

Youth health is the nation's wealth: Dr V. Prakash

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Maintaining good health among the younger generation is essential for building a strong and productive nation, said Padma Shri Dr. V. Prakash, former Director of the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, and Distinguished Scientist of CSIR-India.

Delivering the keynote address at a programme organised at Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, on Tuesday to mark Nutrition Month, Ayurveda Knowledge and Yoga Tradition of Mysuru, along with Teachers' Week, Dr. Prakash called upon students to adopt healthy food habits and integrate nutrition, yoga and traditional wellness practices into their daily lives.

He said the pressures of academic life often lead students to neglect their physical and mental well-being. A combination of personalised nutrition, regular physical activity, yoga and scientifically understood traditional knowledge could help students maintain sustained energy, improve concentration and manage stress.



The dietary choices should not be based merely on popular food trends, but should take into account an individual's nutritional requirements and biological constitution. Modern nutritional science increasingly underlines the importance of whole foods and balanced nutrition in supporting brain function, mental resilience and overall health.

Highlighting the importance of digestive health, he said Ayurveda's concept of 'Agni', or digestive fire, emphasises mindful eating and maintaining regular daily routines. A healthy digestive system and gut microbiome play an important role in immunity, mood and cognitive function.

He also stressed the benefits of Yoga among students, saying regular practice could help reduce stress, improve circulation and physical fitness, and enhance overall well-being. "Students should move away from a reactive approach to healthcare and take proactive responsibility for their physical and mental health," he said.

Dr. Prakash emphasised that healthy eating, physical activity and disciplined daily routines should become an integral part of student life. Such habits, he said, would not only improve academic performance but also provide young people with a strong foundation for lifelong health and intellectual growth.

JAC appeals to Rahul Gandhi to advise CM against holding Kambala during Mysuru Dasara

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Urging Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to intervene, a Joint Action Committee of farmers', Dalit, pro-Kannada, environmental and progressive organisations has appealed to him to advise Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to withdraw the proposal to hold Kambala as part of Mysuru Dasara.

The committee, comprising the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, Dalita Sangharsha Samithi, Parisarakaagi Naavu (People for Environment), Bhoomi Thaaayi Horata Samithi and other like-minded organisations, said the proposed event would dilute the historical, cultural and religious identity of the world-famous Mysuru Dasara.

Mysuru already witnesses huge crowds, traffic congestion, noise and air pollution and piles of garbage during Dasara owing to the growing number of programmes such as Yuva Dasara, Yuva Sambhrama, Mahila Dasara, Makkala Dasara and Raitha Dasara, it said.

The committee said Kam-



bala was an 800-year-old traditional rural sport of Tulunadu, deeply rooted in the region's agricultural, cultural and religious traditions. "Uprooting a regionally rooted tradition from coastal Karnataka and transplanting it into Mysuru Dasara is nei-

ther necessary nor justifiable," it said, adding that the proposal had also drawn opposition from sections of coastal Karnataka.

Welcoming Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's suggestion that Dasara celebrations be extended to Chamara-

janagar, Srirangapatna, Madikeri, Mangaluru, Tumakuru and other districts to showcase their local traditions, the committee said such an approach could genuinely transform Dasara into a 'Nadahabba'. It also questioned the proposal on environmental and economic grounds, particularly when Karnataka is facing a severe water crisis. Bringing around 400 buffaloes and nearly 20,000 handlers, clearing 25.28 acres for slush tracks and using lakhs of litres of water for a two-day event would be "highly insensitive" amid drought conditions, it said.

With several taluks facing acute soil-moisture deficiency, depleted groundwater and crop losses, the government should prioritise farmers, drinking water and drought relief instead of spending heavily on an unnecessary event, the committee said.

It urged Rahul Gandhi to take up the issue with the Chief Minister and ensure that Mysuru Dasara's heritage is protected rather than diluted by spectacle and extravagance.

35 Retd teachers feted with 'Guruvandana' felicitation

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Teachers have a crucial role to play in building a New India. They are not merely educators who impart lessons but also shoulder the responsibility of shaping students' personalities, instilling good values and moulding them into responsible citizens, said K.V. Sridhar.

As part of Teachers' Day celebrations, 35 retired teachers who had rendered valuable service to society and the nation were felicitated at a meaningful 'Guruvandana' programme held here on Sunday.

The programme was organised by K.V. Sridhar with the cooperation of the Hebbal Senior Citizens' Forum. It was held to remember and honour the lifelong contributions of teachers who had dedicated their lives to shaping the future of students.

Speaking on the occasion,



Sridhar said behind the success of every individual who has achieved something in society, there is the guidance and inspiration of a teacher. A good teacher creates a good student. Good students build a good society, and a good society builds a good India. While honouring the retired teachers, he expressed gratitude for their service, pointing out that they had devoted the most important years of their lives to shaping the future of students. Teachers may retire from service, but the knowledge, values and guidance they impart continue to live on through their students, he said.

The distinguished guests at

the programme spoke about the role of teachers, the importance of education and the need for students to cultivate a deep sense of respect for their teachers. Dr. Hi. Chi. Ramachandra Gowda, former professor of the University of Mysore and a folklore scholar; Dr. Prahlad N.N., former professor of Mysuru and educationist; and Dr. Kru. Pa. Ganesh, associate professor at the Government First Grade College, H.D. Kote, and writer, were present. In their addresses, the dignitaries said teachers are a major force in society and play a vital role in shaping the personalities of students. They urged present-day

students to develop a culture of respecting the knowledge, experience and sacrifices of their teachers.

35 retired teachers felicitated

A total of 35 retired teachers were felicitated at the 'Guruvandana' programme in recognition of their services to the field of education. The occasion recalled their significant contribution to shaping the future of students and, indirectly, to the development of the nation through their years of dedicated teaching.

The programme was not merely a felicitation ceremony but also served as a meaningful platform for society to express its gratitude to teachers.

Organised by K.V. Sridhar with the support of the Hebbal Senior Citizens' Forum, the 'Guruvandana' programme conveyed the message that teachers may retire from service, but their contribution never retires.

Ex-MLC accuses Siddaramaiah of using ahinda for political gain

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Former Minister H. Vishwanath on Tuesday accused former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of using the Ahinda platform—representing minorities, backward classes and Dalits—for political gains and alleged that it had benefited neither the community nor its leaders.

He told reporters here on Tuesday that Siddaramaiah had once again begun invoking Ahinda at a time when he was facing political difficulties. "Whenever he faces a crisis, he remembers Ahinda. When he was in power, he did nothing for Ahinda. Siddaramaiah had pressured the government to release the caste census report before his tenure ended and was now organising an Ahinda convention after allegedly ignoring

several senior leaders who had played a key role in building the platform". Mr. Vishwanath also questioned the decision to have Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister Dr G. Parameshwara inaugurate the Ahinda convention and alleged that Parameshwara had earlier been denied an opportunity to become the CM. In fact Siddaramaiah was responsible for his defeat at that time.

Mr. Vishwanath also alleged that Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh was seeking to renovate the government residence in Bengaluru occupied by former Minister H.C. Mahadevappa, despite the latter continuing to reside there. The former CM was behind the move and questioned why Ma-

hadevappa was being treated differently when the Chief Minister himself had not vacated his Bengaluru residence.

The former minister further alleged that Siddaramaiah was responsible for senior leaders from Mysuru district,



including Dalit leader H.C. Mahadevappa, six-time MLA Tanveer Sait and Periyapatna MLA K. Venkatesh, being denied ministerial berths.

He wanted his son, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, to have a dominant political presence in Mysuru.

On the ₹50-crore defamation suit filed against him by Minister Byrathi Suresh, Mr. Vishwanath said he would face the case legally.

Flyover takes shape, trees stay rooted in Mysuru's green legacy

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Development and environmental conservation must go hand in hand. Keeping this in mind, officials were instructed to ensure that roadside trees are not destroyed during the construction of the flyover at Kempegowda Circle (Manipal Hospital Junction) in Mysuru.



In a press release here on Monday, Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said during the inspection of the project, officials were directed either to scientifically translocate the trees to suitable locations or make necessary modifications to the flyover design so that the existing trees could be preserved. Following the in-

structions, the trees have now been scientifically translocated, with necessary measures taken for their nourishment, protection and continued survival. Development works are important, but environmental conservation is equally our priority. We must ensure that infrastructure projects do not come at the cost of Mysuru's precious green cover. The authorities have been directed to

Green touch

He said the initiative aims to ensure that Mysuru's infrastructure grows without sacrificing its distinctive green character. By adopting scientific methods to protect and relocate trees, the authorities hope to preserve the city's rich environmental heritage while proceeding with vital infrastructure projects. "Development and the environment must complement each other. We will continue to take steps to strike a balance between the two and protect Mysuru's green heritage," Wadiyar said.

Free Health Camp held in Rajendra Nagar

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The sixth free health check-up and treatment camp was organised at the Kaniyara Rama Mandir premises in Rajendra Nagar, coming under the Narasimharaja Assembly constituency, by the Rajendra Nagar Welfare Association and Karnataka Seva Samiti in association with Cleamed HealthCare.

Hundreds of people benefited from the camp, where free health screening was conducted for blood pressure, blood sugar, general health, eyesight and dental health, among other medical examinations. Medicines were also distributed free of cost to those who required them.

General physicians, ophthalmologists, cardiologists and gynaecologists participated in the camp and provided medical ad-

vice and guidance to the public.

The free health camp has been organised continuously for the past six years with the objective of helping people identify health problems at an early stage and seek timely and appropriate treatment. Speaking on the occasion, Rajendra Nagar Welfare Association secretary and social worker Ramachandra Rao said the camp had been organised for the past six years out of concern for the health and well-being of the public. Such community-oriented service programmes would continue in the future, he said.

Sadiq M.D., Chelam, Ravikumar S., Dr. Isaac Rajaratnam, Somashekar, Nagaraj, Dr. Santosh K.S., Dr. Geetha Hunagali Nagaraj, Dr. Harsha C.M. and Dr. Anita Sheshadri, besides social workers and members of the public, were present.

Job Fair at St. Philomena's College (Autonomous) on Sept 13

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St Pholomena's College (Autonomous) is organizing a job fair on September 13 at the PG Block, College Campus in Mysuru.

The fair is being organised to provide students and job seekers with opportunities to interact with employers and explore career opportunities. Students from all streams, including UG and PG programmes and B.E, can participate in the job fair. Several reputed companies, from different sectors are participating, including Accenture, Cognizant, Capgemini, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Jio, Schneider Electric, Muthoot Finance, Quess, Vahan, UnifyCX and many others. The last date for registration is Tuesday, September 8, 2026, by 5.00 p.m. Candidates can register for the job fair by scanning the QR code attached with this press release.

Candidates attending the job fair are required to be present at the venue before 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2026. They should come in formal dress and carry copies of their resume and one government-issued identity proof, such as Aadhaar.

Denial of work: Substitute workers hold stir at JK tyres

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Employees belonging to the Substitute and Daily Wage Workers Welfare Association of JK Tyres Limited (Vikrant) staged a protest in front of the factory on the KRS Main Road here on Tuesday, demanding that work be provided to substitute workers in the second shift and that their other demands be fulfilled.

Addressing the protesters, labour activist Pramod Chikkamannur said substitute workers had been engaged in the factory in accordance with Standing Order 3A, to fill positions of permanent and probationary employees who

were on leave. However, several substitute workers had been working in the same positions for nearly 20 years.

On September 7, substitute workers were denied work in the second shift, while women workers and workers from other States were allowed to work in their places. This amounted to a clear violation of labour laws, he said.

He further alleged that women workers and outsourced employees had been permitted to operate machinery, while substitute workers who had been performing the same duties were denied work. This was an injustice to the substitute workers.

MYSORE TITAN SECURE SECOND PLACE Royal Challengers Cricket Team emerged Winners

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Royal Challengers Cricket Team bagged the Runner-up, in Season-11 of Eid-Meelad-un-Nabi Cricket Tournament, organised by Mysore Meelad Cricket Association at Pavilion Ground, University of Mysore, Mysore, recently.

A total of 12 Teams were participated in the Tournament, in which Royal Challengers Cricket Team secured the First Place and Mysore Titan Cricket Team bagged the Second Place in the final Match.



Royal Challengers Team made first batting and sets a target of 134 runs for 9 Wickets in 20 overs.

Mysore Titan Team chasing the target, scored only 75 runs and lost all Wickets in 17.3 overs.

Garbage Dumping on Lalithadripura Road Draws Minister's Attention

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Responding to complaints from villagers about indiscriminate dumping of garbage along the Sakalli-Lalithadripura main road near the historic Chamundi Hills, District Minister and Urban Development Minister Dr. S. Yathindra Siddaramaiah visited the spot and inspected the situation.

During the inspection, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah found large quantities of garbage dumped along the roadside. He questioned officials about the reasons for the continued dumping of waste on the road and directed them to take immediate ac-

tion. He said it had come to his notice that garbage from Haranahalli and surrounding areas was being dumped at the spot. A meeting would soon be convened with the concerned officials to identify the reasons for the problem and take appropriate measures, he said.

The Minister warned that strict action would be taken against those found dumping garbage on the roadside. CCTV cameras would be installed at the location to monitor the area and identify violators. Action would be initiated against anyone caught dumping waste illegally, he warned.

Pollution, sewage inflow and high maintenance cost

Mysuru Zoo seeks return of LALITHADRIPURA LAKE

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The Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens has written to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner to take back the responsibility of maintaining Lalithadripura Lake, citing mounting pollution, sewage inflow, public pressure and the increasing financial burden involved in protecting the waterbody.

In a letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, the Executive Director of the Mysuru Zoo said that the lake and surrounding park area at Lalithadripura had been handed over to the Zoo for maintenance subject to certain conditions. According to the letter, 9.01 acres of park area around the Government Lake in Survey No. 30 and 6.17 acres in Survey No. 31 had been retained as government property. The lake and surrounding area were subsequently handed over to the Zoo for maintenance and development.

The Zoo has undertaken



several works to maintain and develop Lalithadripura Lake, spending Rs. 50.59 lakh between 2018-19 and 2023-24.

Sewage turns lake into a headache

The major challenge, however, is the continuous inflow of polluted water from several residential settlements located around the lake. The untreated wastewater is reportedly entering the lake directly, threatening its ecological health. The Zoo authorities have also pointed out that completely stopping the inflow of polluted water without providing an

alternative drainage arrangement could create problems for residents in the surrounding areas. The deteriorating condition of the lake has also affected morning walkers who visit the area. The Deputy Director of the Zoo and the Zonal Forest Officer inspected the site and submitted a report on January 23, 2024, highlighting the problems.

Citizens and members of the Samana Manaskara Vedike of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar, Mysuru, have also repeatedly sought action to save the lake. They com-

plained that the waterbody has become almost completely covered with weeds because of the polluted water entering it and demanded immediate cleaning and restoration.

The issue has also reached the courts, with citizens filing a public interest litigation seeking a solution to the serious sewage problem affecting the lake. Amid mounting pressure from citizens and various authorities to protect and develop the waterbody, it has been maintaining the lake largely from the internal revenue generated through visitors.

With pollution control requiring coordinated action by several government agencies and the cost of maintenance continuing to rise, the Zoo has now expressed its inability to manage the lake on its own. Seeking relief from the growing burden, the Executive Director has requested the Deputy Commissioner to take back Lalithadripura Lake and entrust its maintenance to the district administration.



Minister Yatindra reviews Mysuru’s Film City project

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Urban Development and Mysuru District-In-Charge Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah on Tuesday chaired a review meeting with senior officials at Vikas Soudha in Bengaluru to assess the progress of the proposed international-standard Film City project to be developed in Mysuru under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Mysuru, a major centre of art, culture, heritage and tourism, is expected to receive a major boost to its cultural and economic development through the ambitious Film City project.

The meeting discussed developing the proposed Film City as more than just a loca-

tion for film shooting. It is envisaged as a comprehensive facility equipped with state-of-the-art studios, advanced technical infrastructure, post-production facilities and all other essential infrastructure required by the film industry, making it one of the best facilities of its kind in the country.

Key points discussed in the meeting

Time-bound implementation
Officials were instructed to ensure that there are no delays in implementing the project and to regularly provide updates on the action plan, progress at every stage and challenges that may arise.

Focus on quality
The Minister directed the of-

ficials to ensure that the project is implemented efficiently and to high standards, keeping public interest and Mysuru's tourism potential in mind.

Comprehensive facilities
The project aims to provide international-standard technology and post-production capabilities in Mysuru itself, thereby creating a comprehensive ecosystem for the film industry.

The meeting was attended by J. Manjunath, Secretary, Department of Information and Public Relations; Deputy Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy, who participated online; Government Under Secretary M. Jayachinta; Joint Director Manjunath Dollin; and several senior officials of the department.

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Ganesh Chaturthi: MCC orders closure of meat shops in Mysuru

Mysuru
All slaughterhouses for sheep and goats and other meat shops under the jurisdiction of the Mysuru City Corporation will remain closed on September 14 on account of Ganesh Chaturthi. The sale of sheep/goat meat, chicken, pork and fish will be strictly prohibited in Mysuru city on the day. The Executive Engineer of the Mysuru City Corporation has issued directions to close all meat shops within the Corporation limits as part of the observance.

Dasara Flower Show: Applications invited for stalls

Mysuru
As part of the Mysuru Dasara celebrations, the Dasara Flower Show 2026 will be held at Kuppanna Park from October 11 to 20. As part of the flower show, competitions will be conducted in various categories, including ornamental gardens maintained by government and private organisations, gardens at homes and offices, terrace and kitchen gardens, vegetable and medicinal plants, potted plants and other related horticultural and artistic displays. Applications are also being invited for allotment of departmental stalls at the flower show venue. Interested applicants can obtain and submit application forms between September 11 and 25, from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the offices of the Joint Director of Horticulture (Zilla Panchayat) and the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Parks and Gardens). For further details, contact Uma C. (99804 17565), Manjunath R. (95357 67788) or Supriya G. Aras (95357 28561), according to the Joint Director of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru.

80 Garbage Vulnerable Points Transformed in Mysuru

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As part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has transformed 80 Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs) identified across nine zones of the city into clean and attractive spaces.

The initiative involved cleaning up the 80 identified garbage dumping hotspots and giving them a complete makeover. Officials, environmental engineers, health inspectors, supervisors, pourakarmikas and drivers who performed exceptionally well in the campaign were felicitated at a programme held at the MCC council hall.

In the officials' category, the GVP at Gokulam Crematorium in Zone 4 won the first prize. The GVPs at C.V. Road in Zone 7 and Sathagalli Ring Road in Zone 9 jointly secured the second prize. The GVPs at Chamaraja Double



Road in Zone 6 and Kaveri Apartments–Shantadevi Nagar in Zone 3 won the third prize.

The rolling trophy was presented to the C.V. Road GVP team of Zone 7.

Six pourakarmikas were honoured as the best-performing sanitation workers. They were Anita (Ward 55), Satya (Ward 55), Naveen (Ward 28), Anjappa (Ward 17), Narasimha (Ward 25) and Vijay (Ward 40).

The MCC said the transformation of 80 GVPs would not mark the end of the campaign. A sustained, phased drive will be undertaken to transform all

garbage vulnerable points across the city, with the objective of making Mysuru GVP-free and the No. 1 clean city in the country.

The civic body appealed to citizens not to dump waste on roads, vacant sites or other public places. It urged residents to segregate wet and dry waste at source and hand it over to the MCC's door-to-door waste collection vehicles.

The MCC said active public participation was essential to keeping the city clean and ensuring that the transformed spaces remain free from garbage.

“Young, educated leaders required to shape India's future”

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India needs a new generation of young, educated and responsible leaders capable of addressing the concerns of farmers, the common people and rural communities, said Mysuru District Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi.

Speaking after inaugurating the two-day Young Indians Parliament (YiP) 2026 – Southern Regional Round at Excel Public School, Kooragalli, here on Tuesday, organised by Young Indians (Yi), the youth wing of CII Mysuru, he said the programme would provide students practical exposure to parliamentary functioning and help develop leadership qualities. Baladandi said the Constitution provides the framework for Parliament and State Assemblies, including elections, conduct of sessions and the

process of passing bills. Every person has leadership qualities, but opportunities such as this are needed to bring those qualities out.

The SP urged students to take up greater responsibilities in public life and asked young leaders to focus on farmers' welfare, education, healthcare, rural water supply, infrastructure and employment.

CII Mysuru Chapter Chairman Utsav Agarwal said leadership was not about designation but about values, originality and the ability to work with people. Describing YiP as a “leadership laboratory”, he urged students to develop original thinking in the age of artificial intelligence. In the age of AI, facts, figures and access to information will become a level playing field. What will differentiate you is original thought, he said, urging students to retain the hu-

man touch and acknowledge their mistakes.

Young Indians Mysuru Chairperson Priyanka Sridar said the YiP provides students a platform to voice their opinions and gain first-hand experience of parliamentary proceedings. Urging participants to give their best in the competition, she said the regional round was only a beginning and those aspiring to enter public life would have to face greater challenges and develop stronger strategies. “This is just a small fight. If you really want to get into Parliament, you will have to face much bigger challenges and develop much bigger strategies,” she said. She appreciated the students for their enthusiasm and preparation over the past 10 days and wished those qualifying for the national round success.

Around 165 students from Karnataka and Kerala, including Mysuru, Bengaluru, Hubballi, Mangaluru, Kozhikode, Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram, are participating in the regional round which will conclude on Wednesday.



Free Three-Month Skill Training prog

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CIPET-Mysuru, under a CSR initiative of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudrana Private Limited, Mysuru has organised free three-month skill development training programmes for unemployed young men and women from Karnataka in Assistant Machine Operator – Plastics Processing and Assistant Machine Operator – Injection Moulding.

Free food and accommodation will be provided to trainees during the programme. Candidates who have completed SSLC, PUC, ITI, Diploma or any degree and are aged between 18 and 35 years are eligible to apply. The training will commence on September 10.

The organisers have stated that every student enrolled in the programme will be assured employment

opportunities through campus recruitment after successful completion of the training. The programme is aimed at helping young people build careers in the technical sector.

For more details, interested candidates may contact CIPET: CSTS, Mysuru, 437/A, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru – 570016, on 94834 31968 / 97391 96375, or visit CIPET website.

‘THE EARLIER YOU KNOW, THE MORE YOU CAN DO’

World Alzheimer’s Month 2026 Programmes Launched in Mysuru

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The World Alzheimer’s Month 2026 programmes organised by the Mysuru chapter of the Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI) were inaugurated at Viveka Hospital in Mysuru on Tuesday, with the aim of creating greater public awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.

This year’s World Alzheimer’s Month theme is “The Earlier You Know, The More You Can Do: A Dementia Diagnosis Matters,” highlighting the importance of early iden-

tification and diagnosis of dementia.

Speaking at the programme, Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, President, ARDSI Mysuru chapter, said dementia is not a normal part of ageing. Recognising symptoms at an early stage and seeking appropriate medical advice and treatment is extremely important, he said. There is a need to build a “Dementia-Friendly Mysuru” where people living with dementia and their family members receive the necessary support, care and dignity.

Dr. G.L. Shekhar, President, Rotary Ivory City, Mysuru,

said dementia was emerging as a major health concern in the country. “Many senior citizens do not have adequate awareness about how to seek treatment for the condition or what measures can be adopted to slow its progression. Therefore, awareness programmes are extremely important. Such initiatives help people understand the symptoms of the disease and prepare themselves in advance to deal with these conditions,” he said.

Dr. Shekhar stressed the need for greater awareness about the early signs of dementia, the importance of



seeking medical advice on time and the role of family members in caring for people living with dementia.

As part of World Alzhei-

mer’s Month, the ARDSI Mysuru chapter has organised a series of activities throughout September, including health check-ups, memory screen-

ing, dementia awareness programmes, public education initiatives and community-based activities.

As part of the campaign, a health and memory screening programme will be held at Chamundi Hill on September 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. for members of the public.

The ARDSI Mysuru chapter has appealed to healthcare professionals, students, educational institutions, voluntary organisations, senior citizens, caregivers and the general public to join the awareness campaign.

Experts have advised that

persistent changes in memory, thinking, behaviour or the ability of elderly people to perform daily activities should not simply be dismissed as a consequence of ageing. Such changes warrant appropriate medical evaluation.

ARDSI secretary Ganesh Rao and Arun Kumar, Director, Viveka Chaitanya Hospital, were present at the programme.

The World Alzheimer’s Month activities will continue throughout September in Mysuru, carrying the message: “The Earlier You Know, The More You Can Do.”

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180 endangered star tortoises seized in Bengaluru

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
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

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
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

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
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

-SHARON FAUSTINA J
CH NEWS, Bengaluru

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.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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. Shyamaram 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

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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.

HC quashes Pradosh's pardon in murder case

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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.

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 Murugesh, 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. Bhairesh of Vadeyarahalli will discuss beekeeping, while Kariappa of Gowdanahalli village in Hiriyr 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, Shivarudraiah 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)/289/2026-27

Date: 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 Agrahara 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	0.00	None	None	Vacant	Rs. 33,000/- per sqm	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 ಎಂಎಸ್‌ಎಂಯು 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

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.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD,
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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

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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 ಸದಸ್ಸು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.									
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ಸಹಾ:- ಪ್ರತಿಶತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾ ಬದ್ಧವಾದ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ 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 ಸದಸ್ಸು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.									

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1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಮುನೀಶ್ವರ ಎಂ. ಬಿನ್ ಮುನೀಶ್ವರ ರವರ ಪ್ರವಾಸಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಕಸಬಾ	ಏಕಾಂತಿಪುರ	113/3	0-14.75 + 0-1.50 'ಎ' ಖರಾಬು	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ	
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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 SC, 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.

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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

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



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

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 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 Susainithan, 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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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.

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

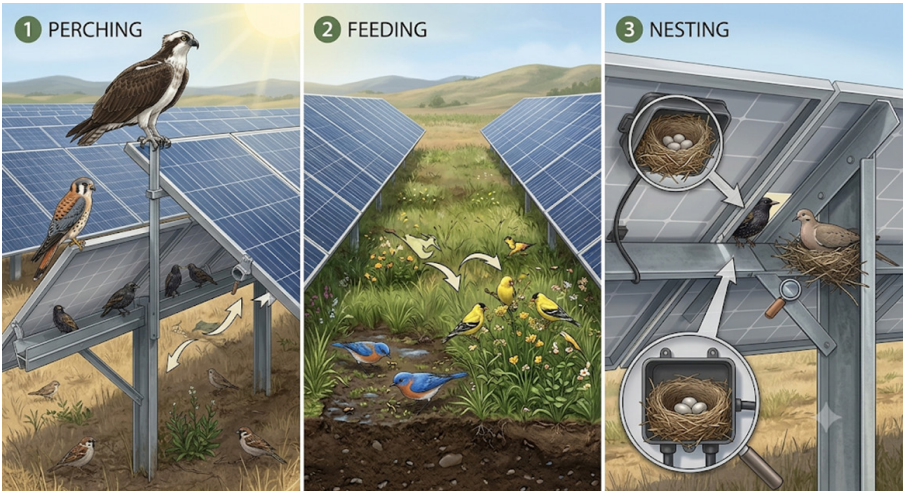
Solar farms are becoming an increasingly common feature of modern landscapes as countries search for cleaner sources of energy. While solar panels are designed to capture sunlight and generate electricity, they can also change the environment for the birds and other wildlife living nearby.

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.

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.

NTA issues travel advisory for Delhi UGC NET re-exam

NEW DELHI:

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday issued a travel advisory for candidates appearing for the UGC NET 2026 re-examinations in Delhi on September 9 and 10. The advisory comes ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit, which is expected to bring traffic restrictions and tighter security arrangements across the national capital.

The BRICS Summit is scheduled to be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11 to 13. In preparation for the event, security measures and traffic restrictions are expected on several important roads and routes in the city. These restrictions could increase travel time for candidates heading to examination centres.

The NTA has asked candidates to check their travel routes in advance and plan their journeys carefully. Students have also been advised to leave early and keep sufficient extra time for possible delays while travelling to their examination centres.

The re-examination is be-



ing conducted for candidates appearing in English, Sociology and Commerce. The agency has urged students to take the expected traffic situation into account and avoid last-minute travel plans.

The advisory is aimed at helping candidates reach their examination centres on time despite possible congestion and diversions. Candidates have been advised to remain updated about traffic arrangements and make suitable travel plans before leaving for their exams.

With the examinations taking place just before the summit, candidates are expected to face longer-than-usual travel times on some routes. The NTA has therefore stressed advance planning to ensure that traffic restrictions do not affect candidates' ability to appear for the re-examination.

Stalin questions conduct of Tamil Nadu Assembly

CHENNAI

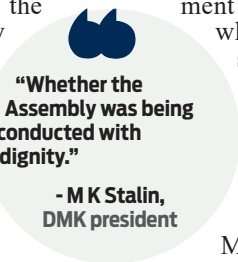
DMK president M K Stalin questioned the manner in which proceedings of the Tamil Nadu Assembly were conducted after DMK MLAs were evicted from the House following a ruckus on Tuesday.

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 As-

sembly. 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.



Court sentences man to 10 years for 2011 rape

CH NEWS, THANE

A special fast-track court in Kalyan, Maharashtra, sentenced 39-year-old Azhar alias Badu Mustaq Qureshi to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for raping a 15-year-old girl in 2011. The court said her conversion to Islam as a minor could not be considered voluntary.

The girl had eloped with Qureshi and voluntarily accompanied him to Lucknow. Based on this, Additional Sessions Judge PP Muley acquitted him of the kidnapping charge.

The court, however, convicted Qureshi for rape and awarded him a 10-year prison sentence. The judgment was delivered on Monday in the case involving the minor girl from Dombivli in Maharashtra's Thane district.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

corridor was progressing rapidly, with the Surat-Vapi section expected to be completed by December this year.

The minister also highlighted wider railway infrastructure and modernisation efforts. He said operating systems, reservation platforms and construction procedures were being upgraded.

Several long-pending projects, including the Chenab Bridge and the rail connectivity project linking Mizoram to the national railway network, have also been completed.

According to Vaishnaw, 280 railway stations have been redeveloped and 36,000 km of new railway tracks have been laid. The Railways is also developing cargo trains incorporating Vande Bharat technology. He said the pace of infrastructure development had accelerated despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Student kills self after college admission setback

CH NEWS, THANE

A 17-year-old Class 12 science student in Thane died by suicide after failing to secure admission to his preferred higher education institute, police said. The teenager had scored 95.7 per cent in his board examinations. Police said the student sent a message to his family's WhatsApp group indicating that he intended to end his life. Before his family could reach him, he died after falling from a high-rise residential building in Hiranandani Estate on Ghodbunder Road on September 4 evening. The teenager's family lived in an upscale housing complex in the area. Police said the family does not suspect foul play and believes academic distress over college admission may have contributed to his death. Police are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

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.

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.

fare. 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

the government aimed to resolve grievances received through Sahyog camps within 30 days. Choudhary also directed officials to ensure eligible beneficiaries receive old-age pensions and ration cards without delay. He said technical issues should not prevent eligible people from accessing welfare benefits.

Senior state officials, district magistrates and police officials participated in the programme, with several joining through video conferencing.

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 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 cases 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-



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

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

the area four years ago. Students and residents have questioned why stronger preventive action was not taken after the earlier incident.

The protests have now brought renewed focus on student housing safety, with demands for stricter inspections, accountability and better hostel infrastructure for students living away from their homes.

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 Birbhumi'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 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.

plemented in phases, with termination letters issued to employees over the past few days. Some affected employees have allegedly been asked to leave immediately without serving their notice period. Samsung has declined to comment on the reported layoffs when con-

tacted. According to reports, the company is offering affected employees a severance package comprising three months' salary, along with an additional month's salary for every completed year of service.

The reported restructuring comes as consumer electron-

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 Vyhivskiy 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 ALI R/o 12, 4th Cross, Behind Minarva Mill, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560023, have changed the name of my minor son MUHAMMAD FAIZ ALI aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as FAIZ SHAMSHEER.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SATHEESHCHANDRA K S S/o SIDDALINGAPPA K S R/o Kunduru A D Colony, Kibbanahalli Hobli, Tiptur, Beerasandra, Tumkur, Karnataka-572114, have changed the name of my minor son VIHAANSURYA K S aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as GHANA VIHAANSURYA K S.

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.

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

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I, RAJESH S/o KARLINGEGOWDA, R/o No. 1, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Javaregowda Doddi, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560098, have changed the name of my minor son SHIYATH M R aged 11 years and he shall hereafter be known as SRIYANTH M R.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUMATHI RAVICHANDRAN D/o Ravichandran Kuppasamy, W/o Kartikeyan Chinnasamy, R/o 102, Shangrila, Meghana Paradise, Nr More Mega Store, Nagavara Palaya, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560093, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUMATHI KARTHIKEYAN.

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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-

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.

"In France, we do not ask women to erase themselves."
— Aureore 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.

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.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
Crl.Misc. No: 471 / 2026
PETITIONER : 1. GANESHA RAJU K S/o Late Krishnappa, Aged about 43 years, 2. Jayashammamma W/o Late Krishnappa, Aged about 65 years, 3. Manjula K D/o Late Krishnappa, Aged about 44 years, 4. Venkatesh extension, Hesaragatta main road, Bangalore 4, Hanakatesh S/o Late Krishnappa, Aged about 46 years, 1,2 & 4 are R/o Kenjiganahalli village, Madure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk Vs
RESPONDENT : Registrar of Birth and Death The Tahshildar Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddaballapur.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
It is hereby notified to the public that the above petitioners, in the Hon'ble Court, Petitioner No.1,3 & 4's Father and also Petitioner No.2's Husband Late Sri. Late Krishnappa S/o Late Hanumathiah, died on 11.12.2010 at Kenjiganahalli village, Madure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk and since there are no official records of his death, petitioners have filed an application to register the date of death in the Register of Births and Deaths, 1969. Therefore, if the public has any objection, we hereby inform you to appear before the above court on 30-09-2026 at 11 AM. Failing that, the case will be disposed of unilaterally in his absence. The publication is dated : 07/09/2026 with the signature and seal of the court.
By Order of the Court
Chief Ministerial Officer, Ptl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapur
Advocate for petitioner: Srinivas G

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
Crl.Misc. No: 437 / 2025
PETITIONER : Muni Anjaneya S/o Late Ramachandragiah, Aged about 44 years, R/o Kenjiganahalli Village Madure Hobli Doddaballapur Taluk Vs
RESPONDENT : Registrar of Birth and Death The Tahshildar Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddaballapur.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
It is hereby notified to the public that the above petitioners, in the Hon'ble Court, Petitioner's Grand Father Late Gangiah S/o Late Chikka Hanumantiah, died on 12.10.1981 at Kenjiganahalli Village, Madure Hobli Doddaballapur Taluk and since there are no official records of his death, petitioners have filed an application to register the date of death in the Register of Births and Deaths, 1969. Therefore, if the public has any objection, we hereby inform you to appear before the above court on 30-09-2026 at 11 AM. Failing that, the case will be disposed of unilaterally in his absence. The publication is dated : 07/09/2026 with the signature and seal of the court.
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IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
Crl.Misc. No: 276 / 2026
PETITIONER : 1. Prasanna Kumara & Others S/o Late Venkataramanappa Aged about 50 years, R/o Gundumagere village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk Bangalore Rural District Vs
RESPONDENT : Registrar of Birth and Death The Tahshildar Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddaballapur.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
It is hereby notified to the public that the above petitioners, in the Hon'ble Court, Petitioner No 1 to 4's Mother Late Muniyamma W/o Late Venkataramanappa, died on 24.12.1987 at Gundumagere village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk and since there are no official records of his death, petitioners have filed an application to register the date of death in the Register of Births and Deaths, 1969. Therefore, if the public has any objection, we hereby inform you to appear before the above court on 30-09-26 at 11 AM. Failing that, the case will be disposed of unilaterally in his absence. The publication is dated : 07/09/2026 with the signature and seal of the court.
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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

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- 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.

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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.



Mirra is someone that I always have tough matches with.

Coco Gauff

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



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

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.

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 Lonah 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.