

CM MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO YESHWANTPUR APMC

Shivakumar spent several hours at the market, checking facilities and directly gathering complaints from farmers, traders, intermediaries and labourers.

BENGALURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar made a surprise visit to the Yeshwantpur Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) yard on Tuesday and interacted with onion growers, traders and women workers.

Shivakumar went around the market and sought details about the problems faced by farmers and traders, particularly those involved in onion trade. He also enquired whether farmers were facing irregularities while their produce was being weighed.

Farmers told the Chief Minister that the rising cost of transporting onions was eating into their earnings. They also complained that the Agriculture Minister had not visited the market to hear their grievances.

Shivakumar patiently heard the farmers' concerns and assured them that steps would be taken to address their problems. He also interacted with women workers at the market and enquired about the difficulties they face while work-



Steps will be taken to address the concerns raised by farmers.
DK Shivakumar, Chief Minister

ing there.

The visit comes amid rising onion prices and growing concerns among farmers over transportation expenses and declining returns.

Farmers welcomed Shivakumar's visit and expressed hope that their concerns would receive attention and result in concrete action.

The CM also interacted with market workers and joined them for breakfast during the visit. He asked them about wages, housing, electricity bills and access to government schemes.

Major concerns

- Onion growers** Rising transportation costs.
- Farmers** Concerns over produce weighing
- Market workers** Difficulties faced by women workers.
- Grievance** Agriculture Minister yet to hear farmers' concerns.

19 child labourers rescued post CM's market visit

BENGALURU

At least 19 child labourers, including children from Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka, were rescued from shops at the APMC Market in Yeshwanthpur following directions from Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday.

The operation was launched after the Chief Minister visited the APMC Market within the limits of RMC Yard Police Station this morning and interacted with farmers, labourers and traders. During his visit, members of the public brought to his notice that children were allegedly being employed at some shops.

Following the CM's directions, five special teams comprising Assistant Commission-

ers of Police, Police Inspectors of the North Division and Labour Inspectors were formed under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, North Division, to conduct an operation at the market.

The teams subsequently rescued 19 child labourers from the APMC Market. Of them, 13 were from Bihar, including 12 boys and one girl; two were from West Bengal; two from Uttar Pradesh; and one each from Rajasthan and Karnataka.

Shop owners booked

Police said four cases have been registered at RMC Yard Police Station against shop owners who allegedly employed child labourers.

The cases have been filed under provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Reg-

ulation) Act and the Juvenile Justice Act. Further investigation is underway.

In addition, five cases have been registered against shop owners under the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, and investigations have been taken up.

10 children working on roadside rescued

Separately, 10 children found working on the roadside were also rescued and produced before the Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru, for further necessary action.

The operation was conducted under the guidance of Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh, IPS, and Joint Commissioner of Police (West) C.

Vamshi Krishna, IPS. It was led by DCP, North Division, B.S. Nemagouda, IPS, with the assistance of Yeshwanthpur Sub-Division ACP Renuka Prasad B.Y., eight police inspectors, seven labour inspectors and other police personnel.

The police said the operation was aimed at preventing the employment of children and ensuring their safety and rehabilitation.

Shivakumar had earlier directed the police to arrest, by the evening, those who employed children and those who sent them to work.

He warned that if immediate action was not taken, the concerned Circle Inspector, Dy SP, ACP and DCP, along with other police officials, would be suspended.

CWRC asks Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs to TN

The panel reviewed basin rainfall and crop conditions before deciding the fresh quantum of water for Tamil Nadu.

NEW DELHI

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on Tuesday directed Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu for another 15 days.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Vineet Gupta, where the committee reviewed rainfall and crop conditions in the Cauvery basin.

The committee directed Karnataka to release water from its reservoirs to ensure a flow of 6,000 cusecs at Biligundulu from 8 am on September 9. The release is to continue for the next 15 days.

The latest direction comes after the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)



on August 25 directed Karnataka to maintain a release of 9,000 cusecs from August 25 to September 8. The CWMA had endorsed the CWRC's August 24 decision.

Karnataka, however, had appealed before the CWMA on September 4, seeking a reduction in the mandated release from 9,000 cusecs to 2,000 cusecs.

The committee's latest order effectively requires Karnataka to maintain a higher release than the quantum sought by the state.

The Cauvery water-sharing issue has remained a contentious matter between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, particularly during periods of uneven rainfall and varying water availability in the basin.

Key developments

The CWRC has asked Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu for 15 days. The release must ensure a flow of 6,000 cusecs at Biligundulu from 8 am on September 9. The direction followed a review of rainfall and crop conditions in the Cauvery basin. Karnataka had sought a reduction from 9,000 cusecs to 2,000 cusecs before the CWMA on September 4.

Cauvery water release

AUG 24	←
CWRC decides on release	
AUG 25	←
CWMA directs 9,000 cusecs	
SEPT 4	←
Karnataka seeks 2,000 cusecs	
SEPT 9, 8 am	←
Release to be realised at Biligundulu	
Duration	15 days

SC mulls inspection of PGs, hostels across country

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday signalled that it may examine building safety and construction violations across the country following the Satya Niketan PG building collapse incident, which claimed seven lives.

A bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and R Mahadevan stated it was considering taking up the issue on a pan-India basis and may transfer the PIL pending before the Delhi High Court to itself.

"We already have something in mind. It has to be on a pan-India basis. We may get it (petition before Delhi High Court) transferred here. We will take it day after tomorrow," the Court said.

The matter was brought before the bench by Court-appointed Amicus Curiae and Senior Advocate Ajit Kumar Sinha, who sought urgent directions for safety inspections and structural audits of PG accommodations.



Kharge 'purification' row: Cops file FIR after 29 days of stir

New Delhi: Twenty-nine days after a 'shudhikaran' ceremony was held at a venue where Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addressed a rally in Haldwani, the Uttarakhand police on Tuesday registered a case against those involved in the event, as Congress' Dalit and tribal MPs went to Parliament Street police station in the national capital for filing an FIR. While the Uttarakhand police was quick to register a case against Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for his press meet on the issue demanding an FIR, the Congress had been relentless in its pursuit to press charges against the rightwing activists who conducted the ceremony on August 10, two days after Kharge's rally in Haldwani's Ramlila Maidan.



Fake PMO official, armed 'bodyguard' detained ahead of PM's Mumbai event

Mumbai: A 24-year-old man posing as a PMO official and his armed 'bodyguard' were detained at a venue in BKC area here where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend an event on Tuesday evening, police said.

A firearm was recovered from the so-called bodyguard, said a police official. Claiming to be an

official from the PMO, the man gained entry at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre in Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC). Security personnel and police officers deployed at the high-security venue intercepted the duo after noticing their suspicious behavior. As the man could not produce any credentials, he and his bodyguard were detained.

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ED seeks FIR against ex-Keralam CM Pinarayi, daughter, son-in-law

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Enforcement Directorate's letter to the Kerala police seeking registration of a corruption case against Keralam former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and others has put the CPM leader in a tight spot.

The development has put the Congress government in Kerala too in a political dilemma.

The ED letter states that the ongoing probe against Vijayan's daughter Veena T revealed that Vijayan received a bribe of Rs 3.28 crore from mining firm Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL) through Veena and Veena's husband, and former minister Mohamed Riyas transferred the funds to Dubai through known associates.

Hence, cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act shall be registered against them, said the letter sent to Kerala police chief.

Confirming the development, Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala said that the letter was received by Tuesday noon and necessary action as per the norms would be taken after examining it.

The fresh development



came while the CPM state secretariat meeting was progressing and an extended state committee meeting of the party to discuss the reasons for the poll debacle in the Assembly elections was scheduled to be held from September 13 to 15.

The air is thick with speculations that resentment against Vijayan continuing to lead the party as opposition leader would come out in the open.

Vijayan's recent critical remarks against the two party rebels of Kannur who won elections also did not go down well within the party.

For the Congress government, taking a decision on the ED letter seeking registration of corruption cases against CPM leaders may require a tough political call as the opposition parties at the national level have been alleging that the BJP government at the Centre was misusing central agencies against political opponents.

Moscow aligns with India's position on Ukraine: Russia

Russia has welcomed India's willingness to contribute to efforts to end the Ukraine conflict, with Kremlin spokesperson Peskov saying Moscow is open to resolving the war through dialogue and diplomacy.

MOSCOW

Russia on Tuesday said it would welcome any peace efforts by India to end the Ukraine conflict, noting that Moscow's strategy aligns closely with New Delhi's position for a resolution through dialogue and diplomacy.

The remarks by Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov came days before Russian President Vladimir Putin visits India to attend the BRICS summit.

There have also been renewed international efforts, including by the Trump administration in recent days, to find a path toward resolving the conflict.

"We welcome the willingness of the Indian side to contribute. We also welcome the efforts of American President (Donald) Trump," Peskov said during an online media interaction with Indian journalists.

Kremlin's statement

Russia stated that Moscow's approach to the conflict in Ukraine aligns with New Delhi's push for dialogue and diplomacy.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov announced that Russia welcomes any peace efforts by India to help end the war.

This follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent call at the SCO summit to move from endless war to peace, and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to Kyiv.

In a meeting with Putin on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Bishkek last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for an immediate end to the conflict and urged the Russian leader to move from "endless war towards end of war".

Days later, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar travelled to the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv and stated that India

is ready to contribute whatever it can to bring peace to Ukraine.

"We know the position of India on the Ukrainian conflict, and to a great extent, it corresponds with our own position because we do want the solution to the Ukraine conflict by peaceful means, and Russia is open for this process," Peskov said.



Modi-Putin talks in New Delhi on Sept 11

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian president Vladimir Putin are scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting on Friday, with trade and economic cooperation expected to feature prominently on the agenda, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said.

Putin is scheduled to visit India for the BRICS Summit, which will begin in New Delhi on September 12. Ahead of the visit, Peskov said the trip will provide an opportunity for the two countries to discuss issues concerning bilateral relations. He also wished India success in hosting the summit.

"In a couple of days, President Putin will begin his India visit. You know that our two

Summit overview

Dates	September 12–13, 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India
Theme	"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"
Significance	Marks 20 years since the formal establishment of the BRICS grouping.

leaders, Indian and Russian leaders, are in a very close personal contact. They are very pragmatic in their relationship, and they are as sincere as to be able to discuss in a very open and constructive way the most sensitive issues of our agenda and our bilateral relations. Of course, it opens additional horizons for our cooperation."

India all set to host 18th BRICS Summit

India is set to host the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on September 12 and 13, as the grouping of major emerging market economies and developing nations continues to expand its role in global affairs. The grouping began as BRIC, comprising Brazil, Russia, India and China. It held its first Foreign Ministers' meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York in 2006, followed by its inaugural summit in Yekaterinburg, Russia, in 2009. South Africa joined the grouping in 2011, leading to the formation of BRICS.

He said Russia is awaiting negotiations with India on setting up new nuclear power plants, adding that the sale of Su-57 fighter aircraft to India is also on the agenda.

Quick Read

180 endangered star tortoises seized in Bengaluru

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Customs officers in Bengaluru stopped a major wildlife crime this week by catching a man carrying 180 rare star tortoises. Officials spotted the suspect acting strangely near Gandhinagar and searched his bags. They found the endangered animals hidden inside, which he planned to sell near Majestic. Selling these protected creatures is a serious crime under wildlife laws. Authorities took the suspect into custody and are now searching for other members of this illegal animal trafficking ring to shut down the entire network.

Police file FIR against doctor in blackmail, assault case

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Police have filed a serious case against a private diagnostic centre doctor for allegedly drugging and raping a female colleague. The 30-year-old victim stated in her complaint that the accused, Yuvraj Manohar, attacked her with pepper spray last December to make her unconscious before committing the assault. He also recorded the horrific act on his phone and used the footage to blackmail her into further abuse. Authorities registered an FIR under strict penal codes and anti-atrocity laws, and officers are currently investigating the hospital employee to uncover the full truth.

Transparent selection: KEA to upload scanned OMR sheets online

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The Karnataka Examinations Authority successfully conducted the written recruitment test for police constable posts in the armed reserve forces. Executive Director H. Prasanna stated that a massive 80 percent of applicants attended the statewide examination. Officials arranged strict police security and monitored all three hundred nine centers through live webcasting from a central command office in Bengaluru to prevent any malpractice. Furthermore, authorities announced that scanned OMR answer sheets will be uploaded directly to their official website to ensure complete transparency throughout the entire grading and selection process.

An epitome of grace and compassion: Celebrating the Nativity of Mary

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Every year on September 8th, millions across the globe pause to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In a world frequently fractured by division, strife, and uncertainty, this ancient celebration offers a profound moment for universal reflection. Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, stands as an enduring emblem of hope, faith, and quiet strength virtues that transcend theological boundaries and resonate deeply within human hearts.

The historical and spiritual narrative of Mary begins long before the events of the New Testament unfold. Born to Saint Joachim and Saint Anne according to Christian tradition, her arrival represents a pivotal chapter in sacred history.

For centuries, artists, poets, and theologians have sought to capture her essence. Yet, her most powerful legacy lies in her profound humility and unwavering courage. When called upon to embrace an extraordinary divine destiny, her

Green gold for cattle: State backs 12,000 new Azolla units

Karnataka's dairy farmers are transforming livestock feed with twelve thousand new Azolla production units statewide.

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The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has launched a major initiative to help farmers across the state tackle green fodder shortages by establishing 12000 Azolla production units. Azolla is a rich source of proteins and essential minerals, serving as an ideal supplementary diet for dairy cattle and calves during periods of rain scarcity or seasonal dry spells.

The state government has allocated a total budget of 3.78 crore rupees to execute this project across 240 taluks spanning all 31 districts. Each individual unit requires a financial outlay of 3150 rupees, which covers essential materials and labor costs. Officials noted that district targets are divided based on the number of taluks in each region, ensuring widespread rural participation. For instance, Belagavi district leads with seven hundred fifty units, followed by Vijayapura and Uttara Kannada. Smaller districts and urban peripheries have received proportionate allocations based on local livestock de-



Unit cost breakdown

Component description	Cost (INR) <₹>
UV-Stabilized HDPE Sheet (450 GSM)	1,350
80% Shade Net & Bamboo/GI Frame	650
Soil, Cow Dung & Super Phosphate Mix	250
Azolla Starter Culture (2 kg)	200
Labor Cost (2 days for setup)	700
Total Per Unit	3,150

mands. Setting up an Azolla unit requires minimal space near a barn or farmhouse. The

standard installation measures ten feet in length, four feet in width, and one foot in depth. The construction relies on durable components, including a UV-stabilized high-density polyethylene sheet, a protective shade net with a bamboo or galvanized iron frame, fertile soil mixed with cow dung and super phosphate, and an initial Azolla culture. Additionally, funds cover two days of local labor for site preparation, installation, and initial seeding.

To maintain high standards, local authorities will select beneficiary farmers based on the availability of clean water to prevent contamination risks. Selected farmers will receive comprehensive technical training

Project highlights

- The Financial Plan:** The entire project spans 240 taluks with a total budget of Rs 3.78 crore. Each individual unit costs approximately Rs 3,150, covering both materials and labor.
- District Allocations:** Targets range from 750 units in Belagavi and 650 units in Vijayapura down to 200 units in Bangalore Rural, based on regional scale.
- Simple Setup:** Built compactly at 10 feet long and 4 feet wide, units require just a UV-stabilized HDPE sheet, shade net, fertile soil, cow dung, and starter culture.

covering production, harvesting, cleaning, and feeding techniques. Implementation occurs through local village governing bodies, ensuring transparency via photographic records, Global Positioning System tracking, and digital identity documentation. Monthly progress reports will be submitted directly to state headquarters to monitor the successful expansion of this grass-roots agricultural initiative.

One state, many worlds: K'taka launches tourism awards

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In a landmark policy initiative designed to elevate industry standards and celebrate localized excellence, the Karnataka State Tourism Department has formally announced the establishment of the inaugural 'Karnataka Tourism Awards 2026'. Spearheaded by Energy and Tourism Minister K.J. George, this premier state-level program represents the first comprehensive awards initiative in the department's history dedicated to honoring outstanding institutions, visionary entrepreneurs, hospitality innovators, and dedicated individuals who drive the region's vast leisure and commercial travel ecosystem.

Designed under the administrative umbrella of the state's globally recognized 'One State, Many Worlds' brand architecture, the awards seek to map, evaluate, and reward exceptional achievements across all thirty-one districts of Karnataka. Organized in close strategic collaboration with the Karnataka Tourism Society, the initiative provides a robust, multi-tiered platform engineered to highlight service excellence, operational innovation, environmental sustainability, and

Karnataka launched its inaugural Tourism Awards 2026 to honor excellence, sustainability, and innovation across thirty-one districts under the state brand.



meaningful community integration within the state's sprawling travel economy. Karnataka Tourism Society President K. Shyamarama emphasized that the overarching vision of the initiative is to establish a fiercely credible, meritocratic evaluation framework. By instituting transparent benchmarks, the platform aims to systematically enhance service quality, professional accountability, and visitor satisfaction across every tier of the state's hospitality and transport sectors.

To ensure exhaustive sectoral coverage, the program features thirty-five distinct awards distributed evenly across five major operational categories.

Minister Khader warns E-commerce platforms over expired goods

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In a major crackdown on illicit supply chains operating within the digital commerce ecosystem, health authorities in Bengaluru have carried out a series of intensive raids targeting dark stores and e-commerce fulfillment centers. The operations, spearheaded by the Food and Drug Administration under the guidance of senior departmental leadership, exposed a widespread distribution network trafficking in expired medicines, mislabeled food products, and unlicensed pharmaceuticals. Officials successfully seized a massive cache of compromised goods valued at approximately 1.43 crore rupees, prompting immediate facility closures and swift regulatory action against the corporate entities involved.

The investigation was triggered by mounting consumer complaints and investigative reports circulating across mainstream media and digital social platforms, which highlighted how unscrupulous operators were systematically altering packaging and tampering with expiration dates



on consumable goods. Health Minister UT Khader addressed the media following the raids, delivering a stern warning that the state administration maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward any commercial negligence or illegal practices that directly jeopardize public health and safety.

Detailed inspections across multiple high-capacity logistical hubs revealed staggering quantities of substandard inventory.

At a major dark store facility located in Devanahalli, enforcement teams confiscated mislabeled food items worth fourteen lakh rupees, alongside expired consumable goods valued at ten lakh rupees and unauthorized medicines totaling two lakh fif-

Raid highlights

- Total Seizure Value:** Illicit and expired stock worth ₹1.43 crore confiscated.
- Primary Targets:** E-commerce fulfillment hubs, dark stores, and local distribution centers.
- Common Violations:** Relabeling expired items, selling unlicensed medicines, and storing goods in unsanitary conditions.
- Official Stance:** Immediate facility shutdowns and strict criminal proceedings initiated against offenders.

ty-four thousand rupees. A subsequent raid at another major logistics warehouse situated in Anekal taluk uncovered additional violations, yielding nineteen lakh rupees in mislabeled foodstuffs, thirteen lakh rupees in expired products, and one lakh fifty-seven thousand rupees in unlicensed pharmaceutical stock.

Investigators uncovered a disturbing commercial pattern where operators aggressively procured expired or near-expiry merchandise at heavily discounted wholesale rates from various liquidators.

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In a significant legal development impacting the high-profile Renukaswamy murder case, the Karnataka High Court has formally quashed a lower court order that had previously permitted the 14th accused, named Pradosh, to turn approver and become a pardon witness. A judicial bench presided over by Justice M. Nagaprasanna delivered the partial verdict following a criminal petition filed by actor Darshan, who is listed as the second accused in the ongoing criminal proceedings. The High Court has instructed the trial court to review the procedural framework and issue a fresh, legally compliant order within one week, explicitly mandating that the rectification of administrative omissions must take place without necessitating a complete retrial of the underlying matters.

The legal challenge centered on the controversial manner in which the trial court evaluated the application to grant tender of pardon under criminal pro-

cedure rules. During the appellate proceedings, legal counsel representing the petitioner argued vigorously that the lower court committed a grave procedural error by soliciting and relying upon a background report compiled by a probationary officer concerning Pradosh's personal life and societal standing. The contested report had detailed domestic information—noting that the accused was a married family man supporting his mother and two daughters, maintaining a steady employment record in the private sector, and exhibiting an allegedly unblemished social reputation.

Defense advocates contended that utilizing a probationary officer's assessment to evaluate a tender of pardon is fundamentally contrary to established criminal jurisprudence.

They emphasized that statutory provisions governing probationary reports are legally confined strictly to post-conviction sentencing stages—specifically concerning the potential release of convicted offenders.



PHASED FLYOVER REGULATIONS

BALANCING SAFETY & FLOW: B'LURU'S PHASED FLYOVER RESTRICTIONS

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Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge announced that traffic restrictions across major urban elevated corridors will be rolled out in a phased manner to enhance commuter safety and optimize vehicular flow. The administration's calculated approach follows preliminary assessments of several critical transit structures, ensuring that regulatory adjustments minimize disruption for daily motorists while addressing recurring congestion bottlenecks.

Traffic police inspections indicate that initial restrictions implemented across four major elevated stretches—including the BGS flyover, the Peenya flyover, and designated double-decker structures—have successfully yielded smoother and more efficient traffic movement. However, distinct logistical challenges emerged along the International Airport Road elevated corridor spanning from Sanjevanagar Cross to Vidyashilpa Junction. Officials observed



that mandatory diversions of goods vehicles, two-wheelers, and auto-rickshaws at upper-level access points created secondary gridlock and queuing on adjacent lower-level service roads.

To resolve these transit conflicts, authorities adopted a measured strategy. In the first phase of the Airport Road rollout, restrictions will apply exclusively to heavy goods vehicles during officially notified hours. Two-wheelers and auto-rickshaws retain access to the elevated section for now, provided riders strictly observe lane discipline by maintaining the left lane, avoiding hazardous overtaking, and capping

speeds at 60 kilometers per hour.

A similar phased enforcement framework will take effect on the Electronic City Elevated Corridor starting September 11, 2026. Heavy commercial and freight vehicles will face immediate bans during peak operational windows, while motorcycles and scooters will temporarily continue using the structure under close surveillance.

The Home Minister emphasized that enforcement teams will continuously monitor traffic density, accident rates, and service-road spillover effects to guide subsequent policy phases. Emphasizing a data-driven administrative

- Implementation highlights
- Phased Approach:** Restrictions introduced gradually after assessing actual traffic impact and ground conditions.
 - Airport Road Corridor:** Goods vehicles diverted to lower roads while two-wheelers and auto-rickshaws remain permitted under strict speed caps.
 - Electronic City Corridor:** Phase one goods vehicle restrictions take effect starting September 11, 2026.
 - Safety Mandates:** Two-wheeler riders must adhere to the left lane, avoid risky overtakes, and keep speeds under 60 kmph.

philosophy, Kharge noted that urban transit modifications rely on empirical ground-level impact assessments rather than arbitrary mandates, ensuring equal dedication to public safety and transit efficiency.

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From hazardous, unmarked potholes on Serpentine Road to expanding garbage blackspots, unmanaged collection carts, and chronic illegal dumping grounds near schools and prayer houses across Kumara Park and Seshadripuram, frustrated residents are facing mounting civic neglect and urging immediate municipal intervention to restore basic neighborhood safety and hygiene.

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Near Arabic college post, Two-wheelers frequently skid on these stones, causing accidents, while pedestrians struggle to cross safely due to the lack of proper footpaths. This stretch urgently needs attention from the authorities.

-Resident



Pedestrians near Kadugondanahalli Police Station are struggling to cross the stretch safely due to the lack of proper footpaths. The area urgently needs the authorities' attention to ensure pedestrian safety.

-Resident



Residents near Kumara Park's Chetty's Corner are alarmed by a chronic garbage hotspot. Although morning cleanups clear the area, daily afternoon dumping by commuters creates a severe public health hazard near local schools, playgrounds, and eateries. Locals are urging authorities for round-the-clock monitoring to stop the unlawful littering.



Residents of Seshadripuram 1st 'A' Cross Road are facing severe distress due to an expanding garbage blackspot that has increasingly become a public nuisance. Beyond the mounting pile of waste, locals report that individuals are now openly urinating at the site. Despite multiple complaints, municipal authorities have failed to act, leaving residents deeply concerned as the hazard sits directly across from a local prayer hall.

Eco-friendly idols replace toxic Pop idols in the city

Bengaluru residents are embracing eco-friendly clay idols this Ganesh Chaturthi to protect local water bodies from toxins.

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Traditional reverence is meeting urgent environmental action in the Silicon Valley of India this week. As Ganesh Chaturthi approaches, the streets of Bengaluru are witnessing a profound transformation in how residents prepare for the beloved festival. Years of commercialization have taken a heavy toll on local water bodies, prompting the state government and civic authorities to enforce a strict ban on Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. Environmental scientists have repeatedly warned that non-biodegradable statues, coated in toxic chemical paints and heavy metal enamels, choke aquatic ecosystems and slash dissolved oxygen levels by half during mass immersions.

In response to these alarming ecological threats, a massive counter-movement has taken root across the metropolis. Citizens are consciously rejecting synthetic alternatives, driving an unprecedented demand for authentic, biodegradable idols sculpted from raw soil, red clay, and paper pulp. These earth-born statues are colored using

plant-derived pigments such as turmeric and saffron, ensuring that when the festivities conclude, the deities dissolve harmlessly within hours, merging back into the natural elements.

Yet, rising demand has created a loophole exploited by unscrupulous vendors attempting to pass off chemical-laden PoP statues as eco-friendly items. Navigating this marketplace requires vigilance, and consumer experts have outlined critical identifiers to spot authentic earth-made figures. Genuine clay idols carry a substantial, natural weight and feature dense, hand-pressed structural marks at their base. Conversely, fake counterparts feel suspiciously lightweight, often featuring hollow, smooth interiors or bases reinforced with hidden cement. Furthermore, true eco-friendly deities exhibit a subtle, matte finish with earthy tones, unlike the glaring glossiness of chemical enamel paints. Artisans also emphasize that authentic sustainable idols completely avoid plastic studs, glitter, or artificial stone decorations that linger indefinitely in aquatic habitats.



To support this green transition, several prominent commercial hubs and artisan quarters across Bengaluru have transformed into dedicated green zones for festival shopping. Traditional artisans in Potters Town near Shivajinagar are working around the clock to handcraft exquisite raw clay designs. Similarly, bustling commercial avenues such as Gandhi Bazaar in Basavanagudi and the 8th Cross market in Malleshwaram are lined with street-side and permanent stalls offering a diverse array of biodegradable options. Local artisan collectives in Jayanagar and Indiranagar are also host-

Where to buy green idols in bengaluru

Traditional Hubs: Potters Town near Shivajinagar, Gandhi Bazaar in Basavanagudi, and Malleshwaram 8th Cross.

Organized Markets: Jayanagar 4th Block and designated BBMP temporary ward centers.

Online Platforms: Quick-commerce apps like Zepto, Blinkit, and Swiggy Instamart for doorstep delivery.

ing curated exhibitions displaying sustainable spiritual art.

Central Bengaluru targets faulty streetlights and garbage



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Nighttime safety is getting a major upgrade in Central Bengaluru. Following a rigorous night inspection by Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Jagadish G., civic authorities have been ordered to immediately fix all non-functional streetlights across the Shivajinagar Division. The commissioner patrolled key stretches along St. John's Church Road and the perimeter of Ulsoor Lake, auditing illumination levels and overall neighborhood cleanliness.

During the late-night rounds, Commissioner Jagadish stressed that proper lighting is non-negotiable for public safety and smooth pedestrian movement. He instructed municipal teams to rapidly identify defective lights and prune overgrown tree branches that block illumination. In addition to lighting checks, the commissioner reviewed ongoing road asphaltting on St. John's Cross Road, warning engineers to strictly maintain proper asphalt thickness, layering standards, and elevation balances between roads and footpaths.

The inspection also tackled chronic urban nuisances, starting with abandoned vehi-

cles left unattended along public roads. Officials were directed to issue formal notices for abandoned, dust-covered cars and clear them following due process. Furthermore, the commissioner cracked down on sidewalk clutter, warning a mobile shop owner on the spot for blocking pedestrian pathways and ordering the swift removal of accumulated garbage, unused dustbin frames, and dangling optical fiber cables.

Greenery maintenance and footpath clearance formed another core focus of the visit. Crews were instructed to regularly water sidewalk plants, supply necessary nutrients, and scientifically trim low-hanging branches that force citizens to walk on traffic-heavy roads.

Accompanied by Additional Commissioner Venkatachalapathi, Joint Commissioner Hemanth Sharan, Chief Engineer Vijay Kumar Haridas, and local executive engineers, the commissioner emphasized a proactive, zero-tolerance approach toward civic negligence. By tightening accountability on the ground, the corporation aims to ensure cleaner walkways, well-lit streets, and a safer urban environment for all residents.

Final call: Ganesha idol permits close September 14th

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Authorities in Bengaluru South are tightening rules for the upcoming Ganesha festival, focusing heavily on public safety and environmental protection. During a virtual coordination meeting today, Corporation Commissioner K. N. Ramesh announced that all festival preparations are finalized, emphasizing a strict deadline for public celebrations. Officials confirmed that no new applications for installing public Ganesha idols will be accepted after September 14, urging organizers to utilize the single-window system early to avoid last-minute confusion.

Environmental compliance took center stage as the commissioner reiterated a total ban on Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. Joint teams comprising

police officers and sub-division vigilance squads are actively conducting raids to seize prohibited statues and penalize violators. Instead, authorities are heavily promoting eco-friendly alternatives to protect local water bodies from toxic chemical runoff.

To ensure smooth immersion rituals, comprehensive arrangements are underway at major water bodies, including Yediyur, Kempambudhi, and Uttarahalli lakes, as well as zones across Bommanahalli. South Division DCP Vamshi Krishna stated that these designated kalyanis will feature proper barricades, expert swimmers, high-mast lighting, cranes, and fire tenders. Furthermore, mobile immersion tankers will be deployed across individual wards to conveniently handle house-

hold idol immersions.

Emergency readiness remains a top priority for the local administration. Medical teams and ambulances will maintain round-the-clock standby presence at all major immersion points. Additionally, contingency plans have been established to reserve emergency beds at Jayanagar General Hospital and St. John's Hospital to handle any unforeseen incidents swiftly.

The high-level meeting brought together key representatives from the police department, BESCOM, fire services, and health sectors. By combining strict regulatory enforcement with robust public infrastructure, the civic body aims to facilitate a joyous, disciplined, and environmentally conscious celebration for residents across the southern corporation limits.

Bengaluru West proposes naming circle after Mahatma Gandhi

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

West Bengaluru is officially moving forward with plans to rename two prominent local landmarks, honoring a national icon and a prominent community organization. The Bengaluru West City Corporation has issued a formal press release announcing proposals to designate a key intersection as 'Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi Circle' and a nearby street as 'Buntara Sangha

Road'.

The proposed Mahatma Gandhi Circle will encompass the junction situated on Chandra Layout Main Road, positioned directly in front of the towering 215-foot National Flag pole. This location falls under the administrative limits of Attiguppe Ward-132, which is designated as the new Ward-156. Local officials noted that this decision was formally passed under subject number 06/2026-27 during the munic-

ipal corporation meeting held on August 19, 2026, aiming to inspire civic pride and pay tribute to the Father of the Nation.

In the same municipal gathering, officials approved a separate resolution under subject number 05/2026-27. This initiative focuses on renaming a 200-meter-long cross road that runs westward, stretching from East Chord Road up to the 1st 'G' Cross in Subbanna Garden, also located within Attiguppe Ward-132.

Upgrading Urban Sanitation

Bengaluru North tests mechanical sweeping machines

CH NEWS,

BENGALURU

Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) is moving toward advanced urban sanitation. To ensure cleaner thoroughfares across the city, civic authorities conducted a live field trial and public demonstration of modern mechanical sweeping machines on the arterial road behind the Mall of Asia.

BNCC Commissioner Pom-mala Sunil Kumar personally inspected the demonstration, reviewing the machine's overall operational efficiency, cleaning capabilities, and technical suitability for local road conditions. The initiative

forms an essential part of the corporation's ongoing tender process to upgrade sanitation services and replace manual sweeping methods on major arterial and sub-arterial corridors.

During the trial, contractors showcased the vehicle's capacity to handle heavy dust and debris under various street environments. Municipal engineers closely evaluated performance metrics, including surface-cleaning quality, fuel or energy efficiency, and overall maintenance requirements.

Following this initial phase, the corporation plans to conduct comparative technical evaluations and field trials

with alternative sweeping models. Officials will use these comprehensive assessments to select the most cost-effective and operationally robust technology suited for the region's traffic and road layouts.

Supported by Chief Engineer Dr. Raghavendra Prasad, Superintending Engineer Prakash, and Executive Engineer Raghunath, the civic administration stressed that integrating modern technology into daily maintenance is vital. The overarching goal is to optimize public expenditure, minimize dust pollution, and provide residents of North Bengaluru with a cleaner, healthier urban environment.



Quick Read

Opposition blames government over 108 ambulance threat

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Opposition leader R. Ashok slammed the state government after over 3500 - 108 ambulance staff threatened mass resignation starting September 20th. The crew demands fair wages, shorter hours, and compensation for workers who died on duty. Ashok criticized authorities for spending on advertisements while ignoring life-savers, warning that the administration will face full blame for service disruptions. Meanwhile, Health Minister U.T. Khader stated that the workers are managed by the private contractor rather than the state directly, warning of strict legal action if public emergency services are halted by any strikes.

Karnataka energy department faces griha jyoti roadblock

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Karnataka's Energy Department is facing a major roadblock as lakhs of citizens refuse to cooperate with the ongoing re-verification process for the Griha Jyoti free electricity scheme. Out of one point six five crore total beneficiaries, officers have successfully verified 72 percent so far. However, nearly 45 lakh people remain pending because many residents are hiding details out of fear that sharing information will cause them to lose their free power benefits. Authorities warn that ineligible individuals, including taxpayers, will be removed before the final deadline closes on September 30th.

Chaluvarayaswamy warns officials over substandard irrigation work

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Water Resources Minister N. Chaluvarayaswamy warned officials that poor work will not be tolerated. During a key meeting, he stressed that quality must never be compromised on any project. The minister expressed anger over failed drip irrigation systems and ordered strict action against careless contractors. He also urged staff to speed up land acquisition for major irrigation projects without bowing to political pressure.

Kuruvai, Samba seasons: Inside the century-old Cauvery water dispute

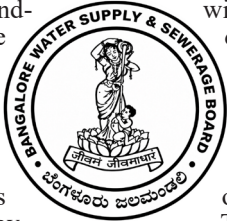
CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The perennial friction between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over the distribution of Cauvery river waters reaches its peak intensity during the months of August and September, driven by deeply entrenched agricultural cycles, regional climatic idiosyncrasies, and historical framework agreements. To understand why Tamil Nadu urgently demands water releases during this specific window, one must examine the complex interplay of meteorology, crop phenology, and reservoir management across the Cauvery river basin. Unlike Karnataka, where agricultural practices during the southwest monsoon are largely synchronized with the arrival of local rains, Tamil Nadu's geographical positioning places it primarily in a rain shadow region during the southwest monsoon months (June to September). While the Western Ghats and Kodagu in Karnataka receive abundant, torrential rainfall during this period, Tamil Nadu's central and coastal delta districts—such as Thanjavur, Tiruvavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruchirappalli, and Cuddalore—experience significantly lower direct

BWSSB to hold ‘Water Adalat’ across multiple sub-divisions

BWSSB is hosting a special Water Adalat on Thursday to resolve billing and supply grievances across Bengaluru.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Residents across various neighborhoods in the city can finally breathe a sigh of relief as local authorities step forward to resolve long-standing civic headaches. The Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has officially announced that it will host a special "Water Adalat" this week. This public grievance redressal program is specifically designed to tackle and solve common everyday troubles faced by citizens, including irregular water supply, confusing water bills, pending sanitary connections, and frustrating underground drainage or sewerage leaks. The upcoming grievance day is scheduled to take place



on Thursday, September 10, 2026. Citizens can walk in or reach out during the morning hours, specifically between 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM, when local officials will be available at designated divisional offices to listen to public complaints and provide immediate solutions on the spot. This targeted initiative covers numerous sub-divisions across the southern, central, and eastern zones of the city. Affected neighborhoods ranging from Jayanagar, J.P. Nagar, and Banashankari to Malleswaram, Rajajinagar, K.R. Puram, and Doddanekundi fall under the purview of this special drive. Local

Adalat highlights

- **Targeted Divisions:** Adalats will operate concurrently across South-1-1 through South-4-1, Central-1-1 through Central-4-1, and East-1-2 through East-4-2.
- **Key Focus Areas:** Sessions will tackle local supply disruptions, incorrect water bills, drainage blockages, and new service connections directly with regional engineers.
- **Contact Support:** Residents unable to attend local sub-division camps can utilize the 24/7 BWSSB helpline at 1916 or reach out via WhatsApp at 8762228888 for immediate assistance.

service stations and area offices have been directed to streamline their operations to ensure every visitor receives proper attention. Authorities understand that visiting an office during a

tight morning window is not always possible for working professionals. For those unable to attend the physical Adalat sessions, alternative options remain fully operational. Residents struggling with water supply problems can dial the dedicated 24/7 helpline at 1916 or drop a message on the official WhatsApp support line at 8762228888 for prompt assistance. For specific sewage and drainage concerns, citizens are encouraged to connect directly with their respective local sub-division numbers listed in the official board release.

Officials hope this proactive camp will drastically reduce pending complaints and bridge the communication gap between the board and everyday water consumers.

Protecting small retailers: State association slams unfair practices

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Local shop owners in Karnataka are raising alarms over the rising flood of cheap, fake products spreading rapidly through quick delivery apps and online shopping websites. Retail leaders gathered in the city on Tuesday for a special seminar to discuss how illegal trade and unfair pricing tactics are crushing small neighborhood businesses.

Organized by the Karnataka State Retail Traders Welfare Association, the event brought together traders, experts, and top state leaders. Small Scale Industries Minister Vijayananda Kashappanavar and Consumer Affairs Minister Rizwan Arshad attended as key guests to listen to the struggles of local merchants. Association leader Murali Krishna pointed out that fake and smuggled goods are no longer just a business problem. They pose real dangers to buyer safety while destroying the hard work of honest shopkeepers. According to the traders, very fast delivery platforms often push heavy discounts that trick customers into buying low quality or banned items without knowing it. While tech apps make shopping super convenient for modern consumers, they also open wide doors for counterfeit items to sneak into homes.



Sri Ravindranath Treasurer, Sri B N Muralikrishna, President, Sri Srinivas G. Secretary, Sri C Govindappa, Joint Controller of Legal metrology and Sri C Munirama, Vice President.

Karnataka retailers urged the government to crack down on counterfeit goods flooding quick-commerce apps, warning that predatory pricing threatens neighborhood family-run shops.

Everyday items ranging from fresh food and skin creams to expensive mobile phones are now delivered in minutes. Sadly, this race for speed and low prices hurts traditional shop owners who keep their shutters open for long hours every single day. These family run stores struggle to compete with wealthy digital giants that use aggressive discounts to grab the market. Traders

emphasized that they are not against technology, but they want fair rules to protect millions of small vendors who struggle to survive. They urged the government to step up monitoring and wipe out illegal goods from digital markets completely. Officials promised to look into the matter and support local commerce to ensure a fair playing field for everyone.

The seminar ended with a strong call for unity among all regional merchants. Stakeholders agreed that keeping local markets safe requires constant vigilance, stricter penalties for copyright violators, and continuous public awareness programs across every single district in our state right away to protect honest people.

Buzz and action: KJU Jayantian cup kicks off

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Sports energy is taking over the city tomorrow. Kristu Jayanti University is launching the 5th edition of the Jayantian Cup 2026, a major national sports championship running until September 11.

Nearly 150 college teams from all over the country have arrived to compete.

Student athletes will battle it out in exciting games like basketball, football, volleyball, kabaddi, and throwball, alongside intense martial arts matches including karate, taekwondo, and pencak silat for both men and women. Organizers say the big event aims to build teamwork and celebrate athletic talent among young students.

Matches happen across the university's Airport Road and Central campuses. Local sports fans and media are welcome to join the cheering crowds.

For event details, reach out to Dr. S. Arockia Raj at the physical education department. This energetic campus showdown promises three days of pure excitement and fierce, friendly competition.



Bangalore bio-innovation centre unveils new regional energy bars

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Local pulse farmers and rural entrepreneurs in Karnataka are stepping into a new era of agricultural innovation following the successful creation of high-protein energy bars crafted entirely from locally grown regional crops. The Bangalore Bio-Innovation Centre (BBC), operating under the Kalyana Karnataka Bio-Economy Mission, has officially developed a unique line of nutritious snacks utilizing pulses harvested directly from the fertile soils of the Kalyana Karnataka region, particularly Kalaburagi.

This forward-thinking project is a collaborative effort involving the Karnataka State Agriculture Department and the state government's Department of Electronics, IT and BT. Designed to transform how agricultural commodities are marketed, the initiative focuses heavily on value addition. Instead of shipping raw crops out of the district for processing elsewhere, the mission aims to keep financial returns directly inside the local farming community by converting staple pulses into premium, ready-to-eat consumer goods.

Six distinct varieties of nutrient-packed snacks have been successfully formulated using various legumes, including black gram and chickpea variants. These wholesome snacks are enhanced with natural ingredients like



Innovation highlights

- **Nutritional Profile:** Each 30-gram bar delivers around 4 grams of protein, up to 2 grams of dietary fiber, and roughly 122 calories.
- **Clean Ingredients:** Made using four pulse varieties, roasted peanuts, jaggery, oats, and pumpkin seeds without artificial preservatives or colors.
- **Core Objective:** Keeping processing profits local by enabling FPOs, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and MSMEs to manufacture finished products.
- **Future Roadmap:** Undergoing rigorous lab testing, FSSAI licensing, and shelf-life assessments before technology transfer to local entrepreneurs.

roasted peanuts, organic jaggery, oats, and pumpkin seeds. Crucially, developers ensured that no artificial colors, synthetic flavors, or chemical preservatives are used in the manufacturing process.

Laboratory estimates show that a standard 30-gram bar delivers roughly 122 to 123 calories, 4 grams of protein, and up to 2 grams of dietary fiber, with specialized high-protein formulations pushing protein content even higher.

State Biotechnology and IT Minister Priyank Kharge praised the breakthrough.

M.B. Patil shows state's industry system to French Business leaders

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The state government is aggressively pitching its robust industrial ecosystem to top-tier European corporations, aiming to secure high-value capital inflows across strategic sectors.

Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil, spearheading an official state delegation on a diplomatic and economic mission across France and the Netherlands, engaged in a intensive series of high-level corporate discussions on Tuesday, marking the second consecutive day of strategic meetings designed to cement Karnataka's position as India's premier investment destination.

During a packed itinerary in Paris, Minister Patil held targeted consultations with senior executives from globally renowned French enterprises, including automation leader Somfy, defense and aerospace major Thales, high-precision engineering firm Mecachrome, and dairy and nutrition giants Savencia and Danone. The high-powered state delegation meticulously showcased Karnataka's formidable credentials, emphasizing its mature manufacturing infrastructure, deep talent pool of engineering profes-

sionals, thriving innovation hubs, and supportive policy frameworks tailored to accelerate foreign direct investment.

In discussions with Somfy, a world leader in home and building automation, the delegation urged the firm to scale up its existing footprint in Bengaluru. State officials pitched Karnataka's robust electronics and smart-building ecosystem as the ideal base for Somfy to anchor its future localization and manufacturing assembly operations. Similarly, interactions with Thales centered on expanding the tech giant's operational footprint.

Thales, a major player in defense, aerospace, and digital cybersecurity, shared its strategic vision to increase sourcing from India and expand its workforce. In response, the state delegation formally invited Thales leadership to participate as a marquee partner in the upcoming Global Investors Meet next year to finalize expansion blueprints.

The delegation also made a compelling case to Mecachrome, a premier high-precision engineering group specializing in aerospace, defense, and premium automotive applications.

HC mandates e-payments to secure temple finances

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Religious institutions across the state are getting a major tech upgrade to stop corruption. The Karnataka High Court has ordered all state-run Muzrai temples to switch to a fully digital financial system. This strict move comes after a past scam where a temple worker stole money by issuing fake receipts.

To protect donations from being stolen, the court wants digital payments everywhere inside temple premises. Devotees will now use online payment methods for all offerings, special poojas, park-

ing fees, and buying sacred prasad. Traditional cash boxes and paper receipts have caused trouble for years, making it easy for dishonest staff members to pocket public money behind closed doors.

Every single receipt given at the ticket counter must now feature a unique QR code. Pilgrims can scan this code instantly using their mobile phones to check if the receipt is real or fake through a secure central server. This simple trick will catch fake bill scams on the spot and stop corrupt workers from fooling innocent believers.

Authorities must also install

self-service digital kiosks across temple courtyards. These touchscreens let people pay securely without standing in long queues or dealing with middlemen. The Department of Religious Endowments and the e-Governance Department must work together quickly to set up this digital network.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj highlighted that temple funds belong to the public and must be protected fiercely. By removing human touch from the cash handling process, officials hope to restore complete trust between common devotees and temple management boards.

“No dispute, only misunderstanding”: Bhairati Suresh responds to Mahadevappa

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Internal tensions within the state ruling party spilled into the open following a sharp public dispute between two prominent cabinet ministers and close loyalists of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the official allocation of a high-profile government residence in the capital.

Senior Minister H.C. Mahadevappa openly vented his frustration on social media,

taking direct aim at Housing Minister B. Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan or fellow cabinet colleague Bhairati Suresh over delays in handing over an assigned official bungalow.

Mahadevappa complained bitterly that despite established protocol requiring leaders to vacate government quarters within ninety days of a transition, basic professional courtesy was being ignored. The public spat immediately set off alarm bells across

party headquarters, exposing underlying friction among top leadership loyalists.

Responding quickly to the mounting controversy, Bhairati Suresh stepped forward to defuse the situation, downplaying any rift.

Speaking to reporters, Suresh insisted that no actual feud existed and expressed confusion over how false rumors leaked to the press. He maintained that official housing allocations are handled

strictly through the discretion of the Chief Minister and the state housing department, noting that construction or renovation changes were executed by officials, not by personal intervention.

Suresh also went out of his way to show deep respect for his senior colleague, stating that Mahadevappa is older and acts like a father figure. He fondly recalled visiting Mahadevappa's home numerous times for dinner and in-

sisted that any perceived anger stems purely from a minor communication gap.

Despite the public clarification, political observers note that the episode highlights growing competition and fragile egos among close allies as the administration navigates internal power equations. Party handlers are working behind the scenes to mend fences and ensure unity ahead of upcoming legislative sessions.

Quick Read

Gadag job drive offers direct interviews

CH NEWS, GADAG
The District Employment Exchange Office, Gadag, will conduct a direct interview on Friday, September 11, at 10 am. The interview will be held at Room 215, second floor, District Administration Building. Eminent H.R. Solution Private Limited, Bengaluru, will recruit operators. Candidates with ITI, diploma or any degree qualification, aged 18 to 30, can apply. Both men and women are eligible, with selected candidates working in Bengaluru. Applicants should bring copies of educational mark sheets, two resumes and an Aadhaar copy. Registration is compulsory and can be completed on the interview day. Yuvanidhi beneficiaries must also attend. For details, contact officials on 6363330688 or 9686920883.

Mandya areas face power cut

MANDYA
Several areas in Mandya district will face power outages on September 9 and 10, from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm, due to emergency electrical work. The affected areas under V.C. Farm Power Distribution Centre include V.C. Farm, Malligere, Madachakanahalli, Machahalli, Hadya, Hullenahalli, Devarayapatna, Jayapura, Huchegoudanahalli, Hulikere, Hulikerekoppalu and Kammanayakanahalli. Areas served by the Kolkarandoddy centre's Pura feeder will also be affected, including Tee Malligere, Taggahalli, Haluvadi, Pura, Marasinganahalli, Thimmanahosur, Loksar, Cheeranahalli, Hanayambadi, Mangala, Santhekasalagere and Hebbakavadi. Officials requested public cooperation during the maintenance work.

Youth suffers electric shock while plucking coconuts

BIDAR
An 18-year-old youth suffered serious injuries after coming into contact with an overhead power line while attempting to pluck coconuts for a Shravan month puja at Sultanpur village. The injured youth has been identified as Bhagawant, 18, of Sultanpur. He had climbed a coconut tree near the Hanuman temple to pluck coconuts required for religious rituals and cleaning activities at the temple premises. According to reports, Bhagawant was using an iron rod to bring down the coconuts when the rod accidentally came into contact with a nearby overhead power line. He suffered a severe electric shock and fell during the incident. Villagers who noticed the incident immediately rescued him and shifted him to a private hospital in Bidar city.

Mandya health officials told to use funds properly

Nandini directed strict fund utilization for health programmes, regular reviews, and effective delivery of grants to beneficiaries through healthcare centres

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nandini K.R. directed District Health Department officials to use government funds properly and follow prescribed rules while implementing various health programmes. She was speaking at a review meeting held at the Zilla Panchayat mini hall.

Nandini said funds released for maternal and child health, vaccination, nutrition and family welfare must be spent only for their intended purposes. Programme officers and Taluk Health Officers should regularly review spending, work plans and progress. Grants provided to primary and community health centres must reach beneficiaries effectively. She stressed that no eligible person should be denied health services because of a shortage of funds. If additional money is needed because of increased demand, officials should submit written proposals with supporting documents. Health centres must maintain adequate medicines, laboratory tests and other essential supplies. Where tests cannot be conducted locally, arrangements should be made to collect samples and complete testing without delay. The CEO also instructed



MANDYA REVIEWS AID APPLICATIONS FOR LAW GRADUATES

Officials reviewed applications from law graduates seeking monthly financial assistance under the Minority Welfare Department. Zilla Panchayat CEO Nandini K.R. chaired the meeting and directed officials to verify qualifications and documents carefully. Applicants must hold a law degree, pass the required examination and meet conditions for legal practice. Officials reported no objections to selecting candidates with complete documents and required qualifications. Nandini also stressed effective legal services across Mandya district and urged lawyers to maintain proper work records. Selected lawyers were asked to protect government interests and handle responsibilities carefully. Senior Civil Judge Anand Kumar and other officials attended.

officials to maintain transparency in tender procedures, from inviting bids to evaluation. Any delay or need for special approval must be properly recorded in writing. She said staff transfers and assignments should follow government rules, while officials should resolve matters at their own level whenever possible. Nandini further asked officers

to review the need, usage, traffic and maintenance costs of vehicles used for health programmes. She said administrative procedures should never disrupt public healthcare, particularly services for pregnant women, mothers and children. District Health and Family Welfare Department officials, Taluk Health Officers and other staff attended the meeting,

CEO URGES FASTER RURAL LIVELIHOOD CENTRE ROLLOUT

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nandini K.R. directed taluk committees to speed up livelihood service centres under the National Rural Livelihood Mission. She said at least one centre in each taluk should begin work by September, produce a locally sourced value-added product and take it to market. Officials were asked to assess local resources, production capacity and demand, while ensuring quality, food safety, packaging, branding and marketing. Centres should have proper water, electricity, roads and security. Interested self-help group women should receive training and participate in production.

where programme progress, grants, staffing, tenders and service delivery were reviewed. She urged all officials to work together so government health facilities reach people promptly and effectively.

Farmers to receive training in organic farming

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

A one-day training programme on organic farming and solar-based livelihood activities will be held for interested farmers on September 11 at Rangapur Gurukul in Ramgiri Hobli, Holalkere taluk. The programme will begin at 9.30 am under the National Agricultural Development Scheme.

The training is being organised by the Babbur District Agricultural Training Centre, Davangere Technoserve Institute and SELCO Institute. Experts from Technoserve, including Shrikant Bhat, Avinash and Murugesha, will explain the use and benefits of biogas-based Jeevarutha units. Horticulture Department officials will also speak about the importance of nutritious kitchen gardens.

Progressive farmers will share practical experiences with participants. Bhairav of Vadeyarahalli will discuss beekeeping, while Kariappa of Gowdanahalli village in Hiriyur taluk will explain vermicompost preparation. The sessions are expected to help farmers learn simple and useful methods that can support sustainable farming and additional income.

Ajjayya B of SELCO, Chitradurga, will provide information on solar-powered livelihood activities, the Suryagarh project and solar pumpsets. Assistant Director of Agriculture R. Rajinikanth said only 50 interested farmers would be selected, with registrations accepted on a first-come basis.

Farmers can register by calling 8277931058. Participants should bring their FID card or election identity card. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the venue. The organisers urged farmers to make use of the programme and gain practical knowledge that could strengthen their farming activities and livelihoods.

‘Vishwakarma Scheme aims to support traditional artisans’

CH NEWS, MANDYA

The Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme aims to strengthen traditional artisans, improve their skills and raise their living standards, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar said. He was speaking at a district-level committee meeting held at the District Collector's office to review the scheme's implementation.

Dr. Kumar said the programme covers artisans and professionals working in 18 traditional occupations. Eligible workers are being provided skill training and information on modern technology and equipment.

New DC Promises Distric-wide Development Push

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

New Deputy Commissioner S. Ramya has said the district administration will focus on the overall development of Chitradurga and respond quickly to public concerns highlighted by newspapers and the media. Speaking at an introductory meeting with journalists at her office on Tuesday, she said media reports would receive the administration's attention and help identify problems requiring immediate action.

Ramya said drought had been declared in three taluks according to central government standards. A report on rainfall shortage and weather conditions would be submitted for the remaining taluks. She also said action would be taken on Bagar Hukum applications to protect poor and deserving farmers who have depended on land for their livelihood for decades. Pending Form 57 applications would be examined, while earlier Forms 50 and 53 applications would be settled according to rules.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over malnutrition among pregnant women and children and the rising number of girls missing education. She identified Molakalmuru as the district's most economically and socially backward taluk, where many girls reportedly do not attend school and malnutrition remains serious. Ramya said traditional knowledge about nutritious food, including greens, vegetables, jowar and ragi, was declining among younger generations. She stressed the need for education and awareness among girls in schools and colleges to improve family health and living standards.

On drinking water, Ramya said illegal tapping from main

District-wide Development Priorities

- **Development Focus**
Administration prioritises education, health, water, agriculture
- **Drought** Three taluks declared drought-affected under central norms
- **Farmer Support**
Bagar Hukum and Form 57 applications examined
- **Social Concerns**
Malnutrition and girls' education flagged for action
- **Water Management**
Meters planned to control illegal pipeline tapping
- **Lake Protection**
Sewage entry and lake pollution to be addressed

pipelines supplying urban areas would be controlled through water meters. She also promised action against lake pollution. Sewage entering lakes through underground drainage systems would be examined, and technical measures would be introduced to prevent wastewater from reaching water bodies. She assured residents that the health concerns of children at a government school near Mallapur Lake would be addressed after inspecting the site.

Ramya also noted that some newly built roads lacked shoulder drains, causing problems for rainwater flow. She said proper drainage should ensure that rainwater reaches major drains and lakes safely. The Deputy Commissioner said regular attention to education, health, water management, agriculture and infrastructure would help improve living conditions across the district.

Mandya collector reviews voter revision notice inquiries

CH NEWS, MANDYA

The District Magistrate inspected the inquiry process being conducted under the Special Intensified Revision of electoral rolls in Mandya city. The exercise is being carried out at the Additional Voter Registration Officer level according to guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India. During the visit to the Mandya Municipal Corporation and the Hosahalli area, the District Magistrate reviewed how notices were being issued to voters, how documents were being collected and verified, and how cases were being processed.

Gadag district bans DJs and loud noise devices

CH NEWS, GADAG

District Magistrate C.N. Sri-dhar has ordered a complete ban on DJ systems, base boosters, mobile DJ vehicles and other sound-producing devices exceeding 75 decibels across Gadag district until further orders.

The decision aims to protect public peace, safety and general well-being.

The order was issued under the powers granted to the District Magistrate under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and rules governing noise pollution. Strict restrictions have also been placed on loud sound equipment in residential areas and sensitive locations, including hospitals, schools, courts and places of worship within 100 metres.

The administration has also prohibited DJs and other loud sound systems throughout the district between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Organisers of public programmes, processions and celebrations must obtain written permission before using any sound equipment. Only systems operating within the permitted noise level can be used, and organisers must provide a written undertaking to follow noise pollution regulations.



Police officials have been authorised to immediately stop programmes or processions that violate the order. They can seize DJ and sound equipment, disconnect electricity when necessary and disperse crowds. Officials can also register cases against violators and cancel permissions already granted for events. The District Magistrate said event organisers would be personally responsible for any violations. The administration urged the public and organisers to cooperate with the restrictions to maintain a peaceful environment, especially in residential and sensitive areas. Officials said strict enforcement would help reduce noise-related disturbances and ensure that public celebrations are conducted responsibly while respecting the needs of residents, patients, students and others.

Doha hosts musical tribute to legendary S. Janaki

CH NEWS, Bengaluru

The Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Qatar, in association with the Embassy of India, organised a special musical evening, ‘Janaki Smriti,’ at the Ashoka Auditorium to honour legendary playback singer S. Janaki and celebrate her lasting contribution to Indian music.

The programme brought together music lovers and singers for a memorable tribute to the celebrated vocalist, whose voice has remained popular across



generations. Singers presented some of her best-known songs in Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam, reflecting the

wide range of languages in which she created memorable music.

Karnataka Sangha Qatar actively participated

in the event and presented a selection of evergreen Kannada songs associated with S. Janaki.

The performances received enthusiastic applause from the audience, with music lovers appreciating the singers for keeping the beauty of her songs alive through their renditions. Addressing the gathering, ICC President A.P. Manikantan recalled S. Janaki's remarkable contribution to Indian cinema and the music industry. He praised her distinctive voice, versatility and singing style,

saying her music continues to remain close to the hearts of millions of listeners. Karnataka Sangha Qatar President Subrahmanya Hebbagelu, members of the managing committee and prominent members of the Indian community attended the programme. The evening provided an opportunity for the audience to remember the legendary singer through music and celebrate a remarkable artistic legacy that continues to inspire singers and music lovers across generations.

Quick Read

12 candidates elected unopposed as Madabal directors

CH NEWS, MAGADI
Twelve candidates have been elected unopposed as directors of Madabal Multipurpose Primary Agriculture Rural Cooperative Society, Election Officer Umesh K.T. said. Their applications matched the available seats under the society's bye-laws, so voting was not required. The elected directors will serve for five years. Kumar, Govindaiah, G. Mayanna Gowda, Ramanna and M.S. Manjunath were elected from the borrowers' constituency. Nanjamma and Parvathamma won women's reserved seats. Shivaribiah, Dasharatha, Shivurdraiah and Bariappa were elected from Backward Class A, Backward Class B, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe constituencies. M.C. Girish was elected from the general non-borrowers' constituency. BDCC Bank President H.N. Ashok and others congratulated them.

Kattemalalawadi students honoured for academic success

CH NEWS, HUNSUR
A community programme was held at Kattemalalawadi in Hunsur taluk, where outstanding students were felicitated for their academic achievements. Samridhhi Women's Development Service Trust honoured female students for 2026-27 and presented mementos to high achievers. Mohammad Shahzeb of Kattemalalawadi, who secured first place in Mysuru in the NEET examination, was specially recognised. Students who scored the highest marks in SSLC and PUC examinations were also felicitated. Tahsildar Manjunath, Rural Police Station Circle Inspector Santosh Kashyap, SI Tajuddin Pourayy, EO Hongaiah and other officials attended. Trust president Mahadevamma, women's union members, teachers, trainers and students were also present during the programme.

Vishwakarma Jayanti celebrations planned in Chitradurga

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA
Vishwakarma Jayanti will be celebrated in a grand and meaningful manner at the district headquarters on September 17, Tahsildar B.M. Govindaraj said on Tuesday. He was speaking while chairing a preparatory meeting at the District Collector's Office Hall to discuss arrangements for the celebration. Community leaders suggested holding the main Jayanti programme at Tarasu Ranga Mandir at 11 a.m. on September 17. Govindaraj agreed to the proposal and assured that the district administration would provide the necessary support to ensure the event is organised smoothly and meaningfully. As part of the celebrations, a procession will begin at 9.30 a.m. from Kote Anjaneya Temple in Burujannahatti. It will pass through Sangolli Rayanna Circle, Gandhi Circle and Pravasi Mandir before reaching Tarasu Ranga Mandir, where the main stage programme will be held. Assistant Director of the Kannada and Culture Department Dr. B.M. Gurunath said the celebrations would follow government protocol. Cultural activities, including songs and a special lecture, will be organised. Invitations will be printed and badges distributed according to official guidelines.

Vijayendra alleges Cong pressure over BJP rally

The BJP sought ground permission for September 10, expecting 50,000 attendees, as Vijayendra-led padayatra from Lingasugur heads toward Ballari

CH NEWS, BALLARI
Authorities have denied the BJP permission to hold a public meeting at the Government Pre-University College ground in Ballari on September 10. The meeting was planned to mark the conclusion of the party's 10-day "Ballari Chalo" padayatra against what the BJP describes as corruption and failures of the Congress government in Karnataka. The district education authorities cited a 2015 government order while rejecting the request. The order says grounds and buildings of Government Pre-University Colleges cannot be given to private organisations or associations for public or private functions, exhibitions, sales stalls, entertainment programmes and similar events. Officials also warned that the concerned college principal

could face disciplinary action if the instructions were not followed. The BJP had requested permission to use the ground from 3 pm to 8 pm on September 10 and expected more than 50,000 people and several party leaders to attend. The padayatra began at Lingasugur in Raichur district on September 1 and is scheduled to end in Ballari. BJP state president B Y Vijayendra is leading the march, along with MLAs, MLCs, party office-bearers, district leaders and workers. Reacting to the denial, Vijayendra alleged that the Ballari deputy commissioner was facing pressure from the Congress government. Speaking to reporters near Sandur, he said he had received information that officials were delaying permission for the concluding programme. He maintained that the march was



peaceful and said people across Karnataka and the country were watching it. Vijayendra urged the deputy commissioner to grant permission without being influenced by the state government. He said India is a democratic country where people have the right to protest and described the padayatra as a movement focused on public issues. He also said he would speak to the authorities and find out why permission had been denied. The BJP leader remained firm that permission should be granted, while officials have relied on existing

Permission Denied	BJP denied ground permission for Sep 10
Rally Venue	Government PU College ground in Ballari
Expected Crowd	More than 50,000 people expected
Official Reason	2015 order bars private organisations using college grounds
BJP Allegation	Vijayendra alleges Congress government pressured officials
BJP Demand	Party seeks permission for concluding public rally

government rules in rejecting the request. The dispute now puts the planned concluding rally in Ballari under uncertainty.

Karnataka urged to honour Youth Commission promise

HUBBALLI
The Solidarity Youth Movement has urged the Karnataka government to establish a State Youth Commission immediately to address the growing educational, economic, social, mental health and employment concerns of young people. Speaking at a press conference at the Hubballi Press Club, state general secretary Ismail Thirthahalli said the Congress party had promised to establish such a commission in its 2023 Karnataka Assembly election manifesto. Thirthahalli said a Youth Commission would give young people a stronger voice in government policies and help ensure that programmes designed for them are implemented effectively. He said youth commissions are already functioning in states such as Kerala, Assam, Mizoram and Bihar, where they have worked on youth rights, skill development, employment, anti-drug programmes and mental health. He also welcomed the government's decision to form the Bharat Jodo Youth Organization to encourage youth participation in social, democratic and development activities.



He said it was disappointing that Karnataka had not yet established a Youth Commission despite the earlier promise. According to him, more than two crore young people live in Karnataka, making them one of the state's most important sections of society. However, many continue to face unemployment, mental stress, drug addiction, cyber fraud, social insecurity and limited representation in decision-making. He argued that these challenges require continued and organized government support. The organization said it had repeatedly raised the issue with the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers and concerned ministers through letters. It had also approached the Congress central leadership and noted that the demand had been raised through questions in the Karnataka

DEMANDS

- Youth group demands immediate State Youth Commission
- Commission should address education and employment issues
- Mental health and social concerns need attention
- Congress promised commission in 2023 election manifesto
- Over two crore youth live across Karnataka
- Group seeks committee and time-bound implementation plan

Legislative Council. Thirthahalli urged the government to begin the administrative and legislative process without further delay.

Forest officials capture monkey troubling Keregudihalli residents

HARAPANAHALLI
A monkey had been troubling residents of Keregudihalli village for several days, raising concern among families living nearby. Villagers said a group of monkeys had entered the village repeatedly, coming close to homes and disturbing people. However, one monkey was reportedly causing more trouble than the others, prompting residents to seek help from officials. Responding to their request, the Forest Department, Police Department and Gram Panchayat joined hands to conduct a capture operation. Officials led by Abhijit Gangavathi worked with villagers and local staff to safely catch the troublesome animal. The operation brought relief to residents, who had been worried about their safety. PDO Hemanth Kumar said officials acted soon after receiving the complaint. He added that necessary steps would be taken to protect villagers in the coming days. The successful capture has eased local fears and restored a sense of safety in the village for residents and their families.

Bheeshma Lake dries up despite nearby waters

CH NEWS, Malingaraya Pujar



Bheeshma Lake, a historic water body in the heart of the Gadag-Betageri twin cities, is facing the threat of drying up completely. The lake, once a popular place for nature lovers, birds and local residents, is now losing water rapidly. The situation has raised serious concerns among people, as the lake plays an important role in supporting the environment and groundwater levels in the city. The continuing decline in rainfall across Gadag district has affected streams, lakes and other water bodies. As these sources dry up, the groundwater level has also fallen in many areas. Borewells around Bheeshma Lake are reportedly running dry, increasing fears of a drinking water shortage in the coming days. The lake is also important for hundreds of birds, cattle and other animals that depend on it for water. Residents are particularly unhappy because the Tungabhadra River, which flows near the district border, currently has sufficient water. The river has received good inflows following rainfall in the Malnad region this year. People are questioning why water cannot be released from the river to Bheeshma Lake when the city is facing a serious water crisis. Local environmentalists say filling the lake is possible and only requires quick action and political will from the authorities.

Residents question the lack of Tungabhadra water for Bheeshma Lake despite good inflows, while environmentalists say filling it requires quick action and political will

"Bheeshma Lake is not just a source of irrigation, it is the heart of Gadag," said local resident Manjunatha Parvatha Gowda. He recalled seeing the lake overflow during his childhood and said it was painful to watch it dry up. He also said wells and borewells nearby have lost water, while people remain confused about the delay in bringing Tungabhadra water to the lake. Local residents are urging the district in-charge minister, elected representatives and district administration to act without delay. They believe restoring the lake could improve groundwater levels across the twin cities and protect the area's natural environment. With water available in the nearby river, citizens say immediate action is needed to save Bheeshma Lake before the crisis becomes more serious.

Activist demands apology over civic workers treatment

CH NEWS, HUNSUR
Social activist J. Mahadeva has strongly criticised Minister Krishna Byre Gowda over his alleged treatment of civic workers who approached him with demands, including permanent employment. Mahadeva described the incident as insensitive and said the workers deserved respect and humane treatment. In a press statement, Mahadeva said civic workers play a vital role in keeping cities clean and protecting public health. He said their work exposes them to serious risks and affects their health and safety. According to him, treating such workers with disrespect cannot be

considered effective administration. Mahadeva argued that civic workers should not be viewed simply as people who collect or sweep garbage. He called them frontline workers who help keep urban life functioning. He said authorities should manage cities scientifically while also protecting workers' dignity, rights and safety. He also raised concerns about the working conditions faced by civic workers, particularly those employed through contractors and outsourcing agencies. Mahadeva said workers should receive timely wages, legal leave, safety equipment, social security and job security.

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Commissioner, BNCC, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092

No.: BNCC/Comm/PSR(G)/289/2026-27Date: 08.09.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation for "Widening of Kogilu-Sampigehalli Road from Kogilu Circle to Shivarama Karanth Layout via Agraphara Sampigehalli CH:0.00 mtr to 3630.00 mt".
The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.
The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the O/o Joint Commissioner, (Land Acquisition & TDR) Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092 within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: Bengaluru Urban				Name of the Taluk: Bengaluru North				Name of the Village: Venkateshapura					
Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land	Nature of Land	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m	Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details		Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.,)	Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued
		Vacant	Converted undeveloped / Approved layout / developed land / Building site	Dimension Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio		
1	3/5	Vacant land	Agriculture	432.62	Sy No. 3/1 Oni. remaining portion of Sy. No. 3/5	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 3/5	Road	Road	0.00	None	None	Vacant	Sri. N. Krishnamurthy, S/o. V. Nagarajappa Residing at No. 05, Venkateshapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ನಳಸಿ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಎಂ 2024 (ಇ).
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಪಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.
Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / Branch Office

Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092

Sd/,
Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation

Quick Read

Upponi Zone hosts sports meet for students

CH NEWS, KARWAR
The Upponi zone-level departmental sports meet for under-14 students was held at Sri Sharadamba High School, Magoda. Headmaster Santosh Kumar hoisted the sports flag and highlighted sports' importance in building a healthy body and strong mind. Sanshi School SDMC President Jaiwant Pai received the sports torch. Physical education teacher Salvador Lopus, who won the district-level best teacher award, and Khandodi School teacher Lakshman Patagara were felicitated. Association president Babu Naik, CRPs Dinesh Deshbhandary, Sarita Bandekar and Lavanya Kharvi, along with teachers and officials, attended. Individual and group competitions followed, giving students an opportunity to display their skills and enthusiasm.

Vokkaliga Community invites applications for various loan schemes

CH NEWS, GADAG
The Karnataka Vokkaliga Community Development Corporation has invited online applications for several schemes for 2026-27. Eligible applicants can seek support for self-employment, irrigation, vehicle purchases, education, overseas higher studies and skill training. Income and age limits vary according to each scheme. Educational loans are available for eligible professional courses, while selected students pursuing higher education abroad may receive interest-free assistance. Applications must be submitted through Seva Sindhu, Grama One, Bangalore One or Karnataka One centres by September 30. Applicants may visit the corporation website or contact officials for eligibility, documents and other details before submitting applications online.

'Teacher's tough lessons bring precious results'

CH NEWS, KOPPAL
A teacher's strictness may seem difficult, but the lessons it teaches can remain valuable throughout life, Koppal Inner Wheel Club president Meenakshi Santhavathy Bhavya said at a Teachers' Day programme held at Millat Education and Welfare Institute Minority Community Public School. Speaking at the event in the Nirmiti Kendra area, Bhavya said teachers play an important role in shaping students' futures. She compared a teacher's anger with a father's temporary anger and a mother's short-lived displeasure, saying teachers guide students with discipline.

Karnataka launches 12,000 Azolla units for livestock

CH NEWS, GADAG

The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department has launched a scheme to establish 12,000 Azolla production units across Karnataka to provide additional fodder for livestock, especially milk-producing cattle and calves. The programme will cover 240 taluks in all 31 districts, with a total allocation of Rs. 3.78 crore. Each unit will cost about Rs. 3,150. Azolla is a nutrient-rich aquatic plant containing protein and minerals. It can be used as supplementary feed when rainfall is poor, green fodder is scarce or livestock farmers face other fodder shortages. Officials said the new units are intended to help farmers maintain livestock nutrition during difficult periods and support milk production. District-wise targets have been fixed under the scheme. Belagavi will receive 750 units with Rs. 23.62 lakh, while Vijayapura has been allocated 650 units and Rs. 20.47 lakh. Uttara Kannada will receive 600 units with Rs. 18.90 lakh, and Kalaburagi will get 550 units with Rs. 17.32 lakh. Bagalkot and Tumakuru have been assigned 500 units each.

Bangarappa launches drive to resolve public grievances

Praja Seva Andolan meetings will occur twice monthly; officials must deliver fair solutions, bridge government and people, and ensure proper public spending

CH NEWS, SHIVAMOGGA
—State School Education and Literacy Minister and district in-charge minister S. Madhu Bangarappa said the Praja Seva Andolan would bring government services closer to people and help resolve their problems quickly. He was speaking after inaugurating the district-level programme at Suvarna Sanskriti Bhavan in Shikaripura. Bangarappa said people should not have to travel from villages to government offices or Bengaluru to get their grievances addressed. Such journeys waste time and money, he said. Under the programme, ministers, MLAs and officials at district and taluk levels will work together to respond quickly to public complaints. A Praja Seva Andolan meeting will be held in every taluk on the first and third



Saturday of each month. Bangarappa asked officials not merely to collect applications but to find legal, fair and humanitarian solutions wherever possible. He said the district administration should act as a bridge between the government and people and ensure proper use of public money. MP B.Y. Raghavendra said signs of drought were visible and urged officials to protect people and livestock from possible water and electricity shortages. He said lakes should be filled to at least 50 percent and called for action against encroachments. Officials said the district has 4,351 lakes, including 1,017 affected by encroachment. Raghavendra urged authorities to remove encroachments and improve water storage. During the programme, beneficiaries received agricultural well plans, Sukanya Samridhi pass-books, safety kits and information on government schemes. Residents also sub-

AT A GLANCE

- Government services to reach people at doorstep
- Taluk meetings scheduled every first and third Saturday
- Officials urged to resolve complaints quickly and fairly
- Shivamogga has 4,351 lakes across district
- 1,017 lakes reportedly affected by encroachment
- Lakes urged to maintain at least 50% storage

mitted complaints about land costs, footpaths, housing, shelters, school facilities and account-related issues, seeking timely action from the administration.

Karwar tightens rules for eco-friendly Ganesh celebrations

CH NEWS, KARWAR

The district administration has made strict arrangements for a peaceful and eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi celebration. Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya said plaster of Paris idols and DJ systems have been completely prohibited across the district. Speaking at a peace committee meeting at the District Collectorate on Tuesday, the Deputy Commissioner urged people to use eco-friendly Ganesh idols and avoid plastic decorations. Police permission will be required for loudspeakers. Sound levels must remain within prescribed limits, with 55 decibels

allowed in residential areas and 50 decibels in sensitive places such as schools and hospitals. Loudspeakers will not be permitted after 10 p.m. A single-window system has been arranged at local bodies and gram panchayats to help organisers obtain necessary permissions without visiting several offices. As many as 1,492 public Ganesh idols are expected to be installed across the district. Processions must be held only with proper local permissions. Superintendent of Police Deepan M.N. said extensive security arrangements have been made. About 400 Home Guards, 15

DAR contingents, KSRR personnel and local police will be deployed as needed. Firefighters, medical teams, expert swimmers, JCBs and HESCOM staff will be available at immersion points. Quick Response Teams will also handle emergencies. Authorities said most idols are expected to be immersed by the 11th day. Green crackers should be purchased only from authorised shops. Police and Pollution Control Board officials will check sound levels and act on complaints. Organisers requested road repairs along procession routes, and officials assured temporary repairs where necessary.

Devaraju calls for development over political rivalry

CH NEWS, RAMANAGAR

Bidadi Municipality Standing Committee President Devaraju has urged Minister H.C. Balakrishna and Congress leaders to focus on developing the constituency instead of making personal allegations against former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, A. Manjunath and other JD(S) leaders. Speaking at a press conference in Bidadi on Tuesday, he said elected representatives should use their authority to solve people's problems. Devaraju said Balakrishna, who has become an MLA for the fifth time and is now a

minister, should explain the development achieved during his tenure. He said voters elected him to serve the people and respond to their needs. If leaders ignore public issues and concentrate on criticism, voters will respond through the ballot, he warned. He claimed A. Manjunath had made significant contributions to Bidadi during his time as MLA. Devaraju said underground drainage work within Bidadi municipality limits was started during Manjunath's tenure but remains incomplete. He questioned why the minister had not continued the project. He also pointed to shortages of drinking water, poor

roads and inadequate funds for infrastructure. He said the government should use its power and seek special funds to improve Bidadi. Devaraju also credited Kumaraswamy with providing funds for development works, including Bairamangala canal improvements and the Bidadi main road. He questioned why some approved works were allegedly shifted to other wards and described such decisions as political rivalry. He said opposition parties have the democratic right to question government decisions and urged those in power to accept criticism positively and correct mistakes when necessary.

Kundapur police hunt suspects in two theft cases

KUNDAPUR

Gold jewellery worth around Rs 8 lakh was allegedly stolen from a house in Karkunje village of Kundapur taluk, Udupi district. The jewellery weighed 56 grams and was reportedly kept inside a purse placed in an unlocked cupboard in the bedroom. According to a complaint filed by Gangadhara Manjaru, the jewellery was last seen in the cupboard around 10 am on August 17. When he checked the purse on the night of September 6, the jewellery was missing. The stolen items included two four-gram gold rings, an eight-gram bracelet and a 40-gram chain with a Lakshmi pendant. Police suspect that unidentified persons may have entered the house and taken the jewellery. Kundapur Rural police have registered a case under Sections 331(3), 331(4) and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Further investigation is underway to identify those responsible and recover the stolen property. In another incident, about Rs 1.1 lakh in cash was allegedly stolen from a milk parlour at Basrur Moorkai in Voderahobli village. Owner Surendra said he locked the shop around 10.30 pm on September 6 and returned the next morning. When he opened the shop at about 6 am on September 7, he found that the roofing sheets had been damaged and the cash was missing.

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD,
1st Floor, BECC Building, Hoodi Main Road,
Hoodi, Bengaluru - 560048

No.: BECC/EE/SWD/TN/02/2026-27

Date: 08.09.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDERS
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Only through KPP Portal)
The Executive Engineer, SWD Division, BECC invites tender from eligible tenderers registered in GBA or equivalent registration with PWD / CPWD or any state governmental organization for the execution of works detailed in the table below (Standard Tender Documents KW-3 & KW-4).

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Annual Maintenance of Storm Water Drains in Rammurthy nagara Division Zone-02 BECC. Estimated amount (in lakhs.): 25.00, Amount put to Tender (in Lakhs.): 24.74, EMD (in Rs.): 50,000.00.
2	Annual Maintenance of Storm Water Drains in K R Pura Division Zone-02 BECC. Estimated amount (in lakhs.): 65.00, Amount put to Tender (in Lakhs.): 64.64, EMD (in Rs.): 2,00,000.00.
3	Annual Maintenance of Storm Water Drains in HAL Division Zone-02 BECC. Estimated amount (in lakhs.): 85.00, Amount put to Tender (in Lakhs.): 84.98, EMD (in Rs.): 2,00,000.00.

Calendar of Events: (1) The tender document may be downloaded through KPP Portal: **09.09.2026** onwards. (2) Last Date of submission queries : **15.09.2026 within 11:00 a.m.** (3) Date & Time for Pre-bid meeting: **15.09.2026 at 3:00 p.m.** (4) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **23.09.2026 upto 4:00 p.m.** (5) Date & Time for Opening Technical bid: **24.09.2026 at 4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, Bengaluru East City Corporation

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SEDAM.
Near State Bank of India, Sedam-585222 Dist : Kalaburagi, State : Karnataka
WebSite: www.sedamtown.mrc.gov.in, Phone: 08441-277912-276932

NO:TMC-SEDAM/Others/2025-26

Date: 08.09.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Officer TMC Sedam Dist Kalaburagi Karnataka Invites Tenders Under AMRUT-2.0 (Rejuvenation of water body) CAP-2026-27, MF -2025-26 (7.25%) and MF-2025-26 Through <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> KPP Portal as per the KTPP Act 2000 from Eligible Registered contractors.

1) **Works/Goods/Service Details** : 1.DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT59340 : Others, 2. DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT59143 : Others, 3. DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT59918/Call-2:Others, 4.DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT60791/Call-2 : Others, 5. DMA/2026-27/SE8319 : Others, 6. DMA/2026-27/SE8317 : Others, 7. DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT60784/Call-2 : Others, 8. DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT60569/Call-2 : Reserved for 2A, 9. DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT60523/Call-2 : Reserved for 2C, 10. DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_IDENT60554/Call-2 : Reserved for 2A, 11. DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_IDENT55019/Call-3 : Others, 02) Head of Account : Amrut 2.0 (Rejuvenation of water Body) CAP-2026-27,MF-2025-26 (7.25%) MF-2025-26, 03) Works/Goods/Service Estimated Cost : Rs. 0.56 to 100.00 Lakhs, 04) Contractors/Agency/Suppliers Edibility : Eligible Registered contractors, 05) Works/Goods/Service Tender Cost : Rs. 0.56 to 100.00 Lakhs, 06) Last date for applying the tender : 25.09.2026 Evening 17.30 Hours, 07) Tenders Opening Date : 28.09.2026 Morning 11.00 Hours, (Financial Bid Opening As per kpp portal) 08) Office Address and Contact Details : City Municipal Council Sedam- 7892152625.

Sd/-Municipal Commissioner

CMC Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/526/Deshpande Publicity/2026-27

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPA/TP/CLU/28/2026-27

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.09.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14 (ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ **15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ** ಅಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು, ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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2	ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್. ಡಿ. ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರ	ತಿಮ್ಮಸುಂದ್ರ	36/7	1-05 + 0-02ಗು 'ಎ' ಖರೀದಾಲು	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಸಹಾ:- ಪ್ರತಿಶತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾ ಬದ್ಧವಾದ ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ರಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ತಮ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಜಾಗಗಳು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಬಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

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2.	ಜಿಜಿಎದಾರರು ಹಾಗೂ ಬಂಟಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿದಾರರಾದ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಕಸಬಾ	ಏಕಾಶಿಪುರ	113/4 ರ ಪ್ರತಿ	0-25.25	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ
3.	ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್.ಸಿ. ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಕಸಬಾ	ಏಕಾಶಿಪುರ	113/7	0-30	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ
4.	ಬಿನ್. ಲೇಖ್. ಜಿಂಧುತೇಜಪ್ಪ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ರೆಡ್ಡಿಪ್ರಸಾದ್	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಕಸಬಾ	ಏಕಾಶಿಪುರ	113/9	0-03 + 0-0.50 'ಎ' ಖರೀದಾಲು	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಸಹಾ:- ಪ್ರತಿಶತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾಬದ್ಧವಾದ ಮಿನ್ಯಾಸ್ ರಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ತಮ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಜಾಗಗಳು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

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DROUGHT DEMANDS ACTION, NOT POLITICAL BLAME

Karnataka is staring at another difficult agricultural season, with deficient rainfall threatening crops and the livelihoods of thousands of farmers. At a time when uncertainty is spreading across rural Karnataka, the three-day special session of the State Legislature on drought must rise above political rhetoric and concentrate exclusively on the crisis confronting the farming community.

The new government headed by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is completing 100 days next week. Yet, the seriousness of the drought situation demands that the newly inducted ministers move beyond the corridors of power and get into the field. District in-charge ministers have been asked to survey crop conditions in their respective districts and assess the impact of the deficient rains. This exercise must not become a mere administrative formality. It should produce a realistic assessment of crop damage and, more importantly, a clear roadmap for relief. The drought debate should be based on facts on the ground. Farmers do not need inflated figures, political speeches or competing claims about who is responsible. They need immediate assistance. There is, unfortunately, a familiar pattern whenever a drought strikes. Governments tend to submit large estimates of crop losses to the Centre, anticipating that only a fraction of the amount sought may eventually be released. The subsequent shortfall then becomes an opportunity to accuse the Union government of discrimination. The Centre, in turn, points to assessment procedures, norms and available evidence. In this familiar blame game, the farmer is invariably pushed to the margins.

The forthcoming session provides an opportunity to break this



cycle.

The government must present a transparent and scientifically credible assessment of crop losses. District-wise data, crop-wise damage and the number of affected farmers should be placed before the Legislature. The Opposition, too, has a responsibility to scrutinise the figures constructively rather than merely use the drought as another weapon against the government.

The BJP-JDS Opposition should demand accountability, but it should also place practical suggestions on the table. The ruling parties, meanwhile, must accept criticism where it is justified instead of attributing every difficulty to the Centre. Drought is not a political issue belonging to one party or another. It is a Karnataka issue.

The immediate priority should be relief from the State's own resources. Whatever assistance is available from the Government of India should be mobilised and distributed without delay, but Karnataka cannot afford to wait indefinitely for central assistance before responding to the distress in its villages. The State must do everything within its financial capacity to support farmers who have lost crops because of inadequate rainfall.

This is admittedly easier said than done. Karnataka's finances are under considerable pressure, with a substantial portion of the annual budgetary resources committed to the government's five guarantee schemes. The government may dispute the argument that these commitments have constrained its fiscal space, but the reality remains that resources are limited and competing demands are immense. In such circumstances, the drought-hit farmer cannot be asked to bear the burden of fiscal constraints.

Relief must therefore be prioritised carefully. Assistance should reach genuinely affected farmers without bureaucratic delays or political discrimination. Crop-loss compensation, drinking-water security, employment opportunities in rural areas, fodder availability and support for the next agricultural season should form part of an integrated drought response.

The Legislature must also examine why recurring droughts continue to cause such severe distress. Karnataka needs a long-term strategy for water conservation, drought-resistant agriculture, efficient irrigation and better rainfall management. Every drought exposes the vulnerabilities of the state's agricultural economy. The lessons from one crisis should become the foundation for preparing for the next.

The three-day session will be productive only if both the treasury and Opposition benches resist the temptation to turn it into another political confrontation. The farmer should be at the centre of every discussion.

The government should be honest about the extent of the crisis and the resources available. The Opposition should be equally honest in its criticism and suggestions. Instead of competing over who can blame whom, the parties should compete over who can offer the most effective relief.

Karnataka's drought-hit farmers cannot eat political rhetoric. They need timely money, water, employment and hope. The special session must give them precisely that.

SATYA NIKETAN TRAGEDY: ACCOUNTABILITY MUST COME BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES AGAIN



- LALIT GARGG

The collapse on Sunday of a five-storey student-PG building in Delhi's Satya Niketan is not merely a tragic accident. It raises serious questions about a system that allows buildings to come up, permits unauthorized construction, allows students to live in them, overlooks structural vulnerabilities for years and wakes up only after the building collapses. Six people have reportedly lost their lives and several others have been injured. Preliminary reports indicate that the building had a basement and several upper floors, and that repair or construction work was underway. The administration has ordered a magisterial inquiry and an FIR against the building owner. But the real question is not who will face an FIR after the tragedy? The real question is: Where were the responsible authorities before the tragedy? If there was a violation of construction norms, if there was no sanctioned building plan, if additional floors had been constructed, if construction work was being carried out in the basement, if the building was being used to accommodate students, and if it was structurally unsafe why did the administration not detect these violations while the construction was taking place? Why did action not begin when the danger first became visible?

Satya Niketan, located near the South Campus of Delhi University, is one of the major student neighbourhoods of the capital. Thousands of young people from different parts of the country come here with dreams of education and a better future. They live in small rooms, paying-guest accommodations and rented premises while pursuing their studies. Their parents spend a substantial part of their lifetime savings on their children's education, believing that their children will be safe in the national capital. But when a young person who has left home in search of education ends up living in a building whose very foundation rests on compromises with rules and safety, our entire concept of development stands exposed. And this is not the first warning. In 2022, a four-storey under-construction building in Satya Niketan collapsed, killing two workers and injuring four others. Even then, questions were raised about construction practices, safety

"The rubble of Satya Niketan is asking us a question: Will we wait for the next building to collapse or will we finally awaken the system before another life is lost?"

measures and building supervision. Nearly four years later, another major building collapsed in the same area. It means that instead of learning from the tragedy, we treated it merely as a news story and moved on.

While discussing corruption, however, caution is necessary. It would be unfair to declare any officer or businessman guilty without an investigation. But if an inquiry establishes that construction violations were deliberately ignored, inspections were conducted negligently, or there was any form of collusion, accountability cannot stop with the building owner. The person who violated the rules and the person who allowed those violations to continue must both be held accountable. The Satya Niketan tragedy cannot be viewed in isolation from the Old Rajinder Nagar tragedy of July 2024. There, three civil services aspirants, Tanaya Soni, Shreya Yadav and Naveen Dalwin, lost their lives after water flooded the basement of the Rao IAS Study Circle. The most disturbing fact was that the basement was being used as a library, whereas available documents indicated that it was meant for parking and storage.

Even more alarming was the fact that a student had reportedly complained to the MCD almost a month before the tragedy. A complaint filed on June 26, 2024, raised concerns about the illegal use of the basement and warned of the possibility of a major accident. Reminders were reportedly sent on July 15 and July 22. Then, on July 27, three young lives were lost. A subsequent MCD inquiry referred to issues relating to road construction, drainage and other factors. But an equally fundamental question remained: How was a basement being used illegally as a library, and why was timely action not taken despite violations of the rules? This is perhaps the greatest disease afflicting our system: a warning of danger is not treated as a problem; the accident itself is treated as the problem. The law exists on paper, while on the ground the prevailing philosophy is, "It will be fine; everyone does it."

India does not suffer from a shortage of building regulations. There are rules governing sanctioned building plans, building bye-laws, fire safety, structural safety, oc-

cupancy certificates, parking and the use of basements. The problem is not the number of rules; the problem is the integrity with which they are enforced. When a building permitted for one floor ends up with four or five floors; when a basement sanctioned for storage becomes a library or a commercial establishment; when drainage channels are obstructed and construction continues regardless the issue is not merely individual recklessness. It is a failure of the

committee is not a solution; it is a lifetime of emptiness. Compensation cannot replace their son or daughter. They want to know why their child was not safe. Who guaranteed that safety? Who was responsible for supervision? Who ignored the danger? Who failed to act when action could have saved lives? Therefore, the purpose of an inquiry should not merely be to identify an individual culprit.

It must also determine where and how the system



entire system of supervision that sees such changes taking place in plain sight yet fails to act in time. Corruption is not merely the act of accepting a bribe. Corruption also exists when a responsible person knowingly fails to perform his duty. Turning a blind eye to illegal construction is also a betrayal of public responsibility. Knowing that a building is dangerous and still failing to act is part of a deeply flawed administrative culture.

In May 2024, a fire broke out at the Central Revenue Building in Delhi's ITO area. A 46-year-old office superintendent died of suffocation caused by smoke. Reports indicated that the building was old and did not have a modern fire-sprinkler system. This tragedy raised another uncomfortable question: If safety standards are inadequate even in government buildings, what can citizens expect from the monitoring of private and unauthorized structures? After every tragedy, the same familiar spectacle unfolds.

Ministers visit the site. Officials hold meetings. Compensation is announced. An inquiry committee is constituted. Some buildings are sealed. A few arrests are made. For a few days, the administration appears intensely active. And then, gradually, everything returns to normal. For them, an inquiry

failed. Where did the file stop moving? Who conducted the inspection? Who ignored or suppressed the complaint? On what basis was the building plan approved? How did unauthorized construction continue for years? Who was responsible for the safety of the people living in the building? And most importantly will the officials whose very responsibility was to prevent such tragedies also be held accountable?

We must see the eyes of the parents who must have sent their children to Delhi believing that they would study, build successful careers and make their families proud. The death of those dreams is not merely the result of a building collapse. They have been crushed beneath a mindset in which money, convenience and the culture of "it happens everywhere" become more powerful than rules and human safety. It is time for governments to abandon the habit of waking up only after disasters occur. Buildings must be inspected before they collapse. Drainage must be fixed before water becomes a killer. Complaints must be acted upon before they become memorials. And corruption must be prevented before it becomes a tragedy. India does not merely need a New India. It needs a safe, responsible, honest and compassionate India.

St. Mary's Basilica Marks Sacred Nativity Feast

On the auspicious occasion of the sacred festival celebrating the Birth of Mother Mary, I had the privilege of participating as the Chief Guest in the special prayer and flag-hoisting ceremony held at St. Mary's Basilica Church, Shivajinagar.

On this blessed occasion, I offered my prayers to Mother Mary and had the honour of hoisting the flag.

Bishop Church Father Rev. Joseph Susainthan, Basilica Church Father Rev. Arokiaswamy Sebastian, Fathers from various churches, church dignitaries, Shivajinagar leaders, and a large

gathering of devotees and members of the public were present on this sacred occasion.

My heartfelt respects and sincere gratitude to all the Fathers, church dignitaries, and organisers for inviting me as the Chief Guest, welcoming me with immense warmth and affection, and giving me the opportunity to participate in this holy and blessed programme.

Shri Nataraj Janakiram
Chairman (MoS Rank)
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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Hope in Dark Times

The global observation of Mary's nativity brings a needed message of hope to a world facing widespread uncertainty. Her journey demonstrates that profound positive change often begins in the quietest, most humble settings. When surrounded by conflict and despair, her story reassures us that love and perseverance remain powerful forces against adversity. By embracing her timeless virtues of patience, quiet resilience, and unconditional love, we can find the courage to navigate current challenges. May her legacy inspire each of us to serve as beacons of light and hope within our own local communities.

- Sharon Faustina J.

Fix Our Broken Streetlights

The escalating issue of non-functioning streetlights along Main Street demands immediate council action. Over the past month, numerous residents have reported walking in complete darkness, creating serious safety hazards for pedestrians and motorists alike. Broken lighting not only increases the risk of traffic accidents during evening commutes but also invites potential criminal activity into our neighborhoods. Public safety should be the city's highest priority, yet routine infrastructure maintenance appears neglected. I urge the local municipality to allocate the necessary funds to repair these lights immediately before a preventable accident occurs on our streets.

- Stephen Joshua J.

Address Illegal Waste Dumping

The growing trend of illegal waste dumping in our public parks and open green spaces is becoming an unbearable public concern. Construction debris, household furniture, and hazardous materials are routinely discarded near walking trails, posing severe environmental risks and ruining community spaces for families. This blatant disregard for local sanitation laws threatens wildlife and pollutes our soil and runoff water. City authorities must step up enforcement by installing surveillance cameras in frequent dumping hotspots and issuing stricter fines. Our community deserves clean, safe natural spaces, and perpetrators must be held accountable.

- Sunil Kumar

HOW BIRDS CHOOSE WHERE TO PERCH, FEED AND NEST NEAR SOLAR FARMS

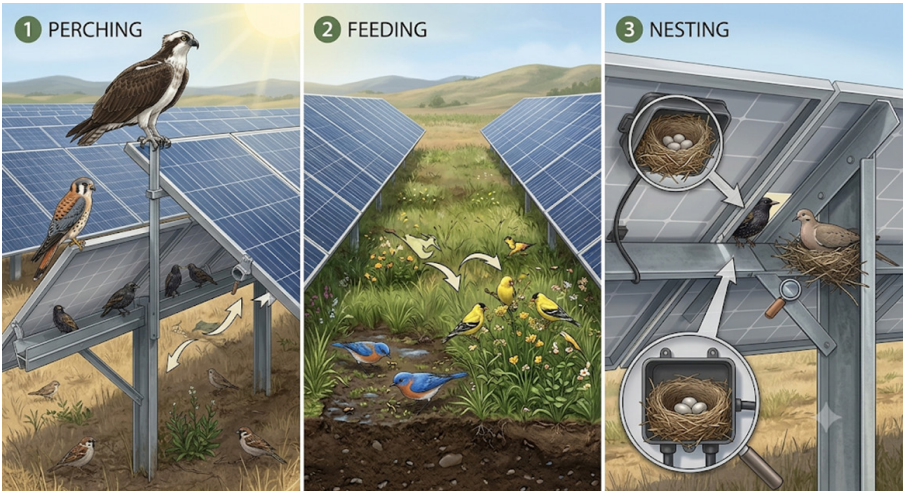
Solar farms are becoming an increasingly common feature of modern landscapes as countries search for cleaner sources of energy. While solar panels are designed to capture sunlight and generate electricity, they can also change the environment for the birds and other wildlife living nearby.

Scientists are using cameras and long-term observation to better understand how birds behave around solar farms. By studying thousands of hours of recorded footage, researchers can observe where birds choose to perch, feed and nest and how the structures created by solar installations influence these decisions.

For birds, a solar farm is not simply a collection of panels. It can become a new and complex habitat. The spaces beneath panels may provide shade and shelter, while supporting structures and nearby fences can offer places to perch. Open areas between rows of panels may provide opportunities for feeding, depending on the vegetation and insects present.

Different bird species may respond differently to these environments. Some may use solar farm structures as convenient perches, while others may prefer the surrounding grasslands, shrubs or trees. Birds searching for food may be influenced by the availability of insects, seeds and other natural resources. Nesting birds, meanwhile, may select locations that provide safety, shelter and suitable conditions for raising their young.

Camera-based monitoring is helping



scientists study these choices without constantly disturbing the birds. Long periods of observation can reveal patterns that might otherwise go unnoticed. Researchers can examine how bird activity changes during different times of day, seasons and weather conditions.

This research is important because renewable energy development and wildlife conservation must increasingly share the same landscapes. Solar power can play a major role in reducing dependence on fossil fuels, but new energy projects should also consider their effects on local ecosystems.

The findings could help planners design more wildlife-friendly solar farms. Maintaining suitable vegetation, protecting nearby natural habitats and carefully planning the layout of solar installations

may help reduce negative effects and, in some cases, create opportunities for wildlife.

The study of birds around solar farms reminds us that human structures quickly become part of the natural environment. As clean-energy infrastructure expands, understanding how wildlife responds to these changes will become increasingly important.

The goal is not simply to produce more renewable energy, but to develop it wisely. By learning how birds choose where to perch, feed and nest, scientists can help create a future in which clean energy and biodiversity have a better chance to thrive together.

- DR. VIJAY GARG

HOW MOMOS CONQUERED STREET FOOD CULTURE WORLDWIDE

From bustling Himalayan alleyways to vibrant metropolis street corners, the humble momo has quietly staged a global culinary takeover. Once a regional staple tucked away in the mountain valleys of Tibet, Nepal, and Bhutan, this delicate steamed dumpling has evolved into a universal symbol of comfort food. Its journey across geographical borders and cultural divides reveals how traditional heritage, accessibility, and adaptability can transform a simple dish into an international obsession.

At its core, the appeal of the momo lies in its elegant simplicity. A soft wrapper of wheat flour dough holds a savory filling of seasoned vegetables, paneer, or minced meats, cooked to tender perfection through steaming. Accompanied by a fiery red chili chutney, the dish offers a harmonious interplay of soft textures and bold flavors. Yet, the true secret behind the momo's explosive popularity is its extraordinary versatility. It seamlessly balances the hearty comfort of a home-cooked meal with the quick convenience required of modern fast food.

As the momo traveled down from high-altitude trade routes into urban centers, it underwent a fascinating cultural adaptation. Street vendors and contemporary chefs alike began experimenting with local tastes and techniques. Steamed momos gave birth to fried and pan-seared kothey variations, while regional influences introduced tandoori momos, gravy-laden gravy momos, and even cheese-stuffed fusion creations. This remarkable flexibility allowed the dish to as-

similate into diverse food scenes without losing its essential identity, offering something familiar yet thrillingly novel to every palate.

Beyond flavor, the momo's rise is deeply tied to the socio-economic fabric of urban dining. In an era where fast-paced city life demands quick, affordable, and satisfying meals, momo stalls offer a democratic space. Students, office workers, and families gather around the same steaming metal tiers, sharing a low-cost culinary experience that transcends socio-economic boundaries. The dish acts as an equalizer, building community around shared street corners and night markets.



However, as the momo transitions from traditional street carts to commercial restaurant chains and frozen supermarket aisles, a subtle challenge emerges. The shift toward mass production risks overshadowing the artisanal craft of hand-pleating dough and brewing small-batch, authentic chutneys. Preserving the heritage and storytelling behind this dish becomes crucial as it scales globally.

Ultimately, the momo's ongoing journey is a testament to the power of food as a cultural bridge. It proves that a dish does not need grand complexity to make a lasting impression only heart, heritage, and the ability to bring people together. As it continues to conquer new menus and corners of the globe, the momo remains a beloved reminder that the best flavors are often the simplest ones.

- ANNA B.

HOW MODERN INDUSTRY REINVENTED THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The quiet hum of the modern factory floor sounds nothing like the deafening iron mills of the nineteenth century. Where soot, steam, and manual labor once defined production, algorithms, automated assembly lines, and high-precision robotics now take center stage. Industry has always been the fundamental engine of human progress, but the transformation taking place today is unprecedented in both its speed and its scale.

From heavy manufacturing and energy to technology and biotech, industrial sectors are undergoing a massive structural shift. Driven by relentless technological advancement, shifting geopolitical realities, and pressing climate imperatives, modern industries are no longer just producing goods they are redefining how societies function, communicate, and survive.

At the heart of this revolution is the convergence of the digital and physical worlds. The integration of artificial intelligence, edge computing, and internet-of-things sensors has birthed the era of smart manufacturing. Predictive maintenance now stops assembly line failures before they occur, while digital twins allow engineers to test structural designs in virtual environments long before a single piece of steel is poured. This shift toward deep automation has dramatically raised output and safety standards, but it has also forced a fundamental overhaul of the labor market. The modern industrial worker is increasingly a data manager, systems supervisor, or software technician rather than a manual laborer.

Concurrently, the global energy transition has forced heavy industries to reckon with

their ecological footprint. Steel, cement, chemical processing, and logistics historically the world's heaviest emitters are racing to decarbonize. Investments in green hydrogen, carbon capture, and electrified supply chains have transitioned from public relations talking points to core operational requirements. Regulatory pressures and consumer demand are rewarding resource efficiency, creating a competitive marketplace where sustainability and profitability are inextricably linked.

At the same time, recent global disruptions exposed the fragile vulnerabilities of hyper-globalized supply chains. In response, industrial strategy has fundamentally shifted from a model of hyper-efficiency ("just-in-time") to one of extreme resilience ("just-in-case"). Nations are actively nearshoring critical manufacturing, reshoring semiconductor foundries, and diversifying resource routes to protect against geopolitical volatility. Industry is becoming localized once again, driven by a national imperative to secure energy, technology, and basic goods.

Ultimately, today's industrial landscape is defined by adaptability. The companies and nations that thrive will not be those that simply double down on legacy infrastructure, but those that successfully marry digital innovation with sustainable practice. Industry remains the physical backbone of global wealth, and its current evolution will dictate the economic and environmental health of the century ahead.

- LOKESH SHAWN MENDES

THE INDIAN OCEAN SHAPES GLOBAL GEOPOLITICS TODAY

Spanning roughly twenty percent of the Earth's ocean surface, the Indian Ocean has quietly moved from the periphery to the absolute center of world affairs. Far more than a mere body of water, it is the vital oceanic arterial network connecting the vibrant economies of the Indo-Pacific with the energy-rich markets of the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. Today, the dynamics unfolding across its maritime expanse are shaping the security, economic resilience, and ecological future of the global community.

At the core of the Indian Ocean's significance lies its unprecedented economic weight. Its strategic sea lanes of communication handle nearly two-thirds of the world's petroleum shipments and a third of all global bulk cargo traffic. Critical chokepoints such as the Strait of Malacca, the Strait of Hormuz, and Bab-el-Mandeb serve as narrow funnels through which the global supply chain flows. Any disruption at these strategic transit nodes echoes immediately through international stock exchanges, energy markets, and consumer pricing worldwide. As global trade continues to expand, maintaining unhindered access and freedom of navigation across these waters remains an absolute global imperative.

Consequently, the region has transformed into an arena of intensified geopolitical rivalry. Major global powers and rising regional actors are increasingly investing in naval modernizations, maritime infrastructure, and strategic port



developments along the ocean's rim. From the Horn of Africa to the Bay of Bengal, maritime security is no longer just about deterring piracy or illegal fishing; it is about projecting influence, securing critical supply networks, and safeguarding undersea internet cables that carry the global digital economy. Yet, amidst this rivalry lies a growing realization that unilateral actions cannot secure these vast waters multilateral cooperation, shared maritime domain awareness, and diplomatic dialogue are essential to preventing friction from boiling over into conflict.

Parallel to these geopolitical stresses are environmental challenges that demand immediate attention. The Indian Ocean region is uniquely vulnerable to climate change. Rising sea levels threaten low-lying island nations and heavily populated coastal deltas, while warming wa-

ter temperatures destabilize marine ecosystems and monsoon patterns critical to agriculture across Asia and Africa. Furthermore, intense marine traffic introduces severe pollution risks, demanding sustainable blue economy frameworks that balance commercial shipping with long-term ecological conservation.

Ultimately, the Indian Ocean represents both immense opportunity and profound vulnerability. The choices made by regional and international leaders regarding maritime governance, environmental stewardship, and security cooperation will echo far beyond its shores. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the stability of this oceanic highway will dictate the global trajectory of peace, commerce, and security for generations to come.

- CHINNU VAISHALI

THE UNSPOKEN ANCHOR OF MODERN HUMAN CONNECTION

In an era characterized by hyper-connectivity and endless digital feeds, authentic human connection often feels increasingly elusive. We accumulate follower counts, track digital interactions, and send superficial messages across screen interfaces, yet a fundamental human need remains unchanged: the desire to be truly seen and understood. Amidst the noise of modern life, genuine friendship stands out not as a casual convenience, but as the essential, unspoken anchor of our mental and emotional well-being.

Unlike familial obligations or professional ties, friendship is entirely elective. It is a bond chosen freely by two people, built solely on mutual trust, shared experience, and reciprocal effort. This voluntary nature is precisely what gives it its unique power. A true friend offers a safe harbour a rare space where social masks can be discarded and vulnerabilities shared without the fear of judgment or the burden of performance. In a world that con-

stantly demands productivity and optimization, a solid friendship provides a quiet sanctuary where simply existing is enough.

However, the architecture of friendship has undergone a dramatic shift in recent years. The rise of digital communication has redefined what it means to be "in touch." While social platforms allow us to maintain a passive awareness of each other's lives, they often trade depth for convenience. Liking a post or reacting to a story creates an illusion of intimacy, but it cannot replace the weight of a shared silence, the comfort of a physical presence, or the raw honesty of an uninterrupted conversation. Real friendship requires time, patience, and active cultivation qualities that are frequently squeezed out by the pace of contemporary routines.

Furthermore, adult life introduces quiet obstacles to maintaining these vital bonds. Career shifts, relocation, family commitments, and changing priorities naturally create distance between people who were

once inseparable. Navigating these transitions demands deliberate effort. True connection is not maintained merely by fond memories of the past, but by an ongoing commitment to show up in the present. It requires reaching out when it is inconvenient, celebrating another's victories without envy, and offering steady support through life's inevitable setbacks.

Ultimately, the quality of our lives is deeply tied to the quality of our relationships. Strong friendships do not merely improve our daily mood; they shape our resilience, challenge our perspectives, and ground us during times of turbulence. As society continues to evolve toward greater digital isolation, investing in deep, meaningful friendships is an intentional choice to remain human. In the end, the friends who walk alongside us do more than just share our journeys they remind us of who we are.

- A. JAIKUMAR

THE EVOLVING DUTY OF GOVERNANCE IN UNCERTAINTY

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement, economic volatility, and shifting geopolitical paradigms, the fundamental concept of government faces a quiet reckoning. Beyond the theater of daily political rhetoric and election cycles, governance remains the core structural framework holding human society together. It is the invisible scaffolding through which collective values are codified, public resources are distributed, and social contracts are continually renegotiated. Yet, as the world grows increasingly complex, the core mandate of government must evolve from simple administration to proactive stewardship.

At its foundational level, the purpose of any governing body is to provide stability and protection. Historically, this meant securing borders, maintaining law and order, and establishing basic physical infrastructure. While these duties remain indispensable, the modern citizen requires a far broader scope of security.

Today's challenges ranging from algorithmic bias and digital privacy threats to economic displacement driven by automation and climate disruptions do not respect physical boundaries. Consequently, the definition of public welfare has expanded, demanding that institutions adapt to threats that move at the speed of data rather than the pace of traditional bureaucracy.

This shift underscores a growing tension between agility and institutional integrity. Public administration is deliberately designed with checks and balances to prevent the abuse of power and ensure deliberate decision-making. However, when statutory frameworks lag years behind private-sector innovation and social realities, governance risks becoming reactive and ineffective. To maintain legitimacy, modern institutions must embrace systemic adaptability. This means investing in digital infrastructure, reforming outdated regulatory mechanisms, and cultivating specialized expertise within the public sector to address high-tech and global-

ized crises.

Furthermore, the relationship between governments and the governed relies entirely on trust a resource that has grown dangerously scarce in recent decades. Transparency is no longer merely a high-minded democratic ideal; it is a pragmatic necessity. When decision-making processes are opaque, public confidence erodes, giving rise to skepticism and social fragmentation. Rebuilding this trust requires clear accountability, fiscal responsibility, and a demonstrated commitment to serving the public good over partisan preservation. A resilient government is one that openly listens, communicates candidly about systemic trade-offs, and delivers measurable outcomes in the daily lives of its people.

Ultimately, governance is not an abstract entity existing in isolation; it is a reflection of the society it represents.

- WILLY M.

Quick Read

Six dead, seven injured in truck crash in Gondia

CH NEWS, GONDIA
At least six people were killed and seven others injured after a speeding truck collided head-on with a pickup vehicle in Maharashtra's Gondia district late Monday night. The accident occurred in the Nagra area along the Gondia-Balaghat route. The pickup was completely man-gled in the crash, with six people dying at the spot. Seven others, including the pickup driver, suffered critical injuries. All the victims were labourers from Balaghat district in Madhya Pradesh and were travelling to Hyderabad for work. After receiving information about the accident, locals and rural police reached the spot and began rescue operations. Those trapped inside the damaged vehicle were pulled out and taken to a government hospital in Gondia. The injured are undergoing treatment, while the condition of some remains critical.

Stalin questions conduct of Tamil Nadu Assembly

CHENNAI
DMK president M K Stalin questioned the manner in which proceedings of the Tamil Nadu Assembly were conducted after DMK MLAs were evicted from the House following a ruckus on Tuesday. Speaking to reporters at the DMK headquarters, Anna Arivalayam, Stalin questioned whether the Assembly was being conducted with dignity. He said the manner in which proceedings were being held itself raised questions over its conduct. The ruckus followed references made by Chief Minister Vijay in the House on Monday. Speaker JCD Prabakaran subsequently directed the eviction of DMK legislators from the Assembly. Senior DMK leader E V Velu alleged that Vijay violated Assembly Rule 92 by referring to an ongoing Enforcement Directorate case, which he said was sub-judice. Velu also accused the Chief Minister of making remarks about the incarceration of DMK leaders under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act during the Emergency. The DMK demanded that references to the ED case, MIS-related remarks and allegations linked to the Sarkaria Commission be removed from Assembly records. Velu alleged that the Speaker rejected the demand and that police and marshals were then deployed to remove the opposition MLAs from the House.

India's indigenous bullet train trials set for May-June

NEW DELHI
India's first indigenously developed bullet train is expected to begin trial runs by May or June next year, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday. Commercial operations could begin two to four months after testing. Speaking at the 'NaMo for Viksit Bharat' event in Vadodara, Vaishnaw said the first body frame of the high-speed train had recently been completed and sent for squeeze testing. He said the train was being developed as part of the government's push for an Atmanirbhar Bharat. Vaishnaw said the bullet train would significantly reduce travel time between Vadodara and Mumbai, with the journey expected to take around one and a half hours. He added that construction of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail

Bihar CM orders faster action on grievances

PATNA
Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Tuesday said resolving citizens' grievances and ensuring justice was the government's responsibility, stressing the importance of the state-level Sahyog Programme in addressing public concerns. A total of 137 applicants attended the programme at the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Patna. Their grievances were heard, following which directions were issued to concerned departments and district administrations for time-bound action. Applicants from across Bihar raised issues related to Revenue and Land Reforms, Education, Home, Rural Works, Health, Food and Consumer Protection, and Social Welfare. Choudhary directed officials to handle the cases with transparency and sensitivity and ensure they were resolved within the stipulated timeframe. "Applicants whose grievances have already been resolved need not travel to Patna to attend the state-level programme. However, those facing complex cases that remain unresolved at the district level can approach the state-level Sahyog Programme for further redressal," the Chief Minister said. He added that



India completes major western freight corridor project

India's Western Dedicated Freight Corridor is now fully operational, strengthening freight connectivity and boosting India's transport infrastructure and logistics network.

CH NEWS, NEW DELHI
Nearly two decades after India approved its Dedicated Freight Corridor project, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday dedicated the three remaining sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor to the nation, completing the entire 1,506-km WDFC. The development also completes India's 2,843-km dedicated freight network when combined with the 1,337-km Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor. The three newly completed sections cover 326 route-km and were built at a cost of more than Rs 20,700 crore. They include New Sanand North-New Makarpura, New Umbergaon-New Saphale and New Saphale-New JNPT. With their inauguration, the WDFC now provides a continuous freight link between industrial hubs in Uttar Pradesh and



Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust near Mumbai. The corridor has a distinctive design aimed at handling freight efficiently. It is described as the world's first fully electrified corridor built for routine double-stack container operations. The WDFC uses high-rise overhead wires that allow double-stack container trains to operate, supporting the movement of larger freight

loads along the route. This milestone marks a major step in India's freight infrastructure. The Dedicated Freight Corridor project was approved in 2006 by the UPA-I government led by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, while the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited was incorporated to execute it. However, repeated land-acquisition problems, contract de-

Development Beneficiaries
■ Faster freight movement
■ Cuts logistics costs
■ Boosts industrial connectivity
■ Supports double-stack container trains
■ Links factories to JNPT port
■ Reduces pressure on passenger railways
■ Strengthens India's freight network

lays and construction challenges pushed completion beyond the original targets. Nearly 20 years after the project was commissioned, the final sections have now been completed, formally making the Western corridor operational in full and bringing India's dedicated freight network to its planned 2,843-km length.

ED seeks FIR against Pinarayi Vijayan, daughter

KOCHI/NEW DELHI
The Enforcement Directorate has asked the Kerala Director General of Police to register an FIR against former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, his daughter T Veena and son-in-law PA Mohammed Riyas in connection with the CM-RL-linked alleged bribery case. The move follows findings from the agency's investigation and sharpens the ongoing probe. The ED sent the communication under Section 66(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, citing material gathered during its investigation. Official sources said the agency has sought a police case against Vijayan, Veena, Riyas and some others based on material recovered during its probe and searches con-



ED asks Kerala Police to register FIR against Vijayan family, intensifying the CMRL-linked alleged bribery investigation and further scrutiny into it.

nected with the case. The request places the alleged bribery case at a fresh stage, with the Enforcement Directorate seeking formal police action against the three named individuals.

FIR in CMRL case
■ Register an FIR against the accused.
■ Investigate alleged bribery linked to CMRL.
■ Examine financial evidence collected by the ED.
■ Trace alleged money transactions and their sources.
■ Enable further police action in the case.

The agency's communication was addressed to the state police chief, seeking registration of an FIR on the basis of findings made during its investigation into the matter. The development is likely to

intensify attention on the CM-RL-linked case involving the former Kerala chief minister and members of his family. The ED's latest step follows its investigation and searches, with the agency relying on material it says was recovered during the probe. The request for an FIR now puts the matter before the Kerala Police for further action based on the allegations and material cited by the central agency. The CPI(M), however, has described the action as political vendetta. The allegations remain part of the investigation, while the ED has based its request on findings and material from its probe. The police FIR request marks a significant development in the case and could lead to further proceedings involving those named.

J&K medical interns continue hunger strike for stipend hike

SRINAGAR
The hunger strike by medical interns in Jammu and Kashmir entered its second day on Tuesday, with protesters saying they would continue the agitation until the government issues a formal order increasing their monthly stipend. The interns are demanding that their stipend be raised from ₹12,300 to ₹30,000. They said the amount has remained unchanged since 2018 despite a significant rise in the cost of living. The protest involves interns from 10 government medical colleges and two dental colleges across the Union Territory. The latest escalation came after representatives of the protesting interns met Health Minister Sakina Itoo. While the minister gave assurances on the issue, the interns said they wanted a written government order before ending their protest. The representatives are scheduled to meet Itoo again on Tuesday to seek a resolution.



"The matter should have been resolved earlier," - Omar Abdullah, CM

People's Democratic Party Budgam MLA Syed Aga Muntazir Mehdi also joined the protesting interns and criticised the administration over the continuing agitation. He said the protest indicated that the priorities of the Union Territory government were misplaced. The interns have also pointed to Government Order No. 538-JK(HME), issued in June 2023, which had recommended increasing the stipend from

the 2019 rate of ₹12,300 to ₹25,000. They said the recommendation has not been implemented. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Monday that the matter should have been resolved earlier and acknowledged that the prolonged protest was affecting the interns' work and training. Health Minister Itoo has urged them to resume duties, stressing that patient care should not be affected. Medical interns play an important role in OPDs, operation theatres, emergency services and inpatient care, and their absence has contributed to staff shortages in hospitals.

Maratha quota Stir: Jarange accepts IV fluids as health deteriorates

JALNA
Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange agreed to take intravenous (IV) fluids after his health deteriorated on Tuesday, the 11th day of his indefinite hunger strike at Antarwali Sarti village in Maharashtra's Jalna district. Jarange's blood sugar level dropped significantly during the protest. According to Dr Shubham Rathod, medical officer at the primary health centre in Wadigodri, his blood sugar had fallen to 66 mg/dL. His weight also dropped from 52 kg to 45 kg during the fast. Jarange agreed to receive medical treatment around 2.30 am following phone calls from Maharashtra minister Uday Samant and MLA Prasad Lad. The two leaders assured him that the state govt would begin work on his demands from Tuesday and take steps to address them, sources said. He had received four bottles of IV fluids by 7 am. Jarange began his latest hunger strike on Aug 29, demanding reservation for the Maratha community under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category.

ED finds ₹60 crore irregularities in TMC-linked newspaper

KOLKATA
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has detected alleged financial irregularities worth around ₹60 crore in an Urdu newspaper linked to Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Nadiimul Haque, officials said on Tuesday. The agency conducted searches for more than 24 hours at premises linked to Haque and his media entity. The searches began on Monday morning and concluded early Tuesday. Investigators examined bank transaction records,

financial documents and digital material during the operation. According to ED sources, officials found discrepancies in transactions worth around ₹60 crore for which they could not immediately find satisfactory supporting records. The agency is examining whether the transactions were genuine business dealings or whether some funds were allegedly routed through informal channels, including hawala. The probe is also looking into the alleged movement of funds linked to the TMC. Haque, who was in Ranchi

when the searches began, was brought to Kolkata on Monday night and questioned at his residence and office, officials said. Searches were conducted at seven other locations in Delhi and Ranchi, including the newspaper's office in Park Circus. The investigation followed an FIR registered by the Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate and a subsequent Enforcement Case Information Report filed by the ED over alleged illegal and unaccounted financial transactions and receipt of funds from suspicious sources.



Quick Read

Ambulance fails, pregnant woman carried by bullock cart

CH NEWS, ASIFABAD
A pregnant woman in a remote tribal habitation of Telangana's Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district was carried on a bullock cart after an ambulance failed to reach her village due to rain and muddy roads, Karishma, a resident of Sirpelli village in Wankidi mandal, went into labour on Saturday. Her family called the 108- emergency ambulance service, but the vehicle could travel only up to Marepalli before the muddy road blocked further access. Villagers arranged a bullock cart and carried Karishma through the difficult stretch to the waiting ambulance. The incident has highlighted poor road connectivity and emergency healthcare challenges in remote tribal areas during the monsoon.

Delhi to introduce new PG safety policy soon

NEW DELHI
Delhi Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood on Tuesday said the government will introduce a comprehensive policy to regulate paying guest (PG) accommodations within the next one to two months. The move follows the Satya Niketan building collapse, which killed seven people and raised concerns about the safety of student housing. Sood made the announcement after interacting with university students, including NSS volunteers, living in PGs and rented homes across Delhi. Students raised concerns about arbitrary electricity charges,

“We will bring a comprehensive PG policy within the next one to two months. The policy will ensure that students living in PGs have access to safe accommodation and are not subjected to arbitrary charges or exploitation,”
- Ashish Sood, Delhi Development Minister

landlords not honouring rental agreements, high rents and inadequate safety checks in PG accommodations. The proposed Paying Guest Accommodation Regulation and Safety Bill, 2026, is expected to make PG licences mandatory and introduce zone-wise rent bands, structural and

UP judge alleges 100 cases withdrawn for mafias

LUCKNOW
Additional District and Sessions Judge Ravi Kumar Diwakar alleged that around 100 serious cases were withdrawn from his court to benefit mafias, gangsters and criminals. He made the claim while pronouncing capital punishment in a dowry death case, saying he would prefer death to being known as a “coward judge.” Diwakar said he would not discharge his judicial duties “under pressure from mafias, gangsters or criminals.” He warned that performing judicial responsibilities out of fear could erode public faith in the justice system. The judge stressed that decisions must be guided by conscience and principles rather than pressure from powerful criminal elements. He said a judge must remain firm while carrying out responsibilities assigned by law. The judge also recalled that his parents had taught him to fear only God. He

said he would continue serving as a judge only as long as he could follow the principles he believed in. His remarks came in what was described as a rare and strongly worded courtroom declaration. He made the observations while delivering the judgment in the dowry death case. The allegations about casing being recalled were made by Diwakar in his judgment. He said several serious matters had been taken away from his court in a manner that, according to his claim, benefited mafias and criminals. The remarks highlighted his concern over judicial independence and the influence of external pressure on the functioning of courts. He maintained that fear should not determine how judicial duties are performed, when public confidence is at stake. He reiterated that he would not allow fear or pressure to dictate his approach to cases before him, and linked judicial courage with maintaining trust in the courts.

Satya Niketan collapse sparks student protests

A deadly building collapse in South Delhi has sparked student protests, raising serious concerns over safety, accountability and civic negligence.



NEW DELHI
A building collapse in South Delhi's Satya Niketan has triggered widespread student protests and renewed scrutiny over alleged civic negligence and safety lapses in paying guest (PG) accommodations. Students, protesting ahead of the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections, demanded accountability for the incident, compensation for the victims and their families, and a safety audit of PG accommodations across South Campus. They also called for adequate and affordable hostel facilities for university students. The collapse claimed seven lives and has intensified concerns over the safety of build-

Protest insights
■ Ensure student safety
■ Demand accountability
■ Provide victim compensation
■ Conduct PG safety audits
■ Improve affordable hostel facilities

ings housing students. Police have registered an FIR against building owner Hariram Gupta, his wife and son under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita relating to culpable homicide not amounting to murder, rash acts endangering life and negligent construction. Investigators reportedly found that additional floors had been illegally constructed on a 40-to-50-year-old foundation, allegedly to increase rental income. The findings have raised questions over building approvals and enforcement by civic authorities. Ground reports have also highlighted concerns over an earlier collapse of an under-construction building in

Rajnath Singh highlights shift in defence policy

NEW DELHI
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said India's defence policy has shifted from being “reactive” to “proactive”, reflecting a major change in the country's approach to national security and military preparedness. Speaking at the Aaj Tak Suraksha Sabha, Singh referred to the “Panipat Syndrome”, saying India was earlier criticised for waiting until threats reached its doorstep before taking action. He said the government has moved towards anticipating challenges and strengthening capabilities before threats escalate. The minister highlighted defence modernisation, indigenous production and rising exports as key parts of this change. He pointed to systems

India's defence policy has moved from being 'reactive' to 'proactive'.”
- Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister
Rajnath Singh says India's defence policy is shifting from reactive to proactive, with modernisation, domestic production and exports driving security preparedness.

and platforms such as Brahmos, Akash, Pinaka, Tejas and Arjun, along with the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, as examples of India's growing indigenous defence capability. According to Singh, India's defence production has reached around ₹1.8 lakh crore, while defence exports have risen to ₹38,500 crore. He

also highlighted increased spending on infrastructure along the country's borders, aimed at improving connectivity and strengthening preparedness in strategically important areas. Singh said the shift in defence policy was also linked to India's expanding role in global diplomacy. The government, he said, was working to build stronger domestic capabilities while increasing India's ability to respond confidently to security challenges. He said these efforts were intended to make the country more prepared, reduce dependence on imports and support the goal of building a stronger defence ecosystem. “India's defence policy has moved from being ‘reactive’ to ‘proactive’,” Singh said, underlining the government's focus on preparedness, self-reliance and stronger defence capabilities.

World War-II mortar shell found in Bankura

KOLKATA
An old mortar shell believed to date back to World War-II was recovered from the bank of the Damodar River in Sonamukhi, Bankura, prompting police to cordon off the area and inform the Indian Army. The shell was found partly embedded in the riverbank and had remained unnoticed until local residents spotted it on Monday evening. The discovery drew a crowd to the riverbank, while information was passed to Sonamukhi police station. Officers secured the area around the object and alerted the Army. Army officials visited the site on Tuesday morning and inspected the mortar shell along with the surrounding area. Police maintained security measures at the location following the discovery. The recovery is not an isolated incident in Bankura. Authorities have previously found similar mortar shells and other metal objects containing explosives in the Dwarakeswar and Damodar River areas. A few months ago, three such mortar shells were recovered from Dihipara



under Sonamukhi police station. Army personnel later reached the spot and deactivated them, with the discovery occurring in the same area. Professor Arunabha Bandyopadhyay, in-charge of the National Cadet Corps at Bankura Christian College, said the area near Pierdoba had a British and US Air Force base during World War-II. He said its strategic location was used to launch attacks on countries in South-east Asia, including Japan, and that some weapons stored there were later buried under soil or sand. The repeated recovery of such shells, he added, remains evidence of that wartime history. In October last year, the Army defused a World War-II bomb found by fishermen on the Ajay River bank in Birbhum's Laudah village. The blast was powerful enough to cause tremors in villages.

Jharkhand HC modifies rape attempt conviction

RANCHI
The Jharkhand High Court has held that merely entering a woman's house at night and lifting her clothes does not amount to rape or an attempt to commit rape under the Indian Penal Code. The court modified the conviction in a 26-year-old case, treating the offence as outraging a woman's modesty and using criminal force. Justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava observed that an act must be sufficiently close to the commission of rape to constitute an attempt under the IPC. The court noted that a specific overt act, sufficiently proximate to the offence, is required to establish an attempt to commit rape. The case involved a convict who challenged a four-year rigorous imprisonment sen-

tence awarded by the Ghatshila Sessions Court in July 2006. The accused had been arrested by Chakulia police after an FIR was registered on December 27, 1999. The woman had alleged that he entered her house the previous night and tried to lift her clothes with the intention of raping her. Police investigated the complaint and filed a chargesheet for attempt to commit rape, following which the trial court convicted and sentenced the accused. While modifying the conviction, the High Court said the appellant had already spent around eight months in custody during the trial, which would be sufficient to meet the ends of justice. The judgment was delivered on August 31 and released on Monday.

Seven arrested in Manipur musician's death

CH NEWS, NEW DELHI
Delhi Police have arrested seven people and detained a juvenile in connection with the death of 54-year-old Manipur-origin musician Chongtham Vikram Singh following an alleged assault in South Delhi. Police said Singh had objected to shouting and noise allegedly caused by delivery workers and dhaba staff outside his residence in Kilokari Village, Ashram. An argument reportedly escalated into a physical altercation, during which Singh suffered injuries. Singh was taken to Holy Family Hospital by his son Yaiphaba for treatment but later died. South East DCP Vineet Kumar said the victim suffered injuries during the altercation and subsequently succumbed at the hospital.

BJP ANTI-DRUG YATRA

BJP to launch anti-drug yatra across Punjab

CHANDIGARH
The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to launch a state-wide yatra against drug abuse in Punjab ahead of the Assembly elections scheduled for next year. The campaign is expected to cover all 117 Assembly constituencies as the party seeks to make the drug menace a major election issue. The yatra is likely to begin around September 18 and will travel across different parts of the state. Through the campaign, the BJP plans to highlight the impact of drug abuse on families and communities while presenting itself as committed to tackling the problem. The party is expected to



campaign on a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs and promise stronger action against drug trafficking if voted to power. BJP leaders are likely to use the yatra to interact with residents and highlight the party's proposed measures to address drug-related concerns. Several senior BJP leaders are scheduled to participate in the campaign. The party president and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari are among those expected to join the yatra at different stages. Their participation is aimed at giving greater visibility to the campaign ahead of the polls.

CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE	
■ Launch anti-drug yatra across Punjab. ■ Cover all 117 Assembly constituencies. ■ Raise awareness about drug abuse.	■ Promote zero-tolerance policy towards drugs. ■ Target drug trafficking with stronger action. ■ Engage directly with voters across the state.

The BJP's decision to take the anti-drug campaign across all 117 constituencies comes as political parties prepare for the upcoming Assembly elections. Drug abuse has remained a major public concern in Punjab, with political parties frequently facing demands for stronger measures against

trafficking and addiction. The proposed yatra is expected to focus on creating public awareness as well as strengthening the BJP's political campaign in the state. The party will seek to assure voters that a government led by it would adopt strict measures to curb drug abuse and trafficking.

Telangana minister performs CPR on collapsed officer

HYDERABAD
Telangana Minister Vakiti Srihari performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a government official after he collapsed in a corridor of the state Assembly on Tuesday. Despite attempts to revive him, the official died while being taken to hospital. Krishna Mohan Raju, 50, a section officer in the Energy Department, suddenly collapsed inside the Assembly premises. Srihari immediately rushed to his aid and performed CPR in an attempt to restore his breathing and heartbeat. Medical staff at the Assem-

bly were called to provide emergency treatment. Raju was subsequently rushed to a nearby hospital, but he died on the way, according to reports. Raju was serving as the personal secretary to senior IAS officer Navin Mittal. Details about his medical history and what caused his sudden collapse were not immediately available. The Telangana Secretariat Association expressed condolences over Raju's death. The incident prompted an immediate emergency response inside the Assembly, with officials and medical personnel attempting to save his life.

Quick Read



Dedicated Freight Corridor cuts cargo travel time: Modi

CH NEWS, Vadodara Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday described the completion of India's Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network as a major step in transforming the country's logistics system, saying the infrastructure would cut freight travel time, reduce fuel and transport costs, and help farmers get perishable produce to markets faster. Addressing a gathering in Vadodara after dedicating the final key sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) to the nation, PM Modi said the completion of more than 2,800 km of dedicated freight infrastructure represented an important achievement for 21st-century India.

PM-SETU approves Rs 735.70 cr ITI clusters in Rajasthan

CH NEWS, New Delhi The National Steering Committee (NSC) of the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) on Tuesday approved Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs) with a combined project outlay of Rs 735.70 crore for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) clusters in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. The fifth NSC meeting of PM-SETU was held under the chairpersonship of Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Ministry and state governments, representatives of multilateral development banks and industry partners.

Critical minerals mission gives India strong platform for industrial growth

NEW DELHI India has laid the foundations for a resilient and self-reliant critical minerals ecosystem through policy initiatives, domestic exploration and strategic international partnerships with the next phase focused on building processing and manufacturing capabilities, according to a report released on Tuesday. According to a report by strategic affairs think tank Synergia Foundation, critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, copper, rare earth elements, gallium, germanium, vanadium and tungsten are increasingly be-

India's EV sales hit record August high

Two-wheelers led growth with 17.15 lakh registrations, while PV sales crossed 4 lakh as CNG, hybrids and EVs together took a 41.95% share.

NEW DELHI

Electric vehicle (EV) retail sales in India rose 52.9% YoY to 2,98,448 units in August 2026, according to data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA). EV penetration climbed to 12.3% from 9.5%. All four EV categories two-wheelers, three-wheelers, passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles recorded their highest August retail sales in August.



EV sales surge 53%, penetration hits 12.3%
■ 2,98,448: Total EV retail sales in August
■ 52.9%: Year-on-year growth in EV sales
■ 12.3%: Overall EV penetration, up from 9.5%
■ 1,83,204: Electric two-wheelers sold
■ 79,846: Electric three-wheelers sold
■ 4,702: Electric commercial vehicles sold
■ 30,696: Electric passenger vehicles sold

Electric two-wheeler sales increased 67.05% YoY to 1,83,204 units, but fell 10.35 per cent from July. TVS Motor led the segment with 48,938 units, followed by Bajaj Auto with 41,114 and Ather Energy with 28,757. Ola Electric sold 13,852 units, down 29% YoY. Two-wheelers' penetration rose to 10.7% from 7.7%. Electric three-wheeler sales grew 25.28% YoY to 79,846 units, taking penetration to 65.3% from 56.6%. Bajaj Auto led

with 13,833 units, followed by Mahindra Last Mile Mobility at 12,806. Electric commercial vehicles posted the fastest growth, nearly tripling to 4,702 units from 1,631 last year. Penetration rose to 5.18% from 2.06%. Tata Motors led with 1,416 units. Electric passenger vehicle sales rose 51.89% to 30,696 units, with penetration reaching 7.6%. TMPV led with 13,158 units, followed by Mahindra & Mahindra at 6,464 and JSW MG Motor India at 4,622.

WDFC stretch to transform freight logistics

URAN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday dedicated the JNPT–New Umargam stretch of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) to the nation, marking a significant milestone in India's infrastructure and freight transportation network.



The corridor will drastically alter India's freight transportation landscape and position the country as a direct contender to China in cost-effective global logistics.

- Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra CM

connecting northern India with the western coastline. Fadnavis said the corridor could help reduce India's logistics costs to 7 per cent from the current 14 per cent of GDP. According to Fadnavis, India's logistics costs were around 14 per cent of GDP before 2014, compared with approximately 7 per cent in China. The reduction over the past decade has improved India's competitiveness, while the freight corridor is expected to

provide another major boost. Around 70-80 per cent of the corridor's capacity is designed for ISO import-export container traffic between northern inland container depots and western ports, including JNPT, Mundra and Pipavav. The corridor will carry fertilisers, food grains, salt, coal, petroleum products, cement and industrial goods. It will also serve as the logistics backbone of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, supporting multimodal logistics parks and industrial nodes. JNPT currently handles more than 55 per cent of India's container traffic. Fadnavis said the upcoming VadHAVan Port, planned to be three times larger than JNPT, along with the WDFC, could establish Maharashtra as a major maritime and logistics powerhouse.

Apple iPhone shipments in India may jump 40% in launch quarter

NEW DELHI

Apple is expected to see a strong increase in iPhone shipments in India during the 2026 launch quarter, with CyberMedia Research (CMR) estimating shipments to be around 40 per cent higher than the average quarterly level. The anticipated launch of Apple's first foldable iPhone is also expected to give a fresh boost to the company's presence in the fast-growing foldable smartphone category. According to preliminary CMR estimates, Apple's average quarterly shipments in India during 2026 are expected to be around 20 per cent, while shipments in the launch quarter of September, October

and November could reach around 40 per cent. CMR has estimated year-on-year growth of around 4 per cent for Apple in the launch quarter. The research firm expects the iPhone 18 Pro to account for around 8 per cent of Apple's share during the launch quarter, while the iPhone 18 Pro Max could account for around 5 per cent. The anticipated iPhone Fold could capture around 24 per cent of India's foldable smartphone market during its launch quarter. The expected foldable launch comes at a time when Apple is navigating an ongoing AI talent brain drain and a generational leadership transition. At the same time, the

company's entry into the foldable segment could create significant consumer interest, particularly among Apple loyalists who have been waiting for the company to introduce a foldable device. Apple's longstanding privacy positioning is expected to remain an important part of its brand differentiation. Its Siri relaunch and broader artificial intelligence push, although arriving a year late, are being integrated into core consumer use cases such as productivity and camera functionality. The company's rumoured product release strategy also indicates a deliberate shift in the timing of its iPhone launches.

IFSCA tightens market abuse rules at GIFT City



IFSCA has consolidated market-abuse rules at GIFT City, targeting insider trading, manipulation and misleading information under one framework.

Key prohibitions
■ Fraudulent and manipulative transactions
■ Price and benchmark manipulation
■ Artificial demand and circular trading
■ False or misleading information
■ Repeated non-genuine order placement and cancellation
■ Unauthorised client transactions
■ Artificial trading activity

NEW DELHI

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has notified a new regulatory framework to curb market abuse in the securities markets at GIFT City, bringing insider trading, fraudulent and manipulative practices and unfair trading under a single set of regulations. The IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026, seek to strengthen investor protection and establish a comprehensive framework for preventing market-abuse activities in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

The new regulations effectively replace the Securities and Exchange Board of India's existing rules on insider trading and fraudulent and unfair trade practices for the IFSC. Once they come into force, Sebi's Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations, 2015, and Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market Regulations, 2003, will no longer apply in the IFSC. Under the framework, IFSCA can take action against violations under the governing Act. Penalties may include warnings or censure, along with suspension or cancellation of registrations of regulated enti-

ties or persons. The regulations prohibit fraudulent transactions, securities-price and benchmark manipulation, artificial demand, circular trading and the dissemination of false or misleading information. They also specifically target repeated placement and cancellation of orders without an intention to execute them when such activity is designed to influence securities' supply, demand or prices. The framework further prohibits unauthorised transactions on behalf of clients, artificial trading activity and planting false or misleading news through physical or digital media when it could induce investors to trade.

BRICS playing bigger role in new world economic order

NEW DELHI

India's 2026 BRICS Presidency offers strategic opportunities to expand exports, attract investments, strengthen manufacturing and technology partnerships, diversify supply chains, and enhance BRICS influence in the global economy, according to an article. The global economic landscape is undergoing a significant transformation, with emerging economies playing an increasingly influential role in shaping trade, investment, development finance, and international economic governance. At

the centre of this transformation is BRICS, which has evolved from a grouping of five major emerging economies into a much broader platform representing the aspirations and economic interests of the Global South, the article on the European Times news website observed. It highlights that India's BRICS Presidency in 2026, under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," comes at a pivotal moment. With an expanded membership comprising



Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates, along with 10 partner countries, BRICS@21 now has a significantly broader geographic and economic footprint. For India, this expansion presents a major opportunity to strengthen exports, attract investment, diversify supply chains, promote technology partnerships and contribute to a more inclusive and multipolar global economic order. The partner countries, including Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam, further broadened their outreach.

Mahanadi coalfields scripts dramatic reforms-driven success story

NEW DELHI

The Indian coal sector has witnessed a remarkable transformation since 2014, driven by a series of reforms undertaken by the government aimed at enhancing transparency, efficiency, technology adoption, infrastructure devel-

opment, ease of operations and energy security, according to a factsheet issued by the government. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) represents one of the most compelling success stories of India's coal sector transformation since 2014 on the back of government re-

forms to boost coal production in the country. From the production of 23 million tonnes (MT) of coal in 1992-93, MCL has grown into India's largest coal-producing company and has sustained more than 200 MT of both production and dispatch for three consecutive years.

COST-CUTTING, BIZ RESTRUCTURING

Samsung India asks 100 executives to leave

HYDERABAD

Samsung India has reportedly begun laying off executives across its television and home appliance businesses as part of a cost-rationalisation exercise, amid muted consumer demand, rising operating costs and an organisational restructuring, according to multiple reports. The workforce reduction is said to affect employees across several levels, including directors, team leaders, branch managers and area managers. The layoffs are reportedly being im-



Industry context

The reported workforce reduction comes against a backdrop of softer consumer demand, higher memory-chip and raw-material costs, and rupee depreciation, which are increasing operating pressures for consumer electronics companies. ics companies face softer demand and increasing input costs. Higher memory chip prices, elevated raw material costs and depreciation of the Indian rupee have added pressure to operating expenses. India's smartphone market has also weakened, with smart-

phone shipments reportedly declining about 12 per cent year-on-year. Some industry experts expect the market to contract around 13 per cent in 2026, although the second half could see improvement as festive demand provides support. Samsung had also planned to integrate its television and home appliance sales teams, but the move has reportedly been deferred until the December quarter. Despite the restructuring, Samsung India reported revenue of more than Rs 1.1 lakh crore and a net profit of Rs 11,287 crore in FY25, highlighting the scale of its Indian operations.

India's indigenous bullet train trials to start by May-June: Min

NEW DELHI

India's first indigenously developed bullet train is expected to commence trial runs by May or June next year with commercial inauguration likely within two to four months after testing, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday. Addressing the 'NaMo for Viksit Bharat' event in Vadodara, the minister said the first body frame of the high-speed train had recently been completed and sent for squeeze testing.

"By May or June of next year, India's own bullet train will be on the tracks for testing. After a testing period of 2-4 months, the bullet train will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Vaishnaw said. The minister said project was being developed in line with the vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat and would significantly reduce travel time between Vadodara and Mumbai. "When you ride the bullet train from Vadodara, you will reach Mumbai in just an hour and a half," he said.



Quick Read



Nepal seeks India, China help to rebuild bridges

Kathmandu

Nepal is racing to restore vital road links after devastating floods destroyed dozens of bridges and isolated communities. The floods destroyed 41 motorable bridges between Rasuwa and Chitwan, while four others were partially damaged, leaving only 18 of 63 bridges intact. Nepal has sought temporary Bailey bridges from India and China, with both responding positively. China has already sent two 100-metre Bailey bridges to the Korala border crossing in Mustang. The Department of Roads estimates infrastructure damage at NPR 30 billion, while reconstruction could cost NPR 50 billion. India has also offered Bailey bridges.

Works worth \$10 mn stolen from Renoir museum

Marseille

Two thieves broke into France's Renoir Museum on Tuesday and stole four artworks valued at nine million euros (\$10 million), with one recovered as they fled. The suspects were spotted on surveillance cameras after entering the museum in Cagnes-sur-Mer, Mayor Bryan Masson said. One stolen painting was abandoned during their escape, leaving two artworks still missing. The museum alarm sounded at 5:48 am, and municipal police arrived five minutes later, the mayor said. Opened in 1960, the museum occupies the final home of impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir, who died in 1919. Its collection includes his paintings, furniture, easel and wheelchair.



Landslides in China kill six, nine missing

Beijing

Landslides triggered by torrential rains in eastern China have killed six people and left nine others missing, state media reported Tuesday. A mudslide struck Mingcheng village in Jiangxi province on Saturday, killing five people and leaving seven missing, state news agency Xinhua reported, citing local officials. Another person was found dead and two others remained missing after landslides hit nearby Zuo'an and Tanghu townships.

AUSTRALIA OFFERS SOCIAL MEDIA USERS CHOICE TO OPT OUT OF ALGORITHMS

CANBERRA

Australia plans to give social media users greater control over personalised feeds while strengthening protections for children online. The Australian government on Tuesday proposed legislation allowing social media users aged 16 and above to choose whether algorithms determine what appears on their feeds. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said platforms would be required to provide users with "genuine and enduring choice" over the content they

UK to ban goods from Israeli settlements in West Bank

BRITAIN WILL BAN GOODS FROM ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK, SHARPENING ITS STANCE ON ISRAEL.

LONDON

The UK government on Tuesday announced plans to prohibit imports of goods produced in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, saying Israel's expansion programme is undermining prospects for a future Palestinian state.

Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband is expected to provide details of the measures in the House of Commons after announcing last week that Britain would "reset" its relations with Israel.

Work and Pensions Secretary Pat McFadden stressed that the move would not amount to a boycott of Israeli products generally.

He said the measures would specifically target settlement expansion, which Britain considers illegal under international law.

At the heart of the statement is the idea that the UK, along with many other countries, do not want to see the possibility of a



"We do not want to see the possibility of a two-state solution ... being erased," — Pat McFadden, UK Work and Pensions Secretary

two-state solution ... being erased," McFadden told.

The Labour government has previously sanctioned Israeli settlers and illegal outposts accused of violence against Palestinians and unlawful development.

Tuesday's measures are expected to broaden restrictions to trade in goods, and potentially some services, involving West Bank settlements. British Prime Minister Andy Burnham has criticised Israel's planned E1 settlement project, which

West Bank Curbs

■ **Target:** Goods from Israeli settlements in the West Bank

■ **UK position:** Settlements considered illegal under international law

■ **Previous action:** Sanctions against settlers and illegal outposts

■ **Main concern:** Protection of the two-state solution

■ **Potential expansion:** Some settlement-related services

Palestinians and rights groups say could effectively divide the West Bank and further undermine hopes for Palestinian statehood. The tougher stance is likely to receive support from Labour lawmakers and voters seeking stronger action against Israel. However, critics warn it could strengthen support for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ahead of October elections. Senior Israeli officials condemned the

WHY IT MATTERS

The UK move marks a significant tightening of its policy towards Israeli settlements. Britain argues that continued settlement construction is undermining the territorial basis for a future Palestinian state. The measures will target settlement-linked trade rather than Israeli goods generally. The decision comes after Britain recognised Palestinian statehood and previously sanctioned settlers and outposts, reflecting growing pressure within Labour for stronger action over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

move. Foreign Minister Gideon Saar warned that Israel could respond if Britain imposed sanctions. US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee also criticised the planned measures as discriminatory and warned Britain could face repercussions from Washington.

Russian barrage, Ukrainian strike kill four as attack pause ends

KYIV

Russia launched a major overnight barrage of missiles and drones against Kyiv and southern Ukraine, while a Ukrainian strike on Crimea killed two people, officials said Tuesday, bringing the death toll from the renewed attacks to four.

The attacks followed a brief pause in strikes on each other's capitals over the weekend, coinciding with visits by US envoys Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff to Moscow and Kyiv.

The diplomatic push failed to produce a breakthrough in efforts to narrow differences between the war-

ring sides.

In Kyiv, at least two people were killed and 16 wounded, Interior Minister Ivan Vyshivskiy said. More than 50 sites were damaged, including residential buildings, schools, dormitories, shops, petrol stations and a flour production plant. Explosions continued for nearly five hours, with fires reported across at least five districts. Emergency crews rescued and evacuated residents from damaged apartment buildings.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha described the assault as "a horrific attack" and accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of under-

mining Washington's diplomatic efforts.

"His ballistic missiles speak louder than his words on diplomacy," Sybiha said.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the attack involved ballistic and cruise missiles, anti-ship missiles and Shahed drones, and appeared designed to inflict maximum damage.

Russia's Defence Ministry said its forces targeted Ukrainian military-industrial facilities, drone and missile storage sites, logistics centres and locations handling military cargo. It also reported strikes on infrastructure in the Odesa region.

Far right rises across Europe, but gains remain uneven

BRUSSELS

Germany's far-right surge has revived concerns across Europe, but recent elections show populists can still face significant setbacks.

The Alternative for Germany's (AfD) victory in Saxony-Anhalt has intensified concerns over the far right's growing influence across Europe, where anti-immigration parties have gained ground but suffered setbacks in several countries.

The AfD fell short of an outright majority in Sunday's election, leaving uncertainty over whether it can form the first far-right state government in Germany since the Nazi era. Far-right

leaders elsewhere in Europe welcomed the result as parties prepare for crucial elections.

Italy offers a more complicated picture. Giorgia Meloni rose to power leading a party with neo-fascist roots but adopted a more moderate approach in office. Her government has been described as one of Italy's most stable in decades. Far-right parties have also entered governments or secured important portfolios in Finland, Croatia and Slovakia. Populist parties made significant gains in the 2024 European Parliament elections, while the centre-right European People's Party has increasingly cooperated with the far right on issues including migration.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, WASIM ALI S/o SHAMSHEER

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have changed the name of my minor son MUHAMMAD FAIZ

ALI aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as FAIZ SHAMSHEER.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given to the General public that my client, Canara Bank, Sira Branch, Sira Town is going to sanction loan in favour of Sri.Fir Dose S/o Umraddin Babu, Resident of Kote Dasarahatti, Sira Town, Tumakuru District, against security of below mentioned schedule property. As per the information from Sri.Fir Dose, he has misplaced the original Regd Sale Deeds Dt:29.08.1988, Regd as No.755/1988-89 and Dt:18.11.1994, Regd as No.1782/1994-95. In this regard he has lodged online complaint to police department, vide lost Report No.2412571/2026. Hence anybody having title interest, and right in any manner over the schedule property, may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed with the loan transactions as not claimed. Further it is requested that if anybody finds above said regd Sale Deeds, the same may be handed over either to me or to my client. SCHEDULE: Property bearing old Municipal Assessment No.3333/6679, New Assessment No.3367/3333/6679/5, measuring East-West: 7.620015 meters, North-South: 12.192024 Meters, and New Assessment No.3367/A/3333/A/6679/A/5, measuring East-West: 12.192024 meters, North-South: 7.620015 Meters, situated at Noor Ahmed Badavane, within the limits of CMC Sira Town, Sira.

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This notice is given to the General public that my client, Canara Bank, Sira Branch, Sira Town is going to sanction loan in favour of Sri.Fir Dose S/o Umraddin Babu, Resident of Kote Dasarahatti, Sira Town, Tumakuru District, against security of below mentioned schedule property. As per the information from Sri.Fir Dose, he has misplaced the original Regd Sale Deeds Dt:29.08.1988, Regd as No.755/1988-89 and Dt:18.11.1994, Regd as No.1782/1994-95. In this regard he has lodged online complaint to police department, vide lost Report No.2412571/2026. Hence anybody having title interest, and right in any manner over the schedule property, may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed with the loan transactions as not claimed. Further it is requested that if anybody finds above said regd Sale Deeds, the same may be handed over either to me or to my client. SCHEDULE: Property bearing old Municipal Assessment No.3333/6679, New Assessment No.3367/3333/6679/5, measuring East-West: 7.620015 meters, North-South: 12.192024 Meters, and New Assessment No.3367/A/3333/A/6679/A/5, measuring East-West: 12.192024 meters, North-South: 7.620015 Meters, situated at Noor Ahmed Badavane, within the limits of CMC Sira Town, Sira.

H.Wajid Ahmed
Advocate and Notary
. R.T.Road Sira Town
Mob: 9448101786

Eiffel Tower reopens after women staff row over Hindu group visit

PARIS

The Eiffel Tower reopened on Tuesday after being closed for a day following a staff walkout over the sidelining of female employees during a visit by a Hindu religious delegation.

The landmark's operating company, Société d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel (SETE), acknowledged that the delegation had asked organisers to limit "interactions with women" during Saturday's visit. SETE said such conditions should not have been accepted.

Staff said female employees, including contractors, were instructed to withdraw from certain areas and avoid crossing paths with the delegation. Some women were removed from their posts and replaced by male colleagues. The staff con-

"In France, we do not ask women to erase themselves."
— Aurore Berge, Gender Equality Minister

demned what they described as instructions that made female employees "invisible" because of their sex.

The Eiffel Tower receives nearly seven million visitors annually. The Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), the Hindu spiritual organisation that organised the visit, apologised for "any pain or inconvenience caused". BAPS said the large delegation had been scheduled at the start of normal operating hours to avoid disrupting other visitors and maintained that, to its knowledge, nobody had been denied access to the monument.

WHAT HAPPENED

During a Hindu delegation's Eiffel Tower visit, female employees were reportedly instructed to leave certain posts and avoid designated areas. SETE acknowledged the arrangements and said they should not have been accepted. Staff walked out Monday, prompting the landmark's temporary closure. BAPS later apologised for the incident, saying the visit was arranged to avoid disruption. The tower reopened Tuesday after discussions between management and employees.

NAME CHANGE

I, **CHIRANJEEVI**, aged 30 years, S/o. Nagu, Residing at Mangaluru Mala, Harinahalli Post, Hanagoduru Hobali, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore District -571105, Karnataka, have changed my name to **CHIRANJEEVI N M**, vide affidavit dated: 03.08.2026 before notary H. DINESH, Hunsur.

DOCUMENT LOST

This is to inform to General public that my client Smt.N Gowamma W/o Narayanaswami, Residing at Anekal,Bangalore Rural District, Bengaluru , I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Digital copy ,have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Anekal,Bangalore Rural District, Bengaluru had published the factum of lost of his Original Regd sale Deed Dated:- 09-09-1999, Regd Sale Deed, Executed By Smt.Subamma w/o Thimmappa, in favour of M.Kamalamma w/o Nagappa, and M.Nagarathna w/o Narayanaswamy, in favour of D.Venkatesh s/o Doreeswamy, In regd ads Book No.1,BNGU/JANKL/1308/99-2000,In regd before of the SRO Anekal, in respect of Kithaganahalli village, Municipal tax Document Serial No.2169, ,Property no.47, in Measuring 24x70 feet, in which 24x40 Feet, in Total Measuring 966 Square Feets, police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR No. Lost Report no.2414348/2026, DATED:-08-09-2026, and complaint dated:-08-09-2026, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform with-in 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.

K.S.HARISH KUMAR

ADVOCATE

Office: NEAR KISHORE SCHOOL, ABOVE APPOLO PHARMACY, BESIDE SANTHOSHI MATHA TEMPLE, BANGALORE MAIN ROAD CHINTHAMANI

MOBILE NO:9980110692

DOCUMENT LOST

This is to inform to General public that my client Smt.Radhama W/o G Krishnaruthy,, Residing at Gopasandra Village, Olavadi Grampanchayath, Kasaba Hobali, Chintamani Taluk,Chikkaballapura District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Digital copy ,have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Gopasandra Village, Olavadi Grampanchayath, Kasaba Hobali, Chintamani Taluk,Chikkaballapura District, had published the factum of lost of his Original Regd sale Deed, Dated:- 21-02-2007, Regd Sale Deed, Executed By Sri.G V Srinivasdeshetty S/o Gowrinathashetti,In Favour of Sri.Prakash Chand S/o Mularam Jee,In Regd as Book No.1,Volume No.CMN-1-04860-2006-07,CN.No.CMND25,In regd before of the SRO Chintamani, in Respect of Property Bearing Gopasandra Village, Panchayath Katha no.635/315/05, Site no.05, in Measuring 15x40 feets, and Sale deed, dated:-16-03-2009, Regd Sale Deed, Executed By Sri.Prakash Chand S/o Mularam Jee,In Favour of Sri.G Raghava S/o Late.Govindashetty,In Regd as Book No.1,Volume No.CMN-1-04018-2008-09,CN.No.CMND-42,In regd before of the SRO Chintamani , in Respect of Property Bearing Gopasandra Village, Panchayath Katha no.635/315/05, Site no.05, in Measuring 15x40 feets , police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR No. Lost Report no.2414308/2026, DATED:-08-09-2026, and complaint dated:-08-09-2026, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform with-in 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.

Place-Chintamani

Date:-08-09-2026

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Barcelona, Atletico Begin Champions League Campaigns

Barcelona enter Europe unbeaten domestically, while Atletico return to Anfield seeking redemption after last season’s dramatic defeat against Liverpool.

MADRID

Barcelona and Atletico Madrid begin their UEFA Champions League campaigns on Wednesday, with contrasting challenges awaiting the two Spanish clubs. Barcelona host Feyenoord, while Atletico Madrid travel to Anfield to face Liverpool in a repeat of last season’s dramatic meeting.

Barcelona enter Europe in impressive form after winning all four of their La Liga matches. Hansi Flick’s side have scored 17 goals and conceded only two, with their momentum further boosted by Sunday’s emphatic 5-0 victory over Valencia.

However, Flick is expected to rotate his lineup against Feyenoord as Barcelona face a demanding schedule, with three more league matches to play over the next 12 days. New signing Gabriel Jesus could feature, while young Belgian winger Jesse Bisiyu is also in contention to make his debut from the bench. Flick may also manage Lamine Yamal’s minutes during the busy period.



Atletico, meanwhile, return to Anfield a year after suffering a 3-2 defeat at the same stage, when Virgil van Dijk scored Liverpool’s late winner. Liverpool have endured an inconsistent start under new coach Andoni Iraola, giving Atletico hope of exploit-

ing spaces with their counter-attacking game.

Diego Simeone must decide whether to increase Julian Alvarez’s role after his promising second-half appearance against Athletic Bilbao or hand new signing Jonathan David his debut. Atletico lost

Barcelona, Atletico Set for High-Stakes Clash

- Barcelona have won all four La Liga matches.
- Flick’s side have scored 17 and conceded two goals.
- Gabriel Jesus could make his Barcelona appearance.
- Lamine Yamal’s minutes could be managed.
- Atletico return to Anfield after a 3-2 defeat.
- Julian Alvarez impressed after coming on against Athletic Bilbao.
- Jonathan David could make his Atletico debut.

that league match 3-0.

Both Spanish clubs will seek strong European starts, with Barcelona looking to extend their excellent form and Atletico hoping to avoid another setback at Anfield.

Gauff, Rybakina Reach US Open Quarters

NEW YORK

Coco Gauff and Elena Rybakina advanced to the U.S. Open quarter-finals, while China’s Zheng Qinwen produced another remarkable comeback to upset six-time Grand Slam champion Iga Swiatek. Fourth seed Gauff delivered a dominant performance against fellow American Iva Jovic, winning 6-1, 6-4 at Flushing Meadows. The victory set up a quarter-final meeting with French Open champion Mirra Andreeva, with a place in the semi-finals at stake.

Gauff said she expects another difficult contest against Andreeva, who has emerged as one of the leading players on the women’s tour. Gauff is among six American players to reach the quarter-finals, alongside Jessica Pegula, Emma Navarro, Frances Tiafoe, Alex Michelsen and Ben Shelton.

Second seed Rybakina also continued her bid for a third Grand Slam title with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over former U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka. Osaka was hampered by an Achilles tendon injury that had flared up during the previous round.

The victory moved Rybakina within one win of becoming world number one for the first time. She will face Olympic champion Zheng in the

quarter-finals.

Zheng’s progress came after another extraordinary fightback against Swiatek, who had won six Grand Slam titles. The Chinese player’s victory added another major upset to an increasingly unpredictable tournament.

Meanwhile, top seed Alexander Zverev advanced with a 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(3) win over Italy’s Luciano Darderi. The German, bidding for his second Grand Slam title after winning the French Open in June, avenged his earlier defeat by Darderi in Rome.

QUARTER-FINAL WATCH:

• **Gauff vs Andreeva:** A high-profile clash between two Grand Slam champions.

• **Rybakina vs Zheng:** Rybakina is one victory away from world No. 1.

• **Zverev:** Through after defeating Darderi in straight sets and a tiebreak.



“Preparation wasn’t that great. It’s an amazing progress. I’m really glad how everything worked out. Elena Rybakina”

India Finishes Fourth With 41 Medals

India improved to fourth place at the Pickleball World Cup, collecting 41 medals in Da Nang after finishing seventh last year.

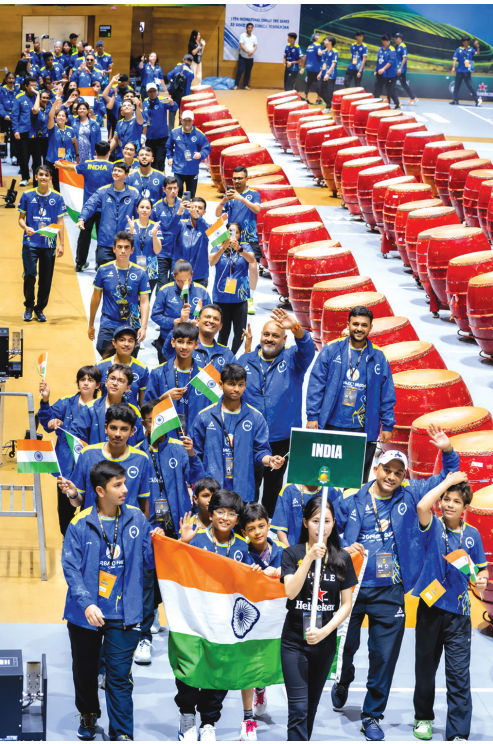
DA NANG

India concluded its campaign at the 2026 Pickleball World Cup in Da Nang, Vietnam, with a fourth-place finish after collecting 41 medals, including seven gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze.

The result marks a significant improvement from last

year, when India finished seventh. A total of 48 athletes represented the official Indian team across the Kids, Juniors, Open, Seniors and Master’s team events, while more than 130 Indian athletes participated in individual categories.

One of the standout performances came from India’s Kids team, which won a silver medal. Led by Veer Shah, the team included Viransh Chopra, Aarin Ballani, Mahika Rathod, Maansi Karthik, Aashritaa S, Kaveer Mehta and Praathna Motiani. Shah was also named the best captain in the Kids category.



India’s Medal Haul

- Gold: 7
- Silver: 17
- Bronze: 17
- Total: 41 medals
- Previous finish: Seventh in 2025
- Kids team: Silver medal
- Kids captain: Veer Shah, named best captain

Indian Pickleball Association CEO Aditya Khanna praised the contingent’s performance, calling the fourth-place finish a significant achievement and a statement of India’s growing presence in the sport internationally. He also stressed the importance of strengthening grassroots pickleball in the country to develop more talent capable of competing globally.

India’s junior team finished fourth after losing to hosts Vietnam in the quarter-finals. Arjun Singh captained the side, which featured Aditya Singh, Dev Shah, Purvansh Patel, Vivan Patel, Naomi Amalsadiwala, Ashritha Raju and Diya Mattipati.

The Indian Open team was eliminated in the quarter-finals by eventual champions USA, losing 2-4 on the penultimate day. Harsh Mehta led the Open team, which also featured Arjun Singh, Anish Frolian, Aman Patel, Naomi Amalsadiwala, Pearl Amalsadiwala, Mihika Yadav and Aaliya Ebrahim. The medal haul and improved overall ranking underline India’s progress in pickleball, with the association now turning its attention towards grassroots development.

Ending up in 4th place is a huge statement to make, and I’m sure that we will definitely be aiming for an even higher spot next edition.

Aditya Khanna, CEO, Indian Pickleball Association

Legese eyes third Delhi Half Marathon crown as star-studded field announced

NEW DELHI

Two-time champion Birhanu Legese will headline the international field at the 21st Delhi Half Marathon on October 18, with seven men boasting sub-60-minute personal bests set to line up in the World Athletics Gold Label Road Race.

The Ethiopian, who owns a personal best of 58:59, is the fastest athlete in the men’s field announced by Procim International on Tuesday. Kenya’s Charles Matata, the 2023 runner-up, will be among those looking to challenge Legese after finishing second at the Istanbul Half Marathon earlier this year.

Ethiopia will have further representation through Deriba Tesfaye and Melaku Belachew. Tesfaye comes into the race after finishing second at the Rotterdam Marathon, while Belachew won the Hong Kong Marathon earlier this year.



Legese, who narrowly missed out on the podium in last year’s race, is keen to make a strong return to the Delhi course.

“I have narrowly missed the podium in last year’s race and am eager to make amends this time. It has always been a pleasure running at the Indian capital. I am doing well and looking to get in great shape before race day this year, he added further,” Legese said. In the women’s race, Kenya’s Irine Cheptai will spearhead the field with a personal best of 64:53.

The 2022 champion will face Ethiopia’s Melal Siyoum Biratu, last year’s silver medalist, and Kenya’s Cynthia Limo, who finished runner-up in 2024. Kenyan-born Israeli athlete Lohana Chemtai Salpeter will also add considerable depth to the field. A bronze medalist at the 2022 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships, Salpeter has also won multiple medals for Israel at the European Championships.

Leus du Plooy to miss remainder of season for Middlesex due to administrative blunder

NEW DELHI

Middlesex will be without their captain Leus du Plooy for the remainder of the season due to an administrative blunder as the club did not register him as an overseas player before the deadline.

Du Plooy is a South African-born batter who has played in county cricket for several years as a local player, as he has a passport of Hungary and had expressed his wish to play for England at the international stage.

However, the 31-year-old had recently confirmed his desire to play for South Africa, which made his stay with Middlesex only possible as an overseas player. The club had an overseas player slot available in their squad, but were unaware of the clause and missed the deadline for registering him as an overseas player.

This will now see the left-handed batter miss the remainder of the season, including the Metro Bank One-Day Final next week for Middlesex. The final will take place on September 20 and will be Middlesex’s first List A final since 1990. The club said that they were in talks with the ECB and the Professional Cricketers’ Association for the batter’s status, but he was not picked in the team that is facing Durham in their County Division Two clash this week. Max Holden is leading the side in his absence.

The club released a statement on Tuesday morning regarding the error. “Middlesex Cricket can confirm that captain Leus du Plooy will be unable to play for the club for the remainder of the 2026 season following clarification of his playing registration status under ECB regulations,” the club wrote. “Last week, following an article in the press, the club confirmed that Leus had declared his intention to pursue an opportunity to play international cricket for South Africa.

JUNIOR HOCKEY DOMINANCE

India Thrash Japan, Reach Quarter-finals

MOQI

The Indian junior women’s hockey team continued their dominant run at the 2026 Junior Asia Cup, storming into the quarter-finals with a commanding 7-0 victory over Japan in their third Elite Pool match on Tuesday.

The emphatic win kept India’s perfect record intact and moved them to the top of the Elite Pool with nine points from three matches. India will face China in their final pool fixture on Wednesday, with the result set to determine the group’s top position. China currently have six points from two matches.

India entered the Japan clash in confident mood after opening their campaign with a 4-1 victory over Korea before producing an 11-1 demolition of Malaysia. They carried that attacking momentum into Tuesday’s encounter and immediately put Japan under pressure.

Krishna Sharma opened the



India’s Perfect Run

- 3 matches, 3 wins
- Goals scored: 22
- Goals conceded: 2
- Points: 9
- Next: China on Wednesday
- Quarter-final: Secured

scoring in the fifth minute before Supriya doubled India’s advantage from a penalty stroke in the ninth minute. Purnima Yadav then added a field goal in the 14th minute to give India a 3-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Japan showed greater attacking intent in the second

quarter, but India’s defence held firm as neither side managed to score.

India accelerated after the interval, scoring three times in five minutes. Geeta Yadav struck in the 41st minute and completed her brace in the 45th, before Purnima added her second goal a minute later.

Sanika Chandrakant Mane completed the rout in the 50th minute, scoring her first goal of the tournament.

India comfortably controlled the closing stages to register their third straight win and underline their status as one of the tournament’s leading contenders.