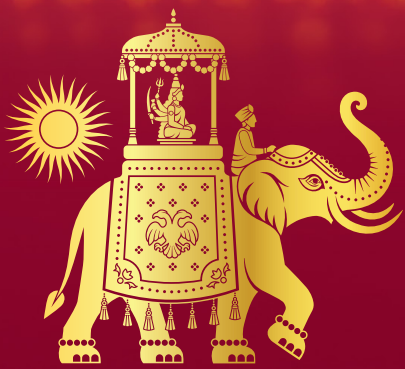
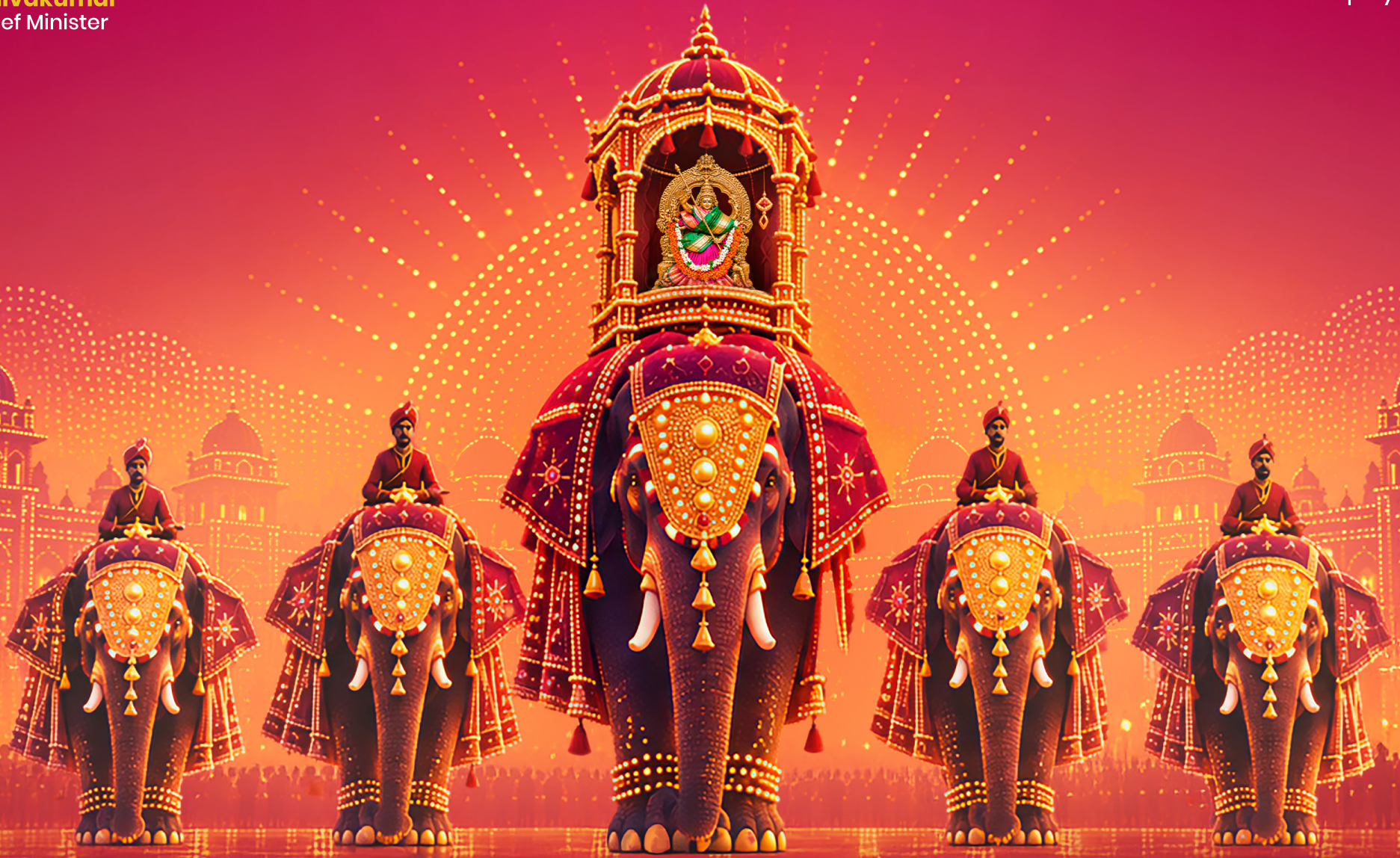




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Hon'ble Chief Minister



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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister



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Quick Read

Moving car catches fire near police office

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Panic gripped Infantry Road on Saturday when a moving car suddenly caught fire right outside the City Police Commissioner's office. The driver, Shabbir, noticed thick smoke pouring out of his Toyota Taisor vehicle and managed to step out quickly before getting hurt. Local residents and nearby hospital staff rushed forward with water to help control the massive flames. The unexpected road incident caused heavy traffic delays for a short while. Officials suspect a sudden technical short circuit triggered the blaze, but timely action prevented any major tragedy.

Karnataka faces severe water crisis over releases

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Tensions are rising high across Karnataka following a fresh Cauvery Water Management Authority order. Authorities directed the state to release 3,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu for the next 15 days. This mandate arrives while local reservoirs face alarming shortages. The Krishnarajasagara dam holds only 24 TMC of water right now. After sharing water, barely 15 TMC will remain for local needs. Farmers and city residents now fear a severe drinking water drought. Locals desperately urge the state government to act fast before reserves run completely dry.

K'taka hikes vehicle purchase cap to ₹31 lakh for ministers, MPs

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Even as vast swathes of rural Karnataka reel under crippling drought conditions, widespread crop failures, and acute agrarian distress, the state government has drawn sharp public criticism by issuing an official administrative order substantially increasing the financial cap for vehicle purchases by state ministers and parliamentarians. According to the revised notification, the expenditure ceiling allocated for acquiring official passenger vehicles for state cabinet ministers and Members of Parliament representing Karnataka in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha has been hiked from ₹26 lakh to ₹31 lakh.

Pet dog attack leaves boy seriously injured

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Sheer terror gripped Niduvanda village in Nelamangala taluk after a vicious pet dog attacked a young child. 14-year-old Akshay was playing outside his home when the neighbor's dog suddenly pounced on him. The violent animal inflicted deep, painful wounds across the boy's arms, legs, and chest. Terrified family members rushed the injured child to the Tumakuru District Hospital for urgent medical care. The grieving parents are deeply distressed by the terrifying incident. They plan to lodge a formal police complaint at the Dabaspet station once treatment concludes.

Police Commissioner raids late-night pubs & bars

Leading a massive late-night police crackdown on hundreds of pubs and bars, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh targeted curfew violations.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a massive, coordinated enforcement operation that caught the city's hospitality sector by surprise, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh personally led a sweeping late-night crackdown on hundreds of pubs, clubs, and bars across the capital. Deploying approximately 1,500 police personnel, including 19 senior IPS officers and specialized Central Crime Branch units, the intense operation targeted widespread violations of mandatory closing hours, licensing stipulations, and public safety regulations. The high-visibility mid-night sweeps spanned major entertainment and commercial districts, focusing heavily on prominent nightlife hubs along Brigade Road (including Brigade Garden and Page 3 Ladies Pub), Koramangala, Gandhinagar, and upscale hotel venues such as the Lalit Ashok.

Teams moved systematically through commercial zones as the clock ticked past the mandated 1:00 AM deadline, instructing management to halt music, close kitchens, and escort remaining patrons off the premises.



off the premises.

Speaking to the media during the operation, Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh issued an uncompromising warning to establishment owners, stressing that regulatory compliance is non-negotiable.

"There is a strict deadline for pubs, and raids were conducted to check whether they are complying with it," Singh stated. He noted that authorities had received concerning reports regarding underage individuals being permitted entry or illegally employed within nightlife venues, prompting comprehensive preliminary inquiries.

Beyond checking commercial establishments for curfew breaches and serving liquor to

minors, the police department intensified citywide security. Strategic nakabandis and interception checkpoints were established across key arterial roads to intercept drink-driving and deter illegal activities. Furthermore, law enforcement officials highlighted that specialized units, such as the newly activated anti-rowdy squads and cyber monitoring cells tracking social media channels, are maintaining continuous vigilance.

The commissioner affirmed that authorities will not hesitate to register spontaneous suo motu cases against any venue flouting the law, ensuring that Bengaluru's vibrant social economy operates safely and strictly within legal parameters.

Lakhs gear up for K-SET across Karnataka

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is finalizing comprehensive administrative preparations to conduct the prestigious Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET) for assistant professor positions on October 11, 2026. With over 1.29 lakh aspirants registered across the state, regional authorities have instituted rigorous security protocols and surveillance mechanisms across all designated examination venues to ensure absolute transparency and fair play.

The statewide competitive examination will see participation from 1,29,212 candidates vying for eligibility across 37 distinct academic disciplines. To streamline logistics, KEA has established 326 specialized examination centers spread across 11 key administrative districts, in-

cluding Bengaluru North and South, Ballari, Belagavi, Davanagere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, and Vijayapura. While Bengaluru serves as the primary hub hosting examinations for all 37 subjects concurrently, the remaining ten district centers will facilitate tests for 13 major subjects.

The test is scheduled to run in a single combined session from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Candidates will be provided question booklets and separate Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets simultaneously for both sections: a 100-mark General Knowledge and teaching aptitude paper, and a 200-mark rigorous subject-specific evaluation, in a three-hour compos-

ite test window.

Stringent entry protocols have been mandated by the examination authority to curb malpractice. Aspirants must strictly adhere to prescribed dress codes and clear multi-tier identity verifications, including mandatory facial recognition scans and biometric checks at the gates.

Extensive deployments of state police personnel and Home Guards, alongside comprehensive closed-circuit television (CCTV) recording inside all examination halls, will maintain unbroken surveillance throughout the testing hours. KEA officials have urged all registered candidates to report to their respective venues well in advance alongside valid hall tickets and authorized government-issued photo identification cards.

1,29,212	326	37
candidates	exam centers	subjects

ARC Hospital launches resilience clinic & free screening

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Marking World Hospice and Palliative Care Day alongside the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ARC Cancer Hospital has officially launched its specialized Resilience Clinic, aimed at providing holistic physical and emotional support to oncology patients.

Simultaneously, the hospital announced a major public health outreach campaign, offering free mammography screening coupons to women across the state through December 2026 to encourage early detection.

The inauguration event, held at the hospital premises,



was graced by prominent medical experts and civic leaders. Chief guest Dr. T.H. Anjanappa, Chief Surgical Gastroenterologist, emphasized that medical professionals must act as educators to eliminate social stigmas surrounding cancer. Dr. (Prof.) Kumara Swamy, former Professor of Radiation Oncology

at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, formally unveiled the Resilience Clinic. Structured around five core pillars—physical movement, clinical nutrition, mental well-being, healthy daily habits, and community connection—the clinic addresses comprehensive patient rehabilitation.

CIABC warns state over AIB Tax policy

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Five months following Karnataka's pioneering rollout of the Alcohol-in-Beverage (AIB) taxation framework, a sharp divergence in market performance has ignited a debate over the policy's long-term fiscal sustainability. While the system—which links excise duty directly to the actual quantity of pure alcohol rather than volume or

price tiers—has triggered a massive surge in beer consumption, representatives from spirits manufacturers have raised red flags regarding structural revenue dependencies and mounting cost pressures on mass-market consumers.

Data compiled between July and September 2026 highlights a dramatic dichotomy in consumer purchasing trends. Bolstered by lower price points on

select lager and premium portfolios, beer sales volumes skyrocketed by nearly 50%. Conversely, Indian-Made Liquor (IML) volumes experienced sluggish growth, inching up by just over 1.5%. Despite the exponential spike in beer volume, industry analyses from the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) reveal that IML remains the bedrock of state excise collections.

Digital attendance mandate stirs discontent in police force

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Police Department's recent directive making the digital attendance tracking application 'Kartavya' (KAAMS) mandatory for all personnel has triggered widespread debate and operational concern within the ranks. While the state government champions the software as a revolutionary transparency initiative to streamline administration across departments, law enforcement personnel argue that the application's rigid structure fails to accommodate the unpredictable, 24/7 realities of police work.

Following a circular issued by the State Police Headquarters directing unit heads to ensure universal registration and daily login-logout compliance, officers across various divisions have voiced practical difficulties.

Unlike conventional secretariat or civil departments with fixed office hours, police duties frequently involve emergency responses, prolonged festival and protest security bandobasts, and cross-district or interstate travel for criminal investigations. Personnel point out that mandatory check-ins and check-outs often clash with active field operations, where exceeding an eight-hour shift

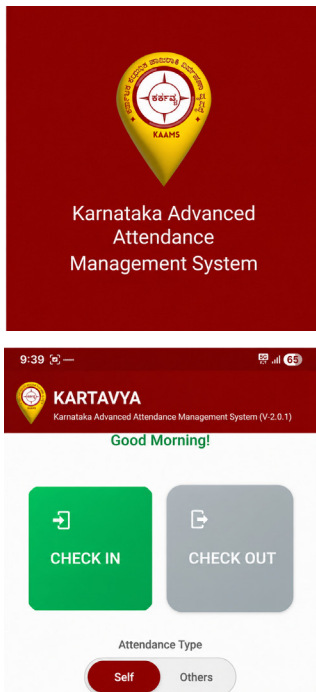
Mandatory digital attendance tracking via the Kartavya app has sparked operational concerns among police personnel regarding field realities.

is standard and logging out immediately is impossible.

Furthermore, field officers have expressed frustration over geo-fencing restrictions and procedural bottlenecks involving 'On Other Duty' (OOD) permissions. Constables deployed for traffic management or accident site investigations note that constantly seeking digital approval for multiple field-movement entries creates unnecessary administrative friction.

There are also lingering anxieties regarding potential salary deductions linked to Human Resource Management System (HRMS) automated integration if technical glitches or operational emergencies delay attendance marking.

Addressing these concerns, senior administrative leadership, including Sridhar T., DIGP (Administration), emphasized that the application has already undergone several rounds of customization with the e-Governance Department to make it police-friendly. Of-



ficials clarified that the app features dedicated options such as 'field duty' and 'court duty' to handle off-station movements, and that attendance is not strictly bound to fixed office boundaries.

As the department works to iron out initial technical hurdles, authorities maintain that the digital transition is vital for modernizing accountability, even as field personnel continue to push for guidelines better tailored to operational realities.

Panchayat quota draft notified, 10 days for objections

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Accelerating preparations for long-pending grassroots democratic elections, the Government of Karnataka has officially issued the draft notification detailing constituency-wise reservation rosters for Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats across the state. The administration has opened a strict ten-day window inviting formal objections and suggestions from the public.

The published draft framework governs 1,129 member seats distributed across 31 Zilla Panchayats and 3,656 seats spanning Taluk Panchayats statewide. Upholding strong commitments toward inclusive grassroots governance, over fifty percent of the total designated seats—specifically 571 Zilla Panchayat seats and 1,905 Taluk Panchayat positions—have been exclusively reserved for women candidates. The allocation structure further incorporates precise category-wise

OBJECTIONS: HOW TO FILE	
DEADLINE	5:00 PM, October 19, 2026
SEND TO	Office of the Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Phase 3, Multi-storied Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001
HOW	In person or by registered post, with supporting documents

reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes (Categories A and B), ensuring broad-based social representation.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Eshwar Khandre noted that the comprehensive delimitation and reservation exercises have been successfully completed following statutory guidelines under the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Rules, 2023. Citizens, local representatives, and community organizations wishing to challenge or contest specific ward allocations must submit formal objections accompanied by relevant supporting documents. Submissions must reach the office of the Addi-

tional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Phase 3, Multi-storied Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, either in person or via registered post no later than 5:00 PM on October 19, 2026.

Following the review of public feedback received during the ten-day objection window, the state will finalize the reservation roster before formally submitting final affidavits and schedules to the State Election Commission. While the ongoing Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls runs its course, state authorities anticipate conducting the grassroots elections by early January.

Subsidized PDS rice seizure: Over 5.6 lakh kg confirmed

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a massive statewide crackdown on the illicit diversion and smuggling of subsidized food grains intended for marginalized communities, enforcement authorities from the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, alongside allied administrative agencies, have executed a series of high-impact lightning raids.

The coordinated operations resulted in the seizure of a staggering 5,64,992 kilograms of illegal public distribution system (PDS) ration rice, alongside 24 heavy commercial lorries utilized for illegal transportation, carrying an aggregate estimated market valuation exceeding ₹4.75 crore.

The comprehensive statewide sweep, conducted continuously over a three-day surveillance window across multiple administrative districts, targeted sophisticated supply chains operated by black-market syndicates. According to departmental disclosures, the cumulative fi-



nancial assessment of the confiscated food stocks stands at ₹1,34,43,033, while the 24 seized transport vehicles are valued at an estimated ₹3,41,50,000, bringing the total valuation of seized assets to ₹4,75,93,033.

Authorities have formally registered criminal cases against nine primary individuals under strict provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Taking a severe stance against internal administrative complicity, Commissioner of the Food Department B. Poornima issued immediate suspension orders against Food Department Inspector Praveen Sagar and Shiraste-

dar L.B. Dhange. The officials were suspended for gross dereliction of duty following preliminary inquiries that revealed they had unlawfully released a detained lorry and substantial stocks of PDS rice previously impounded at a warehouse belonging to Ravi Traders in Bastawada village, Hukkeri taluk, without initiating mandatory legal proceedings.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Rizwan Arshad formally commended the collaborative investigative efforts of personnel from the Food Department, Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Marketing, and the state police force. Condemning the diversion of subsidized food provisions meant for underprivileged citizens as a heinous economic offense, the minister issued an unsparing warning. He reiterated that the state government will enforce zero tolerance against racketeers and will pursue strict, unlenient disciplinary and criminal actions against any enforcement personnel found abetting illicit smuggling rings.

Quick Read

Lorry plunges into lake as road collapses

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A major accident was narrowly averted in Anekal taluk. A heavy transport lorry plunged right into Bilvaradanahalli Lake after an unscientific makeshift soil road suddenly collapsed during local lake development work. The alert driver managed to jump out just in time, escaping completely unhurt. Furious local residents spent over two hours working hard to pull the heavy vehicle out of the water. Citizens are blaming poor, careless engineering under corporate social responsibility initiatives. They warn that the lack of retaining walls makes these lake bund paths extremely dangerous for traffic.

Opposition demands suo motu probe into sting operation

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Political tensions in Karnataka have escalated sharply following a controversial media sting operation, with Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy launching a scathing attack on the ruling administration and demanding that law enforcement agencies initiate an immediate suo motu criminal investigation without waiting for formal private complaints.

Monsoon recedes as dry weather grips state

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Heavy monsoon downpours have finally slowed down across Karnataka, welcoming peaceful dry weather conditions in most districts. The weather department reports that intense rain activity has largely faded away. While coastal spots like Dakshina Kannada may still catch light isolated showers, places like Udupi and Uttara Kannada remain completely dry. Meanwhile, northern and southern interior parts of the state will experience partly cloudy skies with normal seasonal temperatures. Residents and travelers can expect calm atmospheric conditions with no major weather warnings issued for the coming days.

Chalavadi criticizes Delhi protest and CJP

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Senior BJP leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy launched a fierce verbal attack on ongoing protests in Delhi. He claimed that divisive, anti-national elements have infiltrated these demonstrations alongside CJP leaders to create public chaos. The opposition leader also mocked Congress, sarcastically calling Rahul Gandhi the BJP's best star campaigner. He defended Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, stating critics should approach courts instead of demanding resignations without proof. Furthermore, Narayanaswamy criticized Karnataka minister Priyank Kharge for lacking experience and ignoring critical state issues, while praising Prime Minister Modi's global leadership.

Voter revision final phase: Over 2.8L SIR inquiries pending

As election authorities race to clear pending verification hearings before the final voter list publication, Bengaluru urban centers account for the bulk of backlog cases.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

As the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across Karnataka enters its decisive final phase ahead of the publication of the final voter list on October 27, election administrative authorities are racing against time to clear a significant backlog of approximately 2.8 lakh pending inquiries. Disclosures from the Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office highlight that urban centers—specifically Bengaluru City and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) administrative zones—account for nearly two-thirds of these outstanding verification hearings. The intensive revision initiative, designed to sanitize and update electoral registers, involved the generation of 43.8 lakh statutory notices across the state. Field admin-



istrative machinery achieved a high delivery efficiency rate of 99.8%, successfully serving 43.7 lakh notices to registered voters. Out of the total cases flagged for discrepancies, mapping anomalies, or physical verification, the inquiry and hearing process has been successfully completed in 93.5% of instances. However, the remaining unaddressed volume poses logistical challenges, particularly

in high-density urban wards. The highest concentration of pending cases is centered in the BBMP South zone, which alone accounts for 65,335 pending hearings (with roughly 84.4% of its targeted inquiries completed). This is followed closely by the broader Bengaluru Urban district, which reports 54,943 pending verification cases. Conversely, verification and inquiry clearance rates are

nearing completion in peripheral and regional jurisdictions such as Kalaburagi, Bidar, and Bengaluru Rural. Since the commencement of the comprehensive revision cycle on June 16, election machinery has processed an unprecedented volume of approximately 23 lakh individual applications. The vast majority of these submissions comprise Form 8 (for shifting residences, correction of entries, or replacement of EPIC cards) and Form 6 (for the enrollment of new, eligible voters), with Bengaluru Urban district alone accounting for 2.6 lakh applications. Concurrently, election authorities and state legal departments have stepped up

scrutiny over suspicious mass filings of Form 7 applications, which target the deletion of voter names. While the Karnataka High Court has granted an interim stay on recent first information reports (FIRs) registered over alleged attempts to systematically delete voter credentials, political parties have raised vociferous demands for deeper administrative probes. With October 22 set as the final deadline for resolving all remaining claims and objections, district election officers have intensified booth-level outreach camps to ensure that eligible citizens are not disenfranchised ahead of the final electoral roll publication scheduled for October 27.

Form 7 controversy and statewide applications Cumulative Form 7 submissions crossed 110,654 applications statewide by October 8, registering an increase of nearly 19,300 filings over a four-day window. The surge has triggered intense political friction and investigations regarding alleged bulk submissions aimed at targeting specific voter demographics, though election authorities have reiterated that every objection must undergo independent ERO scrutiny and mandatory hearings before any deletion is authorized. Concurrently, active enrollment drives for first-time voters via Form 6 continue across all 31 districts as the state's total registered electorate stands at over 4.51 crore citizens.

43.82	99.8%	93.5%	2.85
lakh notices generated	of notices delivered	of inquiries completed	lakh inquiries pending

JD(S) demands public apology from Minister Bangarappa

Fierce political friction erupted in Karnataka after the opposition demanded an unconditional public apology from Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa over his controversial remarks targeting President Droupadi Murmu.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Political friction in Karnataka has intensified dramatically following sharp public remarks directed at the country's highest constitutional office by State Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa. The Janata Dal (Secular) has launched a scathing attack against the minister, issuing an unequivocal demand for an immediate and unconditional public apology addressed to President Droupadi Murmu. The controversy erupted after Minister Bangarappa purportedly characterized the President using the descriptor "silent President" during a public interaction. Taking to the microblogging platform X (formerly Twitter), the JD(S) state unit headquarters expressed profound outrage, condemning the phrasing as an intolerable affront to democratic norms and constitutional dignity. The opposition party argued that undermining the nation's First Citizen—who represents the pinnacle of parliamentary democracy and hails from a marginalized



tribal community—exhibits an underlying cultural arrogance and an inherent disregard for inclusive constitutional traditions within the ruling party. Political analysts note that the fierce reaction underscores heightened sensitivities surrounding political rhetoric targeting high-ranking national figures, particularly as state and national parties jockey for strategic leverage ahead of upcoming legislative sessions. The opposition party's statement further escalated the verbal sparring by questioning the ideological alignment and political accountability of cabinet ministers serving under the current administration, asserting that such commentary sets a dangerous precedent for holders of public office. As of press time, neither Minister Bangarappa nor official spokespersons for the ruling Congress party have issued a formal retraction or counter-statement addressing the opposition's ultimatum. However, political commentators suggest that the deepening controversy threatens to dominate legislative discourse in Bengaluru, placing mounting pressure on the state leadership to manage fallout from the remarks as political rivalries sharpen across Karnataka.

₹100 crore released to clear transport corporation arrears

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Moving to resolve a severe fuel crunch that threatened public transportation networks across Karnataka, the state government has officially released a special financial grant of 100 crore rupees to secure immediate diesel supplies for the four state-run road transport corporations. The intervention comes in the wake of mounting operational disruptions, including recent incidents where regional depot buses were temporarily grounded due to unpaid fuel bills. Transport authorities confirmed that the newly sanctioned funds have been disbursed proportionally among the state corporations. The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCTC) received the largest share at over 62 crore rupees, reflecting its high daily urban mileage, followed by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) at nearly 19 crore rupees. Meanwhile, the Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) and the North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) received approximately ten crore and nearly eight crore rupees respectively.

DIESEL GRANT (CRORE RUPEES)	
BMTCTC	over 62
KSRTC	nearly 19
KKRTC	about 10
NWKRTC	nearly 8

Despite this emergency infusion, state transport department records indicate that substantial financial liabilities remain. Officials noted that the department previously accrued total dues amounting to more than 1,100 crore rupees with fuel supplier Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). Even after accounting for the latest 100-crore disbursement, an outstanding balance exceeding one thousand crore rupees persists, underscoring ongoing fiscal pressures faced by public transit bodies amid broader state drought-relief expenditures. To stabilize cash flows, the government simultaneously disbursed 430 crore rupees under the flagship "Shakti" free-travel scheme for women covering the month of October. Furthermore, an administrative order was issued authorizing an additional advance of 215 crore rupees to settle pending Shakti scheme reimbursements spanning from June through September. Transport officials expect these combined releases to normalize bus operations across all districts immediately.



Air India Express adds 5 new routes from B'luru

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Strengthening the aviation hub status of Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), low-cost carrier Air India Express has officially announced the rollout of flight services across five new domestic and international routes under its upcoming winter schedule. The strategic expansion is tailored to meet surging passenger demand, enhance regional connectivity, and provide seamless, affordable travel options for tourists, trade delegations, and business travelers across South India. The centerpiece of the winter schedule rollout is the introduction of a direct international flight connection linking Bengaluru directly with Kathmandu, the vibrant capital of Nepal. This new service opens direct access for pilgrims, cultural tourists, and corporate travelers between the IT capital and the Himalayan nation. In tandem with its international debut, the airline is launching daily domestic flight services connecting Bengaluru to four prominent urban and tourist centers: Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Mopa (Goa), Jodhpur in Rajasthan, and Madurai. These

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routes are designed to foster stronger economic corridors, boost regional tourism, and facilitate smoother cultural and commercial exchanges between Karnataka and key cultural and industrial hubs across the country. Airline representatives emphasized that the addition of these five routes will substantially scale up Air India Express's daily flight frequencies departing from Bengaluru. By leveraging efficient turnaround schedules and competitive pricing models, the carrier aims to make air travel increasingly accessible for the city's growing workforce and business community. As Kempegowda International Airport continues to expand its global and domestic footprint, these new additions reinforce Bengaluru's position as a premier gateway for seamless air transit.

SCRAP RIVER LINKINGBedti-Aghanashini river diversion projects face backlash

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Hundreds of concerned citizens, environmental experts, and local leaders gathered at Freedom Park to voice their strong opposition to controversial river diversion projects. Led by retired Justice Santosh Hegde and noted environmentalist A.N. Yellappa Reddy, the massive demonstration targeted the proposed Bedti-Varada and Aghanashini-Vedavati river interlinking schemes, urging the state government to completely scrap the destructive plans. Organized under the banner of the Bedti-Aghanashini Valley Conservation Committee, protesters warned that building massive dams and digging underground tunnels through the Western Ghats would cause irreversible environmental damage. Experts pointed out that the Western Ghats region is a vital ecological lifeline and a major food security hub for southern India. Interfering with the natu-



ral flow of these perennial rivers threatens to dry them up entirely, leaving local farming communities, forest dwellers, and traditional fisherfolk without their primary means of survival. Speakers at the rally drew sharp comparisons to previous flawed water projects, warning that claims of excess river water are unfounded. Scientists emphasized that the Bedti and Aghanashini river valleys are highly sensitive, landslide-prone areas. Heavy construction and deforestation would destabilize the mountain slopes, escalate dangerous human-wildlife conflicts, and destroy rare plant and animal species. Furthermore, experts cautioned that reducing freshwater flow toward

coastal areas like Kumta and Ankola would trigger severe saltwater intrusion, ruining local agriculture and fisheries. The protesting groups also highlighted that a state-commissioned environmental study previously concluded that Uttara Kannada district is completely unsuited for such heavy infrastructure projects. Over one hundred local village panchayats and rural cooperatives have already formally registered their opposition. Demonstrators passionately appealed to Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to halt all work on the detailed project reports immediately. Instead of pursuing ecologically disastrous river-linking ventures, the government was urged to design sustainable.

Smart parking initiative grants residential relief

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major administrative clarification addressing widespread public anxiety, Bengaluru South City Corporation Commissioner K.N. Ramesh has officially announced that local residents will enjoy a complete exemption from parking fees for vehicles parked directly in front of their homes under the upcoming "Smart Parking" system in Jayanagar. The decision offers substantial relief to homeowners and long-term residents navigating competing kerbside demands in one of the city's most prominent mixed residential and commercial hubs. The technology-driven parking management system—being deployed via a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework with implementation agency ParkLens India—is explicitly structured to segregate residential lanes from high-density commercial corridors. While residential stretches fronting private homes remain entirely free of encumbrances, user fees will apply exclusively along designated major

Smart parking	
HOMES	No fee for residents parking in front
FEES	Major commercial roads only
HOURS	9:00 AM to 10:00 PM
RUNS IT	ParkLens India, in a public-private partnership

commercial roads. Furthermore, fee enforcement on these commercial arteries will operate during peak business hours only, specifically restricted between 9:00 AM and 10:00 PM. The initiative aims to curb unauthorized, haphazard street parking, streamline vehicular flow, and enhance pedestrian safety across congested shopping districts. To optimize user experience, selected commercial stretches will integrate advanced technological infrastructure, including high-defi-

nition Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance, variable message digital display signboards, and a dedicated mobile application providing real-time data on vacant parking bays. The clarification follows active representations from the Jayanagar Merchants' Association, which had petitioned municipal authorities for commercial fee concessions and an initial free grace period (such as the first thirty minutes of parking) for shoppers. Commissioner Ramesh indicated that municipal leadership is actively evaluating the practical implications of these commercial appeals before finalizing the rate card. Municipal authorities also emphasized that this localized constituency-based smart parking rollout operates independently of the broader, citywide discussions surrounding the proposed Greater Bengaluru Parking Rules, ensuring that residential property access in established layouts like Jayanagar remains protected from sweeping blanket levies.

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Confronting persistent garbage blackspots near schools and prayer halls, frustrated residents across central Bengaluru are demanding urgent municipal safety interventions and permanent sanitation enforcement.

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Residents near Kumara Park on Serpentine Road are frustrated by a persistent garbage spot right in front of Chetty's Corner, situated next to a park and a school. Despite frequent cleanups, waste continues to pile up as passersby dump trash there, leaving locals wondering if the area will ever be permanently cleared.



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



Pedestrians walking toward Bengaluru Palace along Palace Road—opposite MSI Services Private Limited—face a hazardous missing footpath slab. Compounding the danger in this high-footfall tourist and student corridor, the area lacks proper streetlights, prompting urgent calls for immediate municipal repairs.



An unbarricaded, open rajakaluve canal on Jasma Bhavan Road—running right beside the main road. Right next to it is the KPCC Office where official vehicles regularly park—poses a fatal hazard for pedestrians. Lacking retaining walls or proper street lighting, the gaping drop threatens to sweep anyone into the channel in the dark, prompting urgent demands for safety barriers.

BSCC INSPECTIONS: PENALTY, NOTICE ISSUED TO INDIRA CANTEEN CONTRACTOR

Surprising an Indra Canteen with a strict inspection, Bengaluru South Commissioner K.N. Ramesh penalized caterers for menu violations.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Demonstrating strict administrative oversight during field visits, Bengaluru South City Corporation Commissioner K.N. Ramesh conducted an unannounced surprise inspection of the Indra Canteen situated within the premises of the Jayanagar Public Hospital in Pattabhiramanagar ward.

According to the official Saturday menu guidelines, the facility was mandated to serve a wholesome meal comprising rice, sambar, vegetable palya, and kheer (payasa). Instead, the contracted catering operator—identified as the 'Rewards' agency—had supplied only Bisi Bele Bath.

Noting that similar menu non-compliance had persisted over the previous four to five days, Commissioner Ramesh

directed municipal officials to immediately issue a formal show-cause notice to the defaulting agency. He ordered the imposition of maximum financial penalties and instructed accounts staff to deduct corresponding amounts from the agency's billing settlements to deter future negligence.

The Commissioner also reviewed the onsite Complaint Register, where visitors and patients had logged grievances regarding food standards and sanitation. Finding that canteen supervisors had merely forwarded casual mobile text messages rather than filing proper administrative reports for corrective action, the Commissioner issued a sharp warning to supervisory staff.

Furthermore, observing sewage water overflowing



The Saturday menu

MANDATED	SERVED
4 dishes Rice, sambar, vegetable palya and kheer (payasa)	1 dish Only Bisi Bele Bath, from the 'Rewards' agency

from a blocked drainage chamber near the dining area, Commissioner Ramesh

immediately phoned municipal engineering staff and ordered urgent clearance work.



Compromises on mandated menus or public health standards will not be tolerated under any circumstances."

— K.N. Ramesh BSCC Commissioner

North Corporation rolls out waste micro-plans

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major administrative push to overhaul urban sanitation and civic hygiene across the state capital, the Bengaluru North City Corporation has announced the implementation of comprehensive block-wise micro-plans for solid waste management, alongside a dedicated weekly public grievance redressal mechanism. Under the direct supervision of Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Department has formulated customized operational blueprints across all seven administrative divisions.

The framework establishes precise transit routes for auto-tippers and compactors, schedules daily door-to-door collection rounds, and charts specific street-mapping duties for Pourakarmikas.

To ensure accountability and foster direct civic engagement, the civic body has launched a special weekly phone-in program scheduled every Tuesday from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

Waste helpline	
WHEN	Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:30 AM
MOBILE	9480685705 (also on WhatsApp)
LANDLINE	080-22975936, 080-23636671
FOR	Solid waste complaints only

Presided over by Zonal Joint Commissioners and Deputy General Managers, the interactive helpline allows residents to report localized disruptions, such as irregular vehicle timings, uncollected garbage, or operational lapses in sanitation services.

Citizens can register complaints or seek assistance by contacting the dedicated WhatsApp and mobile line at 9480685705, or via landline numbers 080-22975936 and 080-23636671. Municipal authorities have urged residents to utilize this direct channel exclusively for solid waste management concerns, signaling a firm commitment to cleaner, more responsive urban governance.

Hebbal Lake rejuvenation delayed amid migratory bird arrival

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Even as the winter migration season approaches and environmentalists sound alarms over shrinking avian habitats, commuters navigating Airport Road and the Outer Ring Road continue to be greeted by the stark sight of a largely dry Hebbal Lake. Administrative reviews reveal that more than 90 acres of the sprawling 143-acre waterbody remain un-desilted, with the overarching ₹32-crore comprehensive redevelopment project facing a projected six-month timeline before full completion.

The ambitious lake rejuvenation initiative—funded through an institutional World Bank loan and executed under the Greater Bengaluru Authority's (GBA) Project Implementation Unit—was initiated in January when the main waterbody was completely dewatered for desilting, shoreline pitching, and infrastructure overhaul.

According to senior GBA officials overseeing the project engineering works, the first phase—spanning from January to September—focused on desilting roughly 25 acres and



constructing dedicated treatment wetlands.

Officials estimate that the formal awarding of tenders will require an additional two to three weeks, after which physical execution across the remaining 90-plus acres will take roughly six months to complete.

The prolonged dewatering and delayed excavation schedule have sparked profound anxiety among local ornithologists, naturalists, and civil society groups. Experts noted that Hebbal Lake has historically served as one of Bengaluru's premier biodiversity hotspots and bird-watching sanctuaries,

- Where it stands**
- JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER**
Phase 1: about 25 acres desilted, wetlands built
 - NEXT 2-3 WEEKS**
Phase 2 tenders to be awarded
 - THEN ABOUT 6 MONTHS**
The other 90-plus acres: desilting, stone pitching, weirs
 - OCTOBER TO MARCH**
Peak winter migration window

welcoming thousands of migratory birds traveling from Central Asia, Europe, and Eastern Africa.

The peak winter migration window typically extends from October through March.

BCCC drives temple cleanliness campaign

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Stepping up municipal sanitation efforts and aggressively pushing to elevate the metropolis's standing in national Swachh Survekshan rankings, the Bengaluru Central City Corporation has successfully concluded the fourth phase of its intensive special cleanliness drive, targeting major religious sites and surrounding thoroughfares across its five core administrative zones.

Spearheaded by Corporation Commissioner Jagadeesh G., the targeted hygiene initiative reflects a strategic focus on public gathering spaces where large footfalls of devotees congregate.



Under a meticulously structured action plan, specialized sanitation squads were deployed across 22 prominent temples situated within the Shantinagar, C.V. Raman Nagar, Shivajinagar, Chamarajpet, and Chickpet municipal divisions. The division-wise deployment covered six temples in Shantinagar, four in C.V. Raman

Nagar, five in Shivajinagar, six in Chamarajpet, and one in the historic commercial hub of Chickpet.

The massive civic operation mobilized a dedicated workforce of 172 pourakarmikas alongside 56 supervisory sanitation officers.

A cumulative total of approximately 344 kg of solid waste was retrieved from the



perimeter zones during the drive. Discarded ritual offerings, ceremonial flowers, and organic food remnants were separated as wet waste, while single-use plastics, discarded paper materials, water bottles, and dry foliage were categorized as dry waste.

The segregated materials were subsequently loaded onto dedicated municipal transport vehicles and dis-

Maintaining absolute cleanliness around our religious and public spaces is a collective civic responsibility."

— Jagadeesh G., BCCC Commissioner

patched to authorized processing facilities for scientific disposal and composting. Municipal leadership confirmed that similar specialized sanitation drives will be conducted on a regular schedule across other public and religious venues in the coming weeks to sustain hygiene benchmarks ahead of upcoming national urban cleanliness evaluations.

LOW WATER UPTAKE

BWSSB expands rural reach amid low piped water demand

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Even as the state government officially extends the jurisdiction of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to encompass all remaining rural habitations across the Bengaluru Urban district, municipal authorities face a mounting challenge regarding sluggish consumer uptake and low application rates for formal piped water connections in newly integrated fringe zones.

Data from the water utility reveals that two years following the formal rollout of the Cauvery Stage V project—which was designed to channel treated Cauvery River water to 110 erstwhile villages



incorporated into the municipal boundaries back in 2007—only about one lakh households have formally applied for connections. This figure represents a mere 35 percent of the three lakh targeted connections initially projected by planners, highlighting a persistent cultural and economic reluctance among rural and semi-urban households to transition away from traditional groundwater extraction.

BWSSB Chairperson Dr. Manjula N. addressed the slow application numbers, attributing a portion of the lag to historical infrastructure timelines and localized pipeline damage. According to the chairperson, secondary distribution lines running into individual lanes and residential properties across many of these urbanized villages were installed prematurely between 2019 and 2020. However, be-

cause the massive trunk infrastructure was finalized and actual water delivery commenced only by 2024, distribution pipelines in at least 22 villages suffered physical damage or silt blockages over the intervening years.

Board engineers have successfully rehabilitated damaged distribution networks across 18 of these affected villages, with full-pressure water release scheduled shortly.

With the service area more than doubling following the integration of all district villages, senior BWSSB sources indicate that the utility may soon restrict its direct administrative mandate strictly to bulk water transport, trunk

mains, and primary storage reservoirs.

Under potential restructuring models being evaluated by the state administration, local village panchayats and urban local bodies (ULBs) could be delegated the responsibility of laying, maintaining, and managing localized residential distribution networks and individual household service connections.

35%

of the three lakh targeted households have applied for Cauvery Stage V connections: about one lakh, two years on

Quick Read

Bhumika's parents allege planned murder, seek probe

CH NEWS, RAMANAGARA

The parents of 23-year-old Bhumika have alleged that their daughter's death on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway was a planned murder rather than an accident. They filed a complaint at Channapatna Town Police Station, raising suspicion against her friend Kiran. Bhumika, a resident of Ramohalli in Bengaluru, died on October 3 near Sankalagere in Channapatna taluk after being hit by a vehicle. According to the complaint, Bhumika had travelled to meet Kiran, and the two reportedly quarrelled. Her parents alleged that Kiran and his brother Ashit assaulted her before the incident. They also questioned why her companions allegedly left the scene. Police have initiated an investigation to examine the allegations and establish the circumstances surrounding her death.

Black doll found hanging at Raichur PWD office

CH NEWS, RAICHUR

A black doll resembling a human figure was found hanging from a tamarind tree at the Public Works Department (PWD) office in Raichur on Mahalaya Amavasya, causing concern among employees. A staff member discovered the doll while inspecting the office premises and informed senior officials. The staff subsequently burned it. There is suspicion that the act may be linked to pending bills and unresolved files at the office, though the motive has not been confirmed. Employees have demanded an investigation and action against those responsible. Officials are examining CCTV footage to identify the person involved. The incident has reportedly created anxiety among staff members.

Fire destroys furniture in Mandya school classrooms

CH NEWS, MANDYA

A fire broke out at a government primary school in Kennalu village of Pandavapura taluk on Saturday, destroying furniture in two classrooms. Fortunately, no casualties were reported as the school remained closed for the Mahalaya Amavasya holiday. The fire started in one classroom and quickly spread to the adjacent room, reducing tables, chairs and other furniture to ashes. Villagers alerted the fire department, whose personnel rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control. An electrical short circuit is suspected to have caused the fire. Police and departmental officials inspected the premises, and a case has been registered at Pandavapura Rural Police Station.

The dumped waste reportedly

POWER SUPPLY FAILED

Ballari hospital power outage prompts probe

CH NEWS, BALLARI

Health Minister U.T. Khader has promised an investigation into a power outage at a government hospital in Tekkalakote town of Siruguppa taluk, Ballari district, which caused hardship to patients, including new mothers and newborn babies.

According to reports, the power supply failed during the night, forcing new mothers and their babies to rely on mobile phone torches for light. The incident raised concerns about the availability of

Karjol challenges CM to reveal sting targets

Karjol criticised the state government regarding discussions about the proposed sting operation, demanding evidence and alleging diversions.

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga MP Govind Karjol has challenged Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to release the list of people allegedly being targeted in the proposed sting operation. He urged the Chief Minister to avoid making baseless statements and demanded clarity on the purpose and intended targets of the operation.

Speaking to reporters in Chitradurga, Karjol criticised the state government over discussions surrounding the proposed sting operation. He alleged that the government was attempting to divert public attention from the drought situation and the difficulties faced by people across Karnataka.

Karjol said the government had failed to introduce meaningful public welfare initiatives while people were struggling with drought-related problems. He also questioned the Chief Minister's reported



decision to seek time before releasing documents related to the matter. He described the move as an empty gesture and said the government should disclose the details instead of making claims.

The BJP MP also reacted to the Congress party's demand to conduct elections using ballot papers instead of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). He pointed out that ballot papers were used during the early years after

Key aspects of his criticism

Challenge for evidence

Karjol stated that the Chief Minister should not "shoot arrows in the dark" regarding a sting operation and challenged him to release the specific list naming who is targeted and who is conducting it.

Accusing the government of diversion

He alleged that with people across the state suffering due to drought and distress, the ruling government is purposely manufacturing or highlighting these controversies to deflect public attention from its governance failures and lack of pro-people achievements.

Political retorts

He joined other opposition leaders in questioning the credibility of the claims amid a heated political row involving the state leadership.

Independence, when many voters required assistance in understanding the voting process.

Karjol argued that the situ-

ation had changed considerably, with a large section of the population now educated. He said the demand to return to ballot papers was unnecessary and alleged that it amounted to questioning the judgement of Indian voters.

He further noted that Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi had won elections conducted using EVMs. He also referred to Congress victories in Karnataka and Telangana, arguing that the party had benefited from the same voting system it was now questioning. Karjol challenged Congress leaders who expressed doubts about EVMs to resign from their positions rather than create confusion among the public. He urged them not to mislead voters over the electoral process.

His remarks came amid political exchanges between the BJP and Congress over the proposed sting operation and the demand for a return to ballot paper voting.

Mobile phone use banned during wildlife safaris

The decision aims to comply with court directives while enhancing safety and discipline in wildlife tourism.

CH NEWS, CHAMARAJANAGAR

The Karnataka Forest Department has imposed a complete ban on mobile phone use during wildlife safaris in tiger reserves, following directions issued by the Supreme Court. The new rule applies to tourists, safari vehicle drivers and guides visiting designated tourism zones within the core areas of tiger reserves.

Kumar Pushkar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, issued the order on October 9 after discussions with the Secretary of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). The decision aims to ensure compliance with court directives and strengthen safety and discipline during wildlife tourism activities.

As part of the new measures, the department has instructed officials to install wireless communication systems in all safari vehicles. These systems will enable drivers and guides to commu-

nicate during emergencies without relying on mobile phones.

Wildlife safaris in Chamarajanagar district operate at Bandipur, K. Gudi, P.G. Palaya and Gopinatham. The restrictions will affect tourists visiting these destinations, which are popular for wildlife viewing and nature experiences. Bandipur Tiger Reserve Range Forest Officer Satish Kumar said the new rules would be implemented for Bandipur safaris from Monday.

Earlier, tourists, drivers and guides were permitted to use mobile phones in airplane mode to capture photographs

and videos during safaris. However, the latest order withdraws this relaxation and prohibits mobile phone use completely in tourism zones situated within the core areas of tiger reserves.

The Supreme Court had directed that mobile phone use should not be allowed inside the core areas of tiger reserves and instructed authorities to take appropriate further action. The Forest Department has now tightened the restrictions in line with these directions.

According to the order, the decision followed a meeting with the NTCA Secretary on September 15.



UNTIL NOW

Earlier, tourists, drivers and guides were permitted to use mobile phones in airplane mode to capture photographs and videos during safaris.

The department is expected to enforce the ban through safari operators and field staff. Visitors will have to follow the revised rules while undertaking safaris, while wireless communication facilities will support emergency coordination and help maintain safety during wildlife tourism operations.

Medical waste from Kerala dumped near Gundlupet

CH NEWS, GUNDLUPET

The illegal dumping of hazardous medical waste allegedly brought from Kerala has triggered public outrage near Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district, raising concerns about public health and border security. An Eicher truck driver reportedly dumped hospital waste along National Highway 766 before fleeing the spot.

The dumped waste reportedly

edly includes used syringes, glucose bottles, cotton, wound dressings and potentially hazardous chemicals. The foul-smelling garbage has raised fears among local residents about the possible spread of infections and contamination in the surrounding area.

According to reports, trucks returning empty to Karnataka from Kerala are allegedly being used to transport hospital waste for illegal roadside disposal during late-night hours.

The latest incident has sparked anger among residents and pro-Kannada organisations, who have demanded immediate action against those responsible.

The incident has also raised questions about the effectiveness of inspections at police and Forest Department checkpoints along the Karnataka-Kerala border. Locals have questioned how a truck allegedly carrying hazardous medical waste could cross the

border and reach Gundlupet without being intercepted.

Residents and activists have demanded an investigation into the incident and called for disciplinary action against officials found negligent in carrying out their duties. They have urged the authorities to examine CCTV footage from the highway and border check-posts to identify the vehicle and trace its driver.

The protesters have also

Questions over rent as Agriculture office shifts



The shift

BEFORE

Government-owned office beside the Raitha Samparka Kendra, inaugurated in 1996

NOW

Rented premises elsewhere; farmers reportedly have to travel between the two premises

MALINGARAYA PUJAR, GADAG

The relocation of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (ADA) Office in Gadag from a government-owned building to rented premises has triggered questions among farmers and members of the public.

The move has raised concerns over the use of public funds, the condition of the existing building and the need to pay rent when government infrastructure is already available.

The old Agriculture Department office, inaugurated in 1996, is reportedly in good condition despite its age. According to local residents, the building underwent renovation and painting just two or three years ago, with lakhs of rupees spent from government funds. However, a report from the Public Works Department (PWD) reportedly declared the building unsuitable for occupation, prompting questions about the basis for the assessment.

Residents have questioned how a building renovated with public money could become unfit for use within a short period. They have also sought clarification on whether a detailed technical inspection was conducted before the office was shifted. Allegations of possible administrative irregularities have surfaced, although these require verification by the concerned authorities.

The relocation has also created difficulties for farmers visiting the department for assistance. The Raitha Samparka Kendra (Farmers' Contact Centre) continues to function beside the old government building, while the ADA Office has moved to rented premises elsewhere.

Previously, farmers could approach both offices at the same location to obtain information about seeds, fertilisers and agricultural schemes, as well as seek the necessary signatures and assistance from

"Information will be obtained about the repair of the building. The building has been moved to a rented building following a report from the Public Works Department stating that it is unfit for habitation."

CHETANA PATIL Joint Director of Agriculture, Gadag

officials. Following the relocation, farmers reportedly have to travel between the two premises to complete routine work, causing inconvenience and additional expenses.

Farmers have questioned the need to rent a private building when government-owned premises are available. They have demanded that the Gadag District Administration order a high-level inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the relocation, including the PWD assessment, expenditure on renovation and the decision to occupy rented premises.

Farmers from Shirahatti taluk have urged the authorities to stop what they describe as unnecessary rental expenditure and shift the ADA Office back to the government building beside the Raitha Samparka Kendra.

They have called for transparency in the decision-making process and action against any officials found responsible for irregularities. The district administration's response to these concerns is awaited.

Mandya ASP C.E. Thimmayya dies

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Mandya District Additional Superintendent of Police C.E. Thimmayya, 57, passed away on Saturday after suffering from a severe illness. He was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mandya, but died despite medical care. Thimmayya had served as the district's Additional Superintendent of Police for the past three years. He was known for his dedication and played an important role in maintaining law and order during sensitive

situations, including the Sri-rangapatna Hanuman Sankirtana Yatra, Ganapati immersion disturbances, the Keragodu flag controversy and general elections. Arrangements have been made for police personnel and the public to pay their last respects to the officer in Mandya. His funeral will be held in Mysuru with full state honours, according to police officials and family sources. Senior police officers, staff and dignitaries have expressed condolences over his demise.

Quick Read

NSS special camp to promote drug-free youth
CH NEWS, GADAG

A special National Service Scheme (NSS) camp themed "Youth for My India" will be held from October 12 to 18 at Sri Channaveera Sharana Pre-University College in Balaganuru village, Chikhenkoppa, to promote drug-free and TB-free youth. The camp will be inaugurated on October 12 at 4 pm in the presence of Pujya Channaveera Sharana. Doctors will visit the camp, and free medicines will be distributed. Daily lectures and cultural programmes will begin at 6 pm. Activities will cover agriculture, environment, rural development, drug de-addiction, banking and nutrition. The valedictory ceremony will be held on October 18.

Fake YouTube ad costs Belagavi man ₹21.93 lakh
CH NEWS, BELAGAVI

A 60-year-old Belagavi resident lost ₹21.93 lakh in an alleged online investment scam after responding to a fake YouTube advertisement promising high stock market returns. The victim, Kishore of Hindwadi, reportedly saw the advertisement, which appeared to use the name of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on June 20. He registered through a link and was later added to a Telegram group. According to his complaint, fraudsters initially collected ₹22,000 and subsequently persuaded him to transfer larger amounts. A total of ₹21,93,999 was allegedly collected in multiple transactions. Kishore said neither his investment nor the promised profits were returned. A complaint has been registered at the city's CEN police station.

Youth Parliament meeting scheduled in Challakere
CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

A taluk-level Youth Parliament meeting will be held on Oct 14 at 10.30 am at the Challakere Taluk Panchayat Hall. The Social Welfare Department is organising the programme. According to the department's Assistant Director (Grade-1), the Challakere Tahsildar, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer, Deputy Director of the Social Welfare Department, Block Education Officer, and principals of pre-university and degree colleges in the taluk will participate in the meeting. The programme aims to provide a platform for youth to engage in parliamentary discussions and understand democratic processes.

9-year-old boy rescued at Mangaluru Railway Station
CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel rescued a nine-year-old boy from West Bengal at Mangaluru Central Railway Station under the Indian Railways' "Operation Nanhe Farishte" initiative. On Saturday around 9.49 am, RPF staff member Vinisha spotted the boy wandering alone while monitoring CCTV footage. Officials immediately reached the spot and ensured his safety. During questioning, the boy reportedly revealed that he had run away from home and travelled to Mangaluru aboard the Santragachi Express.

NAME CHANGE
I, NISSAR AHMED, S/o. Nazeer Ahmed, Resident of No. 26, Lazar Road, M K Palya, Frazer Town, Bengaluru -560005, Karnataka, have changed my name to NISSAR AHMED N, vide affidavit dated: 10.10.2026 before notary G. DAYANANDA, Bengaluru.

Advocates launch second phase of protest on Oct 12

Advocates call the three-judge committee for a Mangaluru circuit bench a temporary fix that ignores Central Karnataka's demands.

CH NEWS, SHIVAMOGGA

The second phase of the agitation demanding a High Court circuit bench in Shivamogga for the convenience of people

establishing a circuit bench in Mangaluru as a temporary measure that did not address the demands of Central Karnataka. He insisted that Shivamogga should not be clubbed

taluk advocates' bhavans. Similar demonstrations were earlier held in front of the Shivamogga District Advocates' Bhavan. Raghavendra said the agita-

Shivamogga circuit bench demand

Advocates in Shivamogga are protesting against clubbing their district with Mangaluru for a circuit bench. Rejecting a three-judge committee as a temporary fix, they demand an independent circuit bench in Shivamogga, urging public support during upcoming demonstrations.

attended by BJP district president N. Jagadish, Congress district president H.C. Yogish, JD(S) district president Ramakrishna, District Industrial Association president Gopinath, Press Trust president N. Manjunatha, Working Journalists' Association district president Vaidyanatha, advocate K.P. Sripal, and other prominent figures, including Deepak Singh, Kantaraj, Jagadish and Vidyanani.

The advocates said the movement would continue until their demand for a circuit bench in Shivamogga was addressed.



in Central Karnataka will begin on October 12, District Advocates' Association president Raghavendra announced. Speaking at a press conference at the Shivamogga Press Trust on Saturday, Raghavendra said around 49 organisations, including political parties and various associations that had supported the earlier protest, had pledged their support for the next phase of the movement.

He described the formation of a three-judge committee to examine the possibility of es-

with Mangaluru for the purpose of establishing the bench. Raghavendra said Shivamogga had a sufficient number of cases to justify setting up a circuit bench in the district. He maintained that establishing the facility in Shivamogga would make access to justice more convenient for people across Central Karnataka. As part of the second phase, advocates' associations will organise protests and satyagrahas in front of their respective

tion had resulted in the formation of a three-member committee to examine the issue. The committee could visit Shivamogga at any time, he said, urging the public to understand the demand and explain the need for a circuit bench when the members arrive. He also recalled that the demand for a High Court circuit bench in Shivamogga was first raised at a lawyers' conference held in the district in 1950. The press conference was

Farmers protest Krishna water release to Telangana

CH NEWS, VIJAYAPURA

The Akhanda Karnataka Farmers' Association has strongly opposed the release of Krishna river water to Telangana, demanding an immediate halt to the supply from the Narayanapura reservoir. Association members staged a protest on Saturday and submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar through the district administration.

Addressing the protesters, association State General Secretary Aravind Kulkarni and State Organising Secretary Vithal Biradar alleged that the state government was compromising the interests of farmers in the Bagalkot region by releasing water to Telangana.

They claimed that the decision followed a verbal instruction from the Chief Minister on Thursday night, allegedly after pressure from Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

According to the association, the release of 2,667 cusecs from the Narayanapura reservoir began on Thursday night, with a proposed target of two thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water. The leaders expressed concern



They claimed the decision stemmed from a verbal order by the Chief Minister, reportedly driven by Telangana CM Revanth Reddy's pressure.

that the supply could be increased in phases, even as farmers in northern Karnataka face restrictions on irrigation water. The association leaders argued that farmers in the region were being told that agricultural water would be supplied in stages, while water was being released to another state. They demanded that the government stop the current release and prioritise the irrigation requirements of local farmers.

The leaders cited reservoir storage figures to support their opposition, stating that the Almatti reservoir held approximately 98.729 TMC of water. They said the available water must be managed carefully to meet requirements over the coming nine months, particularly with restrictions on usable storage.

The association also pointed to Telangana's legal objection to raising the water level at the Almatti reservoir. It demanded that Telangana withdraw its objection before Karnataka considers any further water release. The leaders said humanitarian assistance could be considered for drinking water needs, provided the interests of Karnataka's farmers were protected.

Warning of intensified agitation, the association said the

At a glance

- **Release:** Narayanapura reservoir began discharging 2,667 cusecs of water with a target of two TMC.
- **Priorities:** Farmers demand a halt to the water release to prioritise local irrigation needs in northern Karnataka.
- **Storage:** Almatti reservoir holds roughly 98.729 TMC, requiring careful management for the next nine months.
- **Objections:** Telangana's legal objection to raising Almatti's water level must be withdrawn first.
- **Humanitarian aid:** Drinking water assistance could be considered only if local farmers' interests are safeguarded.
- **Agitation:** The farming community warns of intensified protests if the government ignores their irrigation demands.

farming community would take to the streets if the government continued releasing water without adequately addressing local irrigation needs. Hanamantraya Handrala, women farmers' leader Nilambika Biradara, Maligeppa Sasanura, Lalasaba Hallura and others participated in the protest.

RECONSIDER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

DYFI protests arrest of Delhi activists in Kundapura

CH NEWS, KUNDAPURA

The Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) staged a protest in Kundapura against the arrest of activists in Delhi, demanding that the FIR registered against them be quashed. The protest was held to express opposition to the arrests and call for action by the authorities.

The protesters raised concerns over the action taken against the activists and urged the authorities to review the case. They called for the withdrawal of the FIR and demanded that the legal proceedings be reconsidered in accordance with the law.

The demonstration highlighted DYFI's position on the arrests and its demand for the protection of democratic rights. The organisation maintained that people should be able to raise public concerns and participate in peaceful democratic activities without facing unjustified action.

During the protest, DYFI members called upon the authorities to address their concerns and take appropriate



13 candidates contest North-East Teachers' Constituency MLC election

Campaign vehicles within the district need permission from the Deputy Commissioner's office, while cross-constituency movement requires the Regional Commissioner's approval.

CH NEWS, KALABURAGI

A total of 13 candidates are contesting the Karnataka Legislative Council's North-East Teachers' Constituency election, with polling scheduled for October 23. As many as 34,784 voters will exercise their franchise at 144 polling stations, while vote counting will take place on October 27. Regional Commissioner and Returning Officer Zaheera Naseem announced the arrangements during a meeting with candidates at the Regional Commissioner's office in Kalaburagi. She said elaborate measures had been taken to ensure free, fair and transparent polling. Enforcement teams have been deployed across all taluks to monitor compliance

al Commissioner's office.

Strict rules on polling day

Prohibitory orders will be enforced within 200 metres of polling stations on October 23. The sale and consumption of liquor will also be prohibited on polling day. Webcasting facilities will be provided at all polling stations. Voters must mark their preferential votes using only the violet-coloured sketch pen supplied by the Election Commission. Preferences may be indicated in Kannada, English or Roman numerals. There is no NOTA option, and incorrectly marked ballots may be declared invalid.

Counting on October 27

The strong room and counting centre will be located at Bhaskar Hall on the Gulbarga University campus. The strong room seal will be opened at 7.45 a.m. on October 27, with

DID YOU KNOW?
There is no NOTA option, and incorrectly marked ballots may be declared invalid.

13	144	14
candidates contesting	polling stations	counting tables

with the Model Code of Conduct. Election-related complaints can be reported to the control room at 08472-200255.

34,784 voters, 144 polling stations

Polling will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 23. The electorate includes 20,040 men and 14,744 women. A total of 144 polling stations, including an additional station in Ballari, have been arranged. Naseem said candidates must follow the prescribed procedures before printing election pamphlets. Prior permission from the Deputy Commissioner's office is required for campaign vehicles within the district, while permission for vehicle movement across the constituency must be obtained from the Region-

14 tables arranged for counting.

Congress, BJP candidates in fray

The contestants include Congress candidate Sharanappa Mattur, BJP candidate Shashil G. Namoshi, Aam Aadmi Party candidate Saibanna Jamadar and Janata Dal (United) candidate Prof. S.L. Patil. Nine other candidates are contesting as independents. Fifteen candidates had filed nominations, but one nomination was rejected during scrutiny. Nabirasool Jakati later withdrew, leaving 13 candidates in the contest. Assistant Returning Officer Ikram Sharif, Kalaburagi City Corporation Deputy Commissioner Pramila M.K., election officials and candidates attended the meeting.



Summary

- Protesters demand the immediate quashing of the FIR against activists.
- DYFI advocates strongly for the protection of democratic rights.
- Authorities are urged to review the case and ensure legal fairness.
- Demonstration in Kundapura highlights the use of police cases against movements.
- Accountability and transparency are stressed in ongoing legal proceedings.
- Arrests face widespread opposition from organisation members seeking justice.

ensure that the matter was dealt with fairly.

Quick Read

Woman’s body found with bite marks at Kolkata hospital

KOLKATA

Officials said on Saturday that an inquiry had been ordered at a state-run hospital in Kolkata after a woman’s body was found with bite marks on the fingers. Parts of her eyelids and lips appeared to have been gnawed at, possibly by rodents. The incident took place at Maniktala ESI Hospital. Alpana Dey, of Andul in Howrah district, had suffered from kidney ailments for about six years. Her condition worsened and she was admitted to the hospital’s surgical ward on Thursday. Her relatives alleged they discovered the injuries when they reached the hospital on Friday morning. A preliminary assessment suggested rodents might have caused the injuries, but the circumstances remain unclear. The West Bengal health department has formed a committee to investigate possible lapses in supervision and hospital maintenance. The panel has three days to submit its report. The incident has also prompted concerns about cleanliness and upkeep at the hospital.

Truck hits pilgrims in UP, four killed

SAHARANPUR

A canter truck carrying utensils ploughed into pilgrims walking back from the Shakambhari Devi shrine in Uttar Pradesh’s Saharanpur district on Saturday, killing four devotees and injuring more than 15. The pilgrims had stopped to rest on a highway flyover in Deoband when the truck hit them at about 7 am. The victims, from Kushawali village in Meerut district, were carrying the goddess’s sacred flame. All the injured were hospitalised, and the critically injured were referred to facilities in Saharanpur and Meerut. The truck’s driver and cleaner have been detained by police. Circle Officer Amit Kumar Singh said an inquiry was under way into how the collision happened.

ED attaches ₹54.71-crore property in Amrapali case

LUCKNOW

An immovable property in New Delhi’s Maharani Bagh, valued at ₹54.71 crore, has been provisionally attached by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in its money laundering probe into the Amrapali Group. The attachment, made under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, covers a property held in the name of Surbhaee Advertising Pvt. Ltd. The ED said a forensic audit showed that over ₹5,000 crore of home-buyers’ money had allegedly been routed through shell companies and other group entities. Part of the money was reportedly passed to Surbhaee Advertising as loans and used in connection with the property. The case arises from 18 FIRs alleging cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy. Buyers in several unfinished housing projects in Noida and Greater Noida have received neither possession nor refunds. The probe is continuing.

Rahul Gandhi meets Vijay ahead of student outreach programme

Rahul Gandhi met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay in Chennai before launching a student outreach event aimed at addressing young people’s concerns, attracting over one lakh registrations.

CHENNAI

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi called on Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay in Chennai on Saturday, hours before his student interaction programme, ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’, that evening. The event is part of the Congress party’s outreach campaign to understand concerns affecting students. Congress MP Manickam Tagore said more than one lakh students had registered online for the programme. “More than a lakh student, one lakh students have registered on the online QR code registration,” Tagore said. He added that entry would be restricted to students carrying QR-code registrations, with selection criteria determining who could attend the interaction.



The Chennai event marks the sixth leg of ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’, which began in Kota, Rajasthan, on June 17, 2026. Gandhi subsequently took the campaign to Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, Pune in Maharashtra and Indore in Madhya Pradesh before bringing it to Tamil Nadu. Examination irregularities, question paper leaks, rising education costs, recruit-

ment-related problems and unemployment are among the concerns at the heart of the campaign. Through interactions across different states, Congress leaders aim to hear students’ experiences and understand the challenges they face. The meeting between Gandhi and Vijay took place on Saturday, before the evening programme. Details of their discussion were not

Student outreach programme in focus

- 1 lakh+ students registered online
- 6th leg of the Chhatron Ki Goonj campaign
- June 17, 2026: Campaign launched in Kota, Rajasthan
- 6 locations: Kota, Dehradun, Prayagraj, Pune, Indore and Chennai
- 5 key issues: Exam irregularities, paper leaks, education costs, recruitment problems and unemployment

available. The Chennai interaction is intended to continue the campaign’s student outreach, giving young people an opportunity to raise concerns about education, examinations, recruitment and employment with Congress leaders.

Goa CM vows strict action in fake excise job scam

PANAJI

Strict action will be taken against those allegedly behind a job fraud in which a man was cheated of ₹27 lakh with the promise of a senior post in the state Excise Department, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on Saturday. Police have been told to investigate thoroughly and arrest those responsible, he said. The fraud came to light on Thursday, when Manoj Talekar turned up at the Excise Department office in Panaji with an appointment letter and said he was to take charge as Additional Excise Commissioner. The post fell vacant when IAS officer Asvin Chandru was transferred. Suspicious staff checked with senior officials, who confirmed that no such appointment letter had been issued. Talekar told police during questioning that one Ajit Shankhwalkar had taken ₹27 lakh from him for the fake appointment letter. A

case has been registered against Shankhwalkar, and police are looking for him. Investigators also found that the accused had allegedly given Talekar another letter, bearing a forged signature of Chief Minister Sawant, which claimed that Talekar had been appointed to the post. Speaking to the media, Sawant said nobody involved would be spared, repeating that he had asked police to investigate the matter and arrest the accused. He also voiced concern that a growing number of educated people, including graduates, post-graduates and people with previous government service experience, were falling victim to such scams. The state government would seize the properties of those involved in fraudulent activities, Sawant said. He urged citizens to stay alert and to check any suspicious job offer or official communication directly with the government department concerned.

Delhi Police detain Mahila Morcha workers during protest



NEW DELHI

BJP Mahila Morcha workers marching from Laxmi Nagar

Metro Station towards the Congress headquarters on Saturday were detained by Delhi Police. They were

BJP Mahila Morcha leaders protested in Delhi, seeking action against Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam following his dismissal as a JNU professor.

demanding that Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam be expelled and arrested over allegations that he sexually harassed female students at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). The protest came after

the university, following an inquiry into the allegations, dismissed the professor from service with immediate effect. Rajya Sabha MP Sangeeta Yadav, national secretary of the BJP Mahila Morcha, led the march along with Delhi BJP general secretary Yogita Singh. Mahila Morcha president Archana Gupta, state vice-president Sarika Jain and in-charge Aarti Mehra also took part. Speaking to the protesters, Yadav sought immediate action against Akoijam and

accused the Congress of shielding its MP. Yogita Singh said the Congress had failed to deal with

“The slogan of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao will be meaningful only when those responsible are punished.”

— Sangeeta Yadav, Mahila Morcha National Secretary

the allegations and asked the party to make its stand clear. “We demand justice, not compromise,” she said, warning

that the Mahila Morcha would keep up its protest. Archana Gupta accused the party of double standards on women’s empowerment, and Sarika Jain said the protesters were ready to face arrest but would not give up their demand for action. The BJP workers repeated their demand that the MP be expelled from the Congress and arrested. JNU’s order dismissing Professor Akoijam from service with immediate effect, issued on October 9, followed an inquiry into the sexual harassment allegations.

ED arrests Sadhna Group chief in money laundering case

NEW DELHI

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, chairman of the Delhi-based Sadhna Group, has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case over alleged irregularities in insolvency proceedings, officials said on Saturday. The 63-year-old businessman has been sent to ED custody for five days by a court in Ghaziabad.

₹110.10 crore could be settled for just ₹20 lakh. Investigators further allege that over ₹2 crore in cash came in through cryptocurrency or hawala channels from the resale of Sadhna Media and Aryan TV. Connected creditors were allegedly paid ₹4.48 crore by the company, ₹2.99 crore of it to Sharpline Broadcast, Gupta’s company. The ED also relied on a May 2025 order of the Secu-

In focus	
₹168 crore	ED-ESTIMATED PROCEEDS OF CRIME
₹110.10 crore	INCOME TAX DUES ALLEGEDLY SETTLED FOR JUST ₹20 LAKH
₹2.99 crore	ALLEGED PAYMENT TO GUPTA’S COMPANY, SHARPLINE BROADCAST
₹58 crore	LIABILITY IMPOSED JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY UNDER A 2025 SEBI ORDER
5 days	ED CUSTODY GRANTED TO RAKESH KUMAR GUPTA

Gupta’s arrest in Delhi came at about 10.25 pm on Friday, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The case is based on an FIR filed in September by the Delhi Police Economic Offences Wing. According to the complaint, Gupta engineered the insolvency of Sadhna Media Pvt. Ltd. using related creditors who held 99.41 per cent of the Committee of Creditors, so that income tax dues of

rities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which called Gupta the alleged mastermind of the manipulation of Sadhna Broadcast shares and held him jointly and severally liable for about ₹58 crore. The defence argued that neither SEBI nor the Income Tax Department had complained against Gupta, and that he had obtained a tax no-dues certificate and paid a SEBI penalty.

KOHIMA

Nagaland is considering a long-term partnership with Indian and German philanthropic organisations to improve learning outcomes in its government schools and make better use of education funds, said Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor for School Education. The plan grew out of discussions on October 5 between the state government and a delegation headed by Martin Kasper, president of the Germany-based Childaid

Network Foundation, and Nikunj Jhaveri, president of the Rotary Club of the Queen’s Necklace, Mumbai. According to Kasper, the collaboration could last at least five years and would follow a roadmap for better teaching standards and student performance. Teacher training, digital infrastructure, early childhood education, vocational skills and project-based learning are among the planned interventions, which would strengthen existing government systems as well.

Yhome said the state spends about 8.3 to 8.7 per cent of its budget on education, but admitted that public funds could be put to better use. Pointing to the challenges, Kasper said fewer than half of the students in Nagaland’s government school system passed the Class 10 examinations. Childaid Network, Kasper said, spends roughly two million to three million euros a year on education and works at about 1,500 project locations in the Northeast. Besides financial assistance, the initiative would

support government schools through knowledge-sharing, networking and monitoring, Jhaveri said. The long-term vision, Kasper said, also includes encouraging companies to set up centres in Kohima and Dimapur, so that local jobs are created and young people can work in Nagaland instead of migrating elsewhere. He clarified that Childaid Network is a private non-governmental organisation, though the German government also contributes funding to its programmes.

SCINDIA REJECTS MUSK’S MONOPOLY CLAIMS OVER STARLINK IN INDIA

NEW DELHI

India does not permit monopolies in any sector, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Friday, rejecting Elon Musk’s allegation that powerful business interests were blocking his satellite internet service, Starlink, in the country. Speaking to reporters at the India Mobile Congress, Scindia said licences had been issued to all applicants seeking to provide satellite communication services. He noted that

Starlink, Reliance Jio’s satellite venture Jio Satcom and Bharti-backed Eutelsat OneWeb had secured licences, while Amazon’s Kuiper was in the process of acquiring one. He added that the companies still needed to meet security requirements before starting services. The revenue-based charges for satellite communication services were almost finalised, Scindia said, with the Department of Telecommunications and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India close to a final decision on pricing.

Musk, who has criticised the delay for three consecutive days, alleged on Wednesday that Starlink was being blocked by “certain oligarchs” maintaining a “monopolistic chokehold” over Indian consumers. The Communications Ministry rejected the claims as “baseless and misconceived”, saying the regulatory framework was fair and non-discriminatory. The dispute intensified after Musk questioned whether Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani was influenc-

Satcom licences

- ✓ Starlink: licence secured
- ✓ Jio Satcom (Reliance Jio): licence secured
- ✓ Eutelsat OneWeb (Bharti-backed): licence secured
- Amazon’s Kuiper: in the process of acquiring one

ing the approval process. On Friday, he posted a sarcastic message addressing Ambani as “Prime Minister Ambani” and asking him to allow Starlink to compete.

PROTECT JUVENILE IDENTITIES

CJI says children in conflict with law need protection

“When a child breaks the law, the law must not break the child.”

— Justice B V Nagarathna
Supreme Court judge

NEW DELHI

The identities of children in conflict with the law must be protected, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said on Saturday, pointing out that the phrase describes a circumstance, not a permanent identity. He asked authorities to



keep such children’s names out of news reports and off the internet so that stigma does not affect their future. The CJI was speaking at the

National Annual Stakeholders’ Consultation, held by the Supreme Court’s Juvenile Justice Committee with UNICEF to mark 10 years of the Juve-

nile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, where he called for stronger rehabilitation and reintegration measures. The law, he said, gives children a second chance and recognises that they can become productive members of society instead of being branded criminals for life. Rehabilitation, Kant said, must go beyond institutional

care and help children return to their families, schools and communities without stigma. The CJI asked legal services institutions to consider a dedicated wing of trained defence lawyers for children, so that the same representation continues from the police station to the final order and rehabilitation. Supreme Court judge Justice B V Nagarathna de-

scribed the consultation as a chance to take stock of the Act’s impact. Quoting a November 2025 India Justice Report study, she said 55 per cent of cases before Juvenile Justice Boards in 18 states and two Union Territories were pending in the year to October 2023. The system, Nagarathna said, must recognise that children can change.

Quick Read

'PMDDKY aims to develop 100 aspirational agri districts'

NEW DELHI
The PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), which turns one on October 11, 2026, seeks to develop 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts through focused intervention, a government fact-sheet said on Saturday. By meeting the specific needs of each district, the scheme can help open up opportunities in productivity, irrigation, access to credit and post-harvest infrastructure. The Union Cabinet approved the PMDDKY on July 16, 2025, for six years, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally launched it on October 11, 2025.

ED attaches Rs 54 crore property in Delhi's Maharani Bagh

NEW DELHI
The ED attached immovable property worth Rs 54.71 crore in Delhi's Maharani Bagh area in connection with a money laundering case involving the Amrapali Group and others, an official statement said on Saturday. The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office, provisionally attached the property bearing No. A-3 (New), Maharani Bagh, which stood in the name of Surbhaee Advertising, the official said in a statement. The ED investigation was initiated on the basis of 18 FIRs registered by UP Police and EOW, Delhi Police, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC, 1860, against the Amrapali Group of companies and its directors/promoters, it said.



Household income, wealth, debt stress rose from 2022 to 2025: Fed

WASHINGTON
Most US families saw their incomes and wealth rise as the country emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, a new Federal Reserve survey of the 2022-2025 period has shown, with the less well off gaining most in income but more of the wealth going to the top 10%. The bigger income gains among poorer families did little for their wealth: the net worth of the bottom fourth of households dropped by more than 50%, to \$1,700 from \$3,800 at the time of the previous survey in 2022.

Russia to supply diesel to US, global markets: Trump

WASHINGTON
Russia has agreed to supply diesel to world markets to help bring down fuel prices, President Donald Trump said. His administration also temporarily lifted US sanctions on Russian fuel, which were meant to deny Moscow revenue for its war on Ukraine. In a social media post, Trump said he had held a "highly successful" discussion with President Vladimir Putin, in which they agreed that Russia would immediately supply more than 300,000 metric tons of diesel, or about 2.25 million barrels, to US and global markets.

RBI tightens forex derivative rules

The measures come amid persistent foreign portfolio outflows, elevated hedging demand from importers and continued RBI intervention to limit the rupee's weakness.

NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Saturday announced fresh regulatory measures to curb currency speculation, strengthen risk management and maintain orderly trading in the foreign exchange market. The central bank reduced the threshold for undertaking foreign exchange derivative transactions involving the rupee without establishing an underlying exposure from \$100 million to \$5 million. The revised limit applies across authorised dealers. A similar reduction has been introduced for exchange-traded currency derivatives involving the rupee across recognised stock exchanges.

Under the new directions, authorised dealers will not permit users to rebook rupee-related foreign exchange derivative contracts, whether deliverable or non-deliverable, if the contracts were cancelled with any authorised dealer after the directions were issued. The RBI has also directed authorised dealers to obtain and retain undertakings from users entering into rupee-related foreign exchange derivatives to hedge contracted exposures. Users must confirm that the same under-

lying exposure has not been hedged through another authorised dealer.

Additionally, the central bank introduced a Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve (FERR) requirement. For rupee-related derivative contracts exceeding \$2 million in notional value, undertaken to hedge current account exposures where users purchase foreign currency against rupees, authorised dealers must maintain a cash reserve with the RBI equivalent to 20 per cent of the rupee value of the no-

These measures are intended to strengthen market discipline and ensure appropriate risk management while maintaining an orderly and transparent market environment."

— Reserve Bank of India

tional amount.

The reserve must be maintained daily until the contract terminates.



KEY REGULATORY CHANGES

Unhedged forex derivative threshold reduced from \$100 million to \$5 million

FERR of 20 per cent mandated for specified contracts exceeding \$2 million

Daily reserve maintenance and reporting requirements introduced

Rebooking cancelled rupee-related contracts restricted; maturity rollovers remain permitted

'Dear Prime Minister Ambani,' Musk fires fresh salvo

NEW DELHI

Elon Musk, chief executive of SpaceX and Tesla, has again targeted billionaire Mukesh Ambani over Starlink's entry into India. Addressing him as "Dear Prime Minister Ambani," Musk accused him of trying to hold on to a monopoly and asked whether he would let the satellite internet service compete in the country.

Writing on X, Musk called Ambani the "real boss of India" and said sorry for failing to recognise his influence.

He went on: "Naturally, you would prefer to maintain your monopolistic exploitation of the great people of India, but would you nonetheless consider allowing Starlink to compete?"

Musk added that "there are many areas of India, as there are in all countries, with no



Internet access, which denies children the opportunity for education and for small businesses the opportunity to sell their goods to a global market. Starlink would change their lives for the better."

He also said: "Starlink has proven to be essential for saving lives during natural disasters throughout the world, when all other communications systems have failed, so you would also be helping save men, women and children throughout India."

Earlier, Musk had asked why Starlink was still waiting for the final approvals it needs to start commercial operations in India, saying the satellite internet firm had spent five years following the country's laws and regulations.

At first, Musk blamed unnamed "oligarchs" for holding up Starlink's entry into India, alleging that powerful business interests wanted to shield their position in the Indian telecom market. He named no company or individual.

The government then hit back at the US businessman over his claim that Starlink's satcom services were being blocked, and made it clear that every satcom licensee in the country must, without exception, demonstrate compliance with security norms.

Amitabh Kant defends India's Starlink regulations

NEW DELHI

Former G20 Sherpa and NITI Aayog chief executive Amitabh Kant on Saturday defended India's right to protect its national security amid the controversy surrounding Starlink's entry into the country's satellite communications market.

In a post on social media platform X, Kant said India welcomed innovation, investment and fair competition but could not compromise its national interests to accommodate any global corporation. He argued that the security measures considered legitimate by the United States should not be dismissed as protectionism when adopted by India.

Kant was responding to a recent post by Elon Musk, chief executive of SpaceX and Tesla, who took a swipe at billionaire Mukesh Ambani over Starlink's entry into India. Musk referred to the industrialist as "Dear Prime Minister Ambani", prompting Kant to criticise the remark as being in poor taste.

Kant said suggesting that India was controlled by one

Starlink's India entry

- Starlink has secured a licence to provide satellite communication services in India
- Security clearances and other approvals remain necessary before commercial operations can begin
- The government says security compliance is mandatory for every satellite communication licensee
- Officials have rejected allegations of discriminatory regulatory treatment



industrialist was disrespectful to the country and its democratic institutions.

To support his argument, Kant cited US restrictions designed to protect domestic industries and national security. These include 100 per cent tariffs on electric vehicles, which effectively restrict Chinese manufacturer BYD's access to the US passenger car market, restrictions on telecom equipment and proposed measures concerning foreign testing laboratories certifying electronic devices.

NEW DELHI

Adani Defence & Aerospace has won the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) Champion Award 2026 for Export Performance in Defence and Aerospace, recognising its contribution to India's defence manufacturing and export capabilities.

The award was presented by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during SIDM's eighth annual session on Saturday. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Director General (Acquisition) A Anbarasu were also present at



the event.

Adani Defence & Aerospace operates a manufacturing complex in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, with an annual production capacity of 300 million rounds of ammunition. The facility manufactures NATO-standard ammunition

and supports the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at increasing indigenous production and reducing dependence on imports.

Addressing the session, Rajnath Singh called for greater private sector participation in defence manufacturing, in-

WASHINGTON

The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) has strongly defended the Green Card and H-1B visa programmes, calling them major drivers of American economic growth and innovation, even as the Trump administration moves to tighten scrutiny of legal immigration pathways.

"The Green Card and H-1B programs are among the United States' most significant economic policy success stories, strengthening America's economic growth, innovation,

and global competitiveness," USISPF said in a statement.

According to the organisation, these routes to immigration have drawn some of the brightest minds in the world, enabling American companies to grow, add jobs and stay ahead in technology.

USISPF cited an analysis of US Census Bureau data for 2022, saying the legal immigration pathways had produced \$2.1 trillion in combined household income.

The analysis, according to the organisation, showed that the immigrants covered had

Green Card, H-1B fuel US growth: USISPF

\$2.1trn household income	\$382.9bn federal taxes paid	\$196.3bn state and local taxes
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paid \$382.9 billion in federal taxes and another \$196.3 billion in state and local taxes. Their combined spending power stood at \$1.6 trillion.

The statement came against the backdrop of recent action by the US Department of Labor concerning the Permanent Labor Certification (PERM) programme, an important route for employment-based permanent residency.

creased investment in research and development, and expanded production capacity to meet the country's defence requirements.

Ashish Rajvanshi, chief executive officer of Adani Defence & Aerospace, said the company was proud to have its efforts recognised and would continue focusing on manufacturing high-quality products in India for customers across global markets.

The facility uses automated production systems, artificial intelligence-enabled quality inspections, real-time data analytics and digital monitoring.

USISPF expressed support for the administration's efforts to prevent misuse of immigration programmes but cautioned against overlooking their economic benefits.

"We fully support the administration's efforts to prevent fraud and abuse in legal immigration programs," the organisation said, adding that such abuse undermines the domestic job market.

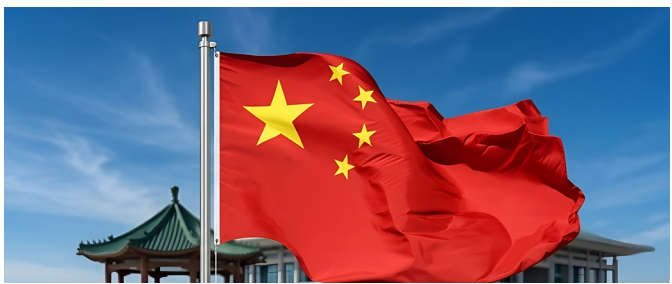
EUROPE-CHINA TRADE TENSIONS

China's trade practices threaten Europe's industry

BEIJING

China's trade practices and dominance over critical raw materials are raising concerns across Europe, with growing calls for stronger trade safeguards and diversification of supply chains to protect the continent's industrial base.

A recent report has described China's state subsidies, alleged currency manipulation and control over essential raw materials as factors contributing to pressure on European manufacturers.



It argues that these practices have intensified competition for domestic industries and exposed the risks of excessive dependence on Chinese supplies.

According to the report, French and German leaders are calling for sector-wide anti-dumping investigations targeting Chinese electric vehicles, chemicals and machine

tools. They are also seeking greater powers to reduce Europe's dependence on Chinese supply chains.

The report points to industrial job cuts in Germany, the closure of domestic assembly lines by European automobile manufacturers and the outsourcing of critical supply chains as signs of mounting pressure on the region's manufacturing sector.

However, it questions whether a proposed European Union rapid-response mechanism would be effective,

arguing that the European Commission may struggle to address the structural vulnerabilities behind the problem.

Even if Brussels manages to push the button, Beijing holds the real levers of power."

— The report, on the proposed EU rapid-response mechanism

It also warns that an aggressive tariff conflict could raise costs for European consumers and manufacturers, while

China retains considerable influence through its control of rare earths and semiconductor-grade gases.

The debate has renewed attention on the United Kingdom's efforts to diversify trade and investment ties beyond China.

Europe's efforts to diversify supply chains and deepen trade partnerships with countries such as India could become increasingly important as policymakers seek to reduce strategic dependence on China.

SURAKSHA TEA BECOMES PART OF DHAGE FILM STORY

The poster of the Kannada film Dhage was unveiled, and the Suraksha Tea franchise and distribution network was launched at Sri Renukamba Studio. Sri Karivrushabha Deshikendra Shivayogishwara Mahaswamiji inaugurated the event.

The programme was attended by Hasya Ratna Gangavathi Pranesh, actor Naveen Shankar, actress Mamatha Ravut, Kannada Sene President Kumar, Chanakya Career Academy founder N.M. Biredar, Basavaraja Mahamani and Latha Kunderagi, among others.

The Swamiji wished the film success and said he had never tasted tea in his 75 years until Aravinda Patil requested him to try Suraksha Tea. He said the tea tasted good and wished that it would reach more people and support their well-being.

Film director Kernahalli Eshwar, who wrote the story, screenplay, lyrics and dialogues, said Suraksha Tea plays a role in the film. He thanked Aravinda Patil for allowing the brand to feature in the story. He added that the film reflects North Karnataka's language, culture and tea-drinking traditions. Dr. Sangamesha Upase plays the lead character.

Aravinda Patil said the venture aimed to create employment through franchises and distri-



bution opportunities. He encouraged people to explore meaningful work instead of depending only on government jobs. He also credited Gangavathi Pranesh for inspiring the launch of Suraksha Tea.

Padma Shri Manjamma Jogathi shared her experiences from the film's shooting. She recalled the popularity of Tangadaki tea in North Karnataka and said Suraksha Tea had been included naturally in the film. She also spoke about how folk art helped her become self-reliant and gain recognition.

The event brought together cinema, local culture and entrepreneurship, highlighting the film's connection with North Karnataka's traditions.



Taapsee Pannu opens up about anxiety and online trolling

Actor Taapsee Pannu has spoken about mental health, anxiety and online trolling on World Mental Health Day, sharing how the COVID-19 pandemic helped her understand the importance of addressing her emotional well-being.

Taapsee said she once believed mental health support was needed only during serious conditions. Over time, she realised it also involved finding peace, staying present and managing emotional challenges, especially in the demanding entertainment industry.

The actor explained that she previously kept herself busy with work, sports and physical activities to avoid confronting anxiety. During the pandemic, however, she had to spend more time alone and understand her emotions.

Speaking about online trolling, Taapsee said she would not romanticise the experience with statements about self-worth. She explained that constant criticism and personal attacks could affect actors because their careers often depended on public perception.

She admitted that she once tried to please everyone, which left her exhausted. It took years for her to realise that she had wasted valuable time trying to satisfy trolls instead of focusing on personal and professional growth. She added that negative media coverage could also affect mental health.

Taapsee believes social media has increased anxiety and comparison among celebrities. She said actors sometimes present carefully created public images instead of showing their real personalities because of constant judgement.

The actor eventually chose to become inactive on social media to protect her mental well-being rather than face continued criticism.

Taapsee also revealed that she attended therapy sessions during the pandemic. She said the experience helped her learn to manage her emotions instead of escaping from difficult feelings.

She welcomed the growing acceptance of therapy and stressed the importance of understanding mental health beyond serious conditions. Her experiences highlight the need to address anxiety and emotional well-being openly.

Actor Anne Hathaway has given Tom Cruise's latest film, Digger, a perfect 10 out of 10 rating, calling it a brilliant movie despite mixed reviews from critics.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Hathaway recently joined the film review platform Letterboxd and shared her views on the Alejandro G. Iñárritu-directed film. The story follows an oil tycoon who tries to prevent a natural disaster caused by his own actions.

Praising the film, Hathaway said she enjoyed its unusual story, humour and style. She described it as smart, funny, ambitious and worth watching, encouraging audiences to form their own opinions.

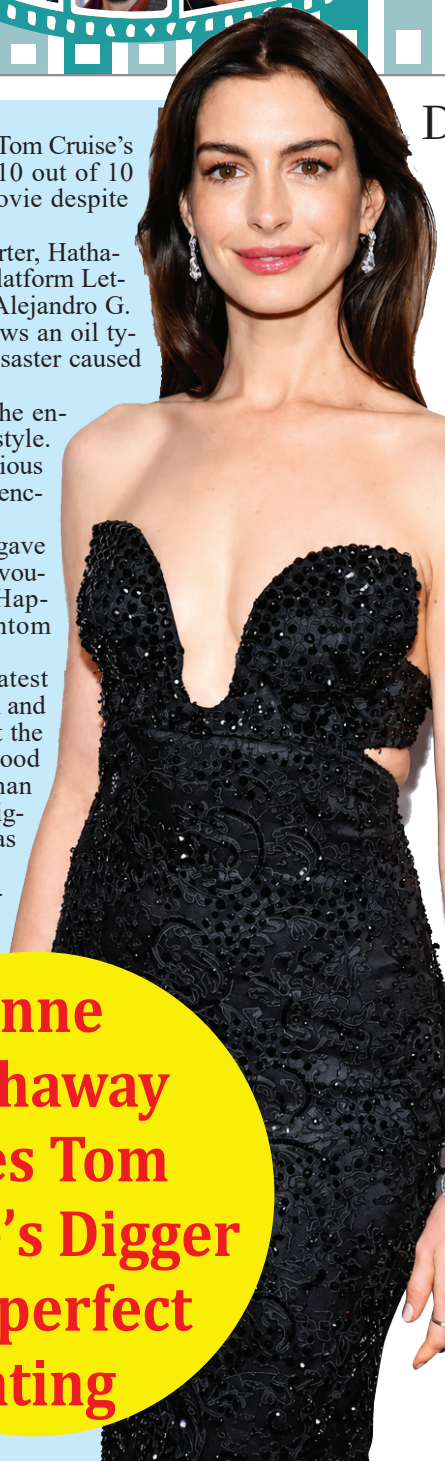
Apart from Digger, Hathaway also gave five stars to The Odyssey. Her other favourite films included Moonstruck, It Happened One Night, Mirror and Phantom Thread.

Hathaway's praise comes as her latest film, Verity, featuring Dakota Johnson and Josh Hartnett, has performed better at the box office. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Verity had earned more than USD 70.8 million worldwide, while Digger had collected USD 24.9 million as of Thursday.

Directed by Iñárritu, Digger has received mixed reactions from critics. Following its disappointing opening, Cruise thanked the cast and crew on X, expressing pride in their work and describing the experience as unforgettable.

Meanwhile, Hathaway is set to reunite with Cruise in the sequel to Days of Thunder, scheduled for release on June 2, 2028. Her positive review has added attention to the film despite its mixed critical response.

Anne Hathaway gives Tom Cruise's Digger film perfect rating



Dhurandhar 2 soundtrack enters Grammy race across nine categories

The soundtrack of Dhurandhar: The Revenge has been submitted for consideration in nine categories at the 69th Grammy Awards, scheduled for 2027. The film's music, composed by Shashwat Sachdev, has been submitted by T-Series and B62 Studios.

The makers announced the Grammy campaign on social media platform X on October 9, thanking audiences for their support.

Arijit Singh's song Phir Se has been submitted in the Best Song Written for Visual Media category. Aari Aari, featuring Bombay Rockers, Khan Saab, Jasmine Sandlas, Reble, Token and Sudhir Yadvanshi, is being considered for Best Asian Pop Music Performance.

The entries also include Jaan Se Guzarte Hai and Kanhaiyya in the Best Global Music Performance category. Jaiye Sajana, featuring Jasmine Sandlas and Satinder Sartaaj, has been submitted for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

Other songs submitted include Destiny - Mann Atkeya for Best Rap Performance, Vaari Jaavan for Best Dance/Electronic Recording and Hum Pyaar Karne Wale for Best Remixed Recording.

Headlined by Ranveer Singh, the spy thriller also features Arjun Rampal, R. Madhavan, Sanjay Dutt, Rakesh Bedi, Sara Arjun and Danish Pandor.



Nani enters gangster mode for Sujeeth's Bloody Romeo

Telugu actor Nani is preparing for his upcoming film, Bloody Romeo, directed by Sujeeth. The gangster drama marks the first collaboration between the actor and the filmmaker.

After appearing in The Paradise, which released last month, Nani is now getting ready to begin shooting for his new project. Although Bloody Romeo was officially launched earlier, the team is preparing to start filming.

The film's team recently announced on social media that Nani had begun preparing

for his role and had stepped into the character's world. The actor will play a gangster who presents himself as a chef to the outside world.

In a recent interview, Nani confirmed that he would portray a gangster-chef in the film. He also hinted that the story would explore a concept not previously attempted in the same way in Indian cinema.

The unusual combination of a gangster and a chef is expected to bring a distinct element to the film's storyline. The project has generated in-



terest among fans as Nani prepares to take on another different role.

Bloody Romeo is produced by Niharika Entertainments. The film will be shot across Hyderabad, Delhi and Lon-

don. With Sujeeth directing and Nani leading the cast, the upcoming gangster drama marks a new partnership for both. Further details about the film's cast and release date are awaited.

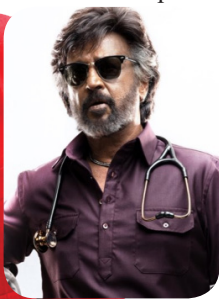
Rajinikanth's Dharman team denies shooting halt rumours

The team behind Rajinikanth's upcoming film Dharman has dismissed rumours that the project's shooting has been stopped. A member of the actor's public relations team clarified that everything was progressing smoothly.

Directed by Ashwath Marimuthu, the film recently began shooting, with portions filmed in Hyderabad and Mysuru. Telugu actor Ram Pothineni reportedly participated in the shoot, while Raashi Khanna shared updates from the sets. Sreeleela was also spotted during the Mysuru schedule.

However, rumours began circulating on social media that production had come

to a halt after Rajinikanth allegedly expressed dissatisfaction with the director's handling of the project. Some reports even suggested that the film could be shelved.



Responding to these claims, Rajinikanth's PR team member Riaz K Ahmed denied the reports and said the shooting was progressing well. He maintained that there was no truth to the rumours and added that Ashwath Marimuthu was working on the project with full energy.

Dharman features Rajinikanth as a surgeon, with Simran reportedly playing his wife. Raashi Khanna is said to portray his daughter, while Sreeleela and Ram Pothineni are expected to appear in important roles.

Salman Khan launches YouTube channel

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has launched his official YouTube channel. Being Salman Khan, offering fans a new way to connect with him. The actor announced the launch, and shared his channel link on Instagram.

Salman's first videos feature humorous lessons on acting, body language and dialogue delivery. In one video, two versions of the actor appear, with one acting as a coach and the other as a student. The coach teaches the student how to copy Salman's famous screen style and mannerisms.

Sharing the channel link on his Instagram Story, Salman invited fans to explore his latest digital venture. He wrote that the channel would offer content covering everything from A to Z. The channel has already attracted 36,300 subscribers.

Salman joins several Bollywood celebrities who use YouTube to

connect with audiences beyond films and television. Actors such as Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Alia Bhatt, Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Kartik Aaryan also have their own channels.

Filmmaker Farah Khan has gained popularity through celebrity cooking videos and conversations with stars, attracting more than 3.2 million subscribers. Actor Archana Puran Singh has also built a following of over one million through family vlogs featuring her husband and sons.

Meanwhile, Salman is hosting the 20th season of the reality show Bigg Boss. He will next appear in Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace, alongside Chitrangada Singh. Directed by Apoorva Lakshia, the film has faced repeated delays, and its release date remains unannounced. With his new channel, Salman aims to bring fans closer to his personality and signature style through digital content.



Quick Read

Israeli strikes kill five people in Gaza

CAIRO
At least five Palestinians were killed in two separate Israeli strikes in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, health officials said. One strike killed four people near Panda Mall in Gaza City and another killed one person in the Tuffah neighbourhood further south of the city, according to medics. The Israeli military said both strikes targeted militants but gave no further details. Israel has intensified its strikes on Hamas in recent weeks, accusing the Palestinian militant group of rearming and of carrying out attacks in violation of the ceasefire.

Magnitude 7.7 earthquake shakes Panama

PANAMA CITY
Southern Panama was hit by a magnitude 7.7 earthquake that damaged buildings and drove thousands of people into the streets, but the country appeared to have been spared widespread destruction or deaths. According to the US Geological Survey, the quake struck at a depth of 12.6 km (7.8 miles), with its epicentre in a sparsely populated area about 200 km (124 miles) from the capital, and some casualties were possible. In the upscale business hub of downtown Panama City, office workers who had poured into the streets worried about how to get home through the snarled traffic.

Germany sticks to Russia sanctions after Trump’s diesel deal

BERLIN
Germany will keep its sanctions on Russia over the war in Ukraine, the government said on Saturday, after US President Donald Trump announced that his administration had temporarily lifted US sanctions on Russian fuel. In a statement, government spokesperson Stefan Kornelius said: “The federal government has taken note of the US decision relating to Russian diesel deliveries.” Germany’s position was clear, he said: “The federal government remains committed to the decisions on sanctions against Russia and is working with its European partners on further sanctions.” Kornelius added that Germany’s support for Ukraine was unchanged and that diplomatic efforts to reach a solution would go on. According to Trump, Russia has agreed to supply diesel to world markets to help bring fuel prices down. He said his administration had temporarily lifted the US sanctions on Russian fuel that were designed to deprive Moscow of revenue for its war on Ukraine. Diesel, which is used in farming, home heating and trucking, now costs close to record levels, a risk for Trump’s fellow Republicans ahead of the November 3 congressional elections, which will decide whether they keep their thin control of Congress. Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who visited Kyiv last weekend, has said repeatedly that Germany, the largest European donor to Ukraine, will not cut its support for the government in Kyiv.

Taiwan vows freedom, rejects subordination to China

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te defended higher military spending and rejected subordination to China, drawing swift criticism from Beijing during National Day celebrations.

TAIPEI

President Lai Ching-te said on Saturday that Taiwan cherish peace but will not surrender its freedom, reaffirming the island’s commitment to self-determination as China steps up its military and political pressure. In his National Day address, Lai said building up the island’s defences should not be seen as a provocation. Peace could not rest on goodwill alone, he stressed, adding that Taiwan was open to exchanges but would reject any arrangement that put it under Beijing’s control. Lai said in his speech outside the Presidential Office: “Taiwan cherishes peace, but we will not give up our freedom. We are open to ex-



Taiwan won't give up freedom

- Lai says Taiwan will protect its freedom while pursuing peace.
- China condemns the president's speech and reiterates its claim over Taiwan.
- Taiwan is increasing defence spending and modernising its armed forces.
- The United States backs stability across the Taiwan Strait.

changes, but will not accept subordination.” China was quick to criticise the speech. Its Taiwan Affairs Office accused the president of distorting facts, misleading the public and pursuing separatist aims. Taiwan, which has a democratically elected government, faces growing pressure from Beijing, which has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control. China has repeatedly called Lai a separatist and rejected his offers of dialogue. Taiwan has responded by raising defence spending and upgrading its armed forces to counter China’s military edge. Beijing keeps expanding its capabilities, including stealth fighter jets, aircraft carriers and missile systems.

US sanctions ICC after former judge wins Nobel Peace Prize

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump’s administration has imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court, hours after

We will ban transactions with this rogue court, cutting off their resources and crippling its ability to operate.”
— Marco Rubio, US Secretary of State

one of the court’s former judges won the Nobel Peace Prize, setting Washington on a diplomatic collision course with its European allies. “The Court cannot stand alone. Its fate now rests also in the hands of the states that created it,” the court said in a statement. “This is not just about defending a single institution, but about safeguard-

ing the international order grounded upon the rule of law. History will judge this moment.” The Trump administration has long been hostile to the court, which was set up in 2002 to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, and it has already sanctioned the court’s prosecutors and judges. The US signed the Rome Statute that founded the court but never ratified it. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a statement: “President Trump will never allow the International Criminal Court to prosecute Americans.” The US Treasury announced the sanctions with an initial six-month grace period, along with other exemptions that would allow some transactions for telecoms, software, pension payments and matters related to detainees.

Firewall against far-right AfD feels the heat in Germany

BERLIN

Concern that the political barriers meant to isolate the far-

Key developments

- **Saxony-Anhalt:** At least four mainstream-party lawmakers reportedly defied party orders during the speaker vote.
- **CDU response:** Deputy chair Karin Prien warned of consequences if CDU lawmakers were responsible.
- **AFD position:** The party celebrated the result as a political turning point.
- **Govt formation:** The AfD remains three seats short of a majority in Saxony-Anhalt.

right Alternative for Germany (AfD) are weakening has grown after German Chancellor Friedrich Merz warned that extremism was entering the country’s parliamentary system. The latest row broke out in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, where at least four lawmakers from mainstream parties appeared to ignore their parties’ instructions and back the AfD’s candidate for speaker of the regional as-



sembly. The ballot was secret, but suspicion fell on members of Merz’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU), whose lawmakers had been told to abstain. Karin Prien, deputy chair of the national CDU, said there would be consequences if members of her party were found to be responsible. The AfD hailed the result as a turning point, arguing that lawmakers’ freedom to act could break down the political firewall built against it. The vote follows the AfD’s record win in Saxony-Anhalt’s regional election last month. The party narrowly missed an absolute majority, but its result deepened fears among mainstream rivals that it could contend for national power in the 2029 federal election.

Ethiopian forces enter border city after Eritrean incursion

MEKELLE

Ethiopian government forces and allied militias entered Adigrat, a strategic city near the border with Horn of Africa neighbour Eritrea, on Saturday, three residents said, days after Eritrean troops were driven back from it. The incursion by Eritrean troops, which Eritrea has denied and which could not be independently verified, has stirred fears of a return to all-out war along Ethiopia’s northern border, where the two nations have clashed before. Conflicts elsewhere in the region and tensions across



the Red Sea have raised the stakes further. Three residents of Adigrat said they had seen the Ethiopian army and an allied militia in the city on Saturday morn-

ing; one of them said soldiers were on patrol with military vehicles. It could not be confirmed whether the army was in control of Adigrat, which lies 30

km (19 miles) from the border with Eritrea. Ethiopia’s military did not immediately respond to a request for comment, and city officials could not be reached on Saturday. In a letter to members of the UN Security Council this week, Ethiopia said Eritrean troops had pushed up to 60 km (37 miles) into Tigray in recent days, and warned that the presence of foreign forces left it no option but to defend itself. Eritrea has called the reports of an incursion false, saying they are part of an Ethiopian plan to justify a war of aggression.

Saudi conferences to go ahead despite Riyadh airport attack

RIYADH

Two major Saudi energy and investment conferences will go ahead this month, their organisers said, as they sought to reassure visitors about security after missile attacks on Riyadh’s airport this week killed four people and badly damaged an airliner. The attacks caused widespread disruption to flights, forcing travellers onto land routes or roundabout alterna-

tive flights. Britain, France and Germany have warned their citizens to stay away from Riyadh. The World Petroleum Congress, due to bring together top global oil executives and policymakers from Sunday to Thursday, will go ahead as planned with foreign leaders and ministers attending, its organisers said in an email to delegates. “Your comfort is our priority,” the email said, adding that other routes to Riyadh

were available, among them a four-hour drive from Dammam on the kingdom’s eastern coast. Italian Energy Minister Gilberto Pichetto Fratin said he would join the International Energy Forum Ministerial Meeting, an event on the sidelines of the World Petroleum Congress, by video link rather than fly to Riyadh. The Future Investment Initiative, launched a decade ago by Crown Prince Mohammed

bin Salman as the kingdom’s flagship investment conference, will also go ahead as planned on October 26-29, its organisers said. “Safety and well-being remain our highest priority,” said a statement attributed to IIF CEO Maha Al Saud. Among the expected guests were the chief executives of some of the world’s biggest financial institutions, including JPMorgan’s Jamie Dimon and Citi’s Jane Fraser.

Amelia Earhart expedition hunts for plane wreckage

LOS ANGELES

A team of US-based marine archaeologists has set sail for a tiny island in the far western Pacific to examine the latest tantalising clue to one of the great unsolved mysteries of the 20th century: the disappearance of the famed aviator Amelia Earhart in 1937. The group, backed by Purdue University, an institution long linked with Earhart and her legacy, wants to find out whether an underwater object



spotted in satellite images of the island’s lagoon six years ago is the wreck of Earhart’s twin-engine Lockheed Electra 10-E aeroplane. The team left Los Angeles earlier this month and is expected to reach Nikumaroro on Tuesday, October 13, local time. The uninhabited speck of land lies in the remote Phoenix Islands, part of the archipelago nation of the Kiribati Republic. Purdue general counsel Steve Schultz, a member of the expedition who was in

Fiji last week doing advance work for the trip, said in an interview: “This would be solving one of the great mysteries in aviation history, certainly one of the great mysteries of the 20th century.” Not everyone is convinced. The leading sceptic is rival Earhart explorer Ric Gillespie, co-founder of TIGHAR, short for The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, and author of the 2024 book “One More Good Flight: The Amelia Earhart Tragedy.”

Gruesome injuries to teen throw spotlight on France’s policing

PARIS

A 14-year-old boy was left with a broken jaw and several shattered teeth when a tear gas grenade fired by a police officer hit him in the face during student protests in France last week, his family and lawyer said. The boy, named only as Eden to protect his family’s

privacy, was sitting on a wall looking at his phone near a demonstration in Saint-Ouen-



l’Aumône when it happened. The local prosecutor said an officer went up to Eden and hit him with a baton. Elsa Marcel, the family’s lawyer, alleged that the officer shot Eden in the mouth and left him on the ground without calling emergency services. The family has lodged a complaint of attempted murder. On Tuesday, the officer was placed under formal investigation on suspicion of assault by a public official causing permanent disability or disfigurement.

A French teenager’s severe facial injuries have intensified scrutiny of police tactics as student protests trigger nationwide anger and investigations.

Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez said about 200 students had been hurt in the unrest, but insisted that police action was rarely to blame. The authorities also reported that around 700 police officers had been injured, that schools had been damaged and that thousands of people, mostly minors, had been arrested.

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POST TRUMP-PUTIN DIESEL DEALRussian strike kills 12 in Zaporizhzhia

ZAPORIZHZHIA

A Russian attack on the southern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia on Saturday killed at least 12 people, three of them children, as rescuers searched the rubble of damaged residential buildings for survivors. Local authorities said 14 people were also wounded. Among the dead was a six-year-old girl whose body was pulled from the wreckage of



an apartment building. Her grandfather, Anatoliy Chumnyi, stood grieving beside her

“Today, Russia said thank you for the lifting of sanctions on diesel exports by dropping five glide bombs on residential buildings in Zaporizhzhia.”
VOLODYMYR ZELENSKIY
Ukrainian President

body after rescuers brought it out. He said the family would have celebrated her birthday later this month. The strike came a day after US President Donald Trump announced a deal to lift sanctions on Russian diesel exports, a move sharply criticised by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Zelenskyy later argued that easing the pressure on Russia could encourage it to press on with its military campaign.

Regional governor Mykhailo Semikin said Russian forces hit several places at once in the early hours of Saturday. Emergency workers clambered over broken masonry and concrete to reach people trapped inside. One man could be heard screaming in pain as rescuers freed his leg from the debris. The city has been bombarded by Russia many times, and the attacks have intensified in recent months.

Churchill Brothers Eye Winning ISL Debut



FATORDA

Churchill Brothers head coach Dimitris Dimitriou has expressed confidence in his team's preparations ahead of their Indian Super League (ISL) debut against Mumbai City FC at the Fatorda Stadium in Goa on Saturday.

The match, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., marks a historic occasion for the Goan club as it begins a new chapter in India's top-tier football competition. Dimitriou said the

team's primary objective was to establish a strong footballing identity, remain competitive against established opponents and bring happiness to supporters across Goa.

The coach thanked club owner Churchill Alemão and his family for their continued support, describing the opportunity to guide the historic club in the ISL as a great honour.

Acknowledging the challenge ahead, Dimitriou highlighted Mumbai City FC's squad strength and the experience of their head coach, Manolo Márquez.

Despite a relatively short pre-season, Churchill Brothers completed 37 training sessions over four weeks to prepare for the competition. The retention of 12 players from the previous

season is expected to provide continuity and strengthen coordination within the squad.

Dimitriou emphasised that building a recognisable playing style and maintaining competitiveness would remain central to the club's approach throughout the campaign.

Meanwhile, Churchill Brothers player Kingslee Fernandes described representing the club in the ISL as a proud moment.

Fernandes said the squad featured a balanced combination of young and experienced players, adding that the coaching staff had motivated the team throughout preparations. With supporters eagerly awaiting the club's debut, Churchill Brothers will aim to deliver a strong opening performance against Mumbai City FC.



Rutherford's fireworks after WI script record chase

RANCHI

West Indies captain Shai Hope said building partnerships and Sherfane Rutherford's explosive batting were key to his team's six-wicket victory over India in the second T20I, as the visitors chased down a daunting target of 250 at the JSCA International Stadium Complex here on Friday. Hope smashed a blistering 45-ball century, while Rutherford hammered 84 off 37 deliveries to help the West Indies complete the second-highest successful run chase in men's T20I cricket, reaching 252/4 with two overs to spare.

Reflecting on the early setbacks that saw the visitors reduced to 5/2, Hope admitted the chase had become challenging but said playing in India always gave a team belief that a target could be achieved.

"That it's going to be a tough chase. But when you

chase here in India, you always give yourself a chance. You always think you're in the game, regardless of what score is on the board. But five for two was always going to be challenging," Hope said after being named Player of the Match.

Hope said the partnership with Rovman Powell helped the West Indies regain momentum before Rutherford's counter-attacking knock provided the decisive impetus to the chase.

"When we got that partnership there, myself and Rovman, we just got some more impetus in the innings, and then obviously Sherfane came and did what he did, played really well with the bat, and just gave us that spark that we needed to get over the line today," he said.

The West Indies skipper also explained why he was content to let Rutherford take the attacking role during their match-winning 120-run fourth-wicket partnership.

Indian women's hockey team captain Salima Tete, two other players felicitated

KOLKATA

Salima Tete, captain of the Asian Games gold medal-winning Indian women's hockey team, was felicitated at the South Eastern Railway (SER) headquarters in Kolkata on Friday. Nikki Pradhan and Deepika Soreng, two other members of the team, were also felicitated during the occasion. All three are from Jharkhand and work for SER.

Salima led her team to a historic gold medal at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, by defeating world champions China in

the finals. This was the first Asian Games gold medal for the women's hockey team in 44 years.

The Indian captain has humble roots in a Jharkhand village and has had to struggle hard to reach the top. She displayed her exceptional talent throughout the continental tournament. In the extremely tough final match, she had to leave the field for a while after suffering a severe hand injury. There was major concern regarding the Indian defence till she returned to the field. The Asian Games victory also got the Indian women's team entry

to the Los Angeles Olympics.

Her humble background made the win especially special, Salima said after the victory. She also said that the players had gone to the tournament with the determination to win. Every match was treated as a final, she said.

The win was a great achievement after a disappointing start earlier in the year when the team missed out on reaching the World Cup semi-final spot.

During the day, the three players were felicitated by SER general manager Anil Kumar Jain. The victory has



brought immense pride to the railway fraternity and the nation, he said, pointing to how their dedication, teamwork and sporting excellence have brought many laurels to Indian hockey.

He also wished them all

the best for the future and assured all support. "SER has always stood by sportspersons, and there have been several nationally and internationally acclaimed ones serving with us.

Robin Singh Stresses High Skills in T10

NEW DELHI

Former India cricketer Robin Singh has emphasised that T10 cricket demands exceptionally high skill levels, with batters required to take calculated risks and deliver immediately in the fast-paced 60-ball format.

Singh, who serves as Team Director of Royal Desert Champions, explained that T10 offers little time for players to settle at the crease. Unlike longer formats, batters must be ready to attack from the opening delivery, making confidence, execution and decision-making crucial to success.

Comparing T10 with T20 cricket, Singh said the shorter format resembles the final overs of a T20 match or the powerplay, when scoring quickly becomes essential and every delivery can influence the outcome.

He cautioned that players who hesitate or second-guess their abilities could struggle in the format, where there is little opportunity to recover after a slow start.

Singh also discussed Royal Desert



Champions' strategy during the player draft. The franchise had secured Nicholas Pooran, Phil Salt and Sherfane Rutherford through pre-signings before adding players including Muhammad Waseem, Naseem Shah and Maheesh Theekshana.

According to Singh, the team secured approximately 80 per cent of its desired selections, although

the unpredictable nature of drafts required flexibility and alternative plans.

He explained that franchises must prepare backup options depending on which players are selected by rival teams.

Singh stressed that T10 leaves no room for complacency, with players needing to remain alert and effective throughout the contest.

"T10 is almost like playing the last 10 overs of a T20 game to some extent or in the power plays, for that matter."

- Robin Singh (Royal Desert Champions Team Director)

"You have to take a lot more risks in T10. So your skill levels have to be very high."

- Robin Singh (Former India Cricketer)

T10 Demands:

- Only 60 balls per innings.
- Batters must attack from ball 1.
- Confidence and execution are crucial.
- Teams need balanced squads and adaptable draft strategies.

Cole Palmer Commits Future to Chelsea

LONDON

Chelsea forward Cole Palmer has signed a new contract extending his stay at the Premier League club until 2034, underlining the team's commitment to one of its most influential attacking players.

The 24-year-old has made a significant impact since joining Chelsea in August 2023, registering 91 goal contributions in 138 appearances. His performances have helped the club secure the FIFA Club World Cup and UEFA Conference League titles.

Palmer expressed his happiness at committing his future to Chelsea, saying discussions with the club's owners, sporting directors, manager and players had strengthened his confidence in its direction and ambitions.

"Chelsea means a lot to me, and I think the club is going in the right direction, so I'm

delighted to sign, and I'm obviously very happy," Palmer said.

During his debut season in 2023-24, Palmer scored 25 goals and provided 19 assists. Six goals came across consecutive Premier League hat-tricks, while his performances earned him Chelsea's Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season awards. He also received the Premier League Young Player of the Season and PFA Young Player of the Year honours.

Palmer continued to deliver decisive performances in subsequent campaigns, including four first-half goals against Brighton and Hove Albion and a hat-trick of assists against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

He played a crucial role in Chelsea's European success, providing two assists in the UEFA Conference League final against Real Betis.

India U17 Women Eye Historic Asian Cup Qualification

SELAYANG: India's U17 women's national team will face hosts Malaysia in a decisive AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup China 2027 qualifier at the MP Selayang Stadium on Sunday, October 11, with a draw enough to secure qualification. Both teams have collected six points from their opening two Group E matches, setting up a direct battle for the group's only qualifying spot. India hold the advantage on goal difference, having scored 16 goals without conceding, while Malaysia have scored five and maintained two clean sheets. Only the eight group winners will qualify for the continental tournament, joining defending champions DPR Korea, Japan, Australia and hosts China PR, who secured direct entry after finishing among the top four at the 2026 edition. India reached the quarter-finals of the previous tournament, marking their first appearance in the knockout stage. Qualification this time would make them the first Indian team to reach consecutive Women's Asian Cups in any age category, including the senior level. Head coach Joakim Alexandersson has urged his players to pursue victory rather than settle for a draw, while maintaining tactical discipline. India began their campaign with a record 14-0 win over Iraq before defeating Syria 2-0. Forward Anushka Kumari has scored seven goals, including five against Iraq and both goals against Syria.



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ಶ್ರೀ ಸದ್ಗೋಪ್ ಅರ್. ಪೂಜಾರಿ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು

ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಾಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿಗಳು

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಎನ್. ಸಾಯಿರಾಂ, ಶ್ರೀ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಜೆ., ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದೀಪ್ ಡಿ. ಸುವರ್ಣ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೃತಿಗೆ ಅಮೀನ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಕಿಶೋರ್ ದಂಡಕೇರಿ

ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಮಿತಿ

ಶ್ರೀ ದೇವೇಂದ್ರ ಪೂಜಾರಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು
ಡಾ. (ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ) ಅನಸೂಯಾ ಬಿ.ಬಿ. ಸಾಲಿಯಾನ್ ಡಾ. ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಸುವರ್ಣ ಸಹ-ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು

ಸದಸ್ಯರು

ಶ್ರೀ ವೇದ ಕುಮಾರ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಚಿತ್ರಂಜನ್ ಗರೋಡಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಹರೀಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬೆಳ್ಳಂಗಡಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಕ್ರಮ್ ಕಾಸರಗೋಡು, ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಜಯ ವಿಕ್ರಮ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಿನ್ ಅತ್ತಾವರ, ಶ್ರೀ ಹರಿಕೃಷ್ಣ ಬಂಟ್ವಾಳ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹರೀಶ್‌ವರ, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮನಾಥ್ ಕಾರಂದೂರು, ಶ್ರೀ ದೂಮಪ್ಪ ಮೇಸ್ತ್ರಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಲೀಲಾಕ್ಷ ಕರ್ಕೇರ, ಶ್ರೀ ಕೈಲಾಂಧ್ರ ವೈ. ಸುವರ್ಣ, ಶ್ರೀ ಸೂರ್ಯಕಾಂತ್ ಜಿ. ಸುವರ್ಣ, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಧಾಕೃಷ್ಣ, ಶ್ರೀ ಚಂದನ್ ದಾಸ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಕಟ್ಟಿಮಾರ್, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಪಿ. ಕೆ. ಗೌರವಿ ರಾಜಕೇಶವರ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಾಸುದೇವ ಕೋಸ್ತಾನಾನ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಲತೀಶ್ ಎಂ. ಸುವರ್ಣ

ಮಹಾಲಯದ 11 ಅರಂಭ 11 ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್

ವಿಜಯದಶಮಿ 21 ಶೋಭಾಯಾತ್ರೆ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ ಸಂಜೆ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

12 ರಂದು ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ ಭೇಟಿ

ಅ.11ರಂದು ವೈದಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು
ಬಿಧ್ಯುಕ್ತವಾಗಿ ಅರಂಭಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿವೆ,
ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾರದಾ ಮಾತೆ ಮತ್ತು ನವದುರ್ಗೆಯರ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾಪನೆ ನೆರವೇರಲಿವೆ.
ಅ.12ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 6.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ **ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್** ಅವರಿಂದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ದಸರಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವಕ್ಕೆ ಅದ್ವೈತಿ ಜಾಲನೆ ಸಿಗಲಿದೆ. ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ ಉಪಸಭಾಪತಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾಂಕಾಳ್ ವೈದ್ಯ, ದ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಯು.ಜಿ.ಬಾದರ್ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವಿವಿಧ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳ ಸಚಿವರು, ಜನಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು, ಗಣ್ಯರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ದಸರಾ ಕಲಾರ್ಯೂಂಕಾರ

ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಕಲಾಮಂಟಪದಲ್ಲಿ **ಅ.11ರಿಂದ 20ರವರೆಗೆ ನಿತ್ಯ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2.30ರಿಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿ 11.30ರವರೆಗೆ** ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ, ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕಲಾವಿದರಿಂದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಸದರ್ಶಣ ಇರಲಿದೆ. ಇದೇ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವೂ ಸಮಾಜದ ಸಾಧಕ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಅಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ ನೀಡಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಅಕ್ಷರಾಭಿಷೇಕ

ಅ.20ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರದಾ ಮಾತೆಯ ಮಡಿಲಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಅಕ್ಷರಾಭಿಷೇಕ ನಡೆಯಲಿತ್ತು, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಇದರ ಸದುಪಯೋಗ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ

ಅ.12ರಿಂದ 20ರವರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವೂ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 8.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ ನೆರವೇರಲಿದೆ. **ಅ.17ರಂದು** ಸಾಮೂಹಿಕ ವಿಶೇಷ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ ಜರುಗಲಿತ್ತು, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಾಹುತಿ ನೆರವೇರಲಿದೆ. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ ನೆರವೇರಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಕವಿಗೋಷ್ಠಿ

ಈ ಬಾರಿಯ ದಸರಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಅ.12ರಂದು** ರಾಜ್ಯಮಟ್ಟದ ದಸರಾ ಕವಿಗೋಷ್ಠಿ, ಕಥೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, **13ರಂದು** ಸಂಜೆ 7.30ರಿಂದ ರುದ್ರತಾಂಡವಮ್ ರಾಜ್ಯಮಟ್ಟದ ಭಕ್ತಿಪ್ರಧಾನ ಸಮಾಹ ನೃತ್ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ ಸೀಸನ್-2, **15ರಂದು** ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ದಸರಾ ಜರುಗಲಿತ್ತು, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿದೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಚಿತ್ರಕಲೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ನಡೆಯಲಿವೆ. **ಅ.16ರಂದು** ಮುದ್ದು ಕಾರದ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಅ.18ರಂದು ದಸರಾ ಮ್ಯಾರಥಾನ್ ಎಡಿಷನ್-4, ಕಿಸ್ಕಿಲಿ ಸೀಸನ್-2, **19ರಂದು** ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗಾಗಿಯೇ ಮಹಿಳಾ ದಸರಾ ನಡೆಯಲಿತ್ತು, ಭರತನಾಟ್ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಬೆಂಕಿ ರಹಿತ ಅದ್ದುಗೆ, ರಂಗೋಲೆ, ಮೆಕಂಡಿ, ಸಮಾಹ ಗಾಯನ, ಹೂ ಕಟ್ಟುವ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ನಡೆಯಲಿವೆ. ರಾತ್ರಿ 8 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಂದ ಸಮಾಹ ಗರ್ಭಾ ದಾಂಡಿಯಾ ನೃತ್ಯ ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ. **20ರಂದು** ದಸರಾ ರಂಗಾಂತರಂಗ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ಜರುಗಲಿವೆ.

