

K'taka takes governance to doorsteps

DKS says days when people had to run from dept to dept to get routine work done should end; Praja Seva Dept, as he promised, will bring officials and elected representatives to people to address grievances.

KUDLIGI (Vijayanagara)

The Karnataka government on Saturday rolled out its 'Praja Seva Department' and 'Praja Seva Abhiyan', an initiative designed to take grievance redressal directly to citizens and ensure their problems are addressed within a stipulated timeframe.

Speaking after inaugurating the 'Praja Seva Department' (Public Service Department) in Kudligi, one of the most backward taluks of Kalyana Karnataka region, Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the government was putting in place a system under which officials would go directly to people's doorsteps to listen to their problems.

"The days when citizens had to run from one government office to another to get their work done should come to an end. The administration must reach people directly at their doorstep. This programme has been conceived with that noble objective," he said.

It is not appropriate for ministers and officials to sit in Vidhana Soudha, deputy commissioner's offices or taluk offices and remain disconnected from the people, he added.

"Every citizen cannot meet a minister, MLA or government official directly. Therefore, the Praja Seva Department will work towards listening to people's grievances and providing solutions at the spot."

Shivakumar said the initiative would not merely function as another government department but would evolve into a people-centric system capable of bringing about positive changes in citizens' lives.

Officials' field visits

He said officials will visit the field twice a month to hear and address public grievances. Applications relating to pensions, land disputes, government benefits, mutation of property records, guarantee schemes, houses and residential sites will be examined and resolved.

He said free legal assistance

What is 'Praja Seva'?

Praja Seva is a new government mechanism aimed at ending the need for ordinary citizens to make repeated visits to government offices for routine services, pensions, Pahan (RTC), ration cards and other departmental matters. Under the initiative, grievances will be heard closer to people's homes and efforts will be made to resolve them within a fixed timeframe.

will also be provided to poor and vulnerable people involved in cases at the tahsildar, assistant commissioner or deputy commissioner levels.

"If an application is rejected, the reason must be clearly explained. The government will stand by the applicant until the issue is fully resolved," Shivakumar said and added that merely accepting applications from the public is not enough. The real success of the programme will be achieved only when appropriate solutions reach the applicants.

In all 224 constituencies

The Praja Seva will be implemented in all 224 assembly constituencies in the state. The Cabinet has decided that elected representatives and officials must be present among the people on the first and third Saturdays of every month. Ministers will lead the programme at taluk and hobli levels, while MLAs will oversee it at the gram panchayat level.

"If an MLA is unable to attend, officials themselves must visit the concerned panchayat centres, conduct small meetings, receive petitions from the public and take steps to resolve them," directed the CM.

"We implemented the five guarantee schemes despite criticism from the Opposition and demonstrated that they could be put into practice. The Praja Seva initiative too will become a model for the entire country."

The CM also interacted online with ministers leading Praja Seva campaigns in different districts and obtained information about their programmes.



Overview of the initiative

Objective

Take administration to people's doorsteps and resolve public complaints on the spot or within a set timeframe.

Tech-friendly system

Built on a paperless, data-driven, & multi-faceted software framework via the Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System.

Helpline

Citizens can reach out or register issues via phone at 1902 or online.

Meeting schedule

Every Saturday

Meetings occur at taluk and hobli (village cluster) levels on a rotational basis.

1st & 3rd Saturdays

Conducted at taluk headquarters under the district in-charge minister.

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Organized at the taluk or hobli-level led by the local MLA.

Review and escalation process

Wednesdays review: Applications and complaints gathered during Saturday meetings undergo a three-stage review.

Taluk-level: Taluk-level reviews run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. where officials track software status.

Escalation: Unresolved matters route to Sub-Divisional Officers through E-Office for further action.

US missiles hit tanker near Kharg Island



Vijay, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun in Laalo Race



Those spreading terrorism are on the back foot: PM

At SRCC's centenary celebrations, Modi praised its alumni across fields, recalled Arun Jaitley's college memories and highlighted the institution's lasting national influence.



NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday lauded Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce for distinguishing itself over the years and nurturing generations of leaders in business, public life and society.

Modi arrived at the college premises to attend its centenary celebrations. He took a metro ride to arrive at the college, during which he interacted with children.

"In a short while from now, at 7 PM, I will be at Delhi University's iconic Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) to take part in its centenary celebrations. This college has distinguished itself over the years, making a mark for academic excellence, institution-building and for nurturing generations of leaders in business, public life and society," he said in a post on X earlier in the day.

He released a commemorative Rs 100 coin to mark the centenary celebration.

Modi's visit to the SRCC comes amid the BJP's ongoing outreach to the young generation. He last visited the SRCC in 2013, when he was the chief minister of Gujarat.

Modi said today those spreading terrorism are on the back foot and if Pakistan indulges in any misadventure, India's armed forces will enter their territory and strike. "Peace has increased from Jammu and Kashmir to the Northeast. The back of Mao-

Highlights of PM's address

Warning to Pakistan: The Prime Minister issued a stern warning against cross-border terrorism. "If Pakistan indulges in any misadventure, India's armed forces enter their territory and strike," Modi added. He reiterated that India now follows a proactive policy of entering enemy territory to neutralize threats ("ghar mein ghus ke maarta hai").

Reduction in internal security threats: PM Modi emphasized that internal security has vastly improved. He noted that peace has steadily increased across Jammu & Kashmir and the Northeast, while the "back" of Maoist terrorism and Naxalism has effectively been broken.

Policy dynamism: He contrasted the current proactive security measures with past administrations. "The world that was once concerned about India's 'policy paralysis' is today talking about India's 'policy dynamism,'" he said

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PM Modi further said, "When a person lives for 100 years, they are considered an ocean of experience. And when an institution completes 100 years, it becomes an ocean of achievements and inspiration. In its 100-year journey, SRCC has shaped generations and connected them with a brighter future. Those who came here studied, and those who left emerged as well-shaped individuals." "Dhurandhar na ho, lekin dhoom toh machayi hai."

'Call me Praja Sevaka'

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday struck a similar code as PM Narendra Modi who termed himself as 'Pradhan Sewak', saying he would rather be called a 'Praja Sevaka' (servant of the people) than the 'ruler of the state'. Launching the new Praja Seva Department campaign at Kudligi, he said the era of rulers had ended with the advent of democracy and that he would be happiest if people called him a Praja Sevaka instead of referring to him as the ruler of Karnataka.

K'taka teachers can now prefix 'Tr' to their names

BENGALURU: Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said teachers in the state can use the prefix 'Tr' before their names as a mark of respect for their contribution to society.

The announcement was made on the occasion of Teachers' Day. The prefix is akin to titles such as 'Dr' for medical doctors, 'Er' for engineers and 'Prof' for professors. "A teacher builds every person who goes on to build the nation. India's more than one crore teachers, including nearly 4.5 lakh teachers in Karnataka, are shaping the minds, character and future of our children every single day," he wrote on X.

He said every doctor, engineer, farmer, officer, entrepreneur and leader had a teacher behind them who first recognised their potential and showed them what was possible.

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ognised their potential and showed them what was possible. "On this Teachers' Day, the Govt of Karnataka has decided to honour this invaluable contribution with a distinct mark of respect. From today, teachers of Karnataka can proudly use the prefix 'Tr' before their names." Calling the two-letter prefix a symbol of a lifetime of service, he said 'Tr' was more than a title — it represented society's recognition of teachers who had dedicated their lives to shaping others.

'Misbehavior': Court orders advocate to plant 1K saplings

DHARWAD: The Dharwad bench of the High Court has ordered an advocate to plant 1,000 fruit bearing saplings on any land belonging to the government or in any school/college premises and maintain them by providing water and fertilizer.

The court also ordered a token cost of Rs 1,000 upon the advocate. Justice Hanchate Sanjeevkumar passed this order after accepting an apology tendered by S Rangaswamy, advocate from Ballari, who misbehaved with a Sessions Judge while arguing for the accused in a murder case.

Population enumeration in 4 poll-bound states from Dec 1

NEW DELHI

Population enumeration for Census 2027 will take place in Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and parts of Uttarakhand from December 1, 2026, to January 4, 2027, the Registrar General of India said on Saturday, advancing the exercise in the states likely to go to polls early next year.

In a gazette notification, the Registrar General of India (RGI) and Census Commissioner of India Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan said the citizens in these areas can avail

the option for self-enumeration from November 16 to November 30, 2026.

"The conduct of Census of the population shall be undertaken in the States of Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and areas other than snow-bound areas of the State of Uttarakhand, from 1st December, 2026 to 4th January, 2027 with a revisional round from 5th January, 2027 to 9th January, 2027," it said.

It said the reference date for Census 2027 for Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand, other than snow-bound

areas of the state, shall be 00:00 hours of January 5, 2027. "For the Union territory of Ladakh and snow-bound non-synchronous areas of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the snow-bound non-synchronous areas of the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date shall be 00:00 hours of the 1st day of October, 2026," it added.

The terms of the state assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand will end by May 2027.

KPSC scam: Priyank assures 'no nonsense' probe

KALABURAGI

With the CID probing alleged irregularities in the KPSC recruitment process, Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Saturday assured that the investigation will be a "no nonsense" process, and the facts will be placed before the people.

He said, the evidence and witnesses are strong in the case and the government will not compromise in any way. The CID probing alleged irregularities in the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) recruitment exam for veteri-



nary officers, have arrested IAS officer Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar, who was serving as as Controller of Examinations of KPSC from February 2024 to March 2026, and alleged mastermind Basavaraj Kannale, a syndicate member of Tumkur University.

The government suspended Gangwar, a 2016-batch IAS officer, on Thursday following the allegations. At the time of suspension he was serving as Director of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the Department of Industries and Commerce.

"I don't know what has hap-

pened in the past, but in this case the evidence and witness are strong, and the government will not compromise in any way. Everyone is aware of my opinion regarding the KPSC, no one has the right to play with the future of our youth, no party or no commission has any right. Period," Priyank said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, "Be rest assured, until I'm the Home Minister, there is no question of diluting any evidence or witness, whether it is by IAS or IPS officers or BJP or Congress leaders. Absolutely no nonsense investigation will happen, and the facts will be placed before the people. Let people decide."

'No plan to force Palestinians out of Gaza'

TURMUS AYYA: The US ambassador to Israel said Saturday there was no plan underway to force Palestinians out of Gaza, after Israeli ministers laid out ideas on how to expel the war-battered territory's two million people.

"I can tell you categorically there is no plan of the Israelis to displace people out of Gaza against their will," Ambassador Mike Huckabee told reporters as he visited Palestinian-Americans in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Israeli far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir laid out a plan on

Thursday that aims to see the departure of 250,000 Palestinians from Gaza in the first year, followed by the rest of the roughly two million residents over the following six years.

His remarks came a day after Defence Minister Israel Katz said Israel was ready to remove Palestinians from Gaza by sea and land but was waiting for the US, which he said was discussing where the population would go. Katz, without citing his source, said 80% of people in Gaza wanted to leave but that Hamas was preventing them.

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'Shape generations driven by scientific temper, Nation First spirit'

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday asked teachers to shape generations of students who develop a scientific outlook and move forward with the spirit of "nation first".

In an article written on the occasion of Teachers' Day, she said it is the sacred duty of teachers to guide their students to be good human beings. "Students who achieve prosperity and glory while remaining ethical in their thoughts and actions are living embodiments of a teacher's success." She said the country is mov-



ing steadily towards the goal of becoming a developed nation with social inclusion at the core. "As we advance on this journey, I want our teachers to shape generations of students who value the richness of our cultural heritage and traditions; who develop a scientific out-

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-Droupadi Murmu, President

look and work for the welfare of humanity; who uphold the ideal of Antyodaya; who protect the environment and all living creatures; who strive for individual and collective excellence, and who move forward with the spirit of 'nation first'," Murmu said.

In the article titled 'Shaping Minds; Building the Future',

she said parents and guardians repose the highest trust in teachers when they send their children to study. "They believe that the teachers will treat the children as their own and take utmost care of the child's safety and development. It is the dharma of every teacher to uphold this sacred trust placed in them," the president said.

A teacher's attitude, conduct and behaviour should not generate fear and anxiety in the children, break their morale or allow any sense of inferiority to develop, she said, adding that good teachers help their students become the best ver-

sions of themselves.

To encourage independent thinking in students, to ignite their curiosity, to promote the tendency to ask questions, to sharpen their capacity for argument and judgement, and to help them grow into independent individuals -- these are among the most useful and rewarding dimensions of teaching, she said. "It is only through such inspiring education that we will raise generations of successful entrepreneurs, brilliant scientists, creative artists and citizens capable of finding innovative solutions to emerging challenges."

“Youth must build skills and move forward with confidence”

MYSURU

Providing suitable employment opportunities to young people and guiding them towards a secure future is one of the most pressing needs of the present day. In today's competitive world, youngsters should not remain mere job seekers but must develop their abilities and skills and move forward with confidence, said Urban Development and Mysuru District-In-Charge Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah.

Speaking after inaugurating a mega job fair organised by the Janaspandana Trust (R) here on Saturday, he said such large-scale job fairs, which provide employment opportu-



nities to young men and women locally, create a supportive environment for the economic empowerment of the society and contribute significantly towards securing a bright future for the youth. He appreciated the services

of the Janaspandana Trust in providing an appropriate platform for unemployed youngsters and helping them find suitable employment opportunities. “Providing every unemployed young man and woman with a suitable plat-

form and extending support to improve their lives is a highly commendable initiative,” he said, while conveying his best wishes to all the job aspirants.

Trust president and former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad, MLC K. Shivakumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshman, and H.A. Venkatesh were present.

Former Mayor Narayana, Pushpalatha Chikkanna, former Deputy Mayor Siddaraju, former City Corporation member J. Gopi, along with several other elected representatives and prominent citizens, also participated in the programme.

Kiran Subbaiah: A multifaceted sculptor who gave tradition a modern expression

MYSURU

The Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru Division and Mysuru district jointly organised an interaction with achievers on Saturday, featuring renowned multifaceted sculptor A. Kiran Subbaiah as the special guest.

Subbaiah is among the rare sculptors in the country who have successfully adapted elements of traditional sculpture to a contemporary context. Originally from Madikeri, he was born, brought up and educated in Mysuru, which he later made his karmabhoomi for pursuing his artistic journey.

During his college days, Subbaiah was deeply inspired by the magnificent carvings at the temples of Belur and Halebidu. The experience kindled his dream of becoming a sculptor, which he eventually realised through sheer determination. In his early years, nature, photographs, paintings and sculptures published in newspapers and magazines served as his primary sources of learning and inspiration.

He later mastered the techniques of handling sculpting tools and equipment at the Chamarajendra Vocational Training School, now known as CAVA. Though he had to discontinue his degree education midway due to circumstances, he refused to give up his ambition of becoming a distinguished artist and continued his artistic journey.

Even after giving up a job that had come his way, he chose art as his life's calling. Over the years, he has created



more than 500 multifaceted sculptures, carving out a distinct identity for himself in the world of sculpture.

Among his remarkable creations is the 135-headed Adishesha and its pedestal, considered an outstanding work of art. He has also transformed a portion of his residence into the “K.S. Museum of Sculpture,” where he displays his works and continues to inspire and nurture the artistic aspirations of young sculptors.

The uniqueness of Subbaiah's work lies in its multidimensional character. His sculptures are not limited to a single perspective; when viewed from different directions, they reveal different faces and forms, making them visually intriguing from all four sides.

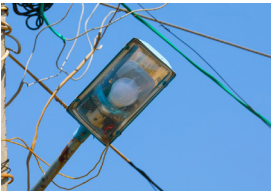
In recognition of his contributions to the arts, several organisations have honoured him. At the MANPHO Art and Craft Exhibition held in Bengaluru in 2011, he was conferred the title “King of Multifaceted Sculptures.” The

same year, at the ninth International Granite Stone Fair, he was honoured as a “Living Legend.” He has also received awards from the Karnataka Government's Kodava Sahitya Academy and Shilpaka Academy.

Behind Kiran Subbaiah's artistic achievement lies a fascinating story of perseverance. His life and style of sculpting embody the saying, “The deeper you dig, the more water you find.” His journey demonstrates how determination, concentration and relentless self-learning can enable an individual to master the art of sculpture. In this sense, he stands as an inspiring example of an Ekalavya-like pursuit of excellence.

Dean of Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts A. Devaraju, Joint Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru Division Nirmala Mathapati, Assistant Director of the Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, and Administrative Officer (in-charge) of the college Jayashankar were present.

Quick Read



Disruption in power supply today

Mysuru

Power supply will be disrupted in several parts of Mysuru on September 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. owing to quarterly maintenance works at various power distribution centres under Jyothinagar, N.R. Mohalla, Chamundipuram and Varuna subdivisions.

The affected distribution centres include Rajivnagar, Devanur, Rajivnagar, FTS, Bannimantap, South, Kadakola and Vajamangala. The major areas likely to face interruption include Mahadevapura Main Road, Sathagalli A and B Zones, Rajkumar Road, Kalyanagiri, Gayatripuram, Vanivilas Layout, Manasi Layout, Kyathamaranahalli, Shantinagar, Yarganahalli, Rajivnagar II and III Stages, Narayana Hospital surroundings, Suryanarayana Swamy Temple surroundings, Forum Mall, Ganeshnagar, Khuba Masjid, Al-Badar Circle, Gandhinagar, Subhashnagar, Mohammed Seth Block, N.R. Mohalla, Kesare, Rajendranagar, Cauvery Nagar, Usmania Block, Kurimandi, Bannimantap, Highway Circle, Mother Block, St. Joseph Hospital, Siddalingapur, Kalastavadi, Shadanahalli, Naganahalli, Kamanakerehundi, Belavatta, Hale Kesare, Vidyanarayapuram, Kanakagiri, Veers Colony, Krishnamurthyapuram, Ashokapuram, Industrial Suburb, Silk Factory surroundings, Ballal Circle, Nanjumalige Circle, Bandipalya, Hosundi, Gudumadanahalli, Eligehundi, Nachanahallipalya, JP Nagar, Siddalingeshwara Layout, Kadakola Industrial Area, Byathahalli, Sindhuvalli, Dadadahalli, Doddakanaya, Chikkakanya, Marase, Makanahalli, Koodanahalli, Kochanahalli, areas around Mysuru Airport, Harohalli, Mellahalli, Halikerehundi, Galigarihundi, Shivapura, Lakshmiapuram, Halagayyanahundi, Nadanahalli, Bhugathahalli, Vajamangala, Varuna, Chikkahalli, Choranaahalli, Yandahalli, Varakodu, Badagalahundi, Moodalahundi, KG Hundi, Vasanthanagar, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, Shantaveri Gopalagowda Nagar, JSS Layout, IPS Layout, BVL Layout, Sapta Matruka Layout, Lalithadripura, Lalithadripuram, Bannur Main Road and T. Narasipura Main Road and surrounding areas. The Executive Engineer of the N.R. Mohalla Division issued the notice and appealed to consumers to cooperate with the maintenance work.

Police Constables Exam: Prohibitory orders imposed

MYSURU

The written examination for the recruitment of Civil Armed Reserve (CAR) and District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police Constables, conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority, will be held at 39 examination centres in Mysuru city on September 6.

To ensure the smooth conduct of the examination and prevent any untoward incidents, adequate security arrangements have been made. Prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, have been imposed within a 200-metre radius of all examination centres from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 6.

Only candidates and examination staff will be permitted to move around the examination centres. Unauthorised persons will not be allowed in the vicinity, and carrying objectionable materials has been prohibited. Xerox and browsing centres located near the examination centres have also been ordered to remain closed during the examination.

The examination centres

include Sarada Vilas Degree College, Krishnamurthyapuram; St. Philomena PU College, Bannimantap; D. Banu-maiah Independent PU College; Teresian PU College, Siddarthanagar; Maharaja Government PU College, JLB Road; SBRR Mahajana PU College, Jayalakshmiapuram; Government Girls' PU College, Matrumandali, VV Mohalla; Maharani Government PU College, NS Road; Maharaja Government PU College, Nazarbadi; MNK & SDM PU College, Krishnamurthyapuram; Sri Vivekananda PU College, Jayalakshmiapuram; Government Girls' PU College, People's Park; Government PU College, Kuvempunagar; Sri Cauvery PU College, Kuvempunagar B-Block; Sri Nataraja Government PU College, Shankaramatha Road; Sadhvidya Composite PU College, NS Road; Vidyavikas Science PU College, Bannur Road; Government PU College, Matrumandali Circle; Maharshi PU College, Vishweshwaranagar; Devaraja Government Girls' PU College; Government PU College, MG Koppal; Sadhvidya Semi-Residential PU College; Vijaya Vittala PU

College, Saraswathipuram; Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara Independent PU College; Adhyayana PU College, Adishakti Road, Shaktinagar; SVIC Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram; Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, Vishweshwaranagar; Ramakrishna Vidyakendra Campus PU College, Ramakrishnanagar; Sapient PU College, KRS Road, Metagalli; Base PU College, HD Kote Road; Maharaja Government Junior College, JLB Road; Teresian Degree College, Siddarthanagar; St. Philomena College (Autonomous), Bannimantap; Maharani Women's Commerce and Management College, Valmiki Road; Government First Grade College, Kuvempunagar; Sharada Vilas Degree College, Krishnamurthyapuram; VVS BM Sri Educational Institutions, Lalithadri Road; Maharani Science Degree College, JLB Road, Chamarajapuram; and Government Adarsha Vidyalaya near Jockey Quarters.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said the restrictions had been imposed to ensure the examination is conducted peacefully and without disruption.

Public Grievance Meetings on Sept 8, 9

MYSURU

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) will conduct its second quarterly public grievance meetings on September 8 and 9 to hear and resolve electricity-related complaints of consumers under the jurisdiction of the V.V. Mohalla Division.

The meetings will be held

under the chairmanship of the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer of the V.V. Mohalla Division.

On September 8, the meeting will be held at the Hootagalli Sub-Division Office at 11 a.m. and at the V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division Office at 4 p.m.

On September 9, the meetings will be held at the Kuvempunagar Sub-Division Office at 11 a.m. and the R.K.

Nagar Sub-Division Office at 4 p.m.

Electricity consumers and members of the public within these jurisdictions have been urged to participate actively in the meetings and submit written applications regarding their electricity-related complaints or problems for necessary action, according to the Executive Engineer of the V.V. Mohalla Division.

Graduation ceremony held at JSS Polytechnic



MYSURU

The JSSPM Graduation Ceremony-2026, organised by JSS Polytechnic, Mysuru, a constituent of JSS Mahavidyalaya, was held here on Saturday. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa was the chief guest at the ceremony.

Dean and Director of Haveri Institute of Medical

Sciences Dr. M.V. Pradeep Kumar and Additional Director of the Department of Industries and Commerce Siddaraju were present. The programme was presided over by Dr. K.S. Bhaktavatsala, Principal, JSS Polytechnic, Mysuru. The ceremony was organised to honour the academic achievements of students who had successfully completed

their programmes and to wish them success in their future careers. Faculty members, students and dignitaries participated in the event.

The JSSPM Graduation Ceremony marked an important milestone in the lives of the graduating students and celebrated their academic journey and accomplishments.

AI CAN NEVER REPLACE TEACHERS: MINISTER YATHINDRA

MYSURU

In an era of rapid technological advancement and Artificial Intelligence (AI), students may have free access to vast amounts of information, but no technology can ever replace the role of a teacher, said Urban Development and Mysuru District In-charge Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah.

He was speaking after inaugurating the district-level Teachers' Day celebrations-2026, organised by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat and the School Education Department at Kalamandira in Mysuru on Saturday to mark the 138th birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Dr. Yatindra said education is not merely about imparting information but about developing good character, moral values and culture among students. Only teachers can undertake this noble responsibility. In Indian culture, teachers have traditionally been accorded a status equal to that of the divine, highlighting their immense role in shaping society. The State Government was committed to providing the necessary infrastructure for the education sector. Steps were being taken to improve school buildings, repair classrooms and address the shortage of teachers. The government had already initiated steps to recruit around



15,000 teachers.

Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait said teachers must continuously adapt to changing times to meet the challenges of providing quality education in the 21st century. The Education Department was making continuous efforts to improve educational standards through facilities, circulars and new regulations. Although the age group of students entering classrooms remains broadly the same year after year, their mindset and requirements change with time. Teachers are often better placed than even parents to understand a child's psychological and educational needs. Therefore, teachers must cultivate the attitude of being lifelong learners to effectively meet emerging educational challenges.

He observed that government and

aided schools had highly qualified teachers, but there were certain shortcomings in terms of outcomes and willingness to embrace change when compared with the private sector. Teachers should not restrict themselves to classroom instruction but should become guides and role models in building a better society. Their responsibility should be to create a positive learning environment rather than focusing merely on salaries, allowances or promotions, he said.

Though embracing change could be challenging, it was essential for educational progress. Measures had been taken to reduce unnecessary burdens on teachers, ranging from the mid-day meal system to administrative changes in the department. Meaningful and satisfactory results could be achieved only when teach-

ers, the department and parents worked together to bring about positive social change through education, he added.

Retired professor and former Director of the Centre for Indian Languages Prof. C.G. Venkatesha Murthy said teaching was not merely a profession but a sacred responsibility involving the shaping of future generations and exerting a profound influence on society. Many people entered the teaching profession by circumstance rather than by choice. Those who entered the profession out of compulsion or because they had no other option could become a burden on the system. If a person lacked genuine enthusiasm for teaching, leaving the profession would itself be a major contribution to the education sector. Teaching should not be confined to delivering

the prescribed syllabus but should provide learning opportunities and experiences suited to the needs of every student.

Prof. Venkatesha Murthy stressed the importance of classroom composition mapping for every teacher. Teachers should have a comprehensive understanding of the abilities, weaknesses, health conditions and family circumstances of children in their classrooms. Schemes such as Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) had provided significant support for girls' education and needed to be further strengthened.

He said teachers did not need anyone's permission to discharge their professional responsibilities, as it was their fundamental right. While the department could prescribe the timetable and curriculum, teachers should have the freedom to decide how best to deliver lessons to children.

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Zilla Panchayat CEO Yakesh Kumar, ADC R. Aishwarya, Karnataka Zoo Authority Chairman M. Rangaswamy, Deputy Director of the School Education Department Uday Kumar, South Zone Education Officer Krishna, Karnataka State Government Employees' Association district president Dr. Arun Kumar B.P., teachers and others were present.

Abandoned vehicles on Mysuru Roads

MCC SETS SEPT 12 DEADLINE TO REMOVE; TOWING DRIVE TO BEGIN FROM SEPT 13

MYSURU

Taking a tough stand against the growing menace of illegally parked and abandoned vehicles, the Mysore City Corporation (MCC) has issued a final warning to vehicle owners to clear their vehicles from roads, footpaths and other public places by September 12.

MCC Commissioner M.K. Savitha said the civic body would launch a city-wide towing operation from September 13 against vehicles that continue to occupy public spaces despite repeated notices. The corporation has expressed concern over the total disregard shown by some citizens towards repeated directions and notices issued by the civic authorities. Vehicles left unattended for long periods have become a common sight in several parts of the city, occupying valuable road and footpath space and creating inconvenience for pedestrians, motorists and residents.

According to the MCC, notices were affixed to identified illegally parked or abandoned vehicles between August 25, 2025 and August 31, 2026, giving owners seven days to voluntarily remove them. However, despite the notices, several vehicles reportedly continue to remain in the same locations.

Following representations from vehicle owners and members of the public seeking additional time, the MCC extended the deadline as a final concession up to September 12, 2026. “This is the final opportunity. No further



extension will be granted,” the Commissioner has made it clear.

From September 13, the MCC, in coordination with the police and transport authorities, will begin removing such vehicles through towing operations and shift them to designated locations. The action will be taken without issuing any separate notice or granting additional time. The civic body has cited provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, including Sections 122 and 127, and the relevant Motor Vehicles (Driving) Regulations, besides applicable laws and rules, to initiate the removal process.

The MCC has also warned that towing charges and all other expenses incurred in removing and transporting the vehicles will be recovered from the respective owners as prescribed under the rules.

Public spaces can’t become pvt parking lots

The corporation’s action comes against the backdrop of persistent complaints about vehicles occupying footpaths, road margins and other public

spaces. Such vehicles not only narrow carriageways and impede the movement of traffic but also force pedestrians, particularly children, senior citizens and persons with disabilities, to walk on roads.

Abandoned vehicles can also turn into dust traps, garbage collection points and breeding spots for mosquitoes, besides affecting the overall appearance and cleanliness of the heritage city.

The MCC has therefore appealed to vehicle owners to treat September 12 as the absolute final deadline and voluntarily remove their vehicles.

With the towing drive scheduled to begin from September 13, the message from the civic administration is unequivocal: public roads and footpaths are meant for public use—not for indefinite parking or vehicle abandonment.

MCC Commissioner M.K. Savitha urged citizens to co-operate with the civic body and avoid action and financial liability by removing their vehicles within the stipulated deadline.

Cauvery reservoirs under pressure

KRS, Kabini storage slides; Grave situation in the offing

MYSURU

Karnataka’s major reservoirs in the Cauvery basin are coming under increasing pressure, with the latest storage figures showing a sharp mismatch between inflow and outflow, particularly at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Kabini reservoirs.

The figures for September 5 paint a worrying picture as water continues to flow out of the reservoirs at a much faster rate than fresh inflows.

At KRS, the water level stood at 107.58 feet against the maximum level of 124.80 feet. The reservoir had a gross storage of 29.35 TMC, accounting for 59.35 per cent of its maximum capacity of 49.452 TMC. However, the inflow was only 2,996 cusecs, while the outflow stood at a considerably higher 9,247 cusecs.

The situation at Kabini is even more concerning. Its water level fell to 2,269.03 feet, against the maximum level of 2,284 feet. The reservoir’s gross storage stood at 11.21 TMC, or 57.42 per cent of its maximum capacity of 19.52 TMC. More worrying is the live storage of just 1.40 TMC. Kabini was receiving only 2,743 cusecs, while its outflow was 4,660 cusecs, resulting in a substantial daily deficit between inflow and release.

Five reservoirs hold 54.99 TMC

The combined gross storage of the five reservoirs—KRS, Kabini, Harangi, Hemavathi—stood at 54.99 TMC, against their combined maximum capacity of 86.30 TMC. The combined live storage was 34.77 TMC. Among the reservoirs, Harangi remained relatively comfortable with



8.29 TMC of gross storage against its 8.5-TMC capacity, or 87.52 per cent. Nugu stood at 75.86 per cent, while Tara-ka had 61.92 per cent.

Farmers worried
The widening gap between inflow and outflow at KRS and Kabini has raised concerns over the sustainability of water availability for irrigation. Farmers, particularly those dependent on canal re-

leases, are already watching the reservoir levels anxiously as every additional release puts further pressure on the available storage.

With the monsoon’s future inflows uncertain, the declining reserves have added urgency to the debate over balancing Cauvery water releases, irrigation requirements and drinking-water security in Karnataka.

Teachers’ Day celebrated at Govt School for the Visually Impaired



MYSURU

Rotary Mysuru Ambari organised a special Teachers’ Day celebration at the Government School for Visually Impaired Children at Tilak Nagar in Mysuru, on Saturday, in memory of late Master B. Linganna.

On the occasion, teachers Mohammed Sadiq, Malini Ratna and Jayalakshmi were felicitated and presented with mementoes in recognition of their dedicated service. Rotary Mysuru Ambari president V. Manjunath, former president N. Harish, directors Lokesh and project chairman L. Jagadish honoured the teachers and conveyed their appreciation.

Speaking on the occasion, Manjunath said that the former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on September 5, 1888, in Tamil Nadu, pur-

sued higher education and went on to serve as a teacher. He had immense respect, affection and dedication towards education and was among the eminent teachers India has produced. Later he went on to serve the country as the Vice-President and President of India.

Teachers Satish Gowda, Arun Kumar, Shivakumar, Uday Kumar, Rekha, Akkanagamma and Shivashankar, along with schoolchildren, participated in the celebration.

The children presented a prayer song, adding warmth and colour to the occasion. Sweets were also distributed among the students. The programme celebrated the invaluable contribution of teachers while remembering late Master B. Linganna and highlighting the enduring importance of education and the teaching profession.



‘Animals are not our slaves’ Animal liberation march held in Mysuru

MYSURU

Hundreds of animal-rights activists and supporters from Karnataka and neighbouring States participated in an Animal Liberation March in Mysuru on Saturday, calling for an end to the use and exploitation of animals for food, clothing, entertainment and other human purposes.

The first-ever march of its kind on such a scale in Mysuru began in front of the Old Deputy Commissioner’s Office and proceeded to Town Hall before returning to the starting point. Participants raised slogans such as “Their milk, not ours,” “Their body, not ours” and “Their eggs, not ours,” while displaying placards highlighting concerns over animal exploitation and dairy farming.

One of the organisers, Vasudha, said society must change its attitude towards animals. “Animals are not here to serve humans and animals are not our slaves. It is high time that we collectively change our mindset and move beyond the conditioning we have received since childhood,” she said.

The march also drew attention to the continued use of horses for transportation in Mysuru despite the availability of modern alternatives.

Another organiser, Amjor Chandran, compared speciesism with other forms of discrimination. “Caste discrimination is wrong, sexism is wrong and racism is wrong. In the same way, speciesism is also wrong,” he said, arguing that all animals deserved equal moral consideration.

Activists distributed leaflets providing information on animal sentience, plant-based nutrition and alternatives to animal-derived products. They also highlighted concerns over the treatment of dairy cows and buffaloes and the dependence of the dairy industry on animal reproduction.

The organisers urged people to recognise animals as sentient beings and adopt more compassionate practices. They said the march marked the beginning of a larger movement in Mysuru and pledged to continue campaigns against animal exploitation in the coming years.

5K Marathon hosted to promote a good health among the Mysureans

MYSURU

A 5K Marathon was held on Saturday today from Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, covering the surrounding areas of Mysuru, with the objective of creating awareness among the younger generation about heart health, neurological well-being, physical fitness and the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle.

The event was organised with the participation of Neurozone, VR Trust, Onyx Gym, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Rotary Club and other organisations. Thousands of college students and young people from across Mysuru enthusiastically participated in the marathon, making it a strong public campaign for health and fitness.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr.

Shushrutha Gowda, eminent neurologist and founder of Neurozone, highlighted the growing concerns surrounding stress, neurological problems and heart-related conditions among young people, particularly in the post-COVID era. He emphasised the importance of prevention, early intervention and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. “Prevention is always better than cure. Young people must maintain a healthy balance between work, studies and personal life. A nutritious diet, regular exercise and effective stress management can go a long way in preventing lifestyle-related diseases.”

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda also encouraged young people to make physical activity an integral part of their daily lives and to seek timely professional medical advice whenever required.



Hunsur MLA G. D. Harish Gowda urged the youth to actively participate in health and fitness activities and cautioned them against excessive dependence on gadgets and increasingly sedentary lifestyles. He called upon young people to embrace activities such as running, swimming, cycling, yoga and meditation, which can con-

tribute significantly to both physical and mental well-being.

The organisers stressed that such initiatives should not remain limited to one-day events, but should evolve into a sustained movement promoting preventive healthcare, physical fitness and mental wellness among students and young people.

MYSURU HOSTS ‘NAATI SOPPU MELA’

Over 200 varieties of greens in display cum sale

MYSURU

“When we were children, our elders introduced us to edible greens found along farms, fields, ponds and water bodies. Because of this, I can identify more than 100 varieties of greens. We must pass on this traditional knowledge to our children too,” said Neelamma Kemanna, a woman farmer from Timmapur in Haveri.

She was speaking after inaugurating the two-day ‘Desi Soppu Mela’ (Native Greens Fair) at Nanjraja Bahadur Choultry in Mysuru on Saturday.

The fair has been organised jointly by Sahaja Samrudha, Using Diversity, Hulikadu Farmers Producer Company and the ICAR-JSS Krishi Vijnana Kendra, Suttur.

Neelamma said the increasing use of herbicides in recent years was causing the diversity of edible greens to disappear. They should increase the consumption of greens that are beneficial to health and preserve their native varieties.

Senior Programme Coordinator of Kerala-based Keystone Foundation Ramachandran who released the book Sakkat Soppu, said more than



3,000 plant species are used as food, but the general population uses only around 30 species regularly. The remaining 2,970 species are largely used by local and tribal communities. This traditional knowledge is disappearing among the younger generation. The greens fair is an excellent platform to introduce this knowledge to them.

Chief guest G.L. Muralidhar Gungurumale of the Centre for Environment Studies, Shivamogga, said weeds were generally viewed as unwanted plants that destroyed crops. However, these plants possess tremendous diversity and are rich in nutrients. Their regular consumption can contribute to better health.

Another chief guest, Srivatsa Govindaraju, founder of Chiguru Eco Spaces, Bengaluru, stressed the need to promote native greens that may not be popular in the market but possess high nutritional and medicinal value. There is a need for creating awareness among schoolchildren about the importance of traditional greens.

Presiding over the programme, Dr. Gnanesh B.N., Head of the ICAR-JSS Krishi Vijnana Kendra, Suttur, said Mysuru had recorded a 49 per cent rainfall deficit this year. Growing greens is particularly important under such circumstances as they require less water and can be harvested within two months.

A world of greens on display

More than 200 varieties of greens are being showcased at the two-day fair. Farmers from the Nagarahole region have brought Berake Soppu and Anne Soppu, while farmers from the Kanakapura forests have brought Seega Soppu. Farmers from Kundagol are selling dryland greens such as Kirkasali and Gurji. A group from Wayanad in Kerala has brought medicinal and wild greens for display.

Visitors can savour traditional dishes such as ragi mudde with bassaru, jowar rotli with Kirkasali palya and greens chapatis. Members of the Kolagondanahalli women’s group from Kanakapura are

also introducing ragi shavige, Urakki Unde and meals featuring Kalale greens sambar.

The fair also offers native rice varieties, millets, pulses, organic value-added products, native vegetable seeds and fruit saplings. Drought-resistant juice bilva saplings are also available.

Training programmes have been organised to create awareness about the cultivation and use of diverse greens. On Sunday at 12 noon, Srivatsa of Chiguru Eco Spaces will conduct a session on preparing healthy dishes using greens and growing medicinal greens at home.

Neelamma Kemanna of Timmapur, Haveri, who can identify more than 100 varieties of natural greens and is popularly known as the “Walking Encyclopedia of Greens,” will share information about rare varieties. To introduce children to the importance of greens, a drawing competition for children aged 5 to 12 will be held on Sunday, September 6, at 10.30 a.m. Six winners will receive prizes and certificates.

The two-day greens fair will conclude at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Contact: Ranjini – 94839 75759.

QUICK READ



Dr. Kavita Srinath awarded Int'l 'She for the Nation' honor

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Congress leader and prominent social worker Dr. Kavita Srinath has received the international 'She for the Nation' award at a ceremony held at the Prime Minister's official residence in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Selected from over 3,500 global applicants, she was recognized for her extensive community service, including distributing food packets and ration kits during the COVID-19 pandemic and championing self-reliance programs for women and the underprivileged. Representing India alongside international achievers from the US, UK, Russia, and other nations, Dr. Kavita dedicated her accolade to hardworking women. Following this global recognition, she has also been selected for the upcoming 'South India Women Achievers' award, scheduled to be presented in Chennai on September 27.

Lokayukta registers suo motu case over school roof collapse

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Karnataka Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil has registered a suo motu case following the collapse of a school roof at Mugalulli Tanda in Bagalkot district, which injured several students. Formal notices have been issued to top officials, including the Additional Chief Secretary of the School Education and Literacy Department, the Bagalkot District Collector, and the Zilla Panchayat CEO, directing them to appear in person with a compliance report on October 7. In response to the incident, the district administration has suspended the school principal and a Panchayat Raj junior engineer, while recommending suspension for an assistant executive engineer. Show-cause notices were also issued to the DDPI, BEO, and Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer.

POCSO cases surge to over 15,000 in five years

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Karnataka has recorded over 15,500 POCSO cases over the past five years, averaging 7 to 8 child sexual abuse cases daily, according to Home Department statistics. Bengaluru logged the highest total with 2,271 cases, while Shivamogga recorded the lowest at 903. Officials attribute the upward trajectory primarily to heightened public legal awareness, which has encouraged victims and families to step forward rather than opting for informal compromises. Authorities noted that acquaintances—including family members, neighbors, and friends—perpetrate the majority of these offenses. In response, the state government has mandated a 60-day investigation window, established fast-track courts, and expanded safety initiatives like 'Akka Pade' and anti-human trafficking units. Citizens are urged to report suspicious incidents immediately via helplines 1098 or 22943225.

Crackdown on POP Ganesha: 872 idols seized

Karnataka unleashes special investigation teams to aggressively hunt down illegal Plaster of Paris Ganesha idols this season.

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In a decisive move to curb severe environmental degradation during the upcoming festival season, the Karnataka Forest and Environment Department has established dedicated special investigation teams across key districts to crack down on the illegal manufacture, stocking, and sale of Plaster of Paris (PoP) Ganesha idols. Environment Minister Ramalinga Reddy announced the stringent enforcement measures, warning that commercial violators face immediate property seizures and criminal prosecution.

Special task forces have been deployed in major urban hubs and manufacturing centers, including Bengaluru, Ramnagara, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Belagavi, Davanagere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, and Vijayanagara. Operating under strict administrative directives, these specialized enforcement teams conducted a sweeping pre-festival operation between August 18 and September 2, inspecting 153 commercial shops and hidden godowns operating outside regulatory norms. The raids resulted in the confiscation of 872 non-compliant PoP idols. The state government has maintained a comprehensive, zero-tolerance ban on the production, transportation, and public sale of PoP idols, citing long-term toxicity to water bodies and aquatic ecosystems.



The state government has completely banned the manufacture, transportation, sale, and immersion of PoP Ganesha idols to protect aquatic life and reduce water pollution.

- Ramalinga Reddy, Environment Minister

ter bodies and aquatic ecosystems. Highlighting the ecological risks, Minister Reddy appealed to citizens to embrace sustainable traditions by exclusively utilizing eco-friendly, biodegradable clay idols. The state's environmental monitoring bodies noted that non-biodegradable chemical paints and plaster materials severely contaminate urban lakes and groundwater tables during traditional immersion rituals. To maximize regulatory reach, the environment ministry has coordinated multi-agency crack-

Enforcement actions and guidelines

Total Prohibition

The state has enforced a blanket ban on the manufacturing, transport, storage, and sale of POP idols.

Stringent Penalties

Violators face official notices, immediate seizure of stocks, and the registration of criminal cases.

Cross-Department Coordination

The government has sought assistance from police forces and electricity boards to track unauthorized production units.

Eco-Friendly Appeal

Officials urged citizens to choose biodegradable clay idols to safeguard aquatic life and reduce seasonal waste.

downs. Directives have been issued to the Managing Director of the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) to scrutinize power consumption patterns and identify unauthorized manufacturing units operating covertly. Furthermore, the Directorate General of Police has been officially petitioned

to secure active police cooperation, empowering local law enforcement stations to execute immediate seizures and register criminal cases against violators. Municipal authorities have also been instructed to identify and shut down illicit single-use plastic manufacturing units using similar technical surveillance methods.

Inmates linked to former Bajrang Dal activist case attack warden

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The Parappana Agrahara police have registered a criminal case against five undertrial prisoners lodged in Bengaluru's Central Prison following a violent assault on a jail warden. The accused, who are currently imprisoned in connection with the high-profile murder case of former Bajrang Dal activist Suhas Shetty, allegedly cornered, physically assaulted, and attempted to strangle Warden Manjunath Haveli inside the prison premises.

The incident occurred on September 2 at approximately 10:05 am within the Annex-1 block of the correctional facility. Warden Manjunath Haveli had entered the block to gather prisoner information ahead of a scheduled video-conference meeting. According to the police complaint, undertrial inmate Mohammad Mushamir confronted the warden, hurled verbal abuses, and threatened his life before punching him repeatedly in the face and nose.

Four other co-accused—identified as Abdul Shafghan, Mohammad Rizwan, Niyaz, and Kalandar Shafi—then joined the assault, dragging the warden into a barracks room and attempting to suffocate him by tightening a grip around his

neck. Quick intervention by other prison staff members prevented a fatality, pulling the warden away from the attackers and securing the area.

Preliminary police investigations indicate that the assault was an act of retaliation stemming from strict disciplinary actions. A few weeks prior, inmate Mushamir had been transferred from the high-security wing to Annex-1. During the transfer, Warden Haveli had intercepted him and confiscated unauthorized or extra belongings that violated standard prison protocols, triggering lingering hostility.

Based on a formal complaint filed by prison authorities, the Parappana Agrahara police have invoked relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including charges pertaining to assault, criminal intimidation, and attempt to murder. Investigators formally recorded statements from the suspects and initiated procedures to take them into custody for detailed interrogation following formal court permission. The brazen attack has once again drawn sharp focus onto security vulnerabilities, disciplinary enforcement, and safety protocols within the state's premier correctional facility.

Bowring Hospital designated as nodal centre for DNA sample collection

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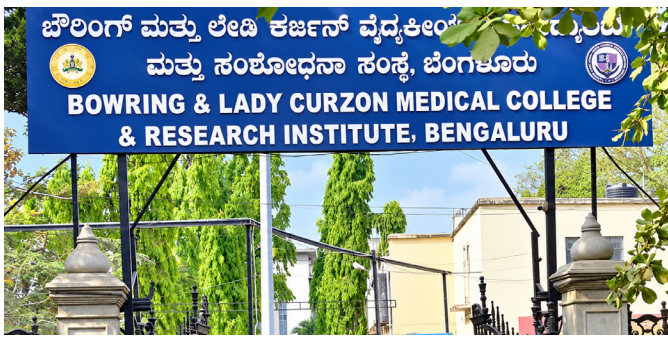
In response to the devastating natural disasters and catastrophic flash floods that have ravaged parts of Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region, the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), alongside the Revenue Department, has officially designated Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Bengaluru as the state's primary nodal center.

This specialized facility will oversee the collection and verification of DNA samples from first-degree relatives of Karnataka residents who remain missing, aiming to facilitate the identification and repatriation of mortal remains.

The directive follows urgent communications and protocols issued by the Embassy of India in Kathmandu and the Government of Nepal.

With the death toll from the widespread flooding climbing past twelve hundred and tens of thousands displaced, local authorities in Nepal are compiling detailed DNA profiles of recovered bodies that defy visual recognition due to the passage of time or the nature of the disaster.

To cross-reference and positively identify these victims, biological samples from immediate family members are crit-



Details for DNA sample collection

Eligible Donors:

First-degree relatives (father, mother, son, daughter, or spouse) of missing individuals.

Required Documents:

Recent passport-sized photograph, a government-issued identity proof (such as an [Aadhaar Redacted] card), and valid documents proving the familial relationship.

Nodal Officers:

Dr. Nagesh Kuppast (Head of Forensic Medicine, Mobile: 9742707500) and Dr. Vadiraj B. Pokkan (Resident Medical Officer, Mobile: 9448408640).

Next Steps:

Verified samples will be processed by the State Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and shared with Nepalese authorities to match with unidentified bodies.

ically required.

To streamline the administrative and medical workflow, the state government has appointed senior medical professionals to helm the opera-

Insurers can't hide behind 24-hour stay rules: Court

Karnataka High Court rules insurers cannot reject medical claims over 24-hour hospitalization rules, calling it a ridiculous technical excuse against modern treatments.



CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a landmark ruling protecting healthcare consumers, the Karnataka High Court has held that insurance companies cannot reject medical compensation claims on technical grounds requiring mandatory 24-hour hospitalization, especially given rapid advancements in modern medical technology.

A single-judge bench comprising Justice Suraj Govindaraj delivered the judgment while dismissing a petition filed by National Insurance Company, which had challenged a Lok Adalat order directing it to reimburse cancer treatment costs incurred by a senior citizen.

The case originated when G. Padmanabha Shetty, a retired officer of Vijaya Bank from Mangaluru suffering from stage-four prostate cancer, underwent chemotherapy in Bengaluru. Following clinical prescriptions, he was administered crucial post-chemotherapy management injections—specifically 'Zoladex' and 'Ex-Geva'—every three months as an outpatient, totaling Rs 2,85,470. The insurance company repudiated the claim, arguing that the policy required a minimum twenty-four-hour hospital stay and that outpatient treatments were excluded from coverage.

Strongly rebuking the insurer's stance, the High Court observed that hospitalization is merely a method of treatment rather than the sole benchmark for medical validity. The bench emphasized that modern medical science allows complex treatments previously requiring day-long hospital stays to be safely administered in minutes as outpatient procedures. Denying insurance benefits on the basis of advanced technological efficiency, the court stated, is a "ridiculous and technical excuse."

Furthermore, the court noted that the insurer had previously covered the primary chemotherapy sessions and could not arbitrarily refuse reimbursement for continuation therapy mandated by attending oncologists.

Karnataka HC sentences land dispute killer to life in imprisonment

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In a decisive ruling on a long-standing property feud, the Karnataka High Court has overturned a lower court's acquittal order and sentenced a man to life imprisonment for shooting and killing an individual on a coffee plantation road in Kodagu district over a land title dispute.

The division bench comprising Justice H.P. Sandesh and Justice B. Pramod delivered the verdict after hearing a criminal appeal filed by the state government challenging the 2018 trial court judgment.

The original case dates back to September 7, 2015, when the victim, Sabu Nanaiah, was riding his two-wheeler in Kuttandi village of Virajpet taluk.

The accused, Cheranda Mohan, harbored a bitter grudge over property khata modifications.

Hiding behind a tree along the plantation road, Mohan ambushed Nanaiah, firing three gunshots directly at his face and ribs, causing instantaneous death.

Following the shooting, the victim's wife rushed toward the sound of gunfire and witnessed the accused fleeing the scene with a firearm, explicitly telling her that he had taught her husband a lesson.

Stunned by the toppers' list: What went wrong at KPSC?

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probe into the scam-tainted recruitment of veterinary officers by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) has revealed extensive, systemic manipulation, shocking investigators with the profile of candidates appearing at the top of the merit list. According to official findings, several individuals who recorded exceptionally poor academic performance in their undergraduate degree exams and repeatedly struggled to clear past academic papers inexplicably managed to secure top-tier ranks in the competitive examination. The high-stakes recruitment



examination, conducted to fill 400 veterinary officer posts within the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, has been exposed as a multi-stage fraudulent operation.

Investigators uncovered that the selection process was



compromised through a combination of unauthorized question paper leaks, systematic OMR sheet tampering, the creation of fraudulent caste and income verification certificates, and massive financial transactions ranging

from eighty lakh rupees to one crore rupees per candidate.

The widening criminal investigation has mapped a complex nexus involving high-ranking public officials, middlemen, and political functionaries. Key arrests include IAS officer Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar—who served as the KPSC Controller of Examinations—and Basavaraj Kannale, a political functionary and university syndicate member apprehended by the CID.

Seized documents, digital evidence, and personal diaries recovered from suspects have provided crucial leads regarding clandestine monetary exchanges and secure coaching hideouts established in luxury

resorts around Bengaluru and neighboring districts.

The CID has formally registered criminal cases against twenty-nine individuals allegedly linked to the malpractice network, with dozens of OMR answer sheets dispatched to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for conclusive handwriting and digital tampering analysis. Meanwhile, widespread protests have erupted across the state, with qualified and eligible aspirants demanding structural reforms within the public service commission, comprehensive legal accountability, and the complete cancellation of the compromised selection list to restore integrity to state recruitment boards.

Three-Stage Operation: The scam allegedly involved leaking questions prior to the exam, post-exam OMR sheet alterations using seized carbon copies, and manipulation during the final viva-voce interview stage.

Resort-Based Coaching: Investigators discovered that select candidates who paid heavy sums (ranging between Rs 80 lakh and Rs 1 crore) were sheltered in private resorts around Bengaluru, Tumakuru, and neighboring states just prior to the test to receive leaked question papers and training.

Damaging Evidence: A personal diary recovered during searches at key suspect residences, coupled with incriminating internet and call detail records, has linked top examination custodians to the syndicate.

Forensic Scrutiny: The CID has dispatched hundreds of original and candidate-copy OMR sheets to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to verify physical tampering.

QUICK READ



Chitradurga post division invites letter competition

Chitradurga
The Department of Posts has invited entries for a national-level letter-writing competition under the DHAI AKHAR campaign. The competition will be held from August 1 to October 31 on the theme, "A Letter to Mother Earth: My Promise to Protect Nature." The contest has two categories—below 18 and above 18 years. Participants can write in Kannada, English or Hindi, with a limit of 500 words on an inland letter card or 1,000 words using an envelope. State-level winners will receive ₹25,000, ₹10,000 and ₹5,000, while national winners will get ₹50,000, ₹25,000 and ₹10,000 respectively. Entries should be sent to the Superintendent of Posts, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga-577501.

Praja Seva campaign promises time-bound solutions

KARWAR

The Praja Seva campaign aims to take government services to people's doorsteps and resolve public grievances within a fixed time-frame, said Cooperation and district in-charge Minister Lakshman Savadi. He was speaking after inaugurating the Praja Seva meeting at Ankola on Saturday. Savadi said administration must become more responsive to people's expectations. Officials should ensure eligible beneficiaries receive government schemes without delay. Applications submitted during the campaign will be processed within 15 days, while grievances requiring immediate action should be addressed on priority. He urged officials to respond to citizens within the limits of the law. He said the campaign is being conducted across all 31 districts under the leadership of ministers



and legislators. Meetings will be held at taluk level on the first and third Saturdays of every month, while other Saturdays will see meetings at hobli and gram panchayat levels. Applications will be registered online through the IP-GRS portal and monitored regularly. District officials said 653 grievances were received at the Ankola meeting, mainly concerning ration cards, housing and roads. Officials were directed to take prompt action on these issues.

Entrepreneur arranges Mumbai flight tour for children

DEVANAHALLI

More than 200 children from Mal-lepura Government School and an orphanage in Devanahalli taluk of Bengaluru Rural district embarked on a special two-day trip to Mumbai by flight, organised at the personal expense of entrepreneur M.P. Girish. The children, along with their guardians and teachers, departed from Kempegowda International Airport. For many of them, it was their first experience travelling by air. The children expressed happiness and excitement as they boarded the flight for the Mumbai trip.

The tour has been organised with the objective of creating awareness among the children about the life and contributions of Dr B.R. Ambedkar. During their two-day visit, the children are scheduled to visit Chaityabhoomi, where Dr Ambedkar was cremated, as well as his residence and several other important places in Mumbai associated with his life and legacy. The initiative aims to provide the children with an educational experience beyond the classroom and help them understand important aspects of Indian history and the life of one of the country's prominent social reformers.

Praja Seva aims to bring administration home

MANDYA

The Karnataka government has launched the 'Praja Seva' campaign with the aim of responding quickly to public grievances and taking government services directly to people's doorsteps, said Water Resources and Mandya district in-charge Minister N. Cheluvaryaswamy. He was inaugurating the district-level Praja Seva campaign at the Maddur taluk stadium by lighting a ceremonial lamp. He said the new system was introduced to prevent people from visiting government offices repeatedly to get their problems resolved. Cheluvaryaswamy said the new government had completed 90 days in office and the Praja Seva system was designed to make administration more accessible. He claimed Karnataka was the first state in the country to introduce such a system. An IAS-rank officer has been appointed as secretary for the initiative, which will involve the Chief Minister, ministers, legislators and district and taluk-level officials in addressing public grievances. He said public meetings and grievance collection had been conducted regularly for the past three years, but the number of applications had not declined. The new system would create a dedicated mechanism to examine and resolve such complaints, he added.

Fake Papers Fuel Bidadi Compensation Fraud

Bidadi police received complaints that the accused fabricated family-tree documents, consent letters

RAMANAGARA

A major attempt to siphon off compensation meant for farmers who surrendered their land for the Bidadi Township project has come to light, with four people booked for allegedly creating fake documents to claim nearly Rs 5 crore. The alleged fraud surfaced just as the compensation distribution process for farmers whose land was acquired for the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority's township project was getting underway. According to complaints filed with the Bidadi police, the accused allegedly prepared forged family-tree documents, consent letters and verification certificates and used them to submit claims for compensation. The accused have been identified as Venkatesh, Rajashekar, Shankar Reddy and Krishna Reddy. Their applications came under scrutiny during the verification process conducted by Kishan, Special Land Acquisition Officer of the Greater Bengaluru Authority. Officials reportedly noticed discrepancies in the documents submitted along with the compensation claims and carried out further verification. The documents were subsequently found to be fabricated, following which the Special Land Acquisition Officer lodged complaints with the Bidadi police. Based on the complaints, police have registered two separate FIRs against the four accused in connection with the alleged attempt to obtain compensation through fraudulent means. Police said the accused had allegedly attempted to misuse the compensation process by producing false records and claiming money that was intended for genuine landowners. The estimated amount involved in the attempted fraud is around Rs 5 crore. Investigators are now examining the origin of the forged documents and whether other people were involved in preparing or submitting them. The Bidadi police have launched a detailed investigation and are making efforts to trace and arrest all four accused. Officials are also expected to verify the compensation applications and supporting records submitted by other claimants to prevent similar attempts.

4 accused in compensation fraud case
Four individuals—Venkatesh, Rajashekar, Shankar Reddy, and Krishna Reddy—were booked for allegedly attempting to claim ₹5 crore in fraudulent compensation using fabricated documents during verification by Greater Bengaluru Authority officials.

ing the origin of the forged documents and whether other people were involved in preparing or submitting them. The Bidadi police have launched a detailed investigation and are making efforts to trace and arrest all four accused. Officials are also expected to verify the compensation applications and supporting records submitted by other claimants to prevent similar attempts.

Kannale faces probe over Tumakuru University affairs

TUMAKURU

The ongoing investigation into the alleged Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) recruitment scam has now reportedly widened to include possible irregularities at Tumakuru University. Investigating officials from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) are collecting information about the activities of Basavaraj Kannale, who is a key accused and had also served as a nominated member of the university's Syndicate. Kannale was appointed as a Syndicate member of Tumakuru University in August 2025. He was also made a member of a sub-committee dealing with purchases and construction-related decisions. Investigators are reportedly examining whether he used his position to influence decisions and whether there were any irregularities in the implementation of the university's annual budget. Kannale allegedly established contacts with several senior professors who had applied for the vacant Vice-Chancellor's post at Tumakuru University. He is alleged to have assured some candidates that he could help them secure the post. There are also allegations that he had discussed financial dealings in connection with appointments to senior academic positions. Investigators are also reportedly looking into claims that Kannale had approached a former Vice-Chancellor of Tumakuru University regarding the appointment of a candidate to the vacant Vice-Chancellor's post at Central University of Andhra Pradesh in Anantapur. The reported financial transactions and communications are said to be part of the wider investigation being carried out by the CID and other agencies. Officials investigating the case have reportedly collected details of Kannale's telephone calls to trace possible links and transactions. Meanwhile, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has demanded that Kannale be removed from the university Syndicate. The university administration, however, has reportedly given Kannale a clean chit and submitted an affidavit to the CID, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the State Home Department.

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Investigators are checking if he abused his power to sway decisions and investigating potential irregularities in the university's annual budget

Allegations and Investigation

- Syndicate member faces recruitment scam probe
- Professors approached for university positions
- Financial dealings and phone records scrutinized
- ABVP demands immediate official removal
- University administration issues clean chit
- CID and CBI investigation continues

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.
I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/5054-KRDCL/2026-27/3061
Dated:03.09.2026
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement)
The- Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur Invites tender from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) Total 02 work, As per standard bid documents KW- 4 with Different Head Of Account costing of Maximum And Minimum amount for Rs. 500.00 Lakhs & 500.00 Lakhs, the EMD Maximum And Minimum amount of Rs. 7,50,000/- & Rs. 7,50,000/-. For the works. For the above works G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows (1) Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors.Date-08.09.2026 at 11:00 AM (2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-11.09.2026 upto 41:30 PM. (3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-15.09.2026 at 4:31 PM. (4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-16.09.2026 at 11.00 AM On words Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No.9240214000 + 9240214001) or office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Vijayapur
ವಾಸಾಸಂಭ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/289/ಕೆಎಸ್ ಎಂಎಂಎ/2026-27

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.02, VC Division, Maddur-571428. Mandya Dist Ph:08231-200282
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO-06/2026-27
Dated : 04.09.2026
This office's Short term tender Notification No.06/2026-27, Dated: 04.09.2026 for a 9 No. of Works (Minimum Estimated/Amount put to tender Cost Rs.2.00 lakhs & Max. Estimated/Amount put to tender Cost Rs.82.20 lakhs) tender is invited from eligible contractors from KPWD. Tender queries and clarification as per e-portal, E.M.D should be paid through E-payment. Last date of submission of tenders through on-line : As per e-Portal, Date of opening of tender As per e-portal. For additional Information log on to http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and contact on official Land-line number 08231-200282 during office hours
Sd/-Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd, No.02, VC Division, Maddur.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಭ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/289/ಕೆಎಸ್ ಎಂಎಂಎ/418/2026-27

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar
E-procurement Short Term Tender
Notification No:03/2026-27, Dated: 29.08.2026
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites Goods tender by Two cover system for SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENTS FOR MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY MRF UNIT IN HANUMANAHALLI VILLAGE HANUMANAHALLI GRAM PANCHAYATH, MULBAGAL TALUK, KOLAR DISTRICT. INDENT NO.: RWSSD/2026-27/IND0589/CALL-2.Through KPPP portal. Those who have Valid License/ Registered copy are eligible in participation of tendering. For more details visit website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Last date for online submission of Bid is 15.09.2026 upto 17:30 hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Kolar
DIPR/KOLAR/RO:252/KSMCA/2026-27

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NOTICE OF 63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION
NOTICE is hereby given that the 63rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members of Desi Farms India Limited (formerly known as SER Industries Limited) will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 09:00 a.m. (IST) through Video Conference (VC) / Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the businesses, as set out in the Notice convening AGM. The Company has already dispatched the Annual Report for the financial year 2025-26 along with the Notice convening AGM, through electronic mode to the Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company and / or Depositories in accordance with the Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India from time to time. The Annual Report along with the Notice of the AGM is also available on the website of the www.desifarmsindia.org and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at www.evotingindia.com. Further, as per Regulation 36(1)(b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), as amended, the web-link, including the exact path, where complete details of the Integrated Annual Report are available is being sent to those Members who have not registered their e-mail IDs.
Remote e-voting and e-voting during AGM:
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Act and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions as set forth in the Notice convening the AGM/ using electronic voting system (Remote e-voting) provided by NSDL. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 ("cut-off date").
The remote e-voting period starts from Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 9.00 a.m. and will end on Tuesday, September 30, 2026 at 5.00 p.m. During this period, the Members may cast their vote electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL thereafter. Those Members, who shall be present in the AGM through VCOAVM facility and had not cast their votes on the Resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e voting system during the AGM. The Members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VCOAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again.
Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the Notice has been sent electronically by the Company and holds shares as on the cut-off date may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request to evoting@nsdl.com. However, if he/she is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and password for casting the votes.
In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on : 022- 4886 7000 or send a request to Falguni Chakravarty at evoting@nsdl.com
The details of the AGM are available on the website of the Company at www.desifarmsindia.org, NSDL at www.evotingindia.com, and BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.
For, Desi Farms India Limited (formerly known as SER Industries Limited)
Sd/-
Garima Priyanti
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Membership No.F14064
Place: Pune
Date: 06th September 2026

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Executive Engineer KNNL BNT Project Div No 4 Hebbal Tq: Kalgi DistKalaburagi
No: - EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/PB-3,4/2026-27/750
Date:05.09.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Portal system only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL (Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Niyamita), Bengaluru, tenders are invited from eligible contractors, through the KPPP portal, for 4 works under the Bennethora Project. The minimum tender amount is Rs. 4,53,216.00/- and the maximum tender amount is Rs. 67,78,794.97/-; the minimum EMD amount is Rs. 11,330.00/- and the maximum EMD amount is Rs. 67,800.00/-.
Among these works, one work is under the two-cover system and 3 works are under the single-cover system, invited through the KPPP portal. The dates for obtaining, submitting, and opening of tenders are fixed as follows:
01. Date for downloading blank tender documents-from 05.09.2026, 17:00 hrs to 19.09.2026, 17:00 hrs. 02. Last date for submission of filled tender documents-up to 19.09.2026, 17:00 hrs. 03. Date of opening of technical bids: after 21.09.2026, 11 :30hrs. 04. Date of opening of financial bids: will be intimated after approval of the technical bid
Contractors may obtain details regarding eligibility/tender conditions/tender processing fee, etc., through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in, or may contact the office during office hours. The accepting authority reserves the right to reject any tender, or all tenders, without assigning any reason.
Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL, BNT Project Divn, Hebbal.
DIPR/Kalaburagi/516/KSMC&A/2026-27

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ಬೀರಸದ್ವ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಕುಂದಾಣಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು-562110.
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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03-09-2026
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಹಂತ-1ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹನೊಂದಾಯಿತ Class-2 ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಗಳಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
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QUICK READ

Ganesh Chaturthi sees 312 special buses

Haveri

The North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) will operate 312 additional special buses from its Hubballi, Dharwad, Gadag, Belagavi, North Kannada, Haveri, Chikkodi and Bagalkot divisions for Ganesh Chaturthi. The special services will run to meet the increased travel demand during the festival period from September 12 to 14. Additional buses will also operate from Bengaluru and other major locations to help passengers reach their hometowns conveniently. Special services from Bengaluru to various destinations within Karnataka and neighbouring states will be available from September 11 to 13. After the festival, additional buses will operate on September 14 and the following days based on passenger demand. NWKRTC has urged passengers to make use of these special services and travel safely during the festival season.

3,039 women selected for dairy cattle aid

Chitradurga

A total of 3,039 eligible women have been selected for dairy cattle assistance under the CEPMIZ scheme in mining-affected areas of Chitradurga district. The programme covers 39 gram panchayats in Chitradurga, Holalkere and Hosadurga taluks. The district-level committee selected the beneficiaries on August 28. The list includes 1,364 beneficiaries from Chitradurga, 598 from Holalkere and 1,077 from Hosadurga. The selected list has been displayed at gram panchayats and veterinary centres and uploaded on the district website. Deputy Director Dr Thipswamy said objections with valid reasons can be submitted at the concerned offices by September 15.

Vijayendra calls Congress a ‘Publicity Government’

Vijayendra claimed the ruling party failed to effectively fulfill multiple pre-election promises made to the public

KARATAGI

Karnataka BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging that it had failed to fulfil its election promises and was relying more on publicity than governance. Vijayendra criticised the ruling party over the implementation of its guarantee schemes. He said the government should be judged by the benefits reaching people rather than by advertisements and publicity campaigns. Vijayendra alleged that several promises made to the people before the elections had not been implemented effectively. He also accused the Congress government of making repeated announcements without adequately addressing issues faced by farmers, workers and ordinary citizens.



Vijayendra further alleged that the administration was giving greater importance to publicity than development. He called upon the Congress government to focus on delivering its promised schemes and addressing people's problems instead of making announcements. The BJP state president's remarks came amid continued political exchanges between the ruling Congress and the opposition BJP over governance and implementation of the government's election

The government had come to power by making several assurances to the people but was now struggling to fulfil them. The manner in which public money was being spent on promoting government programmes while people continued to face various difficulties.

- B.Y. Vijayendra, BJP president

Siddaramaiah says he kept his promise

CHIKKAMAGALURU

Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said he resigned from the Chief Minister's post because he had given his word to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, despite several people asking him not to step down. He said keeping a promise made in politics was more important to him than holding on to office. Siddaramaiah said many people had advised him against resigning. However, he had already committed to stepping down and therefore honoured his word. He claimed that if there was a government that had kept its promises in politics, it was the Siddaramaiah government. Siddaramaiah also criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP, questioning the promises made during the elections. Referring to slogans of "Modi, Modi" raised by people, he asked whether Modi had participated in the freedom struggle like freedom

fighter Sangolli Rayanna. He questioned the BJP over several election promises, including the creation of two crore jobs, bringing "achhe din" to the country, doubling farmers' income and bringing back black money. Siddaramaiah asked whether the promised Rs 15 lakh had been deposited into people's accounts after black money was brought back. He said Modi had been Prime Minister for nearly 12 years and questioned why people should vote for the BJP in parliamentary elections if the promises made earlier had not been fulfilled. According to Siddaramaiah, people were given misleading information and were taken in the wrong direction through unfulfilled assurances. Siddaramaiah also took a sharp dig at BJP leader C.T. Ravi. Referring to Ravi's reported remarks that the Chief Minister's post was lost because the government had failed to provide the Gruha Lakshmi benefits, Siddaramaiah said he had resigned only after giving his word to Rahul Gandhi. He maintained that although several people requested him not to resign, he chose to honour his commitment, describing it as an example of keeping one's word in public life.



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Teacher's Day celebrated at Maharana Pratap institution

BELAGAVI

Teacher's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Sri Maharana Pratap Shikshana Samsthe in Belagavi. The programme was organised to honour teachers and acknowledge their contribution to the education and development of students. The programme was presided over by institution founder Ganesh Singh Baliyavar. He offered floral tributes to a portrait of former President Dr S. Radhakrishnan and felicitated retired teachers. Speaking on the occasion, he said students should respect teachers and maintain a strong and meaningful relationship with them. He noted that students themselves have been organising Teacher's Day celebrations at the institution for the past 41 years, making it a special tradition.

Priyank Kharage says action after jail attack probe

KALABURAGI

Minister Priyank Kharage said the government has not yet received complete information about the alleged attack by prisoners on a warder at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. He said the authorities would first ascertain the reason behind the incident and take appropriate action based on the findings.

Kharage said prisoners are provided counselling from time to time to help them deal with various difficulties. He said some inmates may occasionally face mental or emotional problems, which could result in arguments or violent incidents inside the prison. He added that such incidents could also occur when prisoners are denied something they have demanded.

The minister said the prison department is taking steps to train its personnel to deal with difficult situations involving inmates. According to him, the increasing number of prisoners at Parappana Agrahara has created additional challenges for prison authorities. Proper training and effective handling of inmates are therefore necessary to maintain discipline and security inside the prison.

Kharage also responded to comments made by BJP leader B. Sriramulu regarding visiting the prison. Taking a dig at Sriramulu, he questioned whether someone who had already been to prison would be sent there again. He also



Denying prisoner requests or failing to meet demands can trigger dangerous arguments and violent incidents inside correctional facilities.

made a remark asking Sriramulu to learn to speak Kannada properly. On the issue of declaring drought-hit areas, Kharage said the state government must follow the criteria and norms prescribed by the Union government. He alleged that the BJP was creating a disturbance in Kalaburagi under the guise of protests instead of raising issues constructively. Kharage maintained that the government would not act hastily in the prison matter and would wait for the complete details. He said the circumstances leading to the alleged attack would be examined and action would follow based on the facts established during the inquiry. The incident has once again drawn attention to security, prisoner management and staff preparedness at overcrowded prisons.

Lakshmeshwar Taluk still awaits full facilities

CH NEWS, Malingaraya Pujar

Lakshmeshwar, one of the fastest-growing towns in Gadag district, continues to struggle for basic administrative infrastructure even nine years after being declared a taluk headquarters. Despite years of public demands and celebrations over the new status, residents are still forced to travel to Shirahatti for several important government services.

At present, only the Tahsildar's office and Taluk Panchayat office are functioning in Lakshmeshwar. Offices of several key departments, including Education, Agriculture, Horticulture and Social Welfare, are yet to become fully operational in the town. As a result, residents continue to depend on the old taluk headquarters at Shirahatti for various official work, causing inconvenience and additional travel expenses.

The condition of the existing offices has also become a major concern. The Taluk Panchayat office is functioning from a rented building belonging to the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, while the Tahsildar's office operates from the cramped premises of the old Nad office. Hundreds of people visit the office daily, resulting in overcrowding and an uncomfortable working environment for both the public and government employees.

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People have also questioned the lack of urgency among elected representatives and officials. They have demanded immediate action to provide Lakshmeshwar with the infrastructure expected of a full-fledged taluk headquarters. The district administration and State Government must now intervene and find a permanent solution to the issue.

The relevant department should immediately take steps to resolve the issue of stadium space.

- Muthappa, local person

lie and government employees. The proposed 'Praja Soudha', or mini Vidhana Soudha, was planned to address these problems by bringing various taluk-level departments under one roof. However, construction has become embroiled in controversy. The site was identified on Revenue Department land near the stadium on Doddur Road. After foundation work began, athletes, sports enthusiasts and local leaders objected, alleging that the project would affect the stadium premises. The dispute has brought the project to a standstill. Residents have urged authorities to resolve the issue through coordination and ensure that neither the stadium nor the administrative project suffers. People have also questioned the lack of urgency among elected representatives and officials. They have demanded immediate action to provide Lakshmeshwar with the infrastructure expected of a full-fledged taluk headquarters. The district administration and State Government must now intervene and find a permanent solution to the issue.

CHILDREN DISPLAY INTEREST IN THEATRE ARTS

HUBBALLI

Children displayed keen interest in theatre and enthusiastically learned various acting skills during a children's theatre workshop organised by Sunidhi Kala Saurabha at the Government Model Bilingual Primary and Upgraded High School in Unkal.

Members of the Horakeri Master Educational Foundation, Rani Chan-

namma Environmental Service Committee and Basava Environmental Conservation Committee visited the workshop and observed the children participating in different theatre activities. The children actively followed the acting techniques demonstrated by the trainers and performed them with confidence, impressing the visitors with their enthusiasm and commitment.

Teachers imparting moral lessons are declining

MANDYA

Retired employees' association member H.G. Madaiah expressed concern that teachers who focus on imparting moral values to students are gradually declining.

He was speaking at a Teachers' Day programme organised at the District Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Retired Employees Welfare Association in Mandya. Madaiah said teachers have traditionally played a vital role not only in providing academic education but also in shaping the character and values of young people.

He expressed concern over the changing attitude of students towards teachers. According to him, many students today do not show the same respect and fear towards teachers that was traditionally seen in schools.

Bhadra water reaches Chitradurga on today

CHITRADURGA

The long-awaited dream of people in drought-prone Chitradurga district is set to become a reality, with water from the Bhadra Upper River Project scheduled to be released experimentally into the canal on September 6 (today). The development has brought relief and excitement among farmers and those who have been campaigning for the project for years.

An order has been issued to conduct a trial release of water into the Bhadra Upper River Project canal on September 6. Farmers in Chitradurga and supporters of the Bhadra water project have welcomed the move, hoping that

it will provide a major boost to agriculture and drinking water availability in the region. Water released from the Bhadra reservoir in Shivamogga will travel through Tarikere and Ajjampur in Chikmagalur district before entering parts of Chitradurga district through Hosadurga, Holalkere and Hiriya taluks. The canal will carry water for nearly 142 kilometres from the Bhadra reservoir.

The project is expected to benefit several areas in Hosadurga, Holalkere, Hiriya and Chitradurga taluks. The water will travel through the canal and reach Gonur Lake in Chitradurga taluk. From there, it will reportedly flow through a natural stream towards Ranike Lake in Challakere taluk.

The experimental release is being viewed as an important step in taking the Bhadra project forward. Chitradurga has frequently faced water shortages and drought conditions, making the project a major expectation among farmers and residents. Farmers and Bhadra project activists have welcomed the decision and expressed hope that the trial release will proceed smoothly. They have also been seeking timely completion of the project and regular supply of water to the targeted areas. The arrival of Bhadra water is expected to strengthen irrigation facilities and provide relief to water-stressed regions.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-4

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)

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Quick Read

Terrorist killed in Budgam identified as LeT ultra from Pak

SRINAGAR
The terrorist killed in Operation Ashdar by the joint forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district was on Saturday identified as a Pakistani national and a member of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). J&K Police said on Saturday that the terrorist killed during Operation Ashdar in Budgam has been identified as Yasir, a Pakistani national. In a post on X, the J&K Police said, "You can run but you can't hide," while confirming the identity of the terrorist killed during the operation by the security forces.

Man kills wife after argument over cooking, dance class

NAGPUR
A 38-year-old woman, Yamini Krishna Lal Yadav, died in Nagpur, Maharashtra, after allegedly being assaulted by her husband during an argument over attending a dance class instead of preparing food. Police initially treated her death as accidental, but a post-mortem reportedly revealed severe injuries. Following the findings, authorities registered a murder case and arrested her 41-year-old husband, Krishna Lal Yadav, for the alleged domestic violence.

Bengal pushes transparent dengue reporting

KOLKATA
West Bengal Municipal Affairs and Urban Development Minister Agnimitra Paul on Saturday said the state government's priority is to eliminate dengue and ensure that every infection is accurately reported, rather than suppressing the number of cases. Addressing a dengue awareness rally in Asansol Dakshin Assembly constituency in West Burdwan district, Paul said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has instructed authorities to mention dengue specifically in medical reports after blood tests confirm an infection. "The objective is not to suppress the number of dengue cases. Our aim is to eradicate dengue. If a person is infected, it must be clearly reflected in the report," Paul said.



The awareness rally, organised by the Asansol Municipal Corporation, began at Ramsay Maidan and ended at Battala Bazar in Mahishila. Asansol Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dilip Mishra, the District Forest Officer and sanitation workers were among those who participated. Paul said dengue cases had been reported from three wards in the Asansol Dakshin constituency. Around 40 to 48

India-Japan begin 'Exercise Veer Guardian'

It seeks stronger air-force interoperability as both countries deepen defence and strategic ties across wider Indo-Pacific.

NEW DELHI



'VEER GUARDIAN' IN A NUTSHELL
• Exercise conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur
• Second edition of Veer Guardian underway
• Japanese contingent arrives with two C-2 aircraft
• Drill focuses on interoperability and operational synergy
• India-Japan defence partnership deepening
• Both sides reaffirm commitment to a free, open Indo-Pacific

The exercise follows a recent Japan-India Defence Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Japanese Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi. The two sides highlighted the importance of sharing assessments of regional and international security developments amid heightened global tensions. India and Japan also reiterated opposition to unilateral actions that threaten freedom

and safety of navigation and overflight, and attempts to alter the status quo through force or coercion. Singh and Koizumi reaffirmed their commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific and agreed to deepen practical cooperation in maritime security. They also signed a Memorandum of Arrangement on Maritime Security Cooperation, adding momentum to the broader defence partnership.

CBI books Subhash Chandra in loan fraud

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has booked businessman Subhash Chandra and seven others for allegedly using inflated net worth certificates to secure loans, causing an alleged wrongful loss of more than Rs 1,322 crore to LIC Housing Finance. The FIR was registered on August 31 by the CBI's Banking Security and Fraud Branch following a complaint from LICHF General Manager Neeta Menghani, based at the company's corporate office in Cuffe Parade, Mumbai. The alleged fraud dates back to 2018 and took place in Mumbai and other locations. The case concerns two loan accounts secured by Chandra's personal guarantee. The first, Loan Account No. 610700003341, involved a Rs 500 crore facility extended to Vasant Sagar Properties and Pan India Infracore. The second, Loan Account No. 610700003500, involved Rs 480 crore sanctioned to Digital Subscriber Management and Consultancy Services and



CBICASE
The agency has booked Subhash Chandra and seven others over alleged loan fraud. The case involves two facilities totalling Rs 980 crore and allegations that an inflated net worth certificate supported loan sanctioning.

Spirit Infrapower and Multiventures. Those named alongside Chandra include Vasant Sagar Properties, its director Pankaj Suroliya, Pan India Infrastructure, Digital Subscriber Management and Consultancy Services, its director Amish Pandya, Spirit Infrapower and Multiventures, and its director Rajeev Dholakia.

The agency alleged that inflated net worth certificates helped secure loans, resulting in Rs 1,322 cr loss to LIC Housing Finance.

KEY FIGURE
LICHF alleges wrongful loss exceeding Rs 1,322 crore. The FIR includes charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust and criminal misconduct.

According to the LICHF complaint, the Vasant Sagar facility was sanctioned partly on the basis of a net worth certificate submitted by Chandra on March 28, 2018. The certificate, issued by DJM & Co, allegedly valued his net worth at \$6,197.62 million, or Rs 59,113.21 crore, as of March 31, 2017. The CBI has invoked provisions relating to criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust and criminal misconduct in the case.

After Hormuz, India must turn crisis adaptation into permanent resilience

NEW DELHI

The order of events is the argument. On 28 February, the United States and Israel struck Iran, and Iran's retaliation closed the Strait of Hormuz to most commercial shipping. Brent went from about \$72 on the eve of the strikes to nearly \$120 within nine days, and above \$126 by the end of April. Qatar declared force majeure on gas contracts that supplied over two-fifths of India's imported LNG. More than two dozen Indian-flagged ships and some 780 Indian seafarers were inside the Gulf. By August the cost of moving a barrel of Saudi crude to India had risen more than fourfold, and war-risk cover for one

Hormuz transit was reported as high as \$10 million. Reserves fell more than \$47 billion from their late-February peak by late May, and the rupee set record lows, before the swap inflows rebuilt them. The Reserve Bank opened its dollar swap facility on 8 June. By 31 August it had drawn \$136.38 billion, \$127 billion of it from overseas Indians placing three-to-five-year deposits with Indian banks. The operation mobilised roughly four times the amount raised through the comparable 2013 swap windows, and deserves its applause. But the sequence matters more than the size. The physical shock came first. The dollar shield came three months later. It helped

finance an adaptation already underway; it could not have prevented the disruption. That sequence exposes a distinction Indian policy rarely makes explicit: a country has two reserves. The first is financial: dollars, gold and credit lines. The second is physical and institutional: the inventories, ships, contracts, insurance, payment channels, rehearsed decisions and working relationships abroad that let it obtain what it needs when supply, not money, binds. In 2013 the immediate stress was mostly financial, and dollars answered it. In 2026 the binding constraints lay increasingly in the second reserve, and dollars could finance the adaptation but not perform it.

BJP's star power vs Cong's local connect in Raj civic polls

JAIPUR

Campaigning for the Rajasthan urban local body elections is gaining momentum, with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party banking on Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma's high-profile roadshows and organisational machinery, while the Opposition Congress is taking a more localised route centred on ward-level candidates, grassroots networks and civic issues. The contrasting strategies have turned the polls into a test of whether the BJP's star power can outweigh the Congress's focus on local governance and voter connect. CM Sharma is scheduled to hold 10 mega roadshows across major cities during the final phase of campaigning and seek votes for BJP candidates contesting the municipal elections. While the BJP is relying on the Chief Minister, Union and state ministers and its organisational machinery to strengthen its campaign, the Congress has adopted a more localised approach, placing greater emphasis on ward-level candidates, local leaders

and civic issues. The contrasting strategies have turned the urban local body elections into a test of whether the BJP's high-profile campaign and organisational strength can counter the Congress's focus on local issues and grassroots networks. The BJP has planned the Chief Minister's roadshows across major regions of Rajasthan. Roadshows have been planned in Udaipur and Bhilwara on Saturday. Bhajanlal Sharma will begin the roadshow campaign with programmes in Udaipur and Bhilwara, focusing on the Mewar region and its urban voters. On Sunday, roadshows are planned in Bikaner, Ajmer and Jodhpur. The Chief Minister will cover Bikaner, Ajmer and Jodhpur in a single day. The programmes are aimed at boosting the campaign in key urban centres across western and central Rajasthan. Monday's roadshows are to take place in Bharatpur and Alwar, which are two important urban centres in eastern Rajasthan and the Matsya region.

Jeweller held over investment scheme fraud

AHMEDABAD

An Ahmedabad-based jeweller was arrested within hours of a complaint alleging that he and his son collected money and silver worth Rs 1.41 crore from villagers by promising high returns on investments in gold and silver, officials said on Saturday. Dholka Town Police Station registered a case against Om Jewellers owner Amitkumar Soni and his son Parth Soni under Sections 316(5) and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 3 of the Gujarat Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act, 2003. According to the complaint, the accused allegedly used their jewellery business in Dholka to gain the confidence of investors, telling them that investments in gold and silver would generate good returns. They allegedly persuaded people to deposit money for silver investments and initially returned investments along with profits, thereby building trust before seeking larger investments.

Bhandari slams Cong after attack on Dalit woman MLA

NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National Spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari on Saturday lashed out at the Congress, accusing it of being "anti-Scheduled Caste" and "anti-women" after a Dalit woman MLA of the party was allegedly assaulted by Congress' own workers in Kerala. Posting a video of the purported incident on his official X account, Bhandari took a jibe at the grand old party, saying: "Congress smashing

the patriarchy in Kerala." The BJP leader was referring to Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi's 'Smash the Patriarchy' remark at his 'Chhatron ki Goonj' event in Pune. "Their own Dalit woman MLA, Remya Haridas, attacked by own Congress workers," Pradeep Bhandari said. Accusing the grand old party, the BJP leader also added: "Congress is 'Anti-SC', 'Anti Women'!" Earlier on Saturday, BJP MP Sudhanshu Trivedi had also targeted Rahul Gandhi's

'Smash the Patriarchy' remark, while referring to the low number of women Ministers in states ruled by the Congress and the removal of a woman Minister (Konda Surekha) from the Telangana Cabinet. "By shouting 'Smash Patriarchy, Smash Patriarchy', they (Congress) are removing women Ministers one by one. On the other hand, highest number of women Ministers in India's history are serving in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government," Trivedi

said during a press conference. During the 'Chhatron ki Goonj' event in Pune on August 22, Rahul Gandhi had called women as the greatest strength of the nation. "You are this country's foundation, its future. Patriarchy crushes you, frightens you, controls you. We must work together to dismantle this patriarchy. Smash the patriarchy. My message to you, a simple message: be loud, be proud and fight for your space in society," the Lok Sabha LoP said.

Nitin Nabin pays tribute to mentor

PATNA

Bharatiya Janata Party president Nitin Nabin on Saturday paid tribute to his mentor, Padma Shri Acharya Kishore Kunal, during a Teachers' Day visit to his alma mater, Gyan Niketan School in Patna. Nabin, who was a student of the school's inaugural batch, unveiled a statue of Kunal at the institution and addressed teachers, students and distinguished guests. He described the occasion as deeply emotional, saying memories associated with his school and mentor remain vivid. In a message marking Teachers' Day, Nabin praised educators across the country for their role in shaping responsible citizens and strengthening society. He also paid tribute to former Presi-



dent Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary, recalling his contribution as a philosopher and educationist. Nabin described Kunal's life as an example of service, dedication and social responsibility. He said his mentor made significant contributions

across education, administration, religion and social service, leaving a lasting impact on society. The BJP president's remarks came amid broader national attention on the role of teachers in children's lives. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had interacted with Na-

Acharya Kishore Kunal
Ji's life stands as a unique exemplar of service, dedication, and responsibility toward society.
—Nitin Nabin, BJP president

tional Teachers Award winners at his residence at Lok Kalyan Marg. During the interaction, Modi urged teachers to look beyond students' academic performance and remain attentive to their behaviour and everyday circumstances. He said the decline of the traditional joint-family structure has increased the importance of teachers in children's lives. The Prime Minister also asked educators to remain alert to signs of drug use among children, identify underlying causes and help affected students overcome addiction.

Quick Read

NIA chargesheets 13 in Ghaziabad espionage case

LUCKNOW
The NIA filed a charge sheet against 13 accused in the Special Court, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in connection with the Ghaziabad Espionage case that involved passing on sensitive information about prohibited areas to sources in an enemy country, an official said on Saturday. It has been established that the accused illegally trespassed into, approached, and accessed prohibited/sensitive areas of vital importance, installed spy cameras, and transmitted sensitive information, including photographs and videos with geo-tagging, to entities based in an enemy country, the NIA said in the charge sheet.

J&K govt urged to engage striking medical interns

SRINAGAR
Senior religious leader and chief cleric, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, on Saturday urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to engage the medical interns presently on a strike, in talks and resolve their problems. Taking to social media platform X on Saturday, Mirwaiz Umar said, "The concerns raised by MBBS & BDS interns across J&K deserve serious and urgent consideration. A stipend of Rs 12,300 is clearly inadequate for young doctors working long hours and carrying significant clinical responsibilities. "With a government-constituted committee having already recommended an enhancement, the prolonged delay is difficult to justify.

Vijay hails teachers' role beyond classrooms

He lauds teachers for shaping young minds, nurturing values and preparing responsible citizens.

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Saturday extended Teachers' Day greetings to educators across the State, praising their contribution to shaping generations of students and building a progressive society. In his message, Vijay said the role of teachers went well beyond classroom education and academic instruction.

The Chief Minister recalled that Teachers' Day is observed in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a philosopher, scholar and educationist who made significant contributions to the field of education.

Vijay said teachers played a vital role in nurturing young minds, instilling values and preparing students to become responsible citizens who could contribute meaningfully to the coun-



Teachers shape responsible citizens

Teachers' Day marks Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary.

Vijay highlighted teachers' role beyond academic instruction.

Educators nurture values, discipline, talent and social responsibility.

Their guidance helps shape responsible and skilled citizens.

try's development. Their work, he said, involved guiding children, identifying their talents and encouraging them to pursue their aspirations.

The Chief Minister stressed that teaching was

not limited to imparting academic knowledge. Educators also helped cultivate discipline, humanity, fraternity and social responsibility among students, while providing the guidance needed to build successful and purposeful lives.

According to Vijay, the influence of teachers extended beyond individual student development, contributing to the wider progress of society and the nation. Their efforts to prepare responsible, skilled and socially conscious citizens were essential to creating an inclusive and progressive society.

He called upon people to recognise the invaluable work of teachers, who continued to educate and guide students despite challenges associated with the profession. Vijay said their dedication could directly shape students' futures, help young people realise their potential and build a brighter future.

Patel marks Janmashtami, honours teachers

GANDHINAGAR

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel marked Janmashtami and Teachers' Day on Saturday by participating in Krishna Janmotsav celebrations at the historic Shri Ranchhodraiji Temple in Dabhoda, Gandhinagar, and contributing to the Teachers' Welfare Fund.

Patel visited the recently reconstructed 250-year-old temple and joined villagers in the Janmashtami rituals. He offered prayers to Lord Ranchhodraiji, performed puja and aarti, and sought blessings for peace, prosperity and the overall development of Gujarat. Temple Mahant Shri Hariram Swami 1008 Mahamandaleshwar blessed the Chief Minister during the visit.

Village leaders and residents welcomed Patel with a traditional turban, shawl and memento. He also offered prayers at the Hanumanji Temple in Dabhoda and extended greetings to people celebrating Janmashtami.

The festivities were marked by large participa-



Gujarat CM combined Janmashtami devotion with Teachers' Day recognition, visiting a temple and supporting the Teachers' Welfare Fund.

tion of devotees at temples across Gujarat, with programmes centred on the birth of Lord Krishna.

Later, Patel observed Teachers' Day by making a voluntary contribution to the Teachers' Welfare Fund, recognising the contribution of educators to education and society. Students from several Gandhinagar schools visited his residence in the morning to collect voluntary

contributions for the fund.

Patel interacted with the students and contributed to the fund, continuing the tradition of acknowledging teachers on September 5. Teachers' Day commemorates the birth anniversary of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a distinguished teacher and scholar.

Officials and educators present during the programme included Gandhinagar District Development Officer Digant Brahmhatt, District Superintendent of Police Ravi Teja Vasamsetty, District Education Officer Dr B.N. Prajapati and District Primary Education Officer Piyush Patel and teachers.

BIHAR FLOOD THREAT INTENSIFIES AS RIVER LEVELS RISE

PATNA

The flood situation in Bihar intensified on Saturday as the Ganga and several other major rivers continued to rise, prompting authorities to expand rescue, relief and monitoring operations across affected districts.

At Patna's Gandhi Ghat, the Ganga crossed the danger mark and was flowing close to its Highest Flood Level (HFL). Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister, Vijay Kumar Chaudhary reviewed the situation with senior officials and directed strict surveillance along river-

banks and embankments.

Chaudhary said the Ganga had surpassed its previous peak, crossing the highest level recorded in 2016 at around 10.30 a.m. on Saturday. Officials have been stationed at vulnerable points, while district teams have been instructed to conduct continuous patrolling, alert residents and take preventive measures.

The Ganga is above the danger mark at several locations, including Digha, Gandhi Ghat, Hathidah, Bhagalpur, Kahalgaon, Buxar and Munger. The Gandak, Kosi, Burhi Gandak, Punpun and Ghaghara have also crossed danger



levels at multiple locations.

With floodwaters threatening low-lying areas, district administrations have intensified relief measures. Commu-

nity kitchens are operating in several districts to provide food to displaced and affected residents.

In Bhagalpur, six kitchens

FLOOD RESPONSE

693 boats deployed across flood-hit districts.

155 boats deployed in Vaishali, the highest district-wise deployment.

326 people shifted to a special relief camp in Vaishali.

Six community kitchens serving around 5,000 people in Bhagalpur.

Ganga has crossed its previous 2016 peak level.

are serving around 5,000 people, while Bhojpur has 13 kitchens catering to nearly 2.84 lakh affected people. Eight kitchens in Patna are serving around 2.32 lakh people, with seven additional centres opened in the capital. Saran kitchens are serving about 20,000 residents.

In Vaishali, nearly 85,000 people are receiving relief assistance, while 326 residents have been shifted to a special relief camp. The government has deployed 693 boats across affected districts for evacuation and transportation, with Vaishali receiving the highest deployment of 155 boats.

Haldwani 'shuddhikaran' insult to nation: Oppn

NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties on Saturday strongly condemned the alleged lack of action against those involved in the 'shuddhikaran (purification)' ritual held in Uttarakhand's Haldwani following a public rally addressed by Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, describing the incident as an "insult" to the entire nation and a serious affront to constitutional values.

A Zero FIR has been registered in Bengaluru following a complaint that a "shuddhikaran (purification)" rit-

ual was conducted at Ramli-la Ground in Uttarakhand's Haldwani after Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge addressed a public rally at the venue on August 8, 2026.

Reacting to the development, Congress MP Manoj Kumar, speaking to IANS, described the incident as "deeply unfortunate" and questioned why no action had been taken against those allegedly responsible.

"This insult was an insult to the entire country. This insult was an insult to the entire Dalit community. This was an insult to all Members of Parliament across India,

Rajya Sabha MPs and all public representatives," he said.

Recalling the assurance given in Parliament, Manoj Kumar said that Rajya Sabha Leader of the House J.P. Nadda had described the incident as unfortunate and had stated that action should be taken against those responsible.

"I want to ask the BJP: When will you take action? Even now, all your leaders in Haldwani and neighbouring areas — what kind of statements are they making? What are they saying even after performing purification rituals? When will you take

action? When will an FIR be registered against them? Yes, a Zero FIR was filed in Bengaluru, but when will the Haldwani police wake up? When will the local administration and government here wake up?" he questioned.

"Just because your government is in power does not mean you can shield wrongdoers," he added.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP, Manoj Kumar Jha, speaking to IANS, also criticised the alleged ritual and questioned the use of such language and practices in contemporary India.

'Those who disrespect other religions can never be true sanatanis'

LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday criticised the demolition of an illegal mosque in Saharanpur and said those who do not respect other religions cannot be considered true Sanatanis.

This comes as the administration demolished the mosque located within the Collectorate complex in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, after the Muslim side's appeal was rejected by the court. Speaking to reporters, Yadav said, "Those who do not respect other religions can never be true Sanatanis.

They cannot be Sanatanis if they hurt the faith of others. A true Hindu will never insult people of another religion. This is what we have learned from Sanatan Dharma. The concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' teaches us that the entire world is one family."

He further said, "A true Hindu will never hurt the faith of people belonging to another religion. Why is all this happening? It is happening because they were involved in the alleged theft of money meant for the Ram Temple. Who does not know about this? People are aware of the

irregularities, and that is why a communal angle is being given to the issue."

Yadav also alleged that officials carried out the action under directions from the Uttar Pradesh government.

"These officers acted on the directions of the government as they feared that the other side would get justice," he said. Reacting to the Uttar Pradesh government's proposed initiative to clean the Gomti River, Yadav accused it of misusing public funds. "They are not cleaning the river; they are cleaning the budget," he said.

'If govt is going to take action, then lock up courts'

SHAMLI

Samajwadi Party (SP) MP, Iqra Hasan on Saturday condemned the demolition of an illegal mosque at the Saharanpur Collectorate, calling the action "shameful" and accusing the authorities of ignoring legal provisions. She added that if the "government is going to take action like this, then lock up the courts of the country."

Speaking to IANS, the Kairana MP said the mosque was an old religious structure and alleged that the authorities proceeded with its demolition without adequately considering applicable legal provisions, including the Places of Worship Act and the concept of "Waqf by User".

"We were stopped from going to Saharanpur so that such action could be taken. The police demolished our mosque like thieves without following the law and order of our country. They should be ashamed because we believed that they would remain neutral. But the way they followed the orders of the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh is really shameful," Hasan said.

India-Russia discuss strengthening judicial co-op

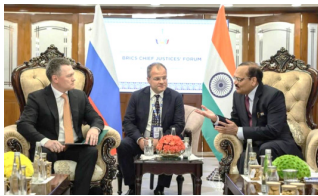
NEW DELHI

India and Russia have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening judicial cooperation, with the two sides discussing greater coordination on the global stage and follow-up measures to strengthen previously reached bilateral agreements.

The talks were held between Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and his Russian counterpart Igor Krasnov on the sidelines of the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum in New Delhi.

"On September 4, a meeting between heads of highest judicial bodies of Russia and India Igor Krasnov and Surya Kant was held on the sidelines of the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum in New Delhi. The sides discussed coordination of efforts on the international stage and reaffirmed the continuity of the course aimed at strengthening previously reached agreements," the Russian Embassy in India wrote in a post on Telegram.

Krasnov stressed that deepening Russian-Indian cooperation based on the principles of special and privileged stra-



tegic partnership is underpinned by the "warm personal and friendly" relations between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"During the talks, the previously signed Memorandum of Understanding was highly praised. The Russian side has already prepared and submitted to its partners for consideration a draft Programme for cooperation for the next two years. The document includes a list of mutually beneficial initiatives," the Russian Embassy stated.

Krasnov arrived in New Delhi to participate in the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum and hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from BRICS member countries on strengthening legal cooperation. Russian Ambassador to India, Denis Alipov, and other officials received Krasnov at the airport.

Court sends influencer Bharadwaj to 1-day police custody

NEW DELHI

Self-styled "influencer" Swatantra Bharadwaj, who claimed to have physically assaulted a student protestor's father during the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led Jantar Mantar demonstration, was sent to one day police custody on Saturday after being arrested by the Delhi

Police.

A day earlier, Bharadwaj was detained by Delhi Police in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district.

Delhi Police had assured to arrest the accused under sections of the POCSO Act, the SC/ST Act and attempt to murder, within 72 hours, following an agitation by the CJP outside the Parliament

Street Police Station in New Delhi.

The CJP's agitation was also joined by Azad Samaj Party chief and MP Chandam Shekhar, Purnea MP Pappu Yadav and Indian Youth Congress.

A controversy erupted after Bharadwaj, in a purported viral video, allegedly claimed to have assaulted the father

of a minor protester, Nishu Azad, during the demonstration at Jantar Mantar and boasted that he was let off by the Delhi Police as he has "political connections".

The agitators had sought the registration of an FIR against Swatantra Bharadwaj, under stringent sections and immediate arrest of the accused.

GUIDING FORCES

Murmu honours 48 teachers with national awards

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday conferred the National Teachers Awards on 48 educators at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, recognising their exemplary contributions to education and the students they have guided.

The awards were presented on Teachers' Day, observed on September 5 in memory of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The ceremony brought together educators whose work has made an impact across different areas of education.

After receiving the honour, several awardees described



the recognition as a memorable and significant moment in their professional lives. One recipient said receiving the award from President Murmu felt like a dream and called her an inspiration.

Another awardee highlighted the importance of recognition for educators working in media education and social

RECIPIENTS RESPOND

The recipients' responses underscored the collective nature of teaching, with many viewing the national recognition as a tribute to people and institutions that shaped their professional journeys. The awards highlighted diverse contributions across India's education system and society.

sciences in higher education. The teacher said the honour

represented not only an individual achievement but also the contribution of media educators and social scientists dedicated to higher education across the country.

For another recipient, the award symbolised the culmination of years of hard work and the collective contribution of an institutional family. The teacher credited mentors, teachers and colleagues for helping reach this stage.

A further awardee said the honour belonged to everyone who had contributed to the teaching journey, including students, peers, faculty members, the university system and family.

QUICK READ

Russian drone strikes Ukraine's security service HQ

KYIV

A Russian drone hit the headquarters of Ukraine's SBU security service in Kyiv, one of the most high-profile targets struck during the war as Russia intensified its campaign of air strikes against Ukraine. Ukraine said the attack was a major escalation of the war and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed to retaliate, as Moscow's air strikes on the Ukrainian capital extended into a 10th day. Heavy black smoke rose in Kyiv's historic city centre following the attack, which the city's mayor said had wounded at least 12 people.

Lindsay Clancy trial over killing her kids ends in mistrial

PLYMOUTH

A judge declared a mistrial in the US murder trial of Lindsay Clancy for killing her three young children, a tragedy her attorney said occurred while she was suffering from postpartum psychosis. The nearly six-week-long televised trial in Plymouth, Massachusetts, revived a longstanding debate about how postpartum mental health in women is treated in the U.S., and how the country's legal system addresses cases when mothers kill their children.

US probes Iran wedding strike as experts suggest direct hit

Washington

U.S. Vice President JD Vance said that the United States was investigating a deadly strike on an Iranian wedding earlier this week that an analysis published by Reuters showed likely resulted from a direct hit by a US munition. An explosion that ripped through a wedding celebration in southern Iran on Tuesday likely resulted from a direct hit by a U.S. munition and not a ricochet off another target, according to an analysis on Thursday by weapons experts who reviewed images and video verified. The United States has not accepted responsibility for the incident. President Donald Trump's administration is facing growing domestic public pressure to end a war that is weighing on his approval ratings ahead of crucial November midterm elections. Iranian state television on Thursday said that a 22-year-old woman had died in hospital following the strike that hit a home during a wedding, taking the total reported death toll to five. Iranian officials said that nearly 70 were wounded. Funeral-goers assembled in the late afternoon on Thursday outside the village of Kuhestak in Sirik County.

WEAPON DIPLOMACY

States strike a deal at Geneva autonomous weapons talks

GENEVA

The 128 states party to a framework that regulates or bans weapons considered as indiscriminate, or causing too many injuries, agreed on a document on Saturday that could pave the way to international rules on autonomous weapons.

Agreement to the non-binding text marks a significant step after more than a decade of talks on how to regulate weapons systems that can identify and engage targets with varying degrees of autonomy, sometimes called “kill-



er robots”. However, one rights group said the text defini-

US missiles hit tanker near Kharg Island

The strike raises fresh concerns over Iran’s oil exports, regional escalation and already-disrupted Gulf energy flows.

DUBAI

An Iranian tanker was hit by four US missiles near the anchorage of Kharg Island in the Gulf on Saturday, according to semi-official Iranian news agency Tasnim, in an escalation around Iran’s key oil export hub.

A Tasnim correspondent at Kharg reported the strike and said the tanker’s crew was being evacuated. Local sources cited by the agency said there were no casualties.

There was no immediate confirmation from Iranian authorities, while US Central Command had not responded to requests for comment. The reported attack comes amid heightened tensions over Iran’s oil exports and the strategic waters surrounding the country. Kharg Island is central to Iran’s petroleum trade. Before the war, around 90% of Iran’s crude exports passed



through the island. Oil flows have since been disrupted by a US blockade that began in mid-April, adding pressure to an economy already weakened by the conflict.

The development also carries significance because of previous US threats involving Kharg. President Donald Trump said on August 31 that the island was being “blown to smithereens” in a social media post accompanied by an AI-generated video. Earlier, on June 11, Trump had said he wanted to take over Kharg, before indicating that

Fresh developments

- Four missiles reportedly struck the tanker near Kharg Island’s anchorage.
- No casualties were reported; the tanker’s crew was being evacuated.
- Kharg handled around 90% of Iran’s crude exports before the war.
- The reported strike comes amid a US blockade of Iranian oil exports.
- Any escalation around Kharg could further disrupt regional energy supplies.

a planned military operation was off the table for the time being. Any further attacks around Kharg could deepen pressure on Iran’s oil sector and raise fresh concerns about regional energy supplies.

Explosion at Bolivia military base kills 2

LA PAZ

Two people were killed and dozens injured after an explosion at a military barracks in the Bolivian municipality of Viacha, about 30 km from La Paz, Defense Minister Ernesto Justiniano said. His ministry said in a statement that 14 people were missing.

The blast occurred at around 2:30 p.m. (1830 GMT) in an area used to store pyrotechnic material, authorities said. While the cause has yet to be established, officials said the blast originated from the defense ministry’s fireworks stockpile. Earlier, the Viacha health director, Rita Nebraska, had told local television that between 10 and 15 people were believed to have died in the incident, while 62 people were injured.

How Betancourt shaped US-Venezuela oil ties

CARACAS

The billionaire who helped broker the Trump administration’s sweeping long-term oil deal with Venezuela was until recently a target of US money-laundering investigations involving funds embezzled from the state-owned oil company PDVSA.

Now, after assisting U.S. authorities ahead of the capture of authoritarian leader Nicolas Maduro, Alejandro Betancourt is Washington’s key partner in an unusual oil agreement with Caracas.

According to last week’s announcement, the U.S. gains access to about one-fifth of Venezuela’s crude reserves for decades. The Pentagon’s Office of Strategic Capital takes a 35% stake in North American Blue Energy Partners (NABEP), Betancourt’s

company and a known crude producer in Venezuela. The State Department gets the right to buy 20% of NABEP’s oil at cost, and preferential access to the remaining 80% of output.

The deal marks a striking change of fortune for Betancourt, who four people familiar with U.S. policy in Venezuela said was key to U.S. strategy and planning in the lead-up to the January 3 operation that removed former President Maduro from power and flew him to New York to face charges of drug-trafficking, which Maduro denies.

Asked about the investigations of Betancourt, a U.S. official who declined to be named said most of the legal challenges were nearly a decade old — and that he currently has no legal problems in the United States.

Israel must protect West Bank’s Palestinians: US envoy

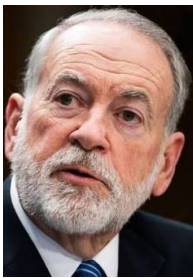
TURMUS AYYA

US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee met Palestinian Americans in the occupied West Bank town of Turmus Ayya on Saturday, including relatives of US citizens killed by Israeli settlers, as international concern over settler violence continues to grow.

The visit comes amid mounting criticism of settler

attacks in the West Bank and what critics describe as inadequate action by the Israeli government against perpetrators. Israeli authorities have condemned settler violence, but arrests and prosecutions remain uncommon.

Huckabee said his meeting with Palestinian Americans in Turmus Ayya was constructive. He also said it was in Israel’s interest to prosecute people involved in “criminal behaviour and terrorism”, de-



Turmus Ayya

Around 80% of Palestinian residents reportedly hold US citizenship.

The town has faced repeated settler attacks.

Huckabee called violent settlers a tiny minority.

About 3 million Palestinians live across the West Bank.

scribing violent settlers as a small group damaging the country’s reputation.

The ambassador has previously called for violent settlers to face prosecution, while maintaining that they represent only a minority of the approximately 750,000 settlers living across the West Bank.

Turmus Ayya has a particularly large Palestinian American population. Mayor Nawwaf Zaghoul said around 80% of the town’s Palestinian residents hold US citizenship and described settler attacks as constant.

Settlements have expanded around the town, including near Shiloh, which Huckabee

HUCKABEE DENIES FORCED GAZA DIS-PLACEMENT PLAN

US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee on Saturday said there was no plan for Israel or the US to forcibly remove Palestinians from Gaza, seeking to distance Washington from proposals for mass displacement floated by two Israeli ministers this week.

has visited twice since 2025. A longtime supporter of Israeli settlements, he frequently uses the biblical term “Judea and Samaria” for the West Bank, terminology also used by the Israeli government but not officially adopted by Washington.

The meeting comes as Palestinians face increasing restrictions and violence under Israel’s military occupation. Around three million Palestinians live in the West Bank, with tens of thousands estimated to be American citizens.

US ENVOYS ARRIVE IN MOSCOW FOR UKRAINE PEACE TALKS

MOSCOW

US special representatives Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner arrived in Moscow on Saturday for talks on the war in Ukraine, according to two people familiar with the visit. They were met by Russian presidential envoy Kirill Dmitriev, who has participated in previous meetings between US negotiators and President Vladimir Putin.

The visit comes after US President Donald Trump said that Washington had a fresh concrete proposal aimed at ending the war, now in its fifth year. Trump did not provide details of the proposal.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the two US representatives would travel to Ukraine on Sunday after their Moscow meetings.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Witkoff and Kushner arrived in Moscow on Saturday.
- They were met by Russian envoy Kirill Dmitriev.
- Trump says Washington has a fresh peace proposal.
- The envoys are expected in Ukraine on Sunday.
- Kremlin says Putin's territorial and NATO demands remain unshakeable.

In a post on X on Saturday, Zelenskyy said Russia had struck two Ukrainian airports ahead of the planned visit to Kyiv.

Philippine VP Duterte posts bail after arrest order for threats

MANILA

Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte posted bail on Saturday after a trial court ordered her arrest on three counts of grave threats linked to comments she made about President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the first lady and a former House speaker.

The arrest order marks an escalation in Duterte’s legal troubles as she also faces an impeachment trial in the Senate, a process that, if it ends in conviction, could remove her from office and derail her 2028 presidential bid.

It is the latest step in a feud between the dominant Philippine political dynasties. Marcos and Duterte, both the children of longtime presidents, formed an alliance in 2022 that allowed them to sweep to power before they broke with each other in 2024.

Dressed in black and surrounded by dozens of police

officers, Duterte told reporters outside the court that she did not feel safe and accused authorities of harassment, saying the case involved the president, the first lady and Marcos’ cousin, heightening her fears.

"If I post bail, the harassment won’t stop. If I don’t post bail, I’ll be taken to the police. I have no trust in the police. I have no trust in the courts. I do not feel safe at all," Duterte said.

She asked who would be held accountable “if I die tonight,” saying police would simply “wash their hands and call it an accident.”

The police accorded the vice president with the respect she deserved, Interior Minister Jonvic Remulla said when asked to comment on Duterte’s remarks. “It’s very unfortunate that all the pressure in her life is affecting her perception,” Remulla said in a phone message.

NAME CHANGE

I, MUSTHAQ PASHA HUSSAIN, S/o. Mohammed Hussain, resident of No: C L 138, 4th Cross, Rojipura, Gangadharapura, Dodballapur, Bangalore - 561203. have changed my name to **MUSTHAQ PASHA H**, vide affidavit dated: 05.09.2026, before Notary R Basavaraja, Bengaluru.

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I, SUMMIYA BANO, W/o Eliyaz Baig, resident of No: 42, 2nd Main, New Gurappana Palya, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru -560029. have changed my name to **SUMAYA BANU**, vide affidavit dated: 05.09.2026, before Notary R. Basavaraja, Bengaluru.

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I, SHIVKUMAR RAMAMURTHI MUDALIAR S/o D. Ramamurthi, aged about 60 years, residing at G02 Ground Floor Brundhavana Apts, 1st Main 5th Cross Bharathi Nagar, Friends Layout Seegehalli, Virgonagar - 560049 Karnataka India, changed my name to MDR SHIVKHUMAR, vide affidavit dated 01-09-2026 sworn before Notary Ravi Kumar. V., Bangalore.

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Zee founder booked in ₹1,322 crore loan case

NEW DELHI
The CBI has booked Zee founder and chairman Subhash Chandra in an alleged ₹1,322-crore loan fraud case involving LIC Housing Finance (LICHFL). The agency alleged that Chandra submitted inflated net worth certificates to help secure two loans worth ₹980 crore. The loans, taken by companies linked to him, later turned into defaults, allegedly causing LICHFL a loss of more than ₹1,322 crore. One loan of ₹500 crore was sanctioned to Vasant Sagar Properties, while another ₹480 crore facility involved Digital Subscriber Management and Consultancy Services. The CBI alleged that Chandra's net worth was shown at nearly ₹59,000 crore in one certificate and ₹40,562 crore in another. The agency has alleged use of false documents and collusion.

Manipal plans major hospital expansion by 2030

MUMBAI
Manipal Hospitals plans to add 2,426 beds by 2030, with around 80 per cent of the capacity coming from greenfield projects, according to its first annual report after listing. The company plans about 1,943 greenfield beds and 483 beds through brown-field expansion. The expansion will mainly focus on markets where Manipal already operates, including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa and eastern India. Manipal is also evaluating acquisitions in these markets and in Delhi-NCR, Telangana, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The Mumbai-Pune corridor has been identified as a key growth opportunity; The company is also considering acquisitions to strengthen its presence in Delhi-NCR. The planned expansion marks a greater focus on building hospitals from scratch after years of acquisition-led growth.

Cipla partners Qilu Pharma for cancer biosimilar

HYDERABAD
Drugmaker Cipla, through its subsidiary Invagen Pharmaceuticals, has partnered with China-based Qilu Pharmaceutical to exclusively license and supply QL2107, a biosimilar of Keytruda (pembrolizumab), in the US. Under the partnership, Qilu will handle the product's development, regulatory registration and supply. Cipla USA will be responsible for commercialising the biosimilar in the defined US market, using its established commercial network. The partnership strengthens Cipla's focus on biosimilars and supports its strategy to build a larger oncology portfolio.

S Korea urges US to ease steel equipment tariffs

SEOUL
South Korea's Industry Minister Kim Jung-kwan has urged the United States to ease tariffs on equipment and materials that Korean companies need to import for a \$5.8-billion steel mill being built in Louisiana. Kim made the request during a meeting with Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry ahead of the ground-breaking ceremony for Hyundai-POSCO Louisiana Steel LLC (HPLS). The electric arc furnace-based integrated steel mill is scheduled to begin construction in the fourth



AI boom lifts billionaire wealth to record \$15.1 trillion

THE AI BOOM IS RESHAPING GLOBAL WEALTH, CREATING MORE BILLIONAIRES AND PUSHING THEIR COMBINED FORTUNES TO RECORD LEVELS.

NEW DELHI

The global billionaire population reached a record 3,795 in 2025, with the artificial intelligence (AI) boom and strong gains in technology stocks driving a sharp rise in their combined wealth, according to a report by wealth intelligence firm Altrata. The number of billionaires increased 8.2 per cent during the year, marking the biggest annual rise in five years. Their combined wealth surged 12.8 per cent to \$15.1 trillion, underlining the growing influence of technology and AI-related investments on the fortunes of the world's richest people.



Altrata said the AI boom played a major role in boosting billionaire wealth. Companies that invested at least \$30 million in AI during the past five years recorded 23 per cent higher market capitalisation growth between 2024 and 2025 compared with companies that did not make similar investments. However,

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- 3,795 — Global billionaires
- \$15.1 trillion — Total wealth
- 12.8% — Wealth growth
- \$4.1 trillion — Super-billionaire wealth
- 29 — Superbillionaires worldwide

the report warned that concentration of wealth in technology and AI could increase exposure to market volatility. The concentration of wealth among the ultra-rich has also grown. Altrata identified 29 individuals with fortunes above \$50 billion, whose combined wealth stood at

CNG, hybrids and EVs overtake petrol vehicles in August

NEW DELHI

India's passenger vehicle market is seeing a major shift in consumer preference, with CNG, hybrid and electric vehicles together accounting for 42 per cent of sales in August 2026, according to a report by Equirus Securities cited by ANI. For the first time, the combined share of these alternatives crossed petrol's share, which fell to a record low of 41 per cent in August from 46 per cent a year earlier. CNG recorded its highest-ever share at 25 per cent, rising from 21 per cent in August 2025. Overall passenger vehicle retail sales grew 16 per cent year-on-year during the month, helped by improved affordability following GST rate cuts.

Electric vehicles also continued to gain ground. EV sales increased 52 per cent year-on-year to 30,700 units in August, taking their market penetration to 7.7 per cent from 5.9 per cent a year earlier. However, EV penetration was slightly lower than the 8.1 per cent recorded in July. Equirus Securities said buyer hesitation over the E20 transition appeared to support the shift towards CNG, hybrids and EVs. Among EV makers, Tata Motors' market share recovered to about 43 per cent in August, its highest since December 2025. JSW MG Motor's share fell to around 15 per cent from 28 per cent a year earlier, while Mahindra & Mahindra's share stood at around 21 per cent. Maruti Suzuki held about 5 per cent.

CAR ELECTRONICS COULD REACH 55% OF COST BY 2030

NEW DELHI

Electronics could account for 50-55 per cent of a car's total cost by 2030, rising sharply from around 30-35 per cent in 2020, according to a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA). The shift is expected to create a major opportunity for Indian auto component makers. The report said vehicles are becoming increasingly dependent on electronics, whether powered by internal combustion engines or electricity. Features such as advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), infotainment, sensors and connected technologies are increasing the electronic content in modern vehicles.

However, India's electrical and electronics segment accounted for only about 12 per cent of total component supply in FY25, highlighting significant room for domestic manufacturers to expand. The report identified sensors, electronic control units (ECUs), power electronics, ADAS, connectivity and battery management systems (BMS) as key growth areas. The report described the trend as a major localisation opportunity for India, as manufacturers could capture a larger share of the value created by rising electronics content. It said premiumisation, electrification, stronger safety requirements and growing exports are creating new component value pools for Indian suppliers.

LIC gets RBI nod for 9.99% ICICI Bank stake

NEW DELHI

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.99 per cent in ICICI Bank. The approval covers up to 9.99 per cent of the private lender's paid-up share capital or voting rights. ICICI Bank said it received the RBI's approval letter on September 4 at 9.09 pm. LIC has been given one year from the date of the approval to complete the acquisition. If the stake is not acquired within this period, the RBI approval will lapse. The approval is subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. The development is significant as LIC, India's largest insurer, already has ap-

LIC has received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99 per cent stake in ICICI Bank, subject to regulatory requirements.

proval to increase its holding in other major private-sector banks. Earlier, LIC received RBI approval to acquire up to a 9.99 per cent stake in HDFC Bank. According to an HDFC Bank regulatory filing dated August 19, LIC currently holds 4.11 per cent of the bank's total share capital. The latest approval could allow LIC to further expand its presence in India's private banking sector. However, any acquisition will have to comply with conditions set by the RBI and other applicable regulations.

Sugar prices fall, retail rates yet to drop

SUGAR

prices have fallen sharply at mill gates, but consumers are yet to see a similar decline in retail markets. Average ex-mill prices dropped from above ₹6,500 per quintal on August 20 to ₹4,800 by September 3, a fall of over 23%. In comparison, the average retail price declined only 4.3%, from around ₹65 to ₹62.23 per kg. The government's crackdown on hoarding, tighter dealer stock limits, sugar imports and fortnightly stock allocations have contributed to the fall. Trade representatives said retail prices may decline gradually as traders exhaust higher-priced inventory. Industry estimates suggest sugar could eventually retail at ₹56-57 per kg, considering the current ex-mill price and normal supply-chain costs.

Adobe to appoint Bengaluru-born Anil Chakravarthy as CEO

NEW DELHI

Adobe has appointed Indian-origin executive Anil Chakravarthy as its new President and Chief Executive Officer, ending Shantanu Narayen's more than 18-year tenure at the top of the software company. Chakravarthy will take charge as CEO from December 1, while Narayen will move to the position of executive chair. The leadership change comes as Adobe prepares for its next phase of growth, with artificial intelligence becoming increasingly important to the technology industry. Chakravarthy currently leads Adobe's Customer Experience Orchestration business and worldwide field operations. He joined Adobe in January 2020 as executive vice-president and general manager of its Digital Experience business. He later took on responsibility for worldwide field operations and enterprise customers across Adobe's products and services. He became president of Digital Experience and world-



"I could not be more confident that Anil is the right person to lead Adobe's growth in an AI-driven era." Shantanu Narayen, Indian-American business executive

wide field operations in December 2021. Before joining Adobe, Chakravarthy served as CEO of Informatica for four years. He joined the enterprise cloud data management company in 2013 as executive vice-president. Earlier in his career, he held senior positions at technology companies Symantec and VeriSign and also worked with consulting firm McK-

insey & Company. Chakravarthy grew up in Bengaluru's southern neighbourhoods and completed his early schooling in the city. He later studied Computer Science and Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi. He also earned a master's degree and PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His journey from Bengaluru to the top job at Adobe marks a significant achievement. Reacting to his appointment, Chakravarthy said he was excited about Adobe's future and would focus on customers, employees and AI innovation.

Global food prices hit highest level since 2022

ROME

Global food prices rose 1.9 per cent in August to their highest level since late 2022, as extreme weather, geopolitical tensions and trade disruptions raised concerns over supplies, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said. The FAO Food Price Index averaged 133.3 points in August, up from a revised 130.8 in July. Prices of cereals, vegetable oils, sugar, meat and dairy products all increased during the month. The index, however, remained nearly 17 per cent below its record level reached in March 2022. Sugar recorded the sharpest increase, with prices rising 11.9 per cent to their highest level since June 2025. Cereal prices increased 2.2 per cent, reaching a three-year high, while vegetable oil prices rose 0.6 per cent to their highest level since June 2022. Extreme heat and drought in Europe have raised concerns over maize, sugar beet and livestock production.

Gold falls nearly 3 per cent as Fed hike hopes rise

NEW DELHI

Gold prices fell nearly 3 per cent during the week as changing expectations about US monetary policy and rising crude oil prices increased concerns over inflation. On Friday, MCX gold futures for October rose marginally by 0.03 per cent to ₹1,52,815, while September silver futures declined 0.07 per cent to ₹2,37,500. The price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold stood at ₹1,54,884, down from ₹1,59,578 a week earlier, according to India Bullion and Jewellers Association data. Precious metals had touched a three-month high during the week before giving up gains. Geopolitical tensions, movements in the US dollar and changing expectations about Federal Reserve interest rates influenced prices. Rising crude oil prices also increased inflation concerns. The market initially expected a less aggressive Federal Reserve after weaker US labour data and dovish comments. However, a stron-



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- 3% — Weekly fall in gold prices
- ₹1,54,884 — 24-carat gold price on Friday
- ₹1,59,578 — Gold price a week earlier
- ₹1,52,815 — MCX gold futures price
- ₹1,51,500-₹1,52,000 — MCX gold support zone

ger-than-expected August jobs report pushed Treasury yields and the dollar higher, reducing demand for gold as a safe-haven asset. Analysts said MCX gold faces immediate resistance at ₹1,56,500-₹1,57,000, while support is placed at ₹1,51,500-₹1,52,000. For Comex gold, resistance is seen at \$4,500-\$4,530, with support at \$4,330-\$4,360.

IBRICS GLOBAL SUMMIT

Over 500 global investors, leaders to gather for iBRICS Summit

NEW DELHI

More than 500 global investors, finance ministers and business leaders are set to gather in New Delhi for the inaugural iBRICS Summit 2026, as India prepares to host the 18th BRICS Summit. The two-day summit, scheduled for September 12-13 at The Oberoi, is being convened by the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI). It aims to connect sovereign capital with bankable projects in infrastructure, energy and digital capacity across BRICS member and partner nations.

The meeting comes amid changing global trade patterns, US tariff pressures and rising costs linked to dollar-based clearing and settlement. Discussions are expected to focus on financial cooperation, alternative cross-border capital channels and stronger payment systems. Financial connectivity will be a key theme, with participants examining the possible integration of national fast-payment systems such as India's UPI and Brazil's Pix. Discussions will also cover interoperability between central bank digital currencies. The summit is expected to



"Funds and ministries need direct access to allocate capital differently." Lakshmi Narayanan, Lead Co-Chair of the iBRICS

bring together sovereign wealth funds, public pension funds and Gulf and BRICS family offices managing a combined \$1 trillion in assets. The first day will feature a closed-door roundtable of

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- 500+ — Institutional investors, pension funds and family offices expected to participate.
- USD 1 trillion+ — Total assets managed by participating investors.
- 21 — BRICS member states and partner nations covered by the investment focus.
- Infrastructure — One of the key sectors for investment discussions.

around 250 principals, while the second day will focus on bilateral deal tables and sector-specific discussions.



ISL 2026-27 season to begin on October 10

The Indian Super League 2026-27 season will begin October 10, featuring 13 teams in a revamped home-and-away format and a new championship structure.

MUMBAI

The Indian Super League (ISL) 2026-27 season will begin on October 10, with 13 teams set to compete in a revamped format that marks a shift towards a club-led era. The tournament is expected to continue until May 2027. The new season will follow a home-and-away format, allowing teams to play matches at their home venues as well as away from home. The change is part of the league's revamped structure for the upcoming campaign.

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- October 10, 2026: ISL season begins.
- 13 teams: Will compete in the new season.
- May 2027: Tournament expected to conclude.
- Top six: Teams qualify for the playoffs.
- Top team: Crowned Shield Winners and official ISL champions.



paigned. Under the new format, the team finishing at the top of the league table will be crowned the Shield Winners and recognised as the official champions of the ISL. The league leaders will also earn indirect qualifying slots for the AFC Champions League Two through zonal qualifiers. The top six teams in the league standings will qualify for the playoffs. They will compete for the ISL Cup Champions title, creating a separate contest for the championship trophy while the league leaders are recognised as the official champions. The 2026-27 season is set to bring a significant change to the ISL, with the revised structure separating the league title from the playoffs. The tournament will run until May 2027, with the 13 participating clubs competing across the new home-and-away schedule. The new arrangement gives added importance to consistency and competitive performances throughout the league campaign, while the playoff race provides the top six clubs with another opportunity to challenge for the ISL Cup Champions title. Teams will therefore face pressure to perform strongly throughout the regular season and secure a place in the playoffs.

Nurjahan wins silver, bronze at Para Future Lahti

AHMEDABAD

India's No. 1 para table tennis player Nurjahan Noorali Jamani secured a silver medal in Class 7 singles and a bronze in Class 7 standing doubles at the ITTF World Para Future Lahti 2026 in Finland. Her twin podium finish also helped her climb eight places to No. 19 in the world rankings.

Competing at the Pajulahti Olympic Training Centre, Nurjahan recovered from a difficult start in the singles event. She opened with a 0-3 loss to Germany's Birgit Baumgartner before responding with a 3-0 victory over Iceland's Agnes Lovisa Johannsdottir. She then produced a strong performance

against Macau's U Choi Hong. Nurjahan won the closely fought match 3-2, edging the final two games 13-11, 13-11 to secure the silver medal. She also reached the podium in standing doubles with compatriot Shivam Pal. The Indian pair began with a convincing 3-0 win over Finland's Aaro Toivo Samuli Makela and Iceland's Johannsdottir. The Indian combination later faced two Polish pairs and lost both encounters but finished with a bronze medal.

India storm into quarter-finals, face USA next

DA NANG

India remained unbeaten on the second day of the team event at the Pickleball World Cup, storming into the quarter-finals with a strong run in Da Nang, Vietnam. The Indian pro squad will now face a formidable USA team in the last eight. India began its knockout campaign with a dominant 4-0 victory over China in the round of 32. Pearl Amalsadiwala and Mihika Yadav won the opening tie 21-19, before Harsh Mehta and Arjun Singh added another point. Harsh Mehta and Pearl then won a



challenging third tie, while Arjun Singh and Mihika Yadav completed the clean sweep. The round of 16 proved more competitive as India faced the Philippines but secured a 4-1 victory. Pearl and

Mihika again gave India the opening point, while the men's doubles pair lost the second tie 19-21. India responded by winning the next two mixed doubles ties to move 3-1 ahead, before Aaliya Ebrahim sealed the match

with a 21-12 victory. Pearl Amalsadiwala praised the team's execution and Harsh Mehta's leadership after reaching the quarter-finals. She said the squad was ready for the crucial challenge ahead. Indian Pickleball Association Treasurer Aalap Sharma also praised the players, while President Suryaveer Singh Bhullar congratulated all the squads for their performances. India's Masters, Junior and Kids squads also reached the quarter-finals. The Masters team will face Vietnam, the Junior squad will meet Chinese Taipei, and the Kids squad will play Australia. However, India's Senior team lost to New Zealand in the round of 16 and ended its campaign. India Masters edged China 3-2, winning the deciding tie 21-9.



Smriti Mandhana chases historic T20I record

DUBAI

Smriti Mandhana will have another major record in sight when India face arch-rivals Pakistan in the women's Asia Cup in Dubai on Saturday, with the Indian vice-captain needing 78 runs to become the highest run-scorer in women's T20I cricket. Mandhana currently has 4,681 runs from 173 T20Is and 167 innings, with an average of 30.79 and a strike rate of 126.54. Her tally includes two centuries and 35 fifties. New Zealand legend Suzie Bates leads the chart with 4,758 runs from 186 T20Is and 178 innings, leaving Mandhana 78 runs short of taking the top spot.

The left-hander enters the Pakistan clash after producing a stunning 64-ball 124 against Hong Kong. That innings helped her become the leading run-scorer and century-maker in women's cricket. She will now look to continue that form against a familiar opponent while chasing another milestone in her international career. Mandhana also has a respectable T20I record against Pakistan. In 11 innings, she has scored 307 runs at an average of 30.70 and a strike rate of 111.23. Her record against the arch-rivals includes two fifties, with a best score of 68. With just 78 runs separating Mandhana from Bates, Saturday's match could

INSIGHTS
■ 4,681 runs — Mandhana's current T20I tally.
■ 78 runs — Needed to overtake Suzie Bates.
■ 4,758 runs — Bates' current record tally.
■ 124 off 64 balls — Mandhana's latest score against Hong Kong.
■ 173 T20Is — Matches played by Mandhana.

provide another memorable moment for the Indian star. A strong performance against Pakistan would not only help India in the Asia Cup but could also see Mandhana move to the top of the women's T20I run-scoring list. The milestone would add to a growing list of achievements for the left-handed batter, who remains one of India's key players in the format.

Fisichella backs Antonelli for formula one world title

MONZA

Kimi Antonelli enters his home Italian Grand Prix as the leading driver in the 2026 Formula One championship, with former F1 racer Giancarlo Fisichella backing the young Mercedes star to become a world champion. Antonelli has won six races this season and holds a 59-point lead over Mercedes teammate George Russell and Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton. Fisichella said Antonelli's progress has been remarkable, especially after a mixed rookie campaign last year. The Italian believes the 19-year-old now has greater confidence and understanding of his car. "Last year was the first season for Kimi and he made a few mistakes, with

ups and downs," Fisichella said. He added that Antonelli now has "much more feeling with the car" and is producing an "amazing season without mistakes". Fisichella also predicted that Antonelli would fight for the championship for many years and "probably as a world champion". Antonelli will start from the back at Monza because of an engine penalty, but Fisichella does not expect that to prevent him from scoring points. He said Mercedes and Antonelli should be quick and suggested that a safety car or different pit-stop strategy could even give the Italian a chance to fight for the podium. Fisichella also highlighted McLaren's

Kimi Antonelli leads the 2026 Formula One championship into his home Italian Grand Prix, with six wins and strong backing from former racer Giancarlo Fisichella.



recent improvement, particularly Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri, calling the team a major threat. However, he noted that Norris remains well behind Antonelli in the standings. On Hamilton, Fisichella said the seven-time world champion is performing very well and has the ability to remain in the title fight until the season ends. He said Ferrari and Hamilton remain serious contenders, but Antonelli's consistency and speed have made him the driver everyone must beat this season in 2026.

India needs to invest for future in football: Cafu

MUMBAI

Brazilian football legend Cafu has praised grassroots initiatives that use sport to empower underprivileged girls in India, saying such programmes can promote social inclusion and help build a better future. Cafu, a two-time FIFA World Cup winner and former Brazil captain, interacted with girls from the Dreaming in Slums Foundation during the Global Impact Forum II - Civilisational Legacy in Mumbai. The NGO uses football to teach life skills to underprivileged girls. Cafu also played a friendly match with the youngsters and joined a special session on the role of sport in personal development. Speaking to reporters, Cafu said the initiative gives children opportunities, respect and training while creating a positive environment. He also stressed that India needs greater investment in football development to strengthen the sport's future in the country. "India needs to invest for future in



football," Cafu said, pointing to Brazil's upcoming visit to Kolkata. The five-time world champions will face India in an international friendly on October 3, as part of India's three-match schedule against higher-ranked opposition. India will first face Panama in Bengaluru on September 26 before meeting Brazil and Uruguay in Kolkata on October 3 and October 6 respectively. The three friendlies will offer the Blue Tigers opportunities to test themselves against World Cup opposition, with all three opponents having featured at the FIFA World Cup held earlier this year. Cafu's interaction highlighted how football can extend beyond competition and become a means of confidence-building, empowerment and social inclusion for girls from disadvantaged communities. He said initiatives like this can give players encouragement, discipline and opportunities to dream bigger. The programme also showed how football can support girls beyond the playing field in everyday life.

India begins Junior Asia Cup defence with 14-0 win

MOQI

India's Junior Men's Hockey Team made a powerful start to their title defence at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026, defeating Indonesia 14-0 in their opening Pool A match in Moqi, China, on Saturday. Captain Anmol Ekka, Prabhdeep Singh and Ajeet Yadav led India's attacking display, scoring 12 goals between them. Prabhdeep was the star of the match with five goals and was named Player of the Match. Anmol scored four, while Yadav completed a hat-trick. Harpal and Ashu Maurya scored the remaining two goals. India quickly took control of the game, with Prabhdeep opening the scoring in the fifth minute before Harpal doubled the lead three minutes later. Anmol converted a penalty stroke in the 16th minute, while Yadav scored in the 20th minute. Prabhdeep then struck twice in the 26th and 30th minutes to give India a 6-0 lead at half-time. India continued their dominance after the break. Anmol scored from penalty corners in the 35th and 42nd minutes before Prabhdeep added another goal to make it 9-0 at the end of the third quarter. Indonesia struggled to contain India's pace, possession and constant attacks. The final quarter produced five more goals. Anmol completed his four-goal tally in the 51st minute, followed by Prabhdeep's fifth a minute later. Yadav scored twice in the 53rd minute to complete his hat-trick, while Maurya converted a penalty corner in the 59th minute to seal the 14-0 victory. India finished the match with nine field goals, four penalty-corner goals and one penalty-stroke conversion. The win gives the defending champions three points and puts them top of Pool A on goal difference, ahead of Japan and South Korea.

Sabalenka begins US open defence with strong win

NEW YORK

Aryna Sabalenka began her US Open title defence with a straight-set victory over Kamilla Rakhimova, reaching the round of 16 while highlighting how competition continues to drive her improvement. The World No. 1, who is chasing a third consecutive US Open title, defeated Rakhimova 6-3, 6-4 in the third round. The two-time defending champion has advanced with confidence in New York and remains focused on maintaining her level as the tournament progresses. Speaking in an interview shared by JioStar, Sabalenka said strong competition motivates her to work harder and improve her game. She described the constant challenge from op-

ponents as an important part of what makes tennis exciting and keeps her hungry to perform at her best. Sabalenka also spoke about balancing the demands of professional tennis with her personal life. She said matches require intensity, aggression and concentration, while time away from the court allows her to relax, enjoy herself and recharge before the next challenge.

Ishan Kishan backs Shami ahead of Duleep trophy final

CHENNAI

East Zone skipper Ishan Kishan praised Mohammed Shami's intensity and determination ahead of the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone, saying the experienced pacer's presence has increased the team's confidence. Kishan said Shami's age should not be viewed as a limitation as he continues to work hard and contribute with the ball. Shami has taken five wickets in the ongoing Duleep Trophy at an average of 28.80, with his best figures of 3/56. Kishan highlighted the seamer's energy this season and said his ability to take wickets gives the team an important boost. East Zone will now rely on that experience in the final. Kishan also acknowledged the challenge of maintaining motivation in domestic cricket when a player is not regularly part of the Indian team. However, he said Shami continues to

"Shami's intensity and determination have given the team greater confidence, and his hunger for an India comeback remains strong."

- Ishan Kishan, Cricketer



show hunger and determination, particularly because he wants to make his way back into the national squad. The East Zone captain said Shami's motivation is visible in the way he interacts with the team and offers guidance. While Kishan leads the side, Shami has been approaching him with suggestions and tactical options, showing his willingness to contribute beyond his role as a bowler. Kishan recalled Shami's outstanding form during the 2023 World Cup and said it can be difficult to maintain the same motivation after spending time away from international cricket. Despite that challenge, he believes Shami still has the hunger required for a comeback. The final against South Zone provides another opportunity for the experienced seamer to make an impact and help East Zone compete strongly for the Duleep Trophy title this season and finish the campaign on a winning note in front of their supporters.

‘O Saathi Re’ Wraps As Arjun Rampal Teases New Look

Actor Arjun Rampal has completed filming for filmmaker Imtiaz Ali’s upcoming project ‘O Saathi Re’, which features Aditi Rao Hydari and Avinash Tiwary in key roles.

Rampal marked the completion of the project by sharing pictures from the sets on social media. He posted photographs with Imtiaz Ali and Aditi Rao Hydari and expressed his affection for the team. The actor also said he would miss working with his co-stars and the filmmaker.

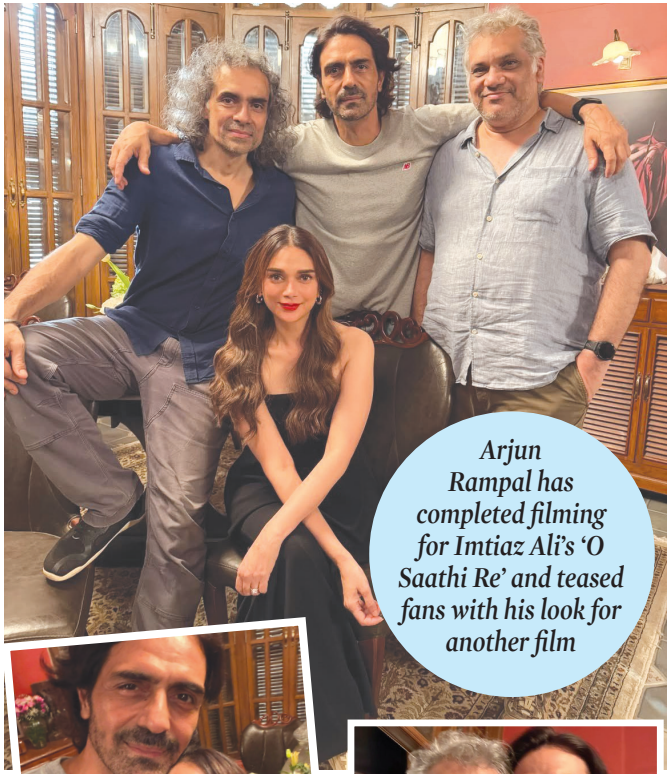
The project marks Rampal’s first professional collaboration with Imtiaz Ali. However, the two have known each other for years and were college friends. Rampal has earlier spoken about his excitement at finally being directed by his longtime friend.

‘O Saathi Re’ is described as a contemporary story with a vintage emotional core. The project has been presented as an urban fairy tale set against the challenges and relationships of metropolitan life.

Imtiaz Ali serves as the writer and showrunner, while his brother Arif Ali has directed the film. Rampal, Aditi Rao Hydari and Avinash Tiwary are part of the lead cast. The project is scheduled to premiere on Netflix.

After announcing the wrap, Rampal surprised fans by revealing a fresh appearance. He shared photographs after getting a new haircut from celebrity hairstylist Aalim Hakim. The actor said the makeover was for another upcoming film, details of which will be announced soon.

Rampal is also expected to work with filmmaker Hansal Mehta on ‘Billionaire’. He was recently seen in ‘Satluj’ and has featured in the ‘Dhuranthar’ franchise.



Arjun Rampal has completed filming for Imtiaz Ali’s ‘O Saathi Re’ and teased fans with his look for another film



‘Operation Ganga’ Brings India’s Ukraine Rescue Story To Screen

Malayalam superstar Mohanlal has announced his next major project, ‘Operation Ganga’, based on India’s 2022 evacuation mission that brought thousands of citizens home from Ukraine after war broke out.

The actor unveiled the film’s first poster on social media, giving audiences a glimpse of what appears to be a large-scale dramatic project. The story will focus on the difficult evacuation carried out during the early stages of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

‘Operation Ganga’ is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan. The first poster features Mohanlal prominently, surrounded by images suggesting conflict, urgency and national determination. The film is expected to combine elements of a survival drama and geopolitical thriller while focusing on the human side of the mission.

In 2022, Indian students and other citizens became stranded in several Ukrainian cities as fighting intensified. The evacuation became a major logistical and humanitarian challenge. Citizens travelled through dangerous routes to reach designated departure points, while Indian authorities coordinated flights and other arrangements to bring them safely home.

Mohanlal leads an ensemble cast that includes Arjun Rampal, Bhagyashree Borse, Parthiban and Adil Hussain. Their presence gives the film a pan-Indian appeal and could allow the story to explore different experiences during the evacuation. The project is produced by Gokulam Gopalan under the banner of Sree Gokulam Movies. For Vishnu Mohan, the film marks a significant move into a much larger production based on recent history.



Mohanlal has announced ‘Operation Ganga’, a film based on India’s challenging 2022 evacuation mission in war-torn Ukraine



A MISSION REMEMBERED

India’s Operation Ganga was launched in 2022 to evacuate citizens from war-hit Ukraine. Thousands of Indians, including students, were brought home during the crisis. The mission involved flights, coordination between agencies and difficult journeys to evacuation points.

Rural Talent Shines as KSPL Season 3 Launches



The Karnataka Softball Premier League (KSPL) Season 3 was launched at a grand ceremony at Gayathri Vihar in Bengaluru, with actor Darling Krishna and actress Aindrita Ray inaugurating the tournament.

Speaking at the event, Darling Krishna said cricket remained the favourite sport for many people, but praised the KSPL team for finding talented players and giving them a chance to showcase their skills. Recalling his experience of playing softball, he said the sport was harder than its name suggested and was very different from playing

with a leather ball.

Aindrita Ray said rural areas had many talented sportspersons who needed opportunities. She appreciated the KSPL team for creating a platform where such players could display their abilities and aim for bigger opportunities.

A total of 32 teams are taking part in Season 3, with 63 matches scheduled during the tournament. Dr Gangadhar Raju, head of the KSPL Cricket Foundation, spoke about the difficulties faced by the organisation in its early days and its efforts to support rural players.

Rural sportspersons are our

strength. Their growth is our mission, he said, adding that the foundation aims to help rural talent reach international-level competitions. He also expressed plans to organise a national-level ISPL tournament after selecting players from all districts of Karnataka.

Retired IAS officer Anil Kumar, KSPL president Siddaram Desai, director S Narayan and actor Ravi Chetan were among those present at the event. Foundation members, team representatives and other guests also attended the opening ceremony and encouraged participating players.

Vemal and Shriya Saran’s film ‘Sandakkari’ could release in September, as makers consider releasing it this month.

Directed by R. Madhesh, the film is based on a story by ‘Drishyam’ filmmaker Jeethu Joseph. Punnapai Poo Gheetha has produced the project.

‘Sandakkari’ is described as a family entertainer set inside a software company in London. Shriya plays a senior executive, while Vemal portrays an employee working under her. Their contrasting personalities create clashes involving love, ego, humour and unexpected twists.

Actor Sathyan is expected to provide additional comedy. His character gets caught between Vemal and Shriya during their confrontations.

The cast also includes Prabhu, K. R. Vijaya, Punnapai Poo Gheetha, Rekha, Dev Gill, Uma Padmanabhan, Mahanadi Shankar and Crane Manohar in key roles.

The technical team includes music director Amrith, cinematographer Gurudev, editor Dinesh Ponraj and art director Ayyappan. Kanal Kannan has choreographed the action, while Habeeb has handled the dance sequences.

Sources say the film blends romance, comedy, family emotions and conflicts. The makers are believed to be exploring options to bring the movie to theatres soon. However, an official September release date is yet to be announced.



‘Sandakkari’ Eyes September Release After Long Wait

Sharman Joshi calls Golmaal 5 reunion ‘beautiful’

Actor Sharman Joshi has completed shooting for Golmaal 5, marking his return to the popular comedy franchise. The Rohit Shetty directorial is now in post-production, with the makers preparing the film for its eventual release.

Sharman, who will reprise his much-loved role as Laxman, spoke warmly about working again with Ajay Devgn. He described the reunion as a beautiful opportunity and said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Working with Ajay sir in Golmaal has been a very beautiful opportunity for me,

which I got once again. I have truly enjoyed this journey, Sharman said.

The actor also confirmed that filming has been completed and



post-production work is already progressing. He added that the team would bring the film before audiences very soon.

Golmaal 5 began filming in March this year, bringing together several familiar faces from the franchise. The cast includes Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar, Arshad Warsi, Shreyas Talpade, Kunal Kemmu and Sharman Joshi.

The film went on floors on Rohit Shetty’s birthday. Sharing his excitement on social media, the filmmaker recalled that the first Golmaal was released 20 years ago and changed his life.

Shetty thanked audiences for supporting the franchise over the years. He said the team had entertained viewers and sometimes disappointed them, but had always remained honest in its work.

With shooting now wrapped and post-production underway, Golmaal 5 is expected to continue the franchise’s long-running comic journey, while its returning cast aims to recreate the familiar fun for audiences across generations in theatres soon.

The Layers of Life’ Turns Childbirth INTO FASHION

Miss World Uganda Elle Muhoza made a strong fashion statement at the Vietnam Beauty Fashion Fest by wearing a couture gown inspired by childbirth and motherhood.

The custom outfit, titled ‘The Layers of Life,’ was created by designer Keesha Abdallah for the 17th edition of the Vietnam Beauty Fashion Fest, held under the theme ‘Soul of Heritage’ on August 27. Miss World contestants showcased special couture creations during the event.

The gown was designed around the seven layers doctors pass through during a C-section. These include the skin, fat, fascia, rectus muscles, peritoneum, uterus muscle and amniotic sac. The outfit used white, yellow, pink and red fabrics to represent different stages and changes in the journey of bringing a child into the world.

The concept was inspired by the layers encountered during a C-section and, more broadly, by the extraordinary journey of bringing life into the world, Abdallah said.

The designer explained that the colours were not linked to any particular race. Instead, they represented different stages, textures and transitions. She said life is universal and does not belong to one country, race or colour.

Abdallah also revealed that becoming a mother herself influenced the creation. The gown received praise from women, including C-section mothers, who described it as powerful and meaningful.

Muhoza and Abdallah used fashion to celebrate womanhood, motherhood and the human body. The Miss World 2026 grand finale is being held today in Nha Trang, Vietnam, alongside the organisation’s 75th anniversary celebrations.



Vijay, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun In Laalo Race

The Telugu remake of Gujarati devotional hit Laalo: Krishna Sada Sahaayate is attracting interest from several producers, with major stars being considered separately.

The 2025 film, directed by Ankit Sakhiya, became the highest-grossing Gujarati film after collecting more than Rs 122.25 crore worldwide. Made on a reported budget of about Rs 50 lakh, the film has now caught the attention of the Telugu industry.

According to source India, three to four production houses are discussing a partnership with the original team. Reports that Vijay Deverakonda has replaced Ram Charan as Lord Krishna are not confirmed. Both actors are reportedly being considered by different producers, and no casting or production deal has been finalized.

Filmmaker and producer Dil Raju is reportedly in early discussions with Vijay Deverakonda for the role of Krishna. In the original, the character was played by

Shruhad Goswami.

Meanwhile, producer Mahaveer Jain is reportedly pitching the remake with Ram Charan as Krishna. Jain is also said to be considering Allu Arjun for the role of the rickshaw driver.

Original producer Jay Vyas recently said discussions are continuing with producers for different languages.

I am in talks with three to four producers, including for different languages, he said.

guages, so nothing has been finalized yet. Discussions are still underway, Vyas said. The original team is expected to choose its production partner within a month.

Telugu casting and crew decisions will follow. Interest has also come from Tamil, Punjabi and Odia industries, while a Hindi remake is currently not being pursued.

