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PM Modi extends Deepavali greetings to the nation

Modi said he would continue his annual tradition of celebrating Deepavali with soldiers but did not disclose the military station or location this year

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday extended Deepavali greetings to people nationwide and said he would continue his tradition of celebrating the festival with India's soldiers.

In a video message shared on social media, Modi wished citizens peace, prosperity and happiness. He said the country was illuminated with lights on the eve of the festival, describing the occasion as a reflection of the nation's resolve against darkness.

"My heartiest greetings to all of you for Diwali. I wish for peace, prosperity and happiness for all of you in the coming days," he said. The Prime Minister added that he celebrated Deepavali with enthusiasm and would once again mark the occasion with the country's soldiers.

Modi said he had been celebrating the festival with soldiers every year and would continue the practice this time as well. However, he did not reveal the military station or location where he would spend the festival. Earlier, in a message shared through the government's Jan Sampark Portal, Modi described Deepavali as a celebration of the victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil and hope over despair.



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> - **Narendra Modi, PM**

He said the festival was an opportunity to cherish India's traditions and strengthen bonds of togetherness. He hoped it would inspire people to spread kindness, embrace positivity and work towards a brighter future.

The Prime Minister urged citizens to move ahead with renewed energy and determination to build a prosperous and developed India, often referred to as 'Viksit Bharat'.

On Saturday, Modi also visited Uprashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi and exchanged Deepavali greetings with Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan. He was seen performing aarti during the visit.

Deepavali, the main festival day, falls on Sunday, November 8, this year. Modi's announcement came before celebrations, while the location of his planned interaction with soldiers remained undisclosed.

President Murmu extends Diwali greetings to citizens

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday extended Diwali greetings to citizens on the eve of the festival. Recalling Lord Shri Ram's return to Ayodhya after defeating Ravana, she highlighted the significance of lighting lamps. She expressed hope that patriotic youth, guided by Indian values, would contribute enthusiastically towards building a developed India (Viksit Bharat).

Ram Temple symbol of Hindu self-respect: VP

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan extended Diwali greetings during his visit to Ayodhya on Saturday and praised the Ram temple as a symbol of Hindu self-respect. Describing Lord Ram as an embodiment of Dharma, compassion and righteousness, he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for following Ram's ideals and promoting Ayodhya's development.

Centre disputes Karnataka's excess ethanol claims

NEW DELHI

The Union government and three public sector oil companies on Saturday defended the quality of E20 petrol, rejecting Karnataka's allegations that fuel samples from certain outlets contained ethanol levels exceeding the prescribed 20 per cent limit.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said 893 samples collected across 27 States and Union Territories were tested by Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL). All reportedly contained ethanol within the prescribed 19-21 per cent range under the Bureau of Indian Standards' IS 17021 specification.

Of these, 56 samples collected from different locations in Karnataka also met the standards, recording ethanol content between 19 and 20 per cent, with an average of 19.30 per cent, the ministry said.

The statement came after Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Minister Rizwan Arshad alleged that tests conducted on samples collected from seven districts had found ethanol levels between 26 and 31.2 per cent.

The oil companies questioned the State's October 2026 sampling and testing procedures, saying the exercise was reportedly conducted without their representatives. They said they had not received the retained samples, complete outlet-wise details or laboratory reports needed to verify the findings independently.



The companies also questioned the third-party laboratory certificates cited by Karnataka. They said the documents mentioned gas chromatography but did not specify the applicable testing standard, dilution procedure or reference material used.

Under the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel Control Order, 2005, and Marketing Discipline Guidelines, 2024, six one-litre samples must be collected during inspections. These are distributed among dealers, oil companies or departments and designated laboratories for testing.

The ministry also said claims of large consumer losses due to reduced mileage and vehicle repairs required careful examination. Citing technical studies, it said mileage reduction could range from one to two per cent for E20-compatible vehicles and three to six per cent for others.

The oil companies have sought complete documentation from Karnataka and proposed joint sampling and independent testing at authorised laboratories to resolve the dispute.

The conflicting findings have raised questions about fuel quality monitoring and the need for transparent, jointly verifiable testing.

Rahul Gandhi questions Centre over E20 petrol

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday criticised the Centre over E20 petrol, citing Karnataka laboratory tests that allegedly found excess ethanol in fuel samples. In a post on X, he called the issue "E20 turned into 420" and claimed 11 of 14 samples from seven districts contained over 20 per cent ethanol. Samples from Indian Oil and Hindustan Petroleum reportedly recorded 31.2 per cent and 30.5 per cent, respectively. Gandhi questioned the actual ethanol content sold nationwide and demanded action against companies. However, three public-sector oil companies disputed the findings, saying their E20 fuel complied with prescribed BIS standards and questioning the sampling and testing procedures.

Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta elected to UN Budget panel

NEW YORK

Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta has been elected to the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the 2027-2029 term.

India's Permanent Mission to the UN announced her election and thanked member states for their trust and support. Gupta will begin her three-year term in January 2027.

The ACABQ is a subsidiary body of the UN General Assembly and comprises 21 members appointed in their individual capacities. Members serve three-year terms, with geographical representation taken into consideration.

The committee examines the UN's administrative and budgetary requirements and reviews resource proposals. It provides recommendations to promote accountability and ensure the efficient use of contributions made by member states towards the organisation's global activities.

Congress sends weapons to frighten rivals: BJP

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The BJP has strongly condemned the delivery of knives and daggers to the home of Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, the Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council. State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra called the act unacceptable and a clear sign of violent politics.

Vijayendra accused the ruling Congress party of using scare tactics to silence leaders who question the government's financial crisis and poor management. He criticised Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister Priyank Kharge, claiming their words and actions encourage this aggressive behaviour.

Highlighting Karnataka's economic struggles, Vijayendra noted that the state government lacks funds for basic needs. He pointed out delays in paying pensions and a failure to build homes for the poor. He suggested that instead of running a poster campaign against the BJP, Congress should focus on its own record. He also claimed that citizens are suffering from rising prices and that bribes are now required for official government tasks.



Political Security & Intimidation Crisis

Dangerous Threat Delivered
Knives and daggers sent via Blinkit to Opposition Leader's home.

BJP Leadership Condemnation
State President B.Y. Vijayendra denounces violent intimidation tactics.

Formal Police Complaint
R. Ashoka files official attempted murder case with Police Commissioner.

Direct Accusations Made
Narayanaswamy links NSUI members and Home Minister to the plot.

Narayanaswamy reacted with anger. He explained that two individuals from the NSUI used the Blinkit app to send the weapons to his house, choosing the cash-on-delivery option. Unafraid, he stated he would frame the weapons to showcase the Congress party's violent culture. He directly accused Home Minister Priyank Kharge of organizing the threat and promised to fight the issue in court and during the winter assembly session.

Meanwhile, R. Ashoka, the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, filed a formal complaint with the Bangalore Police Commissioner. He labelled the incident an attempted murder and demanded immediate police action. Ashoka warned that if the state government fails to maintain law and order, the BJP is ready to launch strong protests in response.

Dipke vows continued fight for fair elections

KOCHI

Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke said on Saturday that his campaign against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar would continue until India had an independent and impartial electoral system.

Dipke spoke to reporters after arriving at Cochin International Airport to attend the party's 'Jantar Mantar at Kochi' protest against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Kumar.

He alleged that elections conducted under Kumar could not be trusted and were being manipulated to favour one political party. These allegations have not been independently established.

Dipke said he expected a large turnout of young people at the demonstration. He also claimed Kerala had the highest number of registered CJP members, citing the party's database.

The Kochi protest formed part of the party's campaign opposing the SIR exercise and demanding Kumar's resignation.

Vijay seeks Modi's intervention over Mekedatu dam

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the Centre not to grant statutory or administrative clearances for Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu dam project without the consent of the Cauvery basin States.

In his letter dated November 6, Vijay expressed concern over a reported inspection of the proposed project site by Union government officials. He said the development had increased anxiety among farmers in Tamil Nadu, who depend on river water supplies for farming.

The proposed project envisages a reservoir with a capacity of 67.16 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) across the Cauvery, close to the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border. Vijay argued that the reservoir could affect water flows to Tamil Nadu and disrupt the monthly releases set out under the Cauvery water-sharing framework. These concerns reflect Tamil Nadu's position.

The Chief Minister also referred to reports of Karnataka officials meeting representatives of the Union Ministries of Jal Shakti and Environment, Forest and Climate Change to discuss the project's detailed project report (DPR). He said any examination or technical assessment would be inappropriate while questions over the project remained unresolved.



Vijay recalled that he had raised the issue with the Prime Minister in a letter dated July 28, seeking to ensure that any approval was consistent with the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Supreme Court's 2018 judgment.

He also cited a unanimous resolution passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on June 19 opposing the project. The State has filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging Union guidelines issued in December 2025 for preparing DPRs for irrigation and multipurpose projects in the Cauvery basin.

QUICK READ

K'taka Chief Secretary releases Scouts jubilee stickers

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh released flag stickers on Saturday to mark the Bharat Scouts and Guides' Amrut Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of service and achievements. The stickers were released at her office in Vidhana Soudha. Dr. Rajneesh congratulated the organisation on completing 75 years and extended her best wishes for its continued contribution to society. The Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrates its Foundation Day every year on November 7. The organisation plays an important role in developing discipline, leadership, patriotism and a spirit of service among children and young people through its activities. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations recognise the organisation's long-standing efforts to guide young people towards responsible citizenship and community service.

Assam says 28 Bangladeshi nationals expelled

GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Saturday that police in Sribhumi district had apprehended and expelled 28 Bangladeshi nationals allegedly staying in the State illegally. In a post on X, Sarma said the government would continue its action against infiltration and would not compromise on Assam's border security or identity. He described the operation as part of a sustained effort to prevent illegal entry. The State has maintained heightened vigilance along its border with Bangladesh. The Border Security Force has also strengthened surveillance along the international boundary in the Northeast following unrest in Bangladesh in 2024. He did not disclose further details of the operation.

MUDH NYOMA MILESTONE

IAF makes historic landing at Ladakh's highest airbase

NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has achieved a major milestone in aviation after its IL-76MD heavy-lift transport aircraft landed at the Mudh-Nyoma airbase in eastern Ladakh at 13,629 feet. The IAF said on Saturday that this was the highest-altitude landing ever made by an IL-76 aircraft anywhere in the world.

The Russian-origin aircraft, known as Gajraj, completed the landing on Friday, November 6. The IAF described the achievement as a new height in aviation history and praised the crew for their skill, precision and professionalism. It said the feat strengthened India's strategic airlift capability, allowing the force to move troops, equipment and supplies to remote areas.

Mudh-Nyoma is located about 25 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

The airbase was inaugurated in November 2025, when then Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh landed a C-130J transport aircraft there.

The base has a 2.7-km runway and can support fighter jets, transport aircraft and helicopters.

The Border Roads Organisation developed the facility under a project reported to cost around Rs 218 crore. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid its foundation stone in September 2023.



The upgrade forms part of India's efforts to improve roads, bridges, airfields and other facilities along the border after the 2020 military standoff with China.

The latest landing comes days after Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on October 31, succeeding A.P. Singh. India and China reached an understanding in October 2024 to disengage troops from friction points in eastern Ladakh, easing tensions after more than four years of standoff. However, both countries continue to strengthen infrastructure near the frontier.

Quick Overview

- **World Record Elevation**: IL-76MD heavy-lift transport aircraft lands at 13,629 feet.
- **Strategic Proximity**: Mudh-Nyoma airbase located just 25 km from the Line of Actual Control.
- **Enhanced Airlift Capabilities**: Significantly boosts India's capacity to transport troops & equipment.
- **Border Infrastructure Growth**: Project developed by BRO at approximately ₹218 crore.

Quick Read

KEA announces PG medical seat allotment

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority has announced the first round of seat allotment results for postgraduate medical courses, assigning 3,268 out of 4,388 total available seats. Executive Director H. Prasanna stated that candidates allotted seats must exercise their choice and pay required fees by November 11, with fee payment deadlines extending to November 12. Students opting for Choice-1 must submit original documents at the KEA office by November 13 and report to their assigned colleges by November 14. This crucial schedule ensures successful applicants complete their admissions smoothly before upcoming academic deadlines.

Court allows physiotherapy for incarcerated actor

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A Bengaluru court has granted permission for jailed actor Darshan to receive medical physiotherapy inside Parappana Agrahara Prison following a recurrence of chronic back pain. Facing intensifying discomfort as winter approached, his legal counsel filed a formal application after jail authorities required judicial approval. While prosecutors raised concerns regarding past medical claims made during earlier bail proceedings, the special court cleared the arrangement. Darshan, currently incarcerated in connection with the Renukaswamy murder case, will now receive prescribed physiotherapy treatments directly within the prison premises under medical supervision.

Suspect arrested for elderly woman's murder

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A suspect has been taken into police custody following the brutal murder of a 65-year-old homeless woman in Konasandra. The victim, Narayanamma, was targeted for her money and a gold ring while sitting near a local temple. Although the incident was initially filed as an unnatural death, a subsequent post-mortem report confirmed severe rib injuries and homicide, alongside the missing ring. Kengeri police intensified their investigation after discovering the crime and are currently interrogating the arrested individual to uncover full details surrounding the tragic robbery and assault.

HDK and Kharge clash over KPSC

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy hit back at Priyank Kharge, accusing the government of persistent KPSC recruitment irregularities.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Escalating political hostilities frequently manifest in fierce verbal skirmishes between prominent state and central leaders, bringing underlying administrative controversies, recruitment scandals, and economic debates to the forefront. A fresh round of political friction has erupted in Karnataka as Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy launched a scathing personal and political counter-attack against State Home Minister Priyank Kharge amid an intensifying controversy surrounding the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC).

Addressing party workers and the media at J.P. Bhavan, Union Minister Kumaraswamy strongly criticized Minister Kharge over ongoing recruitment irregularities, delivering sharp remarks regarding political rhetoric. Responding to Kharge's prior allegations labeling him the "father of KPSC scandals," Kumaraswamy defended his political record, asking whether he was responsible



Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

for irregularities in Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) or veterinary officer examinations. He pointed out that the KPSC scandal only surfaced because of Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids and questioned how accused officials like Gyanendra were sheltered.

The controversy has deepened with the state government transferring recruitment responsibilities from the KPSC to the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA). However, Kumaraswamy contended that systemic scandals and financial irregularities persist, citing past investigative findings by the Deshpande committee and calling for recruitment examinations to be postponed until transparency is ensured. Furthermore, dismissing a political challenge from Kharge regarding electoral seat counts, Kumaraswamy retorted that the JD(S) had previously secured the Chief Minister's office with modest seat shares.

Economic management

Beyond recruitment disputes, Kumaraswamy criticized the state's economic management, alleging that announcements of financial assistance for farmers are frequently timed to deflect public backlash over rising utility costs and bus fare hikes. He also touched upon ethanol fuel blending standards and regional contract allocations, asserting that public works should prioritize local contractors. As political tensions continue to surge across the state, the ongoing war of words underscores deepening fault lines between the ruling administration and opposition leaders ahead of upcoming legislative cycles.

Economic critiques, farmers and ethanol blending

Diversionary tactics

Kumaraswamy alleged that the state government's recent announcement of ₹2,500 payments to farmers was a calculated move to deflect public anger over surging bus fare hikes and failure in crop insurance delivery.

Medical colleges

Countering claims regarding four new medical colleges in Bengaluru South (including Rajiv Gandhi Medical College), Kumaraswamy asserted that approvals were cleared during his tenure as Chief Minister.

Ethanol blending

Addressing fuel debates, Kumaraswamy clarified that Karnataka's fuel reflects local blending practices rather than standard national rates, noting that while the Central government targets 100% future compatibility, current blending stands at 20%.

ITC Mission Sunehra Kal boosts Yelahanka's water security

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Rural neighborhoods around Bengaluru are finally finding relief from dry taps and worn-out community buildings, thanks to a fresh push for local resourcefulness. Leaders from local councils joined corporate teams on November 5 to unveil three distinct community projects across Hunasamaranahalli, Meena Kunte Hosur, and Doddajala. These efforts, backed by ITC's Mission Sunehra Kal alongside community groups like Biome and MYRADA, focus on repairing century-old water sources and upgrading local spaces for children.

In Hunasamaranahalli, the local Indira Canteen has traded its heavy dependence on expensive water tankers for a



The Indira Canteen in Hunasamaranahalli, one of the three projects.

smarter rooftop rainwater harvesting setup. Town officials and project managers gathered to open the new system, which channels rain straight into recharge wells and shallow borewells. Instead of draining municipal budgets on truckloads of water, the neighborhood is steadily turning toward self-reliance.

Just down the road in Meena Kunte Hosur, local families are celebrating a completely transformed Anganwadi center. The upgraded facility now features clean drinking water stations, child-safe toilets, and educational wall paintings designed to spark curiosity in young minds. Local child development officers praised the ongoing corporate partnership, which has already helped revamp nearly two dozen similar centers across the taluk to give toddlers a healthier, safer start.

Meanwhile, history got a second chance in Doddajala, where residents dusted off a hundred-year-old open well known locally as Kudiyo Neeru Baavi. Once abandoned and clogged, the vintage stone well has been cleaned and restored to working order. It now serves as a reliable neighborhood backup for daily chores while feeding fresh water back into the local aquifer.

Organizers noted that these neighborhood transformations highlight what happens when village panchayats and corporate initiatives pull together. By mixing modern conservation with deep-rooted heritage, these communities are quietly building a more resilient future.

IIIT Bangalore students develop AI tool 'Nyaya Sethu'

IIIT-Bangalore students developed 'Nyaya Sethu', an AI platform that analyzes judicial data to recommend cases for alternative dispute resolution, easing India's massive backlog.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The integration of artificial intelligence into public administration and legal frameworks marks a transformative leap forward in addressing India's immense judicial backlog. Developed by a talented student team at the International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore (IIITB) comprising Harshit Khattar, Aarush Gupta, Utkarsh Gupta, and Adarsh Singh, the 'Nyaya Sethu' (Bridge to Justice) platform addresses the structural bottlenecks of the country's court system.

India's judicial system faces an unprecedented administrative challenge, with district and subordinate courts currently managing a massive backlog exceeding 50 million (5 crore) pending cases. Traditional litigation often traps ordinary citizens in protracted, multi-year trial cycles for disputes that could otherwise be resolved amicably.

'Nyaya Sethu' was engineered to serve as an intelligent, data-driven bridge connecting citizens to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms such as mediation, conciliation, and Lok Adalats. Rather than merely quantifying pending files, the AI system parses vast, complex judicial datasets to flag cases structurally suited for out-of-court settlements. Crucially, the tool analyzes individual case parameters, factual matrices, and legal requirements, subsequently generating detailed analytical rationales explaining why specific disputes are prime candidates for early negotiation.

Large-scale legal data

Building the platform required extensive handling and cleaning of large-scale public legal data. Reflecting on the development process, team member Utkarsh Gupta noted that the project provided practical experience in scaling machine learning models to solve massive civic hurdles.

The ingenuity and social impact of the tool earned the student team a prestigious award under the 'Inclusive Innovation for Bharat' category at the 'Ideas for India Innovation Challenge 2026'.

Legal tech experts and developers have underscored an essential boundary regarding the tool's deployment: 'Nyaya Sethu' functions strictly as a decision-support system. It holds no statutory judicial authority. The power to evaluate recommendations, review underlying facts, and officially refer cases for mediation or Lok Adalat proceedings remains exclusively vested in designated judicial committees, legal service authorities, and the courts. By operating as an auxiliary intelligence layer, the tool points a practical way forward toward alleviating institutional burdens and accelerating the delivery of justice across India.

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cases pending in district and subordinate courts

The team

Harshit Khattar, Aarush Gupta, Utkarsh Gupta and Adarsh Singh of IIIT Bangalore. Nyaya Sethu won in the Inclusive Innovation for Bharat category of the Ideas for India Innovation Challenge 2026.

Students celebrate Kannada heritage through street dance

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Celebrations for Karnataka Rajyotsava took an energetic and vibrant turn in Yelahanka this week as local students brought regional culture directly to the streets. Sri Chaitanya Techno School organized a special street dance performance designed to highlight the profound significance of the local land, language, and heritage.

Holding bright Kannada flags aloft, participating students captured public attention by performing synchronized and rhythmic dance routines to popular regional songs. The innovative public showcase aimed to reflect the grandeur, history, and deep-rooted pride of the state, instantly transforming the urban street into a festive, Kannada-centric at-



Students of Sri Chaitanya Techno School perform in Yelahanka.

mosphere.

Delighted by the spirited displays, onlookers gathered in large numbers to cheer, applaud, and capture the moments on their mobile phones. Passersby frequently paused their daily routines to watch the choreography, offering warm encouragement that significantly boosted the morale and enthusiasm of the young performers.

Pride in the language

Organizers noted that the unique cultural initiative served a dual purpose: fostering a strong, personal sense of identity among the children while raising broader community awareness about the state's linguistic heritage. Through expressive movement and music, the students powerfully conveyed the sentiment that Kannada represents far more than just a means of communication; it stands as a core cultural identity.

Conducted under the careful guidance of the school management, principal, and faculty members, the successful event added remarkable splendor to local Rajyotsava festivities, leaving lasting memories for residents and students alike.

ATTIBELE FIRECRACKER MARKET SEES 30% SALES SLUMP

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

? GREEN CRACKERS ONLY

Every box sold carries a scannable QR code, so buyers can check its eco-friendly credentials before leaving the shop.

Diwali preparations in Karnataka have taken an unexpected turn this season, marked by a notable downturn in commercial activity at one of the region's largest seasonal retail hubs. Traders operating out of the bustling Attibele firecracker market, situated strategically along the interstate boundary between Bengaluru and Hosur, report a disappointing 30% drop in overall sales figures when compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

This shift in consumer behavior coincides with strict regulatory frameworks. In adherence to ongoing directives issued by the National Green Tribunal and local authorities aiming to curb environmental pollution, merchants are authorized exclusively to stock and distribute certified eco-friendly or "green" firecrackers. To maintain compliance and consumer trust, every individual box of fireworks is equipped with a scannable QR code, allowing buyers to authenticate the eco-friendly credentials of their purchases before leaving the shop.

Local merchants point to a combination of meteorological disruptions and sluggish foot traffic as primary catalysts for the market slump. Persistent unseasonal rainfall across the region has dampened festive enthusiasm, while consumer turnout remains markedly lower than anticipated. These challenges persist despite stable pricing structures and the mandatory availability of green alternatives designed to align with ecological safety standards.

Traditionally recognized as a premier wholesale and retail destination for festive shoppers seeking competitive prices, the Attibele market currently displays a quieter atmosphere than usual.

Nevertheless, business owners maintain an optimistic outlook, anticipating that last-minute festive buying trends might help recover some of the lost revenue in the days leading up to the main celebrations.

Indian professional honored in global sustainability Vanguard

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A sustainability professional from India has been officially inducted into the prestigious Dual Fellowship Vanguard during the graduation ceremony of the 2nd Global Professional Fellowship program. Honored for completing both the Distinguished Professional Sustainability Fellowship and the Professional Sustainability Fellowship, the recipient expressed profound gratitude to leaders including Dr. Wesam Al Madhoun and Ms. Michelle Thatcher. Supported by the Global Ambassadors of Sustainability and the Global Green Chamber of Com-



merce, the international cohort highlighted cross-border dedication to purpose-driven leadership, environmental excellence, and sustainable global development initiatives.

CLASH AT EVENT

Congress, BJP leaders clash near Tin Factory

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Political tensions in urban governance frequently boil over when development disputes, constituency resource allocations, and partisan rivalries intersect in high-profile public settings. A dramatic political showdown recently unfolded in Bengaluru near the critical transit intersection known as the 'Tin Factory' close to Whitefield, bringing local administrative friction to a boiling point in the immediate presence of senior cabinet ministers.

The high-drama altercation erupted during a high-profile public event attended by Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. The underlying catalyst for the friction centered on contentious debates surrounding municipal development projects, infrastructural oversight, and local constituency funds.



Congress and BJP leaders argue at the event near Tin Factory.

According to eyewitness accounts and local reports, local Congress workers and party leaders initiated sharp verbal volleys against the area's opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA, accusing local representatives of failing to execute necessary public works effectively and neglecting civic infrastructure needs. What began as spirited political disagreement quickly spiraled into a chaotic shouting match as rival factions traded accusations regarding governance failures and project delays.

Near-brawl at the venue

Despite the physical presence of Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who attempted to restore order and manage the volatile gathering, party workers and prominent local figures engaged in an aggressive exchange of words. The confrontation grew so heated that it nearly escalated into a physical brawl, forcing security personnel and senior leaders to intervene rapidly to separate the belligerent groups and prevent a complete breakdown of public order at the venue.

Incidents of this nature highlight the immense political pressure surrounding infrastructure development in fast-growing metropolitan corridors like Bengaluru East and Whitefield. Critical arterial junctions such as the Tin Factory area represent major bottlenecks where multi-modal transit projects, metro construction, and stormwater drainage initiatives intersect. When civic delays occur, local political representatives frequently find themselves caught in a crossfire between grassroots activists, municipal authorities, and state-level ministries.

Pressure on civic projects

Minister Krishna Byre Gowda's involvement underscores the delicate balancing act required of state administrators who must navigate hyper-partisan local disputes while attempting to advance critical urban renewal and transit projects across the Bengaluru metropolitan region.

Quick Read

Hubballi police arrest man in land fraud case

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

Hubballi-Dharwad police have arrested Raghavendra Gokak, a resident of Hubballi Settlement, for allegedly forging property documents and illegally selling land. According to the complaint lodged at Vidyanagar Police Station, the accused allegedly misused original ownership documents and created forged papers to sell a site in Unkal, Hubballi. After examining the documents related to the case, police arrested Gokak and produced him before the court. He has been remanded to judicial custody. Police are also investigating allegations that several people may have been cheated through forged property documents. Meanwhile, the public has been advised to verify ownership records and legal documents carefully before purchasing land or property.

Gadag leather artisans invited to apply online

CH NEWS, GADAG

Leather artisans belonging to Scheduled Castes can apply online for livelihood assistance through the Karnataka Seva Sindhu portal from October 29 to November 28. Applicants can submit their applications through https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in. They must also submit the required supporting documents in person at the designated office. The Gadag District LIDKAR Coordinator has advised interested applicants to contact 9141304210 or 9353863947 for details about the application process.

Hiriyur BEO Thippeswamy felicitated

CH NEWS, HIRIYUR

The management of Dr. Scientist International School felicitated newly appointed Block Education Officer (BEO) Thippeswamy at a programme held at the BEO office. School President Dr. B. Mahantesh and Secretary Dr. Raviprasad Sajjan M. honoured him with a garland, shawl, fruits and betel leaves.

Speaking on the occasion, Thippeswamy expressed hope that the school would earn public recognition by providing quality education and instilling strong values among students.

Dr. Mahantesh, an agricultural scientist, has contributed to horticulture education and served in the field for 36 years. Dr. Raviprasad Sajjan is known for memory-enhancement training and has reportedly guided around six lakh students and parents.

The school proposed organising a one-day workshop for SSLC students in Hiriyur taluk on memory improvement and examination preparation.

Education Coordinator K.P. Puttaswamy, H.R. Manjunath and other education department staff attended the programme.

Science exhibition encourages young minds to innovate



At the district-level science exhibition at DIET, Dharwad

CH NEWS, DHARWAD

Science exhibitions provide students with opportunities to showcase creativity, innovation and practical knowledge, said J.G. Sayyad, Principal of the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Dharwad.

He was speaking after inaugurating the district-level science exhibition organised at DIET. He said such exhibitions encourage students to move beyond textbook learning and develop scientific thinking through practical experiments. They also help students identify real-life problems and find solutions through science and technology.

Sayyad added that these activities nurture curiosity, creativity and an interest in research, helping students prepare for future careers as scientists and innovators.

Senior Lecturer Deepak Kulkarni urged students to apply classroom knowledge to practical situations and develop models based on problems in their surroundings.

OFF TO THE STATE LEVEL

SCIENCE DRAMA
Rajeshwari Guddal and team, Sri Amrutheshwara Composite PU College, Annigeri

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITION
Anushree Rajur, Presentation School, Dharwad

GROUP EXHIBITION
Gayatri Honnalli and Shruti Kubasada, Government Girls' High School, Kalaghatagi

TEACHERS
M.N. Lohani, Government Adarsha Vidyalaya, Dastikoppa, Kalaghatagi

Models covering Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Biological Sciences, Engineering and other subjects were displayed.

Lecturer and Nodal Officer Puttappa Bhajantri welcomed the gathering. Raju Bhushetti compered the programme, while F.Y. Manjannavara proposed the vote of thanks. DIET lecturers, staff, teachers and other education representatives attended the event.

Children's Day must go beyond one-day celebrations



At the district-level speech competition in Gadag

CH NEWS, GADAG

Children's Day should not be limited to a single day's celebration but must serve as an occasion to focus on children's rights, safety and overall development, said newly appointed Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) K.D. Badigera.

He was speaking at the inauguration of a district-level speech competition on the thoughts and ideals of Jawaharlal Nehru at Government Urdu High School, Gadag. The event was jointly organised by the DDPI's office and Karnataka Bala Vikasa Academy, Dharwad.

Badigera said India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, considered children the nation's greatest asset. He stressed that every child should receive quality education and grow in a safe environment. He also highlighted the importance of moral values, creativity and patriotism alongside academic learning. Teachers and parents, he said, should work together to recognise and encourage children's talents.

DIET lecturer H.B. Raddera, who attended as a guest and judge, appreciated the students' performances. J.D. Dasara said such competitions provide opportunities for children to showcase their abilities.

Headmistress Lalita Vanakyala, who presided over the programme, advised students to accept both victory and defeat with equal sportsmanship. M.H. Savadatti explained the objectives of the competition and introduced the programme.

Competition winners

First prize: Karthik Gowda Patil, Indira Gandhi Residential School, Hole Alur.

Second prize: Hafsa S. Yaragudi, Bright Horizon English Medium High School, Gadag.

Third prize: Ananya Gotur, St. John High School, Gadag.

Consolation prizes: Subhash Gowda Satakanala, KPS, Doni; Vishwanath S. Hoogar, RKMS, Nargund; and Sinchana Byalahunisi, CCN Government High School, Shirahatti.

Students from various taluks and their guiding teachers participated. Education Coordinator R.G. Kavalageri welcomed the gathering. The winners received awards and plaques.

Centre boosts Bharat rice supply across southern states

The Centre permitted Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana to impose rice and paddy stock limits until January 31, 2027.

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

The Central Government has increased the allocation of Bharat Rice to five southern states, including Karnataka, to improve market availability and control rising prices.

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi announced the measures.

The Centre has also agreed to allow Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana to impose stock limits on rice and paddy wherever necessary. These limits can remain in force until January 31, 2027.

Additional Bharat Rice supply

The Centre is allocating additional quantities of Bharat Rice to three agencies: NAFED, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar. They have been directed to expand their distribution networks to make rice more accessible to consumers, particularly in southern states.

Rice sales target doubled

The government has doubled the rice sales target under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for 2026-27 from 25 lakh metric tonnes to 50 lakh metric tonnes. According to the government, 25 lakh metric tonnes had already been sold through e-auctions up to October 31, compared with 11 lakh metric tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

Weekly stock declaration

Under an order issued on November 6, traders, wholesalers, retailers, large retail chains and rice millers across the country must declare their rice and paddy stocks every Friday through the Food Stock Portal.



Pralhad Joshi
Union Minister

The declaration covers six categories, including Basmati, premium non-Basmati, other non-Basmati, parboiled rice, broken rice and paddy.

Those failing to register or violating prescribed stock limits may face action under Sections 6 and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Joshi said the measures aim to prevent hoarding and black marketing, maintain stable prices and ensure sufficient rice supplies for consumers.

Rice measures in a nutshell

More Bharat Rice
Supply boosted in five southern states

Stock limits
States may cap rice and paddy stocks until January 2027

Sales target doubled
OMSS target raised from 25 lakh to 50 lakh tonnes

Weekly reporting
Traders and millers must declare stocks every Friday

Railway drives collect fines across Karnataka divisions

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

South Western Railway has intensified ticket-checking operations across its Hubballi and Mysuru divisions to curb ticketless and irregular travel during the Diwali festival.

The special drive in the Hubballi Division will continue from November 1 to 16.

During an inspection conducted on November 5, railway officials registered 1,004 cases and collected ₹8,89,045 in fines. The checks targeted passengers travelling without tickets, using General Class tickets in Sleeper or AC coaches, and entering railway platforms without valid permission.

Dr. Karthik V. Hegadekatti, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Hubballi Division, participated in the inspection at Shri Siddharoodha Swamiji Railway Station. He urged passengers to carry valid tickets and travel only in the coaches permitted by their ticket class.

Meanwhile, the Mysuru Division collected ₹2,32,445 in fines during a special checking campaign conducted between November 1 and 5. Officials carried out 16 inspections, involving nine staff members, and checked 1,771 tickets, including PRS, UTS and concessional tickets.

On November 1, teams detected 124 cases across routes covering Arsikere, Yesvantpur, Birur, Davangere, Haveri and Chitradurga, collecting ₹1,22,980.

On November 2, inspections on the Mysuru–Bengaluru and Mysuru–Hassan routes resulted in 96 cases and ₹1,01,900 in fines.

On November 5, checks across the Mysuru–Chamarajanagar, Mysuru–Hassan and Mysuru–Mandya routes detected 14 cases, generating ₹7,565. The inspection was conducted under the supervision of South Western Railway General Manager P. Ananth.

Railway officials have urged passengers to purchase valid tickets and follow travel regulations to avoid penalties and ensure orderly journeys.

Youth Congress suspends six Karnataka office-bearers

CH NEWS, HAVERI

Their absence caused embarrassment to the party, said Haveri district Congress president Sanjeevkumar Neeralagi

The Indian Youth Congress (IYC) has suspended six office-bearers of the Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress Committee (KPYCC) for allegedly remaining absent from important party programmes in Delhi, including the November 1 INDIA bloc rally against alleged irregularities in electoral rolls.

The suspension order, dated November 5, was issued by the national leadership of the Indian Youth Congress. The six office-bearers will remain suspended until further orders.

Minister's son among them

Those suspended include Darshankumar Lamani, Haveri District Youth Congress president and son of Karnataka Minister for Sugar and Textiles and Haveri district incharge Rudrappa Lamani. The others are state secretaries Abdul Aziz, Suraj Avati, Pawan Salian and Abhishek C., along with Uttara Kannada District Youth Congress president Subrahmanya Sirsikar.

The action was taken over their reported absence from the protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the 'Sansad Chalo' programme in Delhi. The leadership reportedly viewed their absence from these organisational activities as a serious breach of party discipline.

The suspension order was issued by KPYCC president Manjunath H.S., along with Indian Youth Congress National Secretary and Karnataka co-in-charge Tarique Bagwan and National Secretary Srinivas Rathod.

Absence taken seriously

Haveri District Congress president Sanjeevkumar Neeralagi said the party had directed office-bearers of various organisations, including Youth Congress leaders, to attend the November 1 programme. He said Darshankumar Lamani's absence had been taken seriously, leading to disciplinary action.

Neeralagi added that Youth Congress leaders were expected to motivate young party workers and fulfil their organisational responsibilities. Their absence had caused embarrassment to the party, he said.

Similar disciplinary action has also been taken against Youth Congress office-bearers in other states. Reports said around 60 office-bearers in Madhya Pradesh were suspended for missing the Delhi rally.

Gadag farmers urged to enrol for crop insurance scheme



The district-level crop insurance review meeting in Gadag

CH NEWS, GADAG

Deputy Commissioner C.N. Sreedhara has directed officials to ensure the effective implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to protect farmers from financial losses caused by natural disasters, including heavy rainfall, drought, unseasonal rain, pests and diseases.

He was speaking at a district-level review meeting held at his office.

Sreedhara explained that crop losses are assessed through Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) conducted in notified insurance areas. Eligible farmers receive compensation based on the assessed yield losses. Damage caused by localised calamities such as floods, hailstorms and landslides is assessed separately at the individual farm level.

Officials informed the meeting that IndusInd General Insurance Company Limited would implement the scheme in Gadag district for 2026–27.

Joint Director of Agriculture Chetana Patil announced the crop insurance registration deadlines for the 2026–27 Rabi and summer seasons.

Last dates to enrol

Nov 16
sorghum, horse gram, sunflower, safflower

Nov 30
irrigated maize and sunflower, rain-fed chickpea

Dec 15
wheat, irrigated chickpea

Feb 26
summer irrigated paddy

Mar 13
summer irrigated groundnut

For the Rabi season, November 16 is the last date for rain-fed and irrigated sorghum, rain-fed horse gram, sunflower and safflower. November 30 is the deadline for irrigated maize, rain-fed chickpea and irrigated sunflower. Farmers growing irrigated and rain-fed wheat and irrigated chickpea can register until December 15.

For the summer season, the last dates are February 26, 2027, for irrigated paddy and March 13, 2027, for irrigated groundnut.

Patil urged farmers to complete their registration before the respective deadlines and submit the required documents without delay. She advised them not to wait until the last day to apply.

Officials from the Agriculture Department and other departments attended the meeting.

BIRDS OF KARNATAKA

Karnataka bird census records 407 species statewide

CH NEWS, DAVANAGERE

Karnataka's first-ever Rajyotsava Bird Count has recorded 407 bird species across the state, highlighting its rich biodiversity. Conducted from October 30 to November 2, the four-day exercise brought together 2,252 birdwatchers, who submitted 8,223 checklists through the eBird platform.

The initiative was organised by Bird Count India and the Karnataka Bird Monitoring Network, with support from the Forest Department.

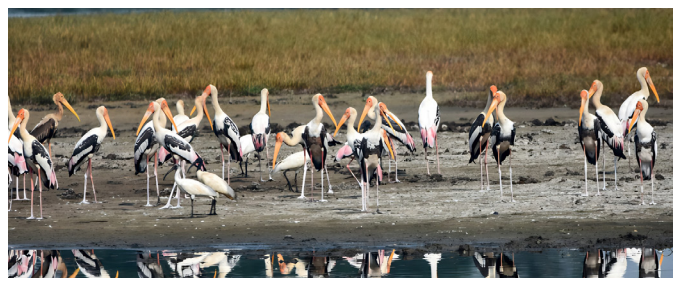
Uttara Kannada topped the district rankings with 300 species, followed by Mysuru with 260 and Bengaluru Urban with 241. Udupi recorded 239 species, Chamarajanagara 237 and Kodagu 235.

In Davanagere, local birdwatchers Abhishek Kapsi and Basavaraj Onkarappa participated in the exercise. They observed birds at Kondajji Lake, Hole Sirigere and Avaragere Lake. According to the daily figures for the district, 64 species were recorded on the first day, 101 on the second, 83 on the third and 64 on the fourth.

Kapsi said participants uploaded photographs and bird sightings through the eBird application. He explained that the exercise helped document local and migratory species. Onkarappa said Davanagere could support 200 to 250 bird species.

Birdwatchers also expressed concern over the decline in migratory birds at local lakes due to drought and falling water levels. They said fewer winter visitors had arrived this season.

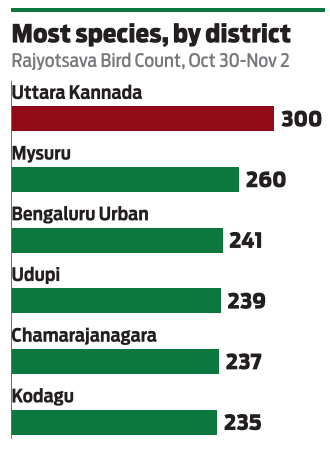
The census will help researchers understand bird distribution, migration and habitats. It also encourages public participation in wildlife conservation. Organisers said the records would provide useful information for future studies and conservation efforts.



Painted storks at a wetland. The four-day count logged 407 species

The census also recorded several uncommon species, including Baillon's Crake, Black Bittern, Cinnamon Bittern and Savanna Nightjar in Udupi. Such sightings underline the importance of protecting wetlands and natural habitats across Karnataka.

Most species, by district
Rajyotsava Bird Count, Oct 30-Nov 2



Figures: the bird count's organisers

Quick Read

Magadi students shine in Kabaddi competitions

CH NEWS, MAGADI

Students of Saraswati Vidya Mandira School have brought pride to Magadi by securing first place in the taluk-level Kabaddi competition and second place at the district level. Five students have also been selected for divisional and state-level competitions. G.S. Puneeth, Taluk BJP Raitha Morcha president, felicitated the students and presented personal prizes. He also awarded ₹5,000 to the school's physical education teachers and coaches for their guidance. Puneeth praised the students' achievements and encouraged them to accept victory and defeat equally while working towards success at state and national levels.

Medical waste dumping near Bandipur sparks outrage

Locals report trucks returning from Kerala are illegally dumping hospital waste along the highway near Bandipur forest

CH NEWS, GUNDLUPET

The alleged illegal dumping of medical waste brought from Kerala along National Highway 766 near the Gundlupet border in Chamarajanagar district has raised serious concerns among local residents.

Villagers fear that the waste could pose health risks and increase the possibility of infectious diseases.

According to local residents, lorries and Eicher vehicles returning from Kerala after transporting goods are allegedly dumping hospital waste near a hill along the highway passing through the Bandipur forest region.

Activist Muneer Pasha said the dumped waste had created a foul smell, causing concern among people living nearby. Another activist, Ashok, questioned how vehicles carrying such waste could pass through several forest and police checkposts without being detected. He alleged that the illegal dumping continued despite an earlier public intervention involving a suspected vehicle.

Responding to the issue, Karnataka Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment R. Ramalinga Reddy said he would personally inspect the Mulehole checkpost and direct officials to take necessary action. He assured that strict measures would follow the inspection.

The minister also addressed other forest-related issues, including the incident at Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary and repairs to an anti-poaching camp damaged in a gelatin-stick explosion. He said forest personnel should not hesitate to perform their duties.


Forest Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy.

On illegal firearms, Reddy said action would be taken against those possessing unlicensed weapons after the November 1 surrender deadline. He also stated that a decision on declaring Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary a tiger reserve would be taken after consulting local residents.

Residents have urged authorities to investigate the medical waste dumping, identify those responsible and prevent further incidents.

The dumping row

- **Dumping:** hospital waste from Kerala left near National Highway 766
- **Health fears:** villagers worry about infectious diseases
- **Assurance:** Forest Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy will inspect the Mulehole check-post
- **Check-posts:** activists ask how the vehicles got past forest and police checks

Parameshwara rules out renaming Shivakumara Swamiji Circle



₹62,000 cr estimated drought losses

₹22,000 cr sought from the Centre

CH NEWS, TUMAKURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister Dr G. Parameshwara has clarified that the name of Shivakumara Swamiji Circle in Tumakuru will not be changed.

He made the statement after visiting Siddaganga Matha and receiving the blessings of Sri Siddalinga Swamiji on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters, Parameshwara said his family had maintained a close relationship with the Matha for generations. He recalled that his father and elder brother regularly visited the institution and said the family continued the tradition.

Clarifying concerns over the circle's name, he said there was no proposal to rename it. He explained that changing the name of a public junction required a formal proposal from the local civic body and approval through the prescribed government process. No such procedure had been initiated, he said.

LED screen under test

Regarding the installation of an LED screen at the circle, Parameshwara said technical testing was still underway. The inauguration would be announced after the technical issues were resolved.

He said the project aimed to bring modern technology to cities such as Tumakuru instead of limiting such facilities to Bengaluru. The screen could be used for advertisements and government announcements. Private organisations and individuals could also use it by paying the prescribed charges.

Drought relief

On drought relief, Parameshwara said Karnataka had suffered estimated losses of around ₹62,000 crore and had sought approximately ₹22,000 crore from the Centre under NDRF guidelines. The state had submitted three memorandums and was seeking appointments with the Prime Minister and Union ministers to explain the situation.

He said the government was willing to lead an all-party delegation to Delhi, but would present the state's demands even if opposition parties declined to participate.

Bus fares

Responding to criticism over the recent bus fare hike, he said rising fuel costs and losses faced by transport corporations had influenced the decision. He added that lower petrol and diesel prices could help reduce the financial burden on transport services.

Students urged to preserve their historical heritage

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Understanding the history, culture and traditions of ancestors is essential to preserving heritage for future generations, said V. Moorthachar, Education Coordinator at the Chitradurga Taluk Block Education Officer's office.

He was speaking after inaugurating the taluk-level 'Prachya Prajna' (Heritage Awareness) competition for high school students at Sampige Siddeshwara High School. The programme was jointly organised by the Block Education Officer's office and the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru.

Diwali rush drives up Karnataka bus fares

MALINGARAYA PUJAR, GADAG

Travelling home for Diwali has become expensive for passengers as private bus operators have sharply increased ticket prices amid rising festive demand.

The steep fare hike has placed an additional financial burden on families travelling from Bengaluru and Mangaluru to North Karnataka districts, including Gadag, Haveri, Dharwad and Bagalkot.

With several holidays coinciding with the festival, thousands of passengers are travelling to their hometowns to celebrate with their families. Taking advantage of the increased demand, private bus fares on several routes have reportedly increased two to three times compared with regular days.

According to reports published on November 7, passengers travelling from Bengaluru to different destinations are facing significant price increases. For instance, fares on the Bengaluru–Mangaluru route have reportedly risen from the usual ₹496–₹1,157 to ₹1,785–₹4,999. On the Bengaluru–Hubballi route, tickets are being sold for ₹1,989–₹8,000, compared with regular fares of ₹660–₹1,700.

The situation has also raised concerns among passengers travelling with their families under the state government's Shakti scheme. Introduced in June 2023, the scheme provides eligible women and transgender persons domiciled in Karnataka with free travel on specified non-luxury government bus services within the state. However, male passengers are required to purchase tickets.

Passengers have also raised concerns about additional charges on special government bus services during festive periods. Such services may carry different fares depending on the route and bus category.

A passenger from Lakshmeshwar said that although the free travel facility benefits women, families still face considerable expenses when male members have to purchase tickets and private buses charge higher fares.



"Amidst the hype of free travel, the price hike of festive special buses is a testament to the fact that giving is on one side and taking is on the other"
— Ashwini Bidnal (Gowdar)

Passengers have urged transport authorities to monitor private bus fares and ensure affordable travel options during festivals. They have also called for greater transparency in special bus ticket pricing.

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
"Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 590018, Karnataka
Ref.No: VTU/BGM/RE/2026-27/IFT No.84/4509 Date: 07-11-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) - (Through KPP Portal Only)

The e-Tender is invited in duplicate from eligible Tenderers, registered Contractor, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the work of **Construction of Additional Third & Fourth Floor for Computer Labs Over Newly Constructed Class Room Complex Building to UG / PG Courses (including Electrification, Networking, Aluminum Partition, Surveillance System and Air Conditioners) at VTU, Regional Centre, Kalaburagi. Amounting to Rs. 4,15,25,343/- (Excluding GST).** Other details log on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 11-11-2026.**

Sd/- Registrar
VTU, Belagavi

DIPR/Belagavi/1076/Adverto/2026-27

CAUVERY NIRAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka under taking)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, NO2 KABINI CANAL DIVISION, KOLLEGAL-571440, DISTRICT: CHAMARAJANAGAR.
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement e-Portal only)
(Two Electronic Document System: e-D1-Technical Bid and e-D2-Financial Bid)

TENDER NOTIFICATION No-08/2026-27 DATED: 03-11-2026.

Tenders have been invited through KPP e-Portal in two tender document system as per approved standard bid document for the works of "Rehabilitation and improvement works to Uduthorehalla Dam under world bank aided DRIP Phase-II programme" (Package-I) Est cost Rs. 525.83 Lakhs [Indent No-5557] from eligible contractors registered in KPWD/CPWD.

Details of tender processing fee, EMD amount, Pre bid meeting details, Last date for submitting and opening of tender and other details can be had from KPPP e-portal web site www.kppp.karnataka.gov.inFurther changes in this Notification will be published in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Further information can be obtained from this office.

Executive Engineer, (I/c)
CNNL, No2 Kabini Canal Division, Kollegal.

No: DIPR: CHANAGAR: 440: 2026-27.

Government of Karnataka
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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(1) **The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi** invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. **(26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached. (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents **(Total 2 Work)**

(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **11-11-2026 up to 16.00.00**
(2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders : **12-11-2026 up to 16.00.00**
(3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid : **13 -11-2026 @ 16.30.00**
(4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid : **16-11-2026 @ 16.00.00**

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/533/26-27
dt. 06.11.2026

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttar Kannada)

IN THE COURT OF THE HONBLE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFCAT DODDABALLAPURA
C.MIS. 690 /2026

PETITIONER : 1. Sri. BYREGOWDA S/o Late Puttabyraiah Aged About 58 Years Residing At: Shakaladevanapura Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura, Taluk Bangalore - 561203. **2. Smt. SOWBHAGYAMMA.** D/o Late Puttabyraiah Aged About 57 Years Residing At: Byregowdanapalya, Bachenahatti, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562120. **3. Sri. GANGARAJU.** S/o Late Puttabyraiah Aged About 52 Years Residing At: Shakaladevanapura Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura, Taluk Bangalore - 561203. **4. Smt. RATHNAMMA.** D/o Late Puttabyraiah Aged About 48 Years Residing At: Doddatumakuru Village kanasavadi post, Madhure hobli Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore-561203. **5. Sri. GURURAJ S P** S/o Late Puttabyraiah Aged About 47 Years Residing At: Shakaladevanapura Village Madhure Hobli Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore-561203. V/S

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Give under my hand and seal of this court on the 15th day of October 2026.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministeral Officer, Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura

Advocate for Petitioner HEM KUMAR Advocate, Marasandra village, Madhure hobli, doddaballapura taluk Bengaluru rural district - 561203

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BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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No: BDA/EE/HPD-1/TEN/T-398/2026-27 Date: 07-11-2026

SHORT TERM INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
(Through GoK e-Procurement Platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Short Term Tender is invited in invited by Bangalore Development Authority **(Indent Number: BDA/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT294).** Tender Schedule is as below.

Tender Schedule: **1)** Date of availability of Tender Documents in e-Portal: **07-11-2026. 2)** Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Pre Bid Enquiries: **09-11-2026, 11.00 AM. 3)** Date and Time of Tender Pre Bid Meeting: **11-11-2026, 3.00 PM. 4)** Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender: **18-11-2026, 4.00 PM. 5)** Date of Opening Technical Bid of Tender: **19-11-2026 after 4.30 PM.**

Interested Contractors can view further details on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for more details it is requested to contact the **Housing Project Division-1** of BDA during office hours.

Note: For any reason if there is delay in uploading the Tender Documents in e-Portal, the revised / modified Tender Schedule will only be published in e-Portal.

BDA HELPLINE: 94831 66622 (24x7). @BDAOfficialGoK

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Housing Project Division-1, BDA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Gurulinga Ambaraya S/o Ambaraya R/o Plot No 294, Near Railway Bridge Naganhalli Circle, Sharanabasaveshwar Nagar, VTC: Gulbarga, PO: Gb Rs, Sub District: Afzalpur, District: Kalaburagi, State: Karnataka-585102 have changed my name to Guralinga

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PREMLATHA SAREMAL (old name), a resident of No 3/A Umang 5th Floor, Mahantha Layout, Bull Temple Road Cross KG Nagar, Bengaluru, 560019, Karnataka, INDIA , have changed my name to PREM LATHA (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 07-11-2026, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

NAME CHANGE
I, **MANOJ ANANDKRISHNA KUNDAL**, S/o Anands, resident of No 162, 4th Main Road BCC Layout, Attiguppe, Vijayanagar Post, Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name to **MANOJ A KUNDAL**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 07.11.2026 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

NAME CHANGE
I, **DEEPA PANDURANGA RAO SINDIA**, W/o Panduranga Rao Sindia, resident of No 104 Sri Krishna Nilaya, 3rd A Main, Vinayaka Layout Abbigere, Bengaluru-560090, have changed my name to **DEEPA**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 07.11.2026 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

NAME CHANGE
I, **RAJANI TIMRAJU**, W/o Anands, resident of No 162, 4th Main Road BCC Layout, Attiguppe, Vijayanagar Post, Bengaluru - 560040, have changed my name to **RAJANI ANANDS**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 07.11.2026 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

NAME CHANGE
I, **SAIF ALI KHAN SHABANA LIYAKATH ALI KHAN**, S/o Liyakath Ali Khan, resident of No 26, 11th Cross. Someshwar Nagar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560011, have changed my name to **SAIF ALI KHAN S L**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 07.11.2026 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

DOCUMENT LOST
I, K.NAWAB, aged about 70 Years, Son of Abdul Rehaman, Residing at No. 3313/59, 14th Cross, 5th Main, Near Ramesh Babu Circle, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Berngaluru-560040, hereby declare that, I have Lost Original Absolute Sale Deed bearing Documents No. 407-2001-1, 19460-2003-04, 40647-2004-05, I could not trace-out the same by diligent efforts of search done by me, the same is irretrievably lost, subsequently I have filed Complaint before Karnataka State Police, Bengaluru Unit, in vide Lost Report No.2522075/2026, Dated : 05/11/2026 vide Affidavit dated : 07/11/2026 before Notary V.RAJASHEKHARA, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE
I, **MALANANPALE** as **ANANDKRISHNA VENKATARAMANA**, S/o Venkataramanna Mallinayana, resident of No 162, 4th Main Road BCC Layout, Attiguppe, Vijayanagar Post, Bengaluru - 560040, have changed my name to **ANANDS**, Vide Affidavit Dated: 07.11.2026 before notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, FATIMA JABEEN C (old name), a resident of NO 203, 7th Cross, Near Foot Ball Ground, Pillanna Garden 1st STAGE, Bangalore North, St Thomas Town, Bengaluru, 560084, Karnataka, INDIA, have changed my name to FATIMA JABEEN (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 07-11-2026, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NISHA SURENDRAN (old name), a resident of Flat NO. 57032, Tower 7, Prestige Waterford, ECC Road, Pattandur Agrahara, Whitefield, Bengaluru, 560066, Karnataka, INDIA, have changed my name to NISHA SUNIL (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 07-11-2026, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

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Kadugolla leader condemns attack on migrant shepherds

CH NEWS, MAGADI

Suresh, president of the Magadi Taluk Kadugolla Community, has condemned the shooting incident involving migrant shepherds near Gurupura village in Hunsur taluk.

He urged the state government to ensure the safety and legal protection of shepherds who travel across districts for their livelihood.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday, Suresh said the incident took place on the night of November 5, when suspected sheep thieves opened fire on shepherds near Gurupura while attempting to steal sheep. Three shepherds from Sira taluk in Tumakuru district were injured in the incident. They were taken to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for treatment.

Expressing concern over the attack, Suresh said such incidents threatened the lives and livelihoods of migrant shepherds, who depend on sheep rearing for their income.

Quick Read



1.82 lakh screened in Chikkaballapura TB drive

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

Under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, 1,82,425 vulnerable people were screened during a special TB detection campaign held from October 27 to November 4. Five cases were confirmed, and treatment has begun.

Zilla Panchayat CEO Dr. Y. Naveen Bhat urged people with TB symptoms to undergo screening at the nearest PHC or Taluk Hospital.

Health workers are collecting sputum samples and conducting X-ray examinations among vulnerable groups.

The district recorded 4,959 TB cases between 2023 and 2025.

The treatment success rate increased to 91%, while mortality declined to 6%.

Persistent cough, fever, weight loss, night sweats and breathing difficulties are key symptoms. Dr. Bhat appealed to the public to seek early medical attention.

Officials directed to resolve public grievances within deadlines

Officials resolved nearly 5,000 Podi cases in a year, shifting applications online to ensure timely grievance resolution



Officials at the taluk-level Praja Seva Andolana in Manchenahalli.

CH NEWS, MANCHENAHALLI

Deputy Commissioner G. Prabhu has directed government officials to ensure that all public applications received under the 'Praja Seva Andolana' are resolved within the stipulated timeframe.

He stressed that people should not be forced to make repeated visits to government offices to get their work done.

He was speaking after inaugurating the taluk-level campaign at the Government High School in Manchenahalli village.

Prabhu said nearly 5,000 land subdivision (Podi) cases had been resolved across the district during the past year. Applications are now being received through online software, with measures in place to ensure timely disposal. He urged officials to understand public grievances and provide permanent solutions rather than merely closing applications.

6,000 Property Documents Planned

Under the Revenue Village Campaign, around 6,000 property documents (Hakku Patras) are proposed for distribution in Manchenahalli taluk. Measurements of 650 sites have been completed, while 525 land grant applications have been settled. Revenue records are also being digitised under the Bhu Suraksha scheme.

The administration is developing housing sites across approximately 1,800 acres, including 800 acres already sanctioned for the purpose.

Yettinahole Project Progress

The Deputy Commissioner said pipeline work under the Yettinahole project was expected to be completed by June-July next year, with water supply to the district targeted by the end of 2027.

He also highlighted welfare measures for workers, distribution of equipment to more than 2,500 workers in each taluk and efforts to fill vacant Anganwadi positions.

A total of 656 applications were received across the district during the campaign by 5.30 pm. Some pension applications were resolved immediately, while officials assured that the remaining petitions would be addressed within the prescribed timeframe.

Officials from various departments attended the programme at different locations across the district.

The DC's targets

Strict Resolution Deadlines
Officials ordered to clear public applications promptly

Property Document Distribution
Around 6,000 Hakku Patras planned for Manchenahalli

Yettinahole Project Timeline
Pipeline work expected to finish by mid-2027

Extensive Land Surveys
Nearly 5,000 Podi cases resolved district-wide

Minister seeks timely action for those left out of job scheme

CH NEWS, KUSHTAGI



Karnataka Minister for Backward Classes Welfare and Kannada and Culture and Koppal District In-charge Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi has directed Zilla Panchayat officials to examine applications of people excluded from the employment guarantee scheme list and take action according to the rules.

He was speaking at the 'Praja Seva Andolana' meeting organised by the district administration at Fakirappa Channappa Hosavakkala Kalyana Mantapa in Kushtagi on November 7. Tangadagi discussed a petition submitted by the Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha and instructed the Zilla Panchayat CEO to address technical issues preventing people from obtaining employment.

He said farmers were facing difficulties due to inadequate rainfall and crop losses. Providing employment to those seeking work was essential to prevent migration, he added.

Several other public grievances were also brought to the minister's attention. Residents demanded road widening and bridge repairs in Dotihala, removal of encroachments on public parks in Kushtagi and protection of a historic Vijayanagara-era temple structure. Residents of Sandeep Nagar sought title deeds for their allotted sites.

Basavaraja Ganigera raised concerns over delays in allotting a civic amenity site for the rehabilitation of children with intellectual and multiple disabilities. Villagers also sought corrections in land records and approval of old-age pensions.

Women farmers block canal demanding water for lake

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA



Women farmers at the protest near Palavvanahalli in Hiriyur taluk.

More than 200 women farmers from J.N. Kote village staged a protest near Palavvanahalli in Hiriyur taluk on Saturday, demanding the release of Bhadra project water into their village lake.

The protest led to a heated argument between farmers and police, with some pushing and shoving reported.

The farmers opened a valve on the Chitradurga branch canal to divert water towards their village lake. Police personnel who attempted to stop them faced strong opposition from the protesters.

Water from the Bhadra project is being released into Gonuru lake through the Chitradurga branch canal. During the first release, about 15 days ago, water was directed towards J.N. Kote lake through a stream. However, the valve was later closed before the water could reach the lake.

Farmers said they had been requesting officials of the Bhadra Upper Bank Project for four days to release water to their village. After receiving no favourable response, they gathered in large numbers on tractors and motorcycles, erected a tent and began a sit-in protest. Some protesters then opened the canal valve.

The women farmers declared that they would continue their protest until their village lake received water. They also demanded that the local MLA and ministers visit the spot and address their concerns.

Addressing the protesters, Irrigation Implementation Struggle Committee General Convener Chikkappanahalli Shanmukha said opening the valve without permission was not appropriate. However, he criticised officials for failing to understand the farmers' difficulties and respond to their demands.

Students urged to preserve their historical heritage

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Understanding the history, culture and traditions of ancestors is essential to preserving heritage for future generations, said V. Moorthachar, Education Coordinator at the Chitradurga Taluk Block Education Officer's office.

He was speaking after inaugurating the taluk-level 'Prachya Prajna' (Heritage Awareness) competition for high school students at Sampige Siddeshwara High School. The programme was jointly organised by the Block Education Officer's office and the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru.

Moorthachar said students should learn about the royal dynasties that shaped the region, their traditions, beliefs, inscriptions, temples and forts. He stressed that preserving historical heritage and passing it on to future generations was everyone's responsibility.

Speaking at the event, S. Krishna, an assistant teacher at Government High School, Koonabevu, said protecting historical monuments was not just the government's responsibility but also a duty of citizens. He noted that Chitradurga district has several important historical sites.

Essay writing, speech, quiz and drawing competitions were conducted as part of the programme.Rudresh, assistant teacher at Bapuji High School, Bharamasagara, Vidya of Government High School, Basavanakere, and others attended the event.

Mandya MLA promises property papers this December



CH NEWS, MANDYA

Mandya MLA P. Ravikumar has directed government officials to resolve public grievances within a fixed timeframe and ensure that eligible people receive government benefits without unnecessary delays.

He also announced that property documents would be issued to 1,450 families under Sathanuru Gram Panchayat by December 27.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Praja Seva Andolana' at Shankara Matha Community Hall in Sathanuru village, Mandya taluk.

Ravikumar said officials must take every public application seriously and coordinate with different departments to provide timely solutions. He instructed them to visit villages, understand local problems and resolve grievances on the spot wherever possible. Applications involving court cases would be treated separately.

Property Documents For 1,450 Families

He said around 1,450 families in Sathanuru Gram Panchayat had been living in houses built by them for several years without proper property documents. Eligible residents can submit electricity bills and Gram Panchayat assessment records for verification. Officials have been instructed to complete the process and distribute the documents by December 27.

Development Works Worth ₹25 Crore

The MLA said development works worth approximately ₹25 crore were being undertaken in the Gram Panchayat limits. These include footbridges, lake development, retaining walls, road repairs, parks and drinking water facilities. Road improvement works alone account for around ₹1.20 crore.

₹100 Crore Additional Grant For Canal Development

He said an additional grant of ₹100 crore had been secured for improving irrigation facilities. Canal repairs, raising water channels and removing obstructions would receive priority to ensure adequate water reaches farmers' fields.

Tahsildar Vishwanath said public applications were being registered through the IPGRS online portal to monitor their progress and ensure accountability.Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Lokesh Murthy, Agriculture Department Assistant Director Prathibha and other officials attended the programme.

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Shanthinagara Division, P.U. Building, 9th Floor,
M G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
No:EE/SN/TEND/17/2026-27 Date: 07-11-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only) The Executive Engineer, (Shanthinagara), BCCC, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. (STD. KW-1)

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Removal of deviation portions Building under construction at Site No.15/5, Appareddypalya, Indiranagara, Jogupalaya, in Ward No. 23 Jogupalya (Old No 89). **Approx Value of Work : ₹9.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹ 22500.00**
2.	Removal of Deviation Portions of Residential Building under Construction Site No. 63/2, Agaram in Ward No. 24 Agaram (Old Ward No. 89 Jogupalya) A,B & C Block (Call -3) **Approx Value of Work : ₹9.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹ 22500.00**

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on **12-11-2026** at **3:30** pm (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **16-11-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of opening of the Technical Bid Tenders is on **17-11-2026** after **4:30** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Shanthinagara, BCCC

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1 Buildings Division,
S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru. Phone: 080-22255210
No. EE/Bld1/AE-3, AE-LH/2026-27/32 Date: 04.11.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

Tenders are invited through the KPP portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible tenderers for a total of four (04) works, comprising the repair of toilets at various specified locations, repair of doors, windows, provision of PVC pipeline, replastering of damaged ceiling, provision of new entrance door, painting and polishing of worship room, storage cabinets, water proofing, flooring tiles, fabrication works, repair of shutters, windows, extension of existing flag pole stage, installation of granite slab on new flag pole stage, provision of flag pole, painting of existing stage and other services; and other development works, as specified in the tender. Estimated Cost of Works: Minimum **Rs.7.49 Lakhs** and maximum **Rs.16.38 Lakhs.** EMD: Minimum **Rs.9,400/-** and maximum **Rs.40,400/-** Period of Completion: **01 to 03 months (including the rainy season).** Cost of Tender Documents: As specified on the KPP Portal for each work. Last Date for Downloading and Submission of Tenders through KPPP: **For Sl. Nos. 1 & 2: 13.11.2026 at 04:30 PM, For Sl. Nos. 3 & 4: 16.11.2026 at 04:30 PM.** Date of Opening of Tenders: **As specified on the KPP portal.** Brief details of the tendered works, indent numbers, estimated amounts, EMD and mode of payment, reservations and other information may be obtained from the above-mentioned office or through the KPP portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sd/- Executive Engineer.
DIPR/DD-C.P/3597/KSMCA/2026-27

ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ತುಮಕೂರು ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ), ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣನಗರ,
ಕುಣಿಗಲ್ ರಸ್ತೆ,ತುಮಕೂರು– 572105
Email: acftumkur@gmail.com
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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ.

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ CEPMIZ(KMERC) ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಡಿ ತುಮಕೂರು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗ, ತುಮಕೂರು ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗದ, ಗುಬ್ಬಿ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಡುತೋಪು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ನೆಡುತೋಪು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು 2026–27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿ ನೊಂದಾವಣೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಒಟ್ಟು 2** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ. 71,36,300**/– ಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.1,42,726**/–ಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **34,54,000**/– ಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ. 69,080**/–ಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. **ದಿನಾಂಕ:19–11–2026ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 3–00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:20–11–2026ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 3–00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡುಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪರಿಮಾಣ, ಇಎಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ – **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
DIPR/TUM/RO-118/26-27/Oysters ತುಮಕೂರು ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ, ತುಮಕೂರು

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
DAVANAGERE DIVISION, DAVANAGERE.
No.EE:PWD:Dvg/JE:IFT-27:2026-27 Dated:- 06.11.2026

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref : This office tender notification No. IFT-27/2026-27 dated : 06.11.2026.

The works under Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 2 Works Rs.100.00 lakhs Head of Account 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance 1 Work Rs. 12.70 lakhs, Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintenance 1 Work 8.00 lakhs, Head of Account 3054-03-102-0-01-200 SH bridge 1 work 10.00 lakhs pertaining to Channagiri, Harihara and Jagalur sub divisions under the Jurisdiction of PWD, Davanagere division, has been called for the tenders from registered Contractors in KPWD for the above works through KPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Tender dates are as mentioned below:

Details of dates	W.I. 44652, 44654	W.I. 44595, 45047 & 45052
Last Date & time for tender queries	Date 06.11.2026 Timing 4.00 P.M.	Date 06.11.2026 Timing 4.00 P.M.
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders	Date : 20.11.2026 Timing 4.00 P.M.	Date : 13.11.2026 Timing 4.00 P.M.
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid :	Date : 21.11.2026 Timing 4.30 P.M.	Date : 16.11.2026 Timing 4.30 P.M.
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid :	Date : 25.11.2026 Timing 11.00 A.M.	-

Further details can be obtained from this office in office hours.

DIPR/DVG/KSMCA/427/2026-27

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Davanagere.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION TWO COVER BID SYSTEM

No:MIMS/SUP-D/Consumables/E-T/08/2026-27
Dt : 05.11.2026
No:MIMS/SUP-D/Disposabales/E-T/09/2026-27
Dt : 05.11.2026

Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), Mandya, invites E-Tender for Supply of Consumables (approximate amount Rs.404 Lakhs) and Supply of Disposables (approximate amount Rs. 387.00 Lakhs) to the Teaching Hospital, of MIMS Mandya from the Manufacture/s or Authorized Dealers in two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-1999 and Rules thereunder. Submission of E-tender and other details can be obtained in e-procurement portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-Director, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya,
ಪಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಮ್ಸ್ಎಂಸಿಇಎ/536/2026–27

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
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ರಾಮನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
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Quick Read

CM Yogi arrives for grand Deepotsav

AYODHYA

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath arrived in Ayodhya to oversee final preparations for the 10th grand Deepotsav celebrations. The holy city is illuminating 30 lakh earthen lamps along the Saryu Ghat while hosting a special exhibition at Ram Katha Park highlighting five centuries of history. To ensure safety for massive crowds of devotees, authorities have deployed over 2,500 police officers, specialized rapid response teams, and anti-drone mechanisms, alongside 350 live surveillance cameras. Dignitaries, including the Vice President and Governor, will join festivities featuring a massive drone show and traditional aarti.

Thakur blames Sukhu for power credit claim

SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh opposition leader Jairam Thakur criticized Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for claiming credit for the Supreme Court verdict on BBMB power rights. Thakur stressed that securing Himachal's rightful electricity share was the result of a 30-year legal struggle involving successive past administrations. He also demanded that the state government restore the discontinued free electricity scheme and fulfill pre-election guarantees. Furthermore, Thakur alleged financial mismanagement under the ruling Congress, claiming employees still await their allowances while borrowings rise, and predicted the government will lose future elections.

Assam woman revives Harak Singh controversy

DEHRADUN

A woman from Assam has revived a decades-old controversy by accusing senior Congress leader Harak Singh Rawat of past sexual exploitation and demanding a fresh DNA test. Claiming she was taken to his residence in 2002 at age sixteen, she alleged she became pregnant and was later placed in a women's shelter. The historical allegations first surfaced in 2003, leading to an official CBI inquiry and a DNA test that previously cleared Rawat. She now seeks legal punishment and paternity rights for her son, while the senior politician remains actively involved in party campaigns.

NGT reviews progress on microplastics detection

NEW DELHI

Environmental regulation and scientific standardizing of pollutants remain top priorities for judicial oversight, especially regarding emerging contaminants that threaten ecosystems and human health. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has granted the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) an eight-week .

UP state employees get 5% DA hike

The Uttar Pradesh government has hiked Dearness Allowance by five percent, granting state employees a festive Diwali bonanza.

LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh state government has announced a major festive bonanza for its workforce, delivering a timely economic boost just ahead of the Diwali celebrations.

The state administration has officially increased the Dearness Allowance (DA) for state employees by five percentage points, elevating the overall rate from 58 percent to 63 percent.

According to the formal government order issued on Saturday, the revised allowance will take retrospective effect from July 1, with the augmented payments disbursed alongside regular monthly salaries starting in November.

The extensive financial revision is designed to benefit hundreds of thousands of individuals across diverse administrative sectors, including regular state government personnel, full-time employees of aided educational and technical institutions, urban local bodies, work-charged employees, and staff drawing remuneration under University Grants Commission (UGC) pay scales.

To manage the financial payout stemming from the retroactive adjustment covering July 1 through October 31, the government has established structured disbursement guidelines.

For employees enrolled under the General Provident Fund (GPF), arrears will be deposited directly into their provident fund accounts subject to statutory tax deductions and surcharges, where the funds will remain locked until November 1, 2027, barring authorized special withdrawals.

For personnel under the National Pension System (NPS), ten percent of the accumulated arrears will be credited to their Tier-1 pension accounts, supplemented by a fourteen percent employer contribution from the state government. The remaining ninety percent of arrears will be channeled into Public Provident Fund (PPF) accounts or invested in National Savings Certificates (NSCs), with cash payouts authorized where NSCs are unavailable. Furthermore, special exemptions ensure that retired personnel, individuals whose services concluded prior to the order, and those scheduled to retire within six months will receive their complete DA arrears entirely in cash.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The revised DA comes with the November salary

10%	14%	90%
of NPS arrears to Tier-1 accounts	employer share from the state	to PPF or NSCs

Dearness allowance

UNTIL NOW	FROM JULY 1
58% of basic pay	63% arrears for July-October

UP BJP chief advises Akhilesh on Ayodhya visit

LUCKNOW

Political tensions in Uttar Pradesh have escalated sharply following announcements regarding Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav's upcoming family visit to Ayodhya, scheduled for December 12, to offer prayers at the Hanuman Garhi temple and seek blessings at the Ram Mandir. While opposition leaders frame the visit as part of routine spiritual devotion and political strategy ahead of the crucial 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) figures have launched scathing counter-attacks, questioning the timing and accusing the opposition of political opportunism.

Uttar Pradesh BJP Chief Pankaj Chaudhary asserted that while visiting temples and offering prayers is open to everyone, the Samajwadi Party leadership should refrain from what he described as continuous rhetoric undermining Sanatan Dharma. The BJP leadership has consistently linked the sudden surge in temple visits by opposition figures to electoral calculations, arguing that such gestures stand in sharp contrast to the party's historical positions and administrative track record.



UP BJP chief Pankaj Chaudhary

BJP attacks Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his planned Ayodhya temple visit, labeling his pre-poll spiritual journey as pure political opportunism.

Simultaneously, state minister Danish Azad Ansari claimed that the opposition has suddenly rediscovered backward classes, Dalits, and temple towns solely because polls are approaching, emphasizing that the electorate remains vigilant against tactical political shifts.

As preparations for 2027 intensify across political camps, issues surrounding religious identity, governance, and development continue to serve as core focal points of debate between the ruling NDA and the opposition in Uttar Pradesh.

Mamata protests alleged attack on Abhishek

KOLKATA

A severe political crisis has erupted in West Bengal following an alleged violent attack at the south Kolkata residence of senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Abhishek Banerjee during the early hours of Saturday.

Trinamool Congress supremo and former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee personally joined protest demonstrations after an alleged mob assault targeted her nephew and party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's Kalighat residence around 2 am on Saturday. According to police reports and accounts from party insiders, the high-voltage clashes erupted between TMC workers who had gathered to celebrate Abhishek Banerjee's 39th birthday and opposing political supporters between 2 am and 3.30 am. The violent overnight confrontation left at least eight individuals injured, three of them seriously, prompting the deployment of a large police contingent to seal off the surrounding neighborhood and detain several suspects.



Mamata Banerjee and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee

Abhishek Banerjee hit out at political rivals, alleging that his home and office were targeted by a coordinated group of "BJP goons" following two days of systematic reconnaissance. Claiming that this represented the seventh attempt on his life over the past six months, he openly criticized both the Kolkata Police administration and judicial authorities for alleged inaction.

Arriving at the Kalighat residence later that morning, Mamata Banerjee accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of orchestrating unchecked "hooliganism" and deliberately disrupting traditional Kali Puja and Diwali festival preparations. Addressing reporters and charged party supporters, Banerjee questioned the timing and legality of the provocation, pointing out that the affected area is a sacred traditional route for major processions of Goddess Kali. She alleged that local administrative decisions had unfairly revoked permissions for long-standing traditional community pujas while selectively permitting new setups directly along main road bends to obstruct access.

Furthermore, the TMC chief linked the midnight aggression to broader national political tensions, suggesting that the party is being targeted because of its prominent role in the opposition 'INDIA' alliance. She condemned the nocturnal disturbances and challenged political opponents directly, stating that any attempts to intimidate regional leadership through nocturnal thuggery or administrative pressure would face fierce political resistance. As police maintain a heavy security cordon around the neighborhood and investigations into the overnight detentions continue, the explosive incident has severely escalated political friction across the state ahead of the festive season.

Mamata's charges

High-handedness
Permissions for long-standing local pujas revoked; an illegal puja setup on the main road blocked access to the locality

Vengeance
The hostility stems from the TMC's role in the INDIA alliance: "If you dare to use a bulldozer, go ahead and run your bulldozers over us, over our very bodies."

Lok Sabha
She has written to the Speaker on an alleged breakdown of law and order

Tripura CM announces 58 new PG seats at AGMC



Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha

AGARTALA

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has officially announced a major expansion in medical education infrastructure, revealing an increase of 58 postgraduate (MD/MS) seats at the Agartala Government Medical College (AGMC) for the upcoming 2026-27 academic year. With this significant addition, the institution's total postgraduate seat capacity will surge from 95 to 153 across 16 specialized medical disciplines.

Sharing the development on social media, Chief Minister Saha expressed immense satisfaction, emphasizing that the substantial increase in postgraduate slots will create exceptional opportunities for aspiring doctors and medical students within the state. He highlighted that bolstering specialized training programs directly contributes to the long-term vision of building robust healthcare services, aptly noting that a stronger medical education system today creates a healthier Tripura tomorrow.

"A stronger medical education system today will build a healthier Tripura tomorrow."
MANIK SAHA Tripura Chief Minister

Furthermore, Saha expressed profound gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda, acknowledging their continued central support and collaborative efforts in modernizing medical education and expanding healthcare facilities across the northeastern state. The seat expansion is expected to ease intense competition for specialty medical seats, reduce regional shortages of specialized clinical personnel, and elevate the overall standard of tertiary healthcare delivery throughout Tripura.

Uttarakhand minister's husband arrested in Jhansi

DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Police have officially arrested Girdhari Lal Sahu, also known as Pappu Girdhari, the husband of Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister Rekha Arya from the Jhansi district in Uttar Pradesh. Confirming the development during a press briefing, Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Pramendra Dobhal stated that Sahu was apprehended outside a private university campus following a period as an absconder, while a second accused, Satyendra Thakur, was simultaneously taken into custody near Kichha in the Udham Singh Nagar district. Both individuals have been remanded to judicial custody.

The high-profile legal proceedings stem from a formal First Information Report (FIR) lodged by Cabinet Minister Rekha Arya on October 15 at the Cantt Police Station in Dehradun. In her complaint, the minister alleged severe domestic discord, physical assault, criminal intimidation, and the use of derogatory, caste-based slurs at her official residence following disputes over alleged marital infidelities. Furthermore, the investigation uncovered a complex corporate conspiracy involving document falsification. Police confirmed that Sahu and his associates utilized forged signatures and fabricated paperwork to unlawfully strip Minister Arya of her directorship in a private company, fraudulently installing Satyendra Thakur in her place without her knowledge or consent.

Addressing the media, SSP Dobhal disclosed that Sahu carries an extensive criminal background, with over 44 prior cases registered against him, including previous convictions, pending trials, and charges under stringent legal provisions. A specialized nine-member police team was constituted to handle the sensitive investigation. Authorities stated that further evidence gathering and legal procedures are actively underway to ensure comprehensive accountability as the judicial process proceeds.



Uttarakhand minister Rekha Arya and her husband Girdhari Lal Sahu

RAIL DINING CLEAN-UP

IRCTC crackdown on unauthorised e-catering apps

NEW DELHI

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has officially launched a sweeping nationwide enforcement drive targeting unauthorized e-catering websites and mobile applications operating across the Indian Railways network.

According to official statements, the proliferation of unverified digital food delivery platforms poses severe risks to passenger health, hygiene, and overall well-being. Unlicensed operators frequently source meals from uncertified food outlets that bypass mandatory Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regulations. These rogue kitchens often operate in unhygienic environments, utilize untrained food handlers, and deploy delivery personnel without required medical clearances, directly compromising food quality and consumer safety.

Beyond immediate health hazards, unauthorized platforms expose travelers to severe digital and financial vulnerabilities. Transmitting sensitive personal information including Passenger Name Record (PNR) numbers, email addresses, phone numbers, and payment credentials through unverified portals leaves passengers highly susceptible to phishing schemes, identity theft, and online financial fraud. Furthermore, travelers frequently encounter unfulfilled orders, arbitrary cancellations, and a total absence of grievance-redressal mechanisms, making it nearly impossible to recover funds or seek legal recourse.

In response to these growing threats, the IRCTC has escalated its actions beyond routine warnings, initiating strict legal proceedings and enforcement measures against entities unlawfully exploiting the IRCTC brand or operating outside regulatory frameworks. Authorities emphasized that unauthorized operators not only evade statutory tax obligations, undermining public revenues and fair market competition, but also jeopardize public trust.

To ensure a secure dining experience, IRCTC advises passengers to order meals exclusively through official channels: the official website, the 'Food on Track' mobile application, or verified IRCTC-authorized e-catering aggregators. The corporation maintains an updated directory of authorized partners on its primary portal. Additionally, travelers encountering illegal food vendors on trains or railway platforms are urged to report them immediately to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) via helpline number 182.

IRCTC

RISKS IRCTC FLAGGED

- **Health:** meals from unlicensed outlets outside FSSAI rules, untrained staff
- **Data:** PNR, contact and payment details exposed to phishing and fraud
- **No redress:** unfulfilled or cancelled orders, no way to recover funds
- **Tax:** unauthorised operators bypass GST and the regulatory framework

Website — IRCTC's official site
App — Food on Track
182 — RPF helpline

Quick Read

Teen student wins major Arizona court election

MARICOPA COUNTY

Sebastian Matta, a 19-year-old Arizona State University student, has defeated former Republican lawmaker Jeff Dial to become clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court. The Democrat's surprise victory attracted attention, with television host Jimmy Kimmel jokingly calling him "Boss Baby come to life." Matta will oversee court records, legal filings, and an office employing more than 600 people, with an annual salary of around $97,000.

Peltola campaign sues Alaska over rejected ballots

ALASKA

Democratic Senate candidate Mary Peltola's campaign has sued Alaska election officials, seeking immediate access to records of absentee ballots rejected in Tuesday's election. Peltola remains locked in a close race with Republican incumbent Senator Dan Sullivan, with around 600 votes separating them as counting continues. The campaign says officials ignored requests filed under Alaska's Public Records Act. State officials argue the information is confidential and releasing preliminary records could delay ballot counting. The state will accept ballots until November 18.

Balochistan parties announce province-wide shutdown

Political leaders in Balochistan have called a shutdown, citing worsening security, economic hardship, and growing frustration among many local residents.

QUETTA



Political parties in Pakistan's Balochistan province have announced a province-wide shutdown on November 19, demanding urgent action to address growing security concerns, economic difficulties and public hardship.

The decision was taken at an all-parties conference organised by the Awami National Party (ANP) at the Quetta Press Club. Leaders from several political parties and traders' organisations attended the meeting to discuss the province's worsening situation. The participating parties expressed serious concern over rising violence, terrorism, targeted killings, kidnappings for ransom and insecurity on major highways. They said these problems had increased fear among residents and made daily life difficult for ordinary people. The issue of missing persons, unemployment and concerns over the use of the province's natural resources were also raised.

The joint declaration highlighted the economic pressure faced by residents. According to the parties, the closure of trade routes with Afghanistan and Iran had affected business activities and employment. Rising prices, long power and gas cuts, and difficulties faced by farmers and traders had added to the public's problems.

The political leaders criticised the provincial government, alleging that it had failed to provide sufficient security, protect public resources and restore economic activity.

They called for immediate steps to improve law and order and address the concerns of local communities.

As part of their protest plan, the parties announced a complete shutdown across Balochistan on November 19. Demonstrations will also take place outside press clubs in district headquarters across the province.

The leaders further decided to hold a provincial-level meeting on November 26 to review the situation and discuss future action. Another conference involving national political leaders is planned for the first week of December to bring Balochistan's concerns to the national level.

Paraguay's President impeached amid major banking crisis

ASUNCION

Paraguay has entered a major political and financial crisis after President Santiago Peña was removed from office through impeachment and placed under house arrest following the collapse of Ueno Bank. The banking failure left millions of customers unable to access their savings and raised serious questions about the government's handling of public money.

The Senate voted on Friday to impeach Peña, with 44 senators supporting his removal. Lawmakers accused him of misconduct linked to the troubled bank and alleged that his political influence helped the institution receive public funds while financial regulators failed to address risky lending practices. Peña has denied wrongdoing.

The crisis deepened after authorities took control of Ueno Bank earlier this week. Customers suddenly lost access to their accounts, savings and payment services, creating difficulties for families, pensioners, workers and businesses.

Protesters gathered in the capital, Asunción, demanding the return of their money and accountability from those responsible.

UAE Prime Minister shares warm Diwali wishes worldwide

ABU DHABI

The Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates has extended warm greetings to people celebrating Diwali, sharing a message of peace, hope, and goodness on the festival of lights.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, shared the message on social media platform X on Saturday, November 7. His greeting reached people celebrating the festival both within the UAE and across the world.

In his message, Sheikh Mohammed wished people safety, happiness, and prosperity, highlighting the positive values associated with Diwali. His words reflected the spirit of a festival that brings families and communities together through prayers, traditional customs, the lighting of lamps, and the exchange of sweets.

Diwali is widely celebrated by Indian communities and people from other South Asian backgrounds living in the UAE. The country is home to a large Indian community, making the festival an important occasion for cultural celebrations and community gatherings.

This year, the main Diwali celebrations fall on Sunday, November 8. Residents are preparing to mark the occasion with family gatherings, festive decorations, cultural programmes, and visits to places hosting special events. Authorities and building managers have also reminded residents to follow fire safety rules while celebrating.

The UAE leadership has regularly extended greetings on cultural and religious occasions observed by different communities. Such messages recognise the country's diverse population and encourage people from different backgrounds to celebrate their traditions while living together peacefully.



The Diwali message was shared on X on Saturday

The UAE leader's festive message highlights peace, happiness, and unity, celebrating cultural diversity and strengthening bonds among communities during Diwali.

India seeks production-led partnerships across African nations

ACCRA

India is looking to strengthen its ties with African countries by focusing on manufacturing, local industries, skill development, and job creation instead of relying mainly on financial assistance and traditional trade, according to a report published by India Narrative.

The report examined External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ethiopia from October 6 to 10. It said the success of these partnerships should be measured by their ability to build long-term industrial capacity and support economic growth.

During his meeting with Ghanaian President John Mahama in Accra on October 6, discussions included Indian investment in pharmaceutical and vaccine production. Such investments could help Ghana manufacture more medicines locally, reduce its dependence on imports, and strengthen its healthcare system.

Ghana as a base

Ghana is seen as a potential manufacturing base for West Africa. Discussions during Jaishankar's visit also covered healthcare, mining, defence, railways, and digital technology.

Côte d'Ivoire offers Indian businesses access to French-speaking African markets. The two sides also discussed defence cooperation, counter-terrorism, training, and capacity building amid growing security concerns in parts of West Africa.

Ethiopia holds strategic importance because it hosts the African Union headquarters. Jaishankar's discussions with Ethiopian Foreign Minister Gedion Timothewos focused on trade, investment, digital development, and cooperation between India and the African Union.

Ghana: medicine and vaccine production

Côte d'Ivoire: French-speaking markets

Ethiopia: African Union headquarters

BUSINESS

Gujarat courts investment in Australia, NZ

Gujarat's investment outreach across Australia and New Zealand featured eight business roundtables and 15 official meetings, engaging over 150 industry leaders ahead of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2027.

GANDHINAGAR



8 business roundtables

15 official meetings

150+ industry leaders

A Gujarat government delegation held eight business roundtables and 15 government-level and one-to-one meetings with more than 150 industry leaders during an eight-day investment outreach programme in Australia and New Zealand, ahead of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) 2027.

Led by Energy and Petrochemicals Minister Rushikesh Patel, the delegation visited the two countries from October 26 to November 2. Its programme included 11 one-to-one meetings, four ministerial-level meetings and eight sector-focused roundtables to explore investment opportunities.

The delegation also visited six industrial facilities and institutions and held three engagements with the Indian and Gujarati diaspora. Discussions covered potential cooperation in critical minerals, renewable energy, petrochemicals, technology, logistics, education, sports infrastructure and tourism.

The Australian leg, from October 26 to 30, covered Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. The delegation held nine one-to-one meetings with companies and institutions, including Cavendish Renewable Technology, Cox Architecture, Initiative Sports & Events, Eyeonic, Progia Foods, Aus Energy Store, the Centre for Australia-India Relations, Endua and Populous.

Patel was accompanied by senior state officials, including Chief Commissioner of State Tax Roopwant Singh and Commissioner of Geology and Mining Dhaval Patel. Private-sector representatives included Shreyans Goyal, Chairman and Managing Director of Shakti Group Companies; Mehul Vaidya, Senior Vice-President (Project Development) at Reliance Industries; Milan Thakkar, Director of Alexius Projects; and Harshil Tamakuwala, Founder and Director of Hindustan Mag.

The 11th VGGS is scheduled for January 10 to 12, 2027, at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.

WaveX invites startups for IFFI 2026 pavilion

20th WAVES FILM BAZAAR
20th to 24th NOVEMBER, 2026

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has invited applications from startups working in film and allied technologies to participate in the WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar during the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) Goa 2026.

According to an official statement issued by the ministry on Saturday, the pavilion will also create opportunities for networking, industry engagement and collaboration with filmmakers, production houses and investors operating across the global creative ecosystem.

Applications are open to startups registered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and working in film and related technology domains. Eligible applicants will undergo a screening and evaluation process conducted by a Selection Committee constituted by WaveX.

WaveX, also known as the WAVES Startup Accelerator, is an incubation and acceleration initiative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It focuses on encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship in India's media and entertainment sector.

Its areas of focus include Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR), alongside other media technologies.

Established in 1952, IFFI is among Asia's prominent film festivals. Organised annually in Goa, the festival showcases international cinema, encourages creative exchange and promotes collaboration across the global film industry.

ELIGIBLE STARTUPS

- **Who:** DPIIT-registered startups
- **Sector:** film or allied technologies
- **Selection:** by a WaveX-appointed committee
- **Focus:** AVGC-XR and media technologies

Quick Read

India enjoys strategic advantage due to large oil refining capacity

NEW DELHI

While the United States and Europe have been reducing their oil refining capacity, India is expanding into a global refining hub which gives it a strategic advantage as an exporter of petroleum products despite being a large crude importing country, according to an article in India Narrative. India's installed refining capacity stood at 267.1 million tonnes per annum (nearly 5.3–5.6 million barrels per day) as of April 2026, ranking it fourth globally behind the United States (18.2 million bpd), China, and Russia. Government targets call for around 300 million tonnes by 2030, with longer-term ambitions of 400 million tonnes.

India should lead space law reforms initiative

NEW DELHI

Growing cooperation between China and Pakistan in the space sector highlights emerging gaps in international space governance and the need for India to play a leading role in reforming laws for responsible space activities, a new report has said. The report from India Narrative said the opaque partnership also raises broader questions about legal loopholes in international space laws, dual-use technologies being exploited to undermine security and sovereignty.

India, EU finalise Horizon Europe association talks

NEW DELHI

India and the European Union (EU) have successfully concluded negotiations for India's association with Horizon Europe, the European bloc's flagship research and innovation programme, according to an official statement released on Saturday.

The association will enable Indian researchers, academic institutions and industries to participate in funding calls under the programme through collaborative research projects. It will also provide access to European research consortia and advanced research infrastructure, opening opportunities for scientific cooperation and technological development.

The exploration of India's possible association began following the historic India-EU Summit held on January 27, 2026. Formal negotiations were subsequently initiated after the ministerial meeting of the Trade and Technology Council in Brussels on July 15, 2026.

The programme is expected to strengthen talent mobility and encourage the joint development of critical technologies, standards and scalable solutions."The association of India with the programme marks a strategic move into a long-term institutional framework of research cooperation between both sides, building on existing R&D projects and cooperation under the India–EU Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation and the India-EU Trade and Technology Council," the statement said.

Anti-cancer drug price cuts take effect from Monday

NEW DELHI

The revised prices of 137 anti-cancer drugs will come into effect from November 9, after the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) capped trade margins on these medicines, an official statement said on Saturday, adding that this will generate annual savings of around Rs 3,502.31 crore for consumers.

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers statement said more than 1,000 medicines of different brands show marked price reductions.

As many as 76 pharmaceutical companies have so far reported revised maximum retail prices (MRPs) for 1,225 anti-cancer formulations covering 121 drugs.

Reduction in the MRP has been reported in 1,031 formulations of anti-cancer medicines, with 600 brands reporting above 50 per cent reduction and the highest reduction being 96.45 per cent.

Out of the 137 identified anti-cancer drugs, there are 10 to 15 drugs that are yet to be launched in India. However, Trade Margin Rationalization (TMR) will be applicable on these drugs also as and when they are launched.

"TMR of non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines is an important step taken by the government in its continued efforts to improve affordability and accessibility of essential anti-cancer medicines for cancer care," the statement noted.State drug controllers will monitor compliance by manufacturers, dealers, hospitals and medical institutions.

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Gurnoor Brar Shines As India Beat New Zealand



Gurnoor Brar claimed four wickets against New Zealand as India secured a narrow DLS victory, taking a 2-0 series lead, with captain Shubman Gill praising the young pacer's performance.

WELLINGTON

India captain Shubman Gill praised young fast bowler Gurnoor Brar for his impressive performance in the second ODI against New Zealand, as the visitors secured a narrow four-run victory under the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method at Henry Farm Stadium on Saturday.

Gurnoor emerged as India's standout performer, claiming four wickets for 30 runs in his 10 overs. Making effective use of his pace, height and the bounce on offer, the right-arm seamer troubled New Zealand's batting line-up and helped India bowl out the hosts for just 134.

His outstanding spell earned him the Player of the Match award and strengthened India's position in the five-match series, with the visitors taking a 2-0 lead.

Speaking during the post-match presentation, Gill acknowledged Gurnoor's growing contribution and said the young bowler had been performing consistently well.

"Gurnoor, even in the last match as well, has been bowling really well. Hopefully, as he plays more games and gets more experience, he'll become more consistent with his line and length. He's got the pace, he's got the bounce," Gill said.

India are currently managing a relatively inexperienced pace attack in the absence of senior fast bowlers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj. With the 2027 ODI World Cup in mind, the team management is looking to develop young options, including Gurnoor, Auqib Nabi and Anshul Kamboj, alongside Arshdeep Singh.

Gill emphasised that performing under pressure and gaining international experience would be crucial for the young bowlers.

Rajat Patidar To Lead Madhya Pradesh

INDORE

Rajat Patidar has been appointed captain of Madhya Pradesh for the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, which begins on November 14. The experienced batter will lead the side in the domestic T20 competition, although his availability for the entire league stage remains uncertain due to his commitments with India A.

Madhya Pradesh have been placed in Elite Group C. The team will play its first four matches in New Chandigarh before moving to Mohali for the remaining three fixtures.

Patidar, who has captained Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) to consecutive IPL titles in 2025 and 2026, is scheduled to join the India A squad for the Men's Rising Stars Asia Cup in Doha, Qatar. The tournament will take place from November 19 to 29.

Patidar has also been appointed vice-captain of India A, which will be led by Tilak Varma. His potential departure during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy could force Madhya Pradesh head coach Chandrakant Pandit and the team management to identify a stand-in captain.

With Patidar potentially unavailable, batters Akshat Raghuwanshi, Harsh Gawli and Aniket Verma will have additional responsibility. The squad includes wicketkeepers Gawli and Apoorv Dwivedi, while India pacer Avesh Khan will lead the bowling attack.

The bowling unit also features Mangesh Yadav, Kumar Kartikeya Singh, Saransh Jain and Shivang Kumar. Pacer Kuldeep Sen has missed selection due to an unspecified injury. Madhav Tiwari, despite featuring in the IPL 2026 and Madhya Pradesh League, has also been left out.

Madhya Pradesh will begin their campaign against Kerala on November 14, followed by Assam, Tripura and Andhra. Their remaining opponents are Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry.

India A Assignment: Patidar will serve as vice-captain under Tilak Varma at the Rising Stars Asia Cup in Doha from November 19 to 29.



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Maharashtra Open State Badminton to kick off at Bombay Gym from Nov 12

MUMBAI

Bombay Gymkhana will host the Maharashtra Open State Badminton Tournament 2026 from November 12 to 15, bringing together emerging and established badminton players from across the state for four days of competitive action. With over 350 entries received, the tournament will feature 12 events across junior and open categories, highlighting the depth of badminton talent in Maharashtra. The junior competitions will include Boys' and Girls' Singles and Doubles in the Under-17 and Under-19 categories, while the open events will comprise Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

The tournament is hosted by Bombay Gymkhana under the auspices of the Greater Mumbai Badminton Association (GMBA) and the Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA).

Speaking ahead of the tournament, Shailesh Daga, honorary secretary, Bombay Gymkhana, said, "We are pleased to host the Maharashtra Open State Badminton Tournament at Bombay Gymkhana. The participation across junior and open categories shows the enthusiasm for badminton.

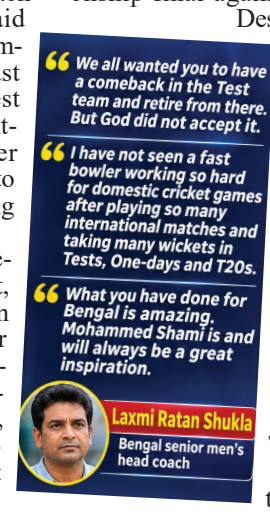
Shami Retires From Tests, Shukla Pays Tribute



NEW DELHI

Bengal senior men's head coach Laxmi Ratan Shukla has paid an emotional tribute to Mohammed Shami following the fast bowler's retirement from Test cricket, expressing disappointment that the veteran pacer could not make a comeback to the Indian team before ending his red-ball career.

Shami announced his retirement from the longest format, bringing the curtain down on an impressive Test career spanning 64 matches. He finished with 229 wickets, including six five-wicket hauls, becoming India's sixth-highest wicket-taker among fast bowlers in Test cricket.



Shami last represented India in the 2023 World Test Championship final against Australia.

Despite continuing to play domestic cricket for Bengal in the Ranji Trophy, Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy over the last two years, he did not return to the national Test side.

Reacting to the announcement, Shukla said he and several others had hoped Shami would return to the Indian Test team and retire while representing the country.

"We all wanted you to have a comeback in the Test team and retire from there. But God did not accept it. Despite that, you are the best," Shukla said in a video shared on Instagram.

The former India all-rounder also praised Shami's dedication towards domestic cricket, particularly his willingness to continue working hard despite having established himself internationally.

Shukla recalled Shami's early days with Bengal, remembering how the pacer progressed directly from the state's Under-23 setup to the Ranji Trophy.

Media Cup: Player Auction Process Kicks Off

BENGALURU

The player auction for the "Media Cup" cricket tournament, organized by the Five Stars organization for journalists and media professionals, was held at a private club in the city.

Actor Vasishta Simha unveiled the Media Trophy for this cricket festival, presented by AVR Cinemax. The event featured the selection of eight competing teams alongside the official launch of their team jerseys. The tournament will feature eight participating teams: Nishchitha Challengers, Ranga Eleven, Team Parvam, Basavanagudi Sai Cricketers, CR Challengers, Dev Battlers, Guru Sujay Cricketers, and Marine Fighters. Organizers announced that the tournament will take place in the first week of December, with participation not only from media representatives but also select film industry actors. Following the inauguration, an auction for over 200 experienced and skilled players took place. In a fierce bidding war modeled after the IPL, CR Challengers (led by Chetan C.R.) successfully secured star player Simon with the highest bid, while other teams aggressively acquired top talent. The event was attended by actor Vasishta Simha, sponsor Manjunath N. (owner of Sri Rayara Brindavana), Sanjay (owner of Task Enterprises), senior journalist Ramakanth, Press Club General Secretary Shivakumar Bellithatte, organizers Krishna Nayaka, Rachan, Jayaprakash, Syed, and Ravi Kumar, alongside various team owners.





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