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‘Captain’ Abhimanyu chips tusk ahead of Mysuru Dasara

MYSURU

Even before the drums of the world-famous Mysuru Dasara begin to roll, the festival's most celebrated elephant has found himself in the spotlight. Captain Abhimanyu, the majestic tusker synonymous with the Golden Howdah procession, has suffered a minor chip to his left tusk while carrying out routine camp duties at the Mathigodu Elephant Camp in the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

The 59-year-old giant was engaged in shifting heavy timber logs when the tip of his slightly curved left tusk broke. Forest sources described the damage as minor, adding that the tusk is likely to be trimmed and reshaped before Abhimanyu arrives in Mysuru for this year's Dasara, giving the veteran elephant a refreshed appearance.

The incident occurred while timber operations were being undertaken at the camp after tourist entry to elephant camps was restricted following the recent Dubare elephant tragedy. Despite the chipped tusk, there is no concern over Abhimanyu's fitness for duty.

In fact, all indications point to Abhimanyu once again leading the grand Vijayadashami procession. If confirmed, 2026 will mark his seventh consecutive year carrying the revered 750-kg Golden Howdah, a responsibility he has shouldered flawlessly since 2020.

The achievement will further cement his place among Mysuru Dasara's legendary elephants. The iconic Drona carried the Golden Howdah 18 times, Balarama did so 13 times, while Arjuna completed eight consecutive processions. Abhimanyu is now steadily joining that elite league of Dasara legends.

Captured from the Hebballa forests of Kodagu in 1970, Abhimanyu stands 2.72 metres tall, measures 3.51 metres in length, and weighs an imposing 5,635 kg. He has been associated with the Mysuru Dasara celebrations for nearly three decades.

Before taking over the coveted Golden Howdah duty, Abhimanyu pulled the royal palace chariot between 2012 and 2015 and later carried the ceremonial howdah during the Srirangapatna Dasara celebrations. Reverently nicknamed the "Combing Star" and the "AK-47 of Karnataka" for his unmatched strength and discipline, he is regarded as one of India's most powerful and dependable captive elephants.

Abhimanyu is currently under the care of mahouts J.S. Vasanth and J.K. Raju. Forest Department officials, however, declined to comment officially on the tusk damage.

With or without the chipped tusk, Mysuru's beloved elephant is all set to remain the towering symbol of Dasara grandeur.



Environmental awareness must reach every school: Justice Pandit

MYSURU

Stressing that environmental protection must become a way of life rather than remain confined to annual celebrations, Karnataka High Court Judge S. G. Pandit said it is imperative to create environmental awareness among children in every school so that the younger generation develops a lasting sense of responsibility towards nature.

He was speaking after inaugurating the "One Tree, Hundreds of Breaths" campaign to plant one lakh saplings at the College of Horticulture, Yelachanahalli, Ilwala, on Saturday. The programme was jointly organised by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority, the Judiciary, Forest Department, Advocates' Association, Heartfulness Institute, Mysuru, and the College of Horticulture.

Justice Pandit observed that modern society has forgotten its fundamental duties, making it necessary to dedicate special days to remind people of their responsibilities. "We remember the environment only on World Environment Day and forget it the very next day. The growing ecological imbalance and recurring heat waves are the result of human greed. We are now experiencing the consequences of indiscriminate felling of trees for personal gain," he said.

He pointed out that while people frequently speak about their fundamental rights, they rarely introspect on whether they are fulfilling their fundamental duties with equal commitment. Referring to Article 51A of the Constitution, he said it clearly states that protecting and improving the environment and safeguarding forests is the fundamental duty of every citizen, and urged people to honestly examine whether they are living up to that constitutional responsibility.

Justice Pandit said planting saplings alone would not solve the problem unless they are nurtured. Today they enthusiastically plant saplings and return home. What matters is how they care for them afterwards. If they can lovingly raise their children for 10 to 20 years, can they not nurture a single sapling for at least one year?

Appreciating the Heartfulness Institute for assuring maintenance of the saplings for the next three years, he said that planting one lakh saplings every year and ensuring their survival through sustained care would be one of the greatest contributions to environmental conservation.

Vice-Chancellor of University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot Dr. Vishnuvardhan said global warming and climate change have severely disturbed nature's balance, posing serious challenges to agriculture and horticulture. The excessive increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide beyond permissible levels has resulted in floods, droughts, unseasonal rains, heat waves and other extreme weather events, all of which have adversely affected agricultural and horticultural production. The climate change has altered the biological behaviour of horticultural crops.

Quoting a report of the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), he said a one-degree Celsius rise in temperature has led to nearly a 20 per cent decline in coconut yield. Similarly, mango trees, which traditionally flower during December and January, are now flowering even during June and July, causing substantial losses to farmers. The environmental protection goes beyond planting trees and includes safeguarding natural resources. "Today we have polluted the very water we drink, the air we breathe and the food we consume. Excessive use of chemicals in agriculture has destroyed beneficial microorganisms in the soil, gradually making agricultural land barren. Conserving water and promoting its efficient reuse are responsibilities that every citizen must share," he said.

Principal District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Usharani, Deputy Conservator of Forests Paramesh K., Advocates' Association President S. Lokesh, Regional Facilitator of the Heartfulness Institute K. Madhusudhan and Dean of the College of Horticulture Chandrashekhara Hanchinamani were present.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY HELD AT ROTARY SCHOOL

MYSURU

Ideal Jawa Rotary School (IJS) hosted its Investiture Ceremony – Celebrating Leadership at its campus in Mysuru.

The event was held with great dignity and enthusiasm, marked a significant milestone in nurturing young leaders and instilling the values of responsibility, service, and teamwork among students.

The Chief Guest, Chetan Vishwanath, Vice Chairman of IJS, graced the occasion with his inspiring presence. He was accompanied by distinguished members of the management, including Hon. Secretary Ramachandra Raje Urs, Hon. Treasurer, Ebby Eapen, and GC Member Nanjaraje Urs, whose presence added prestige and warmth to the event.

In his address, the Chief Guest emphasized that true leadership lies not in authority but in service. He encouraged the students to lead with courage, compassion, and integrity, reminding them that genuine leaders inspire others through their actions.

The Principal, Mrs. Nisha Manigandan, congratulated the newly elected student leaders and reminded them that the badges they wear are not mere ornaments but symbols of trust, responsibility, and commitment. She urged them to uphold the values and traditions of the school while serving as role models for their peers.

Adding to the grandeur of the occasion, six SSLC topers of the academic year 2025–26 were presented with cash prizes and mementoes in recognition of their outstanding academic performance. In addition, 68 SSLC achievers of the academic year 2026–27 were honoured with mementoes by the Chief Guest and the Principal.



FITNESS FUELS THE BODY, POSITIVITY POWERS THE SOUL

MYSURU



In an era driven by fierce competition, digital distractions, and ever-rising stress levels, the most valuable investment anyone can make is in personal health. A healthy mind and a healthy body are two sides of the same coin, together laying the foundation for a joyful, productive, and purposeful life. Wealth may buy comfort, success may bring recognition, and technology may make life convenient, but none of these can replace the priceless gift of good health.

A strong body is the engine that powers our dreams. Nourishing it with wholesome food, staying physically active, sleeping adequately, and following disciplined daily routines help build stamina, boost immunity, and guard against lifestyle diseases. True fitness is not measured by appearance alone but by the energy to pursue ambitions, the resilience to face adversity, and the confidence to enjoy every stage of life.

Yet physical fitness tells only half the story. A healthy mind is the guiding force that transforms challenges into opportunities. In today's fast-paced world, stress, anxiety, loneliness, and depression are silently affecting millions. Mental well-being enables people to remain composed during difficult times, think clearly, make wise decisions, and nurture meaningful relationships. Practising mindfulness, expressing gratitude, reading inspiring books, spending time with loved ones, and maintaining a positive outlook help cultivate emotional strength and inner peace.

Modern science has repeatedly confirmed what ancient wisdom always believed—the mind and body are deeply interconnected. Positive thinking can strengthen physical health, while regular exercise releases endorphins that elevate mood, sharpen memory, improve concentration, and reduce stress. When the body is active, the mind becomes vibrant; when the mind is peaceful, the body flourishes. Together, they create a powerful cycle of health, confidence, and happiness.

Unfortunately, today's lifestyle often works against our well-being. Fast food replaces nutritious meals, endless screen time reduces physical activity, sleepless nights become routine, and work pressures leave little room for self-care. Many people spend their youth sacrificing health in the pursuit of wealth, only

to spend their later years using that wealth to restore their health. It is a powerful reminder that health is not a luxury but life's greatest necessity.

Families, schools, and communities have a shared responsibility to nurture healthy habits from childhood. Alongside academic excellence, children should be encouraged to participate in sports, yoga, meditation, outdoor activities, and nutrition education. A truly developed nation is built not only on economic progress but also on citizens who are physically strong, mentally resilient, and emotionally balanced.

The timeless saying, "Health is Wealth," carries profound truth. Genuine prosperity lies not in possessions or status but in waking up each day with energy, peace of mind, and a sense of purpose. Let us choose fresh food over processed meals, movement over inactivity, optimism over negativity, and self-care over neglect. Every healthy decision we make today plants the seeds for a brighter, stronger tomorrow.

A healthy mind nurtures compassion, creativity, and wisdom. A healthy body provides the strength to turn dreams into reality. Together, they create individuals capable of enriching their own lives, uplifting their communities, and shaping a better future. After all, the journey towards a healthier nation begins with one healthy individual at a time.

The author Shamira Sultana is a noted academician and student counsellor.

SIR begins: ADC conducts door-to-door verification in H.D. Kote

MYSURU

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls has gathered pace in the district, with Additional Deputy Commissioner R. Aishwarya conducting field inspections by visiting households in various villages of H.D. Kote taluk on Saturday.

She inspected the ongoing exercise in Saraguru, Puradakkatte Hadi, and Hommaragalli, where she personally accompanied Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to distribute enumeration forms to eligible voters at their doorsteps.

Booth Level Officers will continue the door-to-door distribution of Enumeration Forms to voters until July 29. During their visit, voters have been requested to fill in the required information, attach the necessary supporting documents, and return the completed forms to the BLOs to facilitate the revision of the electoral rolls. The ADC appealed to all voters to cooperate with the officials to ensure that the electoral roll revision process is completed accurately and efficiently.



Doctoral Research Conference inaugurated at JSS Science and Technology University

MYSURU

The JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, inaugurated the Doctoral Research Conference (DRC 2.0) with the objective of promoting research excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and knowledge sharing among research scholars.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Jayavardhana Gubbi, Principal Scientist, Research and Innovation, TCS, Bengaluru, in the presence of Prof. Dr. B. Suresh, Director, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, as the Guest of Honour. The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. A. N. Santosh Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU. Prof. Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal (i/c) and Dean (Engineering & Technology), and Prof. Dr. B. S. Harish, Registrar (i/c), were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Dr. B. Suresh emphasised that a PhD is not the destination; it is a transformation. "Using an engaging visual representation, he explained the various stages of the doctoral journey and highlighted how perseverance, continuous learning, innovation, and ethical research shape a researcher into a lifelong learner and leader.

Delivering the inaugural address, Dr. Jayavardhana Gubbi shared three valuable messages with the research scholars: to pursue research that addresses real-world problems, to embrace emerging technologies and interdisciplinary approaches, and to uphold originality and integrity in research. He encouraged scholars to think beyond conventional boundaries and strive to create research with societal and industrial impact.

In his presidential remarks, Prof. Dr. A. N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the importance of strengthening national and international collaborations, expanding research networks, and publishing high-quality research in reputed journals. He encouraged faculty members and research scholars to focus on impactful, globally relevant research that enhances the university's academic standing and contributes to societal development.

A major highlight of the inaugural ceremony was the release of the Book of Abstracts, comprising 100 research abstracts submitted by doctoral scholars from various disciplines. On the occasion, the University also honored outstanding researchers through the Research



AS ENCROACHMENTS FLOURISH, CITIZENS ASK WHETHER CIVIC WILL HAS GONE MISSING

**SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM
MYSURU**

Once celebrated as one of India's cleanest and best-planned heritage cities, Mysuru is today witnessing a silent takeover of its public spaces.

From bustling commercial hubs to residential neighbourhoods, footpaths meant for pedestrians have increasingly disappeared beneath rows of food stalls, vegetable carts, fruit vendors and makeshift roadside businesses, forcing people to walk on busy roads and risk their lives.

The bigger question troubling residents is not merely the growing encroachment but the apparent reluctance of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to launch a sustained eviction drive despite repeated public demands.

Citizen groups, resident welfare associations and several elected representatives—particularly from the Opposition—have repeatedly urged the civic body to reclaim footpaths. Yet, apart from sporadic drives that last only a day or two, the encroachments invariably return, leading to allegations that enforcement

lacks both consistency and conviction.

The problem has now spread beyond footpaths. Vendors have begun occupying road margins, junctions and even major thoroughfares, creating traffic bottlenecks and safety hazards. Ironically, many of these businesses function openly without licences, seemingly unafraid of either the police or civic authorities.

Adding political weight to the issue, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar recently called for the immediate demarcation of hawking and non-hawking zones to strike a balance between protecting livelihoods and preserving public spaces. Urban planners believe such zoning alone can bring order to the growing chaos.

Residents, however, allege that enforcement agencies have turned a blind eye.

"There is hardly any footpath left for senior citizens, schoolchildren or persons with disabilities. Every day we are forced onto the roads because the pavements have become marketplaces," said a



resident of Saraswathipuram.

Another commuter remarked, "The authorities conduct token drives, but the vendors return within hours. Unless there is continuous enforcement, nothing will change."

There was a time when street vending in Mysuru was confined to a few traditional markets. Today, almost every major road has witnessed an explosion of informal vending, dramatically altering the city's landscape and, many argue, diminishing its heritage charm.

The issue has also triggered

uncomfortable questions about enforcement. Citizens allege that the absence of sustained action has emboldened encroachers. Allegations of local-level collusion between some enforcement personnel and vendors are frequently heard, although no official evidence has been produced to substantiate such claims.

Police officials, however, deny selective enforcement. "Whenever the Corporation seeks our assistance during eviction drives, we provide full security. Removal of encroachments primarily falls within the jurisdiction of the

civic body," a senior police officer said.

MCC officials maintain that the problem is more complex than it appears. "Street vending is also a livelihood issue. We are working towards implementing the provisions of the Street Vendors Act and identifying suitable hawking zones while ensuring that pedestrian movement is not affected," a senior Corporation official said.

Street vendors defend their presence. "We are not criminals. This is how we feed our families. Give us designated vending spaces and we will



gladly move," said a fruit vendor near Devaraja Market.

Yet, citizens insist that public rights cannot be sacrificed. They point to the Supreme Court's repeated observation that footpaths exist primarily for pedestrians and that authorities are duty-bound to keep them free from encroachments.

As Mysuru aspires to

strengthen its image as a heritage and tourist city, residents believe reclaiming its footpaths is no longer merely a civic necessity—it has become a test of governance itself. Until sustained action replaces periodic symbolism, the city's pavements are likely to remain occupied, and pedestrians will continue paying the price.



10th edition of Mysuru Literature Festival opens on a grand note

Books, ideas and conversations take centre stage

MYSURU

The 10th edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival unfolded in grand style at a private hotel in Mysuru on Saturday, transforming the venue into a vibrant confluence of literature, ideas, history, music and culture. Organized by the Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust and Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust, the two-day festival was curated by noted writer Shubha Sanjay Urs.

The festival was inaugurated by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, with internationally acclaimed author Amish Tripathi and Bengaluru-based author Aroon Raman as guests of honour. One of the festival's founders, Sam Cherian, welcomed the gathering and reflected on the remarkable journey of the event over the past decade.

Addressing the audience, Aroon Raman recalled his association with the festival since its inaugural edition in 2017 and said it was a matter of pride to return for its milestone 10th edition. Festival Director Shubha Sanjay Urs shared her experiences of curating all ten editions, highlighting how the festival has

grown into one of Karnataka's significant literary platforms. On the occasion, Padma Shri Ankegowda, founder of Pustaka Mane in Mandya, was felicitated for his outstanding contribution to promoting books and reading culture.

The inaugural session also witnessed the release of several books by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar. Among them was *Malgudiya Mayakarana Mane* by Jayashree Jagannath and *Shubha Sanjay Urs*, published to coincide with the 120th birth anniversary of Mysuru's legendary novelist R.K. Narayan. Other books released included *Core Strength* – Triton Valves: The First Fifty Years by Roopa Pai, *Soulful Symphony* by Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman, *If Gandhi Returned* by Rudrapriya C., and *Longing for an Elsewhere* by Prof. Chandan Gowda. Book covers of *The Inner Charioteer* by Dr. V. K. Paul Balasubramaniam, full-time member of NITI Aayog, and *Mysuru Lancers* by Anil Raje Urs were also unveiled.

The day then flowed into an engaging series of literary discussions featuring some of the country's leading thinkers, writers and scholars. Shatavadhani R. Ganesh delivered

the opening lecture, passionately arguing for the preservation of literature and poetry in an increasingly technology-driven world.

In an engaging conversation with Shankar Bellur, aviation pioneer Capt. G.R. Gopinath reflected on India's ongoing transformation and the changing aspirations of its people. Former Tata Group executives Bhaskar Bhat and Harish Bhat shared valuable leadership lessons drawn from the Tata legacy, while textile historian Mayank Mansingh Kaul presented fascinating insights into the evolution of Indian textiles in the post-Independence era.

A lively panel moderated by Preeti Nagaraj explored unexpected cultural connections between Karnataka and Rajasthan. In another memorable session, author Sita Bhaskar joined translators Shubha Sanjay Urs and Jayashree Jagannath to recount the dramatic story of how R.K. Narayan's ancestral house in Mysuru, once on the verge of demolition, was ultimately saved through the efforts of women from the neighbourhood.

Veteran journalist K.S. Jayalakshmi, editor of the San-

skrit daily Sudharma, spoke about the challenges and rewards of sustaining classical languages such as Sanskrit and Saurashtra in the modern age. Historian Prof. Chandan Gowda examined how the erstwhile Mysore State evolved into a model of developmental governance in independent India.

Poetry lovers were treated to an insightful Hindi session led by Dwarika Uniyal, which explored the intimate relationship between poetry and everyday life. Writers Vivek Shanbhag and Jonathan Harris discussed how literary translations help build bridges across languages and cultures, while renowned musician M. Krishna, in conversation with Srikar Raghavan, reflected on music as both a mirror of society and the rhythm of human life.

The curtain came down on an intellectually enriching opening day with the screening of wildlife conservationist Dr. Sanjay Gubbi's acclaimed documentary, *Cauvery: The River of Life*, leaving the audience with a powerful reminder of the enduring bond between literature, culture and nature.

MP YADUVEER SAYS NO TO KAMBALA DURING DASARA

BATS FOR SIMPLE 'NADA HABBA' IN VIEW OF DROUGHT

MYSURU

Mysuru-Kodagu MP and scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, on Saturday opposed the State Government's proposal to include Kambala as part of the Mysuru Dasara celebrations, saying the traditional buffalo race belongs to the coastal region and should not be shifted elsewhere merely for exhibition.

Answering to questions during a press conference here, he said Mysuru Dasara is a religious and cultural festival with its own traditions and that introducing Kambala would be inappropriate. The coastal sport deserves respect in its native setting and should continue to be celebrated there.

Referring to the prevailing drought-like conditions in Karnataka, he questioned the reported proposal to spend around ₹8 crore on a two-day Kambala event. The Chief Minister himself has asked farmers not to cultivate water-intensive crops due to the water crisis. In such a situa-

tion, spending crores of rupees on Kambala is not justified.

Low-key Dasara

Yaduveer opined that the scale of this year's Dasara celebrations should be decided based on the State's financial and drought situation. There have been instances in the past when Dasara was conducted in a simple manner during drought years. With people facing hardships due to poor rainfall, there is no need for extravagant expenditure.

Alleging irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the Narasimharaja Assembly constituency, he claimed that that instead of distributing enumeration forms through door-to-door visits as prescribed, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were, in some areas, gathering people at community halls and mosques to distribute and fill out the forms. The videos of such activities were circulating on social media and demanded that the process be conducted strictly according to Election Commission

guidelines.

Yaduveer demanded enhanced security for the revision exercise in the constituency, describing it as a sensitive area, and favored the deployment of additional police personnel. The BJP would request the Centre to deploy CRPF personnel if necessary.

The MP further alleged that BJP Booth Level Agents (BLAs) were being prevented from participating in the process and accused the ruling Congress of facilitating ineligible voters. There were allegations of fake transfer certificates and illegal infiltration leading to a sharp increase in voters in the constituency.

Stating that the number of voters in Narasimharaja constituency had reportedly increased by nearly one lakh, Yaduveer questioned the reasons behind the rise and demanded a thorough verification to identify genuine voters. The BJP would submit a formal complaint to the Deputy Commissioner and insisted that the electoral roll revision be conducted in a transparent and impartial manner.



Justice Pandit opens new mediation centre in Mysuru

MYSURU

Karnataka High Court Administrative Judge Justice S.G. Pandit on Saturday inaugurated the new building of the Mediation Centre at the Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

The programme was jointly organised by the District Administration, the Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, and the Mysuru District Advocates' Association.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Pandit said that mediation and conciliation are not new concepts in India. The tra-



dition of resolving disputes through dialogue has existed in our culture since the days of Lord Krishna's peace mission in the Mahabharata.

He noted that courts across the country are burdened with

an enormous number of pending cases and said mediation centres can play a crucial role in delivering speedy justice by facilitating the early settlement of disputes. The litigants generally place complete trust in the ad-

vice of their lawyers at the initial stage of a case. Therefore, advocates dealing with consumer disputes should understand their clients' mindset and encourage them to first explore mediation or conciliation as a means of resolving their disputes. "If lawyers explain how mediation helps settle cases quickly and highlight its advantages, litigants will readily accept the process, making dispute resolution simpler and more effective," he said.

He expressed satisfaction over the establishment of the well-equipped mediation centre in Mysuru and urged both the

public and members of the legal fraternity to make effective use of the facility.

Among those present were Justice T.G. Shivashankaregowda, President of the Karnataka State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission; Usharani, Principal District and Sessions Judge; Mallikarjun Ishwarappa Kamatagi, Registrar and Administrative Officer of the Karnataka State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission; officials of the district administration, office-bearers of the Consumer Commission, and members of the Mysuru District Advocates' Association.

Disruption in power supply from July 5 to

Mysuru: Executive Engineer of the N.R. Mohalla Division has announced that power supply will be disrupted in parts of Mysuru from July 5 to July 7 due to underground cable laying and maintenance works in the Chamundipuram Sub-Division. Areas affected: July 5 (Court Feeder): Geetha Road, Deva Parthiva Road, Ramaswamy Circle, the Court premises, and surrounding areas. July 6 (Kanakagiri Feeder): Kanakagiri, Suez Farm Road, Auto Stand, Ramakrishna Hospital Road, Bhairaveshwara Nagar, Dattanagar, Muneshwaranagar, Gundurao Nagar, and nearby localities. July 7 (Bhuvaneshwari Feeder): Lorry Stand, foothills of Chamundi Hill, Jockey Quarters, Chamundi Hill, Tavarekatte, Devikere, Kasturi Nivasa Hotel, and surrounding areas.

QUICK READ

Loud bus ads spark anger among commuters

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The cash-strapped Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation is planning a new audio advertisement project inside its buses to boost revenue. BMTC intends to blast commercials through onboard speakers, targeting over forty-five lakh daily commuters to generate crores of rupees. However, this decision has triggered massive outrage among regular passengers. Commuters complain that continuous audio ads will disturb their peace in already noisy buses. Furthermore, people worry that loud commercials will drown out crucial next-stop announcements, causing passengers to miss their destinations. Critics are urging the corporation to find better ways to recover from its deep financial crisis.

Shivakumar honors the legacy of Swami Vivekananda

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar honored the memory of Swami Vivekananda on his death anniversary. The leader took to social media to reflect on the monk's lasting impact on the nation. Shivakumar praised Vivekananda as a visionary thinker and a true nation-builder who transformed Indian society. He highlighted how the monk inspired countless young people to take pride in their cultural heritage while believing in their own hidden potential. Shivakumar noted that Vivekananda's dream of a compassionate, united, and enlightened India remains deeply relevant, continuing to guide millions toward building a brighter and stronger future.

Luxury car EMI doesn't excuse child support: HC

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A father paying a hefty monthly EMI of 53,000 for a luxury car cannot claim financial inability to support his wife and ailing child. The Karnataka High Court recently dismissed a man's plea challenging a family court order that directed him to pay 30,000 in monthly maintenance. The Bench, led by Justice Dr. Chillakuru Sumalatha, highlighted that the husband earns over 2 lakh monthly. The court rightly observed that a parent prioritizing luxury vehicle payments over the medical needs of a child suffering from autism is unacceptable. The legal system remains firm, primary duties toward dependent children must take precedence over personal lifestyle choices.

BENGALURU
India is shifting gears toward a greener future. Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy recently hosted a vital meeting at HMT Bhawan in Bengaluru, bringing together leaders from the electric two-wheeler and manufacturing sectors. The goal was clear - to turn India into a global powerhouse for electric vehicles (EVs). The atmosphere was productive as stakeholders shared insights on how to strengthen

BMTC introduces secure destination based QR tickets

BMTC has upgraded to dynamic QR codes on ticketing machines, ensuring faster, more secure, and hassle-free bus payments.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Commuters in Bengaluru are getting a tech upgrade on their daily commute. The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has officially scrapped the old, static QR code stickers pasted inside its buses. Instead, a brand-new "dynamic" UPI payment system is taking over to make buying tickets safer and faster.

During the pandemic in 2021, BMTC introduced static QR code stickers to encourage touchless payments. While the system was highly popular, it recently started causing delays.



Heavy passenger rush and slow networks often led to confusion and long queues. To fix this, BMTC has partnered with Chalo to equip bus conductors with smart Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs). Now, when you tell the conductor your destination, the machine instantly generates a unique, one-time QR code right on its screen. Once you scan it and pay,

BMTC safety alert

- Look at the screen:** Only scan the live QR code generated on the conductor's handheld machine.
- Double-check the amount:** Verify the ticket fare displayed on the screen before entering your UPI PIN.
- Grab your receipt:** Always make sure the conductor hands you a physical ticket after your digital payment goes through.

your ticket prints immediately. Because every single transaction gets its own temporary code, your money is guaranteed to reach the right account securely.

The transport corporation has strictly warned passengers never to send money to a conductor's personal mobile number or scan any old stickers left on the bus.

BMTC's public relations department stated that this upgrade eliminates payment errors and ensures total transparency.

Passengers are requested to cooperate with the crew and embrace this secure, hassle-free digital shift.

Prisoners don't lose property rights, rules court

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that an individual's property rights do not end simply because they are locked up as an undertrial prisoner.

The court strongly clarified that these legal rights cannot be cut short just because an inmate is physically unable to visit a government registration office. Legally, prisoners retain the full right to sell or transfer their movable and immovable assets.

A single-judge bench, led by Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum, passed this landmark order while hearing a petition filed by Basavaraju Shankarappa Avvanavar. Basavaraju is currently an undertrial prisoner lodged inside the Dharwad Central Jail. The bench emphasized that an incarcerated citizen facing criminal charges does not experience a "civil death" and continues to hold basic proprietary rights. Citing Section 38 of the Registration Act of 1908, the High

The Karnataka High Court ruled that undertrial prisoners retain property rights, ordering sub-registrars to visit jails to facilitate legal asset transfers, preventing any "civil death."

Court noted that the law consciously addresses the practical problems faced by prisoners. Under this rule, an inmate cannot be forced to attend the sub-registrar's office in person. Instead, the local sub-registrar is legally obligated to visit the jail premises directly to complete all necessary registration formalities.

The court noted that the petitioner was merely asking for the enforcement of an existing statutory right, not extraordinary privileges. It stated that administrative inconvenience or official negligence cannot be used as an excuse to deny a citizen's basic rights.

New Twist in the Death of Former Vijayanagar Club Secretary Nagachandra: FIR Registered Against Wife

Court Orders Investigation Based on Private Complaint

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The death of S. Nagachandra, former secretary of the Vijayanagar Club in Bengaluru, has taken a new turn. What was initially treated as an unnatural death is now under fresh investigation after the 24th ACJM Court directed the Vijayanagar Police to register an FIR based on a private complaint.

Following a complaint filed by Nagachandra's friend, Rajugowda, the police registered an FIR against his wife, J. Chandana, on June 1 and have begun an investigation. Authorities will examine whether negligence or any other criminal act contributed to Nagachandra's death. The private complaint contains several serious allegations, and the court found them sufficient to warrant a formal investigation.

According to the complaint, Nagachandra suffered from

high blood pressure, smoked, consumed alcohol, and had a spinal ailment. On the morning of October 24, 2024, his wife allegedly gave him medication and he went to sleep. When she tried to wake him at around 5:45 p.m., he did not respond. He was taken to Sun Flower Hospital in Vijayanagar, where doctors declared him dead. The complainant has also alleged that doctors at Victoria Hospital did not conduct a proper post-mortem examination. The complaint further states that psychiatric medication, cigarette packs, and liquor bottles were found in Nagachandra's room. It also alleges that insufficient attention was paid to maintaining the room and that his health was neglected.

The case has now entered a new phase in the search for the truth. At times, a death is not merely a family tragedy—it raises broader questions about

relationships, faith in the justice system, and the need to establish the truth. Nagachandra's death appears to have reached such a stage.

Although the case was initially registered as an unnatural death, it has resurfaced due to questions surrounding the circumstances of his death, the medical treatment he received, the post-mortem examination, and the initial investigation.

With several recent cases in Karnataka involving suspicious deaths linked to property disputes, financial matters, and personal relationships drawing public attention, Nagachandra's case has also generated considerable interest. However, the allegations in this case remain under investigation. Police are expected to examine medical records, witness statements, and other evidence before submitting their investigation report to the court.

Chief Justice addresses RV Law students on Grad day

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

It was a day of pure pride and celebration at the Mangala Mantapa as the fourth batch of the MK Panduranga Setty Memorial RV Institute of Legal Studies officially graduated.

The grand ceremony honored 110 law students from the 2021-26 batch. They proudly received their hard-earned degree certificates and special achievement mementos. Top-performing students also



received special cash awards for their academic excellence.

The Honorable Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, Sri Justice Vibhu Bakhru, at-

tended as the chief guest. After receiving a formal Guard of Honour, he gave an inspiring speech to the graduates. He warmly urged the new lawyers to approach their future legal careers with deep dedication and honesty, noting that law offers massive opportunities to truly serve society. Proud parents, faculty, and well-wishers packed the auditorium, cheering on the graduates as they took their first steps into the legal world.

Police register FIR into Nagachandra's death case

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The sudden demise of former Vijayanagar Club secretary S. Nagachandra has taken a dramatic turn. Following a court order, local police registered an FIR against his wife, J. Chandana, to investigate potential criminal negligence.

The action follows a private complaint filed by Nagachandra's friend, Rajugowda.

Nagachandra died on October 24, 2024, after his wife allegedly gave him medication. He was later declared dead at a local hospital.

The complaint raises troubling questions, alleging that Nagachandra's health was severely neglected.

It also claims that psychiatric drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes were discovered in his room, and argues that the

initial post-mortem examination was not conducted properly.

While authorities originally treated the tragedy as an unnatural death, this fresh investigation will re-examine the medical records and witness statements.

Police aim to uncover the truth behind these serious allegations before submitting their final report to the court.

UDD withholds mandated appointment orders

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Three despondent job candidates from Karnataka are still struggling to secure their government employment despite a decade-long legal battle and a favorable High Court ruling.

The candidates have expressed deep frustration with the state government's failure to issue their appointment letters, even after a court-mandated deadline expired.

The individuals at the center of this prolonged struggle are Harish Kumar H.P. from Ramanagera, Vishwanath from Koppal, and Hampanna Kolar from Vijayapura. All three successfully cleared the recruitment process and were selected for the position of Work Inspector under the Urban Development Department. However, despite their names appearing on the final selection list, the department withheld their appointment orders citing vague administrative

issues, forcing the men into a grueling legal fight.

After years of perseverance, the division bench of the Karnataka High Court delivered a landmark verdict in their favor on March 23, 2026. The court explicitly ruled that the government could not deny them employment simply because the specific cadre was later abolished through amendments. The judges ordered the state to place the candidates in equivalent positions and firmly set a two-month deadline to issue the letters.

Unfortunately, that deadline has passed, and government officials continue to delay the process by citing minor technicalities. This systemic apathy has pushed the candidates into a corner. During this ten-year ordeal, all three have crossed the maximum age limit required to apply for any other government positions, effectively closing the doors on alternative career paths.

CCB launches surprise city-wide midnight crackdown

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police gave local criminals a massive shock by launching a surprise, city-wide crackdown late last night. Led by CCB Deputy Commissioner of Police Srihari babu, the midnight operation targeted notorious rowdy sheeters to restore public peace. Special police teams raided the homes of more than 30 registered criminals simultaneously across the Bengaluru East and North East divisions. The sudden operation caught the local underworld completely off-guard as officers searched properties for illegal activities. During the extensive search, police recovered a dangerous stash of deadly weapons hidden inside the house of a known criminal named Prabhakar in the Indiranagar neighborhood.

Massive cleanup reclaims Bengaluru South walkways

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Walking in Bengaluru South just became much safer. Municipal authorities launched a massive cleanup operation, successfully clearing over 10 kilometers of illegal footpath encroachments. This initiative, directed by Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, aims to reclaim public space for pedestrians who have long struggled with

blocked walkways.

Led by Additional Commissioner Dr. Naveen Kumar Raju, teams utilized heavy machinery, including JCBs, to dismantle unauthorized shop fronts, concrete steps, and temporary sheds. These structures had previously forced residents to walk on busy streets, creating dangerous traffic conditions. The operation spanned multiple divisions, ensuring that major

Operation coverage by division		
Division	Length cleared	Notable area
Jayanagar	2.75 km	26th Main Road
Anjanapur/Begur	5.10 km	Vasantapura/Yelachenahalli
HSR Layout	2.00 km	Iblur Road

Key operation highlights

- Systematic clearing:** Over 10.93 km of footpaths were reclaimed across various assembly constituencies today.
- Targeted impact:** High-traffic areas, including Tilak Nagar and Jayanagar, saw immediate improvements for daily commuters.
- Public safety:** By removing physical barriers, the city has significantly reduced accident risks for thousands of local walkers.

transit corridors are now accessible once again. The scale of the project was significant. In the Jayanagar and Padmanabhanagar divisions, teams focused on busy commercial zones, while the Anjanapur and Begur divisions cleared long stretches near major junctions.

INDIA'S EV POWERHOUSE

Kumaraswamy pushes for competitive EV ecosystem

Why this matters

- Boosting local jobs:** By focusing on indigenous manufacturing, the government aims to create more high-tech jobs for Indian youth.
- Global competition:** The initiative seeks to make Indian EVs high-quality and affordable enough to compete in markets worldwide.
- Clean mobility:** Accelerating EV adoption is essential to improving air quality in India's bustling cities.

Key Focus Areas

Objective	Long-term goal
Manufacturing	Deepen domestic production capacity
Technology	Drive innovation in EV batteries
Target	Reaching Viksit Bharat 2047 goals

"Make in India" initiatives. The conversation centered on refining government support programs, specifically the PM E-DRIVE Scheme and the PLI Auto Scheme, to ensure they effectively help local companies grow.

Minister Kumaraswamy promised full government support to foster an environment where innovation thrives. He emphasized that the government is dedicated to removing hurdles for manufacturers, ensuring they have the tools and

policies needed to succeed in a competitive global landscape.

"We are committed to building a robust, innovation-driven, and globally competitive EV ecosystem," Kumaraswamy stated, highlighting the government's unwavering focus on long-term sustainability.

This initiative is deeply rooted in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (a self-reliant India).

QUICK READ

Mandya to face power outage for maintenance work

Mandya

Residents in Mandya will face a planned power outage on July 6 from 9 am to 6 pm due to emergency maintenance work on the F-06 Hosahalli Udbhcti feeder under the 66/11 KV Mandya Power Distribution Center. There will be power cut in Dwarakanagar Hosahalli Kaverinagar 1st Stage and nearby villages falling under the same feeder Officials said the shut-down is necessary for safety and repair work R T Chandramouli Assistant Executive Engineer Kottatti Division Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited issued the notice and requested public cooperation during the outage period.

CL-2A certificates to be auctioned in Mandya

Mandya

An e-auction for CL-2A certificates will be held in Mandya on July 7 at 11 am at the Sports Club in Mandya Nagar. The District Excise Deputy Commissioner has organized the process. Officials said people can contact excise offices in Pandavapura and Mandya for details. Information is also available on the state excise website and MSTC portal for registration. Participants must register on the MSTC e-commerce site to take part in the auction. Helpline numbers 9901680369 and 9902236018 are provided for further information. Excise department has requested all participants to follow guidelines carefully.

Officials review voter list revision work in Mandya

MANDYA

District In-charge Secretary Manoj Kumar Meena and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar visited several areas in Mandya district to review the Special Comprehensive Revision of the voter list being carried out as per the Election Commission of India's directions. The officials inspected the ongoing work in different parts of Mandya city and Mandya taluk.

They visited Vidyanagar

and Gandhinagar wards in Mandya city and also went to Hanakere in Mandya taluk. During the visit, they closely observed the voter list revision process and interacted with Booth Level Officers working on the ground.

The officials collected detailed information from BLOs about the progress of the Special Comprehensive Revision work. They instructed that Booth Level Officers must visit households, help voters correctly fill out the enumer-

ation forms, and ensure that the signed forms are collected properly.

They stressed that the voter list revision is a very important exercise and said that no eligible voter should be left out of the electoral roll. Citizens were urged to actively cooperate with the process to ensure accuracy and completeness in voter registration.

The officials also advised voters to contact Booth Level Officers, supervisors, or election officers in case of any

confusion regarding the process. They assured that proper guidance would be provided to resolve issues quickly.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that BLOs must carry out their responsibilities carefully.

He also said that once the enumeration forms are collected from voters, they should be digitized without delay to ensure smooth completion of the revision process.

Cooperative week health camp held in Gadag district

GADAG

A free health check-up camp was organized in Gadag district as part of Cooperative Week celebrations, jointly conducted by several cooperative institutions including the Karnataka State Cooperative Federation, Gadag District Cooperative Union, KCC Bank Dharwad, Dharwad Milk Union, and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society Dambal. The programme was held at Sri Veerabhadreshwara Community Bhavan in Dam-

bal under Mundaragi taluk.

The event was conducted to mark five years of the establishment of the Central Cooperative Ministry. It focused on promoting health awareness among cooperative society members, especially beneficiaries of the Yashaswini health scheme.

Inaugurating the programme, retired lecturer and environmentalist C. S. Arasana stressed the importance of environmental protection. He urged members to follow the message of "one member, one

sapling" and said that tree planting is essential to protect soil and improve the environment. He also encouraged societies to plant trees in public places like roadsides, parks, schools, and government offices.

Medical officer M. M. Sajjan spoke about the importance of maintaining physical and mental health. She advised people to practice yoga, meditation, and breathing exercises, get proper sleep, and eat nutritious food. She also warned against smoking, al-

cohol use, and drug abuse, especially among youth, highlighting rising health risks.

Cooperative development officer C. K. Lamani explained the benefits of the Yashaswini health insurance scheme, including low-cost treatment, surgical assistance, and coverage for families in registered hospitals. He said the scheme helps reduce financial stress caused by medical emergencies and improves access to quality healthcare for cooperative members.

UNITY THROUGH CONSTITUTION

Constitution is foundation of strong India: Nagamohan Das

RAMANAGARA

Retired Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das said the Constitution is the foundation for building a strong and united India. He said it united a country divided before independence and established equality and sovereignty. He was speaking at prize distribution program for essay competition organized at M H College.

He said Constitution guides human life from birth to death and is the mother of all laws in the country. It helped re-



duce caste discrimination and improved status of Dalits women and minorities in society. He said real development of India began after the

Constitution came into force. He highlighted the Constitution Reading Campaign started eight years ago which later became an organization

spreading awareness nationwide. The books were published in six languages and nearly twenty lakh copies were sold reaching millions of

people. So far five thousand youth have been trained through study camps across the state.

He appealed for cooperation to take the campaign to every village and build a strong constitutional awareness movement. He said youth are the future and guardians of the Constitution and stressed the need for training good communicators. He added that essay competitions and study camps are being conducted in many colleges to educate students.

Several dignitaries attended the program including campaign coordinators and education institution heads. Student leader Vijayakumar T S presented a speech and participants discussed the importance of the Constitution. The event concluded with vote of thanks and cultural participation by students and organizers. He said awareness of Constitution must reach rural areas through continuous programs and community involvement. He emphasized that democracy becomes

stronger when citizens understand their rights and duties clearly. He also mentioned that legal education helps youth become responsible citizens and better leaders.

He called for collective effort from teachers students and leaders to strengthen constitutional values in society. He said such initiatives will build equality justice and unity among people in the country. The program inspired students to think about the importance of Constitution in daily life and nation building.

Cycle rally, walkathon promote voter awareness in Chitradurga

Dr Akash said voter list revision is important, urging eligible voters to submit census forms to Booth Level Officers

CHITRADURGA

A cycle rally and walkathon were organized in Chitradurga to create awareness about the Special Comprehensive Revision of the Voter List 2026. The programme was inaugurated by Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. S. Akash at the Zilla Panchayat premises on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Akash said the voter list revision is an important process and all eligible voters must carefully fill the census form delivered to their homes



and submit it to Booth Level Officers. He said the revision exercise is being carried out on a large scale after 2002 and called it a valuable oppor-

tunity to correct errors in voter records.

He urged citizens to ensure that every eligible member in the family is included in the

process. He also appealed to students and young people to spread awareness in their homes and neighbourhoods so that no voter is left out. According to him, timely submission of forms will help improve the accuracy of the electoral system.

The awareness rally began from the Zilla Panchayat office and passed through major roads and landmarks of the city, including B D Road, Madakari Nayak Circle, Ambedkar Circle, Pravasi Mandir, Gandhi Circle, and ended near Onake Obavva Circle at

the District Collector's office.

Officials from various departments, including education, planning, agriculture, minority welfare, and rural development, took part in the event. Students from schools and colleges also joined the programme to support the awareness drive.

Authorities said the campaign aims to ensure maximum voter participation and accurate updating of electoral rolls ahead of future elections, strengthening democratic processes at the grassroots level in the district.

Teachers demand change in PM Poshan system

HARAPANAHALLI

Members of the Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association in Harapanahalli have demanded a revision of the joint bank account system used for managing funds under the PM Poshan scheme. They urged the government to restore the earlier system of joint accounts between the headmaster and head cook, which was in practice before 2022.

The demand was raised during a protest held at the taluk panchayat premises after submitting a memorandum to Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Y. Chandrashekar.

Sixty villagers fall ill from contaminated water

SHIDLAGHATTA

More than sixty people fell ill after consuming contaminated drinking water in Chikkathekahalli village under Dodathekahalli Gram Panchayat in Shidlaghatta taluk, creating panic and fear among residents. Officials rushed to the village and inspected the affected areas soon after the incident was reported.

For the past three days, villagers have been suffering from vomiting, diarrhea, headache, and fever. Many of them are visiting hospitals daily for treatment as the situation continues to worsen. Officials suspect that sewage water has mixed with the drinking water pipeline, causing the outbreak of illness in the village.

As the number of patients increased, teams from the Health Department, taluk ad-

ministration, Gram Panchayat, and other related departments visited the village. They inspected the water supply system, collected samples, and sent them for laboratory testing. Health officials also planned medical checkups to prevent further spread of disease.

Villagers have demanded immediate supply of safe drinking water and a permanent solution to the contamination problem. Health officials have advised residents to drink only boiled and cooled water and to seek medical attention immediately if symptoms appear or worsen.

The village has been depending on private drinking water units, but many of them have stopped working or are not supplying safe water properly. The government-installed RO plant in the village has remained nonfunctional

Health teams inspected water supply, collected samples, and planned medical checkups after rising patient cases in village

for more than a year despite repeated repair attempts.

Asha workers and nurses are visiting homes daily to check on affected people and provide medical guidance. They are also reassuring villagers not to panic while ensuring proper monitoring of health conditions in the area. District Health Officer Dr Mahesh Kumar, Tahsildar Gagan Sindhu, Taluk Health Officer Dr Venkatesh Murthy, and other senior officials visited the affected village and reviewed the situation on site. They instructed immediate preventive measures and water safety checks.

AKKA CAFE PROMOTED AS MODEL FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

MANDYA

Akka Cafe was inaugurated at the Horticulture Department premises in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district under the state government's ambitious Akka Cafe project aimed at promoting economic empowerment, self-reliance and entrepreneurship among rural women. The initiative is designed to create sustainable income opportunities for women self-help groups.

Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department and Mandya District In-charge Secretary and Zilla Panchayat Administrator Manoj Kumar Meena inaugurated the cafe. He said that Akka Cafe can become a model enterprise for women empowerment if it wins public trust by providing clean, quality and affordable food to customers.

He urged women self-help groups to run the enterprise with dedication and service-mindedness. He said customer satisfaction is the key to success and good quality service will naturally eliminate competition. He encour-



aged women to make full use of the opportunity provided by the government to become successful entrepreneurs and achieve self-reliance.

Srirangapatna MLA Ramesh Bandisidde Gowda said the district administration and Zilla Panchayat are working in coordination for overall development of the district. He said committed effort until completion of development works is the true sign of good governance and praised the initiative as a strong step for rural women.

District Collector Dr. Kumar said the Akka Cafe scheme is an important step towards women's economic empowerment. He said it provides a valuable opportunity for rural women to achieve self-reliance through entrepre-

neurship and improve their living standards through steady income generation.

He added that women self-help groups must maintain cleanliness, taste and quality in food preparation and service. He said successful operation of Akka Cafe will also open doors to more benefits under the National Rural Livelihood Mission and other government schemes in the future.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nandini K.R. said the scheme aims to promote traditional food culture in taluk centres across the district. She said similar cafes have been approved for Srirangapatna, Pandavapura and Malavalli, with one already functioning successfully in Pandavapura.

QUICK READ

Ponzi operator arrested for investment fraud

Mumbai

The Economic Offences Department (EOD) of the Mumbai Police has arrested a man accused of operating an alleged Ponzi scheme that cheated 42 investors of nearly Rs 30.26 crore by promising lucrative returns through a stock market investment platform, officials said on Saturday. According to the investigators, the accused allegedly induced investors to invest through the Investok app by assuring monthly returns ranging from two to five per cent on stock market investments. The authorities alleged that the scheme functioned as an unauthorised deposit operation, resulting in substantial financial losses for dozens of investors.

Shell firm angle under scanner of SIT probing DA case

Kolkata

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case of Disproportionate Assets (DA) against former and arrested Trinamool Congress Councilor, Debraj Chakraborty, is examining the angle of use of shell companies in diverting the proceeds of crime. The proceeds of crime were collected through illegal avenues by both Chakraborty and his wife Aditi Muni, a former Trinamool Congress legislator and an acclaimed devotional singer in her personal life. Already, the SIT members have accessed the details of one such company christened 'DC Global', reportedly owned by Chakraborty, through which several crores of the proceeds of crime were diverted to some of the relatives and close associates of both the arrested former councilor and his wife.

'Glorifying separatist leaders': SP Vaid hits out at J&K govt

Jammu

Former Jammu and Kashmir DGP SP Vaid on Saturday criticised the Union Territory government for approving a book that glorifies extremists and separatist leaders while welcoming the Centre's designation of 23 individuals as terrorists under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Earlier on Saturday, the Union Home Minister's Office said: Out of the 23 terrorists announced today, 17 are Pakistani nationals and six are Indian nationals. However, all of them at present operate terrorist activities from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The former DGP told that the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) move will serve as powerful statement for countries across the globe.

KEY BILLS AND A STRONGER NDA

Parliament's monsoon session from July 20

NEW DELHI

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday announced that the Monsoon Session will commence on July 20 and will continue until August 13, for what he called a meaningful debate on the issues of national importance.

Taking to X, Rijiju said, On the recommendation of the Govt of India, Hon'ble President, Smt. Droupadi

Major reshuffle in Finance, Accounts depts to strengthen accountability

Delhi government transferred 52 long-posted finance officers, and promoted 19 others to strengthen transparency, accountability, efficiency, and administrative governance

NEW DELHI

The Delhi government on Saturday announced a major administrative reshuffle in its Finance and Accounts Department as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen transparency, accountability, and efficiency in governance.

The move, implemented under the department's Transfer and Posting Policy, involves the immediate transfer of 52 officers who had been serving in the same positions for five years or more.

The large-scale reshuffle includes the transfer of 23 Deputy Controllers of Ac-

counts and 29 Senior Accounts Officers. Alongside these transfers, the government has promoted 19 Senior Accounts Officers to the post of Deputy Controller of Accounts, assigning them greater responsibilities across various departments in recognition of their performance and experience.

According to the Delhi government, the administrative exercise has been undertaken solely on the basis of official requirements and institutional needs. The objective is to improve financial management, ensure greater transparency in departmental functioning, and



create a more dynamic administrative structure capable of delivering efficient public services.

The newly promoted Deputy Controllers of Accounts will now oversee enhanced financial and administrative responsibilities in their respective departments. In ad-

dition, revised responsibilities have also been assigned to the transferred Deputy Controllers of Accounts and Senior Accounts Officers to further streamline operations and improve coordination within the Finance and Accounts Department.

The government stated that periodic transfers and promotions are essential to maintaining integrity in public administration, preventing stagnation, and encouraging professional growth among officers. Officials believe the latest reshuffle will contribute to a more effective financial management system

while reinforcing accountability across government departments.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the decision reflects the government's commitment to building an administrative framework based on the highest standards of transparency, accountability, efficiency, and good governance. She emphasized that there is no place for laxity, negligence, or corruption at any level of governance and reiterated that public officials are expected to perform their duties with complete integrity and professionalism.

Chennai collector convenes meeting with e-Sevai operators

CHENNAI

Chennai District Collector S. Malathi Helen on Saturday convened a consultative meeting with e-Sevai centre operators on July 7 to address recurring issues that have led to the rejection and delay of applications for government and revenue-related services.

The meeting, scheduled to be held at the conference hall of the Chennai Collectorate, aims to improve the quality of applications submitted through e-Sevai centres and ensure faster delivery of citizen services.

Operators from e-Sevai centres across the district are expected to participate in the consultation.

As per a statement by the Collector, revenue authorities have repeatedly noticed that applications are being submitted with incorrectly scanned, incomplete or inappropriate supporting documents.

Such errors have resulted in delays in processing applications and, in many cases, their rejection by revenue officials.

The district administration said the meeting has been organised to sensitise e-Sevai operators about the correct procedures for scanning and uploading documents while submitting applications on behalf of the public. Officials will also emphasise the importance of verifying all supporting records before they are uploaded to the government portal.

It noted that many of the deficiencies identified during scrutiny could be avoided if operators ensure that the required documents are properly scanned, legible and relevant to the service being sought. Accurate documentation at the time of submission is expected to reduce the number of applications returned by officials and speed up the processing of requests.

Strengthening coordination between e-Sevai centres and revenue officials is essential for improving the efficiency of public service delivery, the administration added.

TMC crisis deepens as Mamata's aide Bhattacharya quits all party posts

KOLKATA

The political crisis within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) intensified on Saturday after the party's newly elected West Bengal president, Chandrima Bhattacharya, resigned from her post, citing a loss of trust following questions raised by party chairperson and former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over the takeover of the party headquarters by a rebel faction.

Speaking to the media, Bhattacharya said she decided to step down after Mamata Banerjee questioned her regarding the occupation of the Trinamool Congress headquarters near the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass in Kolkata by a group of rebel legislators led by Ritabrata Banerjee on Friday night.

Bhattacharya expressed disappointment over the alle-

gations, stating that her loyalty to the party had always remained unquestionable. She said she was deeply hurt that her integrity had come under suspicion despite years of dedicated service to the party.

According to Bhattacharya, Mamata Banerjee asked how the party office had been handed over to the rebel camp. She responded by questioning how such doubts could be raised about her commitment. She added that once her integrity was questioned, she no longer felt it was appropriate to continue as the state president. She also declared that she would not be returning to Kalighat, the political residence of the party chief, following her resignation.

Bhattacharya formally communicated her decision through a resignation letter addressed to Mamata Baner-

Chandrima Bhattacharya resigned as West Bengal Trinamool Congress president after questioning over rebels intensified internal party tensions dramatically

jee. Besides resigning as the West Bengal president of the All India Trinamool Congress, she also stepped down from every other organisational responsibility assigned to her within the party.

In her letter, Bhattacharya stated that she was relinquishing her authority as an authorised signatory for the party and all its affiliated organisations in relation to bank accounts. She further informed the party leadership that she was withdrawing from her role as the authorised representative of the Trinamool Congress before

the Election Commission of India.

Despite her resignation, Bhattacharya concluded the letter on a respectful note, expressing her highest regard for Mamata Banerjee and affirming that she would always remain respectful towards the party leader.

The resignation marks another significant setback for the Trinamool Congress, which has been witnessing growing internal divisions following the emergence of a powerful rebel faction within its legislature party.

The crisis has been further complicated by the recent decision of Bhattacharya's son, Saurav, a former councillor of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, to join the rebel group led by expelled MLA Ritabrata Banerjee, which claims to represent the majority.

J&K school book glorifies terrorists, separatist leaders, sparks outrage

SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has come under intense criticism following allegations that a textbook procured under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme glorifies separatist leaders and individuals associated with militancy.

The controversy has triggered political debate and demands for accountability from civil society organisations and concerned citizens.

The Jammu and Kashmir Peoples' Forum (JKPF), a social and non-political organisation, has strongly criticised the government, alleging that the book was supplied to school libraries despite containing material that presents controversial figures in a positive light.

The organisation has questioned the selection process and accused the authorities of failing to properly scrutinise educational content before its distribution.

At the centre of the controversy is a book titled Great Personalities and Legends of J&K (Series-4), which critics

claim describes separatist leaders, including Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front founder Maqbool Bhat and separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, as great personalities. According to those raising objections, such portrayals are inappropriate for educational institutions and risk sending the wrong message to students.

Civil society members and critics have demanded strict action against the experts who recommended the book as well as officials associated with the Samagra Shiksha Scheme who approved its procurement and distribution.

They have further urged the Union Territory administration to initiate criminal proceedings against those found responsible for allowing the book to reach school libraries.

Opponents of the book's inclusion have described the episode as a serious administrative lapse by the elected Jammu and Kashmir govern-

ment. They argue that educational resources should promote constitutional values and factual history while avoiding content that could be interpreted as endorsing individuals associated with separatist movements or militancy.

The controversy comes against the backdrop of an earlier disagreement between the elected government and the office of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha over a separate decision to prohibit 25 books that were also alleged to contain material glorifying terrorism.

At that time, CM Omar Abdullah had maintained that the decision to ban those publications was taken entirely by the Union Home Department, which functions under the authority of the Lieutenant Governor. The legal debate surrounding the present controversy has also drawn attention to the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).



Pakistan must end terrorism before talks can resume: Manish Tewari

CHANDIGARH

Congress MP Manish Tewari on Saturday questioned the purpose of resuming dialogue with Pakistan, asserting that any engagement would be meaningless unless Islamabad first stops sponsoring terrorism against India.

His remarks came after Omar Abdullah on Thursday said that no one should object to India-Pakistan dialogue if the objective is to improve relations between the two neighbouring countries.

The Chief Minister noted that the conflict between India and Pakistan was not new and had continued for the past three to four decades.

This conflict is 30 to 40 years old, and last year it intensified after the Pahalgam attack. Now, through a letter, the Prime Minister has been requested to improve relations between the two countries. No one should have any objection to that, he said.

Speaking to IANS, Manish Tewari said, Since 1971, when India helped create Bangladesh, Pakistan has been carrying a sense of revenge. At that time, the atrocities committed by the West Pakistani forces on the people of East Pakistan led to their surrender, and nearly 91,000 Pakistani soldiers were taken as prisoners of war by India. Since then, they have been trying to take revenge. Their strategy has been to 'bleed India with a thousand cuts', and they have been promoting terrorism time and again.

Referring to the terror attack in Baisaran, Pahalgam, he said, In the Baisaran attack, 26 people were killed after being asked about their religion. India should not forget this so soon. What exactly do you want to talk about with Pakistan? India wants only one thing from Pakistan -- that it should stop promoting terrorism.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ: 10/2026-27/805-09 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03-07-2026

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಪೂರ್ತಿದಾರ್ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ. -1,3,4 ರನ್ವಯ ಏಕ ಹಾಗೂ ದ್ವಿಲೋಕೀ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ, ವಿಲಾಜಪೇಟೆ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಶೇಕಡೆ:4059-ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿರವರ ಮೂಲಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 31771) 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 8443-ಶೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ವಿಜಯ ಉಪಶಮನ ನಿಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 37191) 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ 5054- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು- ಸುಧಾರಣೆಯಡಿ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 36834) 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಅಪ್ಲಾನ್‌ಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ.16.93 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ.162.35 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಧಾರಾಲಾಭಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10-07-2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ [in www.kppp.karnataka.gov](http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov)ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿನ್ನುಪಡಿ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ- ಮೋಟರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
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No.EE/PRED/RMG/JE/TEND-07/2026-27 Date: 03.07.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through KPP Portal system)

The Executive Engineer, Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Ramanagara, Bangalore South Dist invites the Itemwise tender. Contractors registered in KPWD, enrolled in PRED/PWD Licence for the works In Magadi Taluk Under Head of Account: 2025-26th Year development scheme of CMIDP Grant,

Name of Work :Construction of a bridge Across Ramanagara Taluk Bidadi Hobli from Chikkakunahalli Cross to Parasnapalya Bychohalli Via Bangalore South Taluk Road Joining Border at the Rural Road at Chinage -0.40 KM, Indent No: (1) RDPR/2026-27/BG/WORK_INDENT 27543, (2) RDPR/2026 27/BD/WORK_ INDENT 27761, (3) RDPR/2026 27/BD/ WORK_INDENT27750, (4) RDPR/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT 27748, (5) RDPR/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT 27762, (6) RDPR/ 2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT27753. (7) RDPR/2026-27/BD/WORK_ INDENT27751. Maximum Estimate amount of **Rs.200.00 lakh**. Minimum Estimate Amount of **Rs.5.20 Lakhs**, Last Date for submission of Tender Dated: **18.07.2026 by 4.00 PM**, Opening of the Technical Bid Tender Dated: **20.07.2026 at 4.30 PM**, Opening of the Financial Bid Tender Dated: **10.08.2026 at 4.30 PM**, Only For **(KW-IV)** on wards For details & further information visit the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov in Or contact this office in office hours.

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QUICK READ

Stalin leaves for London for grandson's graduation ceremony

Chennai
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) President and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin left for London on Saturday on a two-week private visit, during which he will attend the graduation ceremony of his grandson, Inbanidhi, before spending a few days with his family in the United Kingdom (UK). Stalin departed from the Chennai International Airport at around 9:50 a.m. on an Emirates flight to London via Dubai. He was accompanied by his wife, Durga Stalin. The couple is scheduled to return to Chennai on July 18 after completing the visit. The principal purpose of the visit is to attend the convocation ceremony of Inbanidhi, the son of former Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin.

Toyota cites fuel contamination in Innova Hycross video

New Delhi
Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Saturday clarified that a viral social media video claiming a Toyota Innova Hycross developed issues due to use of E20 fuel was not related to the ethanol-blended fuel, saying its technical assessment found the problem was caused by fuel contamination. In a statement, the company said the Toyota Innova Hycross involved in the incident is an E20-compatible vehicle that has been designed, tested and certified for the use of 20 per cent ethanol-blended fuel. Based on our detailed technical assessment of the vehicle, the issue was due to fuel contamination. Our inspection confirmed that there was no damage to any vehicle component or its fuel system, TKM said.

Bihar BJP MLA gets 4-yr jail for celebratory firing murder

NEW DELHI
A Delhi court on Saturday sentenced Bihar BJP MLA Raju Kumar Singh to four years' imprisonment after convicting him for culpable homicide not amounting to murder in connection with the death of a woman during celebratory firing at a New Year's Eve party in the national capital in 2018. The Rouse Avenue Court also sentenced Singh to two months' imprisonment under the Arms Act and directed him to pay Rs 25 lakh as compensation to the victim's family. The court further ordered that if Singh fails to pay the compensation amount, he will have to undergo an additional three months' imprisonment. It also directed that all the sentences awarded to Singh would run consecutively. With a sentence of more than two years, Singh risks losing his Bihar Assembly seat under the Representation of the People Act unless the Delhi High Court grants a stay on conviction.

Nabin exudes confidence of BJP sweep ahead of UP polls

The BJP president says the overwhelming support from party cadres reflected the BJP's strong organisational foundation and growing public confidence

LUCKNOW

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Nitin Nabin on Saturday expressed confidence that the party would secure another decisive mandate in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, scheduled for next year.

He said the enthusiasm among party workers and the public's faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath would ensure the BJP's continued electoral success in the state.

Speaking during his first organisational visit to Lucknow after assuming charge as the party's national president, Nabin thanked BJP workers for the warm reception he received upon his arrival. He said the overwhelming support from party cadres reflected the BJP's strong organisational foundation and growing public confidence.

Nabin described Uttar Pradesh as the karmabhoomi of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and said he was confident that the people of the state would once again



vote in favour of the BJP. He stated that the party's election symbol, the lotus, would bloom once more in the Assembly elections, highlighting his optimism about the BJP's prospects.

The BJP president arrived in Lucknow for a two-day organisational tour and was welcomed at Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, state BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary, Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, Union Minister of State Kamlesh Paswan, senior state ministers and several party leaders.

Following his arrival, Nabin participated in a grand roadshow from the airport to

the BJP's state headquarters. Travelling in a specially decorated vehicle alongside state BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary, he was greeted by enthusiastic party workers across the nearly 18-kilometre route. More than 50 welcome points had been set up by party workers, who gathered in large numbers to greet the national president.

The roadshow is being viewed as an important exercise to energise the party organisation ahead of the crucial Assembly elections. BJP leaders believe the event demonstrates the party's organisational strength while boosting the morale of workers across the state.

Nabin's visit is particularly significant because it marks

his first interaction with the newly constituted Uttar Pradesh BJP team, which was announced only days ago. Party leaders expect the meetings to help shape the organisational roadmap and election strategy for the upcoming polls.

During his two-day visit, the BJP chief is scheduled to hold extensive discussions with state office-bearers, regional and district presidents, leaders of various party wings, Members of Parliament, MLAs, MLCs, and representatives of the National Democratic Alliance. He will also meet Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Deputy Chief Ministers, members of the Uttar Pradesh BJP Core Committee and other prominent personalities.

As part of his itinerary, Nabin will also offer prayers at the Hanuman Setu Temple in Lucknow before chairing a series of organisational meetings focused on strengthening the party structure and preparing for the high-stakes Assembly elections scheduled next year.

Defence production reaches record high amid self-reliance push



NEW DELHI

India's annual defence production reached an all-time high of Rs 1.78 lakh crore during the financial year 2025-26, marking a significant milestone in the country's drive towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

Announcing the achievement on Saturday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the latest production figure is nearly three times higher than the level recorded in the financial year 2014-15.

The Defence Minister also highlighted the remarkable growth in defence exports, which touched a record over Rs 38,000 crore during FY 2025-26. He noted that exports have increased nearly 57-fold compared to Rs 686 crore recorded in FY 2013-14, reflecting rising international confidence in India's domestically developed defence platforms under the government's Make in India initiative.

Addressing a media event, Rajnath Singh said India's progress over the past 12 years represents a transition from shortages to self-reliance, from self-reliance to self-confidence, and now towards the goal of building a developed nation.

He asserted that the government's continued focus on reforms and indigenous manu-

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facturing has significantly transformed India's industrial and strategic capabilities.

The minister said that during its third consecutive term, the government is laying a strong foundation for achieving the vision of a developed India through its policy of Reform, Perform, Transform. He expressed confidence that the country's continued economic and technological progress would enable it to emerge as a fully developed nation in the coming years.

Recalling the launch of the Make in India programme in 2014, Rajnath Singh said the initiative had initially faced criticism from several quarters. However, he maintained that the programme has consistently delivered strong results by boosting domestic manufacturing, increasing exports, and strengthening India's industrial ecosystem.

He further stated that India's international standing has undergone a major transformation, with the country's views on global issues now receiving greater attention and respect from the international community.

PM Modi inaugurates Rs 480-cr Jodhpur Airport terminal

JODHPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the new terminal building at Jodhpur Airport, marking a significant milestone in Rajasthan's aviation infrastructure.

The Rs 480-crore project is expected to strengthen regional air connectivity, enhance passenger convenience, and provide a major boost to tourism, trade, and economic activity in western Rajasthan.

The newly constructed terminal spans more than 23,000 square metres and has the capacity to handle 20 lakh (2 million) passengers annually, substantially increasing the airport's ability to cater to the region's growing air traffic.

Inspired by Rajasthan's rich architectural heritage, the terminal seamlessly blends traditional design elements with modern infrastructure.

The building features motifs and architectural styles reflective of the state's cultural legacy while offering contemporary passenger amenities

aimed at improving the overall travel experience.

The terminal has also been designed with sustainability at its core.

It incorporates energy-efficient systems, water conservation measures, and green building practices, making it an environmentally responsible addition to the country's expanding aviation network.

The inauguration of the new terminal is expected to improve domestic and regional connectivity for Jodhpur and neighbouring districts, making the city more accessible to tourists and business travellers alike.

Officials believe the upgraded infrastructure will further strengthen Jodhpur's position as a key tourism destination while creating new opportunities for commerce, investment, and employment across the Marwar region. During the programme, Prime Minister Modi also launched the revised UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme, aimed at expanding affordable regional air connectivity across India.

Punjab BJP eyes solo fight in 2027 assembly elections

CHANDIGARH

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has indicated that it will contest the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections independently, ruling out any pre-poll or post-poll alliance with its long-time ally, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD).

State BJP President Kewal Singh Dhillon said the party is preparing for the elections under a dedicated campaign named Punjab Mission with the objective of forming its first government in the state. In an interview, Dhillon expressed confidence that Punjab's development and prosperity could only be achieved.

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Tender Notice
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru invites Tenders through K.P.P.P. related to works of Constructing Open Air Theatre (Bayalau Rangamandira) in Tarikere Town, Tarikere Taluk in Chikkamagaluru District (Indent No.: 27526). Max. Approx. Amount of work is Rs. 126.00 lakhs. Details of capability to undertake or of having implemented the works should be attached as per Standard Tender Document KG – 4. For the said works the documents downloaded from K.P.P.P. can be filled and uploaded from 06.07.2026 to 05.08.2026 up to 5.30 PM. Technical Bid will be opened on 07.08.2026 at 5.30 PM. If possible the Financial Bid will be opened on 14.08.2026 at 5.05 PM. If this day is declared as holiday then the next day will be considered. Notice can be read on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

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ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಅಲ್ತಾವಧಿ ಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳು
(ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮಿಮ್/ಸರಬ(1)/OBG/FM&FD/SHORT TERM E-TENDER/05/2026-27, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23.06.2026
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮಿಮ್/ಸರಬ(1)/DERMAT/EQPE-TENDER/06/2026-27, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23.06.2026

ಮಿಮ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಚರ್ಮರೋಗ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿರುವ ಚರ್ಮರೋಗ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾ Fellowship ಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಿರುವ PICOLASER ಉಪಕರಣವನ್ನು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖೇನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.55.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಓ.ಬಿ.ಬಿ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಿರುವ FETAL MONITOR & FETAL DOPPLER ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಅಲ್ತಾವಧಿ ಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖೇನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.39.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರವರಿಂದ/ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಅಲ್ತಾವಧಿ ಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ತಾಣ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಿಮ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
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2	Goods Tender & Service Tenders	05 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು	201.21	06.07.2026	21.07.2026	22.07.2026

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No: EE/PWD/Klb/Div/TS-2&3/TN/2026-27/1650 Dated:02.07.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender of (KW-3&4) under 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL Bridge, 5054 Appendix-E and MP LADs WI- 37107, 37136, 37121, 37143, 37104, 37222, 37258, 37259, 36711, 36738, 36757, 37253, 37254 & 37255. 34210 (Work Reserved for SC Category) tender called in KPPP portal. 2) Estimated Cost: **Estimate cost Min Rs. 50.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 500.00 Lakhs** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: PWD, Civil Contractor License Class-III and above for Civil works 4) Tender fees and EMD details: Application Fees as per KPPP portal EMD Min Rs. 25,000.00 and Max Rs. 6,36,000.00, 5) Pre-Bid meeting: **09/07/2026 upto 11.00 Hrs.**, 6) Last date for queries: **10/07/2026 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 7) Last date for submission of tender: **13/07/2026 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **14/07/2026 upto 16.30 Hrs.** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **16/07/2026 at 16.30 Hrs.** 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Website : <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>, 12) Bidders Should Note That: **Note:** 1) Undersigned reserves the right to Cancel/ Postpone/Recall/Reject any or all the tenders at any point of time during tender process without assigning any reason. 2) Changes in the tender process, Cancel/ Postpone/Recall/Rejection of tender will not be Published in the News Papers Bidders may get Details of Changes in KPPP Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi
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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE 4TH QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31.03.2026 (Figures in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2026 Audited	31.12.2025 Unaudited	30.09.2025 Audited	31.03.2026 Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	20.48	33.14	32.71	88.69
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional items and extraordinary items)	(39.20)	27.17	(18.73)	4.15
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items and extraordinary items)	(39.20)	27.17	(18.73)	4.15
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items and extraordinary items)	(43.59)	27.17	(18.73)	(0.24)
5	Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	-	-	0.01	-
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	99.46	99.46	99.46	99.46
7	Other Equity				95.25
8	Earnings Per Share (EPS)				
(a)	Basic	(4.38)	2.73	(1.88)	(0.02)
(b)	Diluted	(4.38)	2.73	(1.88)	(0.02)

1. The above financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and taken on record by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 03rd July, 2026.
2. These results are reviewed by Statutory auditor of the company.
3. Segment reporting under IND AS is not applicable to the company since the entire operation of the company relates to single segment.
4. Previous year quarter figures have been regrouped/recasted where ever necessary.
5. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the BSE under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results for the quarter and Year ended March 31, 2026 are available on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website at <https://www.ser-industries.co.in/investors-disclosures>. The same could also be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided herein.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors For Desi Farms India Limited
(formerly known as SER Industries Limited)
Sd/-
Sunil Kumar Shahi
Managing Director (DIN: 01687403)
Place: Pune
Date: 03.07.2026

Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department (PWD), Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notice No.: 08/26-27 Date: 30.06.2026
Tenders are invited from eligible contractors through the KPP Portal for a total of 15 works under the following account heads of the Sub-Divisions of the Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District: 8443 Deposit Contribution (4202-01-201-1-04-139) ; 5054-80-190-0-01-132 – Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited – Capital Expenditure (State Highway Road Bridges & District Main Road Bridges) ; 5054-80-190-0-01-132 – Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (Foot-bridge) ; 5054-80-190-0-01-132 – Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited – Capital Expenditure (Repair of Bridges – District Main Road Bridges) & (Repair of Bridges – State Highway Road Bridges). Details regarding the capacity to undertake or execute the works (as per Standard Tender Documents KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4) shall be enclosed. The contract shall be awarded only to a contractor who possesses the minimum qualifications prescribed under Act 3. The minimum estimated amount is Rs. 5.43 lakhs, and the maximum estimated amount is Rs. 600.00 lakhs. The last date for submission of tenders through the KPP Portal for the above 15 works is as follows: Indent No.: 37127 – Date: 07.07.2026 ; Indent Nos.: 37261, 37251, 37216, 36394 – Date: 10.07.2026 ; Indent No.: 37266 – Date: 16.07.2026 ; Indent Nos.: 37256, 37114 – Date: 18.07.2026 ; Indent Nos.: 37279, 37278, 37252, 37275, 37257, 37273, 37274 – Date: 20.07.2026 ; The tenders shall be submitted by 4.30 PM on the respective last dates specified above. For further details, please contact the Content Administrator during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
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QUICK READ

India Aviation Sees Recovery In Air Traffic

Mumbai

India's aviation sector saw recovery in international traffic in May as geopolitical tensions eased in West Asia, a report said. International passengers rose to about 2.3 million, up 24 percent month-on-month, while RPK reached 8 billion, up 12 percent. Flight departures increased to 14,200 and capacity also improved. Load factor rose to 76.6 percent, showing stronger demand. Domestic traffic also stayed strong at 15.4 million passengers with steady growth. Fuel prices declined but a weak rupee kept costs high for airlines.

HDFC Bank posts strong first quarter business growth

New Delhi

HDFC Bank reported strong growth in deposits and advances during the first quarter of FY27. Total deposits reached Rs 31.70 lakh crore, rising 14.7 percent from last year, while advances increased 15.4 percent to Rs 30.61 lakh crore. Assets under management also grew 12.4 percent to Rs 31.27 lakh crore. The bank recently appointed Rajiv Kumar as part-time chairman after leadership changes. Despite governance discussions, the latest business update reflected steady financial performance. HDFC Bank shares closed at Rs 2,001.50 on Friday, showing investor confidence as the bank continued its growth momentum during the quarter.

Pakistan inflation rise sparks economic warning

New Delhi

Pakistan's economy is under rising pressure as inflation climbed to 11.7 percent in May 2026, raising fears of prolonged financial strain across the country. Rates were 10.9 percent in April and 7.3 percent in March, above the central bank target range of 5 to 7 percent. Economists blamed higher transport costs, food prices, foreign exchange pressure, and rising oil import bills. These factors reduced purchasing power and slowed economic activity nationwide. Pakistan remains vulnerable to external shocks due to heavy dependence on imported energy and weak external finances. The State Bank raised its policy rate by 100 basis points to 11.5 percent to control inflation, but economists called it wrong medicine that may slow investment and risk stagnation. Analysts said higher rates may not fix supply-side inflation and could hurt private sector lending.

Sitharaman highlights India's strong economic crisis response strategy

Finance Minister said India's middle class drives growth and EU free trade deal boosts global business opportunities



NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India successfully managed the economic impact of the West Asia crisis while continuing to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy. Speaking in an interview with the French newspaper Le Figaro, she said the country's strong domestic demand, expanding global trade partnerships, and timely government measures helped maintain economic stability during the challenging period.

The Finance Minister said India's growing middle class continues to drive consumption and support economic growth. She also highlighted the importance of the recently concluded free trade agreement between India and the European Union, stating that it is expected to significantly strengthen global trade and create new opportunities for businesses in both regions. Sitharaman explained that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had appealed to citizens on May 10 to reduce unnecessary international travel, postpone gold purchases for a year, limit fuel consumption by using shared transport, and avoid excessive use of cooking oil. She said these measures were aimed at protecting the country's economy during the crisis. Summarising the government's approach, the Finance Minister referred to the "three Fs"—fuel, fertiliser, and foreign exchange. She explained that reducing fuel consumption helps save valuable foreign exchange, as imports are paid for in foreign currency. Encouraging practices such as

carpooling, she said, contributes to conserving foreign exchange reserves. The Minister also said the government continued providing substantial fertiliser subsidies to protect farmers from rising costs despite the financial burden on the country. She noted that while fertiliser prices remained affordable for farmers, the government had to bear the additional cost of imports. Speaking about gold imports, Sitharaman acknowledged the cultural and emotional importance of gold for Indian families.

Defence exports cross Rs 38,000 crore milestone

NEW DELHI

India has achieved record growth in defence production and exports, reflecting the increasing global confidence in the country's 'Make in India' initiative, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday while addressing a media event in the national capital. The minister said annual defence production reached an all-time high of Rs. 1.78 lakh crore during the financial year 2025-26, nearly three times higher than the production recorded in 2014-15. He also announced that defence exports crossed Rs. 38,000 crore, compared to just Rs. 686 crore in 2013-14, marking a nearly 57-fold increase over the past decade. Rajnath Singh said India has moved from shortages to self-reliance, then to self-confidence, and is now progressing towards becoming a developed nation. He stated that

the government's focus on the policy of "Reform, Perform, Transform" is laying a strong foundation for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. Recalling the launch of the Make in India programme in 2014, the minister said the initiative had initially faced criticism but has since delivered remarkable results across several sectors. He added that India's voice now carries greater importance in global discussions and international forums. Highlighting technological progress, Rajnath Singh said the India Semiconductor Mission, launched in 2021, has begun producing indigenous semiconductor chips after the establishment of semiconductor parks with modern infrastructure. He noted that the country's manufacturing sector has expanded significantly, with growth in mobile phone production, automobile exports, railway locomotive

Rajnath Singh said India progressed from shortages to self-reliance and self-confidence, moving toward Viksit Bharat through Reform, Perform, Transform policy

manufacturing, and digital infrastructure. The minister also praised India's digital transformation, stating that 22.35 billion Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions worth Rs. 29 lakh crore were recorded in April. He said the digital payment platform is gaining wider international acceptance and strengthening India's position in financial technology. Rajnath Singh further said the nationwide rollout of indigenous 5G technology has progressed rapidly, while preparations are already underway for the development of 6G technology.

South Korea unveiled three megaprojects investing 4,755 trillion won in semiconductors, physical AI, and AI data centres

Lee defends mega projects as future national investment

SEOUL

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has defended the government's ambitious regional development programme, saying the newly announced mega projects are designed to secure the country's future and are not intended to improve his political approval ratings. He rejected criticism from opposition parties and said the initiative focuses on long-term national growth rather than short-term political gains. Earlier this week, the South Korean government unveiled its "three megaprojects" plan, which aims to transform the country's economy through investments in semiconductors, physical artificial intelligence, and AI data centres. The programme proposes a total investment of 4,755 trillion won,



making it one of the country's largest development plans. As part of the initiative, Samsung announced plans to establish two memory chip manufacturing plants in the southwestern city of Gwangju. SK hynix also revealed plans to build two semiconductor fabrication plants in the surrounding Jeolla provinces under a combined investment plan valued at 800 trillion won. Responding to allegations

from the main opposition People Power Party, Lee said that if the projects had been launched for political advantage, they would have been announced before the local elections held on June 3. Instead, he said the vision for national transformation had been part of his long-term plans even before assuming office. The President said the real measure of success is not public opinion surveys but improvements in the lives of ordinary citizens. He expressed confidence that the projects would generate new opportunities, strengthen the economy, and provide greater hope for future generations. He also pledged to make every effort to create employment, encourage innovation, and inspire young people with better career prospects.

India records strongest ever first-half office leasing

NEW DELHI

India's office leasing market recorded its strongest first-half performance ever during January to June 2026, showing a five percent increase compared to the same period last year. The growth highlights steady demand for office spaces despite global economic uncertainties affecting several countries. A report by Cushman and Wakefield said Global Capability Centres played the biggest role in this growth. These centres leased around 16.5 million square feet of office space during the first six months of the year. This accounted for 38 percent of total leasing activity and marked a 38 percent rise from last year. The second quarter also remained strong, with nearly eight million square feet leased by Global Capability Centres. Overall office leasing reached around 43 million square feet across India during the first half of 2026. Bengaluru, Pune, Delhi NCR, and Mumbai together

contributed almost 80 percent of the total leasing by these centres. Bengaluru led the market, followed by Pune, Delhi NCR, and Mumbai. The report also showed that office demand came from different industries. The IT and BPM sector remained the biggest contributor, accounting for 22 percent of total leasing. Banking, financial services, insurance, engineering, and manufacturing sectors also recorded healthy demand. Flexible workspace operators expanded rapidly, leasing 8.4 million square feet, which represented one-fifth of total office leasing. This segment posted an impressive 55 percent yearly increase and achieved its highest-ever half-year performance. However, the report noted that net absorption slowed because fewer new office spaces entered the market. Even with limited fresh supply, India's office sector remained strong, reflecting growing business confidence and continued interest from both domestic and international companies.

Modi praises digital transformation in consumer protection

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the e-Jagriti platform has changed the way consumer complaints are handled by making the entire process digital. He shared an article by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, who explained how the system was improved after discussions with different stakeholders. According to the Prime Minister, the platform is an important step towards modernising consumer justice and making it easier for people to seek help. Joshi said consumers now shop through online marketplaces, digital payment sys-

tems, and e-commerce platforms more than ever before. Because of this, the old system of paper files, manual checks, different software, and physical hearings could no longer meet growing needs. He said protecting consumer rights in the digital age required a complete change in the way justice is delivered. The e-Jagriti platform was launched on January 1, 2025. It combines four older systems into one paperless, AI-enabled platform. Since its launch, more than 2.29 lakh consumer cases have been filed, while over 2.07 lakh cases have already been resolved. This has resulted in an

overall disposal rate of 90.75 percent. The platform also allows Non-Resident Indians to file complaints and seek justice without travelling to India. During the 2025-26 financial year, consumer commissions registered over 1.65 lakh new cases and disposed of more than 1.52 lakh cases. The disposal rate improved to 92.3 percent, higher than the previous year. Officials said the platform has made the justice system faster, more transparent, and more accessible, strengthening consumer confidence and improving access to fair and timely decisions across the country.

India auto demand shows strong resilience

NEW DELHI

India's auto sector demand remained strong in June with personal mobility vehicles continuing to perform better. A report said easing supply constraints at manufacturers, healthy retail demand and strong exports supported growth. Two wheeler sales rose across companies while exports of two and three wheelers stayed firm. Commercial vehicles showed mixed performance but wholesale demand improved due to infrastructure and replacement needs. Tractor demand remained stable while passenger vehicle sales grew supported by new launches and affordability.

Centre promises better testing for Indian toy industry

NEW DELHI

The Central Government has announced plans to set up modern testing facilities across toy manufacturing clusters to improve the quality of Indian-made toys.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said the facilities will be developed through the Bureau of Indian Standards, National Test House, and other government and semi-government laboratories. He urged industry members to identify

the testing equipment needed to ensure Indian toys meet high standards in both domestic and international markets. The minister encouraged micro, small, and medium enterprises to continue expanding their businesses. He

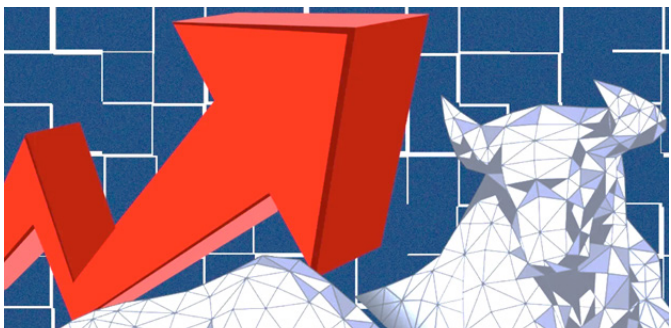
said every micro enterprise should aim to become a small enterprise, every small enterprise should grow into a medium enterprise, and every medium enterprise should strive to become a large company.

WEEKLY STOCK PERFORMANCE

Markets extend winning streak for fourth week

MUMBAI

Indian stock markets ended the week with strong gains, continuing their upward trend for the fourth straight week. The rise came mainly due to falling crude oil prices and hopes of a better global interest rate outlook. Investors also reacted positively to global economic signals and domestic developments. The Nifty index rose 0.89 percent during the week and closed at 24,270 after gaining 0.39 percent on the final trading day. The Sensex also performed well, rising 261 points or 0.34 percent to close at 77,763. Overall, it posted a



weekly gain of 0.86 percent, showing steady investor confidence. Market experts said the ear-

ly part of the week saw some profit booking due to uncertainty over the US and Iran peace situation, weak early earnings expectations, and uneven monsoon progress. However, sentiment improved later as crude oil prices fell after easing tensions around key global supply routes. Investors also responded to comments from the US Federal Reserve suggesting possible softer interest rate policies. Weak US labour data further supported expectations of easier global financial con-

ditions. Domestic optimism also grew after discussions in the India-Japan summit, covering trade, defence, technology, and currency settlement cooperation. Sector-wise, real estate, pharma, and healthcare stocks performed better, while public sector banks and energy stocks lagged behind. The IT sector recovered strongly due to short covering and improved long-term outlook related to artificial intelligence adoption. Midcap and small-cap stocks also showed strength during the week.

The Central government has increased the procurement price of onions by 13 per cent to Rs 2,125 per quintal, aiming to provide better returns to farmers and strengthen buffer stock operations across the country. The Consumer Affairs Ministry announced on Saturday that the revised rate, up from Rs 1,875 per quintal, is effective immediately. It said onion procurement through agencies such as NAFED and

Centre raises onion price to support farmers income

NEW DELHI

NCCF for the Price Stabilisation Buffer is currently underway to ensure smooth market management. Officials said the revised procurement price will help farmers receive fair value for their produce while supporting government efforts to maintain stable onion supplies. They added that overall onion production for 2025-26 is estimated at 307.37 lakh metric tonnes, almost similar to the previous year's output, indicating sufficient national availability.

Kapil Dev Regrets Virat Kohli's Early Test Retirement Decision

NEW DELHI

Former India captain Kapil Dev has expressed disappointment over Virat Kohli's decision to retire from Test cricket, saying the batting star still possessed the skill and determination to succeed in the longest format of the game. Kapil believes Kohli could have earned a return to the national side even if he had initially been left out of the team.

Virat Kohli announced his retirement from Test cricket in May 2025, ending a remarkable 14-year career in the format. During his Test journey, Kohli scored 9,230 runs in 123 matches, including 30 centuries, and established himself as India's most successful Test captain with 40 victories in 68 matches. He retired ahead of India's tour of England, stating that he had given everything he could to Test cricket.

Reflecting on the decision, Kapil said he would have preferred Kohli to continue playing instead of stepping away from the format.

According to the 1983 World Cup-winning captain, retirement should not have been influenced by milestones or temporary setbacks.

Kapil remarked that even if Kohli had not been selected by the selectors or included in the playing eleven by the captain, he should have continued working hard to regain his place. He suggested that strong performances in domestic cricket or other competitive tournaments would have eventually paved the way for his return because of his unquestionable ability as a Test player.

The former captain stressed that Kohli still had the quality required to succeed at the highest level and believed patience would have benefited him. He said setbacks are a part of every cricketer's career and that experienced players often find their way back through consistent performances.

Kapil also compared Kohli's fiercely competitive nature with that of tennis legend John McEnroe, known for his emotional intensity and confrontational style on the court. He observed that some athletes produce their best performances when they channel their emotions and thrive under pressure.

Drawing a contrast with other Indian batting greats, Kapil mentioned Rahul Dravid, Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar as players who preferred to let their performances speak for themselves. However, he said cricketers like Kohli embraced challenges differently, using aggression and passion as motivation to perform at their highest level.

While acknowledging that Kohli's aggressive approach occasionally appeared excessive, Kapil suggested that it may have been an essential part of the former captain's success.

SANJU SAMSON Recalls Family's Bold Move That Changed Career

MUMBAI

India wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has revealed that a bold decision taken by his father to relocate the family from Delhi to Kerala proved to be the defining moment in his cricketing journey. Speaking about his early struggles in Delhi's highly competitive cricket system, Samson said the move gave him the opportunity that eventually helped him establish himself in Indian cricket.

Samson, who enjoyed a memorable campaign earlier this year by playing a key role in India's victorious T20 World Cup campaign on home soil and earning the Player of the Tournament award, admitted that his recent form has not been ideal. He managed scores of five and zero in the T20I series against Ireland before registering just one run in the rain-abandoned opening T20I against England in Durham.

Despite the recent setbacks, the experienced batter is expected to play an important role when India face England in the second T20 International at Old Trafford.

Recalling his childhood, Samson said he always dreamed of representing Delhi after seeing fellow young cricketers wearing the Delhi state team's training jackets. Motivated by that ambition, he attended selection trials, participated in state camps, and consistently scored runs in age-group cricket.

Although he reached the final stages of selection on multiple occasions, Samson was

Sanju Samson credited his father's decision to relocate the family to Kerala for shaping his successful cricket career.

unable to secure a place in the Delhi state team due to intense competition. He remembered returning home after one unsuccessful trial when his father, Viswanathan, made a life-changing decision that altered the family's future.

According to Samson, his father immediately announced that the family would relocate to Kerala. While his mother suggested waiting until the children completed their schooling, his father insisted that the move could not be delayed. Within days, the family packed their belongings, boarded a train, and shifted to Kerala, where Samson began representing the Kerala state cricket team.

The wicketkeeper-batter credited that decision with giving his career a fresh direction, saying it marked the true beginning of his professional cricket journey. He acknowledged the immense sacrifice made by his parents, especially his father, who prioritised his son's sporting ambitions over personal convenience.

Sooryavanshi will do wonders for India, don't pressurise him': Chaminda Vaas

HYDERABAD

Former Sri Lanka fast bowler Chaminda Vaas, currently serving as the official mentor of the Palamuru Strikers in the Telangana T20 League (TG20), believes teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has all the ingredients to enjoy a successful international career but urged fans and experts not to burden the 15-year-old with unrealistic expectations. Vaas said India has consistently produced world-class young cricketers over the years and expressed confidence that Sooryavanshi will eventually establish himself in the national side if allowed to develop naturally.

Well, India has produced so many young talent over so many years. And this new sensation, Sooryavanshi, is still young, and I am sure he will get the opportunity to play for India and do well, but one thing I will ask of the people is that he is still young and not to pressurise him, and I am sure he will do wonders for Indian cricket.

Sooryavanshi, who grabbed headlines by amassing 776 runs at a staggering strike-rate

of 237.30 to bag the Player-of-the-Tournament honour in IPL 2026 for Rajasthan Royals, is currently eyeing a much-anticipated international debut for India in the ongoing five-match T20I series against England. Sooryavanshi was unused in Ireland, as India suffered a shock 2-0 series loss.

Vaas also lauded the TG20, saying tournaments of this nature are crucial in identifying and nurturing young talent while providing aspiring cricketers with a pathway to the IPL and eventually the Indian team.

Hyderabad Cricket Association organizing the first Telangana T20 is good for the youngsters, and there's so much potential I can see with all the teams. Especially if you take Palamuru Strikers, there are quite a few youngsters coming through the ladder, and I'm really pleased with their performance, but even though as a team we didn't perform, there are a few individuals striking really well, He said.

Asked to compare the TG20 with other domestic T20 competitions across the country, Vaas said India's cricketing ecosystem has be-



come a benchmark in developing young players by ensuring regular competitive opportunities at the state level.

Indian cricket has done a great job for youngsters, and not only in Hyderabad, I think every state they organize a T20 tournament and give so much exposure, so much opportunity, as well as the experience to get into IPL, and that's how most of the cricketers have come up. And it's really good to see the youngsters are stepping into the next level, he added.

FIFA Retains Scheduled Kickoff Times for WC Matches

NEW YORK

FIFA has decided to retain the originally scheduled kickoff times for Sunday's FIFA World Cup Round of 16 matches despite earlier concerns that severe weather conditions could force changes to the match schedule. The decision brings clarity for teams, broadcasters and supporters ahead of two highly anticipated knockout fixtures.

According to a source familiar with the discussions, the Round of 16 clash between Mexico and England at the Azteca Stadium will begin as planned at 6 p.m. local time (0000 GMT). Likewise, the match between Brazil and Norway in New York is also expected to proceed according to its original schedule, with kickoff set for 4 p.m. local time (2000 GMT).

Weather forecasts had prompted FIFA officials to review the timing of Sunday's fixtures, particularly the match in Mexico City. Organisers were monitoring the situation closely to ensure the safety of



players, officials and spectators while minimising disruption to the tournament schedule.

Reports in Mexican media suggested that FIFA had considered moving the Mexico versus England encounter to 12 noon local time in an effort to avoid the expected adverse weather later in the day. Such a move would have significantly altered preparations for both teams and affected tournament logistics.

The possibility of rescheduling one fixture also had implications for the second Round of 16 match. A spokesperson for the Brazilian Football Confederation had indicated that if the Mexico versus England game had been brought forward, Brazil's match against Norway in New York could have been delayed by an hour to accommodate broadcasting and operational requirements.

Anush Agarwalla Wins Silver at Prestigious German Dressage Event

NEW DELHI

Indian dressage rider Anush Agarwalla continued his impressive performances on the international stage by securing the silver medal in the CDI Prix St. Georges event at the Cavalliero Dressage Days held in Hagen, Germany. The achievement further underlines his growing reputation as one of India's finest equestrian athletes competing at the highest level.

Riding Straight Horse Floriana, Agarwalla produced a composed and technically sound performance to earn a score of 70.147 per cent, finishing second among a competitive field of 22 riders. His consistent partnership with Floriana once again proved decisive, with the duo surpassing the coveted 70 per cent mark to secure a place on the podium.

The silver medal adds another significant milestone to Agarwalla's successful European campaign and reinforces his credentials in international dressage.

Parthiv Praises Shreyas Match-Saving Captain's Knock

AHMEDABAD

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Parthiv Patel has praised India captain Shreyas Iyer for his composed and intelligent innings in the rain-affected opening T20 International against England, saying the knock demonstrated the skipper's maturity, game awareness and ability to adapt to difficult situations.

Leading the Indian side in the first match of the series at Chester-le-Street, Iyer scored a crucial 68 runs from 47 deliveries after India suffered an early collapse. The visitors were reduced to 6 for 2 within the opening two overs, placing immediate pressure on the middle order. Despite the difficult start, Iyer steadied the innings with a measured approach while allowing his batting partners to play more aggressively. Abhishek Shar-



ma played an explosive innings of 59 runs from just 24 balls, while Shivam Dube remained unbeaten on 42 from 21 deliveries. Their contributions, combined with Iyer's captain's knock, helped India recover to post a competitive total of 189 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs.

However, continuous rain after India's innings prevented England from beginning their chase. As a result, the match was abandoned without a ball being bowled in the second innings, forcing both teams to

settle for a no-result. Reflecting on Iyer's performance, Parthiv Patel said the India captain displayed excellent awareness of the match situation. Instead of attempting to dominate from the outset, Iyer chose to rotate the strike, build partnerships and support the aggressive stroke play of Abhishek Sharma from the other end.

Patel observed that critics questioning Iyer's place in the T20 side would have found reassurance in the captain's innings. According to him, Iyer has already established himself as a proven performer in the format and showed that he could adjust his game according to the team's requirements rather than focusing solely on attacking cricket.

The former wicketkeeper added that modern Indian batters, influenced by the fast-paced nature of franchise cricket, often rely heavily on

boundary-hitting. In contrast, Iyer demonstrated that strike rotation, well-placed boundaries and sensible shot selection remain equally valuable, particularly when rebuilding an innings after early setbacks.

Patel described the innings as a masterclass in understanding match conditions and ground dimensions. He also suggested that the lessons learned during India's recent T20 matches against Ireland had helped the team improve its approach and make better tactical decisions.

Commenting on the team's overall batting display, Patel said India needed such a performance after an inconsistent start to the tour in Ireland. He believed there had been questions about the team's ability to adapt to varying conditions and alter its strategy when required.

West Indies Eye Early Breakthroughs With Second New Ball

QUEENSTOWN

West Indies are aiming to make immediate inroads with the second new ball on the second morning of the second and final Test against Sri Lanka after the visitors dominated the opening day's play with an impressive batting display in North Sound.

Sri Lanka ended the first day in a commanding position at 338 for 5, recovering strongly after an early setback through a magnificent innings of 188 by Lahiru Udara and a crucial 215-run partnership for the third wicket with Kamindu Mendis. Their resilience placed the visitors in control after they had suffered a heavy defeat by an innings and 217 runs in the opening Test of the series.

Despite Sri Lanka's dom-

inance for most of the day, West Indies bowling coach Ravi Rampaul believes the second new ball, which is only three overs old, offers his side an opportunity to regain momentum when play resumes.

Speaking after the close of play, Rampaul said the team's primary objective is to exploit the conditions with the relatively new ball and strike early. He pointed out that the home side had bowled well with the new ball at the start of the innings, reducing Sri Lanka to 25 for 2 within the first eight overs, demonstrating that disciplined bowling could produce results.

Rampaul stressed the importance of claiming at least two wickets quickly

on the second morning to expose Sri Lanka's lower order. He also underlined the need for the bowlers to maintain a balance between attacking for wickets and defending against easy scoring opportunities. According to him, controlling the economy rate while maintaining consistent pressure will be vital if West Indies are to prevent Sri Lanka from building an even bigger first-innings total.

The West Indies camp has some encouragement from the closing stages of the opening day. Sri Lanka captain Dhananjaya de Silva was dismissed with just the second delivery after the second new ball became available at the beginning of the 81st over.

Los Angeles Knight Riders End Losing Streak With Convincing Victory

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Knight Riders registered an impressive six-wicket victory over Texas Super Kings in their Major League Cricket (MLC) 2026 clash on Friday, ending a disappointing three-match losing

streak with a confident all-round performance. Chasing a target of 174, the Knight Riders reached 175 for 4, powered by composed half-centuries from Colin Munro and Rovman Powell.

The victory significantly boosted Los Angeles Knight

Riders' position in the tournament standings, lifting them from sixth to fourth place. In a rare situation midway through the competition, all six teams are now level on six points, with net run rate emerging as the only factor separating them on the table.

Lionel Messi Urges Argentina to Improve After Narrow Victory

MIAMI

Argentina captain Lionel Messi admitted his side have 'many things to correct' after surviving a major scare to defeat Cape Verde 3-2 after extra time and book their place in the Round of 16 of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The defending champions needed an extra-time own goal, forced by Messi's corner, to overcome a spirited Cape Verde side after being pushed back twice during a thrilling contest at the Miami Stadium on Saturday. Argentina will now face Egypt in the last 16.

Reflecting on the performance, Messi stressed that qualification alone was not enough and said the team must learn from their mistakes ahead of the knockout stages.

Today, we put in a huge effort, as always, playing well and playing badly, just like we always say, but I think the important thing now is to rest, think about what's coming next and try to take positives from today's game.

Beyond just qualifying, I think there are positives because we did some good things, and we also need to correct the bad ones, which I think were many today as well, Messi said after the match as quoted by ESPN.

Messi, who opened the scoring in the 29th minute.