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More taluks to be declared drought-hit in 15 days: CM

With crops wilting across northern Karnataka, government assesses additional areas facing severe water stress amid worsening drought conditions.

KUDALASANGAMA

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday visited drought-hit areas of Bagalkot and inspected crop conditions amid a 42-43% rainfall deficit across Karnataka.

D K Shivakumar said more taluks would be declared drought-hit within 15 days, after 101 taluks were already notified.

He said the government would release the list in phases based on reports from district ministers and officials, following Central guidelines. Scientific assessments of other taluks are under way.

Karnataka is facing a rainfall deficit, with severe drought conditions reported across several districts.

"Except for a few command areas, good crops are not visible in most places. The situation in Bagalkot is serious. We have discussed the ground reality with farmers," Shivakumar said. He said he had



"Scientific assessment of the remaining taluks is under way, and more areas will be declared drought-hit in phases."

-D K Shivakumar, Chief Minister

recently visited Gadag, Dharwad and Haveri, where crops had suffered significantly, and said Bagalkot was now facing similar conditions.

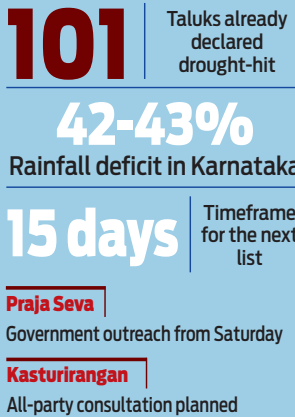
Farmers' interests priority Shivakumar said some water had reached the Krishna river, while other rivers, including the Cauvery, had not received adequate inflows. He said

Tamil Nadu had sought water for crops and that discussions had been held with Ministers Yathindra Siddaramaiah and Cheluvaryaswamy.

"Farmers' interests are the government's priority," he said.

Praja Seva from Saturday The CM said the 'Praja Seva' initiative would begin on Saturday to take government services to people's doorsteps.

Ministers will visit taluks on the first and third Saturdays each month, while MLAs will meet people at panchayat level.



BJP can undertake more yatras

On the BJP's padayatra, Shivakumar said, "Let them undertake four more yatras. They can also undertake a repentance yatra.

People have already given their verdict." On the Kasturirangan report, he said the government would seek the views of all parties before finalising Karnataka's position.

Drought assessment

The Karnataka government has declared 101 taluks drought-hit and is assessing additional areas scientifically. Officials are examining rainfall, crop conditions and other parameters prescribed under Central guidelines. The government plans to release more names in phases within 15 days. Shivakumar said severe crop damage had been reported in Gadag, Dharwad, Haveri and Bagalkot, while farmer consultations and field-level assessments would continue.

Karnataka launches cloud seeding to tackle rain deficit

With reservoirs under pressure and rainfall lagging, Karnataka turns to artificial rain to ease looming water shortages.

BENGALURU

Water Resources Minister N Cheluvaryaswamy on Friday launched Karnataka's cloud-seeding programme at HAL Airport, aimed at addressing the rainfall deficit and mitigating the impact of a possible drought.

The minister flagged off a specially equipped light aircraft by waving the national and Karnataka flags. He said rainfall had been below normal this year and warned that the state could face a serious drinking-water shortage if adequate reserves were not created by the end of September.

"We have taken up cloud seeding in the interest of farmers and to overcome water scarcity. Whatever the outcome, our priority is to ensure that the people of Karnataka benefit," Cheluvaryaswamy said.

The programme has received administrative approval of Rs 28.52 crore, excluding GST, and is being jointly implemented by Karnataka



Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL) and the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

The technical team will identify suitable rain-bearing clouds using Doppler radar and other weather data. Aircraft will then release cloud-seeding chemicals into selected clouds. Operations will be undertaken in areas facing rainfall shortages, major reservoir catchments and agricultural distress, depending on prevailing weather conditions.

Cloud-seeding operation

- **Cost:** Rs 28.52 crore + GST
- **Aircraft:** Specially equipped light aircraft
- **Monitoring:** Doppler radar and weather data
- **Targets:** Rain-deficit areas and reservoir catchments
- **Operation:** Chemicals released into suitable clouds
- **Updates:** Weather conditions assessed every two hours

HOW CLOUD SEEDING WORKS

Cloud seeding is a scientific method aimed at enhancing rainfall by introducing suitable particles into existing clouds. Special aircraft release chemicals into rain-bearing clouds, encouraging tiny water droplets to combine and become heavier. Doppler radar helps identify suitable clouds and monitor conditions. Operations will be carried out only when favourable clouds are detected, with technical teams assessing weather data continuously.

RIVER CONFLUENCE OFFERING



Chief Minister D K Shivakumar performs Bagina at the river confluence in Kudlasangama.

Meloni thanks Modi as Italy marks historic milestone

ROME

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on Friday thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for congratulating her on a record milestone, saying bilateral ties were stronger than ever.

Meloni's government has become the longest-serving government in the history of Italy's postwar republic, completing 1,413 days in office since she became Prime Minister on October 22, 2022.

Responding to Modi's message, Meloni said the Special Strategic Partnership



launched by the two countries reflected their commitment to creating new opportunities for growth.

"Thank you, dear Narendra Modi, for your words and for

"The relationship between Italy and India is today stronger than ever."

-Giorgia Meloni, Italian Prime Minister

your friendship. The relationship between Italy and India is today stronger than ever," Meloni posted on X.

She said the two countries would continue strengthening ties between their continents and work together to develop the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).

Modi had earlier congratulated Meloni, saying the milestone reflected the trust and

confidence of the Italian people in her leadership. He also credited her friendship with strengthening the India-Italy Special Strategic Partnership.

The two leaders had in May agreed to elevate bilateral relations to a Special Strategic Partnership during Modi's two-day visit to Italy. They also agreed to annual leaders' meetings and regular ministerial and institutional-level engagements.

Meloni, Italy's first woman Prime Minister, surpassed the tenure of former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to achieve the milestone.

GDP growth must translate into jobs, incomes: Parameshwara

BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister Dr G Parameshwara questioned whether India's high growth numbers are translating into jobs, higher incomes and economic security for ordinary citizens.

Reacting to the Union Government's GDP growth narrative, Parameshwara said economic expansion should benefit every Indian rather than remain confined to headline statistics.

He questioned the recent revision of the GDP base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23, along with changes in methodology, data sources and estimation techniques. He said the impact of the COVID-19 contraction and subsequent base effect needed greater transparency and independent scrutiny.

"A GDP number is not a certificate of prosperity. India needs jobs, higher incomes and economic security, not just growth statistics," Parameshwara said.

He said India's relatively low per-capita income and inadequate availability of high-quality employment remained concerns despite its position among the fast-



"India does not merely need a higher GDP. It needs higher incomes, better jobs, stronger exports, competitive manufacturing and economic security."

-Dr G Parameshwara, Deputy Chief Minister

est-growing major economies.

Parameshwara called for greater focus on manufacturing, MSMEs, exports, higher wages and productive employment for educated youth. He also flagged India's merchandise trade deficit, import dependence and vulnerability to oil prices and global conflicts.

He said sustained dependence on imported energy and critical components could undermine economic sovereignty despite initiatives such as Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

HarperCollins to publish Sonia Gandhi's memoir amid Penguin row

NEW DELHI

Sonia Gandhi's much-awaited memoir *Belonging: A Journey of Love* will be published in India by HarperCollins India on November 10, ending the uncertainty over its publisher following a dispute with Penguin India.

HarperCollins described the 544-page book as a "dramatic and deeply personal" account combining love, family, identity, duty and India's post-Independence journey.

The memoir was earlier scheduled for publication by Penguin India.

However, Penguin announced on August 18 that it was "not the publisher" of the book after disagreements over changes sought in the Indian edition.

Sources said Gandhi was unwilling to remove passages concerning Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and China's occupation of Indian territory.

She was also reportedly opposed to having different versions of the memoir for India and other countries.

Tamil Nadu farmers plan five-day campaign against Mekedatu

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu farmers will launch a statewide campaign opposing Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu dam across the Cauvery from September 20.

The Coordination Committee of All Farmers' Associations of Tamil Nadu announced the five-day campaign after its delegation held a five-hour meeting with Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Gurugram.

Committee president P R Pandian said the campaign would begin at Poompuhar. Farmers would also seek a

meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, if necessary, to press their demands.

Pandian alleged that Karnataka's political leadership was pursuing the Mekedatu project for political gains despite opposition at the local level. He termed Karnataka's Detailed Project Report submitted to the Central Water Commission "fraudulent" and legally invalid, claiming it lacked the required consent of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and the Cauvery Water Management Authority.

He urged the Centre to deny environmental and forest clearances, saying the project would

affect farmers in both states.

"Building a dam at Mekedatu to store water under the guise of drinking water requirements during scarcity periods is unacceptable and will only ruin agriculture," Pandian said.

He proposed a dam at Rasimanal in Tamil Nadu as an alternative, saying farmers from both states had agreed on the site during a joint meeting in 2024.

The delegation also sought legal backing for Minimum Support Price, implementation of the M S Swaminathan Committee recommendations, withdrawal of the Electricity Regulatory Commission Act.

EYE IN SKY

ISRO launches India's first geo-orbit imaging satellite

SRIHARIKOTA

India's space programme scored a major success on Friday with the launch of EOS-05, the country's first dedicated imaging satellite to operate from geosynchronous orbit.

The GSLV-F17 lifted off at 2:55 am from the second launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. About 18 minutes later, the rocket successfully placed the 2,367-kg EOS-05 into its intended Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

The mission marks the Indian Space Research Organisation's first successful launch of 2026, following the



Mission at a glance

- **Satellite:** EOS-05
- **Rocket:** GSLV-F17
- **Lift-off:** 2:55 am
- **Weight:** 2,367 kg
- **Orbit:** Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit
- **Launch site:** Sriharikota
- **GSLV mission:** 19th
- **Launch from Sriharikota:** 107th

Why EOS-05 matters

EOS-05 is expected to strengthen India's Earth-observation capabilities by delivering near-real-time imagery from geosynchronous orbit. Its multi-band imaging system can support agriculture, environmental surveillance and disaster management. The 2,367-kg satellite is the heaviest payload carried by a GSLV into a GTO or sub-GTO orbit. Orbit-raising manoeuvres will now place it in its final geo-platform position.

agriculture, environmental monitoring and disaster management. ISRO scientists will conduct orbit-raising manoeuvres over the next few days to place it in its final geosynchronous position.

Mission Director Thomas Kurien said EOS-05 has a unique configuration enabling near-real-time imaging and is the heaviest satellite launched by the GSLV into a GTO or sub-GTO orbit.

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Neglected vacant lots and chronic garbage black spots are pushing Bengaluru neighborhoods to the brink, trapping residents near Queens Road and Cunningham Crescent Road in a daily nightmare of unbearable stench, illegal debris, and urban decay.



Residents near Queens Road and Chikka Bazar Road face a relentless health hazard due to a persistent garbage black spot. Despite repeated half-hearted cleanups by authorities, the site quickly accumulates more waste. Surrounded by schools, a prayer hall, and elderly residents, the horrific stench is making daily life unbearable.



Residents of Cunningham Crescent Road endure an ongoing nuisance at an abandoned vacant lot plagued by illegal garbage, construction debris dumping, and public urination. Despite frequent complaints, municipal cleanups are minimal and short-lived. Unlit streets coupled with this hazardous eyesore have left the neighborhood feeling unsafe.

World Bank applauds GBA's integrated drain development

WORLD BANK INSPECTORS PRAISED BENGALURU FOR TRANSFORMING A NARROW STORMWATER DRAIN INTO AN ECO-FRIENDLY PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A high-level World Bank Task Team inspecting ongoing urban infrastructure initiatives under the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Project has formally praised the Greater Bengaluru Authority for its pioneering design of the stormwater drain development and public walking path at Varthur Kodi Circle within the Mahadevpura constituency.

During a rigorous field evaluation of sites funded through international financial cooperation, international delegates closely examined the administrative and engineering frameworks deployed by the project implementation unit. The global delegation expressed admiration for how local planners successfully transformed a conventional, narrow earthen stormwater drain spanning just seven to eight meters into a structurally reinforced corridor expanding up to thirty-two meters wherever government parcels were successfully cleared and secured.

A defining element capturing the visiting mission's attention was the successful integration of a 3.5 meter-wide public pedestrian walkway stretching nearly one kilometer parallel to the modernized drainage channel. This multi-purpose corridor was engineered by reclaiming



unoccupied government 'Karab' land, removing illegal encroachments, and expanding water-carrying capacities without disrupting hydraulic performance. Officials briefed the team that the elevated pedestrian pathway serves as a dual purpose: providing a recreational amenity for local residents while functioning as a physical barrier preventing future land grabs and boundary encroachments.

Environmental and social specialists accompanying the mission lauded the inclusion of extensive landscaping designed to elevate urban biodiversity and aesthetic standards. The corridor features dense rows of Dancing and Facing Bamboo planted along the drain perim-

"The initiative goes beyond conventional stormwater construction by combining improved drainage, government land protection, green corridors, and public walking facilities,"
- The World Bank Task Team.

eter, complemented by blooming Tabebuia trees lining the outer boundaries. This green architecture serves multiple technical and ecological functions, including microclimate regulation, dust abatement, boundary delineation, and the creation of a secure, shaded environment that encourages active community recreation.

Furthermore, technical presentations highlighted forward-looking utility planning incorporated into the design



Project features & innovations

- Public Walking Path:** A 3.5-meter-wide pedestrian walkway spanning nearly one kilometer was developed alongside the channel to encourage outdoor fitness and deter future land encroachment.
- Environmental Landscaping:** The corridor features extensive greenery, including Dancing Bamboo along the drain side and flowering Tabebuia trees planted along boundaries to enhance aesthetics and air quality.
- Future Utility Planning:** Engineers integrated dedicated space within the corridor design for upcoming sewer infrastructure, ensuring that future utility installations will not disrupt the new walkways.
- Hydraulic Enhancement:** Widening the drainage channel successfully optimizes water flow management while maintaining structural safety during heavy monsoons.

phase. Dedicated alignments have been reserved within the corridor layout to accommodate upcoming municipal sewer infrastructure, ensuring that future utility installations will bypass the need to tear up or

disrupt the newly paved walking trails. This synchronized approach to civil engineering, drainage management, and utility provisioning received high praise from international urban planning experts.

'Repeat encroachers in Bengaluru to face FIRs, material seizure'

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Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has directed senior civic and police administrators to institute dedicated joint task forces across every city corporation jurisdiction to permanently eliminate the persistent menace of illegal foot-path re-encroachments.

Presiding over a high-level virtual review meeting with top municipal and law enforcement officials on Thursday, the minister emphasized that clearing pedestrian walkways is only an initial step, and safeguarding public pathways from repeat offenders requires aggressive, institutionalized monitoring and zero-tolerance enforce-



ment. Under the newly mandated strategy, municipal authorities and local police departments will operate in absolute tandem to prevent commercial vendors, unauthorized parking operators, and makeshift structures from reclaiming public concrete corridors.

The minister stressed that

any location where an encroachment returns after an initial clearance drive must trigger immediate, severe legal consequences.

Repeat violators will face formal First Information Reports, immediate confiscation of commercial goods or construction materials, and the imposition of significantly enhanced financial penalties under urban municipal codes. To ensure accountability,

officials must assign strict territorial oversight to designated zones. Regular and surprise field inspections will be conducted jointly by municipal marshals and beat police personnel, requiring prompt digital documentation through geo-tagged photographs whenever unauthorized structures reappear.

Furthermore, the administration plans to establish a streamlined reporting framework that tracks enforcement actions and measures progress on a continuous, transparent basis.

Addressing the broader urban commerce landscape, Minister Byre Gowda ordered civic bodies to delineate precise, road-wise boundaries establishing exactly where street vending is legally permitted, restricted, or entirely prohibited.

One year of GBA: Civic overhaul falls as urban crisis deepens

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Marking the one-year milestone since the operationalization of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), urban infrastructure specialists and civic critics have asserted that the massive administrative overhaul has largely failed to translate structural restructuring into tangible ground-level results. Launched with the objective of decentralizing services by dividing the erstwhile BBMP into five distinct municipal corporations, the authority continues to face intense scrutiny over persistent civic backlogs, unfulfilled promises, and a glaring democratic deficit. A central critique revolves around the continuous absence of an elected civic council, leaving Bengaluru without grassroots popular representation since September 2020.

Kitchen nightmare: FDA seal Bengaluru's famous Chairman Club kitchen

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The Food Safety Wing of the Department of Food Safety and Drug Administration launched a rigorous surprise inspection drive that resulted in the immediate shutdown and sealing of the kitchen at the high-profile Chairman's Club, located in Dollars Colony, Sahakaranagar. The enforcement action follows explicit directives from state health authorities to ramp up scrutiny over commercial hospitality venues, high-end dining spaces, and recreational clubs across the metropolitan area.

During the raid, state food inspectors uncovered a litany of alarming violations that severely compromised public health standards. The most critical discovery involved the storage of approximately 40 kilograms of expired chilli stocks intended for active culinary use in meals served to patrons. In addition to expired ingredients, enforcement teams flagged severe packaging and labelling discrepancies, seizing 5 kilograms of bread crumbs and 2 kilograms

of Sajeera that completely lacked mandatory regulatory information required under Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) guidelines.

Sanitary conditions inside the food preparation and storage zones were described by officials as appallingly unhygienic. Inspectors documented active cockroach infestations swarming through cooking zones, creating an immediate vector hazard. The investigation further revealed the illicit use and storage of unauthorized, potentially prohibited artificial food colors designed to enhance dish appearances fraudulently. Compounding these failures, kitchen personnel blatantly disregarded basic cross-contamina-



tion protocols by storing raw vegetarian and non-vegetarian food products together in shared refrigeration and storage spaces.

Acting swiftly on these multiple infractions, the inspection team executed emergency closure orders under the statutory provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the accompanying Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Regulation of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011.

All compromised and expired ingredients were confiscated on-site. Senior food safety officials have confirmed that formal legal proceedings have been initiated against the management of the establishment.

BDA hands over 1,441 groundwater percolation wells

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The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has officially completed and handed over 1441 newly constructed rainwater-harvesting percolation wells across public parks and residential layouts, marking a major milestone in urban water conservation. BDA Chairman Sri N. A. Haris presided over the handover ceremony held at the Nadaprabhu Kempagowda Layout, officially transferring the management and maintenance responsibilities of the sustainable infrastructure to civic authorities.

The initiative, titled the 'One Billion Drops' project, was executed in active partnership with the non-profit organization United Way of Bengaluru between February 2025 and February 2026. Engineered across 77 designated BDA parks and community premises, the decentralised network of percolation wells is scientifically projected to capture and recharge approximately 184.59 million liters of rainwater annually back into depleted underground aquifers, directly benefiting over 82000 urban residents.

Addressing the gathering,



"Every drop we recharge today strengthens Bengaluru's tomorrow, and these wells are a practical step toward building urban water resilience"
-N.A. Haris, BDA Chairman.

Chairman Haris emphasized that Bengaluru's long-term water security relies heavily on proactive local conservation. He noted that rapid urbanization and widespread concretization have severely choked natural rainwater infiltration, turning monsoon downpours into destructive surface runoff. By installing twelve-foot-deep percolation wells fortified with concrete rings, aggregate stone packing, protective iron mesh, and

artistic Warli designs for public awareness, the project establishes a robust, decentralised framework to combat groundwater depletion.

Alongside the physical infrastructure rollout, the collaboration prioritized community education, conducting nine targeted outreach programs across eight local schools and a BDA residential community. These interactive sessions utilized live models, animations, and workshops to engage 593 students and neighborhood stakeholders on sustainable water management practices. To further institutionalize environmental accountability, the BDA used the platform to launch a dedicated digital portal, GreenBengaluruByBDA.in.



Highlights & digital integration

- Recharge Capacity:** The 12-foot-deep concrete-ringed percolation wells are projected to replenish nearly 18.459 crore liters of rainwater annually, directly benefiting over 82,300 local residents.
- Community Engagement:** The initiative included nine specialized awareness programs across educational institutions and residential communities, reaching nearly 600 participants with interactive water-conservation models.
- New Digital Portal:** Alongside the handover, the BDA launched GreenBengaluruByBDA.in, an online platform to track sapling health, manage greening MOUs, and process citizen queries through a dedicated feedback portal.

Quick Read

Bengaluru police nab duo targeting women with movie promises

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Yeshwantpur police have arrested two men for allegedly targeting women on social media by impersonating associates of politicians and film producers. The suspects, Santosh SL and Puneeth Kumar B., promised victims movie roles and land dispute settlements. The duo lured women to local lodges before stealing their valuables. Following a complaint, authorities tracked down the suspects and raided locations in Davanagere and Sumanahalli. Police recovered 130 grams of gold ornaments worth 19 lakh rupees, successfully solving three separate theft cases across Bengaluru.

Isolated downpours to lash Karnataka this week

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The India Meteorological Department has forecasted that monsoon activity will remain generally weak across South India for the upcoming week. However, widespread heavy rainfall is expected specifically in coastal Karnataka between September 4 and 9. Meanwhile, light to scattered showers will prevail across other southern regions, including North and South Interior Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. Conversely, active monsoon conditions and heavy downpours are predicted for parts of Central, East, and North-east India due to an evolving low-pressure system.

Chandra Layout police rescue kidnapped woman and arrest trio

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Chandra Layout police have arrested three individuals—Reshma Banu, Najat, and Suhail—for allegedly kidnapping, assaulting, and blackmailing a woman over an unpaid loan. The dispute arose after the victim defaulted on monthly repayments for loans totaling 1.5 lakh rupees taken from Reshma and Najat. Lured to a location under the pretext of a job opportunity, the victim was assaulted, forced into an auto, and confined near Kumbalagod. The accused recorded a humiliating video, threatening to leak it online. Acting on a missing person complaint filed by the victim's mother, police successfully tracked down and rescued her.

Transport Minister hints at upcoming bus fare hike

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Citizens across Karnataka face the prospect of increased public transit costs as Transport Minister Bhairathi Suresh has strongly hinted at an impending revision of government bus ticket fares. Citing a steep surge in petroleum and diesel prices over the past eight months alongside mounting financial deficits across the state's four transport corporations, the minister noted that fare adjustments have become practically unavoidable to keep public mobility services operational. Addressing reporters, the transport minister explained that the state-run transit corporations are suffering massive financial losses running into thousands of crores annually. To address this without placing an unmanageable burden on common commuters—particularly given existing drought conditions—a special study committee headed by retired senior IAS officer Atul Kumar Tiwari has been formed. The panel is currently evaluating



operational costs and is slated to submit a comprehensive price revision report to the state cabinet shortly. Officials emphasized that any eventual price hike will be kept minimal and rationalized to balance corporate viability with public welfare. Alongside the fare revision updates, the transport department announced major infrastructural and welfare rollouts. Under the flagship Shakti Yojana, which provides free travel for women in ordinary government buses, the state is set to launch the first phase of digital integration by distributing free smart cards to over one crore beneficiaries. The rollout involves an estimated capital expenditure of two hundred fifty crore rupees and will commence shortly to streamline verification processes. Furthermore, the state cabinet has cleared a massive green mobility expansion under the central government's PM e-Drive scheme, approving the induction of 4,500 electric buses into the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL) fleet.

K'taka Govt vehicles amass Rs 19 crore in traffic fines

While everyday citizens face instant fines for minor traffic slips, official govt vehicles rack up thousands of unpaid violations with total impunity.

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Everyday citizens know the sting of getting an instant text message alert whenever they miss a traffic light, forget to wear a seatbelt, or ride a motorcycle without a helmet. Traffic enforcement is swift and strict for ordinary drivers, who face heavy penalties or vehicle seizures if they delay payment.

However, official government and police cars meant to set a standard for public safety have turned out to be some of the worst rule breakers on the road.

Newly released statistics from the Home Department reveal that vehicles belonging to law enforcement and various state departments have racked up an astonishing 85,844 traffic violations over the past three and a half years.

The police department alone logged 3,366 formal cases. While records showed only 21 infractions in 2023, the numbers jumped dramatically to 1,494 in 2024, fol-



While ordinary citizens face strict penalties and vehicle impoundment for minor infractions, government and police fleets have accumulated over 85,000 pending violations with little accountability.

-Civic safety analysts

lowed by 1,251 in 2025, and another 600 cases by July 2026. Other government offices performed even worse, accumulating 82,478 separate violations during the same period, peaking with 38,282 infractions in 2025 alone.

Critics note this pattern highlights a growing sense of institutional arrogance, where public officials assume state

plates grant immunity from the law.

While regular drivers face aggressive fine recovery, government vehicles enjoy a complete lack of urgency when it comes to settling dues. Financial audits reveal that total unpaid fines have climbed to a staggering nineteen crore rupees.

In 2024 alone, authorities levied over seventeen crore rupees in penalties against official vehicles, yet recovered a meager thirty-five lakh rupees. Similar backlogs piled up across other years, leaving millions in unpaid tickets. This glaring double stan-

Statistics and BREAKDOWN

Police Violations

Police department vehicles account for 3,366 registered cases, surging sharply from just 21 cases in 2023 to 1,494 in 2024, and continuing upward through 2026.

Other Departments

Vehicles belonging to various government offices amassed 82,478 cases, peaking with 38,282 violations in 2025 alone.

Pending Dues

Total outstanding fines across government and police fleets have reached a staggering 19.23 crore rupees, with collections remaining negligible compared to the massive penalties imposed.

dard has sparked immense public anger. Citizens argue that those paid to uphold the law should not be above it. As public pressure mounts, residents demand immediate action to recover the pending dues and hold government drivers to the same accountability enforced on everyday commuters.

Bench protects trial judges from undue disposal pressure

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In a striking metaphor emphasizing workplace dignity and judicial autonomy, the High Court of Karnataka has ruled that judicial officers and professionals must execute their responsibilities with the delicate precision of a musician playing an instrument, rather than being treated like sugarcane crushed to extract juice down to the final drop.

A judicial bench headed by Justice Dr. Chilakuru Sumalatha delivered the observation while hearing a petition concerning expedited trial proceedings.

The court firmly asserted that true justice cannot be measured merely by the speed at which case files are closed, nor can comprehensive legal judgments be generated simply by pressing a button.

Scrutinizing complex oral and documentary evidence to arrive at a fair, legally sound conclusion requires deep intellectual engagement, meaning that higher judicial tiers should avoid imposing excessive statistical pressure regarding disposal quotas on subordinate courts.

Parappana Agrahara boils over: Inmates try to lynch warder

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Tensions have flared once again at the high-security Parappana Agrahara Central Prison following a violent assault on a prison warder by inmates linked to a high-profile murder case. Authorities confirmed that suspects accused in the killing of Mangaluru activist Suhash Shetty brutally targeted an on-duty staff member, sparking renewed concerns over internal prison security and inmate discipline.

The disturbing episode unfolded inside the correctional block when warder Manjunath, functioning as a service relations observer, entered the ward regarding premature release documentation. According to official police complaints, inmates identified as Mohammad Muzamil, Abdul Shafghan, Mohammad Rizwan, Nayaz, and Kalandar Shafi launched a sudden verbal tirade against the officer. The confrontation quickly escalated into physical violence as the accused dragged Manjunath into a barracks room, pinned him down, and attempted to strangle him. Quick-thinking colleagues stationed nearby rushed to the scene, overpowering the at-

tackers and rescuing the choking officer from severe injury.

Preliminary investigations indicate that the violent outburst stemmed from a prolonged grudge regarding routine security enforcement. Approximately a month prior, prison administration transferred several detainees to the Annex-1 block. During the relocation, warder Manjunath performed mandatory baggage inspections and confiscated unauthorized personal items brought in by the inmates. Subsequent friction developed as staff cracked down on contraband and illicit activities inside the cell blocks, with inmates allegedly targeting Manjunath because he regularly reported rule violations to senior prison authorities.

Following the assault, jail officials lodged a formal criminal complaint at the local Parappana Agrahara police station against the in-

The inmates dragged the warder into a cell, assaulted him, and attempted to suffocate him by squeezing his neck.

-Prison security sources

Behind the prison riot

Contraband Restrictions: The violence is believed to stem from a security crackdown a month prior, when inmates were transferred to Annex-1 and barred from carrying unauthorized personal belongings during routine bag checks.

Staff Retaliation: Inmates targeted the warder out of lingering anger over strict compliance enforcement & reports of illegal activities inside the blocks.

Quick Intervention: On-duty guards and correctional officers rushed to room number 4 after hearing commotion, rescuing the victim from the assault.

Formal Charges: A formal criminal complaint has been registered at the Parappana Agrahara police station against the involved prisoners.

involved inmates. Law enforcement agencies are currently reviewing the incident to determine further legal action. The latest breach highlights ongoing volatility within the correctional facility, raising difficult questions about administrative oversight, inmate management, and the safety of frontline prison personnel handling hardened criminals.

MaciPolisys unveils new people-driven political model

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MaciPolisys has announced its entry into Karnataka politics, promising a new system where citizens, rather than leaders, will hold the highest authority.

Founder and president Madhav Ciran M.S. said the party will follow a corporate-style organisational structure while remaining accountable to the public. Its slogan, "6 Crore Kannadigas Are Our High Command," reflects its

focus on direct public participation.

The party said citizens will be able to choose internal office-bearers and Assembly candidates through its official website and verified social media platforms.

It also plans procedures allowing people to seek replacement of office-bearers who fail to meet expected responsibilities.

MaciPolisys plans to contest the 2028 Karnataka Assembly elections. It has an-

nounced eight divisions, 18 programmes and 108 manifesto commitments, covering economic freedom, basic infrastructure, essential services and accountable governance.

The party said financial and organisational records will be made public. Membership is open to eligible Karnataka voters, while statewide public outreach is planned from January 2027.

MaciPolisys says its broadest goal is political and systemic change by 2047.

Flipkart challenges CCPA Fine over product standards

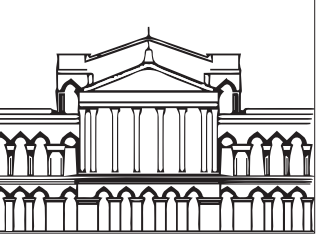
CH NEWS, BENGALURU

E-commerce giant Flipkart has formally approached the High Court of Karnataka to challenge a financial penalty levied by the Central Consumer Protection Authority over the alleged online sale of children's toys that fail to meet strict Bureau of Indian Standards criteria.

A judicial bench headed by Justice Suraj Govindaraju accepted Flipkart's petition for hearing. During the initial proceedings, the court directed the corporate platform to submit a comprehensive affidavit detailing the internal mechanisms and compliance checks it enforces to guarantee that only items meeting authorized safety benchmarks are displayed and sold on its digital marketplace. Furthermore, justices issued a formal notice to the consumer protection watchdog and scheduled the next hearing for October sixth.

Legal representation for Flipkart argued that the company did not furnish misleading information regarding the merchandise.

Counsel contended that the dispute centered strictly on missing product disclaimers rather than malicious intent, suggesting that any oversight constituted a technical deviation under specific statutory provisions rather than an intentional deceptive trade practice.



HIGH COURT

HC seeks GSI report on tunnel project route

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The controversial underground roadway project connecting Hebbal to the Silk Board has hit another major judicial hurdle. The High Court of Karnataka has formally instructed the state administration to submit a comprehensive Geological Survey of India report regarding fears that subterranean excavation could permanently damage the historic, billion-year-old rock formations nestled inside Lalbagh Botanical Garden.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakru and Justice K.S. Hemalekha issued the directive while presiding over a public interest litigation. Prominent theatre personality Prakash Belawadi and fellow citizens filed the legal challenge seeking an immediate halt to the infrastructure initiative.

During proceedings, petitioners' legal counsel urged the court to mandate the production of official geological findings to evaluate deep structural risks.

Judicial scrutiny also focused heavily on environmental threats surrounding the Hebbal Lake basin. The bench ordered the government to

Challenging a consumer watchdog penalty over uncertified toys, Flipkart faces tough scrutiny from the High Court regarding third-party vendor safety and digital accountability.

The bench expressed strong reservations regarding corporate accountability in consumer safety matters. Justices observed that everyday shoppers inherently trust e-commerce platforms to vet third-party vendors rigorously before listing goods. Highlighting the severe health hazards posed to infants and young children who frequently mouth plastic playthings, the court noted that substandard manufacturing materials can inflict lasting toxic effects.

Addressing the monetary penalty, the bench remarked that a five-lakh-rupee fine represents a negligible sum for a major enterprise.

The court sternly advised the corporation to acknowledge regulatory lapses transparently and rectify compliance protocols, cautioning that protracted legal resistance could prompt judicial authorities to scale up penalties substantially.

The regulatory dispute originated when the consumer authority initiated suo motu proceedings after discovering uncertified playthings actively promoted as bestsellers on the platform.

Because algorithmic curation actively facilitated high-volume transactions, authorities ruled that the company functioned beyond the legal immunity granted to standard intermediaries.

furnish a detailed technical breakdown from senior engineering authorities to dispel widespread anxieties about subterranean interference. Specifically, officials must clarify whether boring operations will block vital natural water inflows and outflows or disrupt fragile subterranean groundwater tables.

Petitioners previously argued that the mini-tunnel layout cuts directly across active lake beds and designated buffer zones.

Records indicate that out of a total area spanning one hundred thirty-six acres, the Bangalore Development Authority has already acquired three-and-a-half acres of the water body for the venture. Furthermore, justices noted that current statutes under the Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority Act appear to lack provisions permitting the commercial transfer of protected lake beds for such construction.

Defending the administration, Advocate General K. Shashikaran Shetty maintained that the subterranean route would not obstruct natural drainage networks or impair the functioning of connecting storm-water drains.

outward release of 9,252 cusecs, causing storage to drop.

Parallel to these water management updates, agricultural distress has surfaced in Chamarajanagar district. Local growers have expressed frustration toward the Nanjagud-based Bannari Amman Sugar Factory, citing unfulfilled contractual agreements regarding timely sugarcane harvesting. Affected farmers warned authorities that they may take drastic action and set fire to their unharvested crop lands if corporate representatives fail to clear the ripe produce immediately.

Quick Read

Apex Bank President, Vice President Elections on Sept 10

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Elections to choose the president and vice president of the Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank Limited are scheduled for September 10 at 11:00 AM in Bengaluru. Election officer Dayanand Bhandari has issued formal notices to all board directors to attend the meeting. Nominations will open on the morning of the election from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by scrutiny, candidate withdrawals, and voting if necessary. Results for both key leadership positions will be announced on the same day.

Police order 200-meter restricted zone around exam centers

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Bangalore City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh has ordered a 200-meter prohibited radius around all 68 examination centers across the city ahead of the Civil Police Constable (CAR/DAR) exams scheduled for September 6. To ensure fair and malpractice-free proceedings, all photocopy and xerox shops located within the designated zones must remain closed throughout the duration of the test. Authorities have implemented these strict precautionary measures to maintain security and order during the statewide recruitment examination.

Officials meet to expand credit facilities for agriculture & SHGs

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Development Commissioner Uma Mahadevan has urged banks, financial institutions, and government loan disbursement and collaborate on building a climate-resilient financial system. Speaking at the State Level Bankers Committee meeting, she emphasized the need for timely financial assistance to farmers and vulnerable groups impacted by extreme weather. Discussions focused on expanding credit facilities for agriculture, animal husbandry, and women self-help groups. Senior officials from Canara Bank, the Reserve Bank of India, and NABARD attended the session to review credit performance and support rural livelihoods.

KIADB functioning like a corrupt real estate agency: Narayanaswamy

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chavadi Narayanaswamy has launched a blistering attack on the state government, branding the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) as a thriving center of systemic corruption and institutionalized favoritism. Addressing a high-profile press conference in Bengaluru, Narayanaswamy exposed an elaborate land grab scheme wherein an individual systematically bypassed guidelines to accumulate seventeen acres

Minister Khandre vows ‘Zero Tolerance’ for lake grabs

Karnataka vows criminal prosecution and aggressive eviction drives to reclaim thousands of illegally occupied rural water bodies.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Eshwar B. Khandre has issued a stern warning that any future illegal occupation of water bodies managed by village panchayats will invite immediate criminal prosecution and swift eviction drives without exception.

Addressing a press conference in the capital, the minister highlighted the severe challenges confronting rural water security. Karnataka currently ranks as the state with the second-largest expanse of barren terrain nationwide. Out of 32,504 panchayat-administered water bodies, 11,498 faced historical illegal takeovers. While authorities have successfully cleared 6,670 of these infractions, an extensive 11,671 acres spanning 4,828 separate water bodies still require immediate recovery. Strict directives have been issued to field officials to reclaim these plots without delay.

The administration empha-

sized that protecting surface water sources is an existential necessity. Due to the prevalence of rocky terrain and laterite formations across the state, rainfall absorption is limited, causing groundwater tables to drop rapidly under heavy extraction. Officials warned that failing to safeguard lakes, ponds, and rivers will result in a catastrophic water crisis, as drinking water accounts for only three percent of global supplies.

Detailing rural supply initiatives, Khandre noted that over half of Karnataka's populace—roughly 4.45 crore residents distributed across 26,589 settlements—depends on rural networks. To future-proof drinking water infrastructure against population growth over the next three decades, the government is executing single- and multi-village supply grids, alongside training 1.51 lakh women equipped with field kits to monitor water quality.

Furthermore, Karnataka has emerged as the pioneer state nationwide in implementing

Water conservation & governance measures



If any lake belonging to a Gram Panchayat is encroached, it will be cleared without hesitation and criminal cases will be filed against encroachers.

- Minister Eshwar Khandre, State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister

Encroachment Clearance: Strict directives issued to officials to fast-track the recovery of remaining acreage currently trapped under illegal occupancies.	National Policy Appeal: The minister urged the central administration to implement a unified national framework protecting water sources from pollution and illegal grabs.	Rural Drinking Water Schemes: Multi-village and single-village projects are being scaled up to serve 4.45 crore residents across 26,589 villages over the next 30 years.
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Pioneering Water Budgeting: Karnataka stands as the first state nationwide to execute scientific water budgeting, balancing geographical availability with projected local consumption.

systematic water budgeting, calculating regional availability against consumer demand to formulate scientific distribution models. Continuous supply schemes introduced across 268 pilot villages have successfully curbed water wastage by seven percent while lowering pumping electricity consumption by twelve

percent.

Reiterating his appeal delivered during a national water summit in New Delhi, Khandre called for a comprehensive national blueprint to shield water bodies from industrial waste and land grabs, stressing that safeguarding environmental resources remains a collective civic duty.

Forcing English exams shuts doors for rural Kannadigas: Gowda

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka Rakshana Vedike State President T.A. Narayana Gowda has strongly condemned the inclusion of mandatory English language tests in government recruitment examinations, arguing that the policy unfairly disqualifies local youth who studied in regional medium institutions. In an official statement, Gowda questioned the necessity of testing candidates on English proficiency when Kannada has already been officially declared the primary administrative language of the state.

Gowda asserted that making English compulsory for state government jobs creates an immense barrier for talented candidates from rural backgrounds and regional medium schools. He alleged that an invisible bureaucratic lobby of bureaucrats is deliberately attempting to sideline Kannada in public administration. According to him, denying employment opportunities to otherwise qualified individuals simply because of a lack of English fluency runs completely counter to the principles of social justice and fair recruitment.

Flyover corridor	Restricted vehicles
Peenya elevated corridor	Auto-rickshaws, certain four-wheelers
Electronic City elevated corridor	Medium and auto-rickshaws
Double decker flyover	Heavy goods vehicles
Airport road flyover	Bikes, autos, commercial goods carriers



Objectives behind the ban

- Accident Mitigation:** Reducing the severity of multi-vehicle collisions and protecting vulnerable road users like bikers.
- Bottleneck Control:** Preventing entry and exit ramp congestion caused by breakdowns and vehicle repairs.
- Emergency Management:** Facilitating rapid traffic clearance during critical medical or security situations.

ment. The Airport Road elevated stretch enforces a total prohibition on bikes, auto-rickshaws, and daytime freight carrier movement. Additional rules designated for the Electronic City corridor are scheduled to take effect later this month on September 11, introducing round-the-clock prohibitions for two-wheelers and autos alongside daytime cargo limits.

Traffic officials emphasized that these measures stem from a comprehensive safety review focusing on vehicle speeds, narrow road widths, and frequent breakdowns that paralyze traffic. Officials noted that stalled cargo trucks on

ISKCON B’luru marks Janmashtami with special rituals, decor

CH NEWS, BENGALURU



Bengaluru's vibrant ISKCON temple and shrines citywide drew millions of devotees for Janmashtami, featuring elaborate floral designs, sacred abhishekam rituals, and joyous celebrations.

Millions of devotees across India and throughout Bengaluru immersed themselves in the vibrant spiritual fervor of Sri Krishna Janmashtami on Friday, marking the divine birth of Lord Krishna with elaborate rituals, devotional music, and magnificent temple decorations. The festival, commemorating the playful and protective incarnation of Lord Vishnu in Brindavan, transformed the city's prominent shrines into buzzing centers of cultural heritage and religious devotion.

At the renowned ISKCON Temple in Bengaluru, celebrations reached an extraordinary pinnacle. The temple premises witnessed a massive influx of spiritual seekers from dawn, eager to catch a glimpse of the presiding deities. To honor the auspicious day, the creative Brindavan design team adorned the main sanctuary with intricate peacock-themed floral and artistic arrangements, symbolizing Lord Krishna's iconic crown feather and his deep connection with nature.

A central highlight of the sacred ceremonies was the elaborate performance of the Jalamrutha abhishekam. Priests conducted the ritualistic bathing of the sacred Radha-Krishna festival idols using one hundred and eight distinct types of holy waters and purified nectars. This sacred purification rite was performed four separate times throughout the day, accompanied by Vedic chanting, traditional hymns, and the resonant ringing of temple bells that filled the air with divine energy.

Beyond the ISKCON complex, numerous other Venu

Madhavan temples and neighborhood community halls across Bengaluru hosted special day-long prayers, midnight birth aartis, and cultural programs detailing the life of the deity. Festivities stretched across the state of Karnataka, with historic Krishna temples witnessing massive gatherings, distribution of traditional prasadam, and children dressing up in vibrant attire portraying young Krishna and Radha.

Security and crowd management measures were heavily enforced by local authorities around major religious hubs to accommodate the swelling throngs of worshippers.

Despite the heavy rush, the atmosphere remained deeply joyous as the city united in celebrating the timeless teachings and playful legacy of Lord Krishna.

Karnataka announces ‘Best Teacher Awards’ for 2026-27

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The government of Karnataka has officially announced the recipients of the prestigious Best Teacher Awards for the academic year 2026-27, recognizing exemplary educators who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to student development, innovative classroom instruction, and community-driven educational reform. The statewide announcement honors a select group of teachers chosen from thousands of nominations across various districts, highlighting the vital contributions made by educators in rural and urban public institutions alike.

A total of thirty-two outstanding educators have been chosen for this year's accolades. The distinguished list comprises twenty dedicated primary school teachers, eleven accomplished high school instructors, and one specialized educator who has made significant strides in inclusive teaching methods.

These awards are traditionally presented on September 5, coinciding with Teachers' Day celebrations across the nation, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and to honor the noble profession of teaching.

The primary school division features educators from diverse geographical zones of

the state, reflecting a widespread commitment to foundational learning. Honorees include C. Uma from Kempthimmanhalli Government Lower Primary School in Devanahalli taluk, Basappa Parappa Patil from the Moodalagi educational zone in Chikkodi, Ashoka of Hesakuttur Government Higher Primary School in Kundapur taluk, and Suresh K from Government Gunderadoddy Lower Primary School in Devdurga taluk.

Further representation from northern and coastal Karnataka includes Hanamantha Kallappa Kataraki of Kengalgutti Government Higher Primary School in Vijayapura taluk, Usha V. Nayak of Government Higher Primary School in Honnavar, Mastan Vali of Guttahalli Government Lower Primary School in Chintamani taluk, and Prabhavati Balappa Halennavara, head teacher of Jafarwadi Marathi Higher Primary School in Belgaum rural taluk.

Additional primary awardees feature Sarojamma from Kollegal Sattegal Agrahara Government Higher Primary School, Ningappa, head teacher at Gunjababala Government Higher Primary School in Alanda taluk, and N.M. Nemanna Bammanna from Jamkhandi Teradala Jinasena Charya Higher Primary School.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje has strongly opposed the proposed tunnel road project in Bengaluru, demanding that the state government first conduct a comprehensive study on the city's actual traffic congestion before pushing ahead with massive infrastructure schemes. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Malleshwaram, she raised se-

rious financial concerns regarding the project's soaring costs and alleged widespread corruption.

Karandlaje pointed out that the estimated financial package for the first phase of the Bengaluru tunnel road initiative has mysteriously doubled, skyrocketing from an initial 5484 crore rupees to 10734 crore rupees. She questioned how the tender amount could witness a massive 97 percent hike, noting that a

second package stands at an additional 11263 crore rupees. Highlighting government circulars stating that tender premiums should not exceed five percent, she alleged that ten thousand crore rupees are being siphoned off through corrupt practices, directly targeting the ruling party leadership.

The Union Minister further criticized the administration for rushing the tendering process without proper technical

preparation or scientific evaluations, noting that the High Court has already called for an official technical report. She accused the state government of prioritizing commercial real estate interests over public welfare, warning that ongoing encroachment and concrete development around city lakes will severely ruin Bengaluru's drainage systems and trigger massive urban flooding during heavy monsoon downpours.

Turning to recent administrative controversies, Karandlaje addressed the temporary withdrawal of the contentious park bill, which faced fierce opposition and widespread street protests from senior citizens and local residents across the city. She criticized the government for attempting to push through policy changes without genuine public consultation, arguing that leadership is only backtracking due to mounting public pressure.



Civic issues raised

Tunnel Road Costs
Budget jumped from Rs 5,484 crore to Rs 10,734 crore.

Park Bill Opposition
Public protests forced a temporary withdrawal of the controversial park bill.

Lake Protection Concerns
Leaders warned that real estate development near water bodies will ruin the city's drainage system during heavy rains.

Industries urged to join PM-SETU skill development drive

Patil urged industry participation in implementing the scheme, which will establish 12 hubs connecting 48 ITIs across Karnataka

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Public and private industries have been urged to actively support the PM-SETU scheme, which will upgrade 48 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across Karnataka. Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil said industry participation is essential to create skilled workers who meet changing business needs. Patil made the appeal during a meeting with industry representatives to discuss implementation of the scheme. Skill Development Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil also attended. The programme will follow a hub-and-spoke model, with four ITIs linked to each hub. Karnataka will have 12 hubs covering 48 ITIs. One hub has been selected



each in Bengaluru Urban and Kalaburagi. Peenya ITI will serve as the Bengaluru Urban hub, with Tumakuru Road, Domlur, Hosur Road and Devanahalli ITIs as spokes. In Kalaburagi, the Government ITI for Boys will be the hub, supported by ITIs in Sedam, Afzalpur, Jewargi and the Government ITI for Women. An SPV will oversee implementation, with six industry representatives as members. Eligible companies can also participate through CSR divi-

sions and foundations. Firms with annual turnover of at least ₹500 crore and more than 1,000 employees can join. Industries will help design courses, training programmes and skill frameworks based on workplace requirements. The Union Government will provide ₹112 crore, the State Government ₹98 crore, and industries ₹31 crore. Sharan Prakash Patil said Karnataka has 270 government ITIs and industries willing to adopt

AT A GLANCE
• 48 ITIs targeted for upgrading across Karnataka
• 12 hubs planned under hub-spoke model
• Bengaluru Urban, Kalaburagi hubs already selected
• ₹112 crore Union Government funding allocated
• ₹98 crore State Government funding allocated
• ₹31 crore industry contribution planned for scheme

them would be allowed to do so. Representatives from Boeing, Biocon, Jindal, Toyota, Lenskart, Autoliv, Centum and NTTF attended the meeting, highlighting growing industry interest in strengthening technical education.

Quick Read

Applications open for rural interest subsidy support

CH NEWS, KOPPAL
Applications have been invited from artisans, professionals, and cottage industries in rural areas of Koppal district to receive interest subsidies on bank loans. Eligible applicants can receive a subsidy of up to five per cent or Rs. 10,000 on loans for projects costing up to Rs. 5 lakh. The subsidy applies to bank interest exceeding seven per cent. Applicants must collect the prescribed form by October 5 and submit completed applications with required documents and the bank's interest claim by October 9. For details, applicants can contact the Deputy Director, Rural Industries Division, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal, at 08539-230980.

Officials warn strict action against examination malpractice

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Authorities have completed preparations for the Armed Constable recruitment written examination, scheduled for September 6. Additional Deputy Commissioner B.T. Kumaraswamy warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone involved in malpractice, negligence, or other irregularities during the examination. Speaking at a preliminary meeting at the District Collector's office, Kumaraswamy said the Karnataka Examination Authority has introduced strict measures to prevent cheating and question paper leaks. The examination will be conducted at four centres in Chitradurga city, with 1,824 candidates expected to appear. The test will be held from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Officials were instructed to

AT A GLANCE
• Armed Constable written examination scheduled for September 6
• Four centres will host 1,824 candidates
• Examination scheduled from 10:30 am to noon
• AI facial recognition and CCTV ensure security
• Police protection arranged for question paper transport
• Strict action warned against malpractice and irregularities

ensure drinking water, proper lighting, ventilation, and uninterrupted electricity at all centres. Question papers and examination materials will be transported from the treasury under police protection and

separate vehicles. After the examination, answer sheets must be collected according to rules and safely returned to the treasury. Officers, observers, vigilance teams, route officers, and police personnel were told to follow their duties carefully. Candidates must follow KEA rules on prohibited items and dress code. Security checks, CCTV monitoring, and AI-based facial recognition will be used for identity verification. Candidates should reach their centres two hours early. Candidates using hearing aids or cochlear implants must carry their UDID card and medical certificate for separate screening. Those wearing religious attire must also arrive early for additional checks.



KMERC clears ₹3,574 crore for Chitradurga

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

An amount of Rs 3,574 crore has been approved under the Karnataka Mining Environment Restoration Corporation for development works and revival of mining-affected areas in Chitradurga district, outgoing Deputy Commissioner T. Venkatesh said. Speaking at a felicitation programme organized by the Karnataka Working Journalists Association, Venkatesh said he had held more than 100 meetings with the KMERC cell after taking charge. His efforts helped secure approval for proposals covering 33 departments. The projects include Rs 485 crore for forests, Rs 496 crore for rural drinking water, Rs 450 crore for a separate corridor, Rs 375 crore for Anganwadis, and Rs 354 crore for watershed development. Funds have also been approved for rural roads, minor irrigation, education, hostels, healthcare, urban water supply and drainage. Rs 30 crore has been allocated for a sound and light system at Chitradurga Fort. A committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge approved the projects, and detailed reports have been prepared. Venkatesh said the

Update	Figure
KMERC grant approved	₹3,574 crore
Departments covered	33
Mining-affected families	15,000
House assistance	₹11 lakh each
Housing sites planned	30,000 families
Revenue records digitised	5.17 crore pages

works are expected to be completed within two years. Under KMERC, houses costing Rs 11 lakh each are being constructed for around 15,000 homeless families in mining-affected areas. More than 1,000 acres have been reserved to provide sites to about 30,000 families. Revenue records have also been digitized, while land acquisition for industrial development and railway projects has progressed. Venkatesh thanked journalists, elected representatives and the public for their cooperation during his tenure, saying he hoped his work would be remembered through lasting development across the district.

Three Pavagada teachers chosen for district awards

CH NEWS, PAVAGADA:Three teachers from Pavagada taluk have been selected for the District Best Teacher Award for 2026-27, Madhugiri Educational District Deputy Director Madhavareddy V. said. Adilakshamma, a teacher at Government Lower Primary School near Shanimahatma Temple, was selected in the lower primary category. Narayanappa K of Government Higher Primary School, Kanivenahalli, was chosen in the upper primary category. Vimala R, a physical education teacher at Government High School, Kodamagu, was selected in the high school category. The three teachers will receive the awards during the Teachers' Day program at Gurukul International School on September 5, officials said.

Private School Federation warns govt of indefinite protest

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

The Kalyana Karnataka Divisional Private Educational Institutions Management Boards Federation has announced an indefinite dharna from September 9, demanding grants and other facilities for private unaided schools in the Kalyana Karnataka region. Federation president Sunil Kumar R. Hudagi issued the warning during a press conference at Patrika Bhawan on Friday. Hudagi said private educational institutions have not received adequate support even 13 years after Kalyana Karnataka received special status under Article 371(J). He blamed government inaction and political neglect for the continued difficulties faced by educational institutions in the region. The federation also opposed the Chief Minister's reported statement that separate reservation would be provided only to government school students. The organisation said such a decision would be unfair to students studying in private schools, particularly those from rural areas. Hudagi warned that the federation would begin an indefinite protest from September 9 if the government failed to meet its demands. Protesters plan to use vachana recita-



DEMANDS
• Model facilities of government schools: All the facilities and various grants provided to government schools by the KKRDB Board should be extended to private unaided schools.
• Salary subsidy: Private schools started after 1995 should be given salary subsidy on the Maharashtra model.
• RTE Admission & Fees: Poor children should be given admission in private schools under RTE as per the 2012 rules.
• School Renewal Simplification: The process of renewal of recognition of private schools should be simplified.
• Free Electricity & Tax Exemption: Like government schools, private schools should also be provided free electricity and property tax exemption should be given to schools under the Gram Panchayat.
• Autonomous Commissionerate: The Additional Commissionerate of the School Education Department in Kalaburagi should be declared a fully autonomous Commissionerate.

tions and slogans during the agitation. Several education and pro-Kannada organisations, including Hyderabad Karnataka Horata Samiti, RUPSA, and CAMS, have reportedly extended support to the movement. Federation district honorary president and advocate R.B. Panaganti, taluk president

Shahid Hussain, Tehsildar Prakash Kalburgi, Somana-gouda Police Patil, and others attended the press conference. The federation said it would continue its agitation until the government responds to its demands and provides appropriate support to private educational institutions across Kalyana Karnataka.

Karwar administration urges parties to support roll revision

CH NEWS, KARWAR

The district administration aims to resolve voter cases involving unmapped names and mapping differences by September, District Collector K. Lakshmi Priya said. She urged political parties to cooperate with officials during the special comprehensive revision of the electoral roll. Speaking at a meeting with political parties, Lakshmi Priya said notices had been issued through Booth Level Officers to 65,327 voters facing mapping issues and other related cases. Voters receiving notices must attend hearings at the specified place and date and submit required documents. Those who missed earlier hearings will receive another opportunity, but only two hearing dates will be allowed. Citizens who turn 18 by October 1, 2026, can apply to



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- K. Lakshmi Priya, District Collector

have their names added to the voter list. They must submit Form 6 along with the required declaration and documents. Voters can also use Form 7 to request deletion of names and other prescribed forms for corrections or changes in polling stations and constituencies. The administration will hold special voter registration campaigns on September 19 and 20. Officials will carefully examine all claims and objections to ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the

electoral roll. The administration plans to complete disposal of all claims and objections by October 22. The final voter list will be published on October 27, the Collector said. She called for continued cooperation from political parties and citizens to make the revision process accurate and transparent. Additional District Collector Sajid Mulla and representatives from Congress, BJP and JD(S), including Shambhu Shetty, Sanjay Salunke and Udaya Bhovi, attended the meeting.

‘Prajā Seva Abhiyan brings governance to people’

CH NEWS, KARWAR

The state government has launched the Praja Seva Abhiyan to make governance easier, faster, and more transparent. The campaign aims to bring government services closer to people and reduce the need for citizens to visit offices repeatedly. A new Public Service Department has been formed to receive public complaints and help resolve them either immediately or within a

fixed period. Meetings will be held every Saturday at taluk and hobli levels. Meetings on the first and third Saturdays will be chaired by the district in-charge minister, while local MLAs will lead meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays. People can submit complaints beforehand through Gram One centres or use free computers, printers, and internet facilities available at meeting venues. Complaints will be reviewed ev-

ery Wednesday in three stages. Cases pending for more than 21 days under Sakal or IPGRS will receive special attention. Citizens can also register complaints through the 1902 helpline, the IPGRS portal, or the Janaspandan mobile application. Delayed complaints will be automatically sent to concerned department heads. The Chief Minister will personally review pending cases at the state level.

PROMISE-MEETS-DELAY

Thousands Of Gadag Students Await Free School Shoes

MALINGARAYA PUJAR, CH NEWS

Three months after government schools reopened, thousands of poor students in Gadag district are still waiting for free shoes and socks promised by the state. The delay has upset children, parents and the public, especially as the rainy season is nearing its end. Many students are reportedly attending classes barefoot or in damaged slippers, making a basic school need an ongoing source of frustration. The scheme was planned to provide one pair of shoes and two pairs of socks free to lakhs of students during the academic year. However, technical procedures, government approvals and delays in

releasing funds have slowed the programme. Officials are also working on a new system under which the footwear will be purchased through a centralized state-level tender, rather than through individual schools and School Development and Monitoring Committees, as happened earlier. Authorities say the centralized tender is intended to improve transparency, prevent corruption and save public money. The Education Department has also proposed better quality footwear suited to local weather. Instead of supplying only shoes, it may provide slippers or sandals where the climate demands them. Officials believe this could help children during wet weather and reduce discomfort caused by damp con-

ditions. Yet rules and approvals have delayed the process further. The government has fixed a maximum amount for each student. For Classes 1 to 5, the limit is ₹265 per child, while Classes 6 to 8 have a limit of ₹295. For Classes 9 and 10, the maximum is ₹325. Gadag district has 850 government and aided schools, with 120,443 students covered by the scheme. All are waiting for footwear as the procurement process continues. Parents say the delay has become an annual problem and question why the tender was not completed before schools reopened. They recall that local purchases earlier allowed schools to provide footwear in June. They also



fear that children suffer when they attend school in wet conditions without proper footwear. Parents are now urging the government to complete the tender quickly and distribute the items without further delay.

“The government needs to put aside technical excuses and take responsibility for completing the tender process on a war footing and delivering shoes/slippers to poor students.”

—Gangappa, parent of school student

Vijayendra vows to intensify BJP agitation across Karnataka

Vijayendra said the BJP achieved four major political successes in 25 days through relentless pressure campaigns against the state government

CH NEWS, RAICHUR

The Bharatiya Janata Party's high-profile 'Ballari Chalo' padayatra, organized to condemn the administrative failures of the ruling Congress government in Karnataka, entered its fourth day on Friday.

The day's 26-kilometer leg began from Mahatma Gandhi Circle in Sindhanur, Raichur, and will cross into Karatagi in Koppal district under the supervision of the BJP State Minority Morcha.

Led by BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, senior leaders including Govind Karjol, B. Sriramulu, V. Sunil Kumar, and Mahesh Tenginkai participated in the march. Commencing on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami, the procession was inaugurated with traditional cow worship. Thousands of party workers and supporters from across Sindhanur, Vijayanagar, Gadag, Kanakagiri, Haveri, Hubballi, and Dharwad joined the demonstration to protest against severe government



shortfalls, notably highlighting delays in releasing welfare pensions, old-age assistance, and salaries for ASHA workers, Anganwadi staff, and guest lecturers.

Meanwhile, in a statement released from Bengaluru, Vijayendra declared that his party had secured four major political successes in the past 25 days solely through its relentless pressure campaigns against the state government. Outlining these milestones,

Vijayendra noted that the first breakthrough was extracting the resignation of Minister B. Nagendra following continuous legislative protests. The second success, he claimed, was compelling Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his cabinet ministers to leave their air-conditioned offices and tour drought-stricken rural districts to assess agrarian distress.

Furthermore, Vijayendra pointed out that the BJP's agi-

Led by	B.Y. Vijayendra
Padayatra day	4th day
Friday's march	26 km
Starting point	Sindhanur
Next destination	Karatagi
Political successes claimed	4

tation forced the administration to withdraw the contentious Park Bill, which would have allowed construction in urban parks. Finally, he highlighted that the government was compelled to convene a special session of the legislature specifically to address drought and pressing state challenges, an outcome he attributed directly to persistent opposition demands.

Asserting that "nothing succeeds like success," Vijayendra emphasized that these victories demonstrate the power of sustained public movements. He concluded that the growing momentum will encourage the BJP to further intensify its agitation across Karnataka against the Congress administration's policies.

Banks asked to boost lending across Karwar district

CH NEWS, KARWAR

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dadileesh Shashi directed lead bank officials to set clear targets for improving the loan-to-deposit ratio across banks in the district.

He also asked them to prepare action plans and work towards achieving the targets during the current financial year.

Speaking at the District Agrani Bank Progress Review Meeting, Shashi said loan applications submitted under various government schemes should be examined quickly. Eligible beneficiaries should receive loans on priority so they can use the funds for economic activities and improve their financial condition.

He instructed departments implementing government schemes to immediately forward pending loan applications to banks. He said departments have a responsibility to ensure eligible beneficiaries receive scheme benefits with-



out unnecessary delays. Better coordination between departments and banks, he added, would help more people access financial support.

At the end of June 2026, banks in the district had collected deposits worth Rs 27,262 crore and disbursed loans of Rs 12,778 crore. The resulting loan-to-deposit ratio stood at 46.87 percent. Shashi asked banks to prepare separate strategies to improve the ratio and increase lending to eligible applicants.

The meeting also reviewed loans being provided under various government programmes and discussed ways to speed up lending. Zilla Panchayat Project Director Karim Asadi, Chief Project Officer

Loan applications under government schemes should be processed quickly, with eligible beneficiaries receiving priority to support economic activities and improve their financial condition.

- Dadileesh Shashi, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer

Somashekar Mesta, Canara Bank Regional Manager Nagaraj, NABARD Manager Sushil, Lead Bank Manager Rajappa, Lead District Officer Mom Raj Brahma and officials from banks and government departments attended the meeting. Shashi stressed that stronger lending would help ensure public funds reach deserving beneficiaries and support local economic growth.

Social groups urged to support students' future

CH NEWS, HANAGAL

Social organizations should actively join hands with the government to shape a better future for students, businessman Vijay Mane said.

He was speaking at the inauguration of six well-equipped classrooms and teaching equipment at PM Shri KPS Primary and High School in Hanagalla.

The facilities, costing Rs 1 crore, are being sponsored by Bengaluru-based Amedian Software Pvt Ltd under the leadership of OSAT. Mane said development of Hanagalla taluk was continuing through several new projects, but education should remain

the top priority. He urged schools to properly use and maintain facilities provided by the government and social organizations.

Mane said good buildings, furniture and teaching equipment could serve students for many years only with proper maintenance. He also called for collective efforts to support MLA Srinivas Mane's vision of developing Hanagalla as a model taluk.

Area Education Officer R.V. Chinnikatty said four school buildings had already been completed with OSAT support and were helping students learn better. Work on two more buildings has been completed, while efforts are

underway to find companies willing to support 10 additional buildings. He said modern classrooms and teaching aids were improving the learning environment.

Ritu Mottam of Amedian Software said social service should be carried out with dedication, especially for educational institutions. She said the company was happy to support a government school and promised to provide necessary computers. The programme was attended by company and OSAT representatives, Headmaster Uma Betageri, Education Coordinator B.N. Sangura, Field Coordination Officer D. Nagen-

HIGHLIGHTS

- ₹1 crore school infrastructure project launched in Hanagalla
- Six well-equipped rooms to improve learning facilities
- OSAT partners with companies for school development
- Four school buildings already completed through collaboration
- Ten more buildings planned with corporate support
- Amedian Software promises computers for school

H1N1 awareness urged to prevent infection spread

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

Health officials have urged people to stay alert about H1N1, commonly called swine flu, a respiratory infection that can spread easily between people. District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Chetan said timely medical advice, hygiene, and correct information are important to control its spread.

Common symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, headache, body aches, tiredness, and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea. Symptoms

can differ among people, so H1N1 cannot be confirmed by symptoms alone. Medical consultation is necessary, especially for young children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with asthma, diabetes, heart disease, other long-term illnesses, or weak immunity.

The virus mainly spreads through droplets released when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. Infection can also occur after touching contaminated hands or objects and then touching the eyes, nose, or mouth. People are advised to maintain distance in crowded places and stay home while sick.

Officials advised washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer when necessary. People should cover their mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing, avoid touching their face, eat nutritious food, drink enough fluids, and get adequate sleep.

Most cases improve with rest, fluids, and treatment advised by doctors. Self-medication and unnecessary antibiotics should be avoided. Immediate medical help is needed for breathing difficulty, chest pain, persistent fever, severe weakness, confusion, dehydration, or rapid worsening.

Mandya launches drive to boost youth registration

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nandini K.R. has directed officials to give special priority to registering all eligible youth aged 18 and above as voters.

She stressed the need to spread awareness about voting responsibility and the voter list revision process.

She said the revision work should be completed quickly and no eligible young voter should be left out. An intensive awareness campaign will be held on September 19 and 20, using schools, colleges, youth groups, Electoral Literacy Clubs and other platforms. Officials

were asked to prepare action plans and use social media, jingles, stickers, displays and helpdesks to reach residents.

The CEO also announced a voter awareness music competition for Mandya youth. Online registration is open from September 4 to 9, and participants must create their own lyrics and music. Songs should highlight voting responsibility, elections, voter registration and youth participation. Each song should be in the local language, should not exceed three minutes, and must avoid references to religion, caste, community, political parties or individuals.

A jury will assess entries based on lyrics, music, creativity, message and ability to create voter awareness. The first prize is ₹10,000, second prize ₹5,000, and third prize ₹2,500. Every participant will receive a certificate. The winning song will become Mandya's district voter awareness theme song, linking youth creativity with the campaign.

Nandini directed officials to coordinate revision and registration activities and complete them within the schedule. She said the campaign should help citizens understand their voting rights and responsibilities. The initiative is expected to bring more voters into the process and strengthen participation in Mandya district.

Mandya CEO orders faster verification of job proposals

Zilla Panchayat CEO Nandini K.R. directed officials to speed up verification of documents for Bill Collector and Clerk-cum-Data Entry Operator posts.

At a meeting, she reviewed 23 proposals and instructed officials to check records carefully, attach complete documents and provide clear opinions. She said committee proceedings must accompany proposals instead of simply forwarding papers.

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ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆಯು 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25ನೇ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿತ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾವೇಳಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ (Standard tender document) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು **KPPP** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (Website: kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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Invitation For Short Tenders (IFT) KW-4 E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 04 work under 5054-04-337-0-01-132 & 3054-03-337-0-05-200 Head of account in the jurisdiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). The dates are published as below.

(Maximum Amount Put to Tender Rs.155.68 Lakhs, Minimum Amount Put to Tender Rs.129.86 Lakhs Maximum EMD Amount Rs.233530/- and Minnum Amount Put to Tender Rs.200000/-)

1. Last date for tender information enquiries : 08-09-2026 : 17.00. 2. Last date for submission of tender: 09-09-2026 : 16.00. 3. Date of opening the Technical bid: 10-09-2026 : 16.30. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid: 11-09-2026 : 17.00. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered. Here after Changes with Reference to This Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
DIPR/TUM/245/KSMCA/2026-27 PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, JAYANAGARA, BANGALORE

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Tel: 080 22595722, Email: ghjao1985tblk@gmail.com.

Notification No.GHJ/GROUP D/RE-TENDER/01/2026-27 Date: 01.09.2026

Invitation of Short term Re-E-Tender for providing man power services for Group D SERVICES

Short Term e-tender is invited in Two cover System from reputed and eligible Manpower service provider companies for providing man power services for Group D SERVICES for the year 2026-27 to this hospital for a period of ONE YEAR as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement Rules 2000. Tender shall be submitted only through e-portal website-<https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

Floating of Bid document in e-portal website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in . Helpdesk: 080-25501216/25501227 e.mail: Hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com	07.09.2026 at 4.00 PM
Last Date for Submission of e-tender through e-portal	On or before 16.09.2026 at 4.00 PM.
Opening of Technical Bid proposals	17.09.2026 at 5.00 PM. If the opening date is declared Holiday, opening will be on following working date.
Opening of Financial Bid	25.09.2026 at 4.00 PM
E.M.D	Rs.2,75,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Only)
Designation	Group D
TOTAL POST	55
Place of opening of tenders	General Hospital, Jayanagara 4th T Block, Bangalore-560041

Note: Tender documents shall be uploaded online at e-procurement portal. All Tender conditions are given in the Tender Bid. Further information can be obtained from the Hospital of the Hospital on all working days.

Sd/-
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Parameshwara inspects athlete facilities, calls for upgrades

Parameshwara said the government is promoting athletes through the Sports Department, while Khelo India supports states with infrastructure and funding

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka is running 34 hostels to encourage sports and provide training opportunities to young athletes, Deputy Chief Minister and Sports Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara said.

Around 2,300 sportspersons are currently training in different disciplines across the state.

During his visit to the Shri Jayaprakash Narayan National Youth Training Centre at Vidyanagar, Chikkajala, Parameshwara inspected the stadium and hostel facilities. He said athletes were receiving training in athletics, football, volleyball and gymnastics at the centre, while other facilities across Karnataka offer training in different sports.

Parameshwara said the government was working through the Sports and Youth Empowerment Department to develop more athletes. The national Khelo India programme is also helping states receive infrastructure and funding.

He said Karnataka wants



Bharat Jodo Logo unveiled to promote youth unity

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar unveiled the new logo for the 'Bharat Jodo' programme on Friday, marking an important step in its statewide implementation. The programme aims to unite youth and encourage social harmony, responsible citizenship and participation in nation-building. The public submitted 255 logo designs after the government invited entries. Karnataka Chittrakala Parishath reviewed the designs and shortlisted two for final consideration. Their key ideas were combined to create the official logo. Officials said the new design represents unity, solidarity, youth participation and the collective strength of Karnataka's people, reflecting the programme's vision and purpose.



its young athletes to compete nationally and internationally and bring medals home. Sports, he added, teach disci-

pline and help people handle both victory and defeat with confidence.

The minister said officials had been instructed to improve existing facilities, appoint quality coaches and organize more competitions. He also directed authorities to provide nutritious food and appoint nutritionists to monitor athletes' physical and mental health. Additional steps would be taken to strengthen coaching and support staff.

Parameshwara said Karnataka has 23 synthetic athletics tracks, creating better opportunities for athletes. The government also plans to upgrade Kanteerava Stadium with international-standard infrastructure, with the possibility of hosting Commonwealth Games events in the future. Recalling his own athletic and football experiences, he said his sporting background had strengthened his passion for developing young talent. He wished all athletes success in their pursuit of national and international achievements.

Krishna's ideals inspire youth to stand against injustice

UDUPI

Sri Krishna remains a powerful example of standing against injustice and protecting righteousness, Coastal Development Board President M.A. Gafur said.

Speaking at a Sri Krishna Jayanti programme in Udupi, he urged students to follow Krishna's teachings and lead their lives on the right path.

Gafur was speaking after inaugurating the programme at Valakadu Government Combined High School, organized by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat and Kannada and Culture Department. He said Udupi is closely associated with Lord Krishna and celebrates Janmashtami with great enthusiasm. People wearing traditional costumes add colour to the festivities and reflect the district's culture of peaceful co-existence.

Urban Development Authority Chairman Dinakar Herur said Krishna is remembered for protecting the righteous and helping the Pandavas during the Kurukshetra war. He said the festival reminds people of the victory of righteousness over wrongdoing.

Zilla Panchayat Deputy Secretary S.S. Kadroli said the Bhagavad Gita contains valuable guidance for every-



day life. He said Krishna's teachings, given thousands of years ago, remain relevant today and can help people face difficulties with courage and balance. Retired Professor Dr. Srikanth Siddapura also spoke about lessons from Krishna's life, describing him as a guide, philosopher, warrior and diplomat who protected dharma.

Speakers encouraged people to remain balanced during happiness and sorrow, profit and loss, and to control the mind while adapting wisely to changing circumstances. They said understanding and applying the Gita's values can strengthen character and build a better society. Kannada and Culture Department officials, school staff, students and other guests attended the programme, which concluded with a message to make Krishna's ideals part of daily life.

Farmers seek lease revival for Bidar factory

BIDAR

DCC Bank director Shrimati Shakuntala K. Beldale has urged bank president Amarkumar Khandre to stop plans to auction the Bidar Cooperative Sugar Factory and instead lease it to a private company.

She said the move would protect farmers and workers while helping recover the bank's outstanding dues. BSSK, located near Hallikhed (B) in Humnabad taluk, was established in 1969 and is the district's oldest cooperative sugar factory. Beldale said the factory is important to local farmers and its closure has affected their interests. She stressed that recovering the bank's money and restarting the factory should be pursued together.

She referred to a government decision taken on December 18, 2024, to revive BSSK through a private lease under the LROT model. She also cited a Commerce Department letter dated August 27, 2026, stating that the revival process was in its final stage. She urged the bank to cooperate with the government's efforts. Beldale appealed to Amarkumar Khandre and District In-charge Minister Ishwar Khandre to work together and complete the leasing process quickly. She said restarting the factory would benefit farmers, workers, and the bank, while ensuring recovery of its dues.

Farmers have strongly opposed any auction of the factory, she said, adding that the DCC Bank Board should protect their interests. Beldale warned that another auction would face strong resistance from farmers and workers. She said leasing the factory was the better solution and urged authorities to act without delay.

MLA To hear public grievances at Bemalkhedha meeting

BIDAR: A Praja Seva Andolan-Jana Spandana meeting will be held at the Bemalkhedha Gram Panchayat office on September 5 at noon to hear public complaints and requests.

Bidar South MLA Dr. Shailendra Beldale will chair the meeting. Residents of nearby villages have been asked to attend and submit their grievances in writing. Officials from various government departments will participate and discuss issues directly with residents. Efforts will be made to resolve complaints immediately, while officials will be directed to take action on matters needing further attention.

Dr. Beldale urged people to participate in large numbers and use the programme to seek timely solutions to their problems.

Officials ensure smooth delivery of govt services

VIJAYAPURA

District Magistrate Dr. Anand K. and Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Rishi Anand inspected preparations in Chadchana town ahead of the Praja Seva Andolan scheduled for September 5. The campaign aims to provide government schemes and departmental services to people through a single platform.

During the visit, the officials reviewed arrangements being made by various departments and instructed staff to ensure the programme is conducted smoothly. They stressed that citizens attending the event should not face difficulties while seeking services or submitting applications.

The District Magistrate directed officials to provide sufficient drinking water, clean surroundings, seating, infrastructure, and other basic facilities at the venue. He also asked departments to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive government scheme benefits without unnecessary delay.

Officials were instructed to establish departmental counters and service stalls in an organised manner. Necessary information should be displayed clearly, while staff should provide services and guidance to visitors at the venue itself. The arrangements are intended to save people from repeated visits to government offices.

As a large public turnout is expected, the officers directed district and taluk-level staff to work together and maintain proper coordination throughout the programme.

Female constable accused of assaulting complainant inside station

HASSAN

A female constable has been accused of assaulting a man who visited Belur police station to file a complaint over a financial dispute.

Prakash, a resident of Kabbinamane village, alleged that he was assaulted and threatened by Paramesha of Govinahalli Murthy Keralaur village on April 7, 2025. He visited Belur police station the following day to submit a complaint.

Prakash claimed that police made him wait inside the station for several hours without registering his complaint. When he reportedly requested officials to receive the complaint and file an FIR, constable Lavanya allegedly hit him with a lathi. He then collapsed inside the station.

According to Prakash, police did not provide proper assistance after he lost consciousness and allegedly left him inside for more than 30 minutes before sending him home. He said he later approached former SP Mohammed Sujatha several times, seeking action over the incident.

Prakash has expressed anger over the alleged refusal to register his FIR and said he has continued raising the issue.

Police seize huge explosives cache near Nelamangala

NELAMANGALA

Dabaspet police seized a large quantity of explosives being transported illegally in a car near Jajur in Nelamangala taluk, Bengaluru Rural district, on Friday.

Acting on specific information and under the guidance of DSP

Umarani, police conducted a raid and arrested Shivshankar, alias Auto Shankar, 38, in connection with the case.

Police said the vehicle was carrying around 600 gelatin sticks and 100 detonators. The explosives were allegedly being transported without the required li-

cence for quarrying activities and were intended to be sold at a cheaper price in the Dabaspet area.

The seizure has raised concerns over the illegal movement and possible misuse of explosives in the region. Officials are investigating where the explosives came

from and who was supposed to receive them.

A case has been registered at Dabaspet police station against the accused under Section 288 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, along with relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya San-

Government of Karnataka

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IFT No. 09/ 2026-27

DT.02.09.2026

ITEM WISE TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department has re-published item wise Tender notification for the work" Construction of layout for Schedule caste and Schedule Tribe People on 5.30 acres of land in Hulimavu Village at Survey No 122 in Hulimavu Grama panchayat, Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru Dist at Varuna Constituency" approved under **4059-60-051-0-05-423 -TSP** with KW-4 Conditions & Regulations with Two cover systems. The **Amount Put to Tender is Rs.184.81 Lakhs and EMD amount is Rs.2.77 Lakhs**. Pre bid Meeting will be held in the undersigned office at **11.00 A.M on 07.09.2026**. Tenders shall be Submitted in KPP-Portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) from **03.09.2026 to 10.09.2026 within 17.00 PM**. Period for completion will be 04 months (including monsoon) Only eligible KPWD Contractor Registered in the KPP-Portal shall participate. More details can be obtained from the office of the under Signed during office hours. Any amendments or modifications in tender notification will be published in KPP-Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Work Department

Mysuru Division, Mysuru

DIPR/DDMYS/653/KSMCA/409/2026-27

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

(ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ) (ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.)-577006

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ಸಂಜೆ.ನ.ಕೋ.ದಾ(2)/ಸಿಆರ್/1142/ಉಳಿತಾಯ/2026-27 ದಿ:04-09-2026

ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಲೋಕೇಶ್ (ಪಂ-4) ಲೋಕೇಶ್‌ನ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಉಳಿತಾಯವಾದ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಪೋರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಲೋಕೇಶ್‌ನಂತಹ ಹೊನ್ನಾಳ/ಮಲೇಶ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪುರಪಟ್ಟಿಯ, ಮತ್ತು ಜಗಲೂರು/ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಶಿಖರ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್‌ಗಳಂತೆ ಐಟಿಎಲ್ ಬಿಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳು:- (1) ಮಲೇಶ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪುರಪಟ್ಟಿಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (DMA/2026-27/OW/ Work_Indnt/62144) ಬಿಂಡರ್‌ಗಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 80.51ಲಕ್ಷ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿ 6 ತಿಂಗಳು (2) ಹೊನ್ನಾಳ ಪುರಪಟ್ಟಿಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (DMA/2026-27/OW/ Work_Indnt/62143) ಬಿಂಡರ್‌ಗಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 42.04ಲಕ್ಷ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿ 6 ತಿಂಗಳು (3) ಜಗಲೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (DMA/2026-27/OW/ Work_Indnt/62163) ಬಿಂಡರ್‌ಗಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 26.51ಲಕ್ಷ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿ 6 ತಿಂಗಳು (4) ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಶಿಖರ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (DMA/2026-27/OW/ Work_Indnt/62145) ಬಿಂಡರ್‌ಗಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 27.42ಲಕ್ಷ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿ 6 ತಿಂಗಳು (5) ಜಗಲೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ನಿರುದ್ಯೋಗ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಹೊಲಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸುವುದು. (DMA/2026-27/IND6598) ಬಿಂಡರ್‌ಗಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.4.56ಲಕ್ಷ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿ 45 ದಿನಗಳು. ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 19-09-2026

ಅಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡು ಕರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 21-09-2026

ಆಧಿಕಾರಿ ಬಿಡು ಕರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 23-09-2026

ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಪರಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡು ಕರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶದ ಅಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (KPPP) ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪಾಟೀರಾಹು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯದಿಂದ.

ವಾಸಾ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/319/ ಸಬ/-ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಎಂ/2026-27 ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಬಿಜ್ಜಿ.

Government of Karnataka

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No:AJSK :CR:42:2026-27 Date : 03-09-2026

E-Tender Press Notification

Subject : Regarding the provision of 42 computer operators for data entry work under the AJSK.

In Reference to the above subject, as per the state Government order haveri district has Provision to take 42 Computer operators for AJSK (For Tahsildar office-8, Nada kacheri-19, Front office-5, Additional Aadhar Operator-9 & Spandana Kendra-1 on the outsource basis for data Entry work.

In accordance with the KTPP Act (The Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act, 1999, as amended by Act 21 of 2001 and Act 4 of 2003), online tenders are invited by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Haveri, subject to the conditions specified below. Tenders must be submitted via the e-Procurement portal: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> karnataka.gov.in.

(1) Tender Reference : AJSK/CR/42/2026-27 (2) Commencement of issue of Bid document through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka : 01.09.2026 (3) Last date for submitting clarification if any : 11.09.2026 (4) Pre bid Meeting : 10.09.2026 (5) Last date and time for uploading of tender in e-Procurement platform : 15.09.2026 Evening -5 PM (6) Time and date of opening of tenders : Technical Bid and time 17.09.2026 Morning-11-00 AM (7) Time and date of opening of tenders : Commercial Bid 19.09.2026 Morning-11-00 AM (8) Contact Person for queries Deputy Commissioner, Haveri District Telephone : 08375249024 E- Mail : deo.haveri@gmail.com (9) Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for communication Deputy Commissioner, office Haveri District. Haveri (10) EMD Amount Rs. 2,62,000/-

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner
Haveri District

DIPR/Haveri/335/KSMCA/2026-27

RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk

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Tender Notification No. 03 & 04/2026-27 Date: 03.09.2026

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KITT Act 2000 through E- procurement Portal for 1)Providing Outsource vehicle service for government work along with driver (Non-AC) for a period of 1 year to all taluks of Bangalore Rural District & 2)Providing Outsource manpower service of Junior Technical Consultant (1), Junior Technical Consultant (2), Geologist, Data entry operator, Driver, Group D, Senior Analyst, Junior Analyst, Sample cell incharge & Sample Collectors for 1 Year in Bangalore Rural District Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.

General conditions: 1) Contractor has to upload Document in online only 2)All qualifying documents has to be attached in online

1	Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website	After 4.30 PM DATED-04.09.2026
2	Pre-bid meeting	Dated 09.09.2026, 11:00 AM (Office of Executive Engineer,RDW&S, Division, Bangalore Rural at Beerasandra, Devanahalli)
3	Last date for tender uploading	Upto 4.00 PM DATED-18.09.2026
4	Date of opening of Tender / Technical Bid	At 4.05 PM DATED - 19.09.2026
5	Date of opening of Financial Bid	At 11.00 AM DATED - 21.09.2026

More details can be taken from the office of the undersigned and also through <http://kppp> portal by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural.

DIPR/CP/VCPUL/2598/2026-27

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of Assistant Conservator of Forest, 21st Floor, P U Building, Mayohalli, MG Road, Bengaluru-560001

No: ACF/BCCC/TENDER/PR/03/2026-27

Date: 04.09.2026

SHORT TIME TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-2

(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, BCCC, Bangalore invites Service tender CALL-2 (As per Hon'ble High Court WP No.18843 of 2021, Dated 16-12-2021) two cover systems from Contractors registered in CPWD/KPWD/Karnataka Forest Department/ Railways/MES/ National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the service detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation C.V Ramannagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and its Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-2. BCCC/2026-27/SE0275/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00
2.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation C.V Ramannagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and its Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-4. BCCC/2026-27/SE0277/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00
3.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation Gandhinagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and it's Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-1. BCCC/2026-27/SE0278/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00
4.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation Gandhinagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and it's Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-2. BCCC/2026-27/SE0279/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00
5.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation Gandhinagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and its Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-3. BCCC/2026-27/SE0280/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00
6.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation Gandhinagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and it's Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-4. BCCC/2026-27/SE0281/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00
7.	Raising of Monsoon Plantation in Bengaluru Central City Corporation Gandhinagara Zone Limits during the year 2026-27 and its Maintenance for the years 2027-28 & 2028-29, 1000 Plants Block-5. BCCC/2026-27/SE0282/Call-2 Estimated Amount : Rs.18.83 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 50,000.00

Calendar of Events : (1) Date of Commencement of Download of RFP Document from e-Procurement website <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> : From: 07.09.2026 (2) Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : up to 11.09.2026, 5:00 PM (3) Last Date and Time for uploading of RFP in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : up to 15.09.2026, 11:30 AM (4) Date and Time of Online Opening of RFP Applications in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : 16.09.2026, 5:00 PM (5) Date and Time of Online Financial Opening of tender :When approval of Technical Bid. (6) Place of Opening of RFP : Online at Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. (7) Address for Communication : Office of Assistant Conservator of Forest, 21st Floor, PU Building, Mayohalli, MG Road, Bengaluru -560001.

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests, BCCC

NO BIKES ON FLYOVERS: BENGALURU MUST PROVE THE BAN MAKES ROADS SAFER



- PRADIVYA NAMBIYAR

“Better road surfaces, safer junctions, stronger lane-discipline enforcement, clearer alternatives and better public transport connections”.



Bengaluru’s bikers are angry. Their frustration is understandable. Two-wheelers are among the city’s most important modes of everyday transport, and many commuters rely on them because they are affordable, flexible and often the only practical way to navigate Bengaluru’s notorious congestion. Now, with restrictions on two-wheelers on some of the city’s elevated corridors, riders are asking a simple question: if they pay road tax and use the city’s roads every day, why are they being pushed off some of its fastest routes? But the road-tax argument, while understandable, cannot by itself settle the issue. If a particular road presents a serious safety risk, the authorities have every right to restrict certain categories of vehicles.

The Bengaluru Traffic Police says its decision followed a review of accident patterns, variations in vehicle speeds, road design and width, accident severity, vehicle breakdowns, congestion at entry and exit points, emergency traffic management and the safety of two wheeler riders. The restrictions are also being introduced on a trial basis, with their impact to be assessed. There is a logic to that argument. High-speed elevated roads are unforgiving. A motorcycle offers its rider considerably less protection than a car, and a sudden lane change, breakdown or loss of control at speed can have serious consequences.

Bengaluru’s traffic behaviour makes the equation more difficult. Two-wheelers squeeze through gaps, larger vehicles change lanes unpredictably and lane discipline is often weak. On a high-speed corridor, these interactions leave very little room for error. Mumbai’s Sea Link offers a useful comparison. It is a controlled, high-speed corridor with restrictions on two-wheelers because the road is designed around a particular operating environment.

Bengaluru can therefore make a legitimate safety case for restricting bikes on specific elevated roads if the evidence supports it. But that cannot be the A motorcycle removed from a flyover does not disappear. The commuter still has to reach work, school or home. The bike comes down to the road below, moves onto a parallel route or enters another junction. The traffic has been displaced, not eliminated. And this is where Bengaluru needs to look beyond the flyover itself. If the elevated road becomes safer but thousands of two-wheelers are pushed onto surface roads with heavier mixed traffic, construction, uneven surfaces and congested junctions, has the city actually reduced the risk faced by those commuters? Or has it simply moved that risk somewhere else? That is the question the authorities must answer. The government should publish the evidence behind the restrictions and, equally importantly, measure what happens afterwards.

Do accidents fall on the restricted corridors? Does congestion increase on the alternative routes? Do two-wheeler crashes rise elsewhere? Do journey times become significantly longer? A safety intervention should be judged by its impact on the entire journey, not merely by what happens on the road where the ban is imposed. Bengaluru’s traffic network cannot be managed one flyover at a time.

Every restriction changes the pressure on the roads around it. If two-wheelers are too vulnerable for a particular elevated corridor, then the surface roads receiving them must be made safer and capable of carrying the additional traffic.

TEACHERS: THE FUTURE DIRECTION AND A NEW FORM OF EDUCATION



- DR. SATYAVAN SAURABH

Teachers in the age of technology: Creators of not only knowledge but also visions of life. The nature of education is changing today at a pace never before seen. Artificial intelligence, digital technology, online learning, virtual classrooms, and new teaching methods are reshaping the learning process. Children today can acquire information on any subject in a matter of moments. At a time like this, it’s natural to ask: what will be the role of a teacher when knowledge and information are so readily available? In fact, the expansion of technology has not diminished the role of a teacher, but rather has made it more important. In the future, teachers will not only be imparters of knowledge, but also visionaries, guides, motivators, and protectors of human values.

Traditionally, a teacher’s role has been limited to teaching and learning books and curriculum. However, today this role has expanded significantly. Teachers play a vital role in shaping students’ overall personality. Preparing them simply to score high marks in exams is not enough. They must also be taught to face life’s challenges, differentiate between right and wrong, learn from failures, be sensitive to others, and make balanced decisions in difficult situations.

The digital age has virtually erased the boundaries of knowledge. The internet and digital platforms have put a vast world of information at the fingertips of students. Artificial intelligence can answer any question in seconds. But there’s a difference between information and knowledge,

“This is the real identity of a teacher and this will also be his greatest relevance in the future”.

and an even greater difference between wisdom and wisdom. Knowing the answer to a question is one thing, and applying it appropriately in life is quite another. Technology can provide information, but only teachers can cultivate its judicious use, ethics, and a humane perspective.

With the growing influence of artificial intelligence and the expansion of robotics and automation, the world of employment and skills is also changing. In the coming years, the nature of many traditional jobs will change. At such a time, the challenge for education will not only be what students know, but also how much they can learn, think, and solve problems in response to changing circumstances. Therefore, the teacher of the future will be a continuous learner. Only those teachers who update their knowledge, technical skills, and teaching methods over time will be able to better prepare students for the future.

The greatest need today is to strike a balance between education and skills. Simply acquiring degrees does not guarantee success in life. Qualities such as communication skills, problem-solving abilities, creative thinking, decision-making, cooperative spirit, and empathy are equally essential. Teachers must develop these abilities in students so that they become not just good students but also responsible and sensitive citizens.

In a diverse country like India, the role of a teacher becomes even more expansive. Here, education is not only a means to employment, but also the foundation of social unity, democratic consciousness, cultural understanding,



and the formation of national character. Teachers can connect students with their culture, traditions, and values and develop a scientific outlook and constitutional values in them. The school classroom is truly the laboratory of the future society.

In this age of technology, a teacher’s greatest strength lies in their human empathy. Books can impart knowledge, the internet can provide information, and artificial intelligence can provide answers, but only a teacher can recognize the disappointment hidden in a student’s eyes, boost their morale in the face of failure, and inspire them to try again. A machine can answer a student’s question, but understanding the meaning of their silence still requires human empathy.

Today, the structure and lifestyle of families have also changed. Joint families are becoming more limited, and many children no longer receive the constant guidance of family elders as they once did. In such times, the teacher’s responsibility increases further. School is not just a place to teach lessons, but also a place to shape children’s personalities and outlook on life. A sensitive teacher can develop qualities such as self-confi-

dence, discipline, patience, and responsibility within students.

The goal of education shouldn’t be merely passing exams. Education is the power that teaches a person to question, reason, make decisions, and face challenges. Education not only empowers a person but also makes them discerning and sensitive. If students achieve high degrees but lack compassion, morality, and social responsibility, education deviates from its true purpose.

Teachers are the strongest force for positive change in society. A teacher transforms a student, a student influences a family, and a family influences society. Thus, a teacher’s influence reaches an entire generation. A nation’s future isn’t shaped solely in parliaments, policies, and plans; its true creation takes place in classrooms. Students in classrooms will become the scientists, doctors, administrators, teachers, public representatives, entrepreneurs, and citizens of tomorrow.

In Indian tradition, the guru has always been held in special respect. From the gurukul tradition to modern universities, the guru-disciple relationship has fostered the tradition of values along with knowledge.

AI DOES THE HOMEWORK, CHILDREN HAVE FUN, BUT WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly becoming a part of students’ everyday lives. With just a few clicks, a student can now ask an AI tool to solve mathematics problems, write essays, answer science questions, prepare projects, summarize chapters and even complete an entire homework assignment. What once required hours of reading, thinking and writing can now be completed in seconds.

This convenience may appear to be a great advantage. AI can explain difficult concepts, provide examples, correct mistakes and support students who need extra help. Used wisely, it can become a powerful learning companion. But there is also a growing concern: What happens when AI starts doing the work that students are supposed to do themselves?

The question is simple: If AI does the homework and children simply enjoy their free time, when will they actually learn? Homework Is Not Just About Getting the Right Answer. Many students see homework as a burden. Naturally, when an AI tool can provide instant answers, the temptation to use it is strong. Why spend thirty minutes solving a problem when a machine can solve it in thirty seconds?

But the purpose of homework is not merely to produce

a correct answer. The real value of homework lies in the process of learning. When students struggle with a difficult question, they learn to think. When they make mistakes, they discover where their understanding is weak. When they search for information, compare ideas and try again, they develop patience, curiosity and problem-solving skills.

If AI completes every task, students may submit perfect assignments without developing the ability to perform the same work independently. A beautifully written answer is of little educational value if the student does not understand a single sentence in it.

Convenience Can Become Dependence

Technology has always made human life easier. Calculators, computers and the internet have transformed education. AI is simply the latest and perhaps the most powerful tool in this

journey. The problem is not AI itself. The problem begins when assistance turns into dependence. A student who uses AI to understand a difficult mathematics concept may benefit greatly. But a student who copies the solution without attempting the question loses an opportunity to learn. Similarly, AI can help students generate ideas for an essay, improve grammar or explain a difficult topic. However, if it writes every essay from beginning to end, the student’s own writing ability may gradually weaken. Learning requires mental effort. Just as muscles become stronger through exercise, the mind develops through thinking, questioning and solving problems. If students allow AI to do all the thinking, their own thinking skills may remain underdeveloped.

The Danger of Perfect Homework

AI-generated homework can often look impressive. The



- DR. VIJAY GARG



language may be polished, the structure may be excellent and the answers may appear highly intelligent. But perfect homework does not always mean perfect learning. A student may submit an excellent project created largely by AI and receive high marks. Yet, during a classroom discussion or examination, the same student may struggle to explain the basic ideas. This creates a dangerous gap between performance and understanding. Teachers may see well-written assignments, while students silently lose confidence in their own ability to think and create. Over time, they may begin to believe that good work can only be produced with the help of AI. Education should build independent minds, not create students who cannot work without a machine.

Parents and Teachers Also Have a Role

The responsibility cannot be placed entirely on children. Parents and teachers must guide students in the responsible use of AI. Instead of simply asking, “Did you complete your homework?”, adults should also ask:

- What did you learn from this assignment?
- Can you explain the answer in your own words?
- Did you try solving the problem before asking AI?
- Which part did you find difficult?

“After all, if AI does the homework and children simply have fun, an important question remains, when will they learn?”

Safety Measures Must Be Proven

The recent decision to ban two-wheelers on city flyovers in Bengaluru raises significant questions about urban transit policy. While safety is paramount, blanket bans often penalize everyday commuters relying on affordable mobility rather than addressing core infrastructural flaws. Flyovers are meant to ease congestion, yet diverting thousands of motorcyclists onto already overburdened surface roads will inevitably aggravate traffic bottlenecks below. Rather than enforcing hasty restrictions, municipal and traffic authorities must provide transparent, data-driven proof that such bans directly reduce accident rates.

- Dharmender Roy

Redefining Teaching for Tomorrow

As educational models rapidly evolve, the role of the teacher is undergoing a profound transformation. Modern classrooms are moving away from traditional rote learning toward collaborative, technology-integrated environments. In this new paradigm, educators are no longer sole custodians of knowledge, but mentors who guide students through critical thinking, problem-solving, and digital literacy. To prepare the next generation for an unpredictable future, modern education must strike a balance between innovation and core human values.

- Juby George

Technology Cannot Replace Learning

The growing reliance on artificial intelligence for schoolwork poses a serious challenge to genuine educational development. While AI tools offer convenient solutions and instant answers, outsourcing homework deprives children of crucial cognitive exercise. Completing assignments builds discipline, analytical skills, and perseverance qualities that cannot be developed when algorithms do the heavy lifting while students look for quick shortcuts. If children bypass the struggle of independent thinking, their long-term ability to solve complex problems will be severely compromised.

- Allan Akshay

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THREATENS FOUNDATIONAL COGNITIVE GROWTH



The increasing integration of generative artificial intelligence into secondary and higher education poses a quiet crisis for human cognitive development. While proponents champion AI as a tool for efficiency and personalized learning, outsourcing basic academic tasks like drafting essays, summarizing literature, and solving mathematical problems strikes at the core of how young minds learn to process complex thought. The process of learning is inherently uncomfortable; it requires struggle, frustration, and iterative effort. By removing this friction, automated tools risk producing a generation of students who possess surface-level familiarity with concepts without possessing actual intellectual mastery.

The internal cognitive mechanics of writing and problem-solving are directly linked to structured thinking. When a student constructs an essay, they are not merely generating text; they are organizing internal logic, evaluating evidence, identifying contradictions, and refining their arguments. Outsourcing this labor to a predictive text model bypasses the very cognitive processes that build neural connections and intellectual discipline. Over time, reliance on automated assistance breeds a subtle cognitive atrophy. Students become consumers of synthesized answers rather than active architects of original thought, leaving them ill-equipped to handle novel, unstructured problems that lack algorithmic solutions.

Educational policies must urgently establish boundaries regarding automated tools in the learning environment. While exposure to technological tools is necessary, foundational skills must be mastered unassisted before automation is introduced. Classrooms must return to long-form, unassisted writing, oral defenses, and real-time problem-solving to ensure that core reasoning capacities are fully developed. Technology should serve as an amplifier for established human intellect, not a substitute for early mental development. Without deliberate intervention, society risks trading deep, resilient intellectual capacity for short-term operational convenience.

- TONY RAJAN

BANNING MOTORCYCLES HIGHLIGHTS URBAN DESIGN FAILURES



The recurring proposal by city planners to ban two-wheelers from major urban flyovers reflects a fundamental failure in municipal planning. Rather than addressing the structural hazards inherent to elevated corridors, city authorities routinely resort to restricting the most vulnerable road users. Two-wheelers represent a massive proportion of daily urban transit, offering an affordable, space-efficient alternative to private automobiles. When municipal bodies ban motorcycles under the guise of safety, they effectively push high volumes of traffic down onto already gridlocked surface streets, exacerbating congestion and shifting the locus of risk rather than eliminating it.

Safety on urban flyovers is primarily a function of design, enforcement, and maintenance. Elevated roads frequently suffer from inadequate lane widths, slick road surfaces during adverse weather, improper banking, and a total absence of dedicated lanes for light vehicles. Furthermore, the absence of effective speed-calming measures encourages four-wheeled vehicles to travel at speeds far exceeding safe urban limits. Banning two-wheelers treats the victim of these design flaws as the cause of the danger. True traffic management requires a commitment to inclusive infrastructure such as physical barriers separating two-wheeler lanes, rigorous speed enforcement via automated camera networks, and retrofitting existing structures with high-friction surfacing.

Policy decisions that marginalize two-wheel-

er commuters carry severe economic consequences. For millions of workers, motorcycles are not a choice of leisure but a economic necessity. Forcing them onto longer, more congested surface routes increases fuel consumption, elevates personal risk at busy intersections, and adds hours to daily commutes. Urban planning must move away from car-centric priorities that view smaller vehicles as mere nuisanc-

es. A modern city proves its sophistication not by banning light vehicles from modern infrastructure, but by designing transit networks that accommodate every class of commuter safely and equitably.

- MARIA SWEATHA G.

THE PARADOX OF ENDLESS DIGITAL CHOICE

Contemporary society operates under the assumption that increasing individual choice inevitably leads to greater personal freedom and human happiness. From streaming platforms hosting tens of thousands of titles to global online marketplaces, digital consumers face an unprecedented abundance of options in every aspect of daily life. However, psychological research and lived experience reveal a counterintuitive reality: an overabundance of choice frequently produces cognitive overload, decision paralysis, and persistent dissatisfaction with the final outcome.

When presented with an overwhelming array of choices, the mental energy required to evaluate options rises exponentially. Instead of feeling empowered, individuals often experience anxiety over making a sub-optimal selection. Once a choice is made, the vast number of rejected alternatives makes it exceptionally easy to imagine that a better option was missed. This phenomenon, known as opportunity cost, breeds regret and diminishes the satisfaction derived from the chosen option, regardless of its objective quality. In a culture saturated with options, perfection becomes the baseline expectation, turning ordinary decisions into source of stress.

Navigating this paradox requires a deliberate shift toward intentional constraint. Cultivating personal satisfaction in the digital age involves vol-



untarily limiting choices, establishing personal rules to simplify routine decisions, and embracing “satisficing” selecting an option that meets a clear threshold of adequacy rather than relentlessly searching for the absolute optimal choice.

- SMITHA LOKESH

MODERN CLASSROOMS MUST PRIORITIZE CRITICAL THINKING



The rapid evolution of artificial intelligence and digital access has fundamentally disrupted traditional educational models. For decades, formal schooling operated on a model of knowledge transmission, where the teacher served as the primary source of information and students were evaluated on their capacity to memorize and reproduce facts.

Today, with the sum of human knowledge instantly accessible via hand-held devices, the traditional lecture-and-test paradigm is obsolete. The primary challenge facing modern education is no longer access to information, but the cultivation of critical judgment, analytical reasoning, and intellectual discernment.

In a modern classroom, the educator’s role transforms from a lecturer into a facilitator of inquiry. When basic facts are readily available, the focus of learning must shift toward evaluating source credibility, detecting subtle bias, and synthesizing conflicting data points into coherent arguments. Students must be taught how to ask rigorous questions rather than simply memorizing standardized answers. This transition requires a complete overhaul of assessment meth-

ods. Standardized multiple-choice examinations, which reward passive recall, must give way to project-based evaluations, open-ended research essays, and collaborative problem-solving exercises that simulate real-world challenges.

Furthermore, a modernized curriculum must emphasize ethical reasoning and cognitive flexibility.

As automated systems handle increasingly complex analytical tasks, human value will reside in our ability to navigate ambiguity, understand contextual

nuances, and make sound moral judgments. Teachers must guide students to grapple with complex, real-world issues that lack simple solutions. If educational institutions fail to adapt to this reality, they risk producing graduates who possess vast stores of superficial information but lack the foundational intellectual tools required to navigate an increasingly complex, information-saturated society.

- TIONA SCARLET

THE QUIET EROSION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY

The pervasive integration of smart technology into daily life has normalized an unprecedented level of continuous personal surveillance. Devices ranging from smartphones and smart home hubs to connected appliances constantly harvest vast streams of personal data, including location patterns, consumer preferences, and private conversations. Society has largely accepted this systematic intrusion under the guise of convenience, exchanging fundamental privacy rights for seamless digital integration and personalized algorithms.

- MOEN

THE ARCHITECTURAL LOSS OF QUIET PUBLIC SPACES

Modern urban planning is increasingly dominated by commercial interests, resulting in the rapid erosion of non-commercial public space. In contemporary cities, nearly every environment designed for human gathering requires a transaction. Parks are commercialized with private venues, plazas are lined with outdoor dining that requires purchase, and indoor public spaces have been replaced by shopping centers and private corridors. This shift reflects a profound change in how cities view their inhabitants: no longer as civic citizens belonging to a shared community, but primarily as consumers whose presence must be monetized.

The loss of non-commercial public space has direct consequences for civic health and mental well-being. Quiet, accessible public environments such as municipal libraries, open urban squares, and unmanaged green spaces provide vital opportunities for unstructured reflection, rest, and

cross-social interaction. When these spaces disappear, urban life becomes hyper-stimulated and stressful. The requirement to constantly spend money in order to exist in the public realm excludes lower-income populations, worsening social stratification and deepening urban isolation.

Reclaiming the city requires a deliberate reinvestment in civic architecture that prioritizes quietude and open access. City planners must mandate the creation of public spaces that are explicitly free from commercial activity, loud digital advertising, and restrictive private security. Such spaces act as essential civic infrastructure, fostering a sense of shared ownership and social cohesion. A healthy city is not merely an economic engine, but a living environment that offers its residents dignified, accessible, and quiet spaces in which to exist simply as members of a community.

- SUNIL S.



drawn into hyper-customized ideological bubbles. Within these spaces, counter-arguments are entirely filtered out, and alternative perspectives are presented only in exaggerated, easily dismissible forms. Over time, this dynamic degrades the collective capacity for public debate, as opposing factions no longer agree on basic empirical facts, viewing political opponents not as fellow citizens with different opinions, but as existential threats.

Countering this systemic fragmentation requires both technological regulation and individual cognitive awareness. Digital platforms must be held accountable for design choices that prioritize outrage over accuracy, and algorithmic transparency must be mandated by law. Concurrently, media literacy initiatives must teach individuals to recognize their own psychological biases and understand how digital interfaces exploit them.

- SARANYA WILLIAM

Quick Read

Tamil Nadu woman rescued from Kuwait

CHENNAI
A Tamil Nadu woman was rescued from Kuwait after a video in which she alleged torture and unpaid wages was widely shared online. Vanitha, from Kallakurichi, reportedly worked as a domestic help and said she had not received her salary for two months. She appealed to the Kallakurichi Collector and Superintendent of Police for help. Authorities traced her family, who had also complained and sought her rescue. Vanitha was later brought to safety and thanked the authorities and Union government.

Financial dispute leaves two people dead

PATNA
An uncle and his nephew were allegedly stabbed to death following a financial dispute in Bihar's Khagaria district. Gaurav Kumar, 23, and Ankur Kumar, 22, suffered critical injuries after the dispute reportedly resurfaced following a village panchayat meeting. Both died while being taken for treatment. Police detained Pankaj Chaudhary, his wife and their son for questioning. The bodies were sent for post-mortem examinations. Security was increased in the village as police investigate the killings and circumstances behind the fatal attack.

Bajwa condemns alleged assault on 'black flag' proteste

Punjab
Punjab Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa has condemned the alleged assault of a youth who reportedly waved a black flag at Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, calling the incident an attack on democratic rights. Bajwa said no citizen should face violence for peacefully expressing dissent or exercising their democratic right to protest. He alleged that the youth was assaulted after raising the black flag during the Chief Minister's programme. The Congress leader questioned the conduct of the authorities and demanded accountability for those allegedly involved in the incident. He stressed that disagreement with the government should not result in intimidation or physical violence. Bajwa maintained that peaceful protest and criticism are essential components of a democracy. He urged the Punjab government to ensure that citizens are allowed to express their views without fear of retaliation.

Telangana Congress demands KCR's resignation as opposition leader

Telangana Congress on Friday demanded BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao's resignation as Leader of Opposition over his prolonged absence from Assembly.

HYDERABAD

The Telangana Congress on Friday demanded the resignation of Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) president and former Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao as Leader of the Opposition, accusing him of remaining absent from the State Legislative Assembly for a prolonged period. The Khairatabad District Congress Committee organised a protest rally from Gandhi Bhavan to Gun Park, calling for accountability and urging KCR to return to the Assembly and perform his responsibilities. Congress workers carried a large poster depicting KCR as 'Kumbhakarna' during the protest and raised slogans questioning his continued absence. The protesters alleged that KCR had received around Rs 1.32 crore in salary while staying at his farmhouse and claimed that public money had also been spent on his security and bulletproof vehicles. The protesters raised the slogan, "1,000 days in the farmhouse — why still in office?" to highlight their allegations.

Khairatabad DCC president



Motha Rohit said the Congress government had completed 1,000 days in office, while KCR had remained largely away from the Assembly. He alleged that the people of Telangana had entrusted KCR with the responsibility of leading the Opposition, but that he had failed to discharge his duties. Rohit urged the former Chief Minister to attend Assembly proceedings and participate in discussions concerning public issues.

Congress leader Indra Shobhan also demanded that the Leader of the Opposition post be handed over to a Dalit MLA. She alleged that KCR had drawn more than Rs

"When you hold the status of Opposition Leader, you are supposed to work for the people."
— Indra Shobhan, Congress leader

1.20 crore in salary over the period and accused him of using public funds for personal expenses, staff and vehicles. She also questioned his absence during discussions on issues including the BC Bill, SC categorisation, farmers, electricity and the state budget. The Congress leader further claimed that KCR had attended the Assembly for only three days during the last

- AT A GLANCE**
- 1,000 days: Congress' claim about KCR's prolonged absence from the Assembly.
 - 3 days: Congress' claim that KCR attended the Assembly in the last 1,000 days.
 - ₹1.32 crore: Salary amount alleged by protesters.
 - ₹21 crore: Security and bulletproof vehicle expenditure alleged by Congress.
 - 4 cars: Vehicles Congress alleged were used for KCR's travel.
 - 57 employees: Staff expenditure cited by Congress.

1,000 days. She urged BRS working president KT Rama Rao to ask his father to fulfil the responsibilities attached to the post of Opposition Leader. The Congress said the issue was not merely about attendance but about accountability to the people who elected KCR to represent their interests in the Assembly.

Terrorist killed during joint Budgam security operation

SRINAGAR

One terrorist was killed in a joint operation by the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and Central Reserve Police Force in Budgam district on Friday, officials said. The operation was launched in Ashdar Gali after security forces received specific intelligence about the presence of terrorists in the forested area. According to the Chinar Corps, troops noticed suspicious movement during the search operation. When the suspected terrorists were challenged, they opened fire at the security forces. This led to an intense exchange of gunfire, during which one terrorist was killed. Security forces recovered an AK rifle from the spot following the gunfight. The identity of the terrorist killed in the operation has not been established so far. Officials said the search operation was continuing in the area as teams worked to locate another terrorist who was believed

to be hiding nearby.

The operation involved personnel from the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and the CRPF, who moved through the forested area following the intelligence input. Security forces continued checking the surrounding locations to ensure that no other threats remained in the area.

Authorities have not released details about the background or identity of the slain terrorist. The area remained under watch, with security teams conducting searches and checking routes through the forest. Officials said updates would follow as information becomes available. The latest operation comes amid continued security efforts in Jammu and Kashmir to track terrorist activity and prevent attacks. Officials said the search was still underway and further details would be known after the operation is completed. Security personnel remained deployed in the area as the search continued.

Fire dept orders evacuation of Banerjee's office floors

WEST BENGAL

The West Bengal fire department has ordered the evacuation of the basement, sixth and seventh floors of a high-rise in central Kolkata that houses TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee's office, citing inadequate fire safety measures. The action followed a floor-by-floor inspection conducted by a joint team of police and fire officials. Au-

thorities said the building's fire safety certificate expired on August 10 and had not been renewed.

According to officials, no fire safety measures were found in the basement. The seventh floor was also found to have inadequate firefighting arrangements, no designated fire exit and issues with the fire alarm system. A show-cause notice was issued to the building owner, giving 48 hours to respond.

IndiGo plane hits pole while parking

SRINAGAR

An IndiGo aircraft operating from Navi Mumbai to Srinagar hit a parking stand pole while being positioned at Bay No. 6 at Srinagar International Airport on Friday morning. The incident took place around 9 am after the aircraft had landed safely. No passengers or crew members were injured in the incident. IndiGo flight 6E 225 came into contact with the pole during the parking process, according to the airline. Images from the airport showed the metal pole being pushed

sideways after the aircraft struck it. The incident caused concern among passengers, but officials confirmed that everyone on board remained safe.

Passengers and crew members were deboarded from the aircraft using manual stairs following the incident. The airline said airport authorities were immediately informed and that an investigation was launched to determine what led to the aircraft coming into contact with the pole.

IndiGo said the aircraft has been grounded for necessary maintenance and will return

CBI Raids 89 Locations Across 20 States

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a nationwide crackdown on digital arrest gangs, carrying out searches at 89 locations across 20 states under Operation Chakra-VI. Three people were arrested during the action for allegedly helping receive, layer, and move money taken from victims. The agency is also targeting the networks behind these frauds.

Digital arrest scams involve criminals posing as police officers or government officials. They contact victims through phone calls or video chats, claim that the person is linked to a crime, and threaten legal action.

The fear created by these threats often forces victims to stay online and transfer large sums of money.

In the three cases investigated in this operation, victims were allegedly cheated of Rs 42.36 crore in total.

One case linked to BITS Pilani involved a victim who was kept under digital arrest for three months and lost Rs 7.67 crore. In Gujarat, another victim was held for three months and cheated of Rs 19.24 crore.

The third case was reported in Karnataka, where a victim was kept under digital arrest for one month and allegedly

CBI raids 89 locations across 20 states, arrests three suspects, and investigates a ₹42.36-crore digital arrest fraud network.

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89 locations — CBI searches nationwide
20 states — Operation Chakra-VI
₹42.36 crore — Total victim losses
3 arrests — Suspects held in the crackdown

lost Rs 15.45 crore. During the searches, CBI teams seized banking papers, account records, digital devices, and other important evidence. Investigators are examining the material to understand how the money moved and identify people who handled the funds.

The arrested accused were allegedly involved in receiving, layering, and dispersing the fraud proceeds.

The CBI said the Supreme Court has directed coordinated action against such crimes.

Officials will follow the money trail and identify further links quickly.

Court convicts ex-IAF officer in cocaine-linked case

CHANDIGARH

A Mohali special court has convicted an 80-year-old retired IAF official and his 77-year-old associate in a money laundering case linked to a 2008 cocaine seizure. The court sentenced both to three years of rigorous imprisonment and fined them Rs 5,000 each under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The case began after police seized 1.23 kg of cocaine worth Rs 50 lakh in 2008. Two cheques worth Rs 10 lakh, allegedly linked to the drug deal, were also seized.

Govt resolves 2,306 long-pending pension grievances

NEW DELHI

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has resolved 2,306 long-pending pension grievances under its 'Special Campaign 3', achieving a 72 per cent resolution rate, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said on Friday. The campaign was conducted from July 7 to August 31 to ensure faster and better resolution of pension-related complaints and claims.

The campaign began with a preparatory phase in which ministries and departments identified 1,062 target cases and 2,131 grievances that had remained pending on the CPENGRAMS portal for more than a month. During the execution phase, officials conducted two review meetings and regularly monitored the status of pending cases.

Tripura shuts down over unfulfilled rehabilitation promises

AGARTALA

Surrendered militants from the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) began a 72-hour shutdown across Tripura on Friday, alleging that the government had failed to fulfil rehabilitation promises made under the 2024 peace accord. The protesters blocked highways, burnt tyres and disrupted railway tracks at several places while pressing for action on their demands. The peace agreement was signed on September 4, 2024, in New Delhi in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and other officials. Under the agreement, the Centre had sanctioned a ₹250 crore package for the rehabilitation and transition of surrendered militants. Protesters alleged that several assurances under the accord were still pending.



The protesters have submitted a six-point charter of demands, including implementation of all provisions of the peace accord, rehabilitation benefits and the withdrawal of cases against surrendered cadres. They are also demanding a clean chit for those who surrendered their weapons and returned to the mainstream. A surrendered leader said the shutdown would continue for 72 hours unless their concerns

were addressed. The agitation follows an earlier road blockade on June 12, when the former militants sought implementation of the agreement. The blockade was later withdrawn after they received assurances from Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma. At least 584 cadres of the NLFT and ATTF surrendered their weapons in September 2024 and agreed to return to civilian life.

DELHI SUB-REGISTRARS

Delhi appoints sub-registrars through tech-based randomisation

NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has appointed Sub-Registrars across all 39 sub-divisions for the first time through a technology-based randomisation process, in a move aimed at making government services more transparent and accessible to residents. The postings were made on the directions of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta in the presence of the Additional Chief Secretary (Services). Under the new process, eligible officers were selected through a technology-assisted system after meeting criteria



such as good health, sufficient remaining service tenure and vigilance clearance. The government has also expanded the number of Sub-Registrar offices in Delhi from 22 to 39, matching them with the capital's 39 sub-divisions spread across 13 revenue districts.

"The government is working to strengthen administrative systems and make them more organised, efficient and convenient for citizens."
— Rekha Gupta, Delhi Chief Minister

As part of the expansion, 17 new Sub-Registrar offices have been notified. The move is expected to bring registration and related services closer to residents in different parts of the capital. The government said filling posts across all 39 sub-divisions

would improve the functioning of these offices and help streamline citizen services.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta welcomed the technology-driven posting system and urged the newly appointed officers to perform their duties with honesty, dedication and a strong sense of public service. She said the government was working to make administrative systems more organised, efficient and convenient for citizens. In a separate infrastructure initiative, the Delhi government has approved a plan to develop Multi-Utility Ducts (MUDs) across the capital. The under-

ground corridors will carry essential services such as electricity cables, water and gas pipelines, fire-hydrant networks and other utilities. The government expects the project to reduce repeated road digging, ease traffic disruptions and protect the condition of Delhi's roads. The two initiatives are part of the government's broader efforts to improve public services and urban infrastructure. Officials said better administrative access, transparent postings and planned utility networks would help Delhi prepare for its future infrastructure and service requirements

MP govt seeks permanent fix for Bhopal dispute

BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday said the state government was making every effort to find a permanent and better solution to the long-running dispute over commercial activities in residential areas of Bhopal.

He said the concerns of traders and local residents were being taken seriously and would be presented before the Supreme Court, where the matter is currently pending. Yadav's remarks came amid a sealing drive by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation

(BMC) against commercial establishments allegedly operating in residential areas in violation of land-use regulations. The action has affected several traders and businesses that have been operating from such premises for years, raising concerns about livelihoods and the future of their establishments. The dispute has remained unresolved for several years, partly because of the pending Master Plan for Bhopal. Traders have been seeking a clear and lasting solution that would protect their businesses while complying with land-use regulations.

Quick Read

Security forces seize Rs 82 crore worth drugs

Imphal

Assam Rifles, CRPF and state police seized drugs worth over Rs 82 crore during intelligence-based operations in Manipur and Assam, officials said.

Security forces recovered 10.891 kg of brown sugar worth around Rs 80 crore and 14,000 Yaba tablets valued at about Rs 2.5 crore. Six people were arrested during the operations in Jiribam and Sribhumli. In a separate operation in Manipur, forces recovered six firearms and arrested three alleged UNLF (K) cadres linked to an extortion network.

Woman, 2 kids die after falling from Naldurg fort

Maharashtra

A 30-year-old woman and her three minor children fell from the Upli bastion at Maharashtra's historic Naldurg Fort, leaving the mother and two children dead, police said. Ashwini Manohar Pol, her five-and-a-half-year-old son Ajinkya and two-and-a-half-year-old twin daughters Veera and Kranti had visited the fort on Thursday. Ashwini and Ajinkya died at the spot, while Kranti succumbed during treatment at Dharashiv Civil Hospital. Veera was injured. The Upli bastion, the fort's tallest point, is nearly 80 feet high. Police have registered an accidental death report and said the circumstances will be investigated.



Two held in 15-year-old girl rape case

SIVASAGAR

Two men, aged 19 and 24, have been arrested for allegedly abducting and repeatedly raping a 15-year-old girl in Assam's Sivasagar district, police said. The girl was allegedly taken away in a car in May and assaulted several times over the following days. The accused allegedly threatened to harm her family if she revealed the incident. The case came to light after the girl developed health problems and was taken to a government hospital, where doctors found she was around three months pregnant. Police registered a case under the POCSO Act and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The accused will be produced before court.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Centre asks Bengal to probe misconduct allegations

KOLKATA

The Union Home Ministry has asked the West Bengal government to examine allegations of sexual misconduct raised by Trinamool Congress MLA Kunal Ghosh against Leader of Opposition and rebel party leader Ritabrata Banerjee.

Ghosh had written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking action against Banerjee in connection with an earlier case. According to Ghosh, a woman had accused Banerjee of sexual assault and exploitation on the promise of marriage. The allega-

India sends 95 tonnes relief to flood-hit Nepal

India has intensified relief efforts in flood-hit Nepal, sending aid and rescue teams as authorities continue searching for missing people and assisting affected communities.

NEW DELHI

India has stepped up humanitarian assistance to flood-hit Nepal, sending around 95 tonnes of relief material on seven aircraft and deploying 54 personnel to support rescue and relief operations, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India would continue providing assistance based on requirements communicated by the Nepalese government. He said additional forensic kits, Bailey bridges and other requested materials would be sent in the coming days.

Two Indian aircraft flew to Kathmandu on Thursday carrying 21 tonnes of relief material. The 54 personnel deployed in Nepal include 30 tunnel rescue experts, 19 forensic experts and five medical team members. Indian



rescue and forensic teams are working closely with Nepalese authorities on the ground.

Jaiswal also said 275 Indian nationals remain unaccounted for, while 166 Indians have been rescued in Nepal so far. He added that 1,907 Indian nationals had safely crossed into Nepal from China.

According to official Chinese sources, no Indian travellers are currently stranded in the Tibet Autonomous Region.

The devastating floods have caused widespread destruction in Nepal. The death toll

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95 tonnes — Relief material sent by India.
54 personnel — Deployed for rescue and relief.
275 Indians — Remain unaccounted for.
166 Indians — Rescued in Nepal.

had reached 1,252, while 4,216 people remained unaccounted for, according to Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority.

The flash floods originated in the Tibetan region of China on August 26 and swept through the transboundary Bhote Koshi River, causing heavy casualties and extensive damage in the Himalayan nation.

CPI-M changes candidate strategy for Bengal civic polls

KOLKATA

The CPI-M has adopted a new approach to select candidates for the upcoming urban civic body elections in West Bengal, including municipal corporations and municipalities. The polls are expected to be held by the end of 2026, with the party aiming to strengthen its position in the state's opposition politics.

Under the new plan, district committees of the Left Front will decide seat-sharing arrangements among existing alliance partners. They will also select candidates for civic elections, instead of relying

mainly on the state leadership to finalise names and seats.

However, any district committee seeking an alliance with a political party or group outside the Left Front will need approval from the state committee. The CPI-M leadership has also ruled out any electoral understanding with factions linked to the Trinamool Congress.

A CPI-M Central Committee member said the party had received signals from some TMC factions for possible seat-sharing at the district level. The party, however, plans to reject such proposals. "Our current target is to regain the

principal opposition space in West Bengal," the leader said, describing the civic polls as an opportunity to begin that effort.

The party also sees little chance of renewing its earlier understanding with the Congress.

A state Secretariat member said the Congress had ended its previous electoral arrangement with the Left Front before the 2026 Assembly elections.

The CPI-M now believes that contesting as the Left Front could help it assess its support base and prepare for future elections.

Odisha CM transfers Rs 833 crore to farmers

PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Friday conducted an aerial survey of flood-affected areas and reviewed rescue and relief operations as rising water levels worsened the situation across the state.

The Ganga and Son rivers have crossed the danger mark, inundating several riverine and low-lying villages. Areas in Danapur, including Manas, Hetanpur, Akilpur, Ganghara, Patlapur and Kasmichak, have been severely affected. Two panchayats in Maner and six riverine panchayats along the Ganga have also been cut off from nearby town headquarters.

Residents have sought boat services, relief materials and cattle fodder, with poor connectivity making it difficult to reach markets and hospitals. Choudhary directed officials to ensure timely assistance and protect lives and property. The Disaster Management Department has advised peo-

ple to avoid unnecessary movement near rivers and waterlogged areas and warned against bathing, swimming, boating and taking selfies near rivers.

Meanwhile, the Uttarakhand Pradesh Congress Committee will hold a protest march from Dehradun's Parade Ground to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's residence on September 7 over the Haldwani "purification" controversy.

Congress is demanding action against those who conducted the alleged ritual at Ramlila Ground after party president Mallikarjun Kharge addressed a rally there. The party is also seeking action against BJP state president Mahendra Bhatt and withdrawal of the FIR against Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on the issue.

The controversy began after the August 8 Congress rally. Kharge later raised the matter in the Rajya Sabha, while the BJP rejected allegations of a caste angle.

Heavy rain floods Delhi airport, disrupts flights

NEW DELHI

Heavy rain and a sudden squall disrupted operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Friday afternoon, forcing nine flights to be diverted.

The flights were diverted between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm as heavy rainfall caused waterlogging on the airport's approach road and forecourt. Strong winds during the squall reached speeds of up to 76 kmph, while visibility fell to around 600 metres.

According to sources, four flights were diverted to Jaipur, four to Lucknow and one to Ahmedabad. The flights diverted to Lucknow included an Akasa Air service from Bengaluru to Delhi and three Air India flights arriving from Ludhiana, Indore and Hyderabad. The disruption came as heavy rain lashed several parts of Delhi and the National Capital Region.

Jagan demands CBI probe into DSC teacher recruitment

AMARAVATI

YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday renewed his demand for a CBI investigation into alleged irregularities in Andhra Pradesh's Mega DSC teacher recruitment. He accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of protecting his son, Education Minister Nara Lokesh, from allegations linked to the recruitment process.

Jagan alleged that in Kurnool district, a BC candidate who needed 75 marks in the Teacher Eligibility Test received an SGT post under the sports quota despite scoring only 65 marks. He questioned how the candidate passed certificate verification and other stages despite allegedly being ineligible. Jagan also claimed that similar violations occurred in several districts during DSC 2025.

"When it is becoming clear that the DSC conducted by you was 'mega' in fraud and a 'betrayal' of deserving candi-

YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy renewed demands for a CBI probe, alleging irregularities and political protection in Andhra Pradesh's Mega DSC recruitment.

dates, why are you and your son hiding?" Jagan asked. He said an inquiry by officials working under the state government could not be considered fully independent and maintained that only a CBI probe could establish responsibility.

Jagan further alleged that similar irregularities affected recruitment through the APPSC. He questioned the use of GO No. 4 to fill 40 sports quota Forest Department posts without examinations, while the recruitment of the remaining 774 posts was allegedly stopped midway.

He demanded a probe covering the entire process, including the alleged paper leak, TET eligibility, sports quota selections and posting orders.

Modi's leadership renewed focus on Northeast: Odisha Governor

BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership has brought renewed focus and momentum to the development of India's Northeast region. Speaking about the region's progress, Kambhampati highlighted the importance of connectivity, infrastructure and development initiatives aimed at integrating the Northeast more closely with the rest of the country. He said the government's approach has placed greater emphasis on addressing the region's specific needs and unlocking its economic potential.

Improved roads, railways, air connectivity and digital infrastructure have helped strengthen links between the Northeast and other parts of India. Kambhampati also stressed the region's strategic and cultural significance, noting that its development is important for the country's overall growth. He said continued efforts to improve infrastructure and opportunities could further boost tourism, trade and employment in the Northeast.

Vice-President seeks joint effort to upgrade Panjab university

CHANDIGARH

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan on Friday called for collective efforts to transform Panjab University into a world-class centre for higher education, research and innovation. During his visit to the 144-year-old university, he inaugurated the Advanced Instrumentation Facility at the Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facility/Central Instrumentation Laboratories and the Panjab University Tech Innovation Forum.

Radhakrishnan highlighted the university's long history since its establishment in 1882 and its contribution to nation-building. He said the new facilities would strengthen research and provide better support to students, researchers, innovators and industry. He also stressed the need for

IN FOCUS
■ 144 years: Panjab University's history.
■ 1882: Year of the university's establishment.
■ 5: Advanced scientific instruments inaugurated.
■ 2: Major facilities launched during the visit.
■ 1: Campus-wide safety audit ordered.

stronger cooperation between academic institutions, companies, incubators and investors.

The Vice-President said five advanced scientific instruments had been installed at the university. These include an Atomic Force Microscope, Raman Spectrometer, DNA Sequencer, Flow Cytometer and FTIR Spectrometer. He said the equipment

would support research in areas such as nanotechnology, materials science, environmental science and genomics.

Addressing young researchers, Radhakrishnan urged them to pursue meaningful science, learn from failure and develop solutions that can address real social needs. He also called on students to support the vision of a drug-free India and stay away from substance abuse.

Radhakrishnan also spoke about campus safety following the death of a Ph.D. student. He said a comprehensive safety audit had been ordered and an internal committee formed to review campus infrastructure. He urged the university community to ensure that research ideas become opportunities for young people and contribute to national development.

Pawan Kalyan orders action against polluting paper mill

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Environment Minister Pawan Kalyan have directed officials to issue summons to Andhra Paper Mills Private Limited over alleged pollution of the Godavari River in Rajahmahendravaram.

Kalyan said the company was responsible for nearly half of the city's liquid waste. He said Rajahmahendravaram generates around 70 million litres of liquid waste daily, of which the paper mill alone produces nearly 35 million litres.

The deputy Chief minister said tests of samples collected near the company's waste discharge lagoons showed pollutants above permissible limits. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) was recorded at 36 milligrams per litre, while



phosphate levels stood at 5.3 milligrams and sulphide at 3.4 milligrams, exceeding prescribed standards.

Kalyan said the discharge was lowering oxygen levels in the river, threatening aquatic life and damaging the natural ecosystem. He also raised concerns over foul odours, deteriorating water quality, groundwater contamination and possible risks to public health. He said the government had earlier issued show-

cause notices to give the company an opportunity to correct violations. Pollution Control Board officials had also held several meetings with company representatives during the past three months and suggested remedial measures.

However, Kalyan said there had been no adequate response from the company. He directed officials to issue summons immediately and take action according to pollution control regulations.

Sengottaiyan defends Vijay's law and order measures

TAMIL NADU

Revenue Minister Sengottaiyan on Friday said Chief Minister Vijay was taking stringent measures to maintain law and order and control the circulation of drugs in the state.

Speaking to reporters at Coimbatore airport after arriving from Chennai, Sengottaiyan said the Chief Minister was taking necessary steps to protect people and implement schemes based on their needs. He said the government remained focused on public welfare and safety.

On the demand for a new Secretariat, Sengottaiyan said different views had emerged on the issue. He recalled that during the DMK regime, a new Secretariat building was constructed and attempts were made to shift government offices there. The building was later converted into a hospital.

He also said former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa had attempted to shift the Secretariat to Queen Mary's College. Sengottaiyan said successive governments had considered suitable infrastructure for administrative purposes.

Quick Read

Himachal raises CAN fertiliser shortage issue with Centre

CH NEWS, Shimla
Himachal Pradesh Education Minister Rohit Thakur has urged the Centre to address the shortage of calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertiliser, saying its non-availability is creating difficulties for apple growers across the state. In a letter, Thakur informed the Union Minister that the apple industry is an important pillar of Himachal Pradesh's rural economy, contributing around Rs 6,000 crore annually and supporting the livelihoods of thousands of farming families.

India, France Deepen Space Cooperation

India and France will expand space cooperation, focusing on human spaceflight, advanced technologies, agency ties and industry collaboration ahead of major space events scheduled in Paris and Bengaluru this month.

NEW DELHI

India and France have agreed to deepen cooperation in the space sector, with a focus on human spaceflight, advanced technologies and stronger engagement between their space agencies and industries. The understanding was reached during a virtual meeting between Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Space Dr Jitendra Singh and French Minister for Higher Education and Research Prof Philippe Baptiste on Friday. The talks came ahead of the



International Space Summit in Paris on September 9-10 and the Bengaluru Space Expo on September 7-9. Both sides reviewed India's

India-France Set To Deepen Space Cooperation:

- Human spaceflight to receive greater bilateral focus.
- ISRO chief invited for keynote at Paris summit.
- Space industries and agencies to deepen engagement.
- Cooperation may cover connectivity, manufacturing and exploration beyond the ISS.

dia looked forward to strengthening its longstanding space partnership with

France. He highlighted the Paris summit's focus on space science, technology and applications, the space economy and secure space as a platform for international cooperation on the future of the sector. India welcomed proposed summit initiatives concerning the sustainable use of outer space, accessibility and openness of space-based scientific data, and support for the International Telecommunication Union's regulatory framework for frequency management. Dr Singh con-

veyed India's readiness to exchange views with France while these initiatives are finalised. Human spaceflight emerged as an area of discussion. The ISRO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Space, has been invited to deliver the opening keynote on India's future human spaceflight in Low Earth Orbit. India may share presentations on space design and manufacturing technologies, connectivity from space and exploration beyond the International Space Station.

Govt's special campaign resolves 2,306 long pending pension grievances

NEW DELHI

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare said on Friday that 2,306 long pending pension grievances were redressed during 'Special Campaign 3', achieving a 72 per cent resolution rate. The campaign, which ran from July 7 to August 31, bridged the digital divide with majority redressal from rural areas through CPENGRAMS Portal, the statement from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said. The campaign was launched to ensure timely and qualitative redressal of long pending pension grievances, claims and issues. It started with a preparatory phase in which ministries and depart-

ments identified 1,062 target cases and 2,131 cases pending on the CPENGRAMS portal for more than one month. The campaign then had an execution phase in which two mid-campaign review meetings were held, and the status of the pendency of these cases was sought regularly. During the execution phase, the department actively coordinated with the ministries/department for redressal of these cases. Active follow-up is being done for the redressal of remaining grievances, the statement added. The demographic distribution of the redressal reflected that most of the resolved cases pertain to the pensioners and family pensioners residing in rural areas, the ministry

said. It cited the demographic distribution as a healthy trend, as the redirection of grievance from rural areas in online mode through various portals operated by ministries or departments and CPENGRAMS portal, is bridging the digital divide. Among notable cases, the ministry mentioned the release of Rs 16.70 lakh on account of family pension arrears to Jayalakshmi Kaman, the disabled dependent daughter of a Defence pensioner, with effect from June, 2013. Further, a settlement of disability pension arrears of Rs 30 lakh was done in favour of Idan Singh, a Defence pensioner, with effect from September 16, 2016.

NEW DELHI

The repo rate could rise to 6 per cent by April 2027 as the Reserve Bank of India seeks to restore a stable policy footing amid excess liquidity and mounting inflation risks, according to a report by Bandhan AMC. The report said fixed-income investors are navigating a complicated environment, with rising energy and commodity prices creating pressure for faster policy normalisation. At the same time, rupee liquidity generated by foreign currency inflows has pushed overnight market rates below the policy rate, creating a distortion that the RBI may need to address. Bandhan AMC said reconciliation would depend on the pace of liquidity and policy



Rising inflation risks and excess liquidity could push the RBI toward faster policy normalisation and a 6 per cent repo rate by April 2027.

normalisation. Options could include resetting the overnight rate anchor closer to policy rates and finding ways to absorb medium-term excess liquidity.

"There is lesser luxury with respect to pace of liquidity normalisation given the severe distortions in play currently."

- Priyanka Gandhi, Congress leader

Key Market Signals
■ Repo rate seen at 6% by April 2027
■ Credit growth around 18%
■ Possible CRR hike
■ FX swaps, MSS bonds and OMO sales among options
■ Rising energy and commodity prices add inflation pressure

Markets are already anticipating a mix of temporary and permanent measures, including foreign exchange swaps, Market Stabilisation Scheme

bonds, open market operation sales and a possible increase in the cash reserve ratio. The report also pointed to renewed Middle East tensions, higher energy prices and commodity inflation, including agricultural commodities. Un-even monsoons could add to domestic price pressures. At the same time, India's GDP growth remains strong and credit growth is around 18 per cent, adding to the case for closer monitoring of inflation. Bandhan AMC said policy minutes appeared more hawkish, suggesting Monetary Policy Committee members are increasingly watchful of inflation risks. If global price pressures continue worsening, the report expects policymakers to become less comfortable with the existing policy stance.

India, Germany collaborate on energy-efficient 'Green AI' models for healthcare

NEW DELHI

A two day Indo German Bilateral Workshop on Green AI for Healthcare and Mental Wellness was held at IIT Delhi that focused on sustainable, energy efficient AI models for real world healthcare deployment and cross border collaboration, a statement said on Friday. The workshop linked environmental sustainability with healthcare equity and laid groundwork for future joint initiatives in human centred, sustainable AI. The workshop focused on Green AI for Healthcare, addressing the environmental and societal impacts of generative AI with particular emphasis on sustainable, efficient models for real-world healthcare deployment, the statement from IIT Delhi. The workshop -- sponsored by the Indo German Science and Technology Centre -- a flagship joint initiative established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), saw 30 experts and early career researchers delivering keynotes, technical sessions, panels and poster presentations. The event aimed to advance energy efficient AI solutions for healthcare and mental wellness and facilitate Indo German knowledge exchange on efficient AI models and responsible deployment of AI in

healthcare. Further, it explored applications in medical imaging, clinical decision support, mental health and multilingual healthcare. "Through this workshop, IGSTC seeks to catalyse deeper Indo-German collaboration, bringing together complementary strengths to address shared challenges in Green AI, healthcare and mental wellness," said Dr. Kusumita Arora, Director, IGSTC. Arora expressed hope that the partnerships forged at the workshop will translate into sustainable innovations with real-world impact. Other objectives of the workshop included identifying technical, infrastructural, regulatory, and ethical challenges in deploying AI across diverse healthcare settings. It also aimed to foster academic, clinical, and industry collaboration between India and Germany, the ministry said. The workshop also targeted a roadmap for future joint research, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives. The next frontier of AI is not simply about building larger models, but about building intelligent systems that are efficient, sustainable, trustworthy, and accessible. Healthcare and mental wellness provide an important opportunity to turn this vision into real societal impact, said Prof.

Geothermal energy poised to accelerate India's drive to Net Zero by 2070

NEW DELHI

The recent commissioning of the first two geothermal wells in Ladakh marks the beginning of the journey to make geothermal energy a key part of India's renewable energy story as the nation drives towards Net Zero by 2070, according to a government factsheet issued on Friday. Geothermal energy emanates from the intense heat that lies deep below the Earth's surface, and unlike solar and wind energy, this source provides low-carbon renewable energy that is available round the clock. Recognising this potential, the government notified the National Policy on Geothermal Energy in September 2025. The policy charts a clear roadmap for exploring and developing India's geothermal resources. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is the nodal ministry for its implementation. Building on this framework, India achieved a historic milestone in July 2026. The ONGC Energy Centre commissioned the country's first two geothermal wells in Puga Valley, Ladakh. At a height of over 14,000 feet above sea level, Puga Valley is among India's most promising geothermal sites, known for its hot springs and underground heat reserves. The two 1,000-metre-deep



wells will support reservoir evaluation. They also pave the way for India's first 1-megawatt demonstration geothermal power project, marking the country's entry into geothermal power generation. As India advances its clean energy transition, geothermal power offers a dependable, indigenous way to diversify the nation's renewable energy mix. Geothermal power generation converts the earth's natural heat into electricity by tapping hot water and steam trapped beneath the surface. Deep wells bring these resources up to the surface. The steam then drives a turbine connected to a generator. This process resembles conventional thermal power generation. However, it replaces fuel combustion with naturally occurring underground heat. After power generation, the used water is condensed and reinjected into the reservoir. This supports resource replenishment and enables continued energy production.

Pune Targets Global GCC Leadership

PUNE

Pune is rapidly emerging as one of India's leading hubs for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), with more than 130 centres currently operational and the number expected to rise sharply in the coming years, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Friday. Speaking at the inauguration of the Magnum Ice Cream Company's Global Business Solutions Centre in Pune, Fadnavis reaffirmed the Maharashtra government's commitment to making the city a preferred destination for GCC investments. He said the growing interest from multinational corporations reflects Pune's business-friendly environment, skilled talent pool and expanding infrastructure. The new Magnum centre is expected to create more than 1,000 direct jobs while also generating indirect employment.



The facility will use artificial intelligence, automation, logistics and other advanced technologies to support global business operations, including manufacturing, distribution and customer experience. Fadnavis said stronger government-industry collaboration would help accelerate investment, job creation and economic growth. The state is also working to improve physical infrastructure across Pune's industrial areas, with particular attention to IT infrastructure challenges in Hinjawadi. Industry department principal secretary Dr P. Anbalagan

said GCCs are important economic engines rather than merely office spaces. Pune has seen approximately six million square feet of commercial office demand from GCCs over the past 15 months. Around 130 new or expanded GCC units were established across Maharashtra in the last 18 months. The state government has set a target of hosting 400 GCC companies and more than 700 units. Pune currently hosts companies from over 30 countries across 20 sectors, employing nearly 10,000 professionals, according to officials.

Markets end higher on easing Fed rate

MUMBAI

Domestic equity benchmarks ended higher on Friday as easing concerns over an imminent US Federal Reserve rate hike supported market sentiment, while profit-taking at higher levels and persistent geopolitical tensions capped gains.

Emerging market data centre pipeline doubles current global capacity

NEW DELHI

Emerging markets could become next major engine of growth for global data centre industry with planned developments amounting to nearly twice the size of current worldwide operating capacity, a report has said. According to a report by S&P Global Ratings, growing opposition to data centre construction in developed economies is prompting operators to seek expansion opportunities elsewhere, potentially attracting substantial investment into digital infrastructure across emerging markets. However, benefits are unlikely to be distributed evenly, it said and noted that the scale of investment and the pace of development will depend on factors including government policy, availability of natural resources and supporting infrastructure. In addition, S&P has expected that the conversion of planned projects into operation-

al facilities to vary significantly across regions and favouring countries with reliable electricity grids, transparent permitting systems, access to renewable energy and adequate capital availability. It also identified energy and water availability as the primary risks facing the sector. In fast-growing data centre hubs, expansion is increasingly colliding with power grid bottlenecks and water stress. Moreover, developers could also face rising social opposition if projects are perceived to increase electricity costs, weaken grid reliability or limit local access to land and water resources, according to the report. It further noted that in Asia-Pacific rapid expansion in markets, including India, is placing greater strain on power infrastructure, increasing the urgency of renewable energy deployment. At the same time, concerns over grid reliability may encourage some operators to rely on independent power sources that could be less environmentally friendly.

RECORD FOREX RESERVEForex Reserves Hit Record \$740.8 Billion

MUMBAI

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$11.475 billion to touch a record high of \$740.803 billion in the week ended August 28, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India on Friday. The latest increase strengthens the country's external financial position and takes reserves significantly above levels recorded earlier this year. The reserves have risen by \$49.696 billion from the end of March, while the increase stands at \$46.574 billion compared with the same period a year ago.



Key figures
■ Weekly rise: \$11.475 billion
■ Rise from end-March: \$49.696 billion
■ Year-on-year increase: \$46.574 billion
■ Largest component: Foreign currency assets (FCA)

The sharp weekly rise comes as India continues to maintain a substantial cushion of foreign exchange assets, providing support against external financial pressures and global market volatility. Foreign currency assets (FCA), which form the largest component of India's foreign

exchange reserves, also contributed to the overall movement during the week. The RBI's weekly statistical data tracks changes in the major components of the country's reserves, including foreign currency assets, gold reserves, special drawing rights and the reserve position with the

International Monetary Fund. The record level comes against a backdrop of global economic uncertainty and changing financial conditions, making the accumulation of reserves particularly significant for India's external stability. Higher reserves provide the central bank with greater

Quick Read

Senior aides to Reform UK's Farage step down after foreign funding sting

BIRMINGHAM

Britain's populist Reform UK said two senior aides to leader Nigel Farage stepped down on Friday after an undercover investigation alleged the party had broken electoral law by arranging for a foreign donor to pay for political polling. Reform denied any wrongdoing and said it had been the victim of a hoax perpetrated by climate activists. The governing Labour Party wrote to the police asking them to investigate possible criminal offences, including an alleged proposal to channel a larger overseas donation through a UK intermediary.

China's Xi to bring large CEO delegation on US visit

BEIJING

President Xi Jinping is preparing a large business delegation to accompany him on his visit to Washington, sources said, an unusual move given U.S. scepticism towards Chinese investment and Beijing's strained ties with private enterprise.

Xi rarely travels abroad with corporate executives, many of whom fell out of favour after Beijing's regulatory crackdowns on the technology, education and property sectors that began in 2020.

The planned business delegation for the September 24 summit has not been previously reported. Reuters could not determine which executives would join the delegation. The move is aimed in part at signalling China's willingness to support investment and commercial ties with the U.S., while offering the White House some potential economic wins ahead of midterm elections, one of the sources familiar with discussions said.

Chinese companies have faced increasing scrutiny of their U.S. investments and business operations in recent years. Washington has imposed a 100% tariff on imported Chinese EVs, banned foreign drone, router and robot imports, and forced the

Brazil's richest captured record income share despite Lula's effort

BRASILIA

Brazil's wealthiest captured a record share of national income under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, tax-return data show, offering a striking counterpoint to the leftist leader's effort to convince voters that gains have been widely shared under his administration as he seeks reelection in October. Lula has pointed to falling inequality, as measured by a record-low Gini coefficient in 2024, and rising employment as evidence that his administration prioritizes poorer Brazilians.

But tax-return data paint a more complex picture: high interest rates, partly a consequence of increased government spending, fueled a boom in financial income that disproportionately benefited the wealthy, even as stronger labor markets, wage gains, and social programs improved conditions at the bottom of the income distribution.

"If government benefits, on the one hand, are well targeted, they can have a positive social impact," said Otaviano Canuto, a former World Bank vice president. "But, on the other hand, the arithmetic of public debt is unforgiving," he added. "There is no way around it."

Monetary policy in Brazil. Canuto said, has had to deal with an "ultra-expansionary"

COSCO Rejects Claims of Shipboard Spying

COSCO rejects US allegations that its vessels carried concealed intelligence equipment, as fresh spying claims deepen security tensions ahead of an expected Trump-Xi summit in Washington and complicate US-China ties.

BEIJING

China's state-owned shipping giant COSCO Shipping has rejected allegations that some of its vessels carried concealed equipment used to collect intelligence for Beijing, describing the claims as "totally unfounded" and false.

Reuters reported on Tuesday, citing two senior Trump administration officials, that COSCO had used such equipment to spy on military communications near the coastlines of countries including the United States. The officials, who spoke anonymously, alleged that the company had maintained a decades-long intelligence-collection partnership with Beijing.

According to the officials,

the arrangement could enable China to collect communication signals from vessels and aircraft operating across Europe, North America and Asia. The allegations add a sensitive security dimension to the complex relationship between Washington and Beijing.

COSCO denied the accusations and said its vessels operate according to market-oriented principles and compliance practices across its businesses. The company said all communication, navigation, safety and operational equipment installed aboard its ships is intended only for legitimate commercial purposes.

That includes navigation safety, ship-to-shore communications and emergency response, COSCO said. It de-



nied using any equipment aboard its vessels to intercept military communications or gather intelligence.

The dispute comes ahead of a meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Washington on September 24, although Beijing has not confirmed the date.

The summit is expected to address trade and security issues.

China's embassy in Washington has previously said Beijing would not ask companies or individuals to collect or provide data, information

COSCO Denies US Spying Allegations:

- COSCO calls spying allegations "totally unfounded"
- US officials allege concealed equipment gathered military communications
- Claims involve vessels operating near multiple countries
- Company says equipment serves legitimate commercial purposes
- Allegations emerge before expected Trump-Xi Washington summit

or intelligence abroad in violation of local laws.

Romanian prosecutors indict Andrew Tate for trafficking minors

BUCHAREST

Romanian prosecutors officially indicted social media influencer Andrew Tate on Friday for trafficking minors, money laundering, sex with a minor and witness tampering and his brother Tristan for complicity, years after they began investigating them. The Tate brothers, former kickboxers with dual U.S. and British citizenship, were arrested in Miami in late July after Britain requested their extradition. Mainly based in Romania since 2017, they have been under criminal investigation in the country on charges including human trafficking since December 2022.

Romanian prosecutors said the Tates recruited their victims by seducing them and falsely claiming to want a relationship or marriage, before forcing them to produce

pornographic content for a webcam business.

They have denied all wrongdoing. "We will examine every aspect of (the indictment) with the same level of scrutiny and we will challenge any evidential, procedural or legal deficiencies through the appropriate judicial process," a Romanian lawyer for the Tates, Eugen Vidineac, said in a statement.

"Our clients continue to reject the allegations against them."

The Tate brothers remain in jail in the U.S. while a judge decides on the request for their extradition to Britain, where they are wanted on rape charges.

The spokesperson for the Romanian anti-organized crime prosecuting unit DIICOT — which is investigating the Tates — said it was not immediately clear

whether the unit will seek their extradition from the United States.

The Tates can be tried in absentia in Romania, but the trial will not start immediately. Under Romanian law, the indictment gets sent to a preliminary court chamber, where a judge will inspect the case files to ensure legality.

While the law states that the preliminary chamber judge has 60 days to finalize the report, indictments routinely take significantly longer.

DIICOT said one of Andrew Tate's victims was 15 when he seduced her in Britain in 2012, before moving her to the Romanian capital Bucharest and using physical violence and mental intimidation to sexually exploit her by forcing her to produce pornographic content for social media sites.

US Probes Deadly Iran Wedding Strike

WASHINGTON

The United States is investigating a deadly strike on a wedding gathering in southern Iran after an analysis by weapons experts found that the blast likely resulted from a direct hit by a US munition. The explosion tore through a home hosting a wedding celebration on Tuesday in Kuhstak village in Sirik County, along Iran's Strait of Hormuz coast.

Iranian state television reported Thursday that a 22-year-old woman died in hospital, taking the reported death toll to five. Iranian officials said nearly 70 people were wounded.

US Vice President JD Vance said Washington was examining the incident and wanted to establish what happened.

He said the US military learns from mistakes when they occur and stressed that American forces do not deliberately target civilians. The US government has not accepted responsibility for the strike.

Two Rescued After Nine Days

KATHMANDU

Two workers trapped for nine days inside a tunnel linked to Nepal's Upper Trishuli 3A hydropower station were rescued on Friday, offering hope after a glacier collapse and floods killed more than 1,200 people and left thousands missing.

Rescuers pulled Kabir Maharjan and mechanical foreman Sanjay Sah from the tunnel, making them the first survivors recovered from tunnels connected to six hydropower projects along the Trishuli River. Both were taken to an army hospital in Kathmandu.

Authorities said the disaster began August 26, when a wall of ice, rock and mud tore through the upper reaches of the Trishuli

valley. Officials and rescue workers believe at least 900 people were trapped in tunnels associated with the hydropower projects.

Videos released by authorities showed Maharjan being hoisted from an opening as onlookers cheered. Sah emerged covered in mud and was carried out before army doctors placed an oxygen mask on him and checked his vital signs.

Sah later said he had remained in a control room to help colleagues escape after learning about the disaster. He said it would have been wrong to flee.

While trapped, Sah said he recited mantras and remained in contact with three or four other people inside the tunnel.

US Military Disables Phone Ad Trackers

WASHINGTON

The US military has disabled advertising trackers on a range of government phones and computers after concerns that commercially collected location data could be used to track American troops, particularly those deployed in conflict zones.

The disclosures were contained in letters released Friday by Senator Ron Wyden and in statements provided to Reuters. The Air Force told Wyden that it had disabled advertising identifiers on computers and mobile phones about two months ago. US Special Operations Command said it had recently taken the same step on its Windows devices.

The Army said advertising IDs connected to mobile devices had been disabled since earlier this year. It added that advertising identifiers had been blocked on Windows computers since before 2021, while Android and Apple mobile devices have had the feature disabled by default since at least February 2026.

The move follows reports that commercially available location data, collected by the advertising industry and sold through data brokers, had been used to target US military personnel in the Middle East.

Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, has repeatedly

What Changed

Air Force disabled advertising IDs on phones and computers.

Special Operations Command disabled them on Windows devices.

Army blocked mobile advertising IDs earlier this year.

Location data remains a broader national-security concern.

Enemies should not be able to pull out a credit card and buy information that helps them track American troops.

— Pat Harrigan

pressed the Pentagon over the threat. Along with Representative Pat Harrigan, a North Carolina Republican, he asked the Pentagon to investigate whether the military had adequately addressed vulnerabilities created by the location-data trade.

The issue has also prompted wider concerns about smartphone use by deployed personnel. Reuters reported in July that some troops in the Middle East could be ordered to surrender their phones because videos posted online may help adversaries locate American bases.

Wyden said existing measures had not effectively neutralized the threat.

Israel says it has cleared Hezbollah fighters from tunnels under key Lebanon ridge

BEIRUT

Israel's military has cleared Hezbollah fighters holed up in tunnels under the strategic Ali al-Taher ridge in southern Lebanon, Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said on Friday, though the Iran-backed group did not immediately comment.

Israel had said Hezbollah fighters were embedded in tunnels under the ridge, which overlooks a wide area and had become one of the most hotly contested areas in the Israel-Hezbollah war, despite a ceasefire announced in June.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUJATHA S W/o late N RAMU, R/o 756, 4th Cross, Opp. Munibhachamma Asrama, Muneswara Layout, Laggere, Peenya Small Industries, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560058, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as S SUJATHAMMA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUSHIL JAIN SONEGARA (old name), a resident of NO 30, FLAT NO 102, TILAWAT ENCALVE, 1ST FLR V V, PURAM, SHRADHANANDA BHAVAN ROAD, Bengaluru, 560004, Karnataka, INDIA, have changed my name to SUSHIL SONEGARA (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 04-09-2026, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RADHIKA AMAR KHANGAVKAR alias RADHIKA A TEJAM alias RADHIKA KHANGAVKAR D/o ARUN GUNDU TEJAM, W/o AMAR KHANGAVKAR, R/o No. 1874/1, Bapat Galli, Belgaum, Karnataka-590001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ARYA AMAR KHANGAVKAR.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAZIA KHANUM W/o SAMAD ABDUL MAJID R/o Ground Floor, Shaheen Manzil 15/3 2, 3rd Main, 9th A Cross, 1st Stage, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Dharmaram College, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560029, have changed the name of my minor son IZAAN ABDUL MAJID aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as ZOHRAN KHAN MAJID.

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Gasly Loses Monaco Podium Again

FIA appeal verdict restores Gasly’s Monaco penalties, sending him to seventh and returning Hadjar to the podium after Alpine’s successful stewards’ review was overturned by the International Court of Appeal.

NEW DELHI

Pierre Gasly has lost his Monaco Grand Prix podium for a second time after the FIA International Court of Appeal reinstated two five-second penalties imposed on the Alpine driver.

The ruling means Gasly is reclassified seventh, while Red Bull’s Isack Hadjar regains third place. McLaren’s Oscar Piastri moves to fourth, with Racing Bulls drivers Liam Lawson and Arvid Lindblad promoted to fifth and sixth respectively.

Gasly had crossed the finish line third at the June 7 Monaco race, won by Mercedes’ Kimi Antonelli, with Ferrari’s Lewis Hamilton second. However, two unserved five-second penalties for pit-lane speeding initially dropped Gasly to seventh and handed Hadjar the podium position.

Alpine subsequently exercised its Right to Review, and on June 12 the stewards cancelled the penalties, restoring Gasly to third. Red Bull and McLaren then appealed that decision to the FIA International Court of Appeal, which ruled in their favour and reinstated the original penalties.

The FIA said it would now review the method-

ology and operation of timing system, along with regulations and judicial procedures, including the right of review and appeals.

Alpine expressed disappointment, saying it felt “unjustly punished” and maintained that Gasly’s car never exceeded the pit-lane speed limit. The team acknowledged the court’s decision while continuing to disagree with the outcome.

The FIA defended its stewards, stressing their independence and noting that the International Court of Appeal has access to additional legal counsel, arguments and evidence. It said the decision would contribute to review and improvement of the governing process.



Gasly Drops to Seventh As Hadjar Regains Monaco Podium

- Gasly reclassified seventh after penalties were reinstated.
- Isack Hadjar regains Monaco’s final podium position.
- Alpine maintains Gasly never exceeded the pit-lane speed limit.
- FIA announces reviews of timing and appeal procedures.
- McLaren and Red Bull successfully challenged the stewards’ ruling.

Liverpool Secure French Teenager N’Guessan

LONDON

Liverpool have agreed to sign French forward Djilian N’Guessan from Saint-Etienne, with the 18-year-old set to complete a permanent move to Anfield in January.

N’Guessan will initially join Ligue 1 side Brest on loan for the first half of the season. Liverpool will then decide in January whether to keep him in France, bring him to Anfield or send him elsewhere on loan for the remainder of the campaign.

The timing could also work in the teenager’s favour. Fabian Mroczek’s loan spell at FC Cincinnati will have ended by January, creating an available loan place, while N’Guessan would also be eligible for a UK work permit.

The forward developed through Saint-Etienne’s academy and made 13 senior appearances after making his debut in January 2025. He

scored once and became the second-youngest player to represent the French club.

N’Guessan has also impressed internationally. He featured in all seven of France’s matches at the 2025 U20 World Cup, where they finished fourth. He was previously selected in the Team of the Tournament at the 2025 U17 European Championship after scoring four goals. His youth record has been equally impressive, with 12 goals in 14 appearances for France’s Under-16s and 11 in 11 at Under-17 level. The move continues Liverpool’s strategy of recruiting promising young players. The club has recently signed youngsters including Ifeanyi Ndukwe, Mor Talla Ndiaye, Armin Pesci, Samuel Martinez and Lucca Brughmans.

Liverpool have also submitted their 25-man Premier League squad for the opening phase of 2026-27.

Liverpool have added another highly rated young prospect, signing French forward Djilian N’Guessan before his permanent move begins in January.

India U19 leg-spinner Rohit Yadav banned for two years

NEW DELHI

India Under-19 men’s leg-spinner Rohit Yadav has been handed a ban for two years following the discovery of significant age discrepancies in his birth documents by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

Yadav was in India’s Under-19 men’s squad for the tour of Sri Lanka in July, including picking six wickets in the Youth Test. But he has now been barred from playing all forms of the game after documentation checks revealed significant birth-record irregularities.

It has also led to his immediate removal from the squad scheduled to play Australia Under-19 in five 50-over and two multi-day games later this month in Rajkot and Ahmedabad. “Yes, he has been withdrawn from the squads, after this was alerted to us by CAB. A word on who will be his replacement in the two squads will be known later,” said a BCCI source on Friday. The investigation by CAB has discovered multiple conflicting records for Yadav, including three separate birth certificates listing different years of birth - 2006, 2007, and 2009 in various updates to his Aadhaar card records from 2014 to 2021. It is understood to have created an official age discrepancy of 27 months in Yadav’s case.

In the action taken by CAB, in all, 65 players have been barred from registration or transfers across the 2026-27 and 2027-28 domestic seasons due to age discrepancies and documentation irregularities.

Among those sanctioned is former India Under-19 World Cup winner Ravi Kumar. The left-arm pacer delivered a standout spell of 4-34 in the 2022 Men’s U19 World Cup final against England in the Caribbean to help secure India’s fifth title.

There’s nothing wrong with Sabalenka standing up for herself: Johanna Konta

NEW DELHI

Former British player Johanna Konta has defended Aryna Sabalenka after the world No. 1 clapped back at a reporter, who asked her questions about her pre-tournament activities.

After her second-round win, Sabalenka was disgruntled by a line of questioning about her activities of the week leading up to the US Open. “How are you finding like your mood once now that the tournament has started? Obviously, last week it’s lots of parties and fun and stuff like that,” the journalist asked. Sabalenka lambasted the reporter, saying “what kind of question did he ask?”

“You guys are like a joke. Parties? Fun? Why would you even say that? Why would you even think about that? Like, what kind of question is that? Just because I posted some activities with brands and you think that I’ve been partying?” she said in the press conference.

Sabalenka’s comments made headlines around the world and former British No. 1 Konta has leapt to the defence of the two-time US



Open winner.

“I think this is the perfect example of don’t always believe what you see on social media,” Konta told Eurosport. “I think Aryna will have obligations to the brand that she works with. There is no doubt that an athlete, and a successful athlete like Aryna Sabalenka, is putting the necessary work in to be as successful as she is.”

“And, to be fair, from her point of view, I do think the question was slightly antagonistic in a way, but I think it’s because the press feel like they can get a reaction out of her.”

Sabalenka, who is aiming to win her third straight US Open singles title, had little trouble eliminating lateenka. The Belarusian struck 24 winners and converted six of her eight break-point opportunities in the 54-minute match.

Deepti Rejects Psychological Edge Against Pakistan

DUBAI

India off-spin bowling all-rounder Deepti Sharma has rejected suggestions that her side’s dominant record against Pakistan gives them an automatic psychological advantage ahead of their 2026 Women’s Asia Cup Group A clash in Dubai on Saturday.

India have won 14 of their 17 T20I meetings against Pakistan, including a 64-run victory at the 2026 Women’s T20 World Cup in Birmingham. Deepti took five wickets in that match, while Smriti Mandhana scored 68.

Despite the overwhelming head-to-head record, Deepti insisted India’s approach remains focused on playing better cricket rather than relying on past results.

“There is no such advantage. Whatever we have won against them, whether it is the Asia Cup or any other matches, we are always one step ahead of them and that’s it,” she said.

India have already qualified for the semifinals after convincing victories over Thailand and Hong Kong China. Deepti said maintaining momentum and producing balanced team performances remain the priority.

India’s batting unit enters the contest after Mandhana struck a record-breaking century against Hong Kong China. Pakistan, meanwhile, are still seeking greater consistency from their top order despite



India’s Deepti Sharma has dismissed any psychological advantage over Pakistan, insisting her team’s priority is simply staying one step ahead.

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INDIA vs PAKISTAN

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- Deepti took five wickets in that match.
- India have already secured a semifinal place.

beating Thailand.

Deepti also praised young spinners N Sree Charani and Prema Rawat, highlighting their ability to create breakthroughs. Charani, she noted, has been exceptional over the past year and cur-

rently tops the rankings.

With selection decisions left to the management, Deepti said India want to remain compact in both departments and concentrate on their strengths rather than Pakistan’s reputation.



Carrick confident Man Utd have improved after transfer window

NEW DELHI

Manchester United manager Michael Carrick believes his side have emerged as a stronger squad from the summer transfer window, with players like Andrey Santos, Youri Tielemans, and Carlos Baleba strengthening the team with their experience.

Carrick said that despite spending less in the transfer window, the club had strengthened in different areas and insisted United must continue to improve as the season progresses.

“I think we’ve brought some really good players into the football club and improved the squad in different ways, individually but collectively,” Carrick said during a charity golf day for his foundation. I think we’ve grown. You go into the window, and when you come out of it, you want to be stronger than you were at the start. I’m convinced we are that,” Carrick told Sky Sports.

According to the newly appointed man-

ager, United had some challenges during the transfer window but made the most of it and remained focused on building a competitive team.

“Transfer windows are never straightforward, and this window in particular has been challenging for different reasons. There’s a lot of money being spent in and around the league itself, and I think we’ve made the most of the situation that we’ve found ourselves in,” he said.

“That’s the world we live in. Teams at certain points are going to spend a lot of money. Sometimes it’s going to be more than what we spend; sometimes maybe not. We’ve got to make the most of what we can and understand where we’re at. I think we’re a very good team; we want to keep getting better,” he added.

Manchester United had a poor start to the season as they lost to newly promoted Hull City in their opener; however, the team made a comeback in the next match and secured a dominant 5-2 victory against Ipswich Town.

India Shooters Enter Final Asian Games Camp

NEW DELHI

The National Rifle Association of India has announced the final preparatory camps for the Indian shooting contingent ahead of the 2026 Asian Games, with athletes set to undergo intensive training before the continental competition begins on September 19.

The final camps will be held at two of the country’s premier shooting facilities the MP State Shooting Academy in Bhopal and the Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi. The arrangements are designed to provide athletes with discipline-specific facilities while allowing coaches and support teams to closely monitor their preparations.

Rifle and pistol shooters will train in Bhopal from September 5 to 14. The skeet squad will as-



semble in New Delhi from September 4 to 14, while trap shooters will conduct their final camp from September 10 to 18.

NRAI President Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo said the Asian Games represent a major opportunity for Indian shooters to demonstrate their ability on the continental stage. He expressed confidence in the athletes and reiterated the federation’s commitment to providing the resources required for podium performances.

NRAI Secretary General Pawan Kumar said conducting camps simultaneously in Bhopal and New Delhi would allow athletes to train in environments suited to their individual disciplines. He added that logistics and support arrangements had been coordinated to keep athletes focused. High Performance Director Pierre Beauchamp said the final phase would prioritise precision, mental conditioning and technical refinement rather than training volume.