfires intensified across several European countries on Saturday, forcing fresh evacuations in Greece while firefighters in Spain and France struggled to contain rapidly spreading blazes amid strong winds and extreme temperatures.

In Greece, authorities launched large-scale firefighting operations after multiple fires broke out, including near Athens. More than 300 firefighters, supported by 92 fire engines, aircraft and heavy machinery, battled a major



blaze in the Boeotia region, where over 200 residents of Agios Vasileios were evacuated by sea. Another 12 people were rescued from Porto Germano as flames approached

the coastline. Emergency operations also continued overnight in the regions of Argolida and Arta.

Greek authorities issued emergency alerts across sev-

eral regions, including Attica and Evia, warning of an extreme wildfire risk due to gale-force winds.

In France, a wildfire in the southeastern Var department reignited after previously being contained, spreading across more than 1,000 hectares within six hours. Nearly 2,500 people were evacuated overnight as firefighters deployed reinforcements to tackle worsening conditions.

Spain continued battling multiple wildfire hotspots despite ending its national emergency earlier this week. New fires broke out in Leon prov-

ince, while conditions improved in Zamora and Castellon, allowing thousands of evacuated residents to return home. Police suspect arson in the Castellon blaze after discovering two separate ignition points. The prolonged heatwave has also taken a severe human toll. Austria reported a record 395 heat-related deaths in June, while Britain, France and Germany have collectively recorded thousands of deaths linked to extreme temperatures, highlighting the growing impact of climate-driven weather events across Europe.

QUICK READ

July GST collections rise 15.4 percent

CH NEWS, New Delhi India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue rose 15.4 per cent year-on-year to Rs 2.11 lakh crore in July, driven largely by robust import tax collections. According to official data, GST revenue from imports recorded strong growth, contributing significantly to the overall increase, while domestic collections also remained healthy. The sustained rise in GST receipts reflects resilient economic activity, improved tax compliance, and steady consumption trends.

Foreign investors return to Indian markets

CH NEWS, Mumbai Foreign investors are returning to Indian equity markets, encouraged by attractive valuations, an improving corporate earnings outlook and greater currency stability, according to Motilal Oswal. The brokerage said India's macroeconomic fundamentals remain strong, with expectations of sustained earnings growth boosting investor confidence. A stable rupee and easing global uncertainties have also improved the investment climate for overseas funds.

ONGC unveils 84,084 crore offshore mission

The initiative aims to cut India's import dependence and boost domestic crude oil and natural gas production.

NEW DELHI

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to drill around 150 deepwater and ultra-deepwater wells under the Centre's ₹84,084-crore Samudra Manthan Mission, aimed at unlocking India's offshore oil and gas reserves and strengthening the country's energy security.

The ambitious programme focuses on accelerating exploration in India's offshore sedimentary basins, particularly deepwater regions that remain largely untapped despite their significant hydrocarbon potential.



The initiative is expected to reduce India's dependence on imported crude oil and natural gas while

boosting domestic production. Under the mission, ONGC will undertake extensive seismic surveys, exploratory drill-

Cabinet approves Samudra Manthan Mission

The Union Cabinet approved the five-year Samudra Manthan Mission to boost offshore oil and gas exploration. The programme encourages public, private and global participation, aiming to strengthen domestic energy production, reduce crude oil imports, improve energy security and support long-term economic growth.

ing and appraisal activities to identify commercially viable oil and gas reserves. The plan also includes the development

of supporting offshore infrastructure to improve operational efficiency and encourage greater investment in exploration.

The Union Cabinet recently approved the Samudra Manthan Mission as a five-year national offshore exploration programme. The scheme seeks to attract participation from both public and private sector companies, including global energy firms with expertise in deepwater exploration and production.

India currently imports a large share of its crude oil requirements, making domestic exploration a strategic priority.

By expanding offshore drilling and improving exploration capabilities, the government aims to enhance energy self-reliance, reduce import dependence and support long-term economic growth.

The mission represents one of the country's largest investments in offshore hydrocarbon exploration and is expected to generate employment, encourage technological advancement and strengthen India's energy infrastructure while supporting the government's broader goal of achieving greater energy security.

Amazon raises FY26 AI investment spending

NEW DELHI

Amazon has increased its planned capital expenditure for fiscal 2026 to about \$220 billion, up from an earlier estimate of \$200 billion, as surging demand for artificial intelligence (AI) services and rapid growth in Amazon Web Services (AWS) continue to drive infrastructure expansion.

The additional investment will primarily fund AI data centres, cloud infrastructure and advanced computing capacity needed to meet growing customer demand. Chief Exec-

utive Officer Andy Jassy said higher memory costs and strong demand for AI services contributed to the higher spending plan, adding that Amazon still expects capacity constraints despite the increased investment.

AWS delivered its fastest growth in 18 quarters during the second quarter of 2026, with revenue rising 37 per cent year-on-year to more than \$42 billion. The strong performance was driven by enterprise adoption of generative AI, cloud migration and growing demand for AI computing services.

Treasury Selloff raises inflation concerns

WASHINGTON

A sharp selloff in U.S. Treasury bonds has highlighted the need for the Federal Reserve to strengthen its inflation-fighting credibility, St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank President Al-

Musalem said. Musalem said gradual and timely interest rate increases would be less disruptive than delaying action and later implementing larger rate hikes. Although the Federal Reserve kept interest rates unchanged at its latest policy meeting, Musalem said he had preferred a quarter-percentage-point rate



Underscore growing concerns among some policymakers that maintaining the Fed's credibility on inflation is essential to keeping long-term borrowing costs under control and preventing inflation expectations from becoming entrenched.



—Alberto Musalem, St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank President

hike. He is not a voting member of the Federal Open Mar-

ket Committee (FOMC) this year but participates in policy discussions.

The decision to leave rates unchanged, along with comments from Fed Chair Kevin Warsh suggesting the central bank could review its inflation framework, unsettled financial markets. The benchmark 30-year U.S. Treasury yield climbed above 5.2 per cent, its highest level in nearly 19 years, reflecting investor concerns about inflation and future monetary policy.

The policy decision also saw rare disagreement within the Fed, with three of the 12

FOMC members voting in favour of an immediate quarter-percentage-point rate increase. The dissenting officials argued that inflation has remained above the Fed's 2 per cent target for more than five years and warned that delaying action could make it harder to restore price stability.

Financial markets are now increasingly expecting another rate increase. According to CME Group's FedWatch Tool, traders are pricing in about a 67 per cent probability of a 25-basis-point interest rate hike at the Fed's September meeting.

Passenger vehicle sales surge in July

NEW DELHI

India's passenger vehicle industry recorded strong growth in July, with major automobile manufacturers reporting higher year-on-year sales driven by sustained demand for sport utility vehicles (SUVs), rising electric vehicle (EV) sales and robust exports.

Hyundai Motor India achieved its highest-ever monthly sales since inception, selling 75,360 units in July, up 25.4 per cent from a year earlier. Domestic sales increased 23.3 per cent to 54,210 units, while exports rose 31.4 per cent to 21,150 units, marking the company's highest export volume in more than 100 months.

Hyundai Motor India Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Tarun Garg said the record performance reflected strong customer confidence in the Hyundai brand and marked a positive start to the new quarter.

Kia India also posted its best-ever July wholesale performance, with dispatches rising 27.4 per cent to 28,200

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Hyundai, Kia record in July

- Hyundai achieved highest-ever monthly sales milestone.
- Domestic sales rose 23.3 percent year-on-year.
- Exports reached highest level in months.
- Tarun Garg credited strong customer confidence.
- Kia posted record July wholesale dispatches.



units. The company dispatched 1,91,949 units during the January-July period, registering a growth of 16.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles reported total sales of 63,760 units in domestic and international markets, an increase of 59 per cent from the previous year. Domestic pas-

senger vehicle sales stood at 62,611 units, while its electric vehicle business recorded exceptional growth. EV sales more than doubled to 15,217 units compared to 7,124 units in July last year.

Mahindra & Mahindra registered a 26 per cent rise in total vehicle sales to 1,03,860 units. Domestic utility vehicle sales, the company's largest segment, grew 20 per cent year-on-year to 60,048 units.

Nissan Motor India also reported record wholesale volumes of 9,339 units. Domestic wholesales surged 218 per cent to 4,518 units, while exports reached 4,821 units.

The company attributed the strong performance to the launch of its new TEKTON SUV, which expanded its product lineup alongside the Magnite and Gravite models.

The strong July performance highlights continued consumer preference for SUVs, while growing exports and rising adoption of electric vehicles are providing additional momentum to India's automobile industry.

Citadel rescues AI-hit hedge fund portfolio

NEW YORK

Billionaire investor Ken Griffin has once again stepped in to rescue a struggling hedge fund, with Citadel acquiring part of the portfolio of California-based Situational Awareness after the firm suffered heavy losses on artificial intelligence (AI) stock investments.

According to Reuters, Situational Awareness lost about 67 per cent of its value in July following a sharp decline in AI-related stocks. The hedge fund was forced to unwind most of its \$16 billion public equities portfolio. Citadel quickly evaluated the firm's positions and purchased a portion of its holdings, helping stabilize the situation.

Griffin personally led the review alongside senior Citadel executives, including co-

Chief Investment Officer Pablo Salame, Chief Operating Officer Gerald Beeson, equity research head Perry Vais, and Chief Legal Officer Shawn Fagan. The team reportedly worked through the night to assess the portfolio's risks and liquidity before completing the transaction.

Situational Awareness founder Leopold Aschenbrenner, a former OpenAI researcher, acknowledged the losses in a letter to investors, writing, "We let you down." Neither Citadel nor Situational Awareness disclosed financial details of the deal.

The latest intervention adds to Griffin's long history of stepping in during times of financial distress. Over the years, Citadel has acquired assets or supported firms facing major crises, including Enron, Sowood Capital, Am-

aranth Advisors, and Melvin Capital during the GameStop market turmoil in 2021.

Founded by Griffin in 1990, Citadel has grown into one of the world's largest hedge funds, managing around \$71 billion in assets.

Griffin has often said that disciplined risk management and careful assessment of worst-case scenarios allow the firm to capitalize on opportunities during periods of market stress.

The rescue also highlights Citadel's reputation as one of the few firms capable of absorbing large, complex trading positions during volatile market conditions.

Analysts believe the move reinforces Griffin's strategy of turning competitors' setbacks into investment opportunities while maintaining strict control over portfolio risk.

AI infrastructure demand broadens beyond Hyperscalers

NEW DELHI

Investment in artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure is expanding beyond major Hyperscale cloud providers as enterprises and sovereign entities increasingly invest in AI capabilities, according to Goldman Sachs. The report said demand is being driven by businesses adopting AI for productivity and governments strengthening digital sovereignty through domestic AI infrastructure. This broadening customer base is expected to sustain long-term spending on data centres, advanced chips, networking and power infrastructure.

Formal workforce grows under PM-VBRY scheme



NEW DELHI

More than 72 lakh first-time workers have joined India's formal workforce during the first year of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY), reflecting the government's push to expand employment and strengthen social security coverage.

According to an official statement released on Saturday, the scheme has encouraged large-scale formal employment by linking new jobs with Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) registration and direct benefit transfers. Nearly 30 per cent of the beneficiaries are women, while over 15 lakh workers have already received employment-linked financial incentives under the programme.

Launched in August 2025, PM-VBRY is being implemented from August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2027, with a total outlay of Rs 99,446 crore. The scheme aims to generate employment for more than 3.5 crore people, including 1.92 crore first-time employees. It also seeks to increase social security coverage and support labour-intensive industries, particularly manufacturing.

The programme operates through a two-part incentive system. First-time employees earning up to Rs 1 lakh per month receive a one-time incentive equal to one month's EPF wage, subject to a maximum of Rs 15,000. The amount is paid in two instalments after six and twelve months of continuous service. The second instalment is released after completion of a financial literacy programme, while part of the incentive is invested in a designated savings instrument to encourage long-term financial security.

The scheme also provides incentives to employers. Companies receive up to Rs 3,000 per month for two years for every eligible additional employee retained for at least six months. In the manufacturing sector, the employer incentive has been extended to the third and fourth years because of the sector's high employment generation potential. Officials said the initiative is helping formalise India's labour market by encouraging EPFO enrolment, reducing hiring costs for employers and promoting stable employment opportunities across the country.

FCNR DEPOSITS DOMINATE

RBI swap scheme attracts strong inflows

NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Saturday said its concessional foreign exchange swap facility has attracted overseas currency inflows of \$40.816 billion since its launch in June, with Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits contributing the largest share.

According to data received from authorised dealer banks, FCNR(B) deposits accounted for \$36.725 billion of the total inflows. Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs) contributed \$2.575 bil-

lion, while External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) added \$1.516 billion. The RBI introduced the concessional swap facility on June 5, 2026, and operationalised it on June 8, 2026, to encourage foreign currency inflows and strengthen the country's foreign exchange reserves. The facility for FCNR(B) deposits will remain open until September 30, 2026, while OFCBs and ECBs will be eligible until December 31, 2026.



FCNR(B) Deposits Surge Past 2013 Record

FCNR(B) deposits exceeded the 2013 mobilisation level of \$26 billion within 45 days. Public sector banks led collections, while SBI Research expects many deposits maturing in August-September 2026 to be renewed at higher interest rates, supporting stronger foreign currency inflows.

The central bank said the scheme has generated strong interest from banks and overseas depositors, leading to steady inflows over the past two

months. An SBI Research report projected that FCNR(B) deposits could reach \$65-70 billion by the time the scheme closes on September 30. Overall inflows under the RBI initiative, including borrowings, are expected to touch \$80-85 billion.

“Time to repay them.....”

NEW DELHI

Star midfielder Phil Foden has signed a new long-term deal with Manchester City until the year 2030. The talented player says he is now fully ready to pay back the club for keeping their faith in him during some tough times.

Foden had a hard time over the past two seasons. After scoring nineteen goals and winning major player awards during the 2023-24 season, his form dropped. He managed only ten goals last year and even failed to score in his last thirty-one matches for both club and country. An ankle injury and personal issues also made things harder for him.

Because of this poor form, he missed out on the England squad for the recent 2026 FIFA World Cup. Watching the games from home was very painful for him, especially after playing in the Euro final just two years ago. However, things are looking much brighter now.

With Pep Guardiola leaving the club, new manager Enzo Maresca has taken charge. Foden already knows Maresca well from their time together in the City

Midfielder Phil Foden signs a new Manchester City contract until 2030, embracing a fresh start under new manager Enzo Maresca.



says the arrival of the new coach feels like a wonderful fresh start. He is now fully fit, feeling relaxed, and completely focused on getting back to his absolute best. He wants to help Manchester City win more trophies under their new leadership.

Maresca also has huge confidence in the star player. The new manager believes that making Foden happy on the pitch is the main key to unlocking his true potential. Even though some big players like Bernardo Silva and John Stones have left the club, Foden believes the squad is still strong enough to fight for every major title this season.

He is ready to leave the past behind and write a brand new success story.

Reflecting on Bengaluru, Pujara praises Rahane

NEW DELHI

Former India star Cheteshwar Pujara has written a warm tribute to his longtime teammate Ajinkya Rahane. This message comes right after Rahane announced his retirement from international cricket.

Rahane proudly represented India in eighty-five Test matches, ninety ODIs, and twenty T20Is over a long career. He scored over five thousand runs in Test cricket with twelve centuries. He also captained the national team in several matches, most notably stepping up during tough series.

Pujara pointed out that Rahane's brilliant century against Australia in the 2020 Boxing Day Test at Melbourne was the defining moment of his career. India had just suffered a terrible loss of thirty-six all out in Adelaide, and regular captain Virat Kohli had returned home. Under massive pressure, Rahane stayed calm, led from the front, and scored a magnificent hundred to help India bounce back and win the series.

Pujara also praised Rahane's leadership style, describing him as a true team player with zero ego. As a captain, Rahane always encouraged senior players to guide the youngsters, creating an open and welcoming dressing room environment. He kept things simple and al-



Cheteshwar Pujara honors longtime teammate Ajinkya Rahane following his international retirement, praising his leadership, defining century in Melbourne, and remarkable team-first career.

ways put the team first.

Recalling their famous partnership in Bengaluru in 2017, Pujara shared how Rahane stopped him from reacting to Australian sledging, telling him to let their bats do the talking instead. That partnership proved vital in turning the match around.

Toward the end of their careers, both batters faced the heartbreak of being dropped from the national team. Pujara admitted it was painful when management stopped backing them after years of service. However, looking ahead, Pujara gave some heartfelt advice to his old friend. He told Rahane to leave the past behind, relax, and finally enjoy spending quality time with his family and friends without worrying about daily gym workouts and cricket training.

Pathirage secures gold in Glasgow



LONDON

Former Sri Lanka cricket captain Kumar Sangakkara has shared high praise after Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage won a historic gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Sangakkara called it an incredible and proud day for the entire nation.

The twenty-three-year-old athlete made history at the Scotstoun Stadium in Glasgow by becoming only the fifth Sri Lankan ever to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal.

Pathirage sealed his victory with a massive throw of eighty-nine point seventy-five meters on his second attempt.

Even though he registered five fouls during the final, that single legal throw was more than enough to secure the top spot. India's star thrower and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra claimed the silver medal with a best effort of eighty-five point eighty-three meters, while fellow Indian thrower

Yash Vir Singh took home the bronze medal.

Pathirage's amazing triumph ended a twenty-year wait for Sri Lanka at the Commonwealth Games, marking their first gold since weightlifter Chinthana Vidanage won in Melbourne back in 2006. Interestingly, Pathirage used to be a fast bowler who could clock one hundred and thirty-four kilometers per hour as a teenager. He later switched to athletics under coach Tony Prasanna, proving that cricket's loss has truly become athletics' massive gain.

Other big names struggled in the final. Grenada's Anderson Peters finished fourth, while reigning Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan had a disappointing outing, finishing a distant ninth place. After topping the qualification round earlier in the week, Pathirage delivered when it mattered most, bringing an unforgettable moment of immense national pride to the island nation.

Keshav Dabas Fined for Code Breach

NEW DELHI

Central Delhi Kings all-rounder Keshav Dabas has faced punishment for a Code of Conduct breach during a thrilling Delhi Premier League match against Purani Dilli 6. He was fined ten percent of his match fee and given one demerit point.



The incident took place during the tournament opener match at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Dabas broke Article 2.5 of the league code when he made an inappropriate sending-off gesture toward opposition batter Dev Lakra. Match Referee Manu Nayar handled the case, and Dabas quickly admitted to his mistake, accepting the penalty without any issues.

Despite this setback, Dabas turned out to be the hero with the bat later in the game. Chasing a massive target of two hundred and three runs, Central Delhi Kings needed a strong finish. Captain Yash Dhull laid a solid foundation with a brilliant seventy-two off forty-five balls, while Vansh Bedi added a quick twenty-eight runs to keep the chase alive.

When the pressure reached its peak, Dabas stepped up under extreme tension. He played a crucial unbeaten knock of

seventeen runs from just nine balls.

He hit two important boundaries at the end of the nineteenth over to ease the pressure, allowing teammate Jasvir Sehrawat to hit the winning runs and seal a four-wicket victory with four balls remaining.

Earlier in the match, Purani Dilli 6 captain Anuj Rawat had scored a magnificent unbeaten century. He smashed one hundred and five runs from fifty-nine deliveries, supported by a fifty-three from Dev Lakra, taking their team to a total of 202. However, the Central Delhi Kings managed to chase down the big score successfully to start their campaign on a winning note.

Asmita Dey wins Commonwealth gold

GLASGOW

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has warmly praised judoka Asmita Dey for her historic gold medal win at the Commonwealth Games 2026. The twenty-three-year-old made history by becoming the very first Indian judo player to win a gold medal at the Games.

The Chief Minister stated that Asmita has brought immense pride to the state of Tripura and the entire nation. Her incredible dedication and hard work will serve as a massive inspiration for younger generations of athletes across the country. Asmita clinched the women's forty-eight kilogram title by defeating Canada's Heidi Quach two to one in a thrill-



ing final. The match went into a dramatic Golden Score period, where Asmita kept her cool under pressure to secure the winning score.

Her journey to the top was full of grit. She overcame personal tragedy and defeated Scotland's Eva Ewing in the quarterfinals before edging past local favorite Summer Shaw in a tough semifinal.

Born in Belonia, Tripura, Asmita comes from a very hum-

ble background. Her father runs a local bicycle repair shop. She initially started in running before a sharp-eyed coach noticed her talent and introduced her to judo. She trained hard at local centers before moving to the Sports Authority of India Regional Centre in Bhopal, eventually joining the elite Target Olympic Podium Scheme development group. Building on past success like her gold at the 2023 Junior Asia Cup and senior title at the 2025 African Open, Asmita has now reached the pinnacle of her sport. Tripura Sports Minister Tinku Roy also joined in with glowing praise, noting that her landmark triumph will motivate countless youngsters to dream bigger and achieve great things in sports.

Chelsea avoids points deduction despite £10m fine



LONDON

Premier League club Chelsea has been handed a ten million pound fine by the English FA after admitting to multiple historical rule breaches. The club managed to avoid a points deduction following a successful appeal against the original punishment.

The regulatory issues came to light after the club's new owners, led by U.S. investor Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital, took

over in May 2022. Chelsea proactively self-reported these potential historical violations to all relevant football regulators and fully cooperated by handing over thousands of documents during the investigation.

An independent Regulatory Commission initially found the club guilty of seventy-four breaches of FA Rule E1.2. These violations involved regulations regarding third-party investments and working with intermediaries. The commission originally gave Chelsea a suspended six-point deduction alongside the heavy financial penalty. However, the club appealed the points deduction, and an independent Appeal Board decided to set aside that specific sanction.

Taafaki secures Tuvalu's first Commonwealth medal

GLASGOW

Boxer Taronas Taafaki has made history by winning the very first Commonwealth Games medal for Tuvalu. Remarkably, the twenty-year-old athlete achieved this incredible milestone in Glasgow without managing to win a single bout.

Taafaki competed as one of only five entrants in the women's seventy-five kilogram boxing category. Thanks to the tournament draw, she received a direct bye straight into the semifinals. There, she faced India's star boxer Lovlina Borgohain on Friday and suffered a defeat.

However, because the Commonwealth Games does not hold traditional third-place playoff matches, every boxer who loses in the semifinal stage is automatically awarded a bronze medal. This unique format ensured that Taafaki walked away with a podium finish for her small nation.

Speaking about her historic achievement, Taafaki expressed immense pride in representing her homeland on such a massive international stage. She noted that her country has a population of just over ten thousand people, and joked that about ninety-five percent of the audience probably had no idea where Tuvalu was located on the map.

As one of only eight athletes and para-athletes representing Tuvalu at the Games, she felt deeply privileged to put her nation in the global sports spotlight. Her unlikely bronze medal marks a monumental chapter in Tuvalu's sporting history, bringing great joy to fans back home.



Tanvi Sharma reaches Taipei Open final

TAIPEI

Young Indian shuttler Tanvi Sharma has stormed into the women's singles final at the Taipei Open 2026. She played brilliantly to secure a strong straight-games win, keeping India's hopes of lifting the championship trophy very much alive.

At the Taipei Arena, the world number thirty-four player faced local favourite and fifth seed Huang Yu-hsun. Tanvi maintained total control from start to finish and defeated her opponent twenty-one to seventeen, and twenty-one to eleven. The match lasted just thirty-three minutes, sealing her spot in the summit clash against Vietnam star Nguyen Thuy Linh.

Unlike her tough quarterfinal battle where she had to fight back

from a set down, Tanvi dominated this match completely. She gave the home crowd no chance of a comeback, displaying great skill and composure throughout.

This major milestone highlights the rapid growth of the young athlete over the past two years. After helping India win gold at the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships, she reached two Super One Hundred finals last year and claimed titles at international challenges in Bonn and Denmark.

Sadly, India missed out on a dream all-Indian final. Teenager Unnati Hooda played well throughout the tournament but lost her semifinal match in straight games to Nguyen



Tanvi Sharma stormed into the Taipei Open 2026 final with a dominant straight-games win over local favourite Huang Yu-hsun.

Thuy Linh. Meanwhile, the men's challenge ended when Kiran George was defeated in the quarterfinals by Japan's Yudai Okimoto. The Indian doubles pairs had also bowed out earlier in the week.

Preeti Pawar wins boxing gold in Glasgow

GLASGOW

Indian boxer Preeti Pawar has delivered a brilliant performance to claim the women's fifty-four kilogram gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2026. She earned a clear unanimous decision victory over Canada's Scarlett Delgado in the final on Saturday, marking India's first boxing gold of the event.

Delgado started the bout aggressively and landed a few early punches. However, Preeti remained calm and patient, gradually finding her rhythm by using accurate punches and a sharp left hook. Her smart tactics convinced all the judges to award her the opening round by a five-zero scoreline.

Preeti grew even more con-

fident in the second round, dominating the contest with clean combinations that forced a standing count for Delgado. With another five-zero round in her favor, the Indian fighter stood just three minutes away from ultimate glory.

She maintained total control in the final round, dictating the pace and keeping her opponent on the back foot with crisp left hooks and solid right hands. When the final bell rang, Preeti was declared the winner by a unanimous decision, securing the historic gold.

Attention now shifts to other Indian athletes in Glasgow. In track and field, Gulveer Singh is set to race in the men's five-thousand-meter final after winning silver in

the ten-thousand-meter event. Triple jumpers Praveen Chithravel and Selva Prabhu Thirumaran, pole vaulters Dev Meena and Kuldeep Kumar, the mixed four-hundred-meter relay team, and race walker Priyanka Goswami will also compete for medals.

Additionally, Indian judokas Unnati Sharma, Karanjit Singh Maan, Harsh Tokas, and Inunganbi Takhel-lambam will take to the mats, while the men's pairs bowls team faces England for a semifinal spot as India pursues further success.

Preeti Pawar won India's first boxing gold at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, defeating Canada's Scarlett Delgado unanimously.



Judoka Yamini claims silver for India

MUMBAI

India is celebrating another proud moment in sports. Judoka Yamini Maurya fought with all her heart and won a brilliant silver medal in the women's fifty-seven kilogram event at the ongoing Commonwealth Games.

Yamini's fantastic achievement makes this a truly historic year for Indian judo. Her podium finish brings home India's third judo medal at the current Games. Just before this, teammates Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh created wonderful history by grabbing India's very first judo gold medals ever at the international multi-sport event.

The talented athlete trains hard at the Inspire Institute of Sport. Over the past few years, she has worked her way up through sheer grit and constant practice. Her latest silver medal proves that Indian judo is growing stronger and making a massive mark across the globe.

Yet, Yamini's incredible road to success was far from easy. When she first started learning the sport back in school, she did not even have proper safety mats. Instead, she practiced on ordinary mattresses and regular floor mats. At the time, she had no clue about massive global competitions.

Life threw a tough challenge at her in two thousand twenty-four when she had to undergo surgery. This painful injury kept her away from the training mats for nearly a whole year. When she finally returned, managing her weight became a huge battle because her body size had changed during recovery. Still, she refused to give up. She balanced her healing process, controlled her weight, and got right back into fighting shape.



Akshay Bhatia makes steady Detroit start

DETROIT

American golfer Akshay Bhatia has made a steady start at the Rocket Classic after taking a short break following the Open. Playing at the Detroit Golf Club, the left-handed star shot a two-under sixty-eight to secure a modest position on the leaderboard.

Bhatia started his round on the tenth hole, picking up early birdies on the fourteenth, first, and sixth holes. His only mistake came on the sixteenth, which marked his

seventh hole of the day. Sitting strong at twelfth on the FedEx Cup rankings, Bhatia aims to find consistency heading into the weekend rounds.

Meanwhile, fellow Indian-origin player Sudarshan Yellamaraju carded a sixty-nine to sit around the cut line. Other prominent players like Aaron Rai and Sahithi Theegala chose to skip this week's tournament.

At the top of the leaderboard, Peter Malnati grabbed headlines by shooting a career-best nine-un-

der sixty-one, tying the tournament record and securing a two-shot lead. Rickie Fowler and Ryan Gerard closely followed after shooting identical rounds of sixty-three.

The Detroit Golf Club features a revamped course following a sixteen million dollar renovation designed to add difficulty and honor Donald Ross's original vision. With only two events left before the top seventy golfers advance to the FedEx Cup Playoffs, competition remains fierce.

Praveen secures silver in triple jump

GLASGOW

India is shining bright at the Commonwealth Games with a fantastic double podium win in athletics. Star athletes Praveen Chithravel and Selva Prabhu Thirumaran made the nation proud by winning a silver and a bronze medal respectively in the men's triple jump event.

Praveen put up a brilliant fight to grab the silver medal. He jumped a distance of sixteen point five eight meters on his fourth try. In the beginning, he struggled a bit and stood in fifth place after the first three rounds. However, he showed great mental strength, improved his jump step by step, and briefly took the top spot before finishing second.

Right behind him, teammate Selva Prabhu delivered a wonderful performance to claim the bronze medal. He secured his spot on the podium with a solid jump of sixteen point five two meters. Like Praveen, Selva steadily improved his performance through the rounds, starting

with a sixteen point one seven meter leap and peaking at sixteen point four three meters before his final best mark.

This double medal win adds more joy to India's already strong campaign in athletics at the Glasgow Games. The day became even more special with massive victories in boxing. Boxer Jaismine Lamboria clinched a spectacular gold medal in the women's fifty-seven kilogram category. She beat the defending champion Michaela Walsh with a clear five-zero unanimous decision.

Jaismine's glorious win brought India its second boxing gold of the day. This followed right after Preeti Pawar's stellar victory in the women's fifty-four kilogram final. It also marks India's second successive boxing gold medal at these Games, showing the incredible talent and dedication of Indian sports stars on the international stage. Fans back home are celebrating this historic day.



Solid start for Diksha at Women's Open

LYTHAM ST ANNES

Indian golfer Diksha Dagar made a strong impression on the opening day of the 2026 Women's Open, carding a steady two-under sixty-nine to break into the top ten.

Playing at the demanding Royal Lytham & St Annes course, Diksha faced a minor setback early on when she dropped her only shot of the day on the third hole. However, the twenty-five-year-old left-hander showed great composure to bounce back immediately with a birdie on the fifth. After settling into a solid rhythm of consecutive pars, she picked up two more crucial birdies on the thirteenth and sixteenth holes to seal a confidence-boosting round, finishing tied for eighth place.

Meanwhile, fellow Indian golfer Aditi Ashok had a tougher outing. Playing in her record thirty-ninth Major championship, Aditi carded a three-over seventy-four to finish tied for seventy-fifth. She will need a much-improved performance in the second round to make the weekend cut.

At the top of the leaderboard, Thailand's Jeeno Thitikul produced a sensational round of seven-under sixty-four to claim a two-stroke lead. The world number two played flawless golf, stringing together multiple birdies to outpace her closest rivals. South Korea's Haeran Ryu and Japan's Shiho Kuwaki share second place at five-under-par.

As the final women's Major of the season progresses, Diksha will look to maintain her fine momentum and climb even higher up the leaderboard during the second round.

Dehradun's Judoka prepares for international stage

MUMBAI

Judoka Unnati Sharma is fully focused and ready to give her absolute best as she prepares to compete in the women's sixty-three kilogram category at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Growing up in Dehradun, Unnati discovered her passion for judo at an early age. Her inspiring journey is built on courage and resilience. Backed by the Inspire Institute of Sport, she famously hid a broken hand after her very first training session because she feared her parents would tell her to quit. Overcoming that early hurdle, she eventually became the first girl from her neighborhood to represent India on the international stage.

Reflecting on her journey, Unnati expressed immense pride in reaching this major milestone. She thanked her family, especially her father, for supporting her through every victory and defeat. She stated that her main focus now is to fight with total confidence, give her best effort in every single bout, and make the country proud.

Training at a high-performance environment like IIS has played a crucial role in her development. Surrounded by elite athletes and expert coaches, she has sharpened her skills and built the mental toughness needed for global competition. Her coaches have praised her incredible work ethic and steady growth, noting that she has turned into a calm and composed competitor.

Dehradun judoka Unnati Sharma is ready for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, overcoming early injuries and rigorous training to chase glory for India.



With India's judo squad already making history in Glasgow, Unnati is eager to step onto the mat and carry that winning momentum forward. Fans back home will be cheering for her as she looks to chase glory and add another remarkable chapter to Indian sports history.

Jakati leads bowling attack in Royals win

LUSAKA

The Indian Royals began their Asian Legends League 2026 campaign in style, securing a hard-fought nineteen-run victory over the Bangladesh Tigers.

Batting first at the Lotus Sports Club Ground, the

Royals experienced a shaky start but managed to post a competitive total of one hundred and thirty-five for seven in their allotted twenty overs. Opener Abhishek Jalota gave the innings early momentum with a

brisk twenty-six runs from twenty balls, while Asad Pathan chipped in with a quick-fire twenty-two. Regular wickets pegged the team back through the middle overs, but Sarul Kanwar anchored the lower order brilliantly. Kanwar remained unbeaten on forty

off thirty-four deliveries, smashing three towering sixes. Shadab Jakati also added a valuable fourteen runs to help lift the total. For the Tigers, Saqlain Sajib was exceptional with the ball, picking up two wickets for just ten runs in his four overs.

Bas de Leede named new Dutch captain

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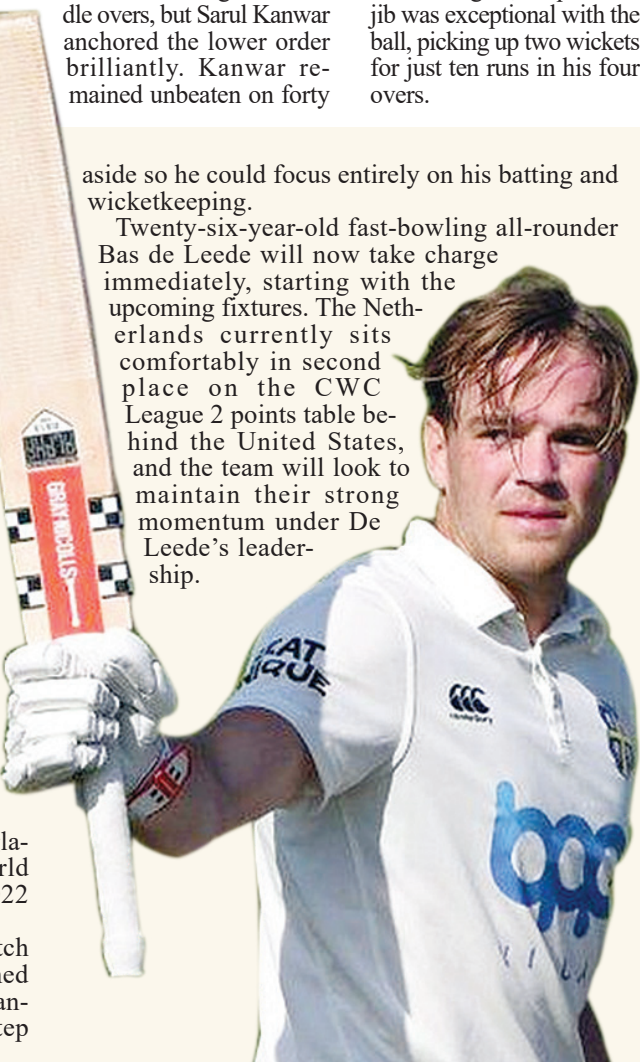
Netherlands cricket team captain Scott Edwards has officially stepped down from his leadership role after leading the side for four years. Star all-rounder Bas de Leede has been named as his successor for the remainder of the CWC League 2 tournament.

Edwards, who took over the captaincy from Pieter Seelaar in June 2022, led the national team in fifty-six ODIs, securing twenty-four wins. Under his guidance, the Dutch side achieved several historic milestones, most notably memorable victories over Test-playing nations like South Africa and Bangladesh during the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India, alongside famous wins at the 2022 T20 World Cup.

In a video message released by the Royal Dutch Cricket Association (KNCB), Edwards explained that he discussed the decision with the team management and felt it was the right moment to step

aside so he could focus entirely on his batting and wicketkeeping.

Twenty-six-year-old fast-bowling all-rounder Bas de Leede will now take charge immediately, starting with the upcoming fixtures. The Netherlands currently sits comfortably in second place on the CWC League 2 points table behind the United States, and the team will look to maintain their strong momentum under De Leede's leadership.





Yash reveals new Toxic poster ahead release

The wait for Yash's much-anticipated pan-Indian film Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups has become more exciting after the actor released a new intense poster and announced the trailer launch date.

The trailer will arrive on August 8, 2026, while the film is scheduled to reach theatres worldwide on August 26, 2026. The announcement has created huge excitement among fans who are waiting to see Yash in another grand action drama.

The newly released poster shows Yash standing alone on a rain-soaked street with a weapon in hand and surrounded by flying bullets. The black-and-white design presents a dark and mysterious world filled with danger, crime, and high-stakes action. The powerful visual has quickly attracted attention on social media, where fans praised Yash's strong screen presence and the film's stylish presentation.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas, Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups

is expected to be one of the biggest releases of 2026.

The film features Yash alongside Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Tara Sutaria, and Rukmini Vasanth. Shot in Kannada and English, the movie aims to connect with audiences across India and global markets. The project is backed by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, with a talented technical team handling music, cinematography, and editing.

The upcoming trailer is expected to reveal more details about the story, characters, and Yash's role in the gangster drama. Fans are especially curious about the actor's performance and the film's combination of action, emotion, and stylish storytelling.

With its fresh poster, star-filled cast, and growing buzz, Toxic has increased expectations among movie lovers worldwide. As the trailer launch approaches, audiences are preparing for a cinematic experience that promises excitement and entertainment.

Shilpa Shetty shares spiritual glimpse from Nepal

Actress Shilpa Shetty shared glimpses from her Nepal trip by posting a photograph from the famous Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu.

Dressed in a bright yellow traditional outfit, she was seen standing with folded hands in prayer. She captioned the picture with the words, "Pashupatinath Temple, Nepal Diaries," giving fans a peaceful look into her spiritual journey and cultural visit.

The Pashupatinath Temple is one of Nepal's most respected religious sites and is dedicated to Lord Shiva in the form of Pashupati. Situated on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River, the temple is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The his-



toric complex includes hundreds of small temples and is visited every year by thousands of devotees and tour-

ists from around the world.

On the work front, Shilpa was recently seen in the Kannada action thriller "KD: The Devil," featuring Dhruva Sarja, Sanjay Dutt and several other actors. She is also hosting the reality cooking show "Maa Hai Na," where celebrity contestants compete alongside family members in cooking challenges and entertaining segments for viewers.

The actress, who made her film debut with "Baaazigar" in 1993, remains active in films and television. She recently dismissed false statements circulating online in her name, calling them completely fabricated and urging people not to believe misleading information shared on social media platforms.

Kanye West settles lawsuit with former assistant

Rapper and fashion mogul Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, has reached an unconditional settlement in a high-profile civil lawsuit filed by his former assistant, Laurenisciotta.

The lawsuit alleged multiple instances of severe sexual abuse, harassment, and wrongful termination.

Court documents submitted in Los Angeles confirm that the two parties reached an agreement on July 23, 2026. According to media reports, the civil suit—one of several legal challenges facing the artist—will be officially withdrawn within

forty-five days. Financial terms and specific conditions of the settlement remain undisclosed.

Pisciotta worked as an assistant for West's Yeezy brand between 2021 and 2022. She filed her initial lawsuit in June 2024, alleging she was subjected to explicit messages, pornographic material, and wrongful termination.

Her legal complaint was later amended to include severe accusations of sexual assault, battery, and oral rape during business trips.

West consistently and strongly denied all allega-

tions throughout the legal battle. Representatives for the artist previously dismissed the claims as extortion attempts and sensationalized fabrications, arguing that the former assistant used coercion to demand luxury items and financial payouts.

This settlement marks the closure of a major legal conflict for the controversial artist.

Despite the resolution of this lawsuit, West continues to navigate additional legal disputes stemming from his various business ventures and personal conduct in recent years.

Netflix announces release date for Chumbak

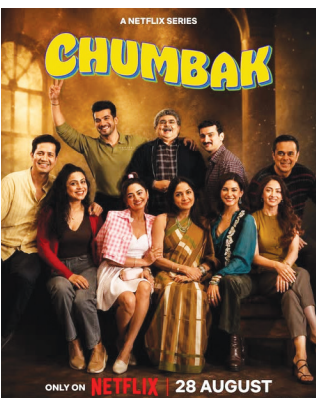
Netflix India has announced that its new family comedy series Chumbak will premiere on August 28. The streaming platform shared a colorful promotional video introducing the lively residents of Chumbak Colony Society.

The story follows five families living in a busy Mumbai neighborhood, showing how friendship, laughter, festivals and everyday moments bring neighbors closer and turn them into one caring community filled with warmth, fun and strong emotional bonds.

The promo creatively uses a fridge magnet board to introduce the main families, matching the meaning of the title, which represents people being naturally drawn toward one another. The cast includes Neena Gupta, Deven Bhojani, Manasi Parekh, Sumeet Vyas, Arjun Bijlani, Helly Shah, Sandeepa Dhar, Sumeet Raghavan, Anant V. Joshi, Amyra Dastur, Delnaaz Irani and Atul Kumar in important roles.

The series has been created by Aatish Kapadia and JD Majethia, the well-known makers of popular television comedies. Their latest project combines humor, family relationships and emotional storytelling through the lives of different generations living together. The makers hope viewers of all ages will connect with the simple yet meaningful stories that reflect everyday life in a modern housing society.

The announcement has created excitement among fans who have been waiting for another family entertainer from the successful creative duo. With its talented cast, cheerful setting and relatable characters



SELENA GOMEZ HOPES FANS ENJOY LATEST SINGLE



Singer and actress Selena Gomez celebrated the release of her new song, "Te Olvido (La La)," featuring her husband Benny Blanco and singer Becky G. Sharing a glimpse of the music video on social media, Selena said she loved the song and had the best time creating it with two people she deeply admires.

She also expressed hope that fans would enjoy the new track.

The song is part of Benny Blanco's upcoming Spanish-language-inspired album, "Hermoso," which is scheduled for release on August 14.

Inspired by cumbia and Latin pop music, the track celebrates Chicana heritage. It also marks the first musical collaboration be-

tween Selena Gomez and Becky G, making it a special project for both artists.

Selena began dating music producer Benny Blanco in 2023, announced their engagement in 2024 and married him in September 2025.

She first became famous as a child actress before achieving worldwide success through television, films and music. Over the years, she has earned several prestigious awards and recognition for her performances and productions.

Becky G, who gained popularity with the hit song "Shower," has also built a successful career in English and Spanish music. Fans have welcomed the new collaboration with excitement, praising the chemistry between the three artists.

The release has generated strong interest as audiences eagerly await Benny Blanco's full album later this month.



Makers Release Special BTS Video for Bobby Kolli's Birthday

The makers of Mega-star Chiranjeevi's upcoming action drama, tentatively titled Mega158 (also referred to as Chirubobby2), have released a

The BTS video opens with the message, "Every blockbuster begins with a single vision," highlighting Bobby Kolli's dedication to creating large-scale commercial entertainers. It features the director discussing scenes with his team, planning camera angles, reviewing storyboards and scripts, monitoring footage, and carefully supervising every frame during production.

The video also captures lighter moments on the set, showing Bobby Kolli interacting warmly with actors and crew members between takes. The makers describe him as "The Master of Mass Entertainment," recognising his energetic filmmaking style and successful track record.

Sharing the video on social media, the production

team wished the director a happy birthday and praised his vision for the project. They expressed confidence that the film would set a new benchmark and said they eagerly await its release.

The makers confirmed that filming is progressing steadily. Reports indicate that the first half of the movie is nearing completion, with production remaining on schedule. Earlier, an important shooting schedule was completed in Pollachi, where Chiranjeevi and the principal cast filmed several key sequences.

The film marks the second collaboration between Chiranjeevi and Bobby Kolli after the blockbuster Waltair Veerayya. While the full cast is yet to be announced, the film features music by S. Thaman.

Tanushree Dutta shares views on youth protests

Actress Tanushree Dutta shared her views on ongoing youth protests, urging young people to express their concerns responsibly. She said national security and border protection should receive equal attention.

According to her, emotional reactions should not weaken important institutions or distract attention from issues affecting the country's safety and stability.

Through social media, she wrote that education reforms had already begun and encouraged people to focus on constructive efforts. She urged citizens not to disturb a stable administrative system because of strong emotions. Tanushree said young people are valuable for the nation's future and should carefully think before trusting information or joining movements without understanding every aspect of

the situation.

The actress also claimed that border tensions, especially involving Bangladesh and China, required careful attention. She said changing leadership during sensitive times could weaken national security.

Tanushree added that recent student concerns were genuine, but believed many issues were already being addressed. She expressed the opinion that further unrest could create unnecessary challenges while authorities continued handling important national responsibilities.

Tanushree appealed to the younger generation to stay calm, act responsibly and avoid decisions based only on emotions.

She said politics is often complex and should be understood carefully before reaching conclusions.

Mahershala Ali opens up about Blade reboot cancellation

Mahershala Ali has spoken about Marvel Studios' decision to stop the planned Blade reboot, saying the film would have happened if the company truly wanted to make it.

The actor was announced as the lead for the Marvel project at Comic-Con in 2019, creating huge excitement among fans.

The movie later faced several delays and never entered production despite years of development work.

Ali explained that the project ending helped him focus on another film with director Bassam Tariq, who was once attached to Blade. He said he felt creatively rewarded by the experience but admitted disappointment over the cancelled superhero film.

Ali stated that Marvel had him under contract and believed the movie could have been made if there was stronger commitment. Marvel president Kevin Feige previously said the studio did not want to release a simple version of Blade and wanted a unique story instead.