



**Shri D.K. Shivakumar**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Government of Karnataka



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**Shri D K Shivakumar**



**Date:**  
**05.09.2026**

**Time:**  
**10.30 a.m.**

**Venue:** MLA Office, Gudekote Road,  
Kudligi, Vijayanagara District.

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays Public Grievance Redressal Meetings will be conducted across all Districts, Taluks, and Hoblis of the State under the Chairmanship of the respective District In-charge Ministers and Members of Legislative Assembly.

**Distinguished Presence:**

**Shri K.S.Basavanthappa**  
Hon'ble Minister for Muzrai, Fisheries, Ports & Inland  
Water Transport, and District In-charge Minister of  
Vijayanagara, Government of Karnataka.

**Shri E.Tukaram**  
Hon'ble MP,  
Ballari

**Presence:**

**Shri Y.M.Satish**  
Hon'ble MLC

**Presided over by:**

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Quick Read

Study abroad expo in Bengaluru on Sept 6

**MYSURU**  
The Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation (KVTSDC), which functions as an international recruitment agency, will organise a Study Abroad Expo on September 6 at Gayathri Vihar Palace Grounds in Bengaluru to introduce students from Karnataka to global higher education opportunities. More than 60 foreign universities are expected to participate in the programme. The expo will provide students aspiring to pursue higher education abroad with information on overseas study opportunities, admission procedures, student visa requirements and scholarship options under one roof. Interested candidates can register for the programme through the website studyabroad.ksdckarnataka.com, District Skill Development Officer K.D. Manjunath said in a release.

Applications invited for Sandeepani scholarship for 2026-27

**MYSURU**  
The Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board has invited applications for the Sandeepani Scholarship Scheme for 2026-27, aimed at encouraging quality education among economically weaker students belonging to the Brahmin community. Under the scheme, students studying in first and second PUC and undergraduate courses will receive financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 per year. Students admitted to professional undergraduate and post-graduate courses through CET or NEET will be reimbursed two-thirds of the admission fee. However, the benefit will not be applicable to students admitted under the management or COMED-K quota. Applicants must be permanent residents of Karnataka, possess an EWS certificate and have an Aadhaar-linked NP-CI-seeded bank account. Eligible students can apply online through the Board's official website, Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board, on or before December 31. The deadline for applications under the Vipra Self-Employment Direct Loan Scheme has also been extended until 5.30 p.m. on September 5. For further information, applicants can contact the helpline numbers 080-29605888 or 8762249230, the District Skill Development Officer said in the release.

A royal farewell for the king of the golden howdah?

**SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM**  
MYSURU

After carrying the 700 plus weighing coveted Golden Howdah with majestic confidence and becoming the undisputed star of Mysuru Dasara, veteran elephant Captain Abhimanyu could be in line for one final royal moment — a grand public farewell at the historic Mysuru Palace.

Forest Minister Ramalinga Reddy has said that he would consult senior officials of the Forest Department on the possibility of bringing Captain Abhimanyu to the Palace premises on October 21, the grand finale of this year's Dasara festivities, so that the legendary jumbo can be given a colourful send-off in the presence of thousands of people.

Speaking to City Highlights, Reddy said he did not want to give any assurance at this stage, as the proposal would have to be discussed with the department's top officials. The final decision, therefore, rests on consultations within the department.

But the demand from Mysuru is growing louder.

For generations of Dasara lovers, the majestic elephants have been inseparable from the identity of the world-famous Mysuru Dasara. At the heart of this tradition is the Jamboo Savari, when the Golden Howdah is carried in a spectacular procession from the Mysuru Palace through the decorated streets of the city.

Captain Abhimanyu has earned a special place in that glorious tradition. He has carried the Golden Howdah



six times, displaying remarkable strength, discipline and composure during one of the most watched cultural spectacles in Karnataka.

Now that his Dasara career has come to an end, several organisations and individuals have urged the district administration to prevail upon the State Government to organise a public farewell for the veteran elephant in Mysuru.

The demand is not merely for another ceremonial event. For many true Mysureans, it is an emotional gesture of gratitude to an elephant that has become synonymous with the grandeur of Dasara.

Interestingly, Captain Abhimanyu has already received a warm send-off at Veeranahosahalli in Hunsur taluk, where the first batch

of nine Dasara elephants was traditionally welcomed before being brought to Mysuru for this year's festival.

However, supporters of a city farewell believe that his final salute should take place where he created his biggest memories — in front of the Mysuru Palace and amidst the people of Mysuru.

If the proposal gets the green signal, Captain Abhimanyu could be brought to the Palace on October 21 and felicitated by dignitaries, potentially including Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, along with other ministers and guests, in the presence of a massive gathering.

The veteran jumbo's retirement is also linked to animal welfare regulations. Reddy said Captain Abhimanyu would no longer be used for work, pointing to Supreme

Court guidelines concerning the use of elephants above 60 years of age. Accordingly, the elephant has been retired from work and will henceforth spend his days at his camp.

For an elephant that has spent years at the centre of Karnataka's most celebrated cultural festival, retirement may mean the end of the road as a working jumbo — but not the end of his place in Mysuru's collective memory.

Six Golden Howdah victories, countless Dasara memories and generations of admirers — Captain Abhimanyu may now be waiting for one last moment under the Palace lights, not as a working elephant, but as a legend being honoured by the city he helped make proud.

On Teachers' Day, Mysuru takes a lesson in compassion

**MYSURU**

Mysuru is set to witness an unusual march this Teachers' Day — not for a political cause or a social demand, but for the voiceless creatures whose lives, activists say, are routinely shaped by human choices.

The city will host its first-ever Animal Liberation March on September 5, with around 150 participants from across Karnataka expected to take part. Organised by the Vegan India Movement, the march will begin at the DC Office at 3.30 p.m. and culminate at the Mysuru Town Hall.

The organisers say the march is aimed at challenging speciesism — the belief that human interests automatically take precedence over the interests of other sentient beings — and drawing attention to the widespread exploitation of animals.

At a press conference, Vegan India Movement organiser Amjor Chandran said society must expand its circle of moral concern beyond conventional companion animals such as dogs and cats. "Animals are not ours to be used and exploited," Chandran said, stressing that all sentient beings deserve moral consideration.

The campaign seeks to question the use of animals across various commercial industries and advocates a shift away from animal-derived food products, including meat, eggs, dairy and honey. The dairy industry is expected to be a major focus of the campaign. Organisers highlighted practices such as artificial insemination of cows and buffaloes and the fate of male calves, which they alleged are often considered economically unviable.

Local activist Vasudha spoke about her own change



in perspective. She said she once believed that cows naturally "gave" milk to humans, but changed her views after learning about the processes involved in commercial dairy production. She subsequently stopped consuming milk and other animal products.

The organisers also maintain that embracing a plant-based lifestyle need not mean compromising health, pointing to scientific research supporting appropriately planned plant-based diets. The choice of Teachers' Day for the march is deliberate, organisers said. They want the occasion to symbolise learning, questioning long-held assumptions and "unlearning" practices that cause suffering.

Drawing parallels with other forms of discrimination, the activists argue that speciesism too deserves greater public scrutiny. Their message is that moral progress should not stop at the boundaries of human society but extend to other sentient beings.

With Mysuru's streets providing the backdrop, the march promises to bring a different kind of debate to the city — one centred on compassion, consumption and humanity's relationship with the animal world.

MYSURU GETS A GREEN BOOST

17,000 saplings to create Miyawaki mini forests

**MYSURU**

Mysuru's green landscape is set for a fresh boost with the development of a Miyawaki mini forest at Rajiv Nagar, aimed at creating a dense urban green space and strengthening the city's environmental resilience.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in association with Toyota Kirloskar Autoparts Pvt. Ltd. (TKAP), has taken up the initiative under the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. The Miyawaki forest development programme was launched on Thursday at the park located in front of Shine International School in Rajiv Nagar, marking another step towards expanding green spaces within the city.

MCC Commissioner Savita M.K., Additional Commissioner Veena B.N., Development Officer Somashekar, Assistant Executive Engineer (Horticulture), Environmental Engi-



neer, Health Inspectors and Horticulture Inspectors were present during the programme.

17,000+ saplings to transform two parks

Under the initiative, more than 17,000 saplings belonging to different species will be planted at the park in front of Shine International School and another park located in front of Rose Montessori School in Rajiv Nagar. The Miyawa-

ki method involves planting a variety of native and other suitable species closely together to create dense vegetation within a relatively small area. Such urban mini forests can help improve the local environment, provide habitat for birds and insects and contribute to a greener and cooler neighbourhood.

The initiative is expected to transform the two parks into vibrant pockets of greenery, offering residents

cleaner and more natural surroundings.

In a significant feature of the project, Toyota Kirloskar Autoparts Pvt. Ltd. (TKAP) has taken responsibility not only for planting the saplings but also for their maintenance for three years. The long-term maintenance commitment is expected to improve the survival and growth of the saplings and ensure that the green initiative develops into a thriving urban forest rather than remaining a one-time plantation drive.

The project reflects the growing importance of partnerships between civic bodies and industries in creating sustainable urban spaces. With thousands of saplings taking root, Rajiv Nagar is poised to gain two lush green pockets that could eventually become valuable environmental assets for the neighbourhood.

The initiative is also in line with Mysuru's efforts to strengthen its identity as a clean, green and environmentally conscious city.

RAISE AWARENESS AMONG YOUTH ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE: ASP NAGESH

**MYSURU**

Additional Superintendent of Police L. Nagesh called for awareness programmes among youngsters on the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Speaking at the NCORD (National Coordination Committee) meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Thursday, Nagesh directed officials to take proactive measures to identify students consuming drugs and formulate programmes to help them stay



away from substance abuse. There was a possibility of

cannabis plants being cultivated along with regular crops on agricultural land. The Agriculture Department officials to inspect fields during crop surveys and submit reports if cannabis cultivation was detected.

The ASP also directed forest department officials to inspect forest-fringe areas and take note of any illegal cultivation of cannabis. The GST officials were asked to keep a close watch on the wholesale transportation of goods and monitor suspicious consignments within

their jurisdiction. Drug control authorities were instructed to take action against pharmacies found selling medicines without valid prescriptions and report such violations to the NCORD committee.

District Mental Health Programme Implementation Officer Dr. Nagesh P. Aradhya from the Health Department, Assistant Director of the Department of Information and Public Relations Nirmala S.H., and other officials were present at the meeting.

WHEN MYSURU TURNS VRINDAVAN

ISKCON's Grand Krishna Janmashtami in the city

**MYSURU**

The city is all set to immerse itself in the divine melody of Krishna bhajans, the fragrance of flowers and the joyous chanting of Hare Krishna as the ISKCON temple in Mysuru gears up for a grand two-day celebration of Sri Krishna Janmashtami.

With the temple decked up for the occasion, devotees are expected to throng the premises to celebrate the appearance of Lord Krishna through a blend of devotion, music, dance and traditional rituals.

The festivities at ISKCON Mysuru will centre around the beautifully decorated deities of Sri Krishna Balarama, who will be offered special worship and adornment. Devotees will have an opportunity for special darshan and participation in various devotional pro-



grammes. ISKCON Mysuru traditionally observes Janmashtami with elaborate rituals extending from the early hours into the night.

The highlight will be the Maha Abhisheka, scheduled

around the midnight hour, when devotees gather to commemorate the divine appearance of Krishna. The sacred ritual will culminate in Maha Mangala Arati and Sankirtana, filling the temple with devotional music

and the collective chanting of the Hare Krishna mahamantra.

Adding colour and rhythm to the celebrations will be a Sangeethotsava, with singers offering devotional music through the day. Evening programmes will include devotional performances and a dance drama depicting the enchanting pastimes of Lord Krishna.

A special attraction will be the Harinam Mantap, where visiting devotees can participate in congregational chanting and experience the vibrant spiritual atmosphere created by the repeated chanting of Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna.

The celebrations also provide an opportunity for devotees to participate in various forms of seva. ISKCON Mysuru has listed offerings including Tulasi Archana, Makhan Mishri Seva, Anadana and Go Seva, besides

contributions towards the proposed Nava Brindavan Dham temple project. Janmashtami commemorates the birth of Krishna as the eighth child of Devaki and Vasudeva. The festival is traditionally observed with fasting, prayers, devotional singing and the midnight celebration marking Krishna's appearance. This year, the main Janmashtami observance falls on Friday, September 4, with midnight worship extending into September 5.

For Mysuru's Krishna devotees, the celebrations promise to be more than a religious festival. With music in the air, flowers adorning the temple, lamps glowing and devotees joining in the Sankirtana, the ISKCON premises is set to become a vibrant spiritual hub — bringing a little bit of Vrindavan's Krishna magic to Mysuru.

Vachana music festival at Suttur Mutt on Sept 16, 17

**MYSURU**

The Department of Kannada and Culture will organise a Vachana Music Festival at Suttur Mutt in Mysuru on September 16 and 17, with the objective of taking the thoughts and teachings of the 12th-century Basavadi Sharanas to the wider public.

As part of the festival, various competitions for students of different age groups will be conducted at Kalamandira in Mysuru at 10.30 a.m. on September 10 and 11.

Students interested in participating can register their names at the office of the Joint Director located at Kalamandira by 5.30 p.m. on September 8. They should submit their personal details along with a certificate verifying their age.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners securing first,

THE COMPETITIONS WILL INCLUDE

■ **Classes 5 to 7:** Chitra Namdu, Banna Nimdu (Our Picture, Your Colours) — Drawing competition

■ **Classes 8 to 10:** Vachana Recitation by Heart

■ **PUC students:** Vachana Singing

■ **Degree students:** Essay competition on the theme "The Society the Sharanas Wanted to Build".

second and third places.

For further details, students may contact Nikhil Murthy M.K., office staff, on 9008644750, the Joint Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture said in a release.







# Strict action needed to curb human trafficking: Judge Usharani

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Human trafficking is a serious assault on an individual’s dignity, physical well-being and personal freedom. Rehabilitation of victims is not merely a matter of government policy but an integral part of the right to live with dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, said Principal District and Sessions Judge and Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Usharani.

Presiding over a programme organised jointly by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, DLSA and various organisations here on Thursday on the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and the Udaya Hejje Association of Bonded Labourers, she said this year’s theme, “Trapped Behind the Scam,” highlights the need to create awareness about new trafficking networks that lure and exploit people through online cyber-crimes and fraudulent schemes. The government has a positive obligation to ensure the physical, psychological, social and economic rehabilitation of survivors of human traffick-



ing. Preventing trafficking is not the responsibility of the police or government alone. Society must also play an active role, particularly by educating children to immediately inform their parents, teachers or authorities if they encounter suspicious strangers or situations.

She noted that recently, a joint raid conducted by the DLSA, police, revenue officials and NGOs on brick kilns in Devanahalli of So-sale hobli resulted in the rescue of 18 adults and seven children, who were subsequently issued release certificates.

Poverty, unemployment, addictions, online fraud, false promises of opportunities in films and assurances of overseas employment are among the factors that make people vulnerable to trafficking, she said. More than 60 per cent of the victims are women and

children below the age of 18.

Vikas Samsthe President Vergis Cleetus said bonded labour was no longer limited to people being physically chained. Poor workers arriving from Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in search of employment were increasingly being trapped in debt and exploited. Such exploitation was prevalent in coffee plantations, quarries, sugarcane-cutting operations and shooting locations in Mysuru, Chikkamagaluru, Mandya, Kodagu and Uttara Kannada districts.

Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, nearly 23 departments, including the Revenue, Labour and Social Welfare departments, need to work together to secure the release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers. Obstacles in registering FIRs must be removed

and the rehabilitation assistance of Rs. 30,000, which is to be provided immediately after release, should reach the beneficiaries without delay, he said.

Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director R. Nagaraju said the district administration, departmental officials and voluntary organisations had recently jointly undertaken the rescue of bonded labourers and awareness programmes in the Bevanahalli area of T. Narasipura taluk. Bonded labour and human trafficking could be completely eradicated by working with humanity, compassion, love and trust under the Constitution given by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The Women and Child Development Department and district administration would extend full support to such people-oriented initiatives in collaboration with voluntary organisations, he added.

Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary Nagaraj Siddappa Ankasaddoddi, Advocates’ Association president Lokesh S., Child Welfare Committee chairman Ravichandra, M.A.P. Rajendra, Prajwal, Vijay Kumar and others were present.

# ‘Model Mania’ science model-making competition for students

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Rotary Mysore Children’s Library (RMCL) has organised ‘Model Mania – Science Model-Making Competition’ to provide school students an opportunity to showcase their scientific knowledge, creativity and innovative skills.

Rotary, which has been serving the Mysuru community for over a century, has been conducting various programmes in the fields of health, education, awareness and community development. As part of its continued efforts to promote learning and creativity among children, RMCL regularly organises literary and educational activities for students and teachers.

The ‘Model Mania’ competition aims to create greater interest in science among stu-



dents while encouraging new thinking, creativity, practical knowledge and innovation. The organisers said the competition would offer students an opportunity to learn through an engaging and entertaining experience, apart from providing them a platform to present their scientific ideas through creative models.

Students studying up to Class 10 from schools across Mysuru city are eligible to

participate in the competition.

According to the participation guidelines, a maximum of two teams from each school can take part. Each team should comprise three to four students. Students from all schools in Mysuru city are eligible to participate.

The Rotary Mysore Children’s Library has appealed to schools and students to make use of the opportunity and encourage children to transform their scientific ideas into innovative and creative models.

The organisers said the competition would help nurture scientific curiosity and provide children with a platform to demonstrate their talent and imagination.

The programme carries the message: “Let’s Learn – Let’s Create – Let’s Innovate!”

## “Engineering is not just a degree, but a way of thinking”

MYSURU

Engineering education should go beyond earning a degree and equip students with strong fundamentals, problem-solving abilities, human values and a spirit of innovation, said T.G. Sitharam, former Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Addressing the induction pProgramme 2026-27 for first-year B.E. students of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, here, he urged students to develop a strong foundation in mathematics, physics and other basic sciences and move beyond rote learning to gain conceptual clarity. Engineering is “not a degree, but a way of looking at the world”, requiring students to identify problems, think critically and develop practical solutions.

Advising students to embrace emerging technologies, Sitharam said Artificial Intelligence, data science and other digital tools should complement, rather than replace, strong knowledge of core engineering disciplines.

Describing AI as “augmented intelligence”, he said it could significantly enhance human capabilities. Sitharam also appealed to parents not to place excessive pressure on their children over academic performance. Failure in examinations, projects, internships or job opportunities should be viewed as an opportunity to learn and improve. “The fear of failure should be removed from young people,” he said.

Highlighting India’s growing strength in science and technology, he said the country had made significant progress in research, startups, digital infrastructure, semiconductors, clean energy

and advanced manufacturing. The students must explore emerging fields such as quantum technology, biotechnology and AI.

Emphasizing that education does not end with graduation, Sitharam urged students to pursue continuous learning and actively participate in innovation clubs, laboratory projects, hackathons, symposiums and activities addressing real-world challenges. Such experiences, he said, would help bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. The students must become innovators, entrepreneurs, product developers and job creators, stressing that India’s ambition of becoming a developed nation by 2047 would depend greatly on its young technical workforce. “Unless India becomes a product-building nation, there is no way to become a developed nation,” he said.

## Staging of a play ‘Kattala Neralu in the City on Sunday

MYSURU

Bengaluru Theatre Collective will present Kattala Neralu, a Kannada adaptation of David Harrower’s well-known play Blackbird, on Sunday, September 6, at Natana Ranganamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru.

The play stars popular film and theatre actor Balaji



Manohar, Siriravikumar, and Chukki R.M., daughter of renowned actor Rangayana Ra-

ghu. The play has been adapted and directed by theatre personality Venkatesh Prasad.

About the Play: The play is about two people who meet again after 15 years. Their meeting brings back memories of the past, along with anger, pain, guilt and unresolved emotions. The play explores an important ques-

tion: Can we leave the past behind and move on with our lives? Show Details: Date: Sunday, September 6 | Shows: 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Venue: Natana Ranganamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru

Entry Fee: ₹200 Tickets are available on BookMyShow. For tickets and enquiries, contact 9900182400.

## Minister Rizwan Arshad visits Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi’s residence in the city

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Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Rizwan Arshad met Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Secretary, Tanzeem Ahle Sunnath Jamath Trust, Subhash Nagar in Mysuru.

He also met Sunni Ulmas, Sunni Masjids Managing Committee, Dargas, Muthavali in various parts of city. The meet began from the recital of Holy Quran. Qirath read by Hazarath Moulana Mohd. Inayathur Rehman Razvi Saheb, Shahi Imam of Tipu Tomb, Srirangapatna. Hafiz Tabrez Raza, Imam of Masjid Eidgah read Nath Shariff - Phrases of Prophet Mohammed. Moulana Abdul

Salam Razvi Saheb, Khateeb Masjid Aqsa made welcome speech. Hazarath Moulana Mufti, Sajjad Hussain Khan Misbahi, Hon’ble Principal, Jamiya Tippi, Srirangapatna made introductory speech and some suggestions.

Tanzeem Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath Trust, Chairman, Dr.Mehboob Khan, President, Javeed Sait Razvi, Secretary, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Joint Secretary Fiyaz Ahmed jointly felicitated the minister. Several prominent leaders felicitated. Sunni Ulmas and other participants appealed about their problems and Rizwan Arshad Saheb assured to solve their problems.



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Members of Mysuru’s judicial fraternity had an opportunity to interact with a distinguished delegation from the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Netherlands, during its visit to the city’s Law Courts Complex and Malalawadi Court Complex in Mysuru.

The delegation comprised ICJ Judge Leonardo Nemer Caldeira Brant, his wife Joyce Costa and senior officials of the ICJ.

Principal District and Sessions Judge Usharani, DLSA Member-Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Nagaraj Siddappa Ankasaddoddi, judges of various courts in Mysuru, Advocates’ Association President Lokesh S. and office-bearers of the association welcomed and felicitated the guests.

During the interaction, Justice Leonardo Nemer Caldeira Brant sought information about the Indian judicial system and the functioning of courts in Mysuru. He, in turn, shared insights

## ICJ JUDGE’S MYSURU VISIT OFFERS INSIGHT INTO INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE



into the role, functioning and proceedings of the International Court of Justice.

The interaction provided the Mysuru legal fraternity with a better understanding of international dispute resolution, the ICJ’s judicial functions and its role in the international justice system.

The visit also facilitated an exchange of perspectives between the Indian judicial system and the world’s principal international court.

The delegation appreciated Mysuru’s rich cultural heritage, traditions and distinctive character during its visit.

The ICJ is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, established under the UN Charter in 1945 and functioning from the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, since 1946. It primarily settles legal disputes

between States under international law and gives advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by authorised UN organs and specialised agencies.

The Court has 15 independent judges, each serving a nine-year term, with elections held every three years for five positions. Its official languages are English and French.

The ICJ handles two broad categories of proceedings—contentious cases between sovereign States and advisory opinions sought by authorised UN bodies and agencies. Its judgments are final and binding on the parties to the particular case, though the Court does not have a direct enforcement mechanism.

The Mysuru visit thus served as a valuable platform for legal professionals and judges to gain a deeper understanding of international justice and the functioning of the ICJ, while also strengthening professional and judicial interaction.

## MYSURU LOSES LITERARY STALWART

# Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal passes away

MYSURU

Renowned writer and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Maddikere Gopal (77) passed away at around 5.30 a.m. on Thursday following a massive cardiac arrest at Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru.

He is survived by his wife, ophthalmologist Dr. Anasuya, daughter Mala, son-in-law Bhavani Shankar, besides a large circle of relatives, friends, writers and thinkers.

Gopal, who resided at Gayatripuram in Mysuru, was admitted to the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research on Monday after complaining of

chest pain. He underwent angioplasty on Wednesday. However, his condition did not improve and he suffered another severe cardiac arrest early Thursday. Despite treatment, he breathed his last at around 5.30 a.m., family sources said.

His mortal remains were kept at the Kannada Sahitya Bhavana in Vijayanagar First Stage at 1 p.m. on Thursday to enable the public, writers and admirers to pay their last respects. The body was later taken to the crematorium at the foothills of Chamundi Hill at 4 p.m. The last rites were performed according to religious traditions at around 6 p.m., sources said.

Originally a lawyer by



## OBITUARY

profession, Maddikere Gopal had a deep passion for the Kannada language, Karnataka’s land and water resources, and its rich culture. He played a prominent role in

several Kannada literary conferences held in Mysuru. He was also actively associated with the Gokak Movement, the Cauvery agitation and several other public causes.

In recognition of his contribution to Kannada literature and public life, the Karnataka Government honoured him with the Suvarna Karnataka Rajyotsava Award. Several organisations had also felicitated him over the years in recognition of his literary and social contributions.

Gopal was serving his second term as president of the Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and was deeply committed to the

preservation and promotion of yoga, Dasara, Mysuru’s art and culture, and the Kannada language.

His demise has left a deep void in Mysuru’s literary and cultural landscape. The cultural city has lost yet another distinguished literary figure who worked tirelessly for the preservation of its language, heritage and cultural identity.

Former presidents of the Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, M. Chandrashekar, Dr. N. Girigowda, noted writer C.P. Krishnakumar, writers Dr. Latha Rajshekar, Dr. Rajshekar, Pushpa Ayyangar, Nagaraj Bairi, S.P. Yoganna, Raghuram Vajapeyi, Nagen-dra Babu, Ananthu, former

MUDA chairman K. Mari-gowda, leaders C. Narayana Gowda, Narayana V. Hegde, M. Mohan Kumar Gowda, Naveen Kumar, Ranganath Mysuru, Ramalingegowda, Lingaraju and Premalatha, Assistant Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture Sudarshan, Prabhu-shankar, Nagamma, D.P. Murthy, Devaraju, Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, State Executive Committee member B. Raghavendra, Kannada activist Mugur Nanjundaswamy, besides a large number of relatives, writers and literary enthusiasts, paid their last respects to Maddikere Gopal.



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Escalating civic neglect is choking key thoroughfares across North Bengaluru, transforming vital pedestrian walkways and roadways into hazardous zones of debris and uncollected waste. From Sultanpalya Main Road to Manorayanapalya, local communities are grappling with a mounting crisis of municipal apathy. Unattended construction materials block crucial transit paths, stray pipes foster unauthorized garbage dumps near hospitals, and persistent foul odors threaten public health. Despite repeated grievances from distressed residents, sluggish bureaucratic responses leave neighborhoods vulnerable to rising accident risks and deteriorating sanitation standards, casting a harsh spotlight on urban governance breakdowns.



Residents of Seshadripuram 1st A Cross Road endure severe foul odors and mosquito infestations due to rampant garbage dumping in a vacant plot. Despite repeated complaints, local authorities have failed to act, leaving the neighborhood to battle worsening public health and sanitation hazards daily.



Residents of Seshadripuram 1st Main Road, opposite Blue Bliss Hospital, are grappling with severe dust and debris left by a felled tree. With vulnerable senior citizens and children residing nearby and patients accessing the medical facility daily, locals urge authorities to clear the hazard immediately.



Abandoned roadwork equipment on Palace Cross Road has languished for months, turning into an open site for garbage dumping and public spitting. Residents demand to know when authorities will finally clear the abandoned machinery and relieve the neighborhood of the mounting stench and unhygienic conditions.

# Jakkur railway flyover ready after 14 yrs



CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Commuters traversing the northern corridors of the city can finally look forward to seamless transit after enduring a staggering 14-year delay. The much-anticipated Jakkur railway overbridge is entering its ultimate phase of construction, with municipal authorities scheduling a grand inauguration for the upcoming month.

The stalled infrastructure venture, managed by the Uttara Nagar Palika at an estimated financial outlay of 15 crore rupees, encountered continuous setbacks originating from complicated land acquisition disputes and abandoned efforts by the

Railway Department. Despite these historical roadblocks, final engineering touches are currently accelerating across the site to guarantee a timely opening.

With primary civil construction largely concluded, remaining technical procedures involve rigorous load-bearing safety checks and precision road marking. Once these mandatory clearances finish, the vital corridor will welcome vehicular movement. Local motorists, who have historically lost countless hours trapped at the closed railway gate crossing, stand to gain immense daily relief.

The newly functional bridge promises to streamline

commuting channels linking Yelahanka, Hebbal, Heggade Nagar, and Sampigehalli. Previously, drivers faced a frustrating five-kilometer detour around the railway track barrier. Opening the over-bridge slashes travel distance by three kilometers, offering substantial savings in transit time and vehicle fuel consumption.

Citizens have long campaigned for this resolution, highlighted by a massive public signature drive launched on August 23, 2019, to pressure authorities into settling lingering property acquisition disputes. Engineers from the Greater Bengaluru Authority subsequently revived the stalled blue-

BENEFITS AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Distance and Time Saved:** Commuters currently forced to take a five-kilometer detour will save three kilometers on trips toward Yelahanka once the bridge is operational.
- Smoother Connectivity:** The overpass will streamline daily traffic between Hebbal, Heggade Nagar, Sampigehalli, and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Relief from Crossings:** Drivers will no longer waste valuable time waiting at the busy railway level crossing.
- Public Persistence:** The milestone follows years of local advocacy, including a prominent public signature campaign launched in August 2019 to pressure authorities into clearing the stalled works.

print, pushing for expedited approvals.

Bengaluru Urban Development Minister Krishna Bhairagowda recently confirmed via social media that the project is in its finishing stages, emphasizing the administration's commitment to

delivering this critical connection for thousands of stranded passengers.

Local residents and daily commuters alike celebrate the impending milestone, eager to put fourteen years of logistical frustration behind them.

## Night collections aim to eradicate street garbage: Commissioner

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru South City Corporation has announced a major push to eliminate roadside trash using night collections and real-time tracking. Following a successful pilot project in the Bommanahalli constituency, Commissioner K. N. Ramesh ordered the mandatory installation of GPS tracking units on all garbage collection auto tipplers across the zone by September 10.

The initial trial, launched on August 13 with support from Intel Technology India and Brain Above technology, equipped thirty-six auto tipplers in HSR Layout with trackers.

Local residents and community groups reported a noticeable drop in chronic waste accumulation sites over the past three weeks due to consistent door-to-door pickups.

Building on this success, full-scale tracking across nine local wards—including Hongasandra and Mangammanapalya—will officially begin on September 11.

Once route mapping is complete, citizens will be able to monitor garbage vehi-

Initiatives & operational rules

**Smart Tracking:** Residents can monitor vehicle movements across areas like HSR Layout and Hongasandra using the 'Brain Above' mobile application.

**Narrow Lane Protocol:** Vehicles unable to enter tight alleys will halt at designated entry points for ten minutes, alerting households with a whistle.

**Night Collections:** Auto tipplers will operate during night shifts around high-density zones to eliminate persistent roadside waste piles.

cle locations directly through a dedicated mobile application. In narrow lanes where vehicles cannot enter, crews will park at designated spots for ten minutes and sound whistles to alert residents.

To tackle illegal dumping, the civic body is introducing evening waste collection shifts targeting high-density litter zones.

Authorities instructed enforcement marshals to educate local street vendors and commercial shopkeepers around busy hubs like Meenakshi Mall to hand over their rubbish to collection crews for free rather than tossing it onto public streets.

## BNCC pushes forward urban development plans

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru North City Corporation commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar chaired a high-level review meeting to advance the civic body's strategic municipal agenda.

Officials, urban planners, and civil society representatives gathered at the municipal office to evaluate actionable municipal strategies following earlier consultations held under the ongoing budget implementation framework.

The collaborative planning initiative stems from initial workshops conducted in April and May, which brought together civic engineers and subject matter experts to prioritize local development projects.

During today's session, working groups presented detailed cost estimates and execution timelines across core sectors, including sustainable urban mobility, climate resilience initiatives, and public space enhancement.

Addressing attendees, the commissioner emphasized a phased execution strategy, in-



**“If there are feasible proposals, they must first be implemented at the division level to assess their impact before expanding city-wide.”**

- Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar

structing departments to pilot promising initiatives at the division level first. Successful models will subsequently be scaled up across other municipal zones based on measurable impacts. The meeting also evaluated ongoing progress under the Suraksha 75 municipal initiative, assessing current construction milestones and upcoming zonal works.

Civic leaders addressed key environmental and infrastructure projects during the proceedings, calling for the immediate launch of climate action initiatives.

Directives were issued to expedite a five-crore rupee development scheme at Hen-

nur Bande and to fast-track administrative tenders for local lake rejuvenation works. Additionally, the municipal urban design cell presented a coordinated integration plan to improve pedestrian connectivity linking the Hebbal metro station with suburban rail networks, prompting the commissioner to coordinate formal outreach with metropolitan development authorities.

Representatives from prominent non-governmental organizations and research groups, including WRI India, Well Labs, and the Selco Foundation, offered technical recommendations to refine the urban development roadmaps. Corporation officials confirmed that engineering teams and administrative staff will collaborate closely with external specialists to ensure timely project rollouts, transparent execution, and sustained civic improvement across all participating municipal zones.

## IISc Experts Slam B'luru Tunnel Project

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A planned tunnel road intended to fix traffic gridlock in the city has hit a major roadblock. Scientists from the Indian Institute of Science have formally urged the state Governor to halt the Hebbal tunnel project immediately, calling the multi-billion-dollar engineering scheme entirely unscientific and short-sighted.

The controversial 2.28-kilometer passage was proposed as a permanent cure for chronic

congestion at Hebbal Junction. Instead, researchers warn the subterranean route will only worsen regional commuting misery. Rather than easing bottlenecks, the narrow underground path risks trapping vehicles in long, stagnant queues at entry and exit zones near the Veterinary Hospital and Esteem Mall. Commuters would likely encounter severe delays both inside and outside the underground corridor, neutralizing any intended benefits.

Environmental and structural

hazards add further weight to the critique. Built directly within the sensitive catchment basin of Hebbal Lake, the structure faces severe flooding risks during heavy downpours. Such inundation could destabilize the foundations of existing flyover pillars and damage nearby green spaces. Furthermore, sharp curves engineered near commercial hubs will drastically slow vehicle speeds, invalidating initial traffic diversion models predicting up to eighty percent relief by the year 2040.

## Civic Body prioritizes road white-topping, infrastructure

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A comprehensive review meeting concerning vital urban infrastructure initiatives, asset management, and municipal sanitation was convened by Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Dr. Rajendra K.V. at the central corporate headquarters. The deliberative session engaged key personnel from the Engineering Department, including Additional Commissioner (Development) Kavitha Rajaram, Zonal Chief Engineers Swayamprabha and Basavaraj Kabade, Superintending Engineers Nagaraj Singri and Jayashankar, alongside Executive Engineers and Assistant Executive Engineers participating across divisions through virtual connectivity.

Addressing the extensive backlog of arterial roadway upgrades, the Commissioner evaluated proposals submitted for the structural white-topping of major roads within municipal boundaries. Emphasizing the explicit directives issued by the Minister for Greater Bengaluru Development, Dr. Rajendra mandated that primary focus be assigned unconditionally to arterial and sub-arterial corridors experiencing heavy mass transit bus movements and dense vehicu-

lar volumes. Crucially, these high-priority infrastructural interventions are to be executed expeditiously regardless of whether the target stretches currently fall within their Defect Liability Period (DLP). Engineering divisions were instructed to conduct immediate physical re-inspections of all nominated routes to finalize implementation schedules and mobilize heavy construction logistics without administrative delays.

The review underscored the necessity of robust pedestrian pathways and grade-separated crossings to mitigate urban transit conflicts. The Commissioner directed engineering wings to perform comprehensive evaluations of existing skywalks, ensuring structural soundness, continuous operational maintenance, and high standards of public cleanliness. Furthermore, field teams were tasked with identifying critical locations where new skywalk installations are warranted by pedestrian footfall and accident metrics, requiring formal feasibility reports and prioritized recommendations. Parallel instructions were issued for the complete structural overhaul and aesthetic maintenance of all municipal underpasses across the western corridors.

## BENGALURU PARKS GET STRICT CLEANLINESS ORDER

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru South City Corporation additional commissioner Dr. Naveen Kumar Raju conducted a detailed field inspection of public green spaces across the Jayanagar zone, issuing firm directives for enhanced maintenance, rigorous waste clearance, and improved safety measures in local recreational areas.

Accompanied by senior horticulture department officials, the additional commissioner visited prominent neighborhood facilities, including B.N. Vijayakumar Park, Akkamahadevi Park, and Laxman Rao Boulevard Park near the Jayanagar metro station, to review daily

Inspection focus areas & directives

- Laxman Rao Boulevard Park:** Officials inspected perimeter wire fencing, walking track quality, and park lighting systems. Staff received strict orders to prevent unethical activities within the grounds and ensure daily waste clearance.
- B.N. Vijayakumar Park:** Following direct interactions with regular walkers and grounds staff, the commissioner ordered the immediate removal of all construction debris scattered across the premises.
- Akkamahadevi Park:** The official reviewed the on-site green composting unit, instructing crews to ensure strict plastic segregation so that leaf waste converts safely into usable organic manure for local flora.
- Resource Recycling:** Staff confirmed that compost generated from dry leaves inside the parks is successfully being recycled to nurture local trees and plants.

upkeep routines and environmental hygiene standards.

At Laxman Rao Boulevard Park, the senior official evaluated the structural integrity of perimeter fencing, the quality of jogging tracks, and the over-

all health of regional flora. He instructed field staff to ensure continuous daily waste removal, direct organic garden waste toward composting streams, and maintain optimal illumination across pathways. Further-



more, he directed park personnel to enforce strict security protocols to prevent unauthorized or unethical activities within public grounds. During

his stop at B.N. Vijayakumar Park, the commissioner engaged directly with maintenance crews to examine cleaning schedules and plant protection efforts.



# Farmers demand Belagavi taluks join drought list immediately

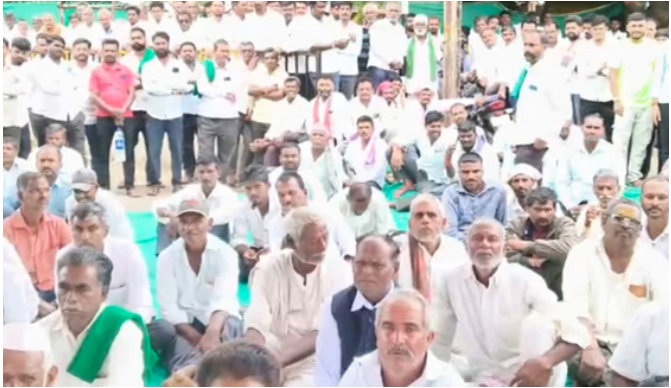
Farmers protested Belagavi’s exclusion from the drought list, citing poor rainfall, severe water shortages, crop losses and inadequate drinking water for cattle

CH NEWS, CHIKKODI

Thousands of farmers staged a major protest on the Vijayapura-Sankeshwar National Highway in Athani taluk on Thursday, demanding that taluks in Belagavi district be included in the second phase of the state's drought-hit list.

Farmers expressed anger after no taluk from Belagavi district was included in the drought list announced by the government. They said poor rainfall and worsening water shortages had severely affected agriculture. Crops are struggling without sufficient water, while cattle are also facing difficulties getting drinking water.

The protest was led by Shashikant Guruji. Farmers blocked traffic and raised slogans against the state government, demanding immediate recognition of drought conditions across the district. They said all 16 taluks should be considered for drought status after a detailed assessment.



They also questioned why some areas were excluded despite officials reportedly completing drought surveys in several taluks.

Guruji said farmers were not protesting for political benefit but to protect their rights and seek relief. He urged elected representatives to set aside differences and speak for affected farmers. Officials who reached the protest site received the farmers' complaints and assured them that their demands would be brought to the gov-

ernment's attention.

The protesters demanded drought relief and other government assistance for affected farmers, drinking water and fodder for cattle, and urgent action based on existing drought assessment reports. They also called for a permanent irrigation project using Krishna river water, saying the region has the river but lacks adequate irrigation facilities. Farmers said the government must act quickly and include eligible Belagavi taluks in the second-stage

FARMERS' MAIN DEMANDS

- The drought situation in the district should be comprehensively examined and the necessary taluks should be declared drought-hit.
- Government compensation and other facilities should be provided to farmers suffering from drought.
- Drinking water and fodder should be arranged for cattle.
- A permanent irrigation plan should be formulated by properly utilizing Krishna river water.
- Urgent action should be taken based on the report of the drought survey that has already been conducted.

drought declaration to provide timely support and prevent further hardship in rural communities.

# Harohalli to get ₹1,000 cr hydraulic pump plant

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Wipro Kawasaki Precision Machinery plans to establish a new hydraulic pump manufacturing plant at Harohalli Phase V Industrial Area, with an investment of ₹1,000 crore. The project is expected to create around 1,200 jobs, Industries Minister M.B. Patil said.

Patil discussed the proposal with a company delegation led by CEO Minoru Hatsuda at Khanij Bhavan. The Japan-based Kawasaki, in partnership with Wipro, has sought 30 acres for the facility. Patil said the government would provide the land quickly and expected the new plant to begin operations within a year.

The company currently operates a manufacturing unit on leased premises at Kumbalgaodu, producing about 80,000 hydraulic pumps annually. The proposed Harohalli facility will significantly increase production, with plans to



Patil welcomed the investment proposal, urged immediate preparations, and said approval would be considered next meeting, highlighting manufacturing growth and employment opportunities

manufacture more than two lakh pumps each year.

Patil described the investment proposal as promising and directed the company to begin necessary preparations without delay. He said the final approval for the project

would be considered at the next meeting. The new facility is expected to strengthen local manufacturing while creating employment opportunities.

Hydraulic pumps produced by the company are used in earthmoving and other heavy machinery, including JCB equipment. Senior General Manager Rajesh R., Chief Financial Officer Udaya Raghavan and Industries Department Principal Secretary S. Selvakumar attended the discussions. The project is expected to add fresh industrial activity to Harohalli and support the region's growing manufacturing sector.

## Quick Read

Students can win scholarship through stamp collecting

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Students from classes six to nine can apply for the Department of Posts' Deen Dayal Sparsha Yojana, which promotes stamp collecting and research among school children. Selected students will receive a scholarship of Rs.6,000 annually. Applicants must have scored at least 60% in 2025-26 and hold a stamp collecting deposit account or club membership. Selection begins with a Philatelic Quiz Competition. The deadline to apply is September 10. Students can find details on India Post's website or contact the Chitradurga Divisional Superintendent of Posts for further guidance and application related assistance too.

Subsidy available for arecanut leaf disease control

CH NEWS, UDUPI

The Horticulture Department has invited applications from farmers in Udupi, Kaup and Brahmavar taluks for subsidy support to control leaf spot disease in arecanut crops. Farmers can receive Rs.3,000 per hectare, with equal contributions from the Central and State governments. The maximum assistance is Rs.6,000 for two hectares. Applicants must submit their purchase bill, RTC, Aadhaar card and bank passbook copy along with the application. Assistance will be provided according to departmental guidelines, application seniority and available targets. Farmers seeking more information can contact the Horticulture Department office at Doddanagudde. Officials advised eligible farmers to apply with the required documents promptly.

# Mandya tightens rules for eco-friendly Ganesh festival

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar directed officials to ensure that the 2026 Ganesh festival is celebrated peacefully and in an environmentally friendly manner.

He ordered strict action against the production, storage, sale and disposal of Ganesh idols made from Plaster of Paris and chemical colours.

Speaking at a meeting at the District Collector's office, Kumar said protecting the environment and keeping water bodies clean was everyone's responsibility. He urged officials to create widespread awareness about using natural clay idols. Regular inspections should be conducted, and violators should face legal action.

Kumar directed authorities to prevent idol immersion in lakes and canals and identify suitable immersion points. Temporary water tanks, lighting and other facilities should be arranged where required. Safety measures must also be strengthened at locations expected to witness large gatherings.

Ganeshotsava committees installing idols in public places must obtain permission from concerned departments. A single-window system has been arranged to simplify the approval process. Organisers conducting processions must also submit route maps in advance and secure permission to avoid traffic problems and protect public safety. The Deputy Commissioner further ordered that DJs should not be used and noise pollution rules must be followed.

Food safety officers were instructed to inspect places where prasad is prepared and distributed, ensuring hygiene and food safety standards. Organisers were also asked to avoid single-use plastic and choose environmentally friendly alternatives. Kumar ap-



## Mandya DC orders faster PM-RAHAT emergency treatment

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar directed health officials and hospitals to ensure cashless emergency treatment up to Rs.1.5 lakh for eligible road accident victims under the PM-RAHAT scheme. He said saving lives must remain the first priority, and treatment should begin immediately without waiting for documents or records during emergencies. Private hospitals were instructed to follow scheme guidelines, avoid delays or fee demands, maintain records properly, and update required information online. The Health Department must regularly inspect implementation and create awareness among doctors and staff. Dr. Kumar urged government and private hospitals to coordinate so victims receive timely care.

## Police Constable exam to follow strict security rules

The Police Constable recruitment written examination will be held on September 6 at eight centres, with 3,289 candidates appearing. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar directed officials to conduct the examination transparently and without lapses. The exam will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. CCTV cameras, police security, medical teams and mobile jammers will be deployed at centres. Question papers will be transported securely using GPS-enabled vehicles and police escorts. Candidates must carry their hall tickets and valid identity cards. Electronic devices and prohibited items are banned. QR-based attendance will be recorded, while security checks will be conducted carefully to ensure fairness.

pealed to festival committees, idol makers, traders and the public to cooperate with the administration. He said careful planning and responsible participation would help ensure a clean,

safe and peaceful Ganesh festival across Mandya district. District Regional Environment Officer B.P. Geeta, tehsildars and officials from all taluks attended the meeting.

CH NEWS, RAICHUR

Saarathi Finance, an MSME-focused non-banking financial company, has opened a new branch in Raichur, strengthening its presence in Karnataka and expanding access to formal credit for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

With the latest opening, the company now has 20 branches across Karnataka. Saarathi Finance said the state has become an important market as it works to reach underserved MSME clusters. Nationally, the company operates more than 100 branches across six states, aiming to improve last-mile financial access.

The company began operations in April 2025 and offers Loan Against Property solutions ranging from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 35 lakh. These loans are intended to help entrepreneurs use their property assets to meet working capital needs, expand businesses and pursue new opportunities. The company has also crossed Rs. 650 crore in Assets Under



Management.

Chief Business Officer Imran Hasmi said Karnataka remained a key market for the company and that its growing branch network reflected its commitment to staying closer to MSMEs. He said Raichur offered an opportunity to provide local businesses with quick, convenient and timely credit while understanding their specific financial requirements.

Hasmi added that Saarathi

Finance would focus on sustainable expansion, careful risk management and technology-driven lending. The new Raichur branch is located on the first floor of 12-7-132/9, Auto Nagar, Goushala Road, Raichur-584101. The company said its continued expansion aims to connect more entrepreneurs in semi-urban and rural areas with formal financing and support their long-term business growth.

# Parents urged to support SSLC students without fear

CH NEWS, KUSHTAGI

Parents should not create fear among students preparing for SSLC examinations but should build their confidence through encouragement, regular communication and positive support, education experts and teachers said at a programme in Hire Bannigol.

The programme was organised for SSLC students and parents at Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam English Medium School on Thursday. School Vice-President Chandrakala Krishnamurthy advised parents to regularly speak with their children, check their notes, understand their progress and guide them in a friendly manner. She also urged parents not to compare children with others or allow them to leave school.

Krishnamurthy said parents should stay in contact with teachers and give importance

to time management. She also advised families to limit children's mobile phone use and allow phones mainly for educational needs. Founder Rehmanasab Doddamani said the institution, which completed 13 years, is preparing its first SSLC batch and aims for excellent results through the efforts of teachers. School President Imambi Doddamani encouraged parents to motivate children and make learning enjoyable rather than restricting it to books and examinations. Administrator Saniya Doddamani said regular interaction among students, teachers and parents could improve preparation and help students achieve good results.

Teachers and students also shared their views during the programme. Mathematics teacher Basavaraj Hiremath, class teacher Pampaiah Hiremath and other teachers offered examination guidance.

# Karwar asked to submit fresh proposal for theatre

CH NEWS, KARWAR

Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya has directed the Kannada and Culture Department to submit a fresh proposal to the government for constructing a modern and attractive theatre in Karwar.

She issued the direction while chairing the District Theatre Development and Management Committee meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's office on Thursday. Officials said there had been no response to a proposal submitted three years ago. Since construction costs have also changed, the Public Works Department was asked to prepare a new estimate and submit it with a fresh proposal.

The Deputy Commissioner said 20 guntas of land had been identified opposite the new District Collector's office for the theatre. She directed officials to complete the necessary documentation and land allocation process.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishad President B.N. Vasare suggested that the theatre should support various cultural activities and include an art gallery, library, quality sound and lighting systems, and adequate parking. Additional District Collector Sajid Mulla, officials from various departments and Kannada Sahitya Parishad representatives attended the meeting. The new proposal is expected to help move the long-pending theatre project forward.

## YOUTH RALLY AGAINST AIDS

# Red Ribbon Marathon raises HIV awareness among youth

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

A district-level five-kilometre Red Ribbon Marathon was held in Koppal on Thursday to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS among young people.

A total of 203 students from colleges across the district took part in the event. Sub-Divisional Officer Mehbooba Jilani Qureshi and District AIDS Control Officer Dr. Shashidhar A. flagged off the

marathon.

Qureshi said human life is valuable and urged young people to take part in sports and physical activities while gaining correct information about HIV/AIDS. She encouraged students to follow safe practices and help build a healthier future. Dr. Shashidhar said the event aimed to protect youth from infection and promote awareness about prevention, symptoms and available treatment

services. Counsellor Amaresh said people can obtain information about HIV risk assessment and testing facilities through online services. He stressed that testing is confidential and encouraged those who may have been exposed to risk to seek information and testing without fear.

In the men's category, Santhosh of M.M.D.R.S. Pre-University College, Hirebenakkal, secured first place and won Rs. 5,000. Maruti of

Irakalgad PU College and Srinivas of S.M.V. PU College, Thavaragera, finished second and third.

In the women's category, Heena Kausar of M.M.D.R.S. PU College won first place with Rs. 5,000. Parvati of Government Women's PU College, Koppal, and Rekha of M.M.D.R.S. PU College secured second and third places. The two winners will represent Koppal at the state-level competition.









## LEAVE OUR GARDENS ALONE



- DR. VIJAY GARG

Why must development always come at the cost of what makes Bengaluru liveable? Lalbagh is not just a garden. It is Bengaluru's heritage, its green lung, and home to a rock formation more than three billion years old.

Think about the 3 billion years. Something that survived long before governments, cities and roads existed is now being asked to make way for modern infrastructure.

Is this really necessary, or is it simply the arrogance of believing that every project must move forward once it has been announced? This is not about opposing development. Bengaluru needs better infrastructure. But development requires imagination, not the destruction of irreplaceable green spaces. Roads can be redesigned, tunnels can be re-aligned and projects can be reconsidered. Three year old rock cannot be recreated. Greenpeace India and environmental voices have repeatedly reminded us that urban green spaces are essential infrastructure, not vacant land waiting to be used. Our gardens provide shade, biodiversity, cleaner air and breathing space in an increasingly crowded city. The question is simple: why should Lalbagh give up even 5%? Why 1%? Once we start making exceptions, where does it end? Lalbagh does not belong to one government or one generation. It is an inheritance held in trust for those who come after us.

Bengaluru has already lost too many lakes, trees and open spaces to unchecked development. We can build a better Bengaluru without destroying the Bengaluru we inherited.

"Not 5%. Not 1%.  
Leave our gardens  
alone".

## HOW CAN THE UNIVERSE BE 93 BILLION LIGHT-YEARS WIDE AT 13.8 BILLION YEARS OLD?

At first, it sounds impossible: if the universe is about 13.8 billion years old, how can the observable universe be roughly 93 billion light-years across? The answer is the expansion of space itself. Light travels at about 300,000 kilometres per second. But while ancient light has been travelling toward Earth for billions of years, the space between us and its original source has continued to expand. Therefore, the source can be much farther away today than the distance the light originally travelled.

The observable universe extends roughly 46.5 billion light-years in each direction, giving a diameter of about 93 billion light-years. This does not mean that light travelled 93 billion light-years. Rather, cosmic expansion increased the present-day distance while the light was on its journey. This expansion does not violate the speed-of-light limit. The limit applies to objects and information moving locally through space; on enormous cosmic scales, the distance between regions can increase because space itself is expanding. NASA explains that the expansion of the universe also stretches the wavelengths of travelling light, producing cosmological redshift. So, the universe is not 93 billion light-years wide because light travelled faster than light. It is so large because the universe has been expanding throughout its 13.8-billion-year history.



- DR. VIJAY GARG

The astonishing size of the observable universe is therefore a beautiful reminder that, in cosmology, distance and time are deeply connected.

### Save Our Gardens

Our community gardens are more than just plots of dirt; they are vital green sanctuaries that foster neighborhood unity and provide fresh, organic food. Bulldozing these thriving spaces for concrete developments strips away our environmental lifeline and erodes our cultural connection to the earth. Once a green oasis is destroyed by urban sprawl, it can never be replaced. We urge city planners and local authorities to protect these urban farms from destruction. Listen to the voices of the residents who nurture them, and preserve our natural heritage for future generations before it is lost forever.

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Suzi Rajan

# TALK LESS, WORK MORE: A MESSAGE KARNATAKA'S MINISTERS NEED TO HEAR



- SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM

the charged political atmosphere of Karnataka, words spoken on a public platform rarely remain confined to that platform.

The BJP-JDS Opposition quickly seized the opportunity to accuse the Congress of indulging in minority appeasement. The Congress leadership, in turn, distanced itself from the statement, describing it as the minister's personal opinion rather than the party's position.

That familiar political cycle statement, controversy, Opposition attack, clarification and damage control could have been avoided altogether.

Rayaraddi is no stranger to such controversies. During the previous phase of the Sidaramaiah government, he had reportedly said that the five guarantee schemes were putting pressure on the State's finances and leaving inadequate funds for development works. The statement created political embarrassment for the government, following which the minister blamed the media for allegedly twisting his remarks, despite video footage of his speech being available.

There is a larger lesson here. Ministers cannot expect their words to carry no political consequences simply because they were spoken in a particular context.

The same applies to Home Minister Priyank Kharge, who has emerged as one of the government's most vocal political warriors. Kharge rarely misses an opportunity to take on the BJP and the RSS, whether the issue concerns Karnataka, national politics or a wider ideological debate.

His aggressive criticism of the BJP-RSS combine may energise the Congress cadre, but it also carries electoral risks. Karnataka's political landscape is complex, and many Congress legislators operate in constituencies where Hindu voters constitute a decisive electoral force. Some



party leaders are therefore understood to be increasingly wary of rhetoric that could alienate sections of the electorate ahead of 2028.

The irony is that while Chief Minister Shivakumar has occasionally adopted a more politically flexible approach towards the RSS, including publicly reciting the RSS anthem on certain occasions, the continued verbal attacks by some Congress leaders provide the BJP with an easy narrative.

Indeed, controversy can sometimes achieve the opposite of what the speaker intends. Those who previously had little interest in the RSS may begin searching for information about the organisation simply because a political leader repeatedly talks about it. The BJP, naturally, is only too happy to amplify such statements and use them to consolidate its support among Hindu voters.

This does not mean ministers should remain silent on issues of public importance. Democratic governments need ministers who can articulate policy, defend their government's record and challenge the Opposition. But there is a crucial difference between speaking with purpose and speaking for public-

ity.

Karnataka's Congress government has a long list of issues demanding attention: implementation and financial sustainability of its guarantee schemes, management of State finances, infrastructure, irrigation, urban development, employment, education, healthcare, agricultural distress and the continuing political fallout from controversies such as the Valmiki ST Development Corporation case and the MUDA issue.

These are subjects on which ministers should be speaking and, more importantly, working. The government also needs to demonstrate that its political energy is not being consumed by controversies generated by its own members. Every unnecessary statement gives the Opposition an opportunity to change the political conversation from governance to identity, religion and personality clashes.

Rajneethi, at its core, demands minimum talk for maximum productivity. A government is ultimately judged not by the number of statements its ministers make, but by the number of promises it fulfils and problems it solves.

Fortunately for the Congress, its Cabinet has several

senior ministers who have traditionally preferred quiet execution to noisy politics. Their style offers a useful template for colleagues who frequently find themselves in the headlines for the wrong reasons. The Chief Minister therefore need not impose silence on his ministers. He only needs to impose discipline on their words.

A minister should ask three questions before making a controversial public statement: Is it necessary? Is it consistent with government policy? And who benefits politically from it?

If the answer to the last question is the Opposition, perhaps the statement is better left unsaid.

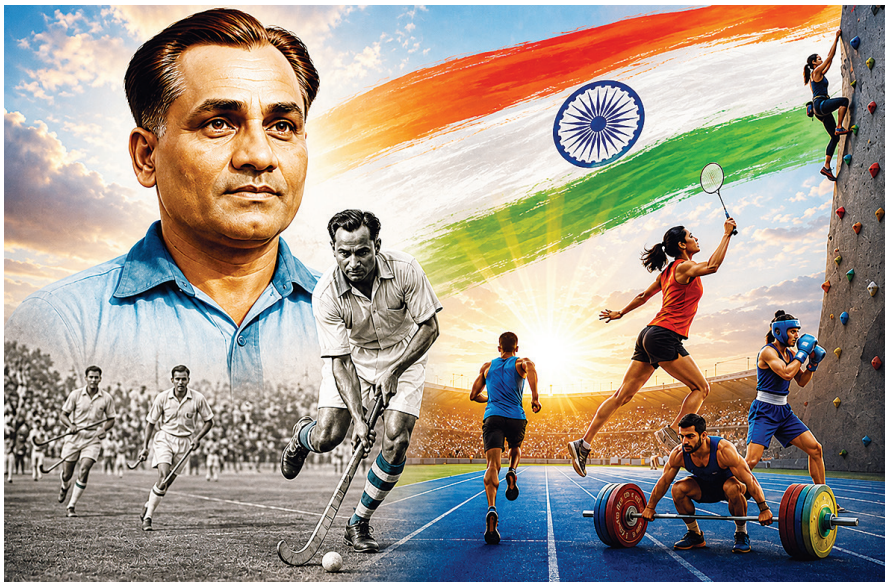
The Congress government still has considerable time before the 2028 electoral battle. It should use that time to deliver on governance rather than repeatedly explain statements made by its own ministers.

For a government facing an assertive BJP-JDS Opposition, the best political strategy may not be another counter-statement.

It may simply be better governance, fewer controversies and more work.

Talk less. Work more. Let the results do the talking.

## FROM SPORTING EXCELLENCE TO A DEVELOPED INDIA, TURNING INDIA'S SPORTING SPIRIT INTO A NATIONAL STRENGTH



National Sports Day is not merely an occasion to pay tribute to the memory of a legendary hockey player; it is a day to awaken India's sporting consciousness, inspire its youth and place sports firmly at the heart of nation-building. Observed every year on Aug 29, the day commemorates the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the legendary hockey wizard of India. Sports are not merely a display of a nation's physical prowess; they

reflect its confidence, discipline, teamwork and global stature. As India advances with the vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047, integrating sports into the mainstream of national development is no longer an option it is a necessity. Healthy citizens, disciplined youth, world-class athletes and a vibrant sporting culture are among the essential foundations of a developed India.

Born on August 29, 1905, Major Dhyan Chand was a leg-

endary figure who used his hockey stick not merely to score goals but to etch India's name on the world sporting map. His contribution to India's historic Olympic gold-medal triumphs in 1928, 1932 and 1936 remains unparalleled. His game represented a remarkable blend of exceptional skill, patriotism, discipline and dedication. Celebrating National Sports Day in his honour is, therefore, a reminder of a sporting philosophy in which hard work matters more

than talent and national glory matters more than individual achievement. Dhyan Chand's legacy continues to inspire athletes to understand that the ultimate purpose of sport is not merely to win medals, but to bring honour and pride to the nation.

Today, sports have emerged as an important dimension of India's national strength. There was a time when sports were rarely considered a serious career option alongside education or employment. That mindset is changing rapidly. Beyond cricket, Indian athletes are making their presence felt globally in athletics, badminton, wrestling, boxing, shooting, weightlifting, hockey, table tennis, archery, chess and several other disciplines. Neeraj Chopra has demonstrated through his Olympic triumph in athletics that India can become a global force in track and field. P. V. Sindhu, with two consecutive Olympic medals in badminton, has become a role model for an entire generation. Manu Bhaker, D. Gukesh, Mirabai Chanu, Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain, Avani Lekhara, Harmanpreet Singh and many other athletes have showcased the remarkable breadth of Indian sporting talent.



- LALIT GARG

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

#### Prioritize Real Work

Elected officials are meant to serve the public, yet too many spend their time locked in endless political squabbling rather than delivering tangible results. Citizens are tired of empty rhetoric, broken promises, and grandstanding that solves zero infrastructure or economic challenges. Karnataka deserves leaders who roll up their sleeves to fix potholed roads, manage public transport effectively, and address water scarcity head-on. Talk and theatrics do not build bridges or improve schools. It is time for our ministers to talk less, work harder, and let their actual performance speak volumes for their governance.

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Alister D'zouza

#### Rethink Cosmic Scale

The revelation that the observable universe spans ninety-three billion light-years while being only thirteen point eight billion years old often confuses curious minds. This mind-bending reality does not break the rules of physics because nothing is actually moving faster than light through space. Instead, the fabric of space itself has been continuously expanding since the Big Bang, carrying distant galaxies along with it. Light emitted billions of years ago from sources that have since been pushed much further away is only reaching our telescopes now. Modern astronomy continually reminds us how vast, dynamic, and wonderfully counterintuitive our expanding cosmos truly is.

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Kim Kahi



## WEDDING CRASH



Addressing to the crowd a wedding, which gave the most breathtaking, outperforming vision someone could ever see, a treasure which could only thrive in the memories of one who sees it. It is said it takes two to build a home but, on that day, it actually just took two united hearts to build a such a sensation which filled the huge convention hall with emotion that just is unexplainable.

Being actually present there I was able to experience such a blissful event where I saw two people tying knots with each other.

Thinking once, that they were strangers and now they have each other for the rest of their lives supporting each other in every way, when one falls down the other picks up is what they say but, when both of them stand side by side with each other on such an auspicious day, it brought elevation to another level.

I was actually just a passerby when one of my friend called me, I was actually in shorts and just a t-shirt with a cap faced back on my head and headphones, he picked me up and we straight away went to attend the event, as I reached there everyone was staring at me with huge confusion as I saw them look at me I was actually very curious since I myself have never been to a South-Indian wedding, as I entered the designation, the crowd was dressed in such pleasing outfits

with kurtas and beautiful Burkhas. I saw sheikhs attending the wedding and kids playing around with such great and articulate joy.

We went to have food and the delicacies that were served that day was unimaginable, firstly the dish which was moved on to the table was fish as starters and it was the best fish I had, then the main course followed with mutton biryani, the tenderness and the consistency of the mutton was too soft and the way how it melts in the mouth with such tenderness that you just might want to savour this taste forever, I was served then with deserts that was kaju and laddoo in quite a liquid form.

After washing my hands and being done we then moved on to more deserts, the most breathtaking sight of the day apart from the groom and bride was that, there was actually cotton candy being served over there, not even served but you could actually said how the cotton candy being made, there was kunafe cake which I still do savour its taste till know, making my mouth water with full appreciation to the hosts.

In addition to that, there was a photo shoot going on, I was just a guy in shorts and a t-shirt, attending a wedding with this kind of attire was too crazy and shocking, Oh! But if I was to bring it back again I would do it so.

-WILLY KHAIMONLEN LHUNGDIM

## SALSA IS CONVERSATION WITHOUT NEEDING WORDS

If you have only seen salsa on a stage, you have not seen salsa. On stage it is acrobatics, sequins, and perfect spins. In real life, in a crowded social hall on a Tuesday night, salsa is something far more interesting. It is a negotiation, a game, a language that two strangers invent in three minutes and then never speak again.

At its simplest, salsa is three steps and a pause. Quick, quick, slow. Quick, quick, slow. Anyone can learn the pattern in ten minutes. What takes years is learning what to do inside the pause.

Salsa was born from mixing. Son from Cuba, jazz from America, mambo, cha-cha, rumba, Puerto Rican bomba, musics carried by migrants who had little else in common except rhythm. It emerged in New York in the 1970s not as a pure tradition but as an impure one, and that is its genius. Salsa never cared about purity. It cared about whether people moved.

That history matters because salsa is still about immigration, but of a different kind. Every time two people step onto a dance floor, they immigrate into each other's space. One leads, one follows, but those words are misleading. In good salsa, the lead does not command. He proposes. The follow does not obey. She interprets, embellishes, sometimes



says no. The best dancers will tell you that following is harder than leading, because listening is harder than speaking.

Watch the hands. In salsa, hands are constantly meeting, parting, changing grip. A cross-body lead, a turn, a check. This is not decoration. It is grammar. Closed hold says we are here together. Open hold says I trust you at a distance.

A light fingertip lead says I am listening to you, not pushing you. This is why salsa feels so alive compared to choreographed dance. Choreography is a speech you memorize. Social salsa is a conversation you improvise.

- DR. HEMKHOMANG

## SAVORING THE STORY BEHIND EVERY BOTTLE

Wine is far more than fermented grape juice sealed beneath a strip of bark; it is liquid time, geography, and human culture captured in a glass. In an increasingly fast-paced world dominated by immediate gratification and instant messaging, the process of making and enjoying wine remains an enduring tribute to patience, mindfulness, and the quiet beauty of tradition.

To truly understand wine, one must first appreciate the concept of terroir the French term describing how a region's soil, climate, terrain, and weather shape a bottle's ultimate identity. A Crisp Sauvignon Blanc from the misty coastlines of New Zealand tells a vastly different story than a deep, structured Cabernet Sauvignon cultivated in the sun-drenched valleys of California or the historic, chalky soils of Bordeaux. The vine must struggle against weather and earth to yield its best fruit, proving that adversity often creates the richest character. In this way, every glass serves as an authentic postcard from a specific corner of the earth, captured during a single, unrepeatable year.

Yet, the alchemy of winemaking is only half the narrative; the other half unfolds at the table. Wine possesses a unique ability to elevate simple meals into memorable rituals. It invites us to slow down, engage our senses, and participate in a conversation that spans centuries. When we swirl a glass, observe its color, inhale its bouquet, and savor its finish, we are actively tuning out the noise of modern life. We move away from mindless consumption toward deliberate appreciation.

Furthermore, wine has always served as a profound social catalyst. It brings people together across cultures, generations, and backgrounds, unlocking warmth and camaraderie around the dinner table. Whether opening an aged vintage to celebrate a milestone or uncorking an affordable local blend over a mid-week dinner, the shared experience creates a sense of connection that few other beverages can match.

As global palates evolve and sustainable viticulture takes center stage, winemakers today are balancing ancient traditions with modern environmental stewardship. Biodynamic



farming, organic production, and natural fermentation techniques are reminding us that honoring the land is essential for preserving this art form for generations to come.

Ultimately, appreciating wine requires no pretension or complex vocabulary only curiosity and an open mind. The next time you pour a glass, pause before taking that first sip. Reflect on the hands that tended the vines, the earth that nourished the grapes, and the time required to bring it to maturity. In a world that rarely stops moving, wine offers us a welcome invitation to pause, reflect, and celebrate the present moment.

- ANNA B.

## FRIENDSHIP IS THE QUIET ARCHITECTURE OF LIFE

Friendship rarely announces itself. It does not arrive with ceremony or vows. It accumulates. A shared bench after class, a late night call that was supposed to be five minutes, the person who remembers how you take your tea even after a year apart. We speak endlessly about love and family because we are given language for them. Friendship, by contrast, is the relationship we have to learn to name for ourselves.

That is part of its power, and part of its neglect.

In a culture obsessed with productivity and romantic love, friendship is often treated as secondary, a pleasant extra. Family is duty, romance is destiny, but friendship is choice. And because it is chosen, we mistakenly believe it requires less care. The truth is the opposite. What is chosen must be continually re-chosen, or it quietly withers.

The best friendships are not transactional. They are not networking, they are not audience-building, they are not trauma-dumping on a schedule. They are a form of mutual witness. A friend is someone who has seen enough versions of you to know that you are not just your worst day or your best performance. When life flattens us into a single story the failure, the success, the diagnosis, the promotion a friend remembers the longer arc.

Psychologists will tell you that friendship is good for health, that it lowers cortisol and extends lifespan. All true, but to reduce friendship to a wellness strategy misses the point. We do not keep friends to live longer. We want to live longer so we can keep our friends. The value is not instrumental. It is intrinsic. Friendship is one of the few places left where we are not being evaluated.

What makes a friendship last is not



constant contact, but a kind of elastic loyalty. Childhood friendships teach us sharing.

Adolescent friendships teach us identity, who we are when we are not at home. Adult friendships teach us something harder: how to remain connected while lives pull in opposite directions, across cities, marriages, grief, children, ambition. The friendships that endure are not the ones without conflict, but the ones where repair is possible. Where you can say, "That hurt me," or "I was absent, and I am sorry," and the other person can hear it without keeping score.

We also need to admit that friendship ends, and that this ending can be as mournful as any breakup. People outgrow each other. Values diverge. Sometimes a friend was right for a season and not for a lifetime, and that does not make the friendship a failure. It makes it human. We should allow ourselves to grieve those endings without bitterness.

If there is an art to friendship, it is attention. Not grand gestures, but small, consistent ones. Remembering the name of their difficult colleague. Sending the article that made you think of them. Showing up for the boring middle, not just the dramatic highs and lows. Listening without immediately turning the conversation back to yourself. Friendship asks for what modern life makes scarce: time without agenda.

In the end, we will be remembered not for our resumes but for how we made a few people feel less alone. That is friendship's quiet work. It does not build monuments. It builds a life that feels habitable.

So check on your people. Not with a broadcast, but one by one. Ask the second question, the one after "How are you?" The real friendship is always in the second question.

- KALAI SELVI

## DRAMA IS WHERE TRUTH WEARS A MASK

Drama has always been accused of exaggeration. It is too loud, too emotional, too artificial. Real life, we are told, is quieter. But anyone who has sat in a dark auditorium and felt their own unspoken life suddenly played back to them knows the opposite is true. Drama does not exaggerate life. It concentrates it.

From the first fire-lit stories to the latest streaming series, drama exists for one simple reason: we need a place to rehearse being human. At its core, drama is conflict made visible. Not just fights or betrayals, but the conflict between what we want and what we are allowed to have, between who we are and who we pretend to be. In everyday life, we smooth over those contradictions. We say we are fine. Drama refuses to let us get away with that. It puts two people who love each other in a

room where they cannot leave until they tell the truth. It takes a secret and gives it a deadline. It is life with the dull parts removed and the stakes turned up just enough that we can no longer look away.

That is why we crave it even when we claim to dislike it. The person who says "I hate drama" usually means "I hate messy, unmanaged conflict in my own life." But they will binge eight episodes about messy, unmanaged conflict in someone else's life, because there the mess has meaning. Good drama gives shape to chaos.

The stage was the original social media. Long before comment sections, Greek tragedies asked entire cities to gather and watch a leader make a terrible choice out of pride. Shakespeare did not invent jealousy or ambition, he gave us a language for recognizing them before they

ruined us. When Othello falls, we are not just watching a soldier. We are watching what happens when insecurity is left unexamined.

Today drama has multiplied. It is no longer only in theatres. It lives on screens, in podcasts, in a well-written novel. The form changes, but the function remains. A good drama does three things at once. It entertains, so we stay. It reflects, so we see ourselves. And it distills, so we leave with something we did not have before. We often mistake drama for fiction. Yet the most powerful dramas feel more real than reality. That is because reality rarely offers closure or clarity. A friend drifts away and you never learn why. An opportunity is missed by inches. In drama, those loose threads are pulled tight.

- JENNYFER KSHIAR

## TEMPLES ARE MEMORY BUILT IN STONE

A temple is never just a building. A house shelters people, a fort protects power, a market organizes exchange. A temple organizes meaning. Long before we had libraries, we had temples, because we needed a place to put the questions that did not fit anywhere else.

Stand at the entrance of any old temple, whether in Tamil Nadu, Kyoto, Luxor or Tikal, and you notice the same trick. The outside world is loud, bright, bargaining. The inside is cooler, darker, quieter. The threshold is deliberate. Temples are designed to make you transition. You remove your shoes, you lower your voice, you look up. Architecture becomes instruction. It tells your body what your mind has forgotten: slow down, you are entering a different kind of time. That different time is what makes temples endure while palaces crumble. Palaces are built for a generation. Temples are built for eternity, or at least for the idea of it. The builders knew they would never see them finished, and built them anyway. In Kailasa, artisans carved a mountain from the top down. In Borobudur, thou-



sands of stones were stacked to map a spiritual cosmology. No one does that for profit. You do it because you believe there is something larger than your own lifespan worth serving. We misunderstand temples when we see them only as religious places. They are also archives. Before printing, temples preserved science, music, mathematics, medicine and law on their walls.

- MRITUN JOY



Quick Read

**Two special forces soldiers found dead**

**HARIYANA**

Two Indian Army Special Forces soldiers who went missing during a training exercise at Haryana's Hathnikund Barrage on Tuesday have been found dead. A boat carrying five personnel capsized after being caught in a strong current near the barrage gates. Three soldiers escaped, while two were swept away. Their bodies were recovered on Thursday, one near Bartha village in Uttar Pradesh and the other nearly 200km downstream near Jind. Army, NDRF, SDRF, police and civil authorities conducted a joint search operation. The Army is yet to officially confirm the recoveries and identities.

**Two killed, three injured in Gwalior house collapse**

**GWALIOR**

Two people, including a two-year-old boy, were killed and three others injured after an old house collapsed in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, late Wednesday night. The incident occurred in Jangipur area under Dabra City police station limits. Police and district administration teams reached the spot and shifted the injured to Civil Hospital in Dabra, where they are receiving treatment.Additional District Magistrate C B Prasad said the house appeared to be in a dilapidated condition. The deceased were identified as Seema and her two-year-old son. Authorities have ordered local bodies to identify unsafe buildings. Compensation for the victims' family is also being processed.

# Ganga rises in Bihar, flood alert in eight districts

Rising Ganga waters have triggered flood alerts across eight Bihar districts, with authorities urging residents to stay cautious and follow instructions.

**PATNA**

The Ganga water level continued to rise across Patna and other parts of Bihar on Thursday, raising concerns about flooding in several areas. The Bihar Disaster Management Department issued an alert and asked people living near the river and in low-lying areas to remain cautious.

According to the department, the Ganga is expected to cross the Highest Flood Level (HFL) at Gandhi Ghat in Patna on Thursday night. The river is also likely to cross the HFL at Hathidah in Mokama by Friday afternoon. The rising water level has in-



creased the possibility of flooding in vulnerable areas.

The flood alert covers eight districts — Bhojpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Nalanda, Begusarai, Lakhisarai and Jehanabad. Residents in these districts have been advised to stay alert and closely follow directions issued by local authorities

Authorities have also urged

**MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS**

- **8 districts:** Under flood alert.
- **2 locations:** Gandhi Ghat and Hathidah facing HFL concerns.
- **1070:** State Emergency Operation Centre helpline
- **Thursday night:** HFL expected at Gandhi Ghat.
- **Friday afternoon:** HFL likely at Hathidah.

people to avoid unnecessary visits to rivers, ghats, embankments and waterlogged areas. Residents in vulnerable locations have been asked to take precautions and remain prepared if the water level rises further. Local administrations are monitoring the situation and have been directed to remain vigilant.

The Disaster Management Department has advised people to seek help during emergencies and follow official updates. Residents requiring assistance can contact the State Emergency Operation Centre through the 1070 helpline.

The administration continues to monitor the Ganga as the flood threat remains a concern in parts of Bihar.

# Kejriwal slams Modi after Satyendra Jain gets bail

**NEW DELHI**

Aam Aadmi Party national convenor Arvind Kejriwal criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday after former Delhi minister Satyendra Jain was granted bail in the Delhi Jal Board sewage treatment plant tender case. Kejriwal questioned the reason for Jain's arrest and alleged that the case against him was weak.Kejriwal said Jain was sent directly to judicial custody without police custody or interrogation. He questioned what the central government had achieved by keeping Jain in jail and accused Modi of focusing on arrests instead of governing the country.Jain was granted bail by the Rouse Avenue

**AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal attacked PM Modi after Satyendar Jain got bail in the DJB tender case, questioning his arrest and the case's strength.**

Court earlier on Thursday. His lawyer, Vivek Jain, said the former minister was expected to leave jail the same day. The lawyer said the court found no reason to keep Jain incarcerated while the case continues.The court imposed a condition that Jain cannot remain outside Delhi for more than two days at a time. If he needs to travel beyond the capital for a longer period, he must inform the investigating officer, his lawyer said.

# UDHAYANIDHI ATTACKS VIJAY OVER LAW AND ORDER

**CHENNAI**

Tamil Nadu Assembly proceedings turned heated on Thursday as Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin criticised Chief Minister Vijay over law and order and the functioning of the state government. The confrontation came after Vijay walked out of the Assembly following his response to Opposition members.Udhayanidhi targeted Vijay over his remark that "no one should run away". Responding sharply, the Opposition leader asked, "Who's the one who now ran away?" His comment came shortly after the Chief Minister left the House, adding to the tension during the proceedings.

The Opposition also ques-



tioned the government's performance and raised concerns about governance, unfulfilled promises and the alleged deterioration of law and order in Tamil Nadu. Udhayanidhi linked the debate to wider questions about the administration under the TVK government and its handling of key issues.The exchange also brought the Karur incident into the political confronta-

tion. The Opposition sought answers from the government on law and order and its response to issues affecting the state. The verbal clash between the two leaders reflected the growing political tensions inside the Assembly.The session ended with the Opposition continuing to question the government's record and the Chief Minister's approach to criticism.

# Religious tourism is growing: Mohan Yadav

**BHOPAL**

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday said his government was working to strengthen religious and spiritual tourism in the state.

He made the remarks during a visit to the Dwarkadhish Temple in Gujarat ahead of Janmashtami. Yadav visited the temple with his wife Seema Yadav and family members and offered prayers for the well-being and prosperity of people in Madhya Pradesh.

Yadav said religious tourism was receiving a boost across India, citing Ujjain and Dwarka as examples. He said Ujjain has seen a major rise in visitors after the development of Shri



Mahakal Lok, with more than 10 crore pilgrims now visiting the city.

He also highlighted the Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor in Varanasi, saying the project had helped increase religious tourism. Yadav described the Dwarkadhish Temple as an important pilgrimage centre among the Char Dham sites linked to the tradition of Adi Shankaracharya.

The Chief Minister said Madhya Pradesh was devel-

oping infrastructure at major religious destinations to improve facilities for pilgrims. The plans include better connectivity, accommodation and safety arrangements.

He said improved management systems were also being introduced at the state's religious sites.

Yadav said the development of pilgrimage destinations could also support the local economy.

His visit to Dwarka came shortly before Janmashtami, when large numbers of devotees are expected to visit important religious centres. The government is focusing on improving facilities and infrastructure to make pilgrimage travel more convenient and strengthen religious tourism in Madhya Pradesh.

# BUSINESS

## BIO-NIVESH links biotech with capital

BIO-NIVESH, A HIGH-IMPACT STRATEGIC MATCHMAKING PLATFORM LAUNCHED BY THE GOI

**NEW DELHI**

The government on Thursday launched BIO-NIVESH, a platform designed to strengthen engagement between biotechnology innovators and investors and accelerate private capital into promising innovations for scale-up and commercialisation across India.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said innovation cannot be completed without investment, while investment cannot sustain itself without innovation. He stressed the need for closer engagement among innovators, investors, industry and the Government for India's biotechnology-led growth.

Singh said BIO-NIVESH would create a bridge allowing ideas to move from research into industry and markets. During an interactive roundtable with startups and investors, he suggested exploring a "Big Five in Five Years" approach for the biotechnology ecosystem.

The minister said the objective should be to create an ecosystem where science meets capital, innovation



**BIO-NIVESH aims to drive biotech investment**

- BIO-NIVESH launched to connect biotech innovators and investors.
- Government seeks greater private capital for biotechnology.
- Singh proposes a "Big Five in Five Years" approach.
- Platform aims to move research towards industry and markets.
- Biotechnology positioned as a driver of India's next industrial revolution.
- Minister highlights private participation in space and nuclear sectors.

meets industry and research meets the market. While the Government can establish enabling conditions and absorb initial risks, he said private capital would remain critical for sustaining growth, building enterprises and scaling technologies.

Singh described biotechnology as a driver of the next industrial revolution and cautioned that India should not repeat its experience during the IT revolution, when the country entered a decade late.

He said initiatives such as BIO-NIVESH are intended to position India to capture opportunities emerging from the next phase of technology-led growth. Singh also cited the opening of the space sector to private participation, which has generated interest among investors.

# Sebi mulls net settlement of funds for mutual fund trades

**MUMBAI**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday proposed allowing mutual fund schemes to net certain cash-market fund obligations, a move aimed at reducing temporary funding requirements and improving settlement efficiency for insti-

tutional investors.

Under the proposed framework, a mutual fund scheme would be allowed to offset eligible outright purchases against eligible outright sales within the same settlement cycle. However, the underlying securities would continue to be settled on a gross basis, ensuring that the deliv-

ery-backed nature of institutional trades remains unchanged. SEBI has invited public comments on the proposal by September 24, according to a consultation paper.

The regulator said mutual fund schemes can face temporary liquidity requirements and operational inefficiencies.

# AIR INDIA MID-AIR SCARE

## AAIB probe nears Preliminary report

**NEW DELHI**

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is investigating the August 4 Air India Phuket-Delhi flight incident, with Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu saying a preliminary report is expected soon.

Air India Flight AI 2379, carrying 137 passengers and eight crew members, suddenly lost 300 feet while cruising at 36,000 feet during its journey to Delhi. At least 20 passengers and four crew members were injured, along with four crew members, bringing the reported total to 24. Two crew members suffered spinal injuries near the tailbone and neck, according to Naidu.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, the minister said the AAIB investigation was underway and that the gov-

**Key facts**

- **Flight:** AI 2379
- **Route:** Phuket-Delhi
- **Altitude:** 36,000 feet
- **Sudden drop:** 300 feet
- **On board:** 137 passengers, 8 crew
- **Injured:** 24 people
- **Probe covers technical, operational, medical and human factors.**

ernment would decide the further course of action after the report is released. He said the government has also asked the investigative agency to expedite its probe so that more stringent laws can be considered and exemplary punishment imposed to prevent similar incidents.

The AAIB is examining

technical, operational, medical and human-factor evidence connected with the flight. The investigation assumes added significance after the pilot reportedly tested positive for psychoactive substances during post-flight screening in Delhi. A subsequent test also returned positive, reportedly confirming marijuana use.

Naidu said the government engages with airlines every month to discuss operational difficulties and challenges. He said airlines have been encouraged to strengthen their operations, particularly their financial systems, and have assured the government that improvements would be made soon.Findings will guide accountability and safeguards. The final report is expected to shape regulatory and safety measures.

# Pak inflation back in double digits at 11.1% in Aug

**NEW DELHI**

Pakistan's annual consumer price inflation rose to 11.1 per cent in August 2026, returning to double digits after easing to 9.2 per cent in July, a report has said. A report published in The Nation (Pakistan-based newspaper) -- citing the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) -- showed that the CPI inflation (urban) remained at 10.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the last month.

Meanwhile, the CPI inflation for rural areas has increased to 12.

2 per cent in August 2026 and inflation measured by Sensitive Price Index (SPI) has increased by 10.72 per cent, it added.

# India's growth reflects strong rconomy

**CHANDIGARH**

Punjab BJP president Kewal Singh Dhillion on Thursday said India's rapidly expanding economy reflects the capable, visionary and strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asserting that the country is continuing its growth journey despite economic challenges faced by several nations.

Dhillion cited India's 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the first quarter as evidence of the economy's strength and dynamism. He said India's growth rate, compared with major global economies, indicates that the country is emerging as an important engine of global economic growth.

According to Dhillion, growth across key sectors fur-

ther demonstrates the impact of government policies focused on industry, investment and infrastructure. He pointed to 12.1 per cent growth in IT and financial services, 9.2 per cent in manufacturing and 11.9 per cent in investment and infrastructure.

He also highlighted a 7.1 per cent rise in domestic consumption and 12 per cent growth in exports, saying both indicators demonstrate the strength of domestic demand and India's expanding position in international markets.Dhillion said India was not only becoming economically stronger but was also steadily increasing its influence as a global economic power. He linked the growth momentum to the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047".

# Quick Read

**Bond selloff likely amplified by obscure economic rate**

**NEW YORK**

A recent rise in Treasury yields in part reflects growing investor bets that an obscure, theoretical rate consistent with stable growth and inflation is moving higher. Some believe the so-called R-star, which is a rate that neither stimulates nor restrains economic activity, might be higher than the latest data indicates. Analysts estimate it has risen as the U.S. economy absorbs a strong mix of capital spending tied to artificial intelligence and heavy government borrowing. The R-star moving higher suggests that interest rates may settle at structurally elevated levels, adding to pressure on bond prices.

# Corporate leaders highlight Guj investment chances

**Mumbai**

Top corporate leaders on Thursday highlighted Gujarat's investment potential and expressed interest in expanding their presence in the state at a roadshow here organised by the Gujarat government ahead of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) 2027. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the event, Mahindra & Mahindra CEO and Managing Director Anish Shah said Gujarat was one of the most dynamic states and the group had a presence across multiple industries in the state.



Quick Read

Tribal man killed in Telangana IED blast

MULUGU

A 60-year-old tribal man, Madakam Nag-eswara Rao, was killed after an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded on Karreguttalu hillocks in Telangana’s Mulugu district on Wednesday evening. Police said Rao was collecting bamboo in the forest with five other villagers when he accidentally stepped on the device at Bedemgutta. The others escaped un-harmed. The group carried Rao back to their village, where they in-formed police. Security forces have launched an investigation and are checking the area for other possible landmin-es.

9-Year-old boy dies after badminton dispute

JASPUR

A nine-year-old boy died after he was al-legedly stabbed in the chest by his 11-year-old friend following a dis-pute during a badmin-ton game in Chhipian area of Jaspur, Uttara-khand’s Uddham Singh Nagar district. The two children were playing badminton with other children when an argu-ment reportedly broke out over a shuttlecock that fell into a drain, Pol-ice have taken the 11-year-old boy into cus-tody and are examining CCTV footage to estab-lish the sequence of events. The incident has shocked residents of the area.

Pawan Kalyan-led water project to benefit 75,000

AMARAVATI

A major drinking water project in Andhra Pradesh’s NTR district has been completed under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, the Jana Sena Party said on Thursday. The Jal Jeevan Mission-Amarajee-vi Jaladhara project, cost-ing Rs 49.94 crore, is ex-pected to provide safe drinking water to nearly 75,000 people living across 38 habitations in A Konduru mandal. The pro-ject aims to address long-standing drinking water problems in the re-gion, which has reported concerns related to chron-ic kidney disease. The area includes 21-gram panchayats and 15 tribal hamlets. According to the Jana Sena Party, residents had depended on con-taminated water for years, raising concerns about its possible impact on public health. The party said Pawan Kalyan became aware of the issue before the 2024 general elections and later decided to pro-vide safe drinking water to the affected population after taking office.

New train boosts Mumbai-Konkan rail connectivity

MUMBAI

Union Railway Minister Ash-wini Vaishnaw on Thursday flagged off a new train service between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and Sawantwadi Road, strengthening direct rail connectivity between Mumbai and the Konkan re-gion. Union Minister Piyush Goyal and Maharashtra Dep-uty Chief Minister Eknath Shinde were also present. The new service will cover around 510 km and stop at several important locations across Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts. Offi-

Assam students protest rising prices, demand action

Assam students protested rising prices of essential commodities, accusing the state government of failing to take effective steps to provide relief.

DIBRUGARH

The All-Assam Students’ Union (AASU) staged a protest in Dibrugarh on Thursday over rising prices of essential commodities and alleged that the Assam government had failed to take effective action. The demonstration was held by the organisation’s Dibru-garh district committee. During the protest, AASU members carried out a sym-bolic funeral procession of Assam Supply Minister Kau-shik Rai from Shaheed Bha-wan at Chowkidingi to Chowkidingi Chariali. Pro- testers raised slogans against the state government over the rising prices of essential food



items and later burnt an effigy of the minister. AASU Dibrugarh district committee president Pratima Sonowal alleged that prices of essential goods in Assam had increased sharply. She said the organisation had already

submitted a memorandum to the government seeking ac-tion but claimed that no effec-tive steps had been taken to control prices. The student organisation also raised concerns about the functioning of the Food, Civ-

il Supplies and Consumer Af-fairs Department. It demand-ed stronger measures to regu-late prices and improve the public distribution system so that essential food items re-main affordable and accessi-ble to people. AASU members said the continuing rise in prices was placing an additional financial burden on ordinary house-holds. They urged the state government to take immedi-ate steps to provide relief to consumers and improve the distribution of essential com-modities. The protest ended with slo-gans against price rise and the government’s handling of the issue.

Uttarakhand seeks long-term Himalayan growth plan

DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday called for a long-term development strategy suited to the state’s unique Himalayan geography. Chair-ing a meeting of the Uttara-khand State Centre for Public Policy and Good Governance, Dhami stressed the need for research, innovation and da-ta-based policies to achieve the goal of ‘Developed Ut-tarakhand-2047’. Dhami said development plans must consider the state’s geographical challenges while making proper use of its nat-ural resources and economic potential. He directed officials to prepare case studies based on successful work carried out across different sectors so that these experiences could help improve future govern-ment policies and pro-grammes. The governing body also discussed regular evaluation of government schemes and periodic reviews of policies.

“Policy formulation and future action plans should be based on data and research, keeping in mind Uttarakhand’s geographical conditions, challenges and potential.”

Pushkar Singh Dhami, CM

Members suggested setting annual targets for important programmes to measure progress and take corrective action when required. They also recommended promoting high-value, low-volume products, strengthening micro, small and medium enterprises and encouraging home-based tourism in hill areas to create local employment opportuni-ties. Research was proposed in eight key areas linked to Ut-tarakhand’s future develop-ment. Soil health and health-care were identified as im-portant priorities. Members also called for stronger train-ing of officials, including those at the block level, to improve implementation of

government schemes. State universities were encouraged to take a greater role in re-search concerning the state’s development needs and po-tential. Discussions covered economic growth, employment, social welfare, forests, biodi-versity, climate adaptation, infrastructure, local govern-ance, regional development and technology-based admin-istration. Members stressed that economic progress must be balanced with environmen-tal protection and sustainable development. The meeting also reviewed the implementation of Sus-tainable Development Goals with the USCPGG and the United Nations Development Programme. Uttarakhand was noted as ranking first among Himalayan states in SDG im-plementation. Dhami also re-leased ‘Uttarakhand at 25: A Himalayan State with Infinite Possibilities’, documenting the state’s development jour-ne-y over 25 years.

Online errors leave Delhi voters out of draft roll

NEW DELHI

Several Delhi voters who sub-mitted their Special Intensive Revision (SIR) forms online have found their names miss-ing from the draft electoral roll, raising concerns about gaps between the online and offline verification processes. The Election Commission published the draft roll on Monday, removing nearly 47.6 lakh names, or 32.8% of Delhi’s voters. Residents from areas including Badarpur, Trilokpuri and Mangolpuri said they completed their forms online but were still ex-cluded from the list. Booth level officers said many voters believed online submission was enough. However, officers must verify applications through phone calls or physical visits. A mis-match between the phone number used for registration and details linked to Aadhaar or an existing voter ID can also create problems.

Mamata warns BJP over TMC office attack

KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress su-premo Mamata Banerjee on Thursday condemned the al-legged vandalism at the TMC office on Camac Street and accused BJP-backed men of attacking the premises. She warned that her party would hold protests outside the homes of BJP leaders in New Delhi if such incidents contin-ued.

In a Facebook Live address, Banerjee alleged that armed BJP-backed workers vandal-ised the office, removed im-portant documents and equip-ment, and acted with the al-legged support of Kolkata Pol-ice. She said the incident raised serious concerns about the law-and-order situation in Kolkata and across West Ben-gal. Banerjee also criticised the BJP over the alleged violence at Jadavpur University, call-ing it “hooliganism”. She fur-ther alleged that efforts were being made to restrict her movement and create an at-mosphere of intimidation

“If this continues, we will protest outside BJP leaders’ homes in New Delhi.”

Mamata Banerjee, Former CM

against her and her party. The controversy began after TMC national general secre-tary Abhishek Banerjee al-legged that armed men at-tacked the party office in the early hours of Thursday. He later shared purported CCTV footage showing masked men carrying electronic equipment from the premises. Police have arrested six people in connection with the incident. The latest developments have intensified the political confrontation between the TMC and BJP in West Ben-gal. Both parties have ex-changed allegations over po-litical violence and law and order, while police continue investigating the attack. Ban-erjee said the TMC would respond with protests if at-tacks on its offices and lead-ers do not stop.

Delhi plans underground ducts to cut road digging

NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has approved a plan to develop multi-utility ducts across the capital to reduce repeated road digging for essential services. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the underground system will help prevent different agencies from cutting roads separately for utility work. The ducts will carry electricity ca-bles, water and gas pipelines, fire-hydrant networks and other essential services. The gov-ernment expects the project to reduce traffic disruptions, in-convenience for commuters and damage to Delhi’s roads. The project will begin as a pilot in Chandni Chowk. Two stretches have been selected

“The initiative is part of the government’s long-term infrastructure planning for Delhi.”

Rekha Gupta, CM

for the first phase, including 310 metres on Esplanade Road and 560 metres on Mor Sarai Road. The government will use the results to plan similar projects in other areas. An ex-pert technical committee will oversee the project and in-clude officials from power dis-tribution companies, the Delhi Jal Board, the Public Works Department and other depart-ments. The underground ducts will include ventilation, fire safety, maintenance access and emergency response facilities.

Fadnavis says CBI probe needed in Salian case

MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thurs-day said the Bombay High Court’s decision to hand over Disha Salian’s death case to the Central Bureau of Investi-gation (CBI) indicated that further investigation was con-sidered necessary. The court has directed the CBI to regis-ter an FIR and conduct a de-tailed probe into the case. Fadnavis said Mumbai Pol-ice had already completed its investigation and submitted a report. However, the High Court felt that some additional in-vestigation was required and that something “technical” might have been missing from the earlier probe. “The Mum-bai Police had completed its investigation and submitted its report. However, the High Court

felt that some more investiga-tion needs to be done and that something ‘technical’ might be missing. Therefore, they have now given the case to the CBI,” he said. The case concerns the death of Disha Salian, who was the former manager of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput. Salian was found dead in Mumbai on June 8, 2020, days before Rajput’s death. The High Court’s latest order has now opened the way for a fresh investigation by the central agency. Deputy Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council Sachin Ahir said the state government would fol-low the court’s directions. He rejected claims that the transfer was politically moti-vated, saying the decision had been taken by the judiciary and there had been no govern-ment interference.

Nagaland Assembly seeks withdrawal of PAP regime

KOHIMA,

The Nagaland Legislative As-sembly on Thursday passed a resolution urging the Centre to withdraw the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime from the state. Legislators said the restric-tions were affecting tourism, investment, business activities and cultural exchanges. The resolution was moved by Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton. It said Na-galand remains peaceful and needs greater opportunities for its people, especially young residents. The PAP system, reintro-duced in December 2024 on security grounds, requires foreign visitors to obtain permits to enter the state.

Assam constable held after two colleagues are shot dead

GUWAHATI

An Assam police constable was arrested after allegedly shooting dead two colleagues with a service AK-47 at a po-lice outpost in Kamrup Rural district, officials said on Thursday. The incident took place at the Gamerimura po-lice outpost on Wednesday night following a reported verbal exchange among the personnel. The accused was identified as constable Chiranjib Choudhury. Police said Choudhury allegedly opened fire at the outpost offi-cer-in-charge, Indrajit Bora, and another constable, Fazrul Ali, during the dispute. Both injured personnel were rushed to a nearby hospital, but doctors declared them dead on arrival. Additional Superintendent



of Police, Kamrup Rural, Pu-nam Pegu, said the accused had been arrested and an in-vestigation was underway. She said the exact reason be-hind the shooting was not yet known, although officers had been informed about a verbal argument before the firing. Police are now examining the circumstances that led to the deadly incident. The bodies of Bora and Ali were sent to Gauhati Medical College and Hospital for

postmortem examinations. A case has also been registered, and investigators are expect-ed to question personnel present at the outpost and ex-amine other evidence to es-tablish what happened before the shooting. The service weapon used in the incident will also form part of the in-vestigation. The shooting comes nearly a month after another deadly incident involving security personnel in Assam.

DELHI METRO EARNs XLRI AWARD FOR HR EXCELLENCE

NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro Rail Corpo-ration (DMRC) has received a prestigious award for excel-lence in human resource prac-tices at the HR for the Greater Good Conclave 2.0, organised by XLRI Jamshedpur. The recognition highlights the or-ganisation’s efforts to create a supportive and employee-foc-used workplace. The conclave was held at the XLRI campus from Au-gust 31 to September 2. A to-tal of 23 organisations took part in the event and present-ed their work on important areas of human resources.

These included artificial intel-ligence in HR, labour re-forms, green HR practices, employee rewards, career de-velopment, and digital trans-formation. Anuj Dayal, Principal Ex-ecutive Director of Corporate Communications at DMRC, said the organisation compet-ed with more than 20 private and public sector organisa-tions. He said the award rec-ognised the continued efforts of DMRC’s HR department to support its employees, who help serve lakhs of commut-ers using the Delhi Metro ev-ery day.





# Jafta Ruled Out Of Zimbabwe T20Is

**Sinalo Jafta's hamstring injury rules her out of South Africa's Zimbabwe T20I tour, with Jae-Leigh Filander earning her maiden senior international call-up.**

**ZIMBABWE**

Wicketkeeper-batter Sinalo Jafta has been ruled out of South Africa's upcoming five-match T20I series against Zimbabwe after suffering a hamstring strain during pre-tour physical testing, Cricket South Africa confirmed on Thursday.

Jafta's injury has opened the door for Western Province wicketkeeper-batter Jae-Leigh Filander, who has received her maiden senior international call-up. The former South Africa Under-19 player will join the Proteas Women squad in Tshwane before the team departs for Bulawayo on Monday.

The tour will be led by regular captain Laura Wolvaardt and marks South Africa's first T20I series against neighbours Zimbabwe. The Proteas have named a largely refreshed squad, with several established players rested following the recent World Cup campaign.

Among those absent are Marizanne Kapp, Dané van Niekerk, Suné Luus, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Tazmin Brits, Chloe Tryon, Nadine de Klerk, Ayabonga Khaka and Shabnim Ismail.

The squad also features three uncapped players: seamer Caitlin Wyngaard, former South Africa Under-19 pacer Nthabiseng Nini and off-spinner Luyanda Nzuza. All three impressed for the South Africa Emerging Women's side during recent matches against Bangladesh Emerging.

Several returning players, including Faye Tunnicliffe, Anneke Bosch, Ayanda Hlubi, Eliz-Mari Marx, Seshnie Naidu, Nondumiso Shangase and Miané Smit, will get another opportunity after missing the T20 World Cup.

All five matches will be played at Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo, beginning September 11. The remaining games are scheduled for September 13, 15, 17 and 19, giving South Africa an important opportunity to test its emerging talent and build depth ahead of future international assignments there.

**Wolvaardt To Lead Proteas In Five-Match T20I Series:**

- Sinalo Jafta ruled out with hamstring strain.
- Jae-Leigh Filander receives maiden senior call-up.
- Laura Wolvaardt will captain the Proteas.
- Three players remain uncapped in the squad.
- Five T20Is will be played in Bulawayo.
- Series begins September 11 and ends September 19.



# Laxman to Coach India at Asiad

**VVS Laxman will lead India's men at the Asian Games, stepping in as Gautam Gambhir receives a break before the West Indies series.**

**NEW DELHI**

VVS Laxman will take charge of the Indian men's cricket team as head coach for the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, with regular coach Gautam Gambhir set to be rested ahead of India's white-ball assignment against the West Indies.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports confirmed Laxman's appointment while announcing India's 768-member contingent for the event. The roster includes 503 athletes, 246 team officials and supporting staff, and 19 contingent staff.

Laxman, who heads the Centre of Excellence, will be assisted by Sunil Joshi, Hrishikesh Kanitkar and Subhadeep Ghosh. He guided India during the T20I series against Zimbabwe in July, when Gambhir was rested following the white-ball series against England.

India's men's and women's teams will enter the Asian Games as defending champions. Ruturaj Gaikwad

# India's Asiad Contingent Swells to 768

**NEW DELHI**

The Indian contingent for the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games has been expanded to 768 members after the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports added 11 athletes to the roster on Thursday.

The contingent now comprises 503 athletes 269 men and 234 women besides 246 team officials and supporting staff and 19 contingent staff. India will compete across 36 disciplines at the Asian Games.

The latest additions cover athletics, mixed martial arts and surfing. Surfing will make its Asian Games debut, with Kishore Kumar, Sivaraj, Kamali and Sugar Shanti selected to represent India. Mixed martial arts is also making its debut, with Varun Sanyal included in the Indian squad.

Six athletes Praveen Kumar, Harita Bhadra, Kiran Pahal, Asha Ilango, Sindhushree Ganesha and Sanya Yadav have



# Indoor Range Boosts Shooting In Ladakh

**LEH**

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has welcomed the inauguration of an insulated, all-year-round indoor Air Rifle and Air Pistol shooting range at the built Sports Complex of the Ladakh Police in Leh, calling it a step towards developing shooting sport in the Union Territory.

The facility, established by the Ladakh Shooting Association (LSA) in collaboration with the Ladakh Police, was inaugurated in August by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena. Senior officials and sporting representatives, including Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra, DGP Anant Jain, NRAI Vice President K. Sultan Singh and LSA President Gawa Norboo, attended the ceremony.

The new range is expected to strengthen Ladakh's sporting infrastructure by allowing athletes to train indoors throughout the year despite the region's challenging weather conditions.

It will be accessible to students, members of the public and police personnel, widening participation and creating opportunities to identify promising local shooters.

NRAI President Kalikesh Singh Deo said the facility would help take shooting to the grassroots and provide young athletes with a pathway towards competitive sport.

NRAI Secretary General Pawankumar Singh also described access as fundamental to building a sustainable sporting ecosystem.

The Lieutenant Governor welcomed the initiative and stressed the importance of year-round sporting facilities.

He also announced UT Government support for developing additional shooting ranges in other districts and locations across Ladakh.

The NRAI said continued cooperation among the UT Government, Ladakh Police and LSA could help turn the new facility into a shooting ecosystem and produce more shooters from the region.

**An indoor shooting range in Leh is set to widen access, strengthen grassroots participation and help uncover Ladakh's emerging talent.**

**- NRAI Secretary General Pawankumar Singh**

**"Access is fundamental, and this facility provides that access in a structured and sustainable manner,"**

# 'It's time to step aside': Former Man City star Edin Dzeko

**LONDON**

Bosnia and Herzegovina legend and former Manchester City star Edin Dzeko has announced his retirement from international football. The Bosnian great will play his last match in national colours on October 2, when the European side will clash with Sweden in the Nations League.

In an emotional statement released on Instagram, Dzeko said that playing for the national team has been the most precious gift football has given him. The 40-year-old also reflected on his unforgettable moments in his 20-year journey.

"Sometimes I found myself thinking about when this moment would come... But I had never imagined how emotional I would feel while writing these words. On October 2, I will play my next and final match for our national team against Sweden," Dzeko wrote in a post.

"Nothing in my career can be compared to the pride I felt every time I wore that jersey. Nothing. This was my childhood dream. I carried that dream with me in each of the 151 matches in which I had the honor of representing my country on a football field," he added.

Dzeko also remembered his first match in the Bosnia jersey 20 years ago against Turkey and said, "Nearly 20 years have passed since that match I played against Turkey. Many things have changed since that day, and I have changed too, but my love for this jersey has never changed."

The 40-year-old has 151 caps and 73 goals, both Bosnia and Herzegovina records. During his extraordinary career, he helped the team reach two World Cups,



in 2014, the nation's first, and in 2026, when they advanced to the last 32. After countless contributions to the team, Dzeko believes that now is the right time to step aside.

"I feel that the time has come to step aside now. If I was able to stay in the national team until the age of 40, it is because I truly gave everything I had. Every time. My all," he added.

**NEW YORK**

Carlos Alcaraz took another solid step in his comeback from injury while fellow defending champion Aryna Sabalenka also advanced at the U.S. Open, as organisers heaved a sigh of relief after clearing a backlog of rain-delayed matches.

Former winner Daniil Medvedev weathered an avian interruption to soar into the next round, with Americans Ben Shelton, Jessica Pegula, Emma Navarro and Frances Tiafoe all progressing.

Alcaraz took centre stage in the evening session on Arthur Ashe Stadium, where the Spanish second seed dropped the opening set before blowing away Jaime Faria 4-6 6-0 6-3 6-2 with superb shot-making to ease any lingering fears about his wrist injury.

"I wanted to be quick ... I'm not going to lie," Alcaraz said after spending two hours and 40 minutes on court.

"But at the end I realised that I'm just playing four sets, it was really good for me to test everything physically, to test my body, how I feel, and tomorrow how I'm going to feel after this match, after four sets."

Sabalenka was even more impressive a short while earlier on the main showcourt, as the Belarusian crushed Russian qualifier Polina Iatenco 6-1 6-1, before bristling at a question about her appearances at pre-tournament events.

"You guys are, like, a joke. Parties, fun ... like, why would you even say that? Why would you even think about that? What kind of question is that?" the world number one said.

"Just because I posted, like, some activities with brands, and you think that I've been partying, not training?" Medvedev, the 2021 champion, had his feathers ruffled in a 6-1 6-3 7-5 victory over U.S. wildcard Sebastian Gorzny on Louis Armstrong Stadium

when two birds landed on the net.

Earlier, third-ranked Pegula needed just 56 minutes to dismantle 2020 Australian Open winner Sofia Kenin 6-3 6-1 in the first match at Arthur Ashe Stadium to book a match-up with 2021 runner-up Leylah Fernandez.

**Alcaraz and Sabalenka shine as US Open catches up after rain delays**





Quick Read

Feminist activist Gloria Steinem dies at age 92

**Washington**  
Gloria Steinem, the American writer, lecturer, activist and organizer who fought for gender equality and women's civil and reproductive rights for more than five decades, has died, her foundation said. She was 92 years old. The co-founder and consulting editor of Ms. Magazine championed the feminist movement from the late 1960s onwards and inspired generations of women. "From reluctant spokesperson to a beacon of positive change, hers is a singular journey - an American leader who can speak to us all," film and theater director Julie Taymor said of Steinem in a 2017 New York Times interview.

As Colombia slowly identifies conflict victims, kin left waiting

**RIONEGRO**  
Roselly Gil watched as authorities carefully removed the blackened bones from the rotting wooden coffin, stored for decades in a cemetery in Rionegro, Colombia. They were, she hoped, the remains of her younger brother. Now a willowy 59-year-old grandmother, Gil has been waiting more than two decades for information about what happened to her brother Jesus Arbey Gil, a Colombian soldier who disappeared in 2003. She thought an answer was close in 2024, when a government agency set up to search for people disappeared during Colombia's conflict told her they believed Jesus Arbey had been buried in the cemetery in Antioquia province.

Iran war escalation deepens civilian toll

Civilian deaths are again at the center of the Iran war as regional tensions spread, Washington weighs further military action.

**CAIRO**  
An escalation in the Iran war has renewed focus on civilian casualties after Iranian officials said 18 people were killed in US strikes, including four at a wedding near the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's health minister said 18 people were killed and 108 wounded in Tuesday night's attacks in Iran. The Iranian Red Crescent said four were killed and 67 wounded when a wedding ceremony near the coast of the Strait of Hormuz was hit. The fighting has spread concern across the region. Iran launched missile and drone attacks at what it described as US assets in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait and Iraq. Kuwait's army reported missile and drone attacks ear-



ly Thursday, saying its air defenses intercepted them. Combat had largely fallen silent since an earlier exchange in July, but peace talks failed to produce progress. US President Donald Trump has threatened military action as the conflict remains unpopular domestically and contributes to higher gasoline prices. Trump's aides are seeking to prevent escalation before the November 3 midterm elections, according to four people familiar with discussions. White House officials may consider expanding action after the vote. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed alarm over civilian deaths, particularly the wedding strike. His spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said all parties must protect civilians

**US strikes kill 18, Iran retaliates**  
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Iran launched missile and drone attacks against what it called US assets.  
UN chief Antonio Guterres called for an immediate cessation of military action.

and comply with international humanitarian law, including distinction, proportionality and precaution. The deaths add to the toll recorded by HRANA. The Iranian rights group said 3,636 people had been documented killed in Iran as of April 7, including 1,701 civilians.



Nepal faces massive post-flood rebuild task

**KATHMANDU**  
Nepal will need to rebuild around 20,000 houses in areas as rescuers continue searching for workers trapped in tunnels connected to hydropower projects and thousands remain missing after last week's disaster. A glacier collapse on August 26 sent a torrent of ice, rock and mud through Nepal's border region with China, destroying settlements and villages and leaving many homes washed away, buried or unsafe. Dharma Raj Upreti, chief of Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, said preliminary estimates showed 7,500 houses had been completely destroyed. Authorities believe many other homes cannot be safely occupied and estimate about 20,000 houses will need rebuilding in safer locations. Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal told foreign ambassadors in Kathmandu that rebuilding would require resources, underscoring the scale of the recovery challenge. At least 1,252 people were killed in Nepal, while more than 4,200 remained missing and thousands were displaced. China reported 21 deaths and 541 missing in Tibet. More than 9,300 Nepali army troops were deployed across affected districts, including Timure, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Chitwan and Nawalparasi East. They are conducting search and rescue operations, clearing roads, managing bodies and providing medical treatment. The disaster has affected foreigners. Nepal said at least 583 foreigners were missing, including pilgrims and trekkers. An Australian medical student whose partner disappeared near the Nepal-China border urged technology companies to share tracking data that could help rescuers narrow search areas. Nepal's cabinet has declared September 7 a national day of mourning, the 13th day after the catastrophe.

Over 1,700 Indonesian students, teachers fall ill

**LASEM**  
Another 777 students and teachers contracted food poisoning in Indonesia's Central Java after consuming government-issued free meals, a school principal said on Thursday, bringing the total number of people made ill by the scheme to more than 1,700 in just a week. In separate incidents in three other locations this week, 950 Indonesians had fallen ill as a result of food poisoning.

'Lula adopts cautious Brazil poll campaign'

**BRASILIA**  
Weeks before Brazil's October election, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is running one of the country's most cautious presidential campaigns in years as he tries to protect a razor-thin lead in the polls against right-wing Senator Flavio Bolsonaro. The result has been an unusually subdued campaign, the sources said, amid concerns about misinformation, foreign interference, and accidentally unleashing damaging political narratives. "The ability to mislead voters today is even greater than it was in 2022, so it's a real concern. We have to be much more careful about what we do and say," one adviser said, asking not to be named because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. Polls show Lula holding a narrow lead over Senator Bolsonaro, son of former President Jair Bolsonaro, with the latest polls showing a 1- to 3- percentage-point difference in the second round. Inside the Planalto presidential palace in Brasilia, officials have been told to closely vet government actions to avoid accusations that state resources are being used for political purposes and to minimize missteps that opponents could exploit. Ministers have been asked to delete social media posts, and state television has stopped broadcasting presidential events to avoid the risk of violating the Brazilian electoral law, the sources. At the same time, official announcements and presidential events are being carefully reviewed to avoid misinterpretation, even if some officials see it as an overly cautious approach, they added. "I think there's a certain amount of exaggeration in this concern with violating the law. Previous administrations had absolutely no concern about this," one source said. "The Brazilian legislation is clear that at some point the incumbent will be president and candidate at the same time." Yet all that caution was not enough to spare Lula from a social media storm last week. During an interview, he said he had never met a lobbyist who is currently under investigation in a corruption probe, only for Instagram photos showing the two together to quickly resurface and circulate online.

Reform UK gets 75% of its donations from crypto entrepreneur

**LONDON**  
Britain's populist Reform UK party received a £4 million donation from a crypto investor convicted of a banking secrecy violation in the United States and pardoned by Donald Trump, accounting for 75% of the party's donations last quarter. The party led by veteran Brexit campaigner Nigel Farage received the big donation from Ben Delo, who announced this year he was returning to the UK from Hong Kong and involving himself in politics "to save Britain before decline becomes irreversible". In total, the party raised £5.3 million in the April-June quarter, more than its mainstream opponents but less than the more than £9 million it had raised in each of the two previous quarters, according to figures published by election officials on Thursday. Delo pleaded guilty to a U.S. banking secrecy violation in 2022 after prosecutors accused his crypto company BitMEX of deliberately failing to maintain required safeguards against money laundering. He was pardoned by Trump last year.

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA  
Crl.Misc.No.100/2026  
PETITIONERS: 1. Sri. Manjunatha, M/Sio Muthuraj, Aged about 32 years, 2. Sri. Madhan Kumar, Sio Muthuraj Aged about 35 years, 3. Sri. Muthuraj Sio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 58 years, 4. Smt. Muthamma, Dio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 61 years, 5. Smt. Hanumakka, Dio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 55 years, 6. Smt. Lakshamma, Dio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 52 years, 7. Smt. Hanumakka, Dio Late Nanjappa, Aged about 50 years, 8. Smt. Parvathamma, Dio Late Nanjappa, Aged about 45 years, All are Rlat, Chikankannanale Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, V/S RESPONDENT: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Doddaballapura.  
PAPER PUBLICATION  
The petitioners have filed this petition for grant of death certificate of grate grandmother of the petitioners by name SMT. GOWDAMMA W/o Late Muthurayappa, who died on 14.08.2003, at Chikankannanale Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Whom so ever if any person who are related or interested or dispute date of death of Sri. Muthamma may hereby appear in the above said court in person or through pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material question raising in the petition on the day of 30/09/2026 at 11 AM in said court. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date before mentioned, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.  
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 31st day of August 2026.  
By order of the Court  
Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge and JMFC at Doddaballapura  
Advocate for petitioners: Sri. Ananda Kumar, A. Advocate, Prakruthi Law Associates, Doddaballapura.

THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR  
CRL.MISC.NO. 501/2026.  
Petitioners: 1. Smt.Parvathamma Dio late Nanjappa Aged about 70 years, Rlat Kolala Village and Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, and others V/s Respondent: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Doddaballapura  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Wherefore the Petitioner has filed the above petition under section 13 (3) and 14 of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for seeking the death certificate of her mother of petitioners by name SRI NANJUDAPPA Sio DODDAHONNAPPA who died 01-07-2005 at Kuruvengeri village, Thubagere hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural District. In this regard it is hereby noticed that whoever has interested in this said matter may Appear in person or through advocate duly authorized before court 05/10/2026 at 11 AM in default this will be heard and disposed off Ex-parte order.  
Given under my hand seal the court on the 03rd day september, 2026  
By order of the court  
Chief Ministerial Officer Pri Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura  
Advocate: Sri Nataraju BL, Doddaballapur 561203

THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR  
Crl.Misc.No. 999/2026  
Petitioners: 1. Smt.Parvathamma Dio late Nanjappa Aged about 70 years, Rlat Kolala Village and Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, and others V/s Respondent: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Doddaballapura  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Wherefore the Petitioner has filed the above petition under section 13 (3) and 14 of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for seeking the death certificate of her mother of petitioners by name SMT. GANGAMMA W/O LATE NANJUDAPPA who died 28-11-2020 at Kuruvengeri village, Thubagere hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural District. In this regard it is hereby noticed that whoever has interested in this said matter may Appear in person or through advocate duly authorized before court 05/10/2026 at 11 AM in default this will be heard and disposed off Ex-parte order.  
Given under my hand seal the court on the 03rd day september, 2026  
By order of the court  
Chief Ministerial Officer Pri Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura  
Advocate: Sri Nataraju BL, Doddaballapur 561203

THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR  
Crl.Misc.No. 395/2026  
PETITIONER: 1. Smt. Narasamma S/o Late Narasimiah Aged about 61 years. Rlat: Kallukote village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur V/s RESPONDENT: Registrar of Birth and Death The Tahsildar Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddaballapur.  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.  
It is hereby notified to the public that the above petitioners, in the Hon'ble Court, Petitioner No 1's Grand Father and also Petitioner No 2's Great Grand Father, Late Sri. Chikkanarashiga S/o Late Muddu died on 09.11.1995 at Kallukote Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk and since there are no official records of his death, petitioners has filed an application to register the date of death in the Register of Births and Deaths, 1969. Therefore, if the public has any objection, we hereby inform you to appear before the above court on 18.09.2026 at 11 AM. Failing that, the case will be disposed of unilaterally in his absence.  
The publication is dated 03.09.2026 with the signature and seal of the court.  
By Order of the Court  
Chief Ministerial Officer, Pri Civil Judge & JMFC Court at Doddaballapura  
Advocate for petitioner: Srinivas G

CHANGE OF NAME  
I, T B Venkatesh S/o Bachappa R/o #200/6, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064, I have changed the name of my minor Son Chaitanya V to Chunmai Reddy V aged 16 years

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA  
Crl.Misc.No. 511/2026  
PETITIONERS: 1. Sri. Ramesh S/o late channappa, Aged about 51 years, Vaddarahalli village, "Hodonahalli post", Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, 2. Smt. Manuja w/o Late Nagaraju, DI/LI late Channappa Aged about 30 years, and Natural guardian of her Minor daughter Kum. Hithashree N Gowda aged about 10 years, Rlat Vaddarahalli village, Hadonahalli post, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk-561205. 3. Smt. Manjula, Dio late Channappa Aged about 46 years, Vaddarahalli village, Hadonahalli post, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk-561205. V/s RESPONDENT: The Registrar of Birth & Death, The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk.  
PAPER PUBLICATION  
The petitioners have filed this petition for grant of death certificate of LAKSHMAMMA w/o late CHANNAPPA died on 13/05/1981 at vaddarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk. The respondent has given no availability certificates in respect of the death of Lakshamma.  
If any persons have any objections regarding the issue of death certificate, they can appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or duly instructed by his advocate on 07-10-26 at 11'00' clock. If they failed to appear, the Hon'ble Court has proceed and decide the matter according to law.  
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 03rd Day of September 2026.  
By Order of the Court  
Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC at Doddaballapura  
Advocate for petitioners: Sri. Sumil Kumar, Advocate, 5th Cross, 1st Floor, Opp. Court Complex, Doddaballapura. Mo: 9379977774

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR  
Crl.Misc.No. 395/2026  
PETITIONER: 1. Smt. Narasamma S/o Late Narasimiah Aged about 61 years. Rlat: Kallukote village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur V/s RESPONDENT: Registrar of Birth and Death The Tahsildar Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddaballapur.  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.  
It is hereby notified to the public that the above petitioners, in the Hon'ble Court, Petitioner No 1's Mother-in-law and also Petitioner No 2's Great Grand Mother, Late Sri. Chikkatayamma, W/o Late Chikkanarashiga, died on 26.08.1969 at Kallukote Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur. Since there are no official records of his death, petitioners has filed an application to register the date of death in the Register of Births and Deaths, 1969. Therefore, if the public has any objection, we hereby inform you to appear before the above court on 18.09.2026 at 11 AM. Failing that, the case will be disposed of unilaterally in his absence.  
The publication is dated 03.09.2026 with the signature and seal of the court.  
By Order of the Court  
Chief Ministerial Officer, Pri Civil Judge & JMFC Court at Doddaballapura  
Advocate for petitioner: Srinivas G

CHANGE OF NAME  
I, RAFIQ AHMED alias BABU S/o GULAM HUSSAIN, R/o 782, Hydri Nagar, Mulabagilu, Mulbagal, Kolar, Karnataka-563131, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAFIQ AHMED. I have changed only my name not my religion.

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA  
Crl.Misc.No.101/2026  
PETITIONERS: 1. Sri. Manjunatha M/Sio Muthuraj, Aged about 32 years, 2. Sri. Madhan Kumar, Sio Muthuraj Aged about 35 years, 3. Sri. Muthuraj Sio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 58 years, 4. Smt. Muthamma Dio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 61 years, 5. Smt. Hanumakka, Dio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 55 years, 6. Smt. Lakshamma, Dio Late Muthurayappa, Aged about 52 years, 7. Smt. Hanumakka, Dio Late Nanjappa, Aged about 50 years, 8. Smt. Parvathamma, Dio Late Nanjappa, Aged about 45 years, All are Rlat, Chikankannanale Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, V/S RESPONDENT: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Doddaballapura.  
PAPER PUBLICATION  
The petitioners have filed this petition for grant of death certificate of grate grandmother of the petitioners by name SMT. RUDDRAMMA W/o late Muthanna, who died on 11.11.1950, at Chikankannanale Village, Doddaballavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Whom so ever if any person who are related or interested or dispute date of death of Sri. Muthanna may hereby appear in the above said court in person or through pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material question raising in the petition on the day of 30/09/2026 at 11 AM in said court. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date before mentioned, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.  
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 31st day of August 2026.  
By order of the Court  
Chief Ministerial Officer, 1st Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC at Doddaballapura  
Advocate for petitioners: Sri. Ananda Kumar, A. Advocate, Prakruthi Law Associates, Doddaballapura.

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR  
Crl.Misc.No. 398/2026  
PETITIONER: 1. Smt. Narasamma S/o Late Narasimiah Aged about 61 years. Rlat: Kallukote village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur V/s RESPONDENT: Registrar of Birth and Death The Tahsildar Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddaballapur.  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.  
It is hereby notified to the public that the above petitioners, in the Hon'ble Court, Petitioner No 1's Mother-in-law and also Petitioner No 2's Great Grand Mother, Late Sri. Chikkatayamma, W/o Late Chikkanarashiga, died on 26.08.1969 at Kallukote Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur. Since there are no official records of his death, petitioners has filed an application to register the date of death in the Register of Births and Deaths, 1969. Therefore, if the public has any objection, we hereby inform you to appear before the above court on 18.09.2026 at 11 AM. Failing that, the case will be disposed of unilaterally in his absence.  
The publication is dated 03.09.2026 with the signature and seal of the court.  
By Order of the Court  
Chief Ministerial Officer, Pri Civil Judge & JMFC Court at Doddaballapura  
Advocate for petitioner: Srinivas G

CHANGE OF NAME  
I, SHIVAPPA SHARANAPPA G O G E R I alias SHIVANANDA S/o SHARANAPPA GOGERI, R/o 19, Ward No. 03, Karmudi, Yelburga, Koppal, Karnataka-583236, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as S H I V A N A N D A SHARANAPPA GOGERI.

CHANGE OF NAME  
It is for general information that I, CYNTHIA SHIVPUJA D/o KOPPARAM VENKATACHALAPATHY SRIDHAR, Ex. W/o NIKHIL SHIVPUJA, R/o 3009/1-6, 2nd Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Near Uma Maheshwari Temple, Bangalore, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560070, declare that I got divorce from my husband vide Court Decree M.C.No.5298/2025 dated 30/04/2026. I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CYNTHIA KOPPARAM SRIDHAR.

Document Lost  
This is to inform to General public that my client Sri.Anwar Pasha s/o Bashasab, Residing at Azad Nagara ,Siddaghatta Town & Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sal deed, for taken certified copy ,have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Azad Nagara ,Siddaghatta Town & Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, had published the factum of lost of his Original Regd sale Deed, Dated:- 15-12-1993, Registered Sale Deed, executed by Sri.B.Fakrudhin Sab s/o abdul azez Sab, & others in favour of Smt.Shahed Begum W/o Sri.Mohammed Anwar, in respect Sy.No.44/1, measuring 1 gunta, which is registered as Document No.1308/1993-94, bearing Book-1, Volume no.1333, inpages 61-63, registered on 15-12-1993, in the office of Senior Sub-Registrar Siddaghatta ,police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR.No. Lost Report no.2398289/2026, DATED:-31-08-2026, and complaint dated:-31-08-2026, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.  
Place:-Chinthamani, Date:-31-08-2026 K.S.HARISH KUMAR ADVOCATE  
Office: NEAR KISHORE SCHOOL, ABOVE APPOLO PHARMACY, BESIDE SANTHOSHI MATHA TEMPLE, BANGALORE MAIN ROAD CHINTHAMANILM.-9980110692

CHANGE OF NAME  
I, H BASAVARAJA alias BASAVARAJA H S/o D HANUMANTHAPPA, R/o Anjaneya Badavane, 5th Cross, Nituvalli, Davanagere, Davangere, Karnataka-577004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJU H

CHANGE OF NAME  
I, CHITTI UMA D/o SATYANARAYANA MURTHY CHITTI, W/o KEDAR DHARMARAJAN, R/o 4114, Daffodil, Embassy Pristine, 6th Main Road, Behind Sun City, Iblur Village, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SWETHA KEDAR.

Document Lost  
This is to inform to General public that my client Sri.Shivakumar s/o Chalapatthi B.M., and Parvathi N, w/o chalapatthi B.M., Residing at Vaddarapalya, Horamavu Agara Dakale, Krishnarajapura Hobali, Bengaluru East taluk, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Digital copy ,have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Vaddarapalya, laghatta Town & Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, had published the factum of lost of his Original Regd sale Deed, Dated:- 22-03-2005, Regd Sale Deed , Executed by Sri, Sheik Mahaboob sab s/o Shek abbas Sab, in favour of Smt, tholisamma w/o Venkataravanappa. In regd as Book No.1,Volume No.KRI-1-35477/2004-05, IN CDNO.KRID 124, in regd before of the SRO Krishnarajapura, in Respect of Property Bearing Vaddarapalya Village, Hanishmiri no.193 and 194,Katha no.41/66, in measuring 15 x 14 Feets police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR NO. Lost Report no.2397220/2026-27, DATED:-31-08-2026, and complaint dated:-02-09-2026, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.  
Place:-Chinthamani, Date:-02-09-2026 K.S.HARISH KUMAR ADVOCATE  
Office: NEAR KISHORE SCHOOL, ABOVE APPOLO PHARMACY, BESIDE SANTHOSHI MATHA TEMPLE, BANGALORE MAIN ROAD CHINTHAMANILM.-9980110692





## Yash's 'Toxic' Gets English Release Across India

**Y**ash's awaited Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups, directed by Geetu Mohandas, was shot in Kannada and English. The makers had earlier released the film in Kannada and other dubbed languages. They have now confirmed the English version will reach cinemas across India on September 4.

The announcement came through the film's X account. Sharing a poster, the makers said English was one of the languages in which the film was written and shot. They also confirmed that it would be a "shorter cut" compared with the Indian-language version.

Toxic marks Yash's return after KGF 2 and features a



### English Version Aims Wider Reach

The English version is more than another dubbed release. The makers have called it a shorter cut of the Indian-language version. As the film was written and shot in English and Kannada, the team hopes this version will connect better with English-speaking audiences and bring viewers to theatres across India.

female cast. After several delays, the film released to mixed-to-negative reviews. Yash's dual-role performance was praised, but viewers criticised the screenplay, transitions and weak emotional connection.

The film earned over Rs 7.85 crore on Day 7 from 12,894 shows, taking its total net collection to Rs 229.60 crore. The Hindi dub also faced criticism.

The English trailer received a better response, raising hopes that the new version could attract more viewers and improve box office performance.



## A Proud Moment for the HMR Family

**H**eartiest Congratulations to Dr. A. Ramya Ramesh, CEO – HMR Group of Institutions & Syndicate Member, Maharani Cluster University, Bengaluru, on being honoured with the prestigious "The Great Daughter of India" Award for her outstanding services, achievements and contributions.

The award was presented by His Excellency Judge Leonardo Brant, Judge, International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, at the International Conference on "Judicial Responsibility in Protection of Human Rights and Promotion of Peace and Justice", organised by the Indian Conference of Intellectuals (ICI) on 30th August 2026 at The Capitol Hotel, Bengaluru.

The conference was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Jus-

tice Madan B. Lokur, and graced by distinguished guests including Hon'ble Mr. Justice E. S. Indires, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Chillakur Sumalatha, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vishal Mishra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nagesh Bheemappa, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. S. Sreedhar Rao, Dr. G. V. Rao, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, and Mr. Suresh Kumar G.T., Advisor, Global Trade, Policy & Innovation.

The inspiring conference brought together eminent personalities for meaningful dialogue on Justice, Human Rights, Peace, Unity and Integrity, followed by the "The Great Son / Daughter of India" Award Presentation.

A remarkable achievement and a moment of immense pride for HMR Group of Institutions.

### AUSTRALIA DEAL

## Sajid Nadiadwala Takes Three Films To Australia



### HEY Y BABY 2 AND TWO MORE FILMS ANNOUNCED

**P**roducer Sajid Nadiadwala has announced a three-film partnership with Australia, with Nadiadwala Grandson productions set to be filmed there.

The announcement followed a meeting with New South Wales Premier Chris Minns and NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey at Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment's Mumbai office. The leaders were in India to strengthen creative and cultural ties between India and New South Wales.

Nadiadwala confirmed that three upcoming productions from his company will be shot in Australia. One of the films is Heyy Baby 2, the sequel to the 2007 comedy Heyy

Baby. The original film was extensively shot in Australia, making the return a natural choice for the franchise.

The first film featured Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh and Fardeen Khan. Details about the sequel's full cast, story and shooting schedule have not yet been announced.

"Three upcoming productions will be shot in Australia," Nadiadwala said, highlighting the creative partnership between the two regions.

The deal is being facilitated by Sydney-based production company TEMPLE. The collaboration could create jobs, attract tourism and give Australian locations greater visibility among Indian audiences.

## Taapsee Pannu Impresses In Rushed Gandhari Thriller

**N**etflix's Gandhari has a strong premise, but rushed writing weakens its emotional and thriller elements.

Taapsee Pannu stars as Bani, a mother whose young daughter Mishti disappears during a train journey after being abducted by a human trafficking network. With the local police unable to help, Bani begins searching for her daughter herself. Her husband Gokul, played by Ishwak Singh, supports her during the difficult journey.

While searching, Bani suffers an injury and temporarily loses her eyesight. However, she refuses to stop looking for Mishti. Her search soon exposes a larger trafficking net-

work and several cases involving missing girls.

The film begins with an interesting setup and creates curiosity. However, the screenplay soon starts moving too quickly. Major developments are shown without enough explanation, making some parts feel rushed and underdeveloped. Bani's transformation from a desperate mother into someone investigating a wider crime network also happens too quickly.

The emotional side of the story suffers because important moments are not given enough time to develop. The film also introduces mysterious elements such as bahurupiyas, but they mainly add short bursts of suspense.

## Romantic Video Album Song

**T**he 3.44-minute song from the second album 'Gagana Milana', which revolves around a journey, with the romantic line 'Oh Kaalave Neenu Sari Illa, Nilodilavalla Ee Onti Badukige', has been released. It will be tagline 'Journey of Emotions'. Glitters Star House Productions has invested. Choreographer, fitness trainer, writer and film director Jeevan Hallikaar has taken all the responsibilities for the song and has also appeared as the hero. He is paired with Srushti.

A mysterious love story that revolves around the girl of his dreams. She has traveled to the past and mysteriously disappeared. He feels like she has returned and wants to find her, to know the truth behind her disappearance. Will she finally be found? Where has she been all this time? What



will happen to him in the end. The answer to everything is found in the climax of the song.

The entire song is special because it was captured on a drone camera. Music and vocals are by Siddharth Kamath, cinematography by Umesh Poojary, editing by Akash.S.

Mahendrakar, colorist Kishore Kumar Akkannana.

The shooting has been done in beautiful locations like Kabbinahalli, Hirekolale Lake, Devaramane, Chikkamagaluru, and Mudigere. The song 'Gagana Milana' can be watched on Jeevan Hallikaar's YouTube channel.

## Kamal Haasan Announces New Film With Arun Kumar



**A**ctor Kamal Haasan has officially announced his upcoming film with director S U Arun Kumar, ending speculation after a test shoot still leaked online.

Kamal shared the announcement on social media with the caption "Tho Vaaren" and a fire emoji while tagging Arun Kumar. The news has created fresh excitement among fans who were already curious about the project after the leaked image appeared online.

The test shoot still showed Kamal wearing a simple shirt and trousers while holding what appeared to be a throwing knife. His rugged look led to speculation that he could be playing an action-oriented character. However, the makers have not revealed details about his role or the film's story.

The project brings together Kamal and Arun Kumar, who has earned praise for films including Pannaiyuram Padmini-yum, Sethupathi, Chithha and Veera Dheera Sooran.

Kamal had earlier appreciated Arun Kumar's work in Chithha. Their collaboration has therefore raised expectations among Tamil cinema audiences.

## 'I Am Back To Strong Point,' Says Naresh

**T**elugu actor Allari Naresh is returning to his popular comedy genre with Ramba Oorvasi Menaka, directed by Chandra Mohan Chintada.

The film is set for theatrical release on September 4. Speaking about the movie, Naresh said it is not simply a collection of comedy scenes. He explained that the film has a proper story, a villain and emotional moments, while comedy remains its main strength.

"After a long time, I am back to my home ground. I am back to my strong point, comedy, and I am trying to hit a six. I hope this film will entertain everyone," he said.

Naresh believes the film can offer a refreshing experience to audiences after several dark films and action dramas.

## 'Moonwalk' Set For Diwali 2026 Worldwide Release

**P**rabhu Deva and AR Rahman are returning to the big screen partnership with Moonwalk, which has been confirmed for a worldwide Diwali 2026 release.

The dance-based entertainer combines comedy, music and family emotions and marks the directorial debut of Manoj NS, founder of a popular YouTube channel. The film has already created interest through its music album.

Moonwalk brings Prabhu Deva and Rahman together

after 25 years. They previously worked on Kaadhalan, Mr Romeo, Love Birds and Minsara Kanavu. Rahman has composed all five songs and has also sung every track.

Rahman will appear as himself, playing an "angry young film director". Prabhu Deva plays Babooty, a young film choreographer.

Yogi Babu has a special role in the film, appearing in 16 different characters. The actor earlier revealed that he expected to play one role when

the script was narrated to him.

The album includes Yethu, Macarena, Tinga and Mayilu, with the five songs linked to different celebrations.

The cast also includes Aju Varghese, Arjun Ashokan, Satz, Nishma Chengappa, Sushmitha Nayak, Redin Kingsley and Rajendran. Anoop V Shylaja is the cinematographer, while Raymond Derrick Crasta is the editor. Sekhar VJ, Piyush Chazria and Sandhy have handled choreography.