

Save Mysuru from Bengaluru's urbanisation blunders

MP Tejasvi Surya's open letter to the concerned citizens

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Describing Mysuru as Karnataka's most beautiful city, Bengaluru South BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has urged its residents to guard its heritage, tree-lined boulevards, lakes and open spaces against unplanned urbanisation, cautioning them against repeating the mistakes made by Bengaluru.

In an open letter titled 'My Letter to the People of Mysuru', Surya recounted his experience of participating in the L'Étape Mysuru cycling event last Sunday and praised the city's scenic roads, massive green trees, cool morning breeze and picturesque countryside.

Congratulating Mysuru on hosting the cycling event, he said the experience of cycling through the city, climbing Chamundi Hill and riding along beautiful roads towards Varuna was exceptional. Several fellow cyclists who had travelled extensively abroad had found the experience comparable to, and sometimes even better than, cycling in Western countries. However, the city's natural beauty and distinctive character needed protection from poorly planned urban development.

"I have four humble requests," he said, outlining his vision for Mysuru's future.

His first appeal was to reject flyovers within the city, which he described as ugly concrete structures that could destroy its aesthetic appeal and urban character without



Combined with an underground Metro and efficient public transport, such measures could transform Mysuru into a model for urban development in India, he said.

Heritage

Emphasising the city's cultural and historical significance,

Surya's four humble requests

- 1 Reject flyovers within the city
- 2 A completely underground Metro system
- 3 Protect the city's trees, parks, lakes, open spaces and tree-lined avenues
- 4 Preserve Mysuru's walking culture

providing a sustainable solution to traffic congestion. He urged citizens to oppose proposals for flyovers and prevent Mysuru's beautiful boulevards from turning into concrete jungles. Instead, Surya called for a completely underground Metro system, arguing that Mysuru should begin planning now for its future transport needs as economic activity and urban growth increase.

Although an underground Metro could involve higher initial expenditure, he said it could provide the backbone of public transport while preserving the city's beauty and quality of life.

His third appeal was to protect the city's trees, parks, lakes, open spaces and tree-

lined avenues at all costs. Green spaces, he observed, were essential for physical and mental well-being rather than luxuries to be sacrificed in the name of development. Once destroyed, such natural assets would be extremely difficult to recreate.

Surya also called for preserving Mysuru's walking culture, pointing out that many residents still walked considerable distances—a habit that had declined in several cities increasingly designed around private vehicles.

He advocated substantial investment in quality footpaths, pedestrian crossings, shaded walking streets and safe public spaces to make walking an enjoyable and convenient mode of transport.

Surya described Mysuru as more than just another urban centre, highlighting its heritage, institutions and contribution to Karnataka's progressive identity. Citing Bengaluru's urbanisation experience as a cautionary lesson, he said development and economic growth need not come at the cost of heritage, beauty and liveability.

He urged Mysureans to actively participate in decisions concerning the city's growth, support sound urban planning and oppose ill-conceived infrastructure projects.

"You have inherited one of India's most beautiful cities. Please ensure that future generations inherit an even more beautiful Mysuru," he appealed.

MP Yaduveer defends distressed farmer as bank seizes home

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Coming to the rescue of a distressed farmer's family, Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has intervened in the controversial auction and seizure of the property of Kander Suresh of Beelur, following an incident in which officials of Canara Bank's Ponnampet branch allegedly removed household belongings under police protection and locked the house.

The MP strongly condemned the bank's action, questioning the fairness of the recovery proceedings involving a farmer who is already fighting the case in court.

According to the details of the case, the bank is seeking to recover ₹1.43 crore, including interest, against an original loan principal of ₹37.50 lakh. The 11-acre coffee plantation, reportedly worth around ₹50 lakh per acre, was allegedly auctioned at a reserve price of just ₹12 lakh. The MP termed the

circumstances surrounding the auction prima facie unjust to the farmer's family and criticised the move to vacate the house while the legal battle was still pending before

The case in figures	
₹37.50 lakh	ORIGINAL LOAN PRINCIPAL
₹1.43 crore	SOUGHT BY THE BANK, WITH INTEREST
11 acres	COFFEE PLANTATION
₹12 lakh	RESERVE PRICE AT THE AUCTION

the court.

Due procedure

Acting immediately after learning about the incident, Yaduveer personally spoke to the Kodagu District Lead Bank Manager, the Ponnampet Canara Bank branch manager and senior bank officials, including the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He

insisted that the bank suspend the unilateral seizure proceedings immediately, stating that hurried and harsh measures were unjustifiable when the matter was under judicial consideration. The bank was asked to ensure justice for the farmer by following due procedure and adopting a humane approach, keeping in mind the hardship faced by the family.

Takes issue to Centre

The MP assured the family that the entire matter, along with similar instances of alleged injustice faced by farmers at the hands of nationalised banks, would be brought to the attention of the Union Finance Minister. The issue would be discussed at the highest level to work towards an appropriate and lasting solution. "Under no circumstances will we allow our farmers and their families to be left on the streets. We are committed to securing justice for Kander Suresh and his family during this difficult time," the MP assured.

MYMUL presents kits to mahouts, kavadis



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The kits were distributed by Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Prabhugowda at a ceremony held near the camp for mahouts and kavadis with-

in the Mysuru Palace premises on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, MYMUL Managing Director K.N. Suresh Naik said the union had prepared special kits for the mahouts and ka-

vadis accompanying the Dasara elephants. Each kit contains a bedsheet, torch, bag, pillow, jacket, cap, T-shirt and milk products. The items have been carefully selected to be useful to the mahouts and kavadis even after the Dasara celebrations conclude and they return to the forests, he said.

Forest Range Officer Vanyashree, elephant health officer Adarsh, managers, deputy managers, assistant managers and marketing staff were present on the occasion.

St. Philomena's College celebrates Oak Jubilee

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St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), located at Bannimantap in Mysuru, is celebrating its Oak Jubilee, marking 80 years of distinguished service in the field of education.

Established on October 9, 1946, the institution has made a significant contribution to higher education over eight decades through academic excellence, value-based education and service to society.

As part of the jubilee celebrations organised under the aegis of educational institutions of the Diocese of Mysore, a thanksgiving Holy Mass was held at 10.30 am on Friday at the college's indoor stadium.

Most Rev. Dr Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of Mysore, presided over the Eucharistic celebration as the principal celebrant. Retired Bishop Most Rev. Dr Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, Bishop Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath of the Diocese of Mandya, Most Rev. Dr Arulselvam Rayappan, Bishop of the Diocese of Salem, and Bishop Mar James



Patteril of the Diocese of Belthangady concelebrated the Mass.

The religious service was followed by cultural programmes and a felicitation ceremony honouring distinguished personalities. The celebrations recalled the institution's eight-decade journey, its achievements and its enduring tradition of imparting education rooted in strong moral values.

Addressing the students, the dignitaries emphasised that education was not merely about securing marks but about developing a good character, overcoming life's challenges and growing into responsible individuals who could contribute meaningfully

to society. They encouraged students not to underestimate their abilities and urged them to move forward with confidence, hard work and faith in God. Every individual possesses the potential to achieve success, they observed, advising students to pursue their goals with knowledge, wisdom and determination.

Valedictory function

The valedictory function was held at the college's outdoor stadium. Rev. Monsignor Anthappa M., Vicar General of the Diocese of Mysore and Vice-President of the Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES), presided.

Prof. Dr S. Japhet, founding Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru City University and

Chairman of the Karnataka Christian Community Development Corporation, was the chief guest. Most Rev. Dr Arulselvam Rayappan, Bishop of the Diocese of Salem, was the guest of honour. Cultural programmes were presented as part of the valedictory celebrations.

The celebrations are being held under the leadership of the institution's Rector, Rev. Dr Lourdu Prasad Joseph; Finance Officer Rev. Fr Roshan S.; and Principal Dr Ravi J. D. Saldanha. Members of the management, clergy, teaching and non-teaching staff, students, alumni and well-wishers are participating in the historic milestone celebration.

25 volunteer for eye donation on World Sight Day

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As many as 25 lecturers and students registered for eye

implementing officer of the District Blindness Prevention Programme, said excessive use of mobile phones and



donation at the 27th World Sight Day celebration organised by Saksham Mysore Unit in association with the District Health and Family Welfare Department, District Blindness Control Division and Maharani Women's Commerce and Management College here on Friday.

More than 350 students and faculty members participated in the programme, which highlighted the importance of eye health, prevention of visual impairment and eye donation.

Dr. Nagesh P. Aaradhya,

computers, changing lifestyles and unhealthy diets were contributing to increasing vision-related problems across age groups. He stressed that nearly 50 per cent of visual impairment and blindness could be prevented or treated through early detection and appropriate medical care.

He advised people to undergo regular eye check-ups, consume vitamin A-rich foods and follow the 20-20-20 rule while using digital devices: every 20 minutes, look at an object 20 feet away for at

least 20 seconds. He cautioned against self-medication and urged people experiencing eye irritation or other problems to consult an eye specialist.

Dr. Shubhrata S. Hegde, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, spoke about the importance of eye donation and explained the procedure. Sudhir H.G., ophthalmologist with

THE 20-20-20 RULE

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the District Blindness Control Division, urged people to register for eye and organ donation through the Jeevasarthakathe app.

Dr. D.S. Pratima, Regional Joint Director of the Department of Collegiate Education, Mysuru Regional Division, was among the chief guests.

Dasara camp 'Play': 7-day creative workshop for children

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The Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IET) has announced a seven-day activity-based summer camp for children titled 'Play', aimed at encouraging hands-on exploration, craftsmanship, and creative expression. The camp will take place from October 12 to October 18 at the



recyclable materials alongside their peers.

All primary art supplies required for the activities will be provided by the organizers. Children may occasionally be asked to bring safe, recyclable waste materials from home for specific projects.

Hardwicke School Premises, JLB Road, Mysuru. Designed for children aged 8 to 15 years, the workshop will run daily from 10 am to 3 pm. The initiative offers a dynamic environment where young participants can engage with clay, nature, colors, and

Key highlights of the camp

- **Hands-on & Exploration:** Children will experiment directly with various materials to discover new forms of artistic expression.
- **Storytelling Sessions:** Engaging narratives designed to stimulate imagination, critical thinking, and communication skills.
- **Film Screenings:** Carefully selected children's movies curated to entertain and spark meaningful ideas.
- **Craft Building:** Interactive guidance on creating art using daily items and recyclable waste materials.

The participation fee for the 7-day camp is ₹3,000 per child. Seats are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For registrations and further inquiries, parents can contact 96868 92255.

Dasara book chariot rolls out to spread the joy of reading

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Senior litterateur and State Intelligence DIG Dr Dhara-



nidevi Malagatti flagged off the chariot promoting the discounted sale of Kannada books organised as part of Mysuru Dasara 2026.

The book chariot was flagged off in front of the Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple here on Friday. The initiative was organised by the Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru Dasara Mahotsava Committee-2026 and the Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara (Kannada Book Authority). Dr Malagatti said the Kan-

nada Book Authority itself was like a chariot that would travel to different places, spread literature and bring

people closer to the world of books.

Additional Regional Commissioner Dr P. Shivaraju said the younger generation had become increasingly fascinated by digital media. He urged the young people to move beyond their excessive dependence on digital platforms and cultivate a habit of reading books.

Books can guide society and the younger generation towards a better path, he observed.

Dasara: Special cleanliness drive on Ring Road today

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In view of the Dasara Festival 2026, a special cleanliness drive will be conducted at 6:30 a.m. on October 10 along the Ring Road and in the surrounding areas, the Director of the District Urban Development Cell said in a press release.

In this regard, acting on the instructions of the City Corporation Commissioner, the press release directed the newly upgraded urban local bodies concerned in the district to effectively undertake the special cleanliness drive along the Ring Road, main roads and surrounding areas within their jurisdiction.

Instructions: Solid waste along the Ring Road and in public places must be completely cleared. Plastic waste, building and construction debris, and other waste must be removed. Weeds and bushes growing along roadsides and

in vacant spaces must also be cleared.

Manpower

The required manpower, vehicles and machinery must be deployed appropriately. After completion of the cleanliness work, the locations must be

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kept clean, orderly and attractive. Photographs of the locations before and after the cleanliness work must be documented and submitted to the office whenever required.

In addition, the Project Director (PD) and Executive Engineer (EE) of DUDC, Mysuru, will visit the locations where the cleanliness drive is being conducted for inspection and supervision.

A royal peta for the gentle giant!

Spare the jumbo king!

8-kg, 166-inch Mysuru Peta turns Captain Abhimanyu into a regal spectacle

SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM
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A majestic elephant, a royal tradition and a heartfelt tribute came together at the Mysuru Palace on October 5, when Captain Abhimanyu made his final appearance at the Palace wearing a gigantic Mysuru Peta weighing eight kg.

Crafted from rich red velvet cloth and embellished with colourful beads, the extraordinary headgear left onlookers amazed. Measuring 166 inches, the oversized Peta was specially designed to resemble the traditional royal headgear worn by Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the illustrious ruler under whose reign the erstwhile Mysuru Kingdom witnessed remarkable progress.

The unique tribute was conceived by two Mysuru-based enthusiasts, Gandadhagudi Arya and Chetan Yadav, who wanted to honour Captain Abhimanyu for his outstanding contribution to the world-famous Mysuru Dasara. The majestic jumbo carried the Golden Howdah for six consecutive years, including the last two years.

Their plans initially hit a roadblock when forest officials denied permission to present anything to the elephant, citing strict Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). However, their request eventually received the nod from Forest Minister Ramalinga Reddy, paving the way for the unusual gesture.

With permission secured about two months ago, the duo approached Munna Peta Works in Bengaluru, known for crafting different varieties of traditional Mysuru Petas.



8 kg the Peta's weight	166 in its measure	₹27,000 what it cost	3-4 tailors, day and night
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The maker was surprised when he learnt that the elaborate headgear was intended not for a person but for an el-

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GANDADHAGUDI ARYA

ephant — an assignment he had never encountered before.

Arya and Chetan purchased eight to 10 metres of red velvet cloth from the market, and the Peta maker agreed to take up the challenging task. Three to four tailors worked day and night to complete the special headgear in time for Abhimanyu’s arrival at the Palace

on October 5, marking an important moment in his Dasara journey as he prepared for duty as the ‘Nishane’ elephant during the Jamboo Savari.

After stitching the velvet cloth into shape, the workers adorned it with an assortment of colourful beads, lending the Peta a rich, regal finish. The entire exercise cost around ₹27,000 — a modest sum, according to the duo, when compared with the immense contributions of Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar to the State.

“For us, presenting the Mysuru Peta to Captain Abhimanyu was like paying tribute to Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who showed the world how elephants could be trained to carry the Golden Howdah,” Arya said.

The moment the gigantic Peta was placed on Abhimanyu’s head, the ‘gentle giant’ became the star attraction. The striking sight of the royal headgear atop the towering elephant evoked amazement and admiration among



those present at the Palace.

Arya said the Peta now belonged to the Forest Department, whose officials would decide how and where it should be preserved.

Mysuru’s world-famous Dasara Jamboo Savari is a magnificent blend of royal heritage, culture and tradition. However, preserving its grandeur should not come at the cost of placing an excessive burden on the majestic elephant that carries the golden howdah, says Vasanth Kumar Mysoremath, a noted social worker and environmental activist.

In a statement, he has called for a humane and practical rethink of the weight carried by the lead elephant during the iconic procession, suggesting alternatives that would retain its royal splendour while reducing the physical load on the animal.

City activist calls for a lighter howdah

Paying tribute to the Wadiyar rulers of Mysuru, Mysoremath said they had preserved the cultural and traditional spirit of Dasara and given the city an enduring place on the global tourism map. The Jamboo Savari, he noted, was one of their remarkable contributions, attracting visitors who marvel at the majestic elephants moving regally along the procession route despite the crowds, noise and pollution.

He recalled that earlier processions featured camels, donkeys, bears, lions, leopards, tigers in cages and white horses. The Maharajas, seated in the howdah, would travel from the Amba Vilas Palace to Bannimantap, acknowledging the affection and respect of the people.

Is the burden too heavy?

While appreciating the splendour and historical signifi-



cance of the procession, Mysoremath questioned the practice of placing a combined load of around 750 kg, comprising the supporting pad and the golden howdah, on the lead elephant.

He pointed out that rehearsals were under way with sand-filled bags weighing more than 750 kg. According to reports published on Friday, Mahendra, a 45-year-old elephant once considered a prospective carrier of the golden howdah, reportedly refused to move forward midway through a rehearsal. Even after the load was reduced, the elephant did not proceed, forcing the rehearsal to be cut short.

Recalling the majestic elephants of earlier years, including Drona, Balarama and Abhimanyu, he wondered whether the present generation could find a way to preserve the tradition without placing such a heavy burden on the animals. “Why should

we subject the royal elephant to such a heavy load merely to provide a visual feast for spectators? Are there no alternatives to reduce the burden?” he asked.

Golden grandeur, lighter load

Mysoremath proposed two practical alternatives to retain the traditional appearance of the procession while prioritising animal welfare. First, he suggested replacing the original golden howdah with a lightweight replica made from a suitable alloy and finished in gold colour, retaining the same design and appearance while substantially reducing its weight. Second, he proposed developing a lighter yet strong and secure supporting pad using suitable materials such as PVC, foam or bubble foam, instead of the existing heavy padding placed on the elephant’s back. Such alternatives could help reduce the physical burden on the elephant without compromising the magnificence, cultural significance or traditional character of the Jamboo Savari.

Tradition and compassion can go hand in hand, he emphasised, urging the authorities to explore animal-friendly

Two lighter alternatives

1 A lightweight replica of the golden howdah in a suitable alloy, finished in gold colour

2 A lighter yet strong supporting pad of PVC, foam or bubble foam

innovations suited to changing times so that Mysuru’s iconic Dasara procession can continue to enthral generations to come.

5,161 Police Personnel to Guard Mysuru Dasara

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The city police have put in place an elaborate two-phase

Drone surveillance, 24x7 patrolling: city turned into a fortress



strengthen surveillance during Dasara.

A total of 32 fire and emergency service units and 28 ambulances will be deployed. Traffic arrangements will ensure that ambulances can reach the nearest hospitals without delay in the event of an emergency, the Commissioner said.

Eighteen police assistance centres will be established at key locations across the city to provide information to tourists and assistance to members of the public who require help.

Security arrangements will include drone surveillance at venues hosting Dasara events. Lodges across the city will be subjected to surprise inspections, and suspicious persons will be questioned.

Crime branch personnel will be deployed round the clock at railway and bus stations, while patrol vehicles will conduct 24x7 surveillance across the city.

Four women-led Abhaya squads, comprising women police personnel, will patrol in two shifts to ensure the safety of women and children, she added.

Dasara visitor portal launched

A dedicated Mysuru Dasara 2026 visitor portal has been launched to provide tourists with timely information. Details will be available in both Kannada and English.

Visitors can also follow the city police’s official Facebook and Instagram accounts for the latest Dasara updates. Members of the public can dial the toll-free emergency helpline 112 in case of any emergency.

Public barred from climbing dilapidated buildings and trees

A joint survey conducted by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the police has identified around 92 old, under-construction and dilapidated buildings on either side of the Jamboo Savari route.

Meetings have already been held with the owners of these buildings, and notices have been issued prohibiting the public from climbing onto the structures to watch the procession.

Watching the procession from atop trees along the route has also been prohibited. Special personnel will be deployed to enforce the restrictions and prevent violations.

Strict action against fake news

To monitor fake news and social media posts intended to spread panic during Dasara, a total of 20 social media monitoring teams have been formed at the Police Commissioner’s Office and various police stations. As many as 58 personnel will monitor social media platforms round the clock. Strict legal action will be initiated against those spreading false information

Dasara security	
5,161	POLICE PERSONNEL
33	KSRP PLATOONS
1,500	HOME GUARDS

and rumours, Seema Latkar warned.

Deputy Commissioners of Police Sundar Raj and Dr Harsha Priyamvada were present.

Mysuru to savour a slice of art at Dasara Cake Show season 2

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Life-sized cake sculptures, imaginative fantasy themes and mouth-watering confectionery creations are set to add a delicious flavour to Mysuru Dasara, with Dini Cini Creations organising the second edition of the Dasara Cake Show.

The show will feature spectacular cake displays that blend culinary expertise with



artistic imagination. A special attraction will be cake tributes to Sri Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Smt. Rani Kem-



pananjammanni Devi, celebrating their contributions to education, culture and public welfare.

The event aims to bring together professional pastry chefs, baking enthusiasts and dessert lovers under one roof. Visitors will have an opportunity to admire elaborate cake sculptures, watch live demonstrations, participate in baking

workshops and, where offered by exhibitors, savour a variety of sweet creations.

Dini Cini Creations, a leading name in event branding and experiential design in Karnataka, has been associated with major events, including the Lalbagh Flower Show, Mysuru Dasara and GKVK Krishimela. The organisation has also been in-

MLC seeks curbs on visiting hours at Mysuru Palace



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MLC Raghu Kautilya has called for restrictions on visiting hours and the number of tourists allowed into Mysuru Palace daily to protect the historic monument from damage caused by excessive visitor footfall.

Speaking to reporters here on Friday, he said the Palace’s heritage value must take precedence over unrestricted public access, and suggested fixing specific visiting hours and a daily cap on the number of visitors to ensure the long-term preservation of the iconic structure.

Recalling the history of the Palace, Kautilya said the Maharajas had built the present structure with considerable

effort after the earlier wooden palace was destroyed in a fire. “Do we have the capacity to build another palace today?” he asked, stressing the need to preserve the architectural and historical legacy of the monument for future generations.

The MLC also demanded the immediate dissolution of the existing Palace administration board and called for a separate management board dedicated to protecting and maintaining the heritage structure.

Alleging that the Palace’s preservation was being neglected, Kautilya warned that he would launch a protest in the coming days if steps were not taken to safeguard the monument.

CM to open Dasara CM Cup sports meet on Oct 11



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The Dasara Sports Meet—CM Cup 2026, organised as part of the Mysuru Dasara celebrations, will be held from October 11 to 14, said Jitendra Shetty, Joint Director of the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, he said Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar would inaugurate the sports meet at the Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium at 4.30 pm on October 11.

Asian Games medal-winning golfer Pranavi S. Urs and Commonwealth Games medal-winning para-athlete Shilpa K.S. will be the special invitees at the inaugural ceremony.

A total of 4,515 sportspersons, along with 700 technical officials and staff members, are expected to participate in 28 different sporting disciplines. Accommodation will

be arranged in private hotels, with triple-sharing facilities for sportspersons and double-sharing arrangements for technical officials. Meals and refreshments will be provided to the participants at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry. Transport facilities will be arranged between the accommodation venues, dining venue and sports venues.

The organisers have also arranged insurance coverage for the sportspersons. Medical facilities and ambulance services will be available at the venues, along with the services of more than 30 physiotherapists. A control room has been established to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. Sportspersons and others can contact the toll-free helpline numbers 9986577211 and 9986577411 for assistance.

Dasara Sports Sub-Committee Working President and Mysuru Development Authority Secretary Johnson, Deputy Directors Thippeswamy and Nagarathna, Assistant Directors Bhaskar Nayak and Roshan Shetty, among others, were present at the press conference.

Quick Read

Divine gold promise costs goldsmith his life savings

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Trust turned into a costly nightmare for a local goldsmith. Con artist Bhutham Lingaya allegedly looted ₹1.3 crore from Selvaraj Achari over two and a half years. The clever trickster first won the family's hearts by curing their health issues. Later, he spun a wild tale about having five kilograms of magical divine gold. To trick them completely, he showed a real gold sample. Selvaraj sold his land and jewelry to pay the fraudster. After taking the huge cash, the cheat vanished. Police are now hunting the missing man.

KSTDC launches new one-day Bengaluru tour

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Families can now enjoy a budget-friendly holiday adventure this Dasara season. The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation has launched a special one-day Bengaluru sight-seeing tour. Travelers will ride in high-tech deluxe buses led by expert guides. The fun-filled itinerary includes famous spots like ISKCON Temple, Rajarajeshwari Temple, and Bannerghatta Biological Park. Kids will also explore the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium and Visvesvaraya Science Museum before heading home. Government employees can use LTC benefits for this trip. Interested people can easily book their tickets directly through the official KSTDC website.

High Court relieves BJP leader Ravi Patil

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Legal relief has arrived for local Bharatiya Janata Party leader Ravi Patil and two supporters. The High Court ordered police to avoid harsh actions against them. The group faces serious accusations regarding an alleged attempt to delete nearly 200 minority voter names during a recent election list revision in Belagavi. A local Congress worker filed the original police complaint. Patil's lawyer argued that raising legal objections about duplicate voters is standard and does not break any laws. The court has now adjourned the crucial hearing to October 13.

State inspects 45 ice cream units, seizes expired stock

Targeting commercial malpractice and unhygienic practices, food safety officers raided ice cream manufacturing units statewide, seizing expired products and lifting samples.

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In a decisive statewide push to safeguard public health and clamp down on commercial malpractice, the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department has carried out intensive surprise inspections across 45 ice cream manufacturing units. Prompted by strict directives from Health and Family Welfare Minister U.T. Khader, municipal food safety officers fanned out across multiple districts to examine operational hygiene, scrutinize product safety standards, and inspect raw material warehouses.

During the sweeping operation, enforcement teams lifted a total of 70 critical food samples—ranging from finished ice cream tubs and liquid milk to milk powder, flavoring substances, sugar, and specialized food additives. All collected specimens have been dispatched immediately to authorized government food laboratories for comprehensive chemical and microbiological analysis to verify whether they adhere strictly to mandated safety regulations. While the majority of inspected facilities complied



with baseline rules, the rigorous checks exposed severe lapses, poor sanitary conditions, and regulatory violations across four major processing units.

In Bengaluru, surprise raids on local establishments uncovered blatant disregard for inventory expiration dates. At Savara Ice Cream Cafe in Jayanagar's 3rd Block, inspection teams confiscated a substantial quantity of expired products, including commercial biscuits, packaged milk, alkalized tea and coffee mixes, and desiccated coconut powder. Simultaneously, checks at M.N. Enterprises in Bilekahalli along Bannerghatta Road led to the immediate seizure of expired plain caramel, condensed milk products, and khoa, alongside explicit violations concerning proper statutory

food labeling.

Violations were not confined to the capital city. In Raichur, authorities flagged deeply unsanitary operating environments at the Gemini Ice Cream manufacturing plant, issuing a formal notice with strict legal proceedings to follow. Meanwhile, inspections at the John Candy Ice Cream manufacturing unit in Mysuru revealed significant deficiencies in product labeling norms, prompting officers to seize valued stock worth twenty thousand rupees. Senior food safety commissioner Srinivas K. emphasized that these enforcement operations are part of a continuous, statewide drive. The department has vowed to initiate aggressive legal action under the Food Safety and Standards Act against all entities compromising consumer health.

Summer heat in monsoon: K'taka grid pushed to limits

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Severe drought conditions and prolonged monsoon dry spells have triggered an unprecedented spike in electricity consumption across Karnataka, placing the state energy department under immense pressure. With high temperatures mimicking summer conditions during the rainy season, daily power demand has soared to historic highs, forcing the government to resort to aggressive open-market daytime power purchases to bridge widening supply deficits.

According to data released by the Energy Department, state electricity demand crossed an all-time monsoon peak of 340 million units per day in September. Although recent localized rains have brought minor relief—stabilizing daily consumption between 300 and 315 million units—demand remains roughly 55 million units higher than the corresponding period last year.

To counter the crunch, authorities have utilized restored inter-state power exchange allocations of 1,000 MW alongside an additional 230 MW secured through the central government's Shakti scheme.

ARC Hospital Spreads Breast Cancer Awareness

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In a proactive move this Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ARC Cancer Hospital is stepping outside traditional clinical settings to launch a series of extensive public health outreach initiatives across Bengaluru. Driven by the core campaign motto, "Know Your Risk. Screen Early. Act Early," the hospital aims to bridge the gap between medical care and community education, emphasizing that a woman's health is fundamental to overall societal well-being.

Hospital leadership notes that true cancer care extends far beyond hospital wards into proactive prevention. Breast cancer can impact women across diverse age groups and risk profiles, making early detection and timely medical consultation vital lifesavers. To champion this cause, ARC Cancer Hospital has organized a special Cancer Survivors' Felicitation Programme on October 10, 2026, at its main premises. This emotional event will celebrate the extraordinary courage and resilience of survivors while highlighting the critical role of prompt diagnosis, advanced medical treatment, and

consistent emotional support systems.

Taking the message directly to the public, the hospital has scheduled major community engagement drives at two of Bengaluru's most iconic public spaces: Lalbagh on October 11, 2026, and Cubbon Park on October 25, 2026. During these weekend outreach events, healthcare volunteers will distribute informative handbills, display educational placards, and interact directly with citizens. These campaigns are designed to educate families about hidden risk factors, teach them to recognize warning signs that should never be ignored, and encourage proactive consultations with qualified medical professionals.

To make early detection financially accessible, the hospital is distributing complimentary mammography screening coupons to the public alongside heavily discounted comprehensive cancer screening packages, subject to standard eligibility guidelines. Through these grassroots efforts, ARC Cancer Hospital hopes to empower every household with the knowledge that timely screening saves lives and that investing in women's health safeguards the entire nation's future.

ED uncovers rigged marks cards, luxury travel

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Fresh and deeply incriminating revelations continue to tumble out from the ongoing Enforcement Directorate investigation into the sprawling Karnataka Public Service Commission veterinary officers recruitment scam. Federal financial investigators probing the multi-layered corruption scandal have uncovered concrete documentary and digital evidence indicating that key suspects utilized illicitly acquired kickbacks to fund luxury travel, specifically tracing flight ticket bookings for prominent figures directly back to proceeds of the fraudulent recruitment scheme.

According to exhaustive disclosures emerging from the federal agency's interrogation logs, investigators established that flight tickets for accused individuals Shivashankarappa Sahukar and B.V. Geetha were procured using tainted money amassed through systematic manipulation of government job selections. During formal testimonies recorded under anti-money laundering provisions, the personal assistant attached to Shivashankarappa Sahukar confessed that the travel itineraries were arranged through a specialized booking agency named 'My Travel Air' alongside independent ticketing



agents. Financial forensics further mapped out digital transaction trails, matching cash deposits and unaccounted fund transfers with the exact timestamps of these flight reservations, thereby tying white-collar racketeering directly to personal luxury expenditures.

The entire sophisticated enterprise began unraveling due to sharp-eyed administrative scrutiny directed at anomalous academic credentials and tampered marks cards submitted by candidates. Investigators revealed that key intermediaries, identified as Nandish and Vinutha, maintained continuous, high-frequency communication with core architects Shivashankarappa and Geetha. Comprehensive technical evidence gathered by the Enforcement Directorate—spanning detailed Call Detail Records,

Enforcement Directorate probe into the KPSC veterinary recruitment scam reveals tainted kickbacks funded luxury flight tickets for key suspects involved in the corruption ring.

How the money flew

- 1 Kickbacks:** money amassed by manipulating KPSC job selections
- 2 Bookings:** through the agency 'My Travel Air' and independent ticketing agents
- 3 Tickets:** for accused Shivashankarappa Sahukar and B.V. Geetha
- 4 Trail:** cash deposits and unaccounted transfers matched with the booking times

intercepted messaging logs, and extensive closed-circuit television footage from administrative offices—conclusively established an active conspiracy. The microscopic physical and digital verification of marks cards belonging to Vinutha and Nandish served as the smoking gun, exposing systemic corruption and prompting nationwide demands for sweeping administrative reforms across state recruitment boards.

SC defers hearing on Vinay Kulkarni's bail to Oct 27

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The legal battle surrounding the high-profile murder of Dharwad BJP leader Yogish Gowda reached the Supreme Court, where a bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Chandrashekar presided over crucial appellate proceedings. The hearing centred on challenges brought forth by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the victim's family against a controversial order issued by the Karnataka High Court. That earlier ruling had suspended the sentences and granted statutory bail to Congress leader Vinay Kulkarni and several co-accused individuals, temporarily halting the legal momentum of a landmark judicial conviction.

The protracted criminal case stems from the brutal assassination of Yogish Gowda, a prominent former member of the Dharwad Zilla Panchayat, who was hacked to death with lethal weapons inside a gymnasium in Saptapur, Dharwad, on June 15, 2016. While initial investigations were handled by local law enforcement, persistent demands from the victim's grieving family prompted the state government to transfer the sensitive probe to the



Central Bureau of Investigation in 2019. Following an exhaustive multi-year investigation, the central agency filed a comprehensive chargesheet implicating several political operatives, leading to a historic verdict earlier this year. In April 2026, the Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru delivered a resounding judgment, declaring seventeen individuals, including Vinay Kulkarni, guilty of the murder and sentencing them to rigorous life imprisonment. However, the legal landscape shifted dramatically on July 31, 2026, when the Karnataka High Court entertained appeals filed by the convicts, granting them bail and staying their prison sentences pending final hearings. Challenging this relief, Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, represent-

The case so far

- JUNE 15, 2016**
Yogish Gowda hacked to death in a gym at Saptapur, Dharwad
- 2019**
Probe handed to the CBI
- APRIL 2026**
Special court convicts 17, including Kulkarni; life imprisonment
- JULY 31, 2026**
High Court suspends the sentences, grants bail

ing the CBI, launched a vigorous assault on the High Court's order before the apex bench. ASG Raju argued strenuously that stays on criminal convictions and the granting of bail to individuals holding public office should be restricted solely to rare, exceptional circumstances, citing three established constitutional precedents. Furthermore, the CBI brought to light serious judicial concerns, emphasizing that the Supreme Court had previously revoked Kulkarni's bail due to documented allegations of witness intimidation and evidence tampering. The prosecution also contended that crucial disclosures regarding two prior criminal cases pending against the accused had been concealed from the High Court during the initial bail hearings.

RAO TARGETS RATHEE

Checking YouTuber's credentials: Ex-IPS demands visa & citizenship probe

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Former Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao has officially written to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, demanding a comprehensive legal and immigration verification regarding popular YouTuber Dhruv Rathee's citizenship and entry status. The formal request follows Rathee's high-profile participation in a contentious political demonstration held at Bengaluru's Freedom Park. The rally, organized by the 'Cockroach Janata Party' (CJP) alongside civil society activists and actor Prakash Raj, served as a "People's Tribunal" to protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and challenge the sweeping voter roll changes executed under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

Addressing the large gathering of students, citizens, and



activists during the demonstration, Rathee openly criticized the Election Commission of India, alleging a complete lack of transparency and institutional accountability in handling nationwide electoral revisions. However, his active presence and public address on an Indian political platform triggered sharp administrative questions given persistent public reports regarding his foreign citizenship. In his representation to the home ministry, Bhaskar Rao emphasized the urgency of ascertaining the precise legal category, visa endorsement, or authorization under which Rathee entered India.

The former top cop urged central authorities to examine whether the participation of a foreign national in organized political agitations and public demonstrations violates the Foreigners Act of 1946, standard visa regulations, or Overseas Citizen of India guidelines. Furthermore, Rao requested the ministry to preserve and thoroughly scrutinize historical entry and exit records to determine if Rathee had engaged in similar political activities during prior visits. Disclaiming any personal political animosity or disagreement with the YouTuber's ideological stances, Rao maintained that the inquiry is

The request is intended to ensure that foreign nationals comply with the legal framework governing their presence and activities in India, and is not motivated by any disagreement with political views."



Bhaskar Rao
Former IPS officer

strictly a matter of enforcing sovereign legal frameworks governing foreign visitors. As the Ministry of Home Affairs reviews the representation, the controversy has added fresh fuel to the ongoing nationwide political debates surrounding the CJP's mobilization and electoral accountability.

PGCET aspirants protest KEA counselling delays

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Tensions flared outside the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) headquarters in Bengaluru as hundreds of outraged postgraduate aspirants staged a massive demonstration to protest the crippling delays plaguing the Karnataka Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (PGCET) counselling process. The prolonged postponement of the second and third rounds of counselling has plunged the academic futures of thousands of students into profound uncertainty, leaving candidates stranded as academic calendars across affiliated universities march forward.

The immediate catalyst for the widespread agitation stems from widespread dissatisfaction with the initial round of seat allotments. Agitating students and student union representatives pointed to glaring discrepancies, alleging that college allotments failed to align transparently with merit ranks.

‘Used cooking oil can boost biodiesel production’

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Preventing the reuse of used cooking oil in food preparation and channelising it for biodiesel production can protect public health while ensuring a steady supply of feedstock, Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board (KSDBB) Chairman S. E. Sudheendra said.

During a visit to Srisailem, Sudheendra met officials from various departments, local bodies and non-governmental organisations to discuss bio-energy development, technological advancements and investment opportunities.

He highlighted Karnataka's potential to produce biodiesel, compressed biogas (CBG), biopellets and biobriquettes by utilising biomass, agricultural residues and municipal solid waste.

He also said the State was taking steps to formulate a new biofuel policy under the leadership of Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar.



Sudheendra said discussions had been held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr U. T. Khader and senior officials on preventing hotels, restaurants and food-processing units from reusing cooking oil. Repeated heating of edible oil can produce harmful compounds, making safe collection and diversion to biodiesel plants essential, he noted.

He also proposed collecting residual edible and non-edible oils offered at temples for religious rituals. Citing the Sri Marikamba Temple in Sirsi, where residual oil is supplied to biodiesel units and the resulting fuel used in vehicles, he suggested replicating the model across Karnataka.

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Chitradurga to host mini job fair

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

The District Employment Exchange will organize a mini job fair on October 15 at its office premises near the stadium turn and old Vaishali Gate. Over six private firms will conduct direct interviews between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to recruit qualified male and female candidates for multiple open posts. Applicants aged between 18 and 30 holding SSLC, PUC, ITI, diploma, or degree certificates are eligible to participate. Job seekers must bring five resume copies along with educational certificates and photographs. Interested candidates can contact 7022459064 or 8105619020 for information.

Protesters plant banana saplings in damaged roads

CH NEWS, HUNSUR

Milk tanker operators and local drivers joined the Satya MAS Foundation on Friday to stage a protest against dilapidated street conditions near the town chilling plant. Demonstrators parked commercial transport vans across the main thoroughfare beside Kanaka Bhavan, blocking vehicular movement before planting banana saplings inside gaping road craters. Led by foundation president Satyappa, the protesters submitted an official memorandum to Shirastedar Shripad at the local taluk office, demanding immediate concrete road resurfacing. Residents warned that agitation will intensify unless the administration fixes the broken roadway without further public delay.

Chitradurga organizes Red Ribbon Run for students

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

The District AIDS Control and Prevention Unit will host a five-kilometer Red Ribbon Run marathon on October 12 at 6:30 AM to promote HIV awareness. College students aged 17 to 25 carrying valid institutional identification can compete. Starting from Kanaka Circle, the route passes major intersections before terminating at Onake Obavva Stadium. Top performers will qualify for state-level championships, earning cash rewards of ₹5,000, ₹3,500, and ₹2,500 for the top three spots. Interested students can register by contacting program coordinators at 9964525258 or 9739394368.

Congress using sting narrative for political blackmail: Chalavadi

The opposition leader accused Congress of spreading surveillance rumors to control lawmakers, sarcastically praising its alleged espionage tactics and political distractions

HIGHLIGHTS	BJP accuses Congress of using blackmail and sting narratives.	Government ignoring drought, medicine shortages, and power outages.	Leader challenges Ravi Ganiga over constituency milk powder scam.	Warning issued that citizens will teach ruling party a lesson.
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CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, on Friday launched a fierce attack on the ruling Congress, accusing the state government of employing cheap blackmail tactics and fabricating sensational controversies like sting operations to divert attention from administrative failures. Addressing media persons at the BJP state headquarters, Jagannatha Bhavana, Narayanaswamy questioned why the ruling party consistently resorts to theatrical antics whenever public scrutiny intensifies. He asserted that Congress leaders themselves floated rumors of covert surveillance to keep their own ministers and legislators under tight political control. Sarcastic in his rebuke, the opposition leader commented that those executing such clandestine maneuvers within Congress deserve top civilian honors given their unmatched mastery of espionage and distraction politics. Narayanaswamy claimed that the state administration is plagued by deep corruption and remains completely indifferent to the severe agrarian distress gripping Karnataka. He pointed out that while government hospitals face acute shortages of life-saving medicines, rural sectors endure erratic power blackouts, and farmers battle drought conditions, the administration remains obsessed with sensational sting operations. Recalling previous controversies, he charged that the Chief Minister had earlier attempted political arm-twisting by targeting North Karnataka legislators settled in Bengaluru with claims regarding multiple marriages, and has now shifted to sting operation threats. Turning his attention toward Congress MLA Ravi Ganiga, the BJP leader challenged him to answer for his close associates in Mandya who stand implicated in a multi-crore milk powder scam. Narayanaswamy urged



Chalavadi Narayanaswamy
Leader of the Opposition, Council

Poor-quality groundnut seeds leave farmers facing losses

CH NEWS, YADGIR

Hundreds of farmers who sowed groundnut seeds for the rabi season are facing severe financial distress after a large proportion of the seeds reportedly failed to germinate, compounding the hardships caused by drought and poor rainfall. Farmers in Nalwar, Yagapur, Ladlapur, Belagera, Shivnagar, Bapunagar and several other villages allege that around 60 to 70 percent of the seeds they sowed have failed to sprout. Even after 15 to 20 days, many seeds remain buried in the soil, where they are reportedly rotting without germinating. The few seeds that have sprouted have also shown little sign of healthy growth, raising fears of substantial crop losses. According to the affected farmers, they purchased groundnut seeds from private shops and mills in Adat Bazaar after being promised higher yields. They paid between Rs 14,500 and Rs 15,000 per quintal, in addition to transportation expenses, hoping to secure a good harvest. However, their expectations have turned into disappointment, with many now facing the prospect of having to spend additional money on fresh seeds and re-sowing their fields. Farmers also said delays in the supply of seeds through the Agriculture Department had forced them to purchase seeds from private traders and proceed with sowing. By this time, the fields should have been covered with healthy green crops. Instead, a large proportion of the seeds have



rotted in the soil, affected farmers said, expressing concern that nearly 70 percent of their expected crop could be lost. With the region already reeling under rainfall deficiency, the reported seed failure has added to the financial burden on farming families. Farmers have urged the Agriculture Department to inspect the affected fields, verify the quality of the seeds supplied and take appropriate action if substandard seeds are found to have been sold. They have also sought compensation for their losses and immediate assistance to enable them to resume cultivation before the sowing window closes.

Mangaluru Airport expands flights for winter schedule

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Mangaluru International Airport is gearing up for a major network expansion in its forthcoming winter schedule, with total weekly flight movements rising from 181 to 195, airport authorities announced on Friday. Domestic connectivity receives a strong boost as regional carrier Fly91 launches daily services connecting Mangaluru to Pune and Agatti, contributing 14 new weekly movements. In addition, Air India Express will operate thrice-weekly flights to Hyderabad using Boeing 737-8 aircraft, alongside bolstered frequencies to Bengaluru. IndiGo is also expanding capacity on its popular Mumbai route, taking total domestic weekly departures from 133 to 136. On the international front, weekly departures to the Middle East will climb from 48 to 59. Air India Express is adding the United Arab Emirates' Ras Al Khaimah as a brand-new sector, restarting services to Kuwait, and stepping up frequencies to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Bahrain. The carrier's international departures from the coastal hub will jump from 34 to 45 per week. Managed by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, Karnataka's second-busiest facility recently attained Level 5 accreditation from Airports Council International for customer excellence. Passengers will also benefit from 43 retail and dining establishments across terminals. The winter timetable solidifies Mangaluru's standing as a vital regional and international transit gateway.



195 weekly flights, up from 181	136 domestic, up from 133	59 international, up from 48
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Gadag prepares for transparent Youth Parliament sessions

CH NEWS, GADAG

Deputy Commissioner C.N. Sridhar directed officials to ensure total transparency and impartiality in selecting and evaluating participants for the upcoming district-level Youth Parliament, organized to commemorate the International Day of Democracy. Presiding over a preparatory review meeting at his office hall on Friday, Sridhar stated that students must understand legislative protocols and constitutional conduct thoroughly. To ensure fair opportunities, key responsibilities will be assigned via lottery rather than direct appointment. Students divided into treasury and opposition benches will democratically elect their own leaders, including the Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition. Sridhar ordered the creation of an independent expert judging panel, composed of college lecturers and committee delegates, to assess participants on presentation skills, argumentation, and parliamentary decorum. Selected top performers will qualify for state-level competitions. Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Mukul Jain explained that representation



Gadag gears up for state wrestling tournament

GADAG: Deputy Commissioner C.N. Sridhar directed officials to ensure smooth arrangements for the upcoming state-level wrestling championship hosted in Gadag. Presiding over a preparatory review meeting on Friday, Sridhar instructed administrative teams to arrange safe lodging, nutritious meals, clean drinking water, and transit for youth

competitors across age categories. To prevent fraud, authorities must strictly verify participant records through online SATS software and school documents. Nodal officers will oversee hostel facilities while medical teams remain on standby. Sridhar urged seamless departmental coordination to conduct all wrestling bouts with complete sporting discipline.

would encompass various academic tiers: 8 to 10 percent from primary schools, 10 to 15 percent from high schools, 50 to 60 percent from degree colleges, and 25 to 30 percent from postgraduate and law institutions. The designated venue will authentically replicate the

HASTY COMPLAINT CHECKED

Interim relief granted to Malleshwaram booth agents

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court on Friday granted an interim stay on an FIR registered against Malleshwaram booth agents Vasanthalakshmi and Deepak Singh, who were accused of misusing Form 7 applications to delete voters from the electoral rolls during the Special Summary Revision. Hearing a petition seeking the quashing of the case registered at Vyalikaval police station following a complaint by Congress leader Anoop Ayyangar, a single-judge bench presided over by Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde observed that the police complaint appeared hasty on the face of it. Appearing for the petitioners, Senior Advocate Arun Shyam argued that booth level agents have the legal right to submit applications seeking verification and deletion of entries from the voter list, emphasizing that statutory election authorities are empowered to verify facts before passing orders. Contesting the plea, Additional Special Public Prosecutor Anoop Kumar claimed that submitting 778 Form 7 applications demonstrated malicious intent to disenfranchise legitimate electors rather than routine administrative compliance. Intervening during the arguments, Justice Hegde questioned the prosecution on the legal basis of the criminal case, asking under which specific statute filing more than 50 revision applications amounts to a cognizable offence. The court asked whether election officials do not conduct independent inquiries, determine the veracity of representations, and issue mandatory prior notices to affected citizens before striking names off the register. Observing that statutory safeguards and administrative verification processes already exist within the election machinery to discard defective applications, the bench ordered an interim stay on further police investigation in the matter.

At a glance

JUDICIAL ACTION Karnataka HC grants interim stay on FIR	PETITIONERS Vasanthalakshmi & Deepak Singh (Booth Agents)
COMPLAINANT Anoop Ayyangar (Congress Leader)	BENCH Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde

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Nineteen Karwar athletes qualify for state level

CH NEWS, KARWAR

Promising young athletes from the Karwar Sports Hostel have secured berths in the upcoming state-level sports competitions following exceptional performances at recent district meets. Fourteen track and field competitors in the under-17 division earned their selection during trials held in Bhatkal taluk on October 3. An additional five junior athletes in the under-14 category made the cut at the Ankola taluk trials on September 29. Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Ravi Nayak and coach Shivananda Naik commended the nineteen qualifiers, wishing them success as they gear up to compete on the state stage.

Nine-day Vachana festival to begin in Hubballi

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

The Women's Wing of Basava Kendra, alongside Mahasharane Gangambika Balaga, will host the nine-day 'Vachana Vijayotsava' from October 11 to 19 at Vidyannagar's Sri Basaveshwara Temple hall. Starting daily at 5:00 PM, each evening focuses on the spiritual teachings of prominent female saints, including Akkamahadevi, Kadira Remmavve, and Satyakka. Scholars, educators, and community leaders will deliver insights on selected verses under the guidance of Kendra President Prof. G.B. Hallala. Organizing secretary Dr. Suresh D. Horakeri urged all followers to attend the celebrations and celebrate the enduring philosophy of the Sharanes.

Thirteen candidates compete for Northeast Council seat

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

The race for Karnataka's Northeast Teachers' Council seat has narrowed to thirteen contestants following Friday's nomination deadline. Returning Officer Zahira Naseem confirmed that independent hopeful Nabirasool withdrew his papers, leaving thirteen candidates in the field after fourteen had passed initial scrutiny. The ballot features Congress candidate Sharanappa Mattur, BJP rival Shashil G. Namoshi, AAP's Sayabanna, and JD(S) nominee Shankareddy Patil, alongside nine independents. Eligible teachers across the region will cast their votes on October 23 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM to elect their next representative to the state legislature.

Prajwal Revanna ordered moved to Belagavi jail

The decision follows controversy after authorities found a smartphone and flash drive in Revanna's high-security cell, despite his life sentence

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a significant disciplinary move, Director General of Police for Prisons and Correctional Services Alok Kumar has ordered the transfer of former Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna from Parappana Agrahara Central Jail in Bengaluru to Hindalga Central Jail in Belagavi.

The decision comes in the wake of a massive controversy triggered by the recovery of contraband from his high-security cell. Revanna, who is currently serving a life sentence, was caught in an intense administrative storm after authorities discovered a smartphone and a flash drive in his living quarters.

The breach was initially exposed on August 11, 2026, when teams from the Central Crime Branch, headed by Deputy Commissioners of



Police Haribabu and Imam Kasim, conducted an unannounced search operation inside the central prison. During the surprise inspection, police personnel confiscated an Android phone, a charging adapter, a blue notebook, and a pen drive. A subsequent forensic examination revealed password-secured social applications—including WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook—alongside active streaming accounts such

as Netflix and Prime Video. Crucially, investigators also uncovered multiple video recordings stored inside the device.

The situation worsened when an image circulated showing the convict speaking on the confiscated phone, confirming egregious lapses in prison monitoring. In response, a departmental inquiry was launched under the supervision of Deputy Inspector General Jinendra Khanagavi

At a glance

- Inmate: Prajwal Revanna (Life-term convict)
- Action: Transferred to Hindalga Jail
- Origin: Parappana Agrahara, Bengaluru
- Reason: Contraband and smartphone seizure

to uncover how unauthorized electronics bypassed perimeter security checks.

Following recommendations and internal findings, DGP Alok Kumar authorized his relocation. An official notification has been dispatched to Hindalga Jail's Chief Superintendent, instructing staff to make immediate security arrangements. Prajwal Revanna is slated for transit under tight police escort, marking an end to his privileges at Parappana Agrahara.

‘Eligible voters will remain on electoral rolls’

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner S. Ramya assured political leaders that not a single eligible voter would be removed from the electoral roll during the Special Summary Revision process.

She gave this assurance while chairing a meeting with recognized political party representatives at the K-SWAN Hall in the Deputy Commissioner's office on Friday.

Addressing concerns regarding public inconvenience during hearings, Ramya announced that officials would conduct direct home visits for citizens unable to attend physical sessions. Verification teams will cross-check residential ad-

resses and photographs on-site so nobody gets left behind. To prevent overcrowding at verification centers, authorities will stagger the schedule and conduct phase-wise checks at the booth level alongside Booth Level Officers and party agents.

During the discussion, District Congress General Secretary D.N. Mailarappa raised questions about suspicious Form-7 deletion requests. He demanded police action against whoever filed those forms, arguing that honest voters faced unnecessary distress and interrogation. Other party leaders also highlighted clusters of objection forms coming from identical locations, confusing local ground staff.

Ramya clarified that citi-

Highlights

- No eligible voter names will be excluded.
- Complete transparency maintained during verification process.
- Officials to visit unavailable voters directly.
- Political parties demand FIRs on Form-7.
- Single-location bulk applications face site verification.
- Strict legal action for false applications.

zens retain the legal right to submit claims or objections, but bulk forms from single sources will undergo strict on-site scrutiny before acceptance. She affirmed that no valid voter will face ha-

EPFO delivers relief to dead worker's kin

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

In an exemplary display of administrative efficiency and social responsibility, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Regional Office in Mangaluru has promptly sanctioned and released all statutory security dues to the grieving relatives of the late Shri Manish Karkada, an industrial employee who lost his life during an on-duty mishap at Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) on September 30, 2026.

Demonstrating notable urgency, the regional pension bureau completed statutory clearances within eight days of the mishap. Authorities released all accrued Employees' Provident Fund savings



alongside complete Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance compensation benefits directly to the registered heirs. Simultaneously, the authorities approved a permanent monthly household pension plan, with regular financial disbursements officially commencing on October 8, 2026.

Marking solidarity with the bereaved kin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner Sandeep Biswas led a senior delegation to the family's per-

sonal home on Friday morning. Joined by Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner Ankit Singh and Enforcement Officer Smt. Anitha R, the officials personally handed over the vital Pension Payment Order book directly to the dependents.

Agency representatives highlighted that the rapid settlement illustrates their institutional priority to safeguard vulnerable households facing unforeseen personal tragedies. The timely financial intervention guarantees immediate economic sustenance for the surviving members, providing crucial relief while they mourn the untimely loss of their primary breadwinner. Providing essential safety nets remains the core pillar of statutory social security.

Catholic Sabha urges DC to stop Form-7 misuse

CH NEWS, UDUPI

The Catholic Sabha Udupi Pradesh submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer TK Swaroopa, urging the authorities to prevent the misuse of Form-7 applications during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and ensure that the names of eligible voters are not removed from the voters' list unjustly.

With the SIR process of electoral rolls underway across Karnataka, concerns and apprehensions have been raised in public circles over the alleged misuse of Form-7 applications, which are used for seeking deletion of names from the electoral rolls. The memorandum also referred to concerns that such applications were allegedly being filed targeting minority communities, particularly Christians and Muslims.

Against this backdrop, the Catholic Sabha urged the dis-

trict administration and the Election Department to take strict measures to prevent any form of misuse or injustice. It stressed that special care should be taken to ensure that the names of eligible voters are not deleted from the electoral rolls on the basis of incorrect information, false objections or other unjustified grounds.

The Sabha stated that the removal of an eligible voter's name from the electoral roll is a serious matter as it directly affects the person's fundamental democratic right. It therefore stressed the need to ensure complete transparency, impartiality and adherence to prescribed procedures throughout the SIR process.

The organisation also requested the authorities to publicly disclose the total number of Form-7 applications received so far in the district, along with complete details of the applications that have been accepted and rejected.

It further sought clear information on whether every voter is being mandatorily served a notice before their name is removed from the electoral roll and whether adequate opportunity is being provided to file objections and present their case during the hearing process.

The Catholic Sabha urged the authorities to take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent the misuse of Form-7 applications and ensure that the names of eligible voters are not inadvertently or unjustly deleted from the electoral rolls. It called for special attention to be given to eligible voters belonging to minority communities, Dalits and other vulnerable sections so that their names are not removed on unjustified grounds, the memorandum stated. The delegation comprised Catholic Sabha Udupi Pradesh President Melvin Aranha Shirva, Secretary Juliet D'Souza.

Fuel crisis strands NWKRTC buses at Gadag depots

MALINGARAYA PUJAR CH NEWS

The ambitious Shakti scheme, which offers free bus travel to women across Karnataka, has hit a severe roadblock. Major bus depots under the North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation in Gadag have run out of diesel for five days, pushing local public transit into total chaos.

The crisis stems from unpaid bills. Depots received their last fuel delivery on October 3. Since then, no supply has arrived from the HPCL oil facility in Raipur near Hubballi. Corporation insiders reveal that the department owes crores of rupees to fuel suppliers. Because the state government delayed reimbursing the transport corporation for the Shakti scheme, the agency ran out of funds to pay the oil companies, halting tanker dispatches entirely.

Daily transit operations require at least 4,500 liters of diesel to maintain scheduled trips. With reserve fuel fully drained, depot managers have started quietly reducing bus runs.

This fuel scarcity directly threatens daily life in Gadag, where seventy percent of residents live in rural zones. Hundreds of students, farmers, traders, and daily-wage workers rely completely on government buses to travel between remote villages and towns. Without active public transport, pupils risk missing classes, and commuters face extortionate fares from private operators.

Officials downplayed the crisis, claiming it was just a minor technical issue that would be solved soon without shutting down services. However, ground realities paint a far grimmer picture as buses sit idle on dusty depot floors.

Offering free transit means nothing if state authorities fail to secure the fuel needed to keep wheels rolling. Unless the government clears its



“There is no shortage of diesel. There is no problem for the public in bus traffic at present. Enough diesel has been brought for three days. Information about the availability and shortage of diesel has already been conveyed through a meeting. Also, steps have been taken to run more buses on the occasion of the Dasara festival.”

—H.S. Keerthana, Managing Director, NWKRTC

pending debts immediately and restores regular oil supplies, public frustration will soon boil over into widespread street protests.

Shirahatti JD(S) president Shankar Balikayi said: “Due to the unscientific administration and propaganda-loving ‘Shakti’ scheme of the Congress government in the state, the entire transport department has reached a state of begging. This diesel shortage is proof that the government's coffers are completely empty. The concerned transport minister and senior officials should immediately pay attention to the diesel problem on a war footing. Otherwise, the rural people will be organized and violent protests will be held in front of the transport agency office.”

BJP hired agency for sting operations: Ravi

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Congress MLA Ganiga Ravikumar leveled serious charges against the opposition on Friday, claiming a Union Minister and a top Bharatiya Janata Party leader hired private detective agencies to orchestrate undercover sting operations against Karnataka ministers.

Speaking to journalists in Mandya, Ravikumar corroborated recent statements made during a state cabinet meeting, insisting that outside firms based in New Delhi and Kolkata were contracted to entrap key ministers and top officials in the Chief Minister's Office. He alleged that opposition leaders funded

these private investigators and lodged them in luxury Bengaluru hotels over the past two months to orchestrate traps against the government.

Holding up a pen drive during the press briefing, the legislator claimed the ruling party possessed irrefutable digital records exposing the plot.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, AT DODDABALLAPURA

Cri. Misc: 263 / 2026

BETWEEN: 1. Sri. R. Rangaswamy S/o Late. Chikkarangappa Aged about 75 years, 2. Smt. V.D. Nanjamma W/o R. Rangaswappa Aged about 70 years, 3. Sri. Ravishankar R. S/o R. Rangaswappa Aged about 46 years, 4. Smt. Saraswathi W/o Ravishankar R. Aged about 40 years. All the petitioners are Residents of Desarapally Village, Sasalu Hobali, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Presently residing at No. 220, Wind Tunnel Road, B.M. Nagar Layout, Munegeshwari, Bengaluru-560017.

AND: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.

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It is hereby informed to the general public, that the above named petitioners have filed this petition to obtain the death certificate of the mother of the petitioner No. 1 by name Late. Muthamma W/o Late. Chikkarangappa who was died on 10-07-1955 at Desarapally Village, Kasaba Hobali, Doddaballapura, if anybody who have any objection to the above petition or having any rights, claims are hereby informed to take notice of this petition and hereby directed to appear before this Court in person or through person or by their Advocate on 05-01-27 at 11:00 a.m. if failed to appear the above petition will be heard and will be placed ex-parte. Issued as per the order and seal of this Hon'ble Court, on this day of 07th OCT 2026

By Order of the Court

Chief Ministerial Officer, Ptl Civil Judge & JMFC

Doddaballapura

Advocate for petitioner: Smt. Suneetha N, Advocate Opp. to Court Complex, Rojupura, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, AT DODDABALLAPURA

Cri. Misc: 669 / 2026

BETWEEN: 1. Smt. Rathnamma W/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 60 years, 2. Smt. Manjula D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 40 years, 3. Smt. Nagaveni D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 38 years, 4. Smt. Radha D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 35 years, 5. Smt. Basavaraju D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 33 years. All the petitioners are Rlat Garudagalli Village, Sasalu Hobali, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

AND: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, AT DODDABALLAPURA

Cri. Misc: 668 / 2026

BETWEEN: 1. Sri. Rangaswamiiah S/o Huliyappa Aged about 75 years, 2. Smt. Rathnamma W/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 60 years, 3. Smt. Manjula D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 40 years, 4. Smt. Nagaveni D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 38 years, 5. Smt. Radha D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 35 years, 6. Smt. Basavaraju D/o Late. Govindappa Aged about 33 years. All the petitioners are Rlat Garudagalli Village, Sasalu Hobali, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

AND: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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AND: The Tahasildar, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.

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Advocate for petitioner: Smt. Suneetha N, Advocate Opp. to Court Complex, Rojupura, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in general that my client Sri. SYED MOHAMMED MA-SEEH ULLA son of Syed Shaif Ulla Saheb, residing at No. 3398, Kumundan Mohalla, Ward No.13, Ramanagara Town is the absolute owner of the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder. The Parent Deed i.e. the original registered Sale Deed dated: 18-2-1972, duly registered as Document No. 3027/1971-72, Volume No. 1189, Book-1 at pages 207-208 on 18-02-1972 which was executed by Smt. Rehmath Bi in favour of Smt. Naseerunnisa was lost on 06-10-2026 Near KSRTC Bus stand, Ramanagara. It is hereby requested to the public in general that if anyone finds the above said original Sale Deed, be pleased to bring the same to the address mentioned below. If any person has any claim on the above said property shall contact me on the address mentioned below with supporting documents within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Property bearing old Municipal katha No.1592/1201, New katha no. 20/20/4283 PID No. 11-1-29-10A measuring East to West 29.80 meters and North to South: on the east 7.80 meters On the west 6.70 meters Total Area 216.05 sq.mtrs bounded on East By: Old B.M.Road, West By: Property of Abdul Sattar (earlier Hosur Rasheed Saheb), South By: Property of Ahmed Pasha (earlier School Master Khader Mo-hidden Sab), situated at Old Bangalore -Mysore Road, Masjid Mohalla, Ward no.11, Ghousianagar, Ramanagara Town.

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Mandya hosts bank walk-in recruitment drive

CH NEWS, MANDYA

A walk-in interview drive will be held on October 14 at 10:00 AM at the AU Small Finance Bank branch, located on 100-Feet Road near Twinkle School. The initiative is organized jointly with the District Employment Exchange. Vacancies are open for Bank Officers and Late Recovery Officers within Mandya district. Job seekers aged 18 to 35 who have cleared SSLC, PUC, Diploma, ITI, or any graduation degree can attend with their resumes. Interested candidates may call 9164642684, 9113500761, 8970646629, 7483630318, 9964113232, or 9741939716 for details.



Police exhume businessman's body over murder suspicions

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Urwa police on Friday exhumed the buried body of local businessman Albert Rego following allegations that his daughter and her boyfriend murdered him over ancestral property. Rego, a resident of Kottara First Cross, was allegedly killed on July 19. His daughter, Maya Rego, quietly buried him in a Derebail church cemetery without informing relatives. Suspicious family members alerted law enforcement, prompting officials to unearth the remains nearly two and a half months later for forensic examination. Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy confirmed an active probe is underway to uncover the truth behind the suspicious death.

Blackout in hospital leaves new mothers helpless

CH NEWS, BALLARI

A prolonged electrical blackout plunged the Tekkalakote Government Community Health Centre into pitch darkness on Friday, forcing new mothers, newborns, and medical attendants to rely on handheld mobile phone flashlights. The power disruption, which plagued the medical facility across Siruguppa taluk for two days, culminated in severe distress overnight. Visuals of women nursing newborn infants un-

der smartphone torches sparked intense public outrage over hospital negligence on social media platforms. Attendants complained that on-duty nurses and ward assistants dismissed their pleas for help rather than resolving the crisis immediately.

Although the health-care center possesses an on-site diesel generator, authorities wired backup electricity solely to the outer entry lobby, reception counter, and physician consultation cabins. The postnatal and mater-

nity wings were left without power, triggering severe backlash from patients' relatives over administrative callousness.

Clarifying the lapse, Chief Administrative Medical Officer Dr. Ramakrishna claimed that an independent uninterrupted power supply (UPS) unit serves the maternity wing. He insisted that the sudden blackout occurred simply because someone inadvertently turned off the main power switch leading to the system.

MLA tells officials to speed up Srirangapatna Dasara work

The legislator inspected stadium preparations, directing officials to ensure proper seating, security, sanitation, parking, transport, food stalls, and timely completion

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Srirangapatna MLA A.B. Ramesh Bandisiddegowda directed officials to complete all logistical arrangements to ensure the orderly conduct of the upcoming Srirangapatna Dasara festivities, including the Yuva Sambhrama youth festival.

The legislator visited the Srirangapatna Taluk Stadium to inspect ongoing ground-work, assessing the main stage setup, public seating, illumination, and acoustics. He told administrators that visitors must face no discomfort, demanding streamlined entry and exit channels alongside designated parking areas to



Officials review preparations for Cauvery Arathi event

Srirangapatna MLA A.B. Ramesh Bandisiddegowda and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara inspected arrangements at the Krishna Raja Sagara reservoir ahead of the grand Cauvery Arathi celebrations, instructing administrative departments to ensure seamless execution.

The lawmaker directed engineers to maintain adequate water levels at the venue to create a scenic environment. Anticipating high public turnout, authorities established two temporary bus stations with drinking water facilities to manage three hundred shuttle buses. Designated parking lots behind the local degree college will segregate four-wheelers and buses to avert gridlock. Officials were instructed to install floodlights, generator backups, signboards, and

temporary toilets around all arrival zones.

Superintendent of Police Dr. V.J. Shobharani ordered police deployment, crowd barricades, and towing services along main arterial corridors. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara called for round-the-clock public address announcements and surveillance cameras to monitor crowd movement.

Earlier in the day, the dignitaries attended the taluk-level Youth Parliament competition at Srirangapatna's TAECMS Hall. Addressing young participants, Dr. Kumara urged students to embrace constitutional values, constructive dialogue, and mutual respect to strengthen democratic traditions. Coordinated preparations remain in high gear to ensure safety and discipline.

curb vehicular congestion. He also ordered security barricades at vulnerable spots, regular sanitation of restrooms, dedicated green rooms for performing artists, convenient transport links, and organized food stalls. Emphasizing department coordination, he urged staff to meet strict deadlines.

Bandisiddegowda later inspected the historic Bannimantap grounds, the site for the festival's official inauguration. He instructed municipal workers to maintain high cleanliness standards across the open grounds and around the nearby water pond. The lawmaker stressed the need for strict surveillance to avoid untoward episodes, directing officials to provide spacious shamianas and quality meals for visiting folk artists. He noted that advance preparation is vital to showcase the

cultural grandeur of Dasara without inconveniencing dignitaries or the public.

Meanwhile, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara conducted a separate inspection across the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple premises, where traditional cultural programs and a cow-milking contest are scheduled. Touring the grounds, the Deputy Commissioner instructed staff to supply continuous drinking water through reverse osmosis units, keep public walkways clean, and spread gravel over dusty paths to ensure unhindered movement. Authorities across departments were asked to maintain basic amenities, proper hygiene, and essential crowd-management measures, ensuring that devotees and tourists enjoy a seamless, festive experience during the celebrations.

Yatnal alleges plot to destabilize modern India

CH NEWS, LAKSHMESHWAR

Vijayapura legislator and Hindu leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal alleged that anti-national elements are working actively to divide and destabilize the country. Speaking during a public Ganesha immersion gathering organized by the Hindu Mahasabha Ganapati Seva Mandali near the Havali Anjaneya Temple, the lawmaker criticized subversive groups, referring to them derisively as the Cockroach Janata Party.

Yatnal stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has emerged as the fifth-largest economic power globally. He claimed that destructive forces, unable to accept national progress, have allied with hostile entities to weaken sovereignty and systematically dismantle Sanatan Dharma.

Reflecting on history, Yatnal recalled how freedom fighter Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak instituted community Ganesha celebrations during British rule to awaken and unify people. He remarked that citizens today are rediscovering collective unity through cultural events, gathering voluntarily without political inducements or payouts. Citing Uttar Pradesh as a prime example, he asserted that political strength and leadership naturally follow when communities

Highlights

- Yatnal accused anti-national elements of destabilizing India.
- Prime Minister Modi elevated India's global economy rank.
- Freedom fighter Tilak unified society using Ganesha festivals.

stand together. The legislator voiced strong frustration over administrative restrictions and permit rules imposed on traditional Hindu festivities. Yatnal promised that bureaucratic hurdles would vanish in the coming years. He urged the public to cooperate with police security personnel for now, expressing confidence that Ganesha celebrations will eventually become nationwide public events. He claimed that by 2028, citizens would no longer need police permissions to install idols or play festive sound systems, predicting that a bulldozer-style administration would take charge.

Rounding off his speech, Yatnal attacked Karnataka's current Congress administration, alleging rampant corruption across government departments. The religious event concluded peacefully, drawing thousands of devotees, local community organizers, and mandali representatives from across the surrounding region.

‘Nandini drives rural growth and farmers’ prosperity’

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Describing the cooperative giant as a cornerstone of rural empowerment, Mandya Milk Union (Manmul) Managing Director Raghu H.R. highlighted that brand Nandini has achieved an impressive turnover of ₹30,000 crore, supporting the livelihoods of nearly 40 lakh dairy farmers across Karnataka.

Speaking at the ‘Nandini Suggi Sambhrama-2026’ celebration organized at the Government Women's College in Mandya, Raghu stated that Nandini stands as the nation's second-largest dairy cooperative after Amul. He voiced confidence that it would soon emerge as India's premier milk federation. He noted that Mandya taluk alone

₹30,000 cr Nandini's annual turnover	40 lakh dairy farmers supported
3 lakh L milk a day from Mandya taluk	₹3 lakh reward for top students

contributes nearly three lakh liters of milk daily to the network. Raghu commended the brand's latest rollout of sweets made using locally sourced organic sugarcane jaggery, explaining that such value-addition directly enhances farm incomes. Emphasizing collective progress, he urged households to channel cattle milk through dairy co-operatives to strengthen village economies. He also urged youth to embrace civic

cleanliness and called for education reforms emphasizing practical skills over rote memorization.

Addressing the assembly, College Principal Prof. Gururaja Prabhu hailed the festive celebration as a vital stage for young women to display artistic talents and discover their creative potential. He encouraged students to seize academic and cultural opportunities to build successful futures.

Udupi prepares for student youth parliament sessions

CH NEWS, UDUPI

Deputy Commissioner Swaroopa T.K. instructed district officials to conduct upcoming Youth Parliament sessions systematically to introduce young students to constitutional ideals and legislative procedures. Presiding over a preparatory review meeting at the Rajatadri administrative complex in Manipal to mark International Democracy Day, she stated that modern democratic governance functions strictly according to constitutional values established by citizen representatives.

The initiative aims to educate students on legislative debates, democratic policy drafting, and civic responsibility. Contests will run across taluk

levels, with qualifiers progressing directly to the district assembly organized alongside the District Advocates' Association. From every Assembly segment, one top-performing orator will be nominated to represent Udupi at the Karnataka State Youth Parliament by November 3. The district session will mirror State Legislative Assembly operations, beginning at 10:00 AM with the state anthem, followed by constitutional preamble reading, question hour, urgent motions, legislative bill debates, and final sine die adjournment.

Literary outreach

In a separate cultural development, noted author Dr. Rekha V. Bannadi urged students to

embrace literary reading during the ‘Granthalayadalli Namma Sahiti’ event held at the City Central Library in Ajjarkadu. The literary outreach was organized jointly by the Department of Public Libraries, the City Central Library, and the Kannada Sahitya Parishat taluk unit.

Dr. Bannadi voiced concern that storytelling traditions and library visits have declined in a commercially driven society, despite Karnataka's rich literary heritage forged by luminaries like Kuvempu and Karanth. She emphasized that reading diverse literature, biographies, and poems equips individuals to overcome modern mental pressure with balance, compassion, and resilience.

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Office of The Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru
Ph No.: 08262-220936 e-mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com
Tender Notice No.: 23/2026-27/1842 Date: 07.10.2026

Tender Notice
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru invites Tenders through K.P.P.P. related to works of Chikkamagaluru, Koppa, Mudigere, N.R. Pura, Shringeri and Tarikere Taluks in Chikkamagaluru District.. Amount put to Tender for the work Max. Rs. 63.47 lakhs and Min. Rs. 2.55 lakhs. Details of capability to undertake or of having implemented the works should be attached as per Standard Tender Document KW-1,2&3. For the said works the documents downloaded from K.P.P.P. can be filled and uploaded from 07.10.2026 to 21.10.2026 up to 5.30 PM. If possible the Technical Bid will be opened on 23.10.2026 at 5.30PM.If possible the Financial Bid will be opened on 30.10.2026 at 5.05 PM. If this day is declared as holiday then the next day will be considered. Notice can be read on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru.
DIPR/CKM/KSMCA/26-27/125/926

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2026-27/4782 DATE: 09/10/2026

Short Term E-Tender Notification
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 3 work under head of account 5054-KRDCL, amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 200.00 and maximum of Rs. 240.00 Lakhs.
Calendar of events:1)Pre-bid meeting date: 17-10-2026 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o on the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 19-10-2026 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 22-10-2026 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 27-10-2026 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.
For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-953/KSMCA/2026-27

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Executive Engineer KNNL BNT Project Div No 4 Hebbal Tq: Kalgi Dist Kalaburagi

No: -EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/PB-3,4/2026-27/910 Date:09.10.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP Portal system only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL (Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Niyamita), Bengaluru, tenders are invited from eligible contractors, through the KPPP portal, for 4 works under the Bennethora Project. The minimum tender amount is **Rs. 4,53,216.00/-** and the maximum tender amount is **Rs. 1,43,17,253.55/-** the minimum EMD amount is **Rs. 11,330.00/-** and the maximum EMD amount is **Rs. 2,14,800.00/-**.
Among these works, 1 work is under the two-cover system and 3 works are under the single-cover system, invited through the KPPP portal. The dates for obtaining, submitting, and opening of tenders are fixed as follows:
1) Date for downloading blank tender documents — from **09.10.2026, 17:00 hrs to 28.10.2026, 17:00 hrs**, 2) Last date for submission of filled tender documents — up to **28.10.2026, 17:00 hrs**, 3) Date of opening of technical bids: after **29.10.2026, 17:15hrs**
4) Date of opening of financial bids: will be intimated after approval of the technical bid
Contractors may obtain details regarding eligibility/tender conditions/tender processing fee, etc., through <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>, or may contact the office during office hours. The accepting authority reserves the right to reject any tender, or all tenders, without assigning any reason.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL., BNT Project Divn, Hebbal.
DIPR/Kalaburagi/602/KSMC&A/2026-27

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈಸೂರು/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ & ಪ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ-ಪ್ರ-19/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.10.2026

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 BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560020																			
No. UDD 299 MNX 2026										FINAL NOTIFICATION					Dated: 23.09.2026				
Whereas the Government of Karnataka has sanctioned an improvement scheme for the formation of Peripheral Ring Road-Part-1 (PRR-I) (between Tumkur Road, Old Madras Road and Hosur Road) with providing Truck Terminals, B.M.T.C. Depots by the Bangalore Development Authority. PRR-1 Scheme was sanctioned vide Government Order No.UDD/399/MNX/2006, dated 23/04/2007 and Final Notification No. UDD/399/MNX/2006, dated 29.06.2007. PRR-1 Scheme has been renamed as Bangalore Business Corridor Vide Government order No:ನಳವಾ 79 ಬೆಂ.ಭೂಸ್ವಾ, 2024(E), dated: 23.07.2024 and Bangalore Business Corridor Scheme was implemented vide Government order No:ನಳವಾ 168 ಬೆಂ.ಭೂಸ್ವಾ, 2024, dated 12.09.2024.The Preliminary Notification for the formation of Peripheral Ring Road-Part-1 (PRR-1) "SHEEGEHALLI ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT" has been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated 07/05/2022 in Part III at Pages 4785 to 4816 vide Preliminary Notification No. BDA/SALAO-2/188/2020-21 dated 18/04/2022. Whereas it appears to the Bangalore Development Authority, that the lands specified in the schedule hereto likely to be needed for the purpose of Integration of "Bangalore Business Corridor (PRR-1) "SHEEGEHALLI ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT" for several survey numbers of Bidare Agrahara, Doddabanahalli, Khajissonnanhalli, Sheegehalli, Kadugodi, Kannamangala, village of Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk & Dodda Amanikeri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Bangalore Development Authority Act 1976 (Karnataka Act No. 12 of 1976), the Government of Karnataka hereby declares that the lands specified in the schedule noted below be the same a little more or less are needed for public purpose for purpose of Integration of "Bangalore Business Corridor (PRR-1) "SHEEGEHALLI ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT and in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause © of Section 3 and 7 of Land Acquisition Act 1894 (Central Act I of Amendment Act 1961) (Karnataka Act 17 of 1961) read with Section 36 of the Bangalore Development Authority Act 1976. The Special Land Acquisition Officer-4, PRR-1(BBC)-4 Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, is here by appointed to perform the functions of the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition) under the said Land Acquisition Act and directed to take order for the acquisition of the said lands. A plan of the lands is kept in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer of the Bangalore Development Authority T. Chowdaiah Road, Bangalore-560 020, for information.																			
Sl. No.	Name of the Khatedars/Anubhavaders.Smts./ Sriyuths	Sy. No.	Hissa	Whether/ Dry/ Wet/ Garden	Total Extent		Kharab Land		Remaining Extent		Assess-ment	Extent Proposed for Acquisition		Boundaries					
					A	G	A	G	A	G		Rs. Ps	A	G	East	West	North	South	
1	2	3	4	5	6		7		8		9	10		11	12	13	14		
District: Bangalore					Taluk: Bangalore East					Hobli: Bidarahalli					Village: Bidarena Agrahara				
1	Poojappa s/o Thokirappa	15	3C	Dry	0	16	0	3	0	13	0.75	0	8	32	15/2	15/3	40		
2	M.Balappa s/o late Munivenkatappa, M. Muniyappa s/o late Munivenkatappa, M. Venkatesh s/o late Munivenkatappa, M. Ravi s/o late Munivenkatappa	15	3D	Dry	1	3	0	3	1	0	2.08								
3	C. Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar, C. Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-C Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar ALN	32	1	Dry	1	5	0	11	0	34	1.90	1	25	33	40,15	32 Part	32 Part		
4	C Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar, Krishnamma w/o late Papanna, Muniithayappa	32	2	Dry	0	13	0	0	0	13	0.75								
5	Siddappa s/o Chikkanarayanappa, C. Manjunath s/o Chikkanarayanappa,	32	3	-	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.30								
6	C. Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar, C. Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar,C. Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-ALN, C.A Balakrishna s/o Appaiah, C.A Ravichandra s/o late Appaiahanna, C.A, Naveenkumar s/o late Appaiahanna, C. Manjunath s/o C. Channappa	32	4	Dry	2	34	0	12	2	22	4.27								
7	J. Muniyappa s/o Jayaram, Ramya.R d/o Rajanna J, Sowmya.R d/o Rajanna J, J. Narayana s/o Jayaram, J. Lakkappa s/o Jayaram	33	1A	-	0	22	0	0	0	22	2.32	0	19	33/3	32	31	33/2		
8	Harshavardana reddy s/o T.N Raghunatha reddy	33	1B	-	0	22	0	0	0	22	0.88								
9	T.N Harshavardana reddy s/o Raghunatha reddy	33	3	-	0	35	0	1	0	34	1.69	0	17	33/4	33/1B, 33/2	31	37		
10	K.N Harshavardana reddy s/o Raghunatha reddy	33	4A	-	0	30	0	3	0	27	1.32	0	22.50	34	33	33/4 Part	37		
11	Harshavardana reddy s/o T.N Raghunatha reddy, J. Muniyappa s/o Jayaram, Ramya R d/o Rajanna J, Sowmya.R d/o Rajanna J, J. Narayana s/o Jayaram, J. Lakkappa s/o Jayaram	33	4B	-	0	30	0	3	0	27	1.31								
12	J. Muniyappa s/o Jayaram, Ramya R d/o Rajanna J, Sowmya.R d/o Rajanna J, J. Narayana s/o Jayaram, J. Lakkappa s/o Jayaram	34	1A	-	1	7	0	0	1	7	1.74	0	26	Doddabanahalli border	33/4	34/1 Part	34/2		
13	Harshavardana reddy s/o T.N Raghunatha reddy	34	1B	-	1	7	0	0	1	7	1.73								
14	C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar, C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-ALN	34	2	Dry	2	19	0	0	2	19	4.60	0	15	Doddabana halli border	37, 33	34/1	34/2 part		
15	C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-ALN, C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-ALN, C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-ALN, C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar-ALN, C.Bhaskaran s/o late PK Panikar	37	-	-	6	21	0	3	6	18	10.38	0	22.25	34	33	33	37 Part		
16	Govt Kere	40	-	-	16	9	0	0	16	9	0	1	15.25	32	15	15	40 Part		
Total												6	10						
District: Bangalore					Taluk: Bangalore East					Hobli: Bidarahalli					Village: Doddabanahalli				
1	Sarkari Gomala, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru Mahanagara Sarige Samsthe, Chandrashekar s/o G. Muniyappa, Munipoojappa s/o Maddappa, M. Chandrashekar s/o G Muniyappa, Kempanna s/o Eraswamappa, P. Subramani s/o late Papaiah, Nanjundachari s/o Venkatachari, L. Shivaramaiah s/o late Lakshmanaiah, V.K. Anjinappa s/o Kenchappa, Manjunatha s/o Venkataswamappa, S.L Venkateshappa s/o Lakshmana, N.K Ravindra s/o Karegowda, Narayanamma w/o late K.V Munishamappa,Sallapuramma, w/o.late Munipoojappa, Asha W/o.late Chikkanarasimaih, Pradeep Kumar.N, S/o.Chikkanarasimaih, Dilip.N, S/o.Chikkanarasimaih, Krishnappa, S/o.Late Munipoojappa, Munirajappa S/o.Late Munipoojappa, K.Manjunatha s/o. Late Krishnappa, M.Chandrika W/o. K.Manjunatha, M.Premasagar s/o. K.Manjunatha, M.Madhusagar s/o. K.Manjunatha, C.Muniyappa s/o.late Munikempaiah	3 123 124 126	-	-	42	20	0	0	42	20	16.00	6	38.5	Kannamangala Boundary	Bidare Agrahara border	3 part	3 part		
Total												6	38.5						
District: Bangalore					Taluk: Bangalore East					Hobli: Bidarahalli					Village: Khajissonnenahalli				
1	Sarkari Smashana	73	-	-	0	10	0	0	0	10	0.00	0	2.25	73part	74	73 part	Kannamangala border, Nala		
2	H. Lokesh s/o Hiriyanna, C. Nagaraj s/o Chikka appaiah, V. Leelavathi w/o R. Shivashankar, S. Vijayamurthy s/o late M. Subbaiah, D.C Rajanna s/o late Chikka basappa, N. Ashwathachari urf Ashwathappa s/o Narayanachari, Neelamma w/o Nagarajachari, V. Leelavathi w/o R. Shivashankar, Nalina alias Nalinakshi w/o Rajashekhar, Lakshmidhevamma w/o Dyavegowda, S. Reddappareddy	74	1	-	0	39.06	0	2	0	37.06	1.66	0	2.25	73	Nala, Kannamangala border	74 part	Nala, Kannamangala border		
3	Smt N. Kamalamma w/o R. Purushotham	74	6	-	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.10								
4	Smt N. Kamalamma w/o R. Purushotham	74	7	-	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.10								
5	SBR Instaspace represented by designated partner T.Venugopal s/o.T Venkataramana	95	1	-	2	28	0	1	2	27	7.71								
6	Dwarakamai Builders & Developeres Authorised Signatory Sri Sanjay kumar mupparaju s/o. Rajendraprasad .M	95	2	-	1	5.5	0	0.5	1	5	3.24	1	18.25	Nala, Kannamangala border	Nala	95 part	Nala, Kannamangala border		
7	Vijayamurthy s/o late Srinivasappa, H.Keshavamurthy s/o late Sampangiramaiah, Parvathamma w/o late H. Channappa, C. Venkatesh s/o late Channarayappa, Susheelamma w/o late H. Krishnappa	95	3	-	1	5.5	0	0.5	1	5	3.24								
8	P.Subramani S/o Late Papayya, S.Pradeep S/o PSubramani,	96	1	-	0	25	0	0.5	0	24.05	0.96								
9	P.Subramani S/o Late Papayya, S.Pradeep S/o PSubramani,	96	2	-	0	25	0	0.5	0	24.05	0.96	1	8.75	Nala	97	Nala	Nala, Kannamangala border		
10	S.Subramani S/o late Papaiah, S.Pradeep S/o. P Subramani	97	-	Dry	4	12	0	3	4	9	10.14	3	17.5	96	127	101, Nala	Kannamangala border		
11	Sarkari Thotagarike Ilake, M/s Mother Dairy Fruit & amp;amp;Vegetables Ltd, Abdul Majid s/o Kunjali kuk	99	-	-	80	28	2	0	78	28	0.00	1	13	Road	Kannamangala border	99 part	Kannamangala border		
12	H.G Rangangowda s/o late H.R Gaviyappa-ALN, P.V. Rajalakshmi w/o N. Shyamasundar Naidu	101	1	-	3	29	0	4	3	25	5.77	0	14.50	102	128	101 part	97, Nala		
13	H.G Rangangowda s/o late H.R Gaviyappa-ALN, P.V. Rajalakshmi w/o N. Shyamasundar Naidu	101	2	-	0	35	0	1	0	34	1.36.								
14	H.G Rangangowda s/o late H.R Gaviyappa-ALN	101	3	-	0	35	0	1	0	34	1.36								
15	Gogineni Geetha Sudha w/o Vishnuvardhan Rao	102	1	-	0	25	0	1	0	24	0.95								
16	Mr.S Pradeep S/o P Subramani	102	2	-	0	6.75	0	0.5	0	6.25	0.23	0	0.75	103	Nala	102 Part	Nala		
17	S.Pradeep S/o. P Subramani	102	3	-	0	7	0	0.5	0	6.5	0.24								
18	Gogineni Geetha Sudha w/o Vishnuvardhan Roa,	103	1	-	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.15								
19	Gogineni Geetha Sudha w/o Vishnuvardhan Roa,	103	2	-	0	2.50	0	0	0	2.50	0.90	0	5.25	103 part and Nala	102	103 part	Nala		
20	R.P Nambiyar, Renuka Nambiyar, Binadas, R.PNambiyar M/s.Nambiyar Builders Private Ltd represented by its authorised signatory Ms.Bindu.G C/o.M/s Nambiyar builders pvt ltd	127	1	Dry/Wet	1	13	0	1	1	12	1.93	3	23.75	97, 101	136	127 part	Kannamangala border		
21	PA.Sharaf	127	2	-	2	28	0	4	2	24	3.88								
22	C.Ishwarachari s/o.Late Chinnachari ALN	127	3	-	1	15	0	3	1	12	1.94								
23	PA Sharaf	136	-	-	3	0	0	0	3	0	4.14	2	4.25	127	Road	136 part	Kannamangala border		
Total												13	30.50						
District: Bangalore					Taluk: Bangalore East					Hobli: Bidarahalli					Village: Sheegehalli				
1	R. Krishnamma w/o B. Nanjundappa, R. Prema w/o M. Venkatareddy	57	-	-	3	16	0	0	3	16	7.59	1	39.25	57part	58	Kadugodi border	Kadugodi border		
Total												1	39.25						
District: Bangalore					Taluk: Bangalore East					Hobli: Bidarahalli					Village: Kadugodi				
1	Hebbaga bin Giddappa, M. Krishnappa bin Muniyappa, Narasappa S/o. Nanjappa, S.N. Suresha S/o. late Nanjundappa, Lalitha S/o. late Nanjundappa Joint.	35	1	-	4	29	0	3	4	26	8.43	1	0	35part, Dakshina pinakini Rivar	34, 36, 37, Nala	Hosakote Doddamanikere Border, Dakshina pinakini Rivar	36, 39		
2	Narasappa S/o Nanjappa, M. Krishnappa S/o Muniyappa, S.N. Suresha S/o. late Nanjundappa, Lalitha D/o. late Nanjundappa	35	2	-	3	0	0	0	3	0	5.43	1	27.75						
3	Y. Krishnappa S/o late C. Yarappa, Sushil D/o. Late R.Ramaiah, R.Sumithra D/o.Y.Late Ramaiah, C.Sujatha W/o. late R.Muralidhar, C.Pallavi D/o. Late Y.Chowdappa, C.Yamini, D/o. Late Y.Chowdappa, C.Sahana D/o. late Y.Chowdappa,	36	1	-	1	2	0	0	1	2	2.24	1	2	35	36 part Nala	35	36/2		
4	S. Krishnappa s/o Madappa	36	2	-	1	21	0	0	1	21	3.24	1	21	35	36/2 Part	36/1	37		
5	Mr. R Jayakumar S/o. C Ramakrishna	37	-	-	3	8	0	1	3	7	7.09	2	25	35	37 part	36	38		
6	Mr. R Jayakumar S/o. C Ramakrishna	38	-	-	2	31	0	0	2	31	6.19	1	17.75	39	38 part	37	40		
7	Kasturi bai W/o late Ganesh Singh	39	1	-	0	12.75	0	0.25	0	12.50	0.70	0	7	39 part	38, 40, 42	35	43		
8	Sharat S/o.C.Channakeshava Murthy	39	3	-	0	31	0	0	0	31	1.73	0	8						
9	Lakshamma W/o R. Narayanaswamy	40	1	-	1	0.50	0	0	1	0.50	2.26	0	10.75	39	40 part	38	41		
10	Sumitra w/o Ramamurthy	40	2	-	0	20.25	0	0	0	20.25	1.13								
11	Ramesh s/o late N. Narayanappa	40	3	-	0	20.25	0	0	0	20.25	1.13								
12	Sudarshan.V S/o.Late Vedanandamurthy,	41	1	-	0	20.50	0	0	0	20.50	1.14								
13	Keshavamurthy S/o S. Narayanappa	41	2	-	0	20.50	0	0	0	20.50	1.15	0	10.50						

Quick Read

1 dead, 2 injured in ambulance explosion

MAYURBHANJ

A 35-year-old patient died and two people suffered burn injuries after an oxygen cylinder reportedly exploded inside a private ambulance outside Udala Sub-Divisional Hospital in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district on Thursday evening. The deceased, Suyash Kumar Barik, was being transported to Bhubaneswar for treatment for a severe blood infection when the incident occurred. Police said the explosion reportedly happened when the driver opened the cylinder valve to supply oxygen. The ambulance caught fire, and two people were injured while attempting to rescue the patient. Firefighters brought the blaze under control.

Fire breaks out at Government Civil Hospital

GODHRA

More than 200 patients, including pregnant women, were safely evacuated after a fire broke out in the medicine storeroom of the Government Civil Hospital affiliated with the Medical College in Godhra, Gujarat, around midnight on Thursday. Fire brigade personnel and police rushed to the hospital and launched rescue operations. The blaze triggered panic on the premises, while firefighters faced difficulties bringing it under control. A large quantity of medicines stored in the room was reportedly damaged. However, the prompt response by the administration ensured that all patients were evacuated safely, averting a major tragedy. The cause of the fire remains unknown.

10 arrested in ₹700-crore govt land grab plot

HYDERABAD

Ten people, including an employee of the Telangana State Archives and Research Institute, have been arrested for allegedly attempting to grab 100 acres of government land worth around ₹700 crore by forging a historical decree from the Nizam era, police said on Friday. The disputed land is located at Nadergul in Balapur mandal of Rangareddy district. Police said 46 people were allegedly involved in the conspiracy and further arrests were possible. Investigators said the accused allegedly fabricated a royal decree, known as a farman, with the help of an archives employee. The document was purportedly created on March 28, 2023, to support claims of ownership over the land. The claimants reportedly submitted the document to the Rangareddy District Legal Services Authority during proceedings seeking recognition of their ownership rights. Officials grew suspicious of discrepancies in the document during a hearing on February 22, 2025. Verification of original records maintained by the State Archives and Research Institute established that the farman was forged, police said. A complaint was subsequently filed, and a case was registered under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita relating to conspiracy, cheating and forgery, among other offences.

Health Secretary pushes digital access for medical colleges

The government aims to strengthen medical research, promote lifelong learning and improve healthcare delivery by expanding access to digital academic resources nationwide.

NEW DELHI

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava has called for expanding access to digital medical resources to all medical colleges across India, particularly institutions in under-served areas, to strengthen medical education, research and patient care. Speaking at the fifth National Training-cum-Conference on the ERMED Consortium, organised by the National Medical Library (NML) on October 9, Srivastava highlighted the library network's expansion to 93 medical colleges. She urged the NML to develop a comprehensive roadmap to extend its reach nationwide and improve access to quality medical literature and digital learning resources. Srivastava said continuous learning was essential in healthcare, where diseases,



treatments and clinical practices evolve rapidly. She emphasised that digital resources support professional development, evidence-based clinical practice and research. She also called for strengthening India's indigenous research capabilities, noting that access to scholarly information could help build a stronger research culture. The One Nation One Subscription initiative and the ERMED Consortium, she

said, could broaden access to academic publications and encourage innovation. "We may be able to manage with research conducted elsewhere, but that alone cannot fulfil our resolve to build a strong research ecosystem of our own. For this, we must develop a research mindset, and access to digital health resources is crucial to nurturing that mindset," Srivastava said. She urged the NML to ex-

Research from elsewhere is not enough; building our own research ecosystem requires a research mindset, nurtured through access to digital health resources."

— Punya Salila Srivastava
Health Secretary

plore artificial intelligence in healthcare education, research and professional development. She also called for greater cooperation with States and Union Territories, the sharing of effective library practices and focused seminars to improve the use of digital educational resources. The conference focused on making medical knowledge more accessible and supporting lifelong learning, research and better patient care nationwide.

MP deputy CM removes OSD over alleged liquor bribe

BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Excise Minister Jagdish Devda on Friday removed his officer on special duty (OSD), Deepam Raichura, following allegations that he accepted a ₹1 crore bribe from a liquor contractor during 2024-25. Devda ordered an inquiry and clarified that Raichura was not serving as his OSD when the alleged transaction took place. The allegations emerged from a purported statement given to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) by Mohit Gogia, an accused in an alleged ₹930 crore fraud involving nightclubs, restaurants and luxury real estate across Delhi, Haryana and Punjab. A copy of the statement circulated on social media, but its authenticity could not be independently verified. According to the purported

The case so far

- SINCE 2023**
Mohit Gogia lives in Bhopal
- 2024-25**
₹1 crore allegedly paid for two liquor outlets in TT Nagar, Gogia's purported statement to the ED claims
- NOVEMBER 2025**
Delhi Police arrest Gogia in the alleged ₹930 crore fraud
- FRIDAY**
Devda removes Raichura as his OSD and orders an inquiry

statement, Raichura allegedly helped secure two liquor outlets in Bhopal's TT Nagar area for 2024-25 in the name of Jaswant Kumar. The statement further alleged that Raichura helped arrange approval for a fake fixed deposit receipt required as a bank guarantee for the liquor contracts. These allegations have not been independently established.

Kharge accuses Modi government of economic monopolies

NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the Narendra Modi government of promoting monopolies and duopolies across key economic sectors, alleging that its

Modi's policies favour capitalists, promote monopolies and weaken competition, while benefiting the BJP and undermining economic liberalisation."

— Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president

policies favour select business groups, weaken competition and worsen unemployment among young people. In a post on X, Kharge claimed the government was transferring economic control to favoured capitalists in exchange for benefits to the BJP. Kharge described the



Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge accused the Modi government of favouring business groups, weakening competition and worsening unemployment through monopolistic economic policies.

government's approach as "economic terrorism" and alleged that it served political and business interests. Citing the telecom sector, Kharge said 13 players operated before 2014, while only three major private players remained. In domestic aviation, he claimed, the number of major players had declined from seven to two. He also accused the government of reducing competition in digital payments, cement and food delivery applications.

Kharge said these policies had harmed micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and other smaller industries, contributing to severe unemployment among the country's youth. Congress MP Jebi Mather separately raised concerns about the suspension of the Permanent Labour Certification Programme by the United States government and its potential impact on major Indian information technology companies.

NEW DELHI

Assam Environment and Forest Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah has called for greater administrative flexibility for destination states under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) framework, citing practical challenges faced by consumer-oriented states in implementing tax policies effectively. Speaking after the 57th GST Council meeting at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Mallabaruah said his suggestion was based on Assam's experience as a consumer state. He stressed the need to empower senior administrative officials in destination states to ensure smoother implementation of GST-related proposals and address difficulties arising under the existing indirect tax system. In a post on X, the minister said the recommendation reflected the practical experi-

Assam seeks greater GST flexibility for consumer states

GST PENALTY EASED	
BEFORE Rs 25,000 general penalty	NOW Rs 10,000 for offences with no specific penalty

es of consumer states such as Assam. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said GST rate changes would be considered once a year, with decisions taking effect from April 1. She clarified that Thursday's meeting focused on process reforms rather than changes to tax rates. The Council also approved measures to ease business operations. The general penalty for offences without a specifically prescribed penalty was reduced from



Rs 25,000 to Rs 10,000, while minimum punishments were removed, leaving courts to decide on imprisonment or specific fines. To ease working capital pressures, businesses will receive 90 per cent of claimed refunds within 13 days under an automated, fast-tracked system. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta welcomed the discussions, saying states had considered ways to make GST simpler and more user-friendly.

Railways cancel Delhi trains for 10 hours amid CJP protest

NEW DELHI

Indian Railways has cancelled mail and express trains scheduled to arrive at New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin railway stations between 4 am and 2 pm on Saturday, October 10, citing anticipated traffic congestion due to a planned protest in central Delhi. The protest, organised by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) at Jantar Mantar, demands the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. According to the Ministry of Railways, intelligence inputs and traffic advisories indicate severe congestion around the two railway stations during the protest. A senior railway official said around 5,000 passengers had

Trains cancelled	
WHEN	Arrivals from 4 am to 2 pm, Saturday, October 10
WHERE	New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin stations
WHY	Congestion expected from the CJP protest at Jantar Mantar
ADVICE	Check train status before travelling

missed their trains on Thursday. Several services have been affected, including the Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express and Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, both scheduled to depart on October 9. Passengers have been advised to check their train status before travelling and make alternative arrangements where necessary.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar demands Satheesan's resignation

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

BJP state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Friday questioned the legitimacy of the Kerala Assembly and demanded that Chief Minister V D Satheesan resign if the House was found to be illegal. His remarks came amid Congress-led protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Chandrasekhar said the BJP would raise the issue during the Assembly session scheduled to begin on October 12. He announced that BJP legislative party leader Gopakumar would write to the Speaker seeking discussion on the matter. The BJP leader questioned whether the elections conducted after the SIR exercise had produced a legitimate Assembly.



The BJP has three legislators in the 140-member Assembly following the April election. Chandrasekhar demanded that Satheesan clarify the issue on the floor of the House, stating that the question affected all elected representatives. Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president and Electricity Minister Sunny Joseph dismissed the BJP's objections as excuses. He said he had approached the Kerala High Court and Supreme Court over the electoral process and obtained directions.

CPI(M) accuses Congress of SIR manipulation

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI(M), has accused the Congress of benefiting from alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Kerala, claiming that genuine voters were removed while bogus names were added in constituencies favouring the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF). The charge gained momentum after Abhijeet Dipke, a leader of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), claimed in Bengaluru on Thursday that alleged manipulation during the SIR exercise had helped bring about the fall of the Pinarayi Vijayan government in Kerala. Senior CPI(M) leader M V Jayarajan claimed that the names of 24 lakh genuine voters had been struck off the



electoral rolls, even as several bogus voters were included in party strongholds. "We've raised the matter even during a meeting of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar in Kerala ahead of the Assembly polls. Our demand to publish the list of persons removed from SIR wasn't considered by the commission yet," Jayarajan told Deccan Herald. The newspaper noted that the claims about the revision process have not been independently established.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION PROGRESS

Indian Railways achieves 99.7% electrification

NEW DELHI

Indian Railways has electrified 99.7 per cent of its broad-gauge network, with only 191 route kilometres remaining across Assam, Karnataka and Goa as of September 30, 2026, according to the Ministry of Railways. Of the total 70,502 route kilometres of broad-gauge lines, 70,311 kilometres have been electrified. According to the latest figures, 27 states and Union Territories have



already completed electrification of their entire broad-gauge networks, leaving no pending sections.

Assam, Karnataka and Goa are the only three states with stretches still awaiting electrification. The ministry has also

stated that all new railway line and multi-tracking projects are being sanctioned and constructed with electrification, supporting the transition towards a fully electrified network. The electrification programme has progressed through several recent milestones.

Southern Railway achieved complete electrification of its 5,068-kilometre broad-gauge network last month, following the completion of work on the 71-kilometre Pattukkottai-Karaikudi section. Assam also achieved 100 per cent railway electrification in September 2026, according to the Northeast Frontier Railway.

Railway electrification in India began in 1925, when the country's first electric train operated between Bombay Victoria Terminus and Kurla Harbour in Maharashtra using a 1,500-volt direct-current system.

Quick Read

Police register unnatural death case after Nana Patekar's death

PANAJI

Goa Police have registered an unnatural death case following the death of veteran actor Nana Patekar, 75, who was brought dead to Manipal Hospital after being found unresponsive at his residence in Dona Paula. According to police records, Panaji police station received a call at 8.07 am on Thursday from the hospital's medical officer informing them that Vishwanath Gajanan Patekar had been brought dead to the casualty ward. Police subsequently visited the hospital, informed senior officers and registered a case under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

Guard held for allegedly killing wife and daughter

LUCKNOW

A 56-year-old Uttar Pradesh Home Guard, Ravindra Shankar, was arrested after allegedly strangling his wife and daughter with a data cable while they were asleep at their home in Krishnanagar, police said on Friday. The incident came to light around 6 am after police received information about the deaths in the Bholakhera locality. The deceased were identified as Shyama Dulari and her daughter, Pooja Sahu. Preliminary investigations indicated frequent domestic disputes between Shankar and his wife. Police said she had earlier left home following a dispute and returned a few days ago. The accused is being questioned, and the motive behind the killings remains under investigation. A case has been registered, police said.

ED arrests 2 in international drug network case

MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested two men in connection with an alleged international drug trafficking network operated by Salim Ismail Dola, a close aide of underworld figure Dawood Ibrahim. The accused, Pravin alias Nagesh Ramchandra Shinde and Brijesh Kanjibhai Moradiya, were arrested by the agency's Mumbai Zonal Office. According to the ED, the network allegedly involved clandestine mephedrone manufacturing, procurement of precursor chemicals, interstate distribution and international trafficking. Investigators also found alleged use of hawala channels to transfer proceeds from drug sales. The agency alleged that Shinde was involved in manufacturing mephedrone, commonly known as MD, and handling proceeds from its illicit sale.

BJP MP launches campaign on tribal student rights

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey launched a Jharkhand campaign focused on tribal student rights, amid political tensions over alleged illegal migration and electoral roll revision.



NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Nishikant Dubey on Thursday launched a campaign titled “Bangladeshi Muslim Bhagao, Aadivaasi Bachao” in Jharkhand, stating that its objective was to protect the rights of tribal students. The move comes amid continuing Opposition protests against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Dubey met students from six districts in the Santhal Pargana

region at Deoghar to discuss public outreach initiatives aimed at spreading the campaign’s message. The programme focuses on concerns raised by the BJP over the alleged impact of illegal migration on tribal communities and their rights in the region. The campaign comes as the Opposition continues to challenge the SIR exercise, which the BJP has defended as a process to clean up electoral rolls by removing undocumented immigrants. The BJP has also raised con-

cerns about changes in the demographic composition of Santhal Pargana, an Adivasi-dominated region of Jharkhand. Dubey’s initiative seeks to bring tribal student rights into the public debate through meetings and outreach activities. The discussions with students from six districts were intended to help communicate the campaign’s objectives across the region. The launch adds another dimension to the ongoing politi-

SANTHAL PARGANA

An Adivasi-dominated region of Jharkhand, Alleged illegal migration from Bangladesh was among the key issues the BJP highlighted in the 2024 Jharkhand Assembly elections.

cal debate over migration, tribal rights and electoral rolls. The allegations concerning migration and demographic changes remain politically contested issues.

SFI protest turns violent over suspensions

KASARAGOD

A protest march organised by the Students’ Federation of India (SFI) against the suspension of five students at the Central University of Kerala turned violent on Friday, prompting police to use water cannons to disperse protesters at Periya, officials said.

The university suspended the five students for two weeks on Thursday following a protest during a two-day seminar marking the 150th anniversary of the national song, Vande Mataram, held on October 6 and 7. The students had opposed the organisation of the seminar and the presence of J Nandakumar, national convener of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

The protesting students also alleged that several students who had registered for the seminar were denied entry. The incident led to a police case being registered against 25 student leaders, following which the university initiated disciplinary action against five students.

Those suspended include Sayed Ali S and Aved V B, who are SFI activists, along with Shabeer and Taqiuddin of the Muslim Students Federation (MSF) and Mohammed Yasin of the Kerala Students Union (KSU).

On Friday, SFI activists marched towards the university campus, raising slogans against the suspensions.



SFI protesters clashed with police in Kerala after five students were suspended over objections to a Vande Mataram anniversary seminar.

SFI protest at a glance

→ 5 students suspended for two weeks

→ 25 student leaders named in a police case

→ 2-day seminar held on October 6–7

→ 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram marked

→ Water cannons deployed to disperse protesters

Police had erected barricades to prevent the protesters from reaching the administrative block, officials said.

Tensions escalated when some protesters allegedly attempted to climb over and pull down the barricades. Police subsequently deployed water cannons to disperse the crowd.

House panel urges CBT for NEET, NTA reforms

NEW DELHI

A parliamentary panel has called for deeper institutional and procedural reforms in the medical entrance examination system following the cancellation of NEET-UG 2026, recommending that the examination be shifted from pen-and-paper mode to computer-based testing (CBT).

The panel also proposed establishing a framework to make the National Testing Agency (NTA) accountable to Parliament, according to a report by the Press Trust of India (PTI). The recommendations come amid continuing efforts by the Centre to strengthen examination security and prevent paper leaks.

The panel said the episode demonstrated the need for comprehensive reforms to improve examination procedures and institutional accountability.

Officials said on September 30 that the Ministry of

The panel’s call

■ CBT: move NEET from pen and paper to computer-based testing

■ NTA: a framework to make it accountable to Parliament

■ Next: the final decision waits for the Nandan Nilekani task force's report

Education is drawing up a national plan to build computer-based testing centres fit for examinations.

However, the final decision on the transition is expected after a high-level task force submits its report.

Officials have indicated that moving to computer-based testing would require adequate infrastructure, standardised examination centres and robust safeguards to ensure fairness. Particular attention would be needed to provide equitable access to candidates in rural areas and regions with limited internet connectivity.

RAJASTHAN TO ARM FOREST STAFF IN CHAMBAL

JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Secretary V Srinivas has directed officials to provide weapons and vehicles to forest personnel deployed in vulnerable areas of the National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary, following repeated attacks linked to alleged illegal sand mining. He also called for a coordinated action plan to curb unlawful mining and strengthen field-level security.

Chairing a state-level coordination and monitoring committee meeting convened on the Supreme Court’s directions, Srinivas stressed a zero-tolerance approach towards illegal mining. He directed departments to strengthen patrolling, conduct inspections in vulnerable areas and ensure timely sub-

mission of compliance reports.

The directions follow several incidents involving attacks on forest and police personnel attempting to prevent illegal sand extraction and transportation. On October 7, police constable Surendra Singh was injured after a speeding tractor-trolley allegedly involved in illegal sand mining ran over his leg in Chauth Ka Barwara area of Sawai Madhopur. An elderly woman was also injured, while the driver fled the spot.

The latest developments follow the death of forest ranger Pratap Singh Chundawat on September 21. He was allegedly dragged by a dumper while attempting to stop the vehicle in Pratapgarh district over suspected illegal mining. The Supreme Court



subsequently directed the Rajasthan government to submit a report on illegal sand mining in the Chambal sanctuary.

In another incident on September 26, a forest team was allegedly attacked with stones and gunfire near Kondapura village in Bharatpur district after seizing a tractor-trolley and a compressor machine. Earlier incidents included attacks on forest personnel in

Tonk and an attack on a forest outpost in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.

The Supreme Court has directed Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to strengthen surveillance, establish checkpoints, act against organised mining networks and protect frontline personnel. It has also asked the states to consider preventive detention against alleged key operators and habitual offenders involved in organised illegal sand mining.

During his visit to Kota, he also reviewed cybercrime policing, hospital services and power infrastructure, directing officials to improve coordination between banks and police and strengthen healthcare delivery, including maternal and child health services.

Assam Minister calls for stronger revenue base

GUWAHATI

Assam Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Atul Bora has called for strengthening the own-source revenue base of Panchayati Raj Institutions to make Gaon Panchayats financially self-reliant, sustainable and more responsive to rural communities.

Bora made the remarks during the valedictory session of a two-day state-level workshop organised by the Golap Borbora State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (GBSIPRD) on Thursday and Friday. The workshop focused on developing a roadmap to improve revenue generation and financial independence among Gaon Panchayats across Assam.

The initiative aligns with the national vision of “Viksit Panchayat to Viksit Bharat@2047”. It aims to establish a comprehensive framework to strengthen the financial capacity of Panchayati Raj Institutions, improve

local resource mobilisation and enable rural bodies to address development needs more effectively.

Arup Sarma, Secretary of the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, attended the inaugural session and participated in discussions. The valedictory session was attended by Bora, B K Chakravarty, Additional Chief Secretary of the department, Oinam Sarankumar Singh, Commissioner of the P&RD Commissionerate, and other senior government officials.

Addressing the gathering, Bora emphasised that financially empowered Panchayats are essential for strengthening grassroots governance and allowing local institutions to take greater responsibility for development priorities.

He called for moving beyond the conventional perception of Panchayats as institutions primarily responsible for implementing government schemes. Instead, he said, they should be recognised as capable local bodies that can



mobilise resources, manage community assets and contribute to local economic development.

Strengthening own-source revenue, according to the workshop’s objectives, would help Panchayats plan and undertake development initiatives based on locally identified needs and priorities. Discussions involving government departments and Panchayati Raj representatives explored possible revenue-generation opportunities while highlighting the importance of transparency, ac-

countability and community-oriented governance.

In his concluding remarks, Chakravarty appreciated GBSIPRD’s initiative to develop a comprehensive framework for improving Panchayat revenue. He said developed Panchayats must have the institutional capacity to implement government schemes, use grants effectively, generate revenue, manage assets and deliver public services.

Chakravarty also stressed that Panchayats must remain accountable to Gram Sabhas and citizens. He urged the institute to prepare a transparent and accountable framework for revenue generation and collection in Gaon Panchayats.

Representatives of Zilla Parishads, Anchalik Panchayats and Gaon Panchayats were encouraged to contribute practical experience, provide feedback and identify innovative revenue-generation opportunities in response to Assam’s changing rural development needs.

Bombay HC seeks stray dog census

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday asked the Maharashtra government to submit data on the state’s stray dog population, sterilisation and vaccination figures to assess the effectiveness of measures aimed at controlling their numbers and preventing dog-bite incidents.

A bench comprising Chief Justice M C Tripathi and Justice Advait Sethna raised the issue while reviewing the state’s compliance with directions on stray dog management. The court sought information to evaluate whether existing measures were ade-



quate to address the problem.

The bench was hearing a suo motu petition initiated following a May 19 judgment of the Supreme Court. The judgment directed High Courts to register suo motu cases and monitor compliance by state governments and Union Territories with orders concerning stray dog management.

The proceedings focus on the implementation of mea-

sures intended to control stray dog populations and reduce the risk of dog-bite incidents. Information on the number of dogs sterilised and vaccinated is expected to help the court assess the progress of the state’s efforts.

During an earlier hearing, the High Court had asked the Maharashtra government to “aggressively” implement the animal birth control (ABC) programme. The programme includes sterilisation measures aimed at managing stray dog populations.

The latest direction places emphasis on collecting reliable population figures and monitoring sterilisation and

vaccination coverage. These details are important for assessing the reach of existing interventions and identifying gaps in implementation.

The court’s proceedings form part of broader judicial oversight of stray dog management across states and Union Territories. The Supreme Court’s directions require High Courts to monitor how authorities implement the prescribed measures.

The Maharashtra government’s data is expected to help the High Court evaluate the adequacy of its efforts to manage stray dogs and address public safety concerns associated with dog bites.

Navy to commission anti-submarine craft Mangrol on Oct 12

NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy will commission Mangrol, its third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on October 12, 2026, strengthening its ability to detect and counter underwater threats in coastal waters.



3rdshallow-water anti-submarine craft for the Navy

80%+indigenous content, built by Cochin Shipyard

Oct 12commissioning at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) built the vessel, and more than 80 per cent of its content is indigenous, reflecting India’s push to strengthen domestic defence manufacturing and reduce dependence on imported equipment.

Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Com-

manding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command, will preside over the commissioning ceremony.

The induction of Mangrol will improve the Navy’s capacity to protect ports, harbours and coastal approaches. These shallow-water areas can restrict the operations of larger warships, making specialised vessels important for

detecting and responding to underwater threats close to the coastline.

Anti-submarine warfare shallow-water craft are designed to operate in coastal environments and support surveillance and underwater threat detection. Their induction strengthens maritime security in strategically important littoral areas.

Quick Read

B'desh's infrastructure buys sideline deepening inequality problems

DHAKA
Bangladesh's economic policy priorities are being ridiculed as inequality widens and poverty rises while large infrastructure and defence purchases risk sidelining measures to protect the poor, a new report has said. The report said 2.1 million people slipped into poverty in the last fiscal year and the World Bank projects that 62 million more people globally could be pushed into poverty by persistent inflation and an energy crisis. Rising prices and power shortages are hitting manufacturing, reducing investment and cutting jobs in the private and informal sectors.

Pakistan's poverty rate jumps 6.4 pc in over six years

ISLAMABAD
Pakistan's poverty rate jumped by 6.4 per cent at the \$3-a-day line between 2018-19 and 2024-25, following a succession of adverse shocks, including Covid-19, 2022 floods and a macroeconomic crisis, according to a report. According to a report by Dawn, the country accounts for almost half of the extremely poor population in the entire Middle East, North Africa and Afghanistan-Pakistan region. "MENAAP is the only region in the world in which poverty remains above pre-pandemic levels and continues to rise. Pakistan accounts for nearly half of the region's extreme poor," the report said.

TRAI releases draft DRM-based broadcasting audit manual

NEW DELHI
The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Friday released the draft Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Digital Rights Management (DRM)-based Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026, inviting stakeholders to submit comments on the proposed framework for auditing DRM-based television distribution systems. The draft manual aims to establish an audit framework for digital addressable systems that use Digital Rights Management technology in television distribution. TRAI has invited feedback from stakeholders to gather industry perspectives on the proposed procedures and requirements before the framework is finalised.

India's industrial, logistics absorption rises 14 pc to 24.3 million sq ft in Q3

MUMBAI
India's industrial and logistics sector recorded a 14.1 per cent year-on-year increase in space absorption to 24.3 million square feet in the third quarter of 2026, according to a report released on Friday. The growth indicates continued demand for industrial facilities and logistics infrastructure amid evolving business and supply chain requirements. The increase in absorption during Q3 2026 points to sustained occupier activity in the sector.

CEA seeks flexible NPA norms for MSMEs

CEA V. Anantha Nageswaran has urged the RBI to reconsider MSME NPA norms, citing diverse cash flow cycles, while calling for greater savings discipline in microfinance.

NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran on Friday urged the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to review non-performing asset (NPA) classification norms for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), arguing that the existing framework does not adequately reflect their business practices and cash flow patterns.

Speaking at Sa-Dhan's national conference, Nageswaran said businesses across different sectors operate on varying working capi-

tal cycles, making a uniform 90-day deadline for classifying overdue loans as NPAs unsuitable for all MSMEs.

He also pointed out that the classification of loan accounts as Special Mention Accounts (SMAs) can have serious consequences for borrowers, even before their accounts are formally declared non-performing assets.

"The moment you are classified as SMA, then you almost end up becoming de facto, if not de jure, NPA (non-performing asset) already. I think that needs to change," Nageswaran said.



"We need to evolve such norms consistent with the practices and cash flow patterns, rather than adopting a globally uniform benchmark," he added.

Under the existing system, banks classify overdue loan accounts as SMA-0 when payments are overdue for up

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— V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser

to 30 days, SMA-1 when overdue for 31 to 60 days, and SMA-2 when overdue for 61 to 90 days. Accounts overdue for more than 90 days are classified as NPAs. Nageswaran said differenc-

NPA norms for MSMEs need to be reviewed

- CEA seeks review of RBI's MSME NPA classification norms
- Uniform 90-day benchmark may not suit every sector
- SMA classification can create difficulties before accounts become NPAs
- Nageswaran urges microfinance lenders to prioritise savings and insurance over credit
- Microfinance loan book contracted 11% in FY26, according to Sa-Dhan

es in business operations and payment cycles across MSME sectors warrant a closer examination of these timelines. Separately, the CEA stressed that the microfinance

sector must prioritise savings and insurance before extending credit. He said excessive borrowing and dependence on loans had contributed to recurring crises in the sector.

BJP's Chandrasekhar flags Starlink security concerns

NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kerala president Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Friday said Elon Musk's Starlink represents a significant technological innovation but stressed that the Indian government must prioritise national security, sovereignty and the protection of its citizens.

Chandrasekhar's remarks underline the importance of examining the security implications of emerging satellite-based internet services as India considers their role in the country's telecommunications landscape.

Describing Starlink as a major innovation in recent times, Chandrasekhar said technological progress cannot override the government's responsibility to safeguard national interests.

"Starlink is certainly a great innovation in recent times," he said, adding that the Gov-



"The Government of India has to do what it is obliged to do — to protect its national security, sovereignty and people."

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR
BJP Kerala president

ernment of India must fulfil its obligations to protect national security, sovereignty and the people.

Starlink, operated by Musk's SpaceX, provides broadband internet connectivity through a constellation of satellites in low Earth orbit. The service is designed to de-

BJP Kerala president Rajeev Chandrasekhar praised Starlink's innovation but said India must safeguard national security, sovereignty and its citizens.

liver internet access to areas where conventional broadband and mobile networks may be difficult to establish or expand.

Satellite-based connectivity has the potential to improve internet access in remote and underserved regions. However, its deployment also raises questions around regulatory oversight, data security, lawful access and the protection of critical communications infrastructure.

Chandrasekhar did not provide specific details in the quoted remarks about the security measures or regulatory conditions he believes should apply to Starlink.

NEW DELHI

Mobile network traffic in India is expected to grow at approximately 17 per cent annually between 2025 and 2030, while telecom operators' revenues are projected to increase by just 2.7 per cent annually, highlighting a widening gap between data demand and revenue generation, according to a report released on Friday.

The projections point to a growing challenge for India's telecommunications industry as operators prepare to accommodate rising network usage while seeking to improve the financial returns generated by their infrastructure and services.

The expected increase in traffic reflects the continued expansion of digital consump-



tion, with mobile networks supporting activities such as video streaming, online communication, digital payments, gaming and other data-intensive services. As consumers and businesses rely increasingly on mobile connectivity, operators will need to ensure that their networks can handle higher volumes of data.

However, the comparatively slower projected growth in operator revenues suggests that increased network usage may not translate into propor-

17% mobile traffic growth a year	2.7% operator revenue growth a year	2025-30 projection period
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UN report projects India's GDP growth at 7.3% for FY27

NEW DELHI

India continues to be the fastest-growing major economy, with its GDP projected to expand by 7.3 per cent in 2026 (FY27) and 6.8 per cent in 2027 (FY28) due to robust domestic demand, increasing manufacturing capacity, and public infrastructure programmes, a United Nations (UN) report said on Friday.

UNCTAD's 'Trade and Development Report 2026: the Geoeconomics of Development' said that together, these factors sustain growth for the Indian economy despite heavy reliance on oil imports.

"India continues to post dynamic growth in household consumption, estimated at 6.9 per cent this year and 5.6 per cent next.

These rates nonetheless mark a significant deceleration from previous years, as higher prices and input costs rein in expansion," it said.

Growth in the developing world is bifurcating. A few large economies are driving global expansion, with India fastest among them at 7.3 per cent in 2026.

"The Indian digital public infrastructure (DPI) model, for example, involves agreements with 23 coun-



UNCTAD's projections

- India, 2026 (FY27): 7.3% GDP growth
- India, 2027 (FY28): 6.8%
- Global growth, 2026: 2.6%, down from 2.9%
- Developing economies: 4%, down from 4.7% in 2025

tries to share its architecture; technical cooperation is already operational in eight countries, including Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates," said the report.

"Rising economies of the Global South are becoming regional anchors, extending trade integration to new financial initiatives.

This works best alongside a multilateral trading system that keeps non-discrimination and special and differential treatment at its core," UNCTAD's Acting Secretary-General Pedro Manuel Moreno said.

'RBI should go for off-cycle 50 bps hike sooner than later'

MUMBAI

A report released on Friday has recommended that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) consider an off-cycle interest rate hike of 50 basis points sooner rather than later, alongside widening the interest rate corridor, as global economic uncertainty intensifies and emerging markets face mounting pressure.

The recommendation comes amid concerns over the impact of international economic developments on financial markets, inflation, currency movements and capital flows. Emerging economies are particularly vulnerable to global volatility because changes in investor sentiment and international interest rates can influence capital flows, borrowing costs and exchange rates.

An off-cycle rate hike would involve the RBI increasing its policy interest rate outside its regularly scheduled monetary policy review. A 50-basis-point increase would raise the rate by 0.50 percentage points. Such a move could be aimed at responding to changing economic conditions without waiting for the next scheduled policy announcement.

The report also called for

widening the interest rate corridor, which refers to the range formed by the central bank's key standing liquidity facility rates around its policy framework. Changes to the corridor can influence short-term money market rates and liquidity conditions in the banking system.

However, higher interest rates can have wider economic consequences. While tighter monetary policy may help contain inflationary pressures and support currency stability, it can also increase borrowing costs for businesses and households. Higher lending rates may affect investment, consumption and credit demand, particularly in interest-sensitive sectors.

For emerging markets such as India, policymakers must balance domestic growth priorities with risks arising from global financial conditions. External shocks, currency fluctuations and changing investor expectations can complicate monetary policy decisions. The report's recommendation reflects a call for a proactive response to heightened global uncertainty. It does not, by itself, indicate that the RBI has decided to raise rates or alter the interest rate corridor.

Health Ministry proposes tighter curbs on prescription drug ads

NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Friday proposed stricter regulations governing advertisements for prescription medicines, seeking to extend existing restrictions beyond pharmaceutical manufacturers to pharmacies, wholesalers and other licensed drug sellers.

The proposed changes aim to broaden the scope of accountability in the promotion of prescription drugs and strengthen oversight of how such medicines are advertised and marketed across the pharmaceutical supply chain.

Prescription medicines are generally intended to be used under the supervision of qualified medical practitioners, as their suitability and dosage depend on a patient's medical condition and other clinical factors. Their promotion therefore requires safeguards to prevent misleading claims, inappropriate demand and use without proper medical guidance.

Under the proposed approach, pharmacies, wholesalers and other licensed sellers could also come under advertising restrictions that have traditionally focused on pharmaceutical manufacturers. The move would widen



regulatory scrutiny of promotional activities and clarify that responsibility for compliance may extend to multiple participants involved in the distribution and sale of medicines.

The proposed framework could have implications for pharmacies and drug distributors that use promotional material to market prescription products. Businesses may need to review their advertising practices and ensure that their communications comply with applicable rules if the changes are adopted.

Stricter oversight of prescription medicine advertisements could also help address concerns about misleading promotional claims and the potential influence of marketing on patients' decisions.

The proposal represents a potential expansion of India's regulatory approach to pharmaceutical advertising, bringing a wider range of licensed participants within its scope.

Gold ETFs surge 164 pc as commodities gain traction

NEW DELHI

Gold exchange-traded fund (ETF) assets in India rose to Rs 1.91 lakh crore in August 2026, marking a 164 per cent increase from approximately Rs 72,500 crore recorded a year earlier, according to a report released.

The sharp rise highlights growing investor interest in gold-backed investment products as individuals increasingly explore market-linked avenues to gain exposure to the precious metal. Gold ETFs

allow investors to invest in gold without physically purchasing or storing jewellery, coins or bars.

These funds are traded on stock exchanges, enabling investors to buy and sell units through their demat and trading accounts. Their value generally tracks domestic gold prices, subject to expenses and tracking differences.

The expansion in assets under management reflects a combination of factors, including changes in gold prices and investor flows into gold ETFs.

A rise in gold prices can increase the value of existing investments, while fresh purchases can add to the total assets managed by these funds.

Gold has traditionally been viewed as a store of value and a potential hedge against economic uncertainty. Investors often consider the metal during periods of market volatility, inflation concerns and fluctuations in major currencies. However, gold prices can also experience significant movements depending on global economic conditions, interest rate expect-

tations, currency trends and geopolitical developments.

Gold ETFs offer an alternative to physical gold by eliminating concerns related to storage and purity, although investors may incur fund expenses and brokerage charges. Their market prices and liquidity can also vary depending on trading conditions.

The growth in gold ETF assets comes amid increasing participation in India's investment markets and a broader range of financial products available to retail investors.



Gold ETF assets AUGUST 2025 Rs 72,500 cr approximately	AUGUST 2026 ▶ Rs 1.91 lakh cr up 164%
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Quick Read

French student protesters vow to keep up their fight

PARIS

French student unions said on Friday they would press on with their protests after what they described as the first victory of a campaign that is drawing growing support from Paris' elite universities, with 141 schools still closed across the country. The protests have grown into a broader movement as more university students voice their anger at what they call a dysfunctional system, made worse by spending cuts driven by France's budget crunch. The education ministry is urgently contacting about 3,000 spare teachers who could be sent to the schools in greatest need, many of them in low-income areas.

Palestinians set to delay legislative elections

PARIS

Palestinian Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh has told France that the Palestinian legislative election set for November 28 will be put off, possibly until September 2027, because conditions across the Palestinian territories have worsened, according to a letter seen by Reuters. "The assessment concluded that the anticipated political, security and economic conditions, on which the scheduling of the legislative elections for 28 November 2026 was based, have not materialized," said the letter, which was dated October 8 and addressed to French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot.

Netanyahu invites Flavio Bolsonaro to Israel

JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has invited Brazilian presidential candidate Flavio Bolsonaro to Israel in a bid to renew ties between the two countries, as Brazil heads for a presidential runoff on October 25.

Netanyahu spoke to Bolsonaro and congratulated him on his showing in the first round of the presidential election, his office said on Friday.

Bolsonaro's brother Eduardo also took part in the call.

Flavio Bolsonaro, 45, is the eldest son of former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro, a far-right leader under house arrest over allegations that he plotted a coup after losing the 2022 election. The younger Bolsonaro, a senator, faces incumbent leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in the October 25 runoff. A Datafolha poll published on Thursday had Bolsonaro on 52 per cent and Lula on 48 per cent. Given the candidate's right-wing positions, a Bolsonaro win could move Brazil towards a more pro-Israel foreign policy. Brazil is Latin America's most populous country and an influential regional power.

In recent years, several right-wing leaders who support Israel have won elections in Latin America, including in Argentina and Colombia.

Netanyahu also faces an election in Israel, set for October 27, just two days after Brazil's runoff. The invitation comes as Israel works to strengthen diplomatic ties across South America.

Houthi strikes kill three at Riyadh airport

Three people died in Houthi attacks on Riyadh airport as Saudi Arabia intensified airstrikes amid escalating regional conflict and shipping threats.

RIYADH

Three people were killed in attacks on Riyadh airport, Saudi authorities said on Friday, as Yemen's Houthi group stepped up its missile strikes on the kingdom in a widening regional conflict set off by the US-Iran war.

Several airlines cancelled flights to the Saudi capital after the attacks, days before the city is due to host a major gathering of global oil industry leaders.

Saudi Arabia carried out airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen's capital, Sanaa, overnight, Houthi officials and affiliated media said. The strikes are part of a growing air campaign meant to reverse the group's territorial gains, counter threats to international shipping and stop attacks on Saudi territory.

The Saudi-led coalition backing Yemen's internationally recognised government said it had destroyed three missile launch platforms used by the Houthis. The coalition warned that it would respond firmly to attacks on civilians.

The Houthis have surrounded government forces in Taiz, Yemen's third-largest city, while holding positions along the Red Sea coast against a Saudi-backed offensive. Earlier in the week, the group had already killed three people in attacks on airports.

Flight-tracking data showed flights gradually resuming, including those of several Middle Eastern airlines. Saudia Airlines confirmed that one of the victims was its employee.

The escalating conflict is fuelling concern over regional security and global energy



Key developments

→ Three people killed in Riyadh airport attacks.

→ Saudia Airlines aircraft damaged; several flights cancelled.

→ Saudi-led coalition says three Houthi missile launch platforms were destroyed.

→ Conflict threatens Red Sea shipping and Gulf energy supplies.

supplies. Houthi attacks on shipping in the Red Sea and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait have put pressure on Gulf oil flows,

and Iran's partial blockade of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted energy movements further.

Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor gains £302,000 compensation

LONDON

Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, the younger brother of Britain's King Charles, has benefited from £302,000 in compensation after he was forced to end his mansion lease early over revelations about his ties to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Last year, Charles stripped Mountbatten-Windsor of his title of prince and forced him out of his Windsor home, as the royal family sought distance from the Epstein scandal. Mountbatten-Windsor was later arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Britain's Crown Estate, which manages King Charles' public property, said on Friday that Mountbatten-Windsor had surrendered the lease on Royal Lodge more than 50 years early, entitling him to £302,000 in compensation.

Under the terms of the lease, Mountbatten-Windsor also paid £1.8 million to fund repairs needed on the property, but the compensation reduced that bill to £1.5 million, the Crown Es-

tate said in a statement.

Andrew had already spent £7.5 million on refurbishing the 30-room property when he first moved in over 20 years ago.

"The lease for Royal Lodge has ended and our focus now is firmly on its future use and the opportunities to generate additional financial value for the nation from its early return," a spokesperson for The Crown Estate said.

British police said warrants they secured to search properties linked to Mountbatten-Windsor had been issued unlawfully and must be quashed, but added that their investigation following his arrest was ongoing.

Mountbatten-Windsor, the second son of the late Queen Elizabeth, has always denied any wrongdoing in relation to Epstein, and said he regrets their friendship.

Amid heightened scrutiny of royal finances, a Buckingham Palace source said this week that the former prince had been told that money provided from private funds by the king should not be used to fund his legal challenge.

Taiwan President to defend military spending

TAIPEI

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te will use his national day speech on Saturday to defend his government's decision to raise military spending and strengthen national security, saying the measures reflect the people's wish to preserve peace, freedom and democracy.



A senior Taiwanese official briefed on the speech said Lai would stress that stronger defences for the island should not be seen as a provocation. The president will instead present the investment as a responsible effort to protect Taiwan's democratic way of life and keep stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan faces mounting military and political pressure from China, which regards the self-governed island as part of its territory. Beijing has repeatedly opposed steps it believes could advance Taiwanese independence, while Taipei rejects China's sovereignty claims.

The island is raising defence spending and modernising its armed forces to counter China's far larger military.

Boosting defences and spending more on the military is not a provocation.

— Senior Taiwan official

Beijing has expanded its military capabilities, including advanced weapons systems, stealth fighter jets and aircraft carriers.

Taiwan's defence ministry underlined the security concerns, reporting another Chinese "joint combat readiness patrol" near the island. The patrol involved 19 aircraft, including J-16 fighters, along with an unspecified number of naval vessels. China's defence ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Spanish right keeps solid lead ahead of November election

MADRID

Spain's centre-right People's Party and far-right Vox are on course to win a combined parliamentary majority in a snap general election the ruling Socialists have called for November 29, according to two opinion polls published on Friday.

Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, in power since 2018, called the early election this week after parliament rejected his government's proposals to tackle a mounting housing crisis.

He is betting that protests over housing shortages and soaring rents, which followed the eviction of an 87-year-old woman, could rally leftist voters.

A survey by El País newspaper, one of the first carried out after the election was called, showed the People's Party (PP) and the anti-immigration Vox together winning 198 seats, above the 176-seat threshold for a parliamentary majority.

The Socialists would drop to 112 seats from 121 three years ago, and their chances of



2023 ELECTION	EL PAÍS POLL
170 seats, short of the 176 needed	198 seats; 176 make a majority

governing would be badly hurt by falling support for their far-left coalition partner Sumar, the survey showed.

Both parties lose votes compared with 2023, but the Socialists fall further.

"All the polls we are seeing reflect the same message: Spain wants a change, wants an alternative," PP's parliamentary spokesperson Ester Muñoz told Telecinco TV on Friday.

Trump envoy kept ties to firm behind \$15 bn Hormuz-bypass pipeline

DUBAI

Thomas Barrack, a top US diplomat in the Middle East, advocated for a firm run by his business partner to take part in the development of an oil pipeline from Iraq to Syria, three people said, activities which appear to violate federal ethics rules.

In July, Iraq and Syria signed memorandums of understanding with a consortium made up of the company, Californian investment group TI Capital, along with Chevron and Qatar's UCC Holding, to carry out technical and financial studies in preparation for rehabilitating the pipeline, which would skirt the Strait of Hormuz chokepoint.

Barrack, US presidential

special envoy to both Iraq and Syria as well as Ambassador to Turkey, has a longstanding business relationship with TI Capital and its founder Ziad Ghandour. At the time of his confirmation hearings in 2025 he had a financial interest entitling him to as much as a fifth of the profits from a real-estate venture near San Francisco, California and managed by TI Capital - with Ghandour as chief executive - that he said he intended to retain, public records show.

During engagements with Syrian and Iraqi officials after the start of the war in Iran, Barrack pressed for Ghandour's firm to be included in the project, according to two of the people, who have direct knowledge of the



The pipeline deal

- JUNE 16** Barrack and Iraqi PM Ali al-Zaidi commend a memorandum with TI Capital
- JULY** Iraq and Syria sign memorandums with TI Capital, Chevron and UCC Holding

discussions.

Merz 'deeply outraged' that Schroeder attended Putin's birthday

BERLIN

Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz is "deeply outraged" by former Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's visit to Vladimir Putin's home to celebrate the Russian president's birthday this week, a German government spokesperson said on Friday.

Schroeder, who served as chancellor from 1998 to 2005, has faced criticism in Germany and abroad over his links to Russian business and Putin, ties that have persisted despite Moscow's 2022 invasion of Ukraine and subsequent waves of Western sanctions.

"Putin alone is responsible for the war in Ukraine. His orders are the cause of immeasurable suffering, civilian

casualties, families being torn apart, dead and wounded," the spokesperson said. "The chancellor sees ... it as downright immoral for Mr. Schroeder to attend such a celebration."

Putin turned 74. Schroeder, 82, and his wife, So-Yeon Schroeder-Kim, who sometimes handles his communications, did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment.

The visit also drew criticism from within Schroeder's own Social Democratic Party (SPD).

The party's co-leader Lars Klingbeil, who is also Germany's finance minister in Merz's conservative-led coalition, called it "completely unacceptable" in view of the

suffering caused to Ukraine's people, according to the Sueddeutsche Zeitung daily.

Schroeder has been appointed to several high-ranking positions in Russian companies in the last 20 years.

Shortly after stepping down, he became chairman of the shareholders' committee of Nord Stream, the Gazprom-led Baltic Sea pipeline project he had championed while in office, and later held senior positions at Russian oil producer Rosneft.

Earlier this year, Putin said Schroeder would be his preferred interlocutor for talks on new security arrangements for Europe, an idea immediately rejected by the European Union and Merz's government.

DRONE WAR ESCALATES

Ukraine strikes Yandex data centre in Russia

KALUGA

Ukraine struck and partially disabled a major data centre operated by Russian technology company Yandex in the Kaluga region southwest of Moscow on Friday, expanding its campaign against Russian infrastructure after a similar facility was attacked a day earlier.

Yandex confirmed that Ukrainian drones had struck the facility and partially put it out of action. Ukrainian arms

manufacturer Firepoint said Kyiv had used its FP-1 one-way attack drones against what it described as Yandex's largest data centre, adding that several modules had been completely disabled.

The latest attack followed a strike on Yandex's data centre in Sasovo, in Russia's Ryazan region. The facility houses two of the three supercomputers used to develop the company's artificial intelligence model. Yandex said it was assessing the damage and

could not confirm whether the affected equipment could be restored.

The attacks mark an expansion of the infrastructure targeted in the war between Russia and Ukraine, which has continued for more than four years. Both sides have increasingly used drones against energy facilities, oil refineries, ports, vessels carrying oil and grain, e-commerce warehouses and data centres.

Yandex, often described as



Russia's Google, plays a major role in the country's technology sector and artificial intelligence development. Its applications are widely used

"Data centers are the iron heart of Yandex. Their operation is critical for services that have become part of people's everyday lives."

YANDEX Russian technology company

for navigation, music, films, grocery deliveries and other everyday services.

The company warned that the attacks had struck at the

core of its operations. It said it was working to maintain services and had reached an agreement with other cloud providers to help Yandex Cloud customers transfer their data and services.

The full extent of the disruption remained unclear, although at least one Yandex application displayed warnings about possible operational problems. The company said its teams were working around the clock to restore affected services.

Senior men’s national hockey championship begins on Saturday

THE TOURNAMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE EMERGING HOCKEY PLAYERS A PLATFORM TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT AND GAIN EXPERIENCE.

JHANSI

The Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2026 is set to begin in Jhansi on Oct 10, with 29 teams competing across three divisions in the national-level tournament. The competition will continue until October 21, with the Division A final scheduled for the concluding day.

The championship will bring together teams from different parts of the country, providing players an opportunity to showcase their skills and compete for national honours. The tournament is also expected to offer a platform for emerging hockey players to demonstrate their talent and gain valuable experience.

With matches scheduled across three divisions, the competition will feature teams competing at different levels of the national championship structure. The format



is aimed at providing opportunities for teams to test their abilities and improve their performances against strong opponents.

The tournament is an important event on India's domestic hockey calendar, as national-level competitions help strengthen the sport's development across the country. Such championships allow players to gain competitive exposure while giving team managements an opportunity to assess individual performances and team combinations.

The event will also contribute to the continued promotion of men's hockey in India, where domestic tournaments play a significant role in developing talent for higher levels of competition. Consistent performances in these championships can help players build their reputations and strengthen their prospects in the sport.

The Division A final, scheduled for October 21, will bring the championship to a close. Teams competing in the top division will aim to produce strong performances

KEY POINTS

- National men's hockey championship begins.
- 29 teams across divisions.
- Hosted in Jhansi city.
- Runs October 10-21.
- Division A final on 21st.
- Promotes Indian domestic hockey talent.

and secure the title.

With 29 teams participating, the 2026 edition is expected to provide several days of competitive hockey in Jhansi. The championship will run for 12 days, beginning on October 10 and concluding on October 21.

The tournament is expected to attract attention from hockey followers as teams compete for honours and players look to make their mark in the national competition.



Smriti Mandhana urged to build her own leadership path

NEW DELHI

Former India captain Anjum Chopra believes Smriti Mandhana should establish her own identity as a leader rather than trying to fill Harmanpreet Kaur's shoes after taking charge of the Indian women's cricket team across formats.

Chopra's comments come as Mandhana prepares to shoulder greater responsibility following her appointment as captain. The former India skipper believes the left-handed batter should focus on developing her own leadership style instead of comparing herself with her predecessor.

According to Chopra, every captain brings different qualities and approaches to the game. Mandhana, one of India's most accomplished batters, has the opportunity to shape the team's future according to her own vision while building on the foundation laid by previous leaders.

Harmanpreet has played a significant role in Indian women's cricket, leading the side through important international campaigns and helping

ing raise the profile of the women's game. Her experience and aggressive approach have influenced the team during her tenure as captain.

However, Chopra believes Mandhana does not need to replicate Harmanpreet's methods to succeed. Instead, she can identify her strengths, establish her own strategies and develop a distinct approach to managing players and making decisions on the field.

Mandhana has been a key figure in India's batting line-up for several years, earning recognition for her stroke-making ability and consistency across formats. Her experience at the international level is expected to be valuable as she takes on the additional demands of captaincy.

Leading a national side involves more than individual performance. Captains must manage team combinations, make tactical decisions under pressure and maintain unity within the dressing room. Mandhana will have to balance these responsibilities with her role as a leading batter.

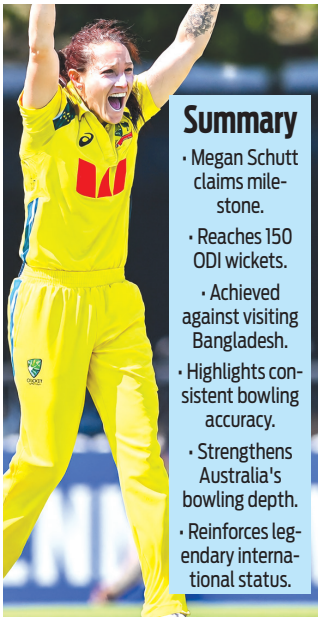
Chopra's assessment high-

Mandhana's new leadership era

Smriti Mandhana takes charge of Indian women's cricket across formats. Rather than replicating Harmanpreet Kaur's aggressive style, Chopra advises developing her distinct approach, balancing tactical decisions and dressing room unity with her primary batting duties.

MEGAN SCHUTT REACHES 150 ODI WICKETS MILESTONE

Schutt is the third Australian woman to take 150 ODI wickets, cementing her legacy in the national team.



BRISBANE

Australian fast bowler Megan Schutt achieved a significant milestone in her international career by completing 150 wickets in One Day International (ODI) cricket during the first ODI against Bangladesh women at Allan Border Field in Brisbane on Friday.

Schutt became the third Australian woman to reach the 150-wicket mark in ODI cricket, joining an elite group of bowlers who have made significant contributions to the country's women's cricket team. The achievement highlights her consistency, experience and long-standing role in Australia's bowling attack.

Known for her accuracy, swing and ability to deliver under pressure, Schutt has been an important member of the Australian women's team across formats. Her performances have helped Australia

Her experience has also made her a valuable presence in the Australian dressing room, where she contributes both on and off the field.

The first ODI against Bangladesh provided the setting for Schutt to add another landmark to her career. The match was part of Australia's international campaign, with the team looking to build momentum in the series against the visiting side.

Schutt's achievement further underlines the strength and depth of Australia's women's bowling resources. Over the years, Australian bowlers have played a crucial role in the team's success, combining disciplined line and length with the ability to take wickets at important stages of matches.

The 150-wicket milestone adds to Schutt's achievements in international cricket and reinforces her standing among Australia's leading ODI bowlers. As she continues her career, her experience and skills are expected to remain valuable assets for the national team in upcoming international assignments.

Kisan Cricket League launches nationwide rural talent hunt

NEW DELHI

In-Dot Sports Pvt. Ltd. and Prasar Bharati have announced the launch of the Kisan Cricket League (KCL), a nationwide initiative aimed at discovering and promoting cricketing and singing talent from rural and semi-urban India. Built around the slogan “Khelega Bharat, Dekhega India,” the platform will use digital auditions, artificial intelligence-assisted screening and physical trials to identify promising participants. The initiative aims to provide opportunities to talented youngsters who lack access to conventional cricket academies and professional scouting networks.

The inaugural cricket season will feature a 15-over white-ball format, with 45 live matches scheduled across seven stadiums in tier-two and tier-three cities. Seven teams comprising 140 emerging cricketers will compete, while 30 singers will participate in the entertainment programme.

Selected singers will perform regional team anthems, appear in music videos and entertain audiences during halftime and match-day events. The organisers envision a six-month cultural and sporting extravaganza for audiences in India and abroad.

KCL content, including live matches, two reality shows and biographies of successful participants, will be available free of charge through Waves OTT, Doordarshan and Akashvani.

Maddinson earns Test spot after battling cancer

DURBAN

Australian cricketer Nic Maddinson has made a remarkable comeback to the international stage after battling cancer, earning selection in the playing XI for the first Test against South Africa at Kingsmead in Durban on Friday.

Maddinson's inclusion in the Test side marks a significant moment in his cricketing career, with his journey back to competitive cricket drawing attention because of the health challenges he has overcome. His selection reflects a major personal achievement after facing one of the toughest periods of his life.

The left-handed batter has worked towards returning to the highest level of the game after dealing with cancer. His comeback to the Test team is an inspiring story of determination and perseverance, highlighting the challenges athletes can face away from the cricket field.

Being named in the playing XI for the opening Test gives Maddinson an opportunity to demonstrate his abilities in the longest format of the game. The contest against South

Africa at the historic Kingsmead ground provides the setting for his return to Test cricket.

Test cricket demands patience, concentration and physical endurance, making a return to the format particularly significant for a player recovering from a serious illness. Maddinson's selection is therefore an important milestone in his personal and professional journey.

His inclusion also adds an emotional dimension to the opening match of the series, as supporters follow his return after a difficult period. For Maddinson, the opportunity to represent his team again at the Test level represents a major step forward.

The first Test against South Africa is scheduled to begin at Kingsmead on Friday, with attention focused on the contest and Maddinson's return to the playing XI.



Indian Army athletes achieve record 20-medal haul

NEW DELHI

Indian Army athletes delivered their best-ever performance at the 2026 Asian Games, winning a record 20 medals, including six gold, eight silver and six bronze, contributing significantly to India's overall fourth-place finish.

According to an official release, 62 Army athletes competed

ed across 15 disciplines, accounting for 23.52 per cent of India's total 85 medals. Their six gold medals represented 29 per cent of the country's 21 gold medals at the Games.

The Army's gold medal tally doubled compared with the 2022 Asian Games, reflecting improvements in athlete development, specialised coaching and training facilities. The institution provides athletes with scientific support, equipment, technical guidance and international competition exposure.

Among the standout performers, Neeru Dhanda won two gold medals and

one silver in shooting, while Gulveer Singh secured two silver and one bronze. Nine women athletes represented the Army, winning two gold and one silver medal.

Shooting emerged as a major strength, with Army athletes improving their medal tally from one silver in 2022 to three gold and one silver in 2026. The Army contingent also secured three medals in boxing, comprising one gold and two bronze.

Several athletes established new records. Sawan Barwal set a national record in the men's marathon with a time of 2:11:37, while



RANCHI

Shai Hope's magnificent century guided West Indies to a historic six-wicket victory over India in the second T20I at the JSCA International Stadium Complex in Ranchi on Friday. Chasing a daunting target of 250, the visitors reached 252/4 in just 18.3 overs, levelling the five-match series 1-1.

Hope anchored the remarkable chase with a match-winning hundred, while Sherfane Rutherford smashed a blistering 84 off 37 deliveries. The duo stitched together a crucial 120-run partnership that shifted momentum decisively in West Indies' favour.

Earlier, India posted an imposing 249/5 after being asked to bat first. Sanju Samson top-scored with 82 off 41 balls, striking nine fours and four sixes. Ishan Kishan contributed 43 off 22 deliveries, while captain Shreyas Iyer added 40

off 18 balls. Tilak Varma provided a spectacular finish, remaining unbeaten on 44 off just 18 deliveries. Roston Chase was West Indies' most successful bowler, claiming three wickets for 24 runs.

India initially threatened to defend their total after Mayank Yadav dismissed two batters early. However, Hope

and Rutherford counterattacked aggressively, exploiting the conditions and putting India's bowling attack under immense pressure.

The victory marked West Indies' highest successful run chase in T20 internationals, delivering a major statement ahead of the remaining matches in the series.

Highlights

- Army athletes achieve record success.
- Shooting yields three gold medals.
- Sawan Barwal sets marathon record.
- Dhiraaj Bommadevara sets archery record.
- Historic high jump medal won.
- Structured system nurtures talent effectively.

Dhiraaj Bommadevara achieved a national record in men's recurve archery with 698 points out of 720.

The Games also witnessed historic achievements.