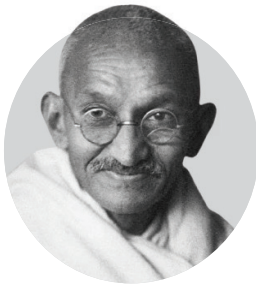


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Quick Read

Rowdy-sheeter with 9 cases detained under goonda act

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Bengaluru police have arrested a notorious criminal named Vijay S, also known as Chinnu, under the strict Goonda Act. The 23-year-old rowdy-sheeter from Kalasipalya and Siddapura areas has been terrorizing local residents and continuously breaking the law. Authorities stated that he faces nine serious criminal cases, including two for attempted murder, six for assault, and one for drug use. Because his violent actions severely threatened public peace, the city police chief ordered his immediate detention. Police officers successfully completed this major operation to ensure safety and restore peace across local neighborhoods.

HC rules police can freeze accounts under BNSS 2026

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The High Court ruled that police can freeze bank accounts during investigations under Section 106 of the BNSS 2026 without prior magistrate permission. Justice M. Nagaprasanna noted this power helps stop cyber fraud quickly, as criminals shift stolen public money instantly. While officers must report seizures immediately, court approval is only needed later for forfeiture. The ruling came after police challenged a lower court order that unfreeze accounts of JAR Gold Company in a deposit scam case. The court stressed that needing prior court consent would seriously harm fast-moving criminal investigations.

BNCC Commissioner inspects storm water drain projects

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Bengaluru North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar recently carried out a detailed inspection of ongoing Storm Water Drain (SWD) projects aimed at upgrading flood mitigation infrastructure throughout the northern zone. The evaluation tour covered multiple critical areas, including Byatarayanapura, Tata Nagar, Singapura, Kogilu, Bellalli, Kataganahalli, and Rachenahalli. These infrastructure upgrades form part of a broader push to facilitate smooth rainwater movement, link water bodies seamlessly from one lake to another, and enhance the overall carrying capacity of feeder channels.

ECHOES OF LEADERSHIP

CM DK Shivakumar recalls past leaders

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar took a trip down memory lane in the Legislative Assembly, delivering a reflective speech honoring the remarkable legacies, administrative milestones, and unforgettable human qualities of several former Chief Ministers who shaped the state. Reflecting on his own extensive political journey spanning 8 electoral victories in the Assembly, Shivakumar shared personal insights from working alongside towering political figures like S. Bangarappa, S.M. Krishna, and Siddaramaiah. However, he specifically singled out J.H. Patel for his unmatched generosity and big-hearted leadership style, noting that such a rare character remains unmatched in modern politics. He also briefly touched upon political transitions, mentioning how he witnessed the administration of various leaders and the eventual political shifts that unseated them.

Parking crisis: Bengaluru streets now a toll road?

Bengaluru residents face outrage over proposed draft GBA parking rules imposing heavy annual fees for street parking.

CH NEWS , BENGALURU

A major political storm has erupted in Bengaluru following the Karnataka government's release of the draft Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Parking Rules, 2026, which proposes heavy annual fees for residents parking their vehicles on public roads outside their homes. Under the newly issued draft guidelines, vehicle owners utilizing public streets for residential parking will need to purchase an annual permit. The proposed fee structure scales according to the size of the vehicle, requiring ₹15,000 per year for hatchbacks, ₹20,000 for sedans, and up to ₹25,000 annually for sports utility vehicles (SUVs). Furthermore, the rules specify that these permits will only be issued to residents whose buildings comply with standard on-site parking building bye-laws. The policy has drawn fierce backlash from opposition figures

Public grievances

Poor Infrastructure: Citizens question the moral right of authorities to collect parking fees when city roads remain plagued by deep potholes and waterlogging during heavy monsoon rains.

Priorities Questioned: Critics demand that the administration focus instead on fixing public transport, speeding up delayed metro projects, and adding more buses to the existing fleet.



ures and local residents, who slammed the move as an anti-people measure and an unfair financial burden. Critics have questioned the rationale of imposing steep taxes on vehicle owners for street parking when municipal bodies have struggled to maintain basic civic infrastructure, pointing to persistent issues with pothole-ridden roads and waterlogging during the mon-

soon season. Public anger has also centered on demands for improved public transport infrastructure such as faster metro expansion and a higher volume of BMTC buses before rolling out measures that penalize daily commuters and residents. The Urban Development Department formally published the draft notification on

Public demands immediate rollback

The general public and political critics are urging the government to scrap this anti-people policy immediately. Warnings have been issued that failure to withdraw the proposed rules will lead to strong political consequences during the upcoming GBA elections. Residents argue that authorities must prioritize repairing damaged city infrastructure and improving public transit systems before attempting to squeeze everyday vehicle owners for more money. The controversy highlights a growing frustration among urban taxpayers regarding rising municipal costs and inadequate civic amenities across the tech capital.

August 11, opening a 30-day window for citizens and stakeholders to submit formal objections and suggestions before any final decisions are made regarding the policy's implementation.

Ensure National flag flies at home: Shobha Karandlaje

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje has called upon citizens to honor the country's freedom fighters by enthusiastically participating in the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement, urging people to proudly hoist the national flag at every home. Speaking at the launch of the awareness campaign in Bengaluru, Karandlaje flagged off the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Tricolor Yatra. The event was jointly organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Nagar and Rural Mandals, starting from Hoysala Circle in the Kengeri suburb part of the Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituency and culminating at the Ganesha Playground. The Union Minister emphasized that the central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fully dedicated to ensuring the national flag flies across every household as part of the landmark celebrations for India's 80th Independence Day. She noted that displaying the tricolor at home helps foster a deep sense of



patriotism, unity, and respect for those who sacrificed their lives for national freedom. The energetic rally witnessed strong local participation, featuring prominent leaders and party workers. Key figures in attendance included District General Secretary Bhanu Rangaswamy, Secretary Yadunandan, Nagar Mandal President Jayaram Gowda, Rural Mandal President R.P. Prakash, General Secretaries Jayaram and Yatish K., Muniappa Reddy, Mandal in-charges Raghavendra Shetty and Prasanna, former BBMP member R. Anjanappa, and former Nagar Sabha member Mylasandra Muniraju, alongside numerous Yuva Morcha members and local BJP workers.

Why did Horatti resign? Chalavadi demands clarity

CH NEWS , BENGALURU

A fierce debate erupted in the Karnataka Legislative Council as opposition leaders demanded official clarification regarding the circumstances surrounding the recent resignation of former Chairman Basavaraj Horatti. Speaking during the session, Leader of the Opposition in the House Chalavadi Narayanaswamy raised serious questions directed at the government. While offering congratulations to the newly elected Council Chairman, Salim Ahmed, Narayanaswamy alleged that pressure had been applied to force Horatti out of office. He pointed out that while Horatti had previously expressed his desire to formally announce his decision and share his views on the floor of the house, media reports indicated he was compelled to sign and step down pre-

maturely under political duress. The opposition demanded to know whether undue influence was exerted and sought a direct statement from the government. Responding to the queries, Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy urged members to maintain decorum and respect the dignity and long-standing history of the Legislative Council. He noted that the new chairman had been elected by a clear majority of the House and suggested that discussions should remain within proper legislative boundaries. The proceedings witnessed brief disruptions as opposition members complained about audio issues with the microphones. In response, a visibly unwell Rayareddy interjected, explaining that technical systems were functioning fine, but he was struggling to speak at a higher volume due to running a fever.

"Son of the soil": DKS praises Deve Gowda

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda in the Vidhan Parishad, acknowledging his lifelong struggles and monumental contributions toward the welfare of the farming community and the overall development of Karnataka. Addressing the House, Shivakumar emphasized that Deve Gowda earned the proud title of "son of the soil" through decades of relentless hard work, pointing out that the veteran leader designed numerous vital irrigation schemes and constructed Bangalore's very first flyover during his tenure. While noting that political rivalries naturally exist between the ruling party and leaders like H.D. Kumaraswamy, the Chief Minister made it clear that good governance requires acknowledging valuable ideas regardless of political lines. He specifically highlighted Kumaraswamy's



visionary urban development proposals, including the construction of the Bidadi Township, the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), and other satellite township concepts aimed at easing congestion in the state capital. He noted that although time constraints or administrative hurdles prevented some of those blueprints from being fully executed back then, the underlying infrastructure concepts remain solid.

Shifting focus to recent political friction, Shivakumar remarked that political pressure sometimes forces opposition figures like Kumaraswamy into unnecessary public sparring, but stated that such tactics would not deter him from his vision. Stressing a collaborative approach to serving the public, he urged all members of the legislature to put aside daily political disputes once inside the House. He called

The best plan in Deve Gowda's time

Bengaluru is expanding fast as workers arrive from the Northeast. Building new satellite cities is the only way to support this massive population growth. Past leaders planned smart industrial hubs during their terms. Peenya came up under Veerendra Patil, Bidadi under Deve Gowda, and Electronic City under Veerappa Moily. These great leaders showed true vision. People often spread rumors and gossip behind closed doors. We should always trust what we see with our own eyes instead of false talk. Strong planning from earlier decades proves that building new urban centers is essential for a bright future.

upon leaders from all political spectrums to cooperate in fulfilling shared dreams for the state's progress, leaving election-style politics outside the legislative doors while focusing entirely on constructive public service together.

Sangeet Natak Akademi award for musician, percussionist Anoor Anantha Krishna

CH NEWS , BENGALURU

Renowned musician and percussionist Vidwan Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma, popularly known as 'Shivu', was conferred the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2025 in recognition of his distinguished contribu-

tion to Indian classical music. He received the honour from the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on Thursday, August 13, 2026. Hailing from a distinguished family of musicians, Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma is

the son of renowned violinist and music teacher Vidwan Anoor R. Ramakrishna and Smt. Sree Lakshmi. Through his exceptional artistry, scholarship and sustained dedication, he has made significant contributions to Indian classical music, with percussion being an important

aspect of his artistic journey. The Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, one of India's most prestigious national honours in the performing arts, recognises his outstanding artistic contribution and his enduring role in enriching and promoting Indian classical music.



Gutka ban will harm farmers, says Vijayendra

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State President B.Y. Vijayendra has strongly criticized the state government's recent decision to ban gutka, warning that it threatens the livelihood of millions of arecanut farmers and creates unnecessary panic across agricultural belts. Addressing a press conference at Vidhana Soudha, Vijayendra pointed out that Karnataka is a primary hub for arecanut cultivation, accounting for roughly 6.76 lakh hectares out of the country's total 9.49 lakh hectares. Highlighting the crop's economic footprint, he noted that the state generates a major share of the national GST revenue from the sector, contributing over ₹450 crore out of the total ₹600 crore. He argued that despite knowing how heavily millions of rural families depend on this cash crop, the administration's sudden policy moves risk destabilizing the farming community. Vijayendra announced that a high-level delegation, including representatives from various grower organizations and CAMPCO, will meet with state leaders to demand a reconsideration of the move. He stressed that the party will staunchly oppose any measure that inflicts financial hardship on farmers without prior consultation.

Karnataka HC questions Lokayukta on Kcharge trust

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has issued an official notice to the Lokayukta Police concerning a petition challenging the alleged illegal allotment of a civic amenity plot to the Siddhartha Vihara Trust, which is linked to AICC President Mallikarjuna Kcharge and his family members. A single-judge bench presided over by Justice M. Nagaprasanna heard the petition filed by Vijayaraghava Marathe, the state president of the Bribery-Free Karnataka Forum. During the proceedings, the petitioner's legal counsel argued that the trial court erred by deciding to conduct its own inquiry rather than handing over the investigation to the Lokayukta Police under the Prevention of Corruption Act. After reviewing the submissions, the bench issued formal notices to the anti-corruption watchdog and scheduled the next hearing for Tuesday.

The legal controversy stems from allegations that the Siddhartha Vihara Trust described in the complaint as a secular entity wrongfully secured an 8,125-square-meter civic amenity site in Banashankari under the Scheduled Caste quota by providing misleading information. The petitioner claims that political influence was leveraged during the allotment process and that the trust subsequently received an irregular 50% discount on lease amounts in connivance with Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) officials. Further allegations highlight that an alternative high-value property near BTM Layout was transferred to the trust, yet no mandatory construction work took place within the stipulated three-year period. Although the trust previously returned a separate plot allotted in the Devanahalli Aerospace Park following public scrutiny, petitioners are pressing for a thorough criminal investigation into both land allocation controversies.



Shivakumar vows inclusive Karnataka governance

Karnataka Chief Minister Shivakumar pledged to unite all legislators and accelerate state's development through collective governance.

BENGALURU

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar promised inclusive governance and development, rejecting political vendetta in Karnataka.

Speaking while introducing newly inducted ministers in the Assembly, Shivakumar said he would not misuse his office for political vendetta and would take both ruling and Opposition legislators into confidence.

"This may be a new government, but it is a continuation of the government. With new ideas and new promises, we will work to earn the trust and confidence of the people," he said.

Shivakumar said political differences during elections should not affect governance. He recalled the contributions of former Chief Ministers, crediting S.M. Krishna with laying the foundation for Bengaluru's IT growth and Siddaramaiah with implementing welfare schemes.

He described Bengaluru as a global city, noting the presence of more than two lakh foreign residents and over 480 foreign companies. He



- ### Karnataka growth roadmap
- **Vision:** "Team Karnataka"
 - **Green target:** Karnataka greener in 25 years
 - **CSR funds:** ₹10,000 crore for rural education
 - **Bengaluru:** 2 lakh+ foreign residents
 - **Foreign companies:** 480+
 - **Jobs target:** 25,000 through new industries

stressed the need to develop second- and third-tier cities, suburbs and satellite townships.

The Chief Minister outlined a 25-year vision to make Karnataka greener and create an alternative economic hub.

He said the government would work with farmers on new initiatives and strengthen rural education using around ₹10,000 crore from corporate social responsibility funds.

He also said greater priority would be given to Bengaluru's security and reiterated

the goal of making Karnataka drug-free.

Shivakumar said power was temporary and must be exercised responsibly. He in-

vited Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to bring large industries capable of creating 25,000 jobs, assuring state support for land acquisition.

Shivakumar seeks cooperation

The Chief Minister urged political leaders to set aside electoral differences and work collectively for Karnataka. He said every former Chief Minister had contributed to the state's progress and called for cooperation from both the ruling and Opposition benches. Shivakumar also assured Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of state support for industries creating employment. He said land would be provided wherever necessary to facilitate major investments and generate jobs.

President addresses nation on I-Day eve



NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu addressed the nation on Friday on the eve of India's 80th Independence Day, highlighting justice, national security and the country's fight against terrorism.

The address began after the National Song Vande Mataram was played, followed by the National Anthem.

Commending the Armed Forces for Operation Sindoor, Murmu said the mission demonstrated India's capability to carry out precision strikes against terror networks.

She warned that terrorists and their supporters would face consequences wherever they hide.

The President also described the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty with a country harbouring terrorism as a decisive step in the national interest, particularly for farmers. She further stressed that lack of resources should never prevent anyone from accessing justice.

GS Patil, Saleem Ahmed take charge of Legislature

BENGALURU: Congress MLA G.S. Patil was elected Assembly Speaker, while Saleem Ahmed became Council Chairman amid Opposition protests.

Congress MLA G.S. Patil was elected Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Friday in the absence of BJP members, who boycotted the election alleging that the ruling party had undermined the sanctity of the constitutional post by announcing his candidature on party letterhead.

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar defended the decision, accusing the BJP of politicising the issue.



Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka congratulated Patil but urged him to maintain the independence and dignity of the Speaker's Chair.

"The Speaker post is not a party post. The Chair is a seat of justice and justice should be protected," Ashoka said.

In the Legislative Council, Congress MLC Saleem Ahmed was elected Chairman after securing 38 votes against 30 polled by NDA candidate P.H. Pujar.

BJP targets Congress over absence of woman minister

BENGALURU: The BJP staged a protest at Vidhana Soudha on Friday, accusing the Congress government of double standards on women's representation.

The protest was led by BJP state president B.Y. Vijayendra, Assembly Opposition Leader R. Ashoka and Legislative Council Opposition Leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy. Women legislators and former

minister Shashikala Jolle also participated, holding placards demanding representation for women in the state Cabinet.

The demonstration began near the Bhuvaneshwari statue at Vidhana Soudha and ended at the Kengal Hanumanthiah statue ahead of the Assembly session.

The BJP is expected to raise several issues during the Monsoon Session.



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DGP Alok Kumar inspects Central Jail after phone seizure

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Prisons DGP Alok Kumar visited Parappana Agrahara Central Jail to inspect security and question officials. This inspection followed a CCB raid that uncovered an unauthorized mobile phone, charger, and pen drive inside the cell of convicted former MP Prajlal Revanna. The top official pulled up staff and demanded answers regarding security lapses that allowed banned items inside. He stated that the CCB is actively investigating how the device was smuggled in. Meanwhile, authorities have suspended a jail official and launched a strict departmental probe to stop ongoing illegal activities.

Karnataka approves new bill to control public space use

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The Karnataka cabinet cleared a new bill to regulate public property use, drawing strong pushback from the BJP. The opposition claims the legislation is a deliberate move to restrict RSS activities. Home Minister Priyank Kharge defended the policy, asking critics if they read the draft. He clarified that the rule is not aimed at any single group. Instead, it sets a clear legal process for everyone using public land. Kharge noted that even the ruling party follows permit rules and welcomed constructive feedback to improve public asset management.

Karnataka police officers win Prez medals for 2026

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
18 police personnel from Karnataka have been selected for prestigious President's Medals to mark the 80th Independence Day. Bengaluru CCB Assistant Commissioner of Police H.N. Dharmendra received the rare President's Distinguished Service Medal for his exceptional career. 17 other dedicated officers earned the Meritorious Service Medal. This group includes Railway SP Sarah Fatima, KSRP Commandant Thomas Mathew, and several inspectors, ASIs, and constables from various departments. State leaders praised all awardees for their hard work, commitment, and excellent service in maintaining public safety and order across Karnataka.

Phone-In, Sahaaya 2.0 drive civic redressal in B'luru

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The Bengaluru North City Corporation is fast-tracking public complaint resolutions through the Sahaaya 2.0 platform and the weekly phone-in initiative, aiming to provide transparent and efficient civic services. Launched initially in 2023, the Sahaaya 2.0 platform recorded 1,19,840 grievances prior to the establishment of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) in September 2025, successfully clearing 1,17,647 cases. Following the formation of the GBA, an additional 73,589 complaints have entered the system within the North Corporation limits, which include 2,778 issues logged through the Commissioner's 47 weekly phone-in programs.

Zameer's absence letter sparks Assembly storm

Karnataka Assembly faced intense protests after the opposition slammed Minister Zameer Ahmed for skipping Independence Day flag-hoisting.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A fierce political storm erupted inside the Karnataka Assembly after opposition members strongly objected to a letter written by Minister Zameer Ahmed. The controversy began when BJP leader Sunil Kumar brought up the letter during a session. He revealed that the minister had expressed an inability to attend official Independence Day celebrations to hoist the national flag.

Raising the issue right after congratulating the new Speaker, Mr. Kumar slammed the minister's absence. He argued that hoisting the national flag is a supreme honor and a core duty for any cabinet member. Furious opposition lawmakers shouted in protest, questioning the government's nationalism and demanding that the minister be stripped of his position immediately if he lacks the



time or respect for national events. Fellow BJP MLA C.N. Ashwath Narayan strongly backed these objections.

Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara rushed to defend his colleague. He tried to calm the House by explaining that Mr. Zameer had simply requested a change of district assignment. When opposition leaders refused to accept that excuse, the Deputy Chief Minister offered a different reason, claiming the minister was suffering from poor

Arguments in the Assembly

- National Pride:** The opposition slammed the letter as an insult to nationalism and India's freedom struggle.
- Shifting Explanations:** Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara initially claimed the minister only requested a different district change, later adding that health issues were the cause.
- Fierce Pushback:** BJP leaders like Ashwatha Narayan challenged those claims, stating the actual letter contained no such medical reasons.

health and could not travel.

That explanation only made the opposition more suspicious. Mr. Kumar shot back that the official letter contained no mention of any medical illness and accused the government of making up excuses on the spot. He insisted that anyone unable to respect the tricolor has no right to hold public office.

Congress MLA Kunigal Ranganath urged the opposition not to politicize a personal scheduling conflict. How-

ever, BJP and JD(S) members remained completely unsatisfied with the official clarifications. As shouting continued, Speaker G.S. Patil stepped in to maintain order, noting that members should follow proper rules and give advance notice before raising such sensitive disputes. With tensions running exceptionally high, the noisy protest disrupted assembly proceedings as opposition legislators continued voicing their deep anger over the incident.

HC demands permanent pothole fix proof

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has ordered the GBA to submit a formal certificate detailing the exact methods used to permanently fix road potholes across the capital. A division bench consisting of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice K.S. Hemalekha issued this directive during a hearing on a long-standing public interest petition. The case was originally filed back in 2015 by city resident Vijay Menon to address dangerous road conditions and blocked stormwater drains. During the court proceedings, the counsel representing the GBA defended the city's recent work. They informed the judges that authorities have successfully identified and patched a total of 10,202 potholes since April 2026.



OPC departments announced peaceful demonstrations. Party members plan to gather near statues and memorials of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar across the country. Organizers clarified that this movement is not meant to target any specific community, but rather to fight against archaic discriminatory attitudes. Leaders urged all citizens who believe in the rule of law to join the ongoing struggle for true social justice and mutual respect.

Dr. Anand Kumar condemns Haldwani purification ritual

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A senior Congress leader has strongly condemned a reported ritual that took place after Independence Day celebrations in Haldwani. Dr. Anand Kumar, who leads the AICC Scheduled Caste department, expressed deep shock after hearing that individuals performed a purification ceremony at Ramlila Maidan. The cleansing ritual occurred specifically at the spot where senior opposition leader Mallikarjun Kharge had just delivered a public speech.

Dr. Kumar argued that treating a constitutional leader's presence as a source of pollution is a direct attack on human dignity. He stated that viewing anyone through the lens of caste discrimination goes completely against the

core principles of equality and liberty guaranteed by the nation's Constitution. According to the Congress official, no amount of holy water can wash away the deeply rooted prejudice of individuals who still practice untouchability or harbor hateful social mind-sets.

The prominent party coordinator emphasized that Mr. Kharge holds one of the highest political positions in the country. He noted that trying to diminish a person's dignity based on their birth or social background undermines the entire spirit of Indian democracy. Public venues should always remain open and welcoming to everyone, regardless of their caste, religion, or political identity.

To protest this controversial incident, the AICC SC and

BNCC clears 218 kilometers of blocked footpaths

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Bengaluru North City Corporation has intensified its ongoing enforcement operations, successfully clearing over 218 kilometers of pedestrian pathways of illegal structures and obstructions across various zones of the city.

Carried out under the directions of Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and guided by North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, the campaign aims to ensure safe, accessible, and completely unobstructed movement for daily pedestrians.

During the latest leg of the

drive, enforcement teams targeted key congestion zones, clearing a 3.00-kilometer stretch along the Kogilu-Sampigehalli Main Road from the Srirampura railway track in the Byatarayanapura division, alongside a 2.80-kilometer stretch on the Outer Ring Road from the Ramamurthy Nagar signal to Hennur Road in the Sarvagnanagar division.

Equipped with 1 JCB machine, 6 tractors, and 27 field personnel, authorities removed a wide array of physical obstructions. A single-day operations accounted for the removal of 26 petty shops, 15 pushcarts, 5 canopy sheets, 7 ramps or steps, and 14 advertisement boards, while clearing 27 tonnes of construction

and demolition waste from the walkways.

Cumulative progress reports released by the civic body reveal the massive scale of the initiative since its launch on July 1. Between July 1 and August 14, officials have successfully cleared 218.55 kilometers of footpaths. The comprehensive clean-up drive has resulted in the removal of 562 shops, 712 pushcarts, 1,667 canopies, 1,503 unauthorized steps and ramps, 1,558 ad pillars, and 66 temporary or permanent sheds. Additionally, crews have cleared nearly 1,914 tonnes of accumulated waste and successfully repaired 8 kilometers of damaged footpaths. Corporation officials stated that strict mon-

itoring and enforcement drives will continue across all divisions to prevent re-encroachments and maintain clean, walkable pedestrian corridors throughout Bengaluru.

Total Cleanup Stats (July 1 – Aug 14):

■ Footpaths Cleared: 218.55 km

■ Shops & Pushcarts Removed: 562 shops and 712 pushcarts

■ Structures Cleared: 1,667 canopies, 1,503 ramps, and 1,558 ad boards

■ Waste Cleared: 1,913.20 tonnes of construction waste and soil

■ Repairs Completed: 8 km of damaged footpaths fixed



KPSC overhauls system for faster hiring

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) has initiated a major overhaul of its recruitment mechanism, aiming to make hiring procedures technology-driven, highly transparent, and time-bound.

During a high-level commission meeting, officials welcomed H. Prasanna, Executive Director of the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), who has taken charge as the new Controller of Examinations. Discussions centered on restructuring state-level recruitments to match the standards of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The updated framework aims to compress the entire selection cycle down to 3 to 5 months.

To eliminate delays and boost accountability, the commission introduced critical technological upgrades. Under the new protocol, OMR answer sheets will be scanned immediately after examinations using district-level scanners and uploaded directly to

Technical upgrades

Local OMR Scanning: Instead of centralized transport delays, OMR answer sheets will be scanned immediately after exams using district-level machines and uploaded straight to the official website.

Direct Candidate Access: Aspirants can seamlessly log in and verify their scanned OMR sheets directly, ensuring absolute transparency.

Rapid Results Timeline: The commission has set an ambitious goal to publish examination results within just one week of test completion, aiming to finalize entire selection cycles within three to five months.

the official web portal. This system gives candidates seamless, independent access to verify their original response sheets. Furthermore, authorities target publishing final results within a week of exam completion.

Commission members pledged full cooperation to ensure future recruitment drives proceed within strict deadlines and maintain absolute integrity.

GBA urges public cooperation to combat dengue outbreak

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Dr. Sirajuddin Madani, Chief Health Officer of the Public Health Department under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), has issued an urgent appeal for community cooperation to roll out extensive precautionary measures aimed at stopping mosquito breeding and curbing dengue cases across all five municipal corporations.

To minimize vector risks, health officials have urged residents to eliminate stagnant water inside and around homes. Citizens are advised to tightly cover water storage drums, barrels, and tanks, while properly discarding trash items like old tires, plastic waste, and bottles.

Routine checks of flowerpots, saucers, and household drains are essential to prevent larvae accumulation, alongside the regular use of protective screens, mosquito nets, and repellent creams.

The civic body has stressed that anyone experiencing persistent fever symptoms or warning signs of dengue should immediately visit local government health centers, hospitals, or consult ASHA workers for prompt diagnosis and medical care.



Medical Advice

If you experience fever or related dengue symptoms, do not wait. Contact your nearest government health center, local hospital doctor, health staff, or ASHA worker immediately for proper guidance and care.

To tackle the threat directly, the GBA has deployed targeted municipal strategies. Field-level health squads consisting of ASHA workers, Public Health Community Officers, and Health Inspectors are conducting rigorous surveillance in areas reporting active infections.

Special containment plans are ready for immediate deployment in case of localized outbreaks or sudden clusters. Furthermore, comprehensive larval surveys and entomological mappings are ongoing, paired with extensive fogging and larvicide spraying operations to lower vector density in high-risk zones.

THE HARDEST DECISION

MLA suspension was my toughest decision: U.T. Khader

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Minister U.T. Khader recently shared his honest thoughts about his time leading the state assembly. Speaking to the House, he opened up about a difficult moment from his past. He admitted that suspending eighteen opposition lawmakers for 6 months was one of the hardest decisions he ever had to make during his tenure.

The trouble happened back in March 2025. During a heated debate over a honey-trapping scandal, those BJP members crossed the line. They showed total disrespect toward the Speaker's chair and caused a massive uproar. Because of their bad behavior, Mr. Khader had to take strict action. Even though he felt it was necessary to keep order,

he still calls it a very painful chapter of his career.

Mr. Khader shared these memories while welcoming the brand-new Speaker, G.S. Patil. Running the assembly is never an easy job. The person in charge must follow the Constitution, stay completely fair to everyone, and make sure daily goals are met. He also reminded the House that a good leader keeps the opposition happy by making sure government ministers and officials actually show up for work.

During his own time in the chair, Mr. Khader managed to boost daily attendance. He also proudly hosted the big Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference in Bengaluru in September 2025. Other leaders from across the aisle took turns praising his positive changes.



Opposition figures like R. Ashok and C.C. Patil remembered how he spruced up the building entrances and hosted fun book fairs. However, Mr. Ashok still pointed out that a six-month ban was unusually long, even though it was cut short after two months.

Other top leaders chimed in with a mix of praise and light teasing. Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara joked that Mr. Khader drove ministers crazy by starting meet-

Highlights of Khader's tenure

Upholding Order: Khader noted that a Speaker must remain impartial, safeguard the Constitution, and build opposition trust by ensuring ministers and officials attend sessions.

Positive Initiatives: Oppn leaders, including R. Ashoka & C.C. Patil, praised his efforts to improve attendance, install new assembly doors, and host book exhibitions, alongside organizing the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Conference in Sep 2025.

Rigorous Schedule: Deputy CM G. Parameshwara jokingly pointed out that Khader constantly stressed the government by starting assembly meetings early in the morning and extending them past midnight.

Political Milestones

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar noted that prominent leaders like S.M. Krishna and Jagadish Shettar also served as Speakers before ascending to the Chief Minister's office, praising Khader's smooth transition into his current ministerial role.

Quick Read

Church vandalism sparks anger among Christian leaders

KALABURAGI
An alleged vandalism incident at St Anthony Church in JP Cement Factory Colony, Shahabad, has caused concern among the local Christian community. Unidentified persons reportedly damaged the glass covering a statue of St Anthony and part of the Infant Jesus statue's leg during the night. Christian leaders condemned the incident and said it had hurt religious sentiments. They expressed concern that the act could disturb Shahabad's peaceful atmosphere and communal harmony. The leaders urged police to identify and arrest those responsible quickly and demanded strict legal action. Police visited the

Yadgir group seeks better facilities at Rudrabhoomi site

YADGIR
A delegation led by Dalit Sangharsh Samiti district organizing coordinator Chandappa Muniyappa met Raichur Lok Sabha MP G. Kumar Nayak and submitted a memorandum seeking better facilities at the Rudrabhoomi in Kotagerawada area. The delegation demanded installation of a high-mast lamp and construction of a perimeter wall at the cremation ground. Muniyappa said the lack of proper lighting and a protective wall was causing inconvenience and safety concerns for visitors. He urged the MP to take immediate steps to provide the required infrastructure. Organization office-bearers and local residents were present during the meeting and supported the demands raised by the delegation.

Remembering Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa's service is everyone's duty

Mysuru
BJP leader and film actor S.J.P. Jayaprakash said that it is the duty of every Indian to remember the outstanding service rendered by Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, one of the country's most distinguished military commanders. The Bharatiya Janata Party has been conducting programmes across the country over the past three days to clean and garland the statues of eminent personalities who made sacrifices and rendered dedicated service to the nation. As part of the initiative, the Chamaraja Assembly constituency unit of the BJP cleaned and garlanded the statue of General K.M. Cariappa at Metropolitan Circle in Mysuru.

Congress demands action over Haldwani ritual incident

Leaders praised Kharge's contributions, highlighting Article 371(J), and condemned insults against him, urging Uttarakhand and Central governments to take strict action

YADGIR

The District Congress Committee held a protest at Netaji Circle in Yadgir on Friday, condemning an incident in Haldwani where a public meeting addressed by AICC president and Rajya Sabha Opposition Leader Mallikarjun Kharge was followed by a ritual involving Ganga water and a homa.

Congress leaders said the act was disrespectful and demanded action against those responsible.

Congress leaders, including Raichur Lok Sabha member G. Kumar Nayak and District Congress President Basareddy Patil Anapura, said the party had made a major contribution to India's freedom and nation-building. They said the Constitution drafted under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar should guide the country.

They accused the BJP and organisations supporting it of dividing society through caste and religious issues and weakening social harmony.

The leaders said Kharge had made significant contributions to the progress of the country and had played an important role in issues concerning Kalyan Karnataka. They particularly referred to his role in securing the consti-



DSS CONDEMNS PURIFICATION RITUAL AFTER KHARGE RALLY

Dalit Sangharsha Samithi convener D.G. Sagar condemned the reported purification ritual at Ramlila Ground in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, on August 10, two days after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addressed a rally there. He said the act insulted Kharge and the Scheduled Caste community. Speaking at a press conference in Kalaburagi, Sagar said the incident showed caste discrimination and untouchability continued despite protections. He urged authorities to investigate the matter and take strict action against those responsible. Sagar recalled Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Mahad Satyagraha and said the struggle for equality remained unfinished. He warned the Samithi would intensify protests if action was delayed.

titutional amendment connected with Article 371(J), which provides special provisions for the region. They said insulting a senior public leader in this manner was unacceptable and urged the Uttarakhand and Central governments to take strict action against those involved. Congress leaders also said

Kharge was effectively raising questions in Parliament about issues concerning the country and holding the central government accountable. They alleged that the government had not provided satisfactory answers to several questions raised by opposition parties during parliamentary proceedings. According to the

Demands
■ Take strict action against those responsible
■ Uttarakhand government must investigate the incident.
■ Central government urged to respond firmly.
■ Protect political leaders' dignity during public events.
■ Safeguard constitutional values and social harmony.
■ Prevent actions that could deepen social divisions

protesters, criticism of a political leader should remain within democratic limits and should not turn into actions that can hurt social dignity or public harmony or create unnecessary tension. The protesters warned that such incidents could deepen social divisions and create tension if governments failed to respond firmly. They said respect for the Constitution, equality and human dignity should be maintained regardless of political differences. Leaders and workers, including KPCC Campaign Committee Vice President Bhimanna Meti and other Congress members, said they would continue raising their concerns peacefully through democratic means and seek action lawfully.

Vijayapura records highest number of ASDDO voters

VIJAYAPURA

District Election Officer and Collector Dr. Ananda K. has released constituency-wise figures of ASDDO voters identified during the special comprehensive voter verification drive.

Officials surveyed households across Vijayapura district to identify voters who were absent, permanently shifted, deceased, duplicated or otherwise requiring verification.

The highest number was recorded in Vijayapura City, with 80,549 ASDDO voters. This included 39,450 absent voters, 24,661 permanently shifted voters, 8,058 deceased voters, 8,249 fake voters and 131 others. Nagathan recorded 40,911, while Muddebihal had 36,008 and Indi had 28,920. Sindagi reported 32,050, Deva Hipparagi 30,504, Basavanbagewadi 25,061 and Babaleswar 24,291.

Across the district, officials identified 60,382 absent voters, 1,52,343 permanently shifted voters and 54,661 deceased voters. \ The total ASDDO list stands at 2,98,294, including 30,367 fake voters and 541 others. Authorities said the complete list, with names and addresses by polling station, has been displayed at polling sta-

Stats
2,98,294 – Total ASDDO voters identified
1,52,343 – Permanently shifted voters
60,382 – Absent voters identified
54,661 – Deceased voters identified

tions, taluk panchayats and gram panchayats. Copies have also been provided to recognized political parties.

Citizens who find errors can submit objections to the concerned Electoral Registration Officer by August 17. Officials will examine the claims and take action according to the rules.

Under the revised schedule, eligible residents can also submit completed census forms to polling officers by August 17.

From August 24 to September 23, voters can file claims and objections, while eligible citizens may use Form-6 with required documents to seek inclusion in the electoral roll. The administration urged citizens and political party representatives to use the opportunity and help ensure accurate voter records and protect the voting rights of every eligible resident.

Karnataka opens new opportunities for youth leadership

CH NEWS, VIJAYAPURA

The State Government has launched an initiative to establish Bharat Jodo Yuva Sanghas in rural and urban areas to promote sports, fitness, healthy lifestyles and leadership opportunities among youth.

Under the scheme, one sangha can be established for every 6,000 population in Gram Panchayat areas and for every 4,000 population in urban wards. Similarly, one sangha can be formed for every 4,000 population in Town Panchayat areas, 6,000 in Town Municipal Council areas, 8,000 in City Municipal Council areas and 10,000 in Municipal Corporation and GBA areas.

The government has set a tar-

get of establishing 10,000 Bharat Jodo Yuva Sanghas across the State and aims to bring more than 50 lakh youth under the programme.

The initiative seeks to encourage participation in sports, improve physical fitness, promote healthy lifestyles and provide young people with opportunities to develop leadership skills. Each Bharat Jodo Yuva Sangha will receive a grant of Rs 10 lakh. Young men and women aged 16 to 35 years are eligible to become members.

Interested youth can register for membership through the designated portal using their Aadhaar card, as well as through the mobile application, Karnataka One and Citizen Service Centres.

Dalit groups seek CID probe into Bidar atrocities

BIDAR

Leaders of the Karnataka State Dalit Sangharsh Samiti have demanded a comprehensive CID investigation into what they describe as a rise in atrocities against Dalits in Bidar district.

State organising coordinator Maruti Bauthé, district coordinator Arun Patel and district organising coordinator Rajkumar Waghmare made the demand in a joint statement.

The leaders alleged that incidents targeting Dalits have increased, particularly in Bhalki taluk, leaving members of the community facing humiliation, insults and vio-

lence. They said immediate steps were needed to ensure safety and prevent further incidents. They also urged authorities to examine the reasons behind the reported increase and take effective measures.

The leaders referred to the death of Rajkumar Sindhe, a resident of Jiragyal village under Mehkar police station limits. According to their statement, Sindhe was attacked with an axe and killed on August 13 while he was grazing goats. They alleged that caste-based insults were made before the attack. Police have registered a case against four accused in connection with the incident at Mehkar

police station.

Taking the matter seriously, the Dalit leaders called for a district-wide review of cases involving atrocities against Dalits. They said a CID probe would help establish the circumstances behind such incidents and strengthen efforts to prevent them.

They have submitted a representation to Home Minister Priyank Kharge, seeking that atrocity cases be handed over to the CID and that stronger measures be taken to protect Dalits across the district. The leaders said prompt action was necessary to restore confidence among affected communities and ensure equal protection under the law.

Rich tributes to slain policemen in Mysuru

MYSURU

Mysuru District Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi on Friday paid the floral tributes to former SP of Mysore T. Harikrishna, Sub-Inspector Shakeel Ahmed and others who died in anti-Veerappan operations in Hogenkal area of M M Hills on August 14, 1992.

It was on that day, the forest brigand ambushed the police personnel and opened fire indiscriminately on the cops killing the SP Harikrishna and others on the spot. Just before proceeding to the anti-Veerappa operation, the SP had finalized the appointment of 99 police personnel.

Saksham demands restoration of disability pensions across Karnataka

MANGALURU

Saksham's Dakshina Kannada district unit has urged the State government to restore monthly pensions for persons with disabilities, saying benefits stopped from April because of income limits have left many beneficiaries and their families struggling.

District president Rajashekar Bhat Kakunje said disability, rather than APL or BPL status or family income, should be the main criterion for receiving pension. He said the government's income ceil-

ing of Rs. 32,000 a year was unfair, especially for families caring for children with physical or intellectual disabilities.

He said parents often spend heavily on speech, behavioural, physiotherapy and occupational training. Cutting support, he argued, increases their burden and can further isolate vulnerable families. He appealed to the government to restore the allowance on humanitarian grounds and avoid forcing disabled people to repeatedly approach offices.

Saksham secretary Harish Prabhu and other office-bear-

ers attended the press conference. They said many disabled people face difficulties in reaching authorities because of mobility, speech, vision and intellectual challenges, making collective action difficult.

State award recipient Sudharathna said she had received Rs. 2,000 monthly for ten years, but the pension stopped in April. Unable to walk, she depends on her older brother, who also supports his own family. She urged the government to restore pensions for all disabled people without APL or BPL restrictions.

EVICTED LEAVES FIFTEEN FAMILIES HOMELESS IN BALLARI

BALLARI

An eviction drive on Friday cleared houses built on two acres of government land behind the police station on Nitur Road, within Tekkalkote town panchayat limits.

Officials said the land, recorded as survey number 486/1, is needed for public purposes, including construction of a new town panchayat building. The action removed homes occupied by 15 families, but no alternative accommodation was provided before the clearance, leaving the residents with their belong-

ings on the roadside.

Among those affected were four families of civil servants and 11 other families who had lived on the land for several years. During the operation, officials removed clothes, household goods and other belongings from the houses. With nowhere else to go, the families were forced to sit along the road with their possessions. The sudden displacement has raised concern over whether families facing eviction should be given another place to stay before their homes are cleared.

The eviction was carried

out by a team led by Town Panchayat Chief Officer Parashuram. Police maintained tight security at the site to prevent any disturbance. Siruguppa Circle Inspector Hanumanthappa, Tekkalkote Circle Inspector Chandan Gopal, and Police Sub-Inspectors Saddam Hussain, Parashuram and Shashidhar Naik were among the officers present. Officials said the government land is being cleared because the town panchayat plans to use it for public work. The new building is expected to serve local residents after construction begins.

STUDENTS DEMAND ACTION

Bidar students' hunger strike enters second day

BIDAR

The hunger strike launched by the Karnataka Parivartan Sangh at Bidar University entered its second day on Friday, as protesters continued demanding action on several student-related issues.

The protest began on August 13 after the group said earlier assurances had failed to address their concerns.

The organisation had held a major protest on the university campus on August 6 and warned that an indefinite hunger strike would follow if its demands were not considered within two days. The protest-



ers said the fast would continue until the university administration and government respond positively to their demands.

Among the major demands are a reduction in examination and admission fees and the immediate removal of the outsourced staff system. The pro-

testers have also sought a detailed inquiry into the quality of development works carried out on the university campus. They have further demanded an investigation into an alleged incident involving the distribution of photocopies of examination question papers. Karnataka Parivartan Sangh district president Pawan Mithare is leading the hunger strike.

The protesters said students are facing difficulties because of the issues and urged the university authorities to take immediate steps to resolve them. They also appealed to the government to intervene

and ensure that students receive proper facilities and a fair academic environment.

Sangh advisor Suryakant Sadure, district general secretary Bheemarao Malagatti, vice-president Nagasena Gaikwad and several other members participated in the protest.

The protesters maintained that they would not withdraw the hunger strike until their demands are addressed.

The ongoing agitation has put renewed focus on student concerns at Bidar University, with protesters awaiting a response from the authorities.

Demand slumps for traditional khadi national flags

HUBBALLI

Khadi national flags, once closely linked with India's freedom struggle and the work of local weavers, are facing a sharp fall in demand in Karnataka. The Garaga unit in Dharwad and the Bengeri flag centre in Hubballi are struggling as cheaper polyester and synthetic flags gain ground. The decline has raised concerns among workers and Khadi supporters.

Garaga has produced Khadi cloth and national flags since 1956, and its flags are known for being flown at the Red

Fort in Delhi. For years, demand came from government offices, organisations and private institutions preparing for Independence Day. Today, however, orders have fallen, leaving the traditional unit under financial pressure.

At Bengeri, sales have dropped by about 70 percent from last year. The centre sold more than 85,000 Khadi flags worth around Rs 2.5 crore in earlier years, but this year only about Rs 67 lakh worth had been sold by August 13. Around Rs 1.5 crore worth of flags remain in stock, adding to the financial burden.



Quick Read

Private firm recruitment drive set for August 18

CH NEWS, HUBBALLI

A direct interview for private-sector jobs will be held on August 18 from 10 am to 2 pm at SkeoÉtech Dies & Moulds Pvt. Ltd., Lak-kammanahalli Industrial Area, near KMF, Dharwad. The District Em-ployment Exchange Central Office, Navana-gar, has organized the recruitment drive for Machine Operator and Post Operator positions. Candidates aged 18 to 35 with SSLC, PUC, or ITI qualifications are eli-gible to attend. Youth Fund beneficiaries have been advised to partici-pate. Applicants must bring Aadhaar card cop-ies and a resume, and complete online regis-tration before attending. For details, contact 0836-2225288, 8105765947, or 6362923462 during office hours.

Mandya areas to face power cut on August 17

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Several areas in Mandya district will face a power outage on August 17 due to quarterly maintenance work at the 66/11 KV Ham-papur and Basaralu power distribution centres. The maintenance is scheduled from 9 am to 6 pm, ac-cording to the Cha-mundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Lim-ited, Mandya Division. Areas under the Basaralu centre, including Basaralu, Shivapura, Baby, Kamba-dahalli, Bidarakatte, Mar-asinganahalli, Ankushap-ura, Bennahatti, Shanabho-ganahalli, Bommanahalli, M. Hatna and Ganiga, along with nearby villages, will be affected. Officials advised residents to make necessary arrangements in advance and cooperate during the maintenance work to ensure reliable power supply later.

Para athlete Malathi to attend Kalam School event

KUSHTAGI

Gadag-based para athlete Malathi Inamati, a South Asian Games gold medallist, will be the chief guest at the 80th Independence Day celebrations of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam English Medium School at Hirebannigol Cross on Saturday (today). School president Emambi R. Doddamani will hoist the national flag at 7 am. Founder Reh-manasab Doddamani, vice president Chandrakala Kr-ishnamurthy and administra-tor Sania Doddamani will at-tend the event. Inamati has represented India as captain of the Para Throwball team and has won medals at in-ternational competitions. She also serves as Organiz-ing Secretary of the Para Throwball Federation of In-dia, promoting the sport and supporting athletes national-ly and internationally.

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat will formally launch Neer Lab on Independence Day to strengthen data-based plan-ning and improve rural drink-ing water services. District In-charge Minister Raghu Murthy will inaugurate the facility. Officials said its Programme Management Unit (PMU) functions have already been operating for nearly a year. The initiative brings offi-cers, engineers and technical staff together to monitor wa-ter programmes, identify problems and speed up imple-

mentation. During 2025-26, Jal Jeevan Mission work con-nected 369 households with functional tap connections,

compared with an average of 120.8 works annually during the previous five years. Major Multi-Village Schemes also

moved or were unavailable during earlier visits. Venkatesh appealed to political party rep-resentatives and Booth Level Agents to cooperate with BLOs and help identify eligi-ble voters. He said accurate original records would make future corrections, transfers and other changes easier. The district has shared the ASDDO list with political par-ties, covering 30,790 deaths, 70,199 permanent migrations, 21,354 duplicate entries, 18,574 absentee voters and 1,000 other cases. Election Tahsildar Bibi Fatima, Grade-II Tahsildar Mallikarjuna Nay-ak and representatives of BJP, JD(S), Congress and CPI at-tended the meeting.

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Urban verification lags rural areas, while Challakere, Chitradurga and Hiriyur reached 86-88%; deletions remain below 10%, ranking fifth statewide

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is pro-gressing across Chitradurga district, with 90.15% of com-puterisation work completed so far, Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer T. Venkatesh said on Friday. He was speaking at a meet-ing with representatives of recog-nised political parties at the District Collector's office. Of the district's 14,40,534 registered voters, verification of 12,98,617 voters has been completed. The draft electoral roll will be published on Au-gust 24, after which citizens will get one month to submit claims, objections and requests

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Execu-tive Officer Nandini K.R. has instructed officials to conduct crop harvest surveys accurat-ely and scientifically amid re-duced rainfall this year. She said reliable survey data would help assess actual crop yields, farmer losses and the government's compensa-tion and insurance measures. Speaking at a training pro-gramme in Malavalli taluk on Friday, Nandini said officials must complete the survey within the prescribed period without errors. She directed staff to personally visit select-ed fields, identify sample ar-eas according to rules, harvest crops and weigh the produce accurately. All required infor-

CH NEWS, GADAG

The Gadag district unit of the State SC/ST Fake Caste Certificate Prevention Com-mittee submitted a petition to the District Collector on Thursday, seeking strict ac-tion against people allegedly obtaining fake caste certifi-cates to secure government benefits, education opportu-nities and reserved posi-tions. The committee demanded cancellation of admissions of students who allegedly entered prestigious schools and colleges using false caste certificates. It also sought cases against parents accused of submitting false documents. The committee further demanded action against officials who al-legedly issued certificates to people belonging to castes not found in the district. The petition referred to al-leged cases involving certifi-cates showing castes such as Koli Dora, Kadu Kuruba, Tokari Koli and Beda Jan-gam. Committee members claimed that people from communities not eligible for Scheduled Caste or Sched-

CH NEWS, DEVANAHALLI

Social Welfare Minister and Bengaluru Rural district in-charge Minister K.H. Muni-yappa performed the bhoomi puja for a Mahatma Gandhi statue at the District Admin-istration Building premises. The project aims to keep Gandhi's ideals alive and in-troduce his message to youn-ger generations. Speaking on the occasion, Muniyappa said Gandhi's role in India's freedom struggle, his life, and his principles contin-ue to inspire people. He said everyone has a responsibility to pass these values to the next generation. The statue at the administration building would help people remember Gand-hi's contribution and under-stand his ideals, he added. The statue will be eight feet tall, with a four-foot bronze figure placed on a four-foot stone pedestal. Muniyappa di-rected officials to complete the construction work quickly. District Collector Dr. K.N. An-uradha, CEO Vasanti Amar, local representatives, and offi-cials attended the programme.

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat has started a Praja Seva Shakha to provide time-bound solutions to rural residents' grievances. Zilla Panchayat CEO Dr. Akash said the existing Grama Phone free helpline, 1800-425-1978, has been brought under the new service to improve public support and grievance handling. The helpline has been oper-ating since November last year and has received 2,747 calls related to the Rural De-velopment Department. Offi-cials said the response shows that residents are increasingly using the service to report problems and seek govern-ment assistance without hav-

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ing to visit offices repeatedly. Of the total complaints, 948 were related to the e-Asset scheme, making it the largest category. Another 444 calls concerned the MGNREGA or VB GRAM G, scheme, while 402 complaints involved rural drinking water services. San-itation-related issues account-ed for 204 calls, and 749 calls concerned other matters. To strengthen the system, one nodal officer has been ap-pointed in every taluk. Com-plaints received through the helpline will be forwarded to the concerned Gram Pancha-yat Development Officer through the official login sys-tem. The officers will then take action and work towards resolving the reported prob-lems.

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Dr. Akash said the Praja Seva Shakha would help provide better services and make grievance redressal more ef-fective for people in rural ar-eas. He encouraged residents to continue using the free helpline whenever they face difficulties related to govern-ment services or rural devel-opment programmes. Officials said the Grama Phone service will continue under the Praja Seva Shakha in the coming days. The administration expects the strengthened system to improve coordination be-tween rural residents, Gram Panchayats and taluk-level officials, while helping ensure complaints receive timely at-tention and practical solu-tions.

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The Irrigation Implementation Struggle Committee has criti-cised objections raised by some Davanagere farmers against releasing 5.7 TMC of Bhadra water to the Chitradur-ga Bhadra Upper Bank Proj-ect. Committee working pres-ident B.A. Lingareddy said farmers should instead press the government to complete the project quickly. Lingareddy said the project has been allocated 17.50 TMC from the Tunga reser-voir and 12.45 TMC from the Bhadra reservoir. He noted that the Bhadra reservoir cur-rently has water up to 173 feet, while at least 144 feet is required for the project. He questioned what Davanagere farmers would lose by lifting the proposed water. The committee said the project will fill 367 lakes across four districts, helping raise groundwater levels and improve drinking water avail-ability. It claimed farmers in drought-prone Chitradurga have traditionally used water carefully and urged Davana-gere farmers to follow better water management practices. The statement also referred to the original irrigation agreement, under which only one semi-irrigated crop was permitted, with crops such as sorghum, sunflower and maize.

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OUR COUNTRY’S INDEPENDENCE, OUR ARMED FORCES’ SACRIFICE, OUR DUTY: STAND UNITED AND BE PROUD TO BE INDIAN.

There are some mornings when a nation should pause. August 15 is one of them. As the Indian tricolour rises into the morning sky, millions of Indians will celebrate the freedom that generations before us fought, struggled and sacrificed for. There will be patriotic songs, ceremonies, speeches and the familiar sight of a nation coming together beneath its flag. But Independence Day should be more than a celebration. It should also be a moment of reflection. What does freedom mean? Who protected it? What are we doing with it? And what kind of India are we preparing for the generations that will come after us? Behind the freedom we experience every day is a long history of courage and sacrifice. And even today, while most of us live our ordinary lives, the men and women of the Indian Armed Forces continue to carry an extraordinary responsibility. While we sleep safely in our homes, they stand guard. While families gather around dinner tables, some of our soldiers, sailors and air warriors are serving far from home. At some of the world’s most demanding frontiers, in the skies above our nation and across the waters surrounding our shores, they endure difficult terrain, extreme weather, isolation, exhaustion and danger. They do it because duty demands it. Their greatest achievement is often not fighting a war. It is helping ensure that we do not have to. A strong Armed Forces is an instrument of peace. Readiness creates deterrence. Strength protects sovereignty. Professionalism gives diplomacy greater weight. Vigilance allows millions of Indians to live, work, travel, build businesses, educate their children and plan their futures without having to think constantly about the dangers beyond our borders. That freedom is not accidental. It is protected every day. And for that, India owes its Armed Forces more than applause. We owe them respect, gratitude and the commitment to ensure that those who protect the country have the training, equipment, technology and support they need. But we must also remember the families behind the uniform. Every soldier, sailor and air warrior is someone’s son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother. Their service often means long periods of separation, missed birthdays and festivals, and moments shared from a distance. For the families of our martyrs, that sacrifice is permanent. Behind every name we remember is a life, a family and a future that was left unfinished. We must honour that sacrifice not only through ceremonies, but through lasting remembrance, dignity and

support for the families who continue to carry its weight. They served India, and their families became part of that service too. Independence Day also reminds us that national strength is not measured only by military capability. It is measured by the character of the people. India is one of the world’s great civilizational and democratic nations because of its extraordinary diversity. We come from different states and regions. We speak different languages. We follow different traditions and beliefs. We have different political opinions and different ideas about India’s future. That diversity is not a weakness. It is India. We do not have to think alike to belong to the same country. We do not have to agree on everything to stand together. Democracy requires disagreement. It requires debate, criticism and the freedom to question those who govern us. But disagreement must never become hatred. Political differences must never become an excuse to dehumanise another Indian. Our identities must never become weapons against one another. We can be proud of our state, our language, our culture, our faith and our heritage while being equally proud of the country we share. That is what unity means. Not uniformity. Unity means having the maturity to disagree without destroying one another. It means understanding that our differences are part of India, not alternatives to India. A nation can possess advanced weapons, powerful aircraft, sophisticated satellites and modern military systems and still become weaker if its people lose confidence in one another. National unity is itself a form of national strength. And India must also look ahead. The security environment of the future will not resemble the conflicts of the past. Artificial intelligence, drones, autonomous systems, cyber warfare, satellites, electronic warfare, advanced surveillance, precision weapons and emerging technologies are transforming the nature of conflict. India cannot prepare only for yesterday’s threats. We must prepare for tomorrow. That requires investment in research, innovation, indigenous defence manufacturing, advanced technology and a strong national ecosystem connecting the Armed Forces with scientists, engineers, universities, entrepreneurs, in-



dustry and government. We should want our Armed Forces to have the best capabilities India can develop. Not simply because we want to be powerful, but because preparedness helps preserve peace. And this is where India’s youth have an important role. India’s youth will inherit the India we build today. They may serve the nation in different ways through the Armed Forces, science, technology, entrepreneurship, research, public service or simply through responsible citizenship. What matters is that they understand the value of the freedom they have inherited, respect those who protect it and recognise that India’s security and progress will increasingly depend on knowledge, innovation, technology and national confidence. The young people of India should not only inherit our freedom. They should have the opportunity, the confidence and the determination to carry India forward. Patriotism cannot end with a flag ceremony or the emotion we feel when the national anthem plays. It is reflected in what we do

when the anthem ends — how we treat another Indian, how we respect the Constitution and our democratic institutions, how we handle disagreement, and how seriously we take our responsibility to contribute to India’s progress. To love India is not to believe that it is perfect; it is to believe that it is worth improving, and to have the confidence and commitment to help build the country we want future generations to inherit. And perhaps that is the simplest expression of patriotism: I am Indian. There is nothing ordinary about that identity. India is a country of extraordinary complexity and extraordinary possibility. We have inherited a civilisation that has survived centuries of change, a democracy of enormous scale and a society whose diversity cannot be captured in a single description. To be proud of India does not mean believing that India is perfect. It means believing that India is worth improving. It means having enough confidence in our country to acknowledge its challenges and enough commitment to work toward solving them. It means being proud of where we have come from while remaining ambitious about where we can go. This Independence Day, let us re-



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member the freedom fighters who gave everything to make independence possible. Let us honour the men and women of the Armed Forces who continue to protect the country. Let us remember our martyrs and the families who carry their sacrifice. Let us respect and support our veterans. Let us give our Armed Forces the technology and capabilities required for the challenges ahead. Let us ensure that our young people understand the importance of protecting what previous generations fought to give us. And let us build a country in which every citizen understands that freedom comes with responsibility. The tricolour will rise again this August 15. It will fly over cities and villages, schools and universities, homes and offices, military establishments and public institutions. Beneath it will stand Indians who speak different languages, follow different traditions, come from different regions and hold different political opinions. But the flag belongs equally to all of them. And so does the country. We may disagree about politics. We may see India’s future differently. We may come from different parts of this vast nation. But we must never allow those differences to become greater than our shared identity. We are Indians. So when the tricolour rises, let us remember not only what previous generations sacrificed to give us freedom, but what we must do to preserve and strengthen it. Let us honour those who served India by building an India worthy of their service. An India that is secure. An India that is technologically capable. An India that is prosperous. An India that is democratic. An India that respects its diversity. An India that stands united. And an India whose young people are ready to carry its future forward. Our country gave us independence. Our Armed Forces continue to protect it. Our martyrs paid the highest price for it. The responsibility now belongs to all of us. Not to one community. Not to one generation. Not to one political party. To all of us. So let us be proud of India. Let us stand together for India. Let us work for India. Let us prepare India for the future. And let us never forget those who gave everything so that we could live free. On this Independence Day, let our pride be sincere, our gratitude enduring, our unity stronger than our differences and our commitment to India’s future unmistakable. Be proud to be Indian. Stand united. Carry India forward. Jai Hind.

BEGINNINGS WITHOUT FIREWORKS

We are conditioned to expect life-defining shifts to arrive with fanfare. We wait for grand reveals, dramatic announcements, and cinematic transformations that signal we have finally stepped into a new era of our lives. But reality rarely works in spectacles. The most profound chapters of our lives do not start with a bang; they begin in silence, creeping in softly without a single firework in the sky.

Sometimes, a life-altering beginning arrives disguised as something ordinary, even intimidating: a nervous morning ride on a scooter, a sudden opportunity to speak in front of a crowded classroom, or a quiet, persistent whisper in your mind asking, “Will I be able to do this?”

The Distance Between Who We Were and Who We Become. A few months ago, excitement felt simple. It was tied to a seemingly minor milestone: traveling on my own for the very first time. On the surface, it was just a short commute a brief daily ride on a scooter to an internship setting. But looking back, that brief transit was far more than a physical trip from point A to point B.

Every turn of the handlebars, every lane change, and every moment spent navigating traffic independently served as a bridge. It measured the distance between the person I used to be hesitant, cautious, relying on familiar safety nets and the person I was gradually becoming. When we step into unfamiliar territory, even on a

small scale, space opens up for personal evolution. When the internship wrapped up a month later, I packed my bags to return home. On paper, I had earned a certificate of completion—a piece of cardstock documenting my hours and duties. But in reality, what I carried home could never fit into a folder or frame:

Independent Agency: The quiet assurance that comes from navigating travel alone without relying on a guiding hand.

Vocal Courage: The capability to stand at the front of a room without trembling hands or a shaky voice, learning to speak up when my default instinct had always been to stay silent and listen.

Instinctive Trust: A newfound faith in my own judgment and decisions, rather than looking around the room for validation.

Ownership: A willingness to embrace responsibility proactively rather than waiting for someone else to take the lead.



The Anatomy of Quiet Courage, growth is rarely an overnight miracle. Through these modest, daily challenges, a deeper truth came into focus: patience isn’t something we are born with. It isn’t an innate trait bestowed upon a lucky few; it is a muscle built quietly through practice, repetition, and time. Similarly, courage is often misunderstood. We tend to picture bravery as loud, heroic, and triumphant. But true courage is much softer. Most of the time, courage doesn’t look loud at all. It looks like showing up waking up, stepping out the door, and facing the day’s tasks, every single morning, despite the lingering voice of self-doubt.

- DEEPIKA PRIYA K.

THE HARDWORKING INDIAN

None can destroy iron, but its own rust can. Likewise, none can destroy a person, but his own mind set can.” - Ratan Tata

There is a higher hemisphere at which some of our fellow Indian brothers and sisters live in, one that is free from the yoke of laziness and excuses, a certain relentless spirit by which they abide, a drive that is self-made, they can rightfully be called, The Hardworking Indian. I took an initiative of waking up early in the recent past and found myself with time that exceeded my expectations, so much so, that I knew not what to do, my feeble mind could not comprehend a set up unencumbered by haste, but adjust I did to this routine and loved it wholeheartedly. Very early in the mornings did I wake up and go for walks around my apartment, at 4 a.m. in the freezing winter cold of December and January. I prepared rigorously before stepping out into the freeze of course, I would drink a hot cup of green tea with turmeric and pepper, so I wouldn’t get a sore throat, I would apply moisturizer on my face and palms so the dry Bangalore weather wouldn’t break my skin apart, I would wear a cap, jeans, shoes, a thick tee shirt, a hoodie and a heavy leather jacket on top of all that and then step out into the cold. Even all this jazz wasn’t enough however, as I had to rapidly walk or jog and box in the air for a few rounds around

the apartment to generate enough heat in my body to endure the cold. When it is 4 a.m. in an early winter morning, the sun does not show itself for two hours or more and the cold is more chilling than the knife of Macbeth. I had thought I would be the only soul awake- but I was wrong. All around where the vehicles were parked there a few workers, cleaning the cars, in the freezing cold, wearing simple clothes with the exception of a head cap. There they were, dipping their naked hand into a bucket of freezing soap water and wiping the cars clean and spotless at 4 in the morning. After they were done with one, they went to another, then another. One particular man who works in the maintenance of the apartment, he amazes me. This man, first and foremost is deaf in both ears and does not have the ability to speak, however still, I have seen him on countless occasions, throughout the day working tirelessly in maintaining the apartment, whether it be cleaning the cars or sweeping the cement grounds with a coconut stick broom, sweeping and mopping each block, consisting of fourteen floors, including the staircase and the basement, gardening and constantly making sure that everything is at place and in check. All the while, being deaf and dumb. Through all this, he stills waves to me and smiles every time I pass by him. A true inspiration. I always thought I had an idea of what hard work was, I had always thought rest was something that individuals looked forward to and gave importance to in between bouts of hard work, I was wrong however, as my thought process stemmed from the foolish privilege perspective. I understood this of course, when I spoke with the man

who barbecued meat in the food truck. During weekends, sometimes I would go to a food truck close-by and get myself some barbecued meat, it is a reward system of sorts after a hectic week, I became quite regular with a particular food truck and would strike up conversations with the man behind the grill. Once out of curiosity I asked him his daily routine, to which he told me that he wakes up in the morning, gets the meat delivery, marinates the meat, sets the truck up and arrives on location around 5:30 in the evening, starts at that time and goes on till about 1:30 a.m. midnight and repeats the routine all over again. I then asked him when he has his meals to which he said he eats at around 2 in the afternoon and at around 1:30 midnight- and that’s it. I then proceeded to ask him if he takes weekends off or any day of in the week to which he told me that he works nonstop, everyday 7 days a week, 365 days a year. That got me to thinking about the general food industry, particularly in India and especially street food. When do these people take days off? Weekends would not be possible of course due to the high demand of such foods during weekends, weekdays also could not work as crowds do gather in the evenings, they could not find too much rest during the day either due to the amount of preparation that has to be done from the meat delivery to the vegetable cutting to the marinating and setting up of the truck, and of course there is the washing and cleaning as well. All this, is of course from an outsider’s point of view, they may have even more work and things to manage, calls and orders and perhaps other businesses, one cannot expect a food truck to be a high source of income after all, especially not one that can manage an entire family.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

FIX OUR BROKEN POTHOLES

The terrible condition of our local roads has become a daily hazard for commuters. Potholes are damaging vehicles and causing unnecessary traffic jams across the neighborhood. Despite repeated complaints to the municipal corporation, no concrete repair work has been initiated. We urge the authorities to take immediate action and repave these neglected streets before a major accident occurs.

- ANTONY JOE

STOP EXCESSIVE PLASTIC WASTE

Plastic pollution continues to choke our environment, threatening both local wildlife and public health. Despite existing bans, single-use plastics remain widely available in neighborhood markets and grocery stores. Citizens must consciously shift to eco-friendly alternatives like cloth bags and reusable containers. At the same time, the local administration needs to strictly penalize violators to protect our natural surroundings.

- SUSAI RAJAN



DO WE REALLY LOVE OUR COUNTRY?



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Every August, the tricolour multiplies. It shows up on car bonnets, WhatsApp display pictures, terrace flagpoles, and lapel pins. We sing the anthem with a lump in the throat, share reels of soldiers at Siachen, and feel, for a few days, an uncomplicated pride in being Indian. Then August 16 arrives, the flags come down sometimes literally trampled in the street because no one thought about how to dispose of them respectfully and we go back to throwing wrappers out of car windows, jumping traffic signals, and looking away when a woman is heckled at a bus stop.

So the question is worth asking plainly: do we love our country, or do we love the idea of loving it?

Patriotism performed once a year is easy. Patriotism practiced every day in how we treat public space, public air, and each other is the harder, less photogenic version. And on three fronts in particular, civic sense, pollution, and women's safety, the gap between our declared love and our lived behaviour is impossible to ignore.

The Civic Sense Deficit

Civic sense is patriotism's daily, unglamorous cousin. It is not waving a flag; it is not littering the street you claim to love, not spitting in the stairwell of a building you call home, not honking through an ambulance's path. Yet this is precisely where collective behaviour breaks down most visibly in Indian cities. We build magnificent metro systems and then chew paan inside them. We install dustbins every few metres and still see garbage piled a foot away from them. We take pride in "New India" infrastructure while treating shared spaces as nobody's responsibility.

This isn't a character flaw unique to Indians; it's a structural and cultural failure of ownership. When public property is seen as belonging to "the government" rather than to "us," maintaining it becomes someone else's job. Real love for a country shows up in the small, unreward-

ed choices queuing without cutting, not dumping construction debris on the road, teaching a child to pick up their own wrapper. A nation is not just its monuments and army; it is also its footpaths, its drains, and its silence when someone jumps a queue.

The Air We're Choosing to Breathe

If civic sense is a slow leak, pollution is the crisis we've normalized despite hard evidence. In January 2026, half of the 248 Indian cities with reliable monitoring data recorded PM2.5 levels above India's own national safety standard of 60 µg/m³ and not a single city met the WHO's daily guideline of 15 µg/m³. Ghaziabad topped the list that month at a staggering 184 µg/m³, breaching the daily national standard on every single day of January. IQAir's 2025 Air Quality Report ranked India the sixth most polluted country in the world, with Delhi still among the most polluted capitals globally. In Delhi itself, the winter of 2025–26 was so severe that the average AQI in December touched 350.4, the worst since 2018, with crowds reportedly chanting "AQI!" in protest on the streets.

This is not a natural disaster; it is a manufactured one, built from stubble burning we tolerate, construction dust we ignore, and vehicle emissions we treat as an inconvenience rather than a public health emergency. An analysis by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air found that nearly 44% of Indian cities face chronic, structural pollution not seasonal spikes but a permanent, degraded baseline. Meanwhile, the National Clean Air Programme's own 2026 target of a 40% reduction in PM10 from 2017 levels is now considered unreachable. We call the Ganga sacred and let industrial effluent flow into it. We call Delhi the seat of the republic and let its residents breathe air that shortens their lives by years. Loving a country while poisoning its air and rivers is not love; it is a slogan without follow-through.

The Safety We Still Owe Half the Population

No conversation about national love is honest without confronting how we treat women in public and private life. The National Crime Records Bureau's 2024 data shows 4,41,534 registered cases of crime against women; a marginal 1.5% dip from the previous year, and still nearly 4.4 lakh individual instances of harm in a single year. Cruelty by husbands or relatives remains the single largest category, accounting for over 1.22 lakh cases, 27.6% of the total. Delhi recorded the highest crime rate against women among Indian states in 2024, at 130.7 cases per lakh women, while Jaipur topped the city rankings with a rate of 199.6 per lakh.

Numbers alone don't capture the daily calculus women run: which route home is better lit, whether to share a cab alone, what time is "too late" to be outside. A 2025 national survey found India's overall safety score for women stood at 65%, with a striking 40% of women describing themselves as "not so safe" or "unsafe" in their own cities and that number climbed to 14% reporting harassment in public among women under 24. Some states have shown real improvement; Assam's crime rate against women fell from 154.3 to 59.3 per lakh between 2020 and 2024, a genuine policy success worth studying. But improvement in some pockets doesn't erase the broader picture: a country cannot claim to love its people while roughly half of them budget fear into their daily commute.

Love as a Verb, Not a Sentiment

None of this is an argument for cynicism or for loving the country less. It's an argument for redefining what love means here. Genuine patriotism isn't measured by anthem volume; it's measured by whether a woman can walk home at 9 pm without recalculating her route, whether a child growing up in Ghaziabad or Delhi gets to breathe air that doesn't stunt their lungs, and whether we treat a public park with the same care we'd give our own living room.

VIKSIT BHARAT 2047: PLAN OR JUST A SLOGAN?

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Say "Viksit Bharat by 2047" in any boardroom, budget speech, or WhatsApp forward in India today, and nobody blinks. It has become furniture the kind of phrase that opens Cabinet meetings, closes Republic Day speeches, and gets stamped onto everything from school murals to railway coaches. That, precisely, is the problem. When a target this audacious becomes this unremarkable, it's worth asking whether we're looking at a plan anyone is actually executing, or a mantra we've collectively agreed to stop interrogating.

The Numbers Are Real, Even if the Confidence Isn't

To be fair to the vision, it isn't vapourware. NITI Aayog's approach paper lays out a specific ambition: grow India from a \$3.5–4 trillion economy into a \$30 trillion one by 2047, with per capita income rising roughly eightfold to somewhere between \$15,000 and \$18,000. That would mean sustaining real GDP growth of 7–10% for two to three decades a feat only a handful of economies, China chief among them, have ever managed. The Economic Survey 2024–25 was more conservative but no less demanding: roughly 8% growth for a decade or two, plus the creation of 7.85 million new non-farm jobs every year through 2030. Former RBI governor C. Rangarajan recently pegged the required nominal GDP growth at 11.41% annually for the next 25 years to hit \$4,012 trillion by 2047–48. These aren't slogans dressed up as statistics; they're real, published, load-bearing numbers. NITI Aayog itself estimates India needs \$14.7 trillion in cumulative investment under a "current policy" scenario, rising to \$22.7 trillion if the parallel net-zero-by-2070 commitment is folded. That level of specificity is exactly what a genuine plan looks like on paper. The question is whether the machinery behind the paper matches its scale.

Where the Plan Meets the Pavement

This is where the confidence cracks. Economist Surjit Bhalla, no critic of India's growth story, argues that hitting genuine high-income, "developed nation" status by the World Bank's own definition requires over 9% per capita dollar growth every year from 2025 to 2047 and that on a business-as-usual trajectory, India gets there closer to 2075, not 2047. That's not a rounding error; it's a half-century of slippage hiding inside an optimistic press release.

The employment math is even less forgiving. India's manufacturing sector the traditional es-

cape route from the middle-income trap still employs only about 11.4% of the workforce, and non-farm job creation has actually fallen from roughly 7.7 million to 4.3 million a year even as the target calls for 10–12 million annually. Unemployment among the technically trained has climbed sharply over the last decade: from 18% to 26% for technical graduates and from 20% to 30% for postgraduates. CMIE data cited in recent commentary puts overall unemployment at 9.2%, with youth unemployment (15–29 age group) at 27.5% and female unemployment at a striking 40%. A "developed" India that can't absorb its own graduates isn't a technicality to be patched later it's the central mechanism the entire vision depends on.

Researchers modelling India's income trajectory have flagged something structurally uncomfortable: even if India climbs into the upper-middle-income bracket by 2040, the World Bank's own threshold for that category keeps moving upward from roughly \$4,500 to \$7,040 between 2025 and 2047 meaning India could be running hard just to stay in the same relative place, trapped in middle-income status until as late as 2070 by some estimates.

A Slogan Doing Political Work

None of this would matter as much if "Viksit Bharat" hadn't also become the BJP's central campaign motif its 2024 "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" was criticized even by government officials for blurring the line between a national development mission and a state-funded election campaign. A Wire survey of voters in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar found that despite the slogan's omnipresence, 90% of respondents named unemployment or inflation as their most pressing local problem, and most simply didn't believe development was actually underway. Opposition leaders have gone further, calling the slogan "mere rhetoric" with no fixed goals, timelines, or accountability mechanisms attached to it in Parliament.

What Would Make It Real

A plan, as opposed to a slogan, has three features a slogan doesn't: falsifiable interim milestones, public accountability when those milestones are missed, and institutional commitment that survives a change of government. Viksit Bharat has the first ingredient in scattered form NITI Aayog's numbers, the Economic Survey's job targets, sectoral roadmaps assigned to secretaries. What it visibly lacks is the second and third. Nobody in government has to answer publicly for a missed 8% growth year the way a company answers to shareholders for a missed quarter.



THE BATTLE OVER VANDE MATARAM: HOW A 150-YEAR-OLD HYMN BECAME INDIA'S NEW POLITICAL FLASHPOINT

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On November 7, 1875, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay composed a hymn in a Bengali literary journal that would outlast empires, its author, and every attempt to fix its meaning. One hundred and fifty years later, India is marking that anniversary with a year-long commemoration spanning from November 2025 to November 2026. Featuring special phases timed to Republic Day, Shaheedi Diwas, and Independence Day, the celebration culminates this August 15 as the song is performed from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the first time in the ceremony's history. What should have been a moment of uncomplicated national pride has instead reopened one of the oldest, most sensitive wounds in India's political imagination: who gets to decide what a national song means, and who gets punished for hesitating before it?

A Song Born From Civilizational Fury

Vande Mataram did not begin as a neutral patriotic anthem. Bankim embedded it within his 1882 novel Anandamath, which depicts Hindu ascetics waging war against a corrupt Muslim ruler during a devas-



tating Bengal famine. In the text, the "Mother" invoked in later stanzas is explicitly Durga—ten-armed, weapon-bearing, and forged out of civilizational fury rather than generic soil and water.

While the first two stanzas offered universal imagery that traveled easily into the freedom movement—sung by Rabindranath Tagore at the 1896 Congress session and adopted as the soundtrack to the 1905 Swadeshi movement—the later verses told a narrower story, framing Muslim rule as an antago-

nist to be vanquished.

By the 1930s, this ideological tension had become impossible to ignore. The Muslim League, led by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, argued that forcing the full song upon mixed legislative gatherings compelled Muslims into idol worship. In 1937, guided by Tagore's advice, the Congress Working Committee forged a historical compromise:

Adopt the first two stanzas as the official "national song."

Quietly retire the later, controversial verses.

Ensure singing the song remained strictly voluntary.

Mahatma Gandhi endorsed this approach, insisting that no single religious idiom owned Indian patriotism. This edited, voluntary version was formally adopted by the Constituent Assembly in January 1950, sitting beside Jana Gana Mana as a settlement no citizen was legally forced to sing.

The Anniversary Becomes a Courtroom

That 89-year-old settlement is precisely what is being unraveled today. In December 2025, the Lok Sabha spent nearly ten hours debating the sesquicentennial. Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused Jawaharlal Nehru and the Congress of having "broken" the song in the 1930s to appease the Muslim League, framing the 1937 compromise as a precursor to Partition. Congress leaders, including Jairam Ramesh and Priyanka Gandhi, pushed back, defending the decision as Tagore and Gandhi's wisdom rather than a betrayal, while accusing the government of rewriting history ahead of the West Bengal elections.

This political rhetoric quickly translated into state policy

Legal Status: In May 2026, the Union Cabinet granted Vande Mataram legal protection under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, putting it on equal footing with the national anthem while endorsing the full six-stanza version for official functions.

Mandatory Standing: The Ministry of Home Affairs mandated that the full version be played before Jana Gana Mana at government events, making standing compulsory.

State Enforcement: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered mandatory singing across all educational institutions, warning that "new Jinnahs" emerge where hesitation is tolerated.

In municipal meetings from Hyderabad to Maharashtra, local leaders who declined to stand faced public shaming and demands to leave the country.

Two Moralities, One Archive

India's historical archive is currently being read through two opposing lenses. One views the 1937 compromise as a triumph of pluralist statecraft—a majority community voluntarily trimming its symbol to avoid casting another community as a civilizational enemy.

The competing view, now driving government policy, treats that same

compromise as the original sin of minority appeasement. In this reading, concession is a slippery slope toward national betrayal, and the remedy is to restore the full text, enforce its sacredness by law, and treat hesitation as disloyalty.

Significantly, groups like the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind have not called for a boycott. Their position mirrors the 1930s: they hold no objection to fellow citizens singing the full hymn, but request not to be personally compelled into language that addresses the homeland as a deity, which conflicts with monotheistic doctrine. Yet, this request for accommodation is increasingly met with legal penalties and accusations of treachery.

What "Uniting" Actually Requires

A song cannot unite a nation by legal fiat; it unites when citizens across diverse backgrounds freely choose to embrace it. Vande Mataram once served as a chant that made colonial rulers tremble, and millions will sing it with genuine pride this Independence Day. However, when singing becomes a state-administered loyalty test, the hymn ceases to act as a symbol of unity and becomes a tool for dividing citizens into the loyal and the suspect.



Quick Read

Free health camp to offer orthopaedic check-ups

DHARWAD

A free health check-up camp will be held on August 15 as part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations. The nine-hour camp will run from 11 am to 8 pm at Ortho Care Center near Shivaji Circle on Savadatti Road in Dharwad. Bone and joint specialist Dr. Vikas Guru Thigadi will lead the camp and examine patients with bone, joint and muscle problems. People experiencing ankle or foot problems, back pain, shoulder or neck pain, joint injuries, sports injuries or difficulty walking can seek medical advice. Interested people should register by calling 8073602950 and attend the camp.

Law graduates invited to apply for studentship

CHITRADURGA

The District Minority Welfare Department has invited applications for the 2026-27 Studentship Scheme for law graduates from minority communities in Chitradurga. Applications must be submitted by August 25. Applicants must belong to Muslim, Christian, Jain, Parsi, Buddhist or Sikh communities and be residents of Karnataka. They must have completed LLB within two years of the deadline, be below 38, and have family income below Rs. 3.50 lakh. Candidates need caste and income certificates, Bar Council registration, and a training certificate from a legal professional. Those already employed are ineligible. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected. Contact 08194-235134 for details.

Four children injured as Anganwadi roof collapses

CHIKKABALLAPUR

Four children were seriously injured after the cement plastering of a dilapidated Anganwadi centre roof collapsed in Doddabommanahalli village, Chintamani taluk. The children, including Jivika and Ritiksha, were attending classes when the ceiling suddenly gave way. The injured children were immediately taken to Kuruburu Primary Health Centre for treatment. They were later shifted to a private hospital in Chintamani for further care. The incident has raised concerns over the safety of children attending the centre despite its poor condition. Parents gathered at the hospital, worried, and sought safety measures.

Koppal orders removal of deceased Gruhalakshmi beneficiaries

Officials reviewed Griha Jyothi and Yuvanidhi, noting 62.16% survey completion and ₹39.18 crore disbursed to 15,551 Yuvanidhi beneficiaries

KOPPAL

Officials must remove deceased beneficiaries from the Gruhalakshmi scheme within a week, District Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority chairman Reddy Srinivas said.

He directed Anganwadi workers and Child Development Project Officers to update records promptly, inform families and prevent further payments into deceased beneficiaries' accounts.

Speaking at a district-level meeting, Srinivas said 7,085 Gruhalakshmi beneficiaries in Koppal district had died. After their deaths, 2,664 beneficiaries received ₹2.74 crore through 13,709 instalments. Of this, ₹86.67 lakh has been recovered and ₹1.87 crore re-



mains pending. He directed officials to speed up recovery and ensure such errors are avoided.

Under the Shakti scheme, 12.71 crore women and children travelled through Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation's Koppal division between June 2023 and July 2026. The division spent ₹476.38 crore on the scheme. Srinivas said plans were being prepared to provide women passengers with smart identity

At a Glance
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cards similar to Metro cards. The meeting also reviewed the Griha Jyothi and Yu-

vanidhi schemes. Of 1,99,064 registered Griha Jyothi beneficiaries, surveys covering 1,23,732 people have been completed, reaching 62.16%. Officials were asked to complete the remaining surveys quickly. Under Yuvanidhi, 15,551 candidates registered between December 2023 and June 2026, receiving ₹39.18 crore through direct benefit transfers. Under Annabhagya, ₹13.42 crore has been paid to 3,13,459 eligible families up to July 2026. Officials were instructed to ensure ration reaches eligible cardholders. Authority vice-chairpersons, members, Zilla Panchayat officials and representatives from various departments attended the meeting and reviewed implementation of the guarantee schemes.

Bomma questions Congress ethics over Nagendra's return

HAVERI

BJP MP Basavaraja Bommai on Friday criticised the reported cleaning of the venue after AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge addressed a gathering at Ramlila Maidan in Uttarakhand.

Speaking to reporters in Haveri, Bommai said such an act was condemnable and unacceptable, adding that his party would not support such behaviour.

Bomma also urged citizens to work sincerely towards making India a developed nation by 2047, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India. He called upon people to prepare for the long journey ahead and contribute actively to the country's progress and development.

On the Valmiki Corporation case, Bommai alleged that former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had admitted in the As-

Bomma cited alleged Valmiki Corporation irregularities, ED evidence and questioned Nagendra's Cabinet return, accusing Congress of disregarding ethics

sembly that irregularities had occurred. He said Enforcement Directorate officials had filed a charge sheet and submitted evidence about the movement of funds in the alleged scam. Bommai questioned the return of B. Nagendra to the state Cabinet and said it reflected a lack of concern for ethics within the Congress party.

Bomma also claimed that Siddaramaiah was unhappy with recent Cabinet expansion and decisions. He said statements from Siddaramaiah's relatives indicated that they felt politically cornered.

Davanagere farmers seek revival of failing lift scheme

DAVANAGERE

A decade after its implementation, the lift irrigation project aimed at filling 22 lakes in Davanagere taluk is still failing to benefit farmers fully.

Despite water flowing in the Tungabhadra River, several lakes remain completely dry.

The project, launched in 2012 following years of farmers' protests, involves lifting water from the Tungabhadra River near Rajanahalli to the jackwell at Mallashettihalli and supplying it to 19 lakes. While 10-11 lakes are receiving limited water, more than eight lakes have reportedly not received even a drop. Three other lakes are covered under the Bharamasagara lift irriga-

tion project.

Farmers from Anagodu, Hebbal, Mayakonda and surrounding areas recently gathered near the Mallashettihalli jackwell, demanding that authorities immediately operate the available pumps and supply water to the dry lakes. They alleged that poor-quality pipeline work and lack of maintenance have severely affected the project.

Farmers said filling the lakes would help recharge borewells, provide drinking water for cattle and support crops during the ongoing rainfall shortage. They also questioned why only one of the three available motors was being used despite water being available in the Tungabhadra.

Police case filed against BJP MLA's daughter

MANDYA

A case has been registered against Aishwarya, daughter of Tumakuru Rural BJP MLA B. Suresh Gowda, following an allegation that she assaulted a woman police officer during a temple visit in Pandavapura taluk.

The incident reportedly took place at Maramma Temple in Arati Ukkada, a popular religious site.

According to the complaint, Aishwarya visited the temple with others on August 12 to perform a special puja on the occasion of Bhima Amavasya. PSI Savita B. Patil of the Mandya Women's Police Station was deployed for security

duty at the temple. The complaint alleges that a confrontation occurred when Aishwarya tried to enter the sanctum sanctorum around 4.30 pm.

Savita B. Patil alleged that Aishwarya used abusive language and assaulted her while she was performing her official duty. Following the complaint, the Catanahalli Police Station in Pandavapura taluk registered an FIR against Aishwarya under Sections 132, 115(2), 352 and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The allegations are now subject to police investigation.

Police officials are expected to examine the circumstances

surrounding the incident and record statements from those present at the temple.

The case has drawn attention because of Aishwarya's family connection to a sifting BJP MLA.

Authorities will determine the facts based on the complaint, available evidence and statements collected during the investigation. Further action will depend on the findings of the inquiry and applicable legal procedures. Officials have not indicated any final conclusion regarding the allegations,

and the investigation remains ongoing as authorities work to establish what happened at the temple.

Udupi DC visits Hebri Vishwakarma community hall

KARKALA

Udupi Deputy Commissioner Swaroopa visited the community hall of the Hebri Sri Vishwakarma Samaj Seva Sangha and reviewed the facilities and activities being carried out by the organisation. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with members of the Sri Vishwakarma Samaj Seva Sangha and enquired about the community hall, its utilisation and the various programmes conducted for the benefit of the local community. The representatives explained the objectives of the organisation and highlighted the importance of the community hall in conducting social, cultural and community-oriented programmes.

HUDA STEPS IN TO REVIVE NEGLECTED SCHOOL BUILDINGS

HUBBALLI

The Hubballi-Dharwad Urban Development Authority (HUDA) is planning to support the improvement of government school buildings and provide students with safer and better learning environments. Many government schools in the region are reportedly facing poor maintenance, with buildings lacking repairs and fresh paint. Several schools built on land donated by philanthropists have also deteriorated due to inadequate maintenance. To address the issue, HUDA has proposed a special initiative to allocate funds for repairing and improving government school buildings. The proposal was discussed at a recent general meeting of the authority, where HUDA chairman Shakir Sana-di presented the idea and received a positive response from members. MLAs and HUDA members welcomed the proposal, stating that the initiative could play an important role in protecting and strengthening government schools.



SPECIAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CESS

HUDA currently collects various cess and fees from layout and development activities, generating revenue for projects such as lake and garden development. Under the new proposal, a separate government school development cess could be introduced, with the funds collected being used annually to improve government schools. The proposal will be discussed further before being submitted to the state government for approval. Although the government already provides grants to schools, officials say the funds are often insufficient for major building repairs. Schools therefore depend on donations, MLA funds and corporate CSR contributions for maintenance and renovation.

PDOs demand clear rules for VB-G RAM G

DHARWAD

Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) have decided to boycott activities related to the Viksit Bharat-VB-G RAM G scheme from August 15, alleging that they are being subjected to undue and rule-violating pressure. The PDOs submitted a memorandum to the Dharwad Taluk Panchayat superintendent regarding their concerns.

The Karnataka State Panchayat Development Officers' Association alleged that PDOs across the state are facing unscientific and arbitrary

pressure in implementing the scheme. They said the scheme lacks clear and uniform guidelines, with officials allegedly creating confusion by claiming that works permitted in one district cannot be undertaken in another.

The association also alleged that PDOs are being directed to begin works without proper tender procedures or approved action plans. They claimed officials were being pressured to create artificial NMRs even when there was no genuine demand for work.

The PDOs further alleged that they were being subjected

to mental harassment through late-night meetings, show-cause notices and threats of suspension. They demanded that the government immediately issue a clear and uniform Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementing the scheme. They also sought an official exemption order for works costing less than ₹5 lakh. The association warned that if their demands are not addressed by August 15, PDOs across Karnataka will stop attending meetings related to the VB-G RAM G scheme and completely boycott related activities.

Contract workers protest for job security in Haveri

HAVERI

Hundreds of government contract workers staged a protest in Haveri demanding job security, direct salary payments and implementation of the revised pay system for outsourced employees working across various government departments.

The protest march, organised under the leadership of the District Government Outsourced Employees' Associa-

tion, began at Mailara Mahadevappa Circle and passed through Municipal High School Road, J.H. Patel Circle and DC Office Road before reaching the District Administrative Complex. The employees later staged a demonstration outside the complex. District president Gururaj Kambali said outsourced workers play an important role in the functioning of government departments but continue to face uncertainty despite serving for

several years. He said the lack of employment security, proper wages and direct salary payments has made it difficult for many employees to support their families. He pointed out that the government's revised pay order, which came into effect on May 22, 2026, has not been properly implemented. As a result, many outsourced workers are struggling to pay rent, support elderly parents and meet their children's educational expenses.

DECADES WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT

Gadag residents seek relief from flooding and sewage

GADAG

Residents of Hombal Naka Janata Colony in Ward 16 of Gadag-Betageri Municipality have appealed to MLA H.K. Patil to visit their neighbourhood and address longstanding civic problems.

The residents said they have struggled with poor infrastructure and basic facilities for nearly 40 years. Krishna H. Hadapada, president of the Hombal Naka Janata Colony Development Service Association, said residents hoped Patil would spend two



hours in the colony to understand their difficulties. He said the community continues to face serious problems despite the country preparing to celebrate its 80th Independence Day.

Residents said internal roads are poorly connected and difficult to use, especially during emergencies. They claimed ambulances cannot reach some houses properly, forcing fami-

lies to carry sick people and pregnant women to the main road. They urged authorities to improve road connectivity throughout the colony.

The colony also lacks an underground drainage system, residents said.

Wastewater and sewage reportedly flow along roads, creating unpleasant and unhealthy surroundings for families, particularly children.

Residents also raised concerns about an open Rajakaluve carrying wastewater from large parts of Gadag. They said rainwater

causes the drain to overflow into homes, damaging belongings and food supplies.

According to the association, several houses have already been damaged, while the open drain and surrounding vegetation have become unsafe.

Residents appealed to Patil to include their problems in his development plans and provide permanent solutions. They said they want to celebrate Independence Day with dignity and hope that immediate action will improve their living conditions.

FIVE MICROSOFT AI LABS TO COME UP AT MAHE

CH NEWS,UDUPI

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) has partnered with Microsoft and Hitachi Systems India to accelerate AI-driven transformation across its academic and administrative ecosystem.

The initiative includes establishing Microsoft AI Labs across five MAHE institutions. The labs will be set up at TA Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), Manipal; TAPMI Bengaluru; Manipal School of Commerce and Economics (MSCE); Manipal Institute of Commerce,

Finance and Economics (MICFE), Bengaluru; and Manipal Law School (MLS), Bengaluru.

The Microsoft AI Labs will provide students and faculty access to advanced Microsoft technologies, AI tools, digital innovation platforms and hands-on learning opportunities. The initiative is designed to strengthen experiential learning, interdisciplinary research, industry-academia engagement and innovation across management, commerce, economics, finance, law and other disciplines.

Quick Read

Four die after inhaling toxic gas in Bihar

Gaya

Four people died after inhaling toxic gas inside a well at Garh Karmauni village in Bihar's Gaya district, the incident occurred in the Dobhi police station area. The deceased were identified as Chamari Manjhi, his son Dilchand Manjhi, Vikas Chaudhary and Vijay Chaudhary, Senior Superintendent of Police Sushil Kumar said all four reportedly died after inhaling toxic gas inside the well. The circumstances surrounding the incident are being examined by authorities, Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary expressed grief over the deaths and directed officials to provide financial assistance to the families of the victims, The Chief Minister announced an ex-gratia payment of ₹4 lakh each to the next of kin of those who died. The incident highlights the dangers of toxic gas exposure in enclosed spaces such as wells.

Police seize ₹109 crore worth of charas

New Delhi

Delhi Police have busted part of an international charas network after a 1.5-month probe, arresting four Nepalese nationals, The police seized 106.250 kg of high-quality charas worth around ₹109 crore. Investigators traced the syndicate from the Nepal border to a bulk storage unit in Wazirabad, the drugs were allegedly moved through social media contacts, bike taxis and autorickshaws before reaching local distributors.

Telangana CM's Rafale remark creates controversy

HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's remarks about minority students and their ability to dismantle and reassemble a Rafale fighter aircraft have triggered a political controversy. Speaking at the Minorities Excellence Summit in Hyderabad on Thursday, Reddy said students from minority communities had strong technical skills but sometimes struggled to retain lessons from books. He described them as skilled workers and used the Rafale aircraft as an example of their practical abilities. Reddy also highlighted welfare schemes implemented by his government for minority communities. These included Shaadi Mubarak, Kalyana Laksh-

Rajeev Khandelwal Leads New Adani Initiative

AHMEDABAD

Popular actor Rajeev Khandelwal has stepped up as the brand ambassador for the Adani Group to lead the fresh Vande Bharatam initiative. During an event in Ahmedabad, he shared his excitement, stating that the dream of a self-reliant nation is finally coming true. The program drew massive interest, pulling in over 26000 applications from creative thinkers and startup founders nationwide.

Kerala plans AI-powered flood resilience system

Kerala is planning an AI-powered flood resilience system to improve early warnings, strengthen disaster preparedness and help authorities respond faster

Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala is planning a technology-driven flood resilience system that will use artificial intelligence, satellite data and advanced rainfall forecasting to predict floods and climate-related disasters before they occur. A team of experts from IIT Roorkee, IIT Palakkad and IIIT Kottayam has submitted a preliminary framework for the proposed Kerala Flood Resilience Initiative. The plan was presented before Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan during a high-level meeting on Friday. The proposed system will combine artificial intelli-



gence, machine learning, remote sensing, hydrodynamic modelling and high-precision rainfall forecasts to identify flood-prone areas and improve early warnings. It will focus on Kerala's growing risks from extreme rainfall, urban flooding, river floods, landslides and mudslides.

Experts have also recommended removing accumulat-

At a glance

- **3 institutes:** IIT Roorkee, IIT Palakkad and IIIT Kottayam
- **1 initiative:** Kerala Flood Resilience Initiative
- **1 month:** Time given to submit the detailed report
- **5 technologies:** AI, machine learning, satellite data, remote sensing and hydrodynamic modelling
- **Key risks:** Floods, extreme rainfall, landslides and mudslides
- **Main goal:** Predict, prevent and prepare for disasters

ed silt from rivers, lakes and backwaters, but warned that desilting should not be carried out mechanically. They said

its impact on natural water flow and the environment must first be scientifically assessed. Satheesan has directed the Water Resources and Disaster Management departments to jointly examine the proposal's technical feasibility, financial needs and implementation plan. The departments have been given one month to submit a detailed report. The initiative aims to shift Kerala's disaster management approach from responding after an event to prediction, prevention and preparedness, while potentially providing a model for other states facing increasing climate-related risks.

DELHI CM OUTLINES NEW BUSINESS REFORMS

NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta visited the Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav 2026 at Bharat Mandapam and highlighted reforms aimed at making business easier in the capital. Gupta said measures such as the Single Window System, Self-Certification and Deemed Approval were simplifying the earlier approval process. She said these reforms would reduce the time traders spend visiting government offices and allow them to focus more on their businesses. "Our traders, entrepreneurs, and MSMEs are not just expanding businesses; they are strengthening family prosperity, youth em-

ployment, and India's economic power," she said. The Chief Minister also interacted with traders, entrepreneurs, startups and exhibitors after addressing a gathering at Hall No. 5. She said the government was supporting businesses and described the reforms as an effort to help traders pursue their work and ambitions more efficiently. Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also visited the exhibition and interacted with participants from different parts of the country. He appreciated the products and innovations displayed at the event, describing the Mahotsav as a reflection of India's economic strength and commercial

potential. Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal, who is also Secretary General of the Confederation of All India Traders, said the event had received a strong response from traders, industry representatives and the public. He said its pavilions and business platforms showcased India's manufacturing capabilities, economic progress and growing global competitiveness. The Mahotsav brought together businesses and policymakers, with the Delhi government using the platform to highlight efforts aimed at improving the business environment and supporting traders, entrepreneurs, MSMEs and growth across Delhi.

AIADMK raises farmers' issues in Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI

AIADMK chief Edappadi K. Palaniswami criticised Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay over the shifting of government offices and alleged that the government was ignoring the problems faced by farmers. He said the administration should focus more on issues affecting the farming community instead of giving attention to office-related changes. Palaniswami questioned the government's decision to shift offices and said farmers were still struggling with several concerns. He argued that their difficulties required immediate attention from the state government. His remarks added to the political criticism against the ruling administration over its priorities and handling of public issues.

Shivraj launches digital food subsidy system

CHANDIGARH

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a Central Bank Digital Currency based Direct Benefit Transfer system for eligible beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in Chandigarh. Under the pilot, food subsidy will be credited directly to beneficiaries' CBDC wallets instead of conventional bank accounts. The funds can be used to buy foodgrains and essential food items from empanelled merchants through a secure digital payment system. Technology safeguards will ensure that the money is used only for permitted purchases. The initiative is aimed at making the Public Distribution System more transparent, secure and timely. Beneficiaries will also have greater choice, as they can purchase wheat, rice, pulses or other essential food commodities. Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Pralhad Joshi and senior officials attended the launch. Chouhan said the PMG-KAY, which provides free foodgrains to more than 800 million people, is an important social security programme. He said reducing household spending on food can help families use their savings for education and other needs. He added that the

The initiative aims to make food subsidy delivery more transparent, secure and efficient while expanding digital payments and ensuring benefits reach eligible beneficiaries directly

Chandigarh pilot could serve as a model for wider adoption. The minister also said farmers' interests would remain central to agricultural and food security policies. He highlighted India's strong wheat and rice stocks and said the country could meet domestic needs and export when required. Chouhan criticised disruptions in Parliament, saying democratic institutions and constitutional values must be respected. The CBDC system is expected to improve the delivery of food subsidies while giving beneficiaries greater flexibility in purchasing essential commodities.

Key insights

- **800+ million:** PMGKAY beneficiaries
- **Chandigarh:** Pilot location
- **CBDC:** Digital subsidy wallet
- **4 choices:** Wheat, rice, pulses and other essentials
- **Real-time:** Digital payment system
- **Main aim:** Transparent and timely subsidy delivery

51-year-old man clears NEET, earns MBBS seat

CHENNAI

A 51-year-old man from Nagapattinam district has cleared the NEET examination and secured an MBBS seat at Nagapattinam Medical College, fulfilling a medical ambition he had carried for 34 years. Suresh Kumar, a native of Velankanni, had completed Class 12 in 1992 but chose pharmacy because of family responsibilities. He later built a career in pharmaceutical and diagnostic industries while continuing to hold on to his dream of becoming a doctor. Encouraged by the Supreme Court's decision to remove age limits for NEET, Kumar decided to return to studies. He prepared alongside his professional and family responsibilities, studying after work, often from 10 pm until midnight. His wife supported his routine and would wake him as early as 4 am with refreshments. Kumar said he also tutored his son in biology to remain familiar with the subject. He attempted NEET earlier in Tamil but was unsuccessful. For his second attempt, he chose English, a language he has used professionally for 34 years, and succeeded.

Bengaluru South Zilla Panchayat

Office of the Executive Engineer

PANCHAYATHRAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION

Ramanagara, Bangalore South Dist.

No.EE/PRED/RMG/JE/TEND-10/2026-27/689-697 Date: 14.08.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through KPP Portal system)

The Executive Engineer, Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Ramanagara, invites the Itemwise tender. Contractors registered in KPWD, enrolled in PRED/PWD Licence for the works under different Head of Account. Minimum Estimated amount **Rs.7.00 lakh**. Maximum Estimated amount **Rs.100.00 lakh**. Last Date for submission of Tender Dated: **29.08.2026 by 4:00 PM**. Opening of the Tender Dated: **31.08.2026 at 4:30 PM**. Opening of the Financial Bid Tender Dated: **03.09.2026 at 4:30 PM onwards (only for KW-III)**. For details & further information visit the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office in office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Panchayathraj Engineering Division
Ramanagara

DIPR/BSD/245/SA/2026-27

Government of Karnataka

The Executive Engineer, Public Works

Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

No. EE/PWD/HSN/JE-2/2026-27 DATED: 14.08.2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 28/2026-27, Dated: 14.08.2026.

Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-3 from the eligible registered Contractors of Karnataka PWD belonging to Schedule Caste. Schedule Caste contractors shall be domicile of the State of Karnataka for more than 10 years. Tenders invited through E-Procurement for 01 Work (Cal2) in Hassan division which is reserved for Schedule Caste. The amount put to tender is Rs.80.40 lakhs. Last date of Receipt of tender is 02.09.2026 till 4.00 P.M. For more details visit <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD,
Hassan Division, Hassan.

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Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department

(PWD), Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short Term Tender Notice No.:14/2026-27 Date: 14-08-2026

Under the above tender notice, Tenders are invited for a total of 34 works from eligible contractors through the KPP portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) , for the following account title heads for the Chikkamagaluru District Public Works Department: 5054-80-190-0-01-132 Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited-Capital Expenditure (District Main Road Bridges) ; 3054-03-337-0-05-200 Road Maintenance of State Highways ; 3054-04-337-1-10-200 Maintenance of District Main Roads; 5054-03-101-0-02-132 Major District Road Footbridges (Kalusanka). Details of the capacity to undertake or perform the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2 & 4) should be attached. The contractor can be awarded the contract only if he/she has the minimum qualifications mentioned in Act 3. The minimum estimated amount is Rs. 15.00 lakhs and the maximum estimated amount is Rs. 200.00 lakhs.

The last date and time for submission of tenders for these 34 works on the KPP Portal is as follows:

- **For Indent No.:**36902 (2nd call):Date:21.08.2026
- **For Indent Nos.:** 39057, 38870, 39817, 40146, 40158, 40156, 38851, 38978, 38958, 38973, 40124, 40123, 40118, 40112, 38866, 38853, 38677, 38683, 38682, 38630, 39821, 39823, 39827, 40029, 39835, 39851, 39854, 39855, 39858, 40042, 39863, 39869, 39871, 39878, 39880, 39881, 39883, 39884, 39885, 40150, 39109, 38999, 38991, 38880 — Date: 25.08.2026 at 4:30 PM. For further details, please contact the Subject Manager during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,
Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The following tenders are published on the Electronic Procurement Platform (KPPP) for the development of tourism by the Tourism Department. Schedule and tender documents related to tenders will be available on e-procurement platform (<https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>)

Sl. No	Work Name	Indent No & Date
1.	Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Strategic Tourism Plan for Kalyana Karnataka Region	DT/2026-27/SE0151 Date:13.08.2026

Tender details are available on e-procurement platform (<https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) for download from **13.08.2026**. EMD amount and tender processing fee should be paid electronically at (<https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). Interested organizations are required to register on the e-procurement platform to participate in the said tender.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer and
Tender Inviting Authority, Department of Tourism

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BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No. BDA/EE(S)/T-274/2026-27 Date: 14.08.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER

(Through GoK e-Procurement platform <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>)

On behalf the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, South Division, Bangalore Development Authority, T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru, invites tenders in two cover system through GoK e-procurement platform from eligible tenderers for the works mentioned below. Name of work: **Selection of Survey Consultant for DGPS/Total Station Survey, Geo-referencing and GIS Mapping for identification, verification and demarcation of Civic Amenity Sites, Parks, Playgrounds, Open Spaces, Roads and relinquished areas; boundary fixing, identification of encroachments and preparation of digital survey drawings for BCCHS Layout, covering Sy. Nos. of Raghuvanaahalli and Vajarahalli Villages, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, over an area of approximately 180 acres, as per the sanctioned layout plan and Relinquishment Deed dated 13.03.2001, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court. (Tender Indent No. BDA/2026-27/ SE0125). EMD Amount: Rs. 50,000/-.** Period: **2 months.** For further details, please log on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or call e-Procurement Help desk on **080-25501216/ 25501217**. Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) ✉ @BDAOfficialGok
Sd/- Executive Engineer, South Division, B.D.A., Bengaluru.

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Quick Read

Crowd attacks
MLA over RG Kar
case

Kolkata
Former Trinamool Congress MLA Nirmal Ghosh was allegedly attacked by a crowd outside Khardah Police Station after his arrest over the alleged hurried cremation of the RG Kar rape-murder victim.
Security personnel were escorting Ghosh to a prison van when people reportedly surrounded him and began hitting and kicking him. Police intervened and moved him into the vehicle.
Ghosh was arrested in connection with allegations surrounding the handling of the victim's cremation after the August 2024 crime. His aide was also reportedly targeted. The incident comes amid continuing public anger over the RG Kar case and demands for accountability.

Gen Z protests shape
Parliament debate: RS MP

Derek O'Brien said Gen Z protests influenced Parl's political messaging, with humour and ridicule becoming effective tools

NEW DELHI

Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien said the recent Gen Z-led student protests over the NEET paper leak taught parliamentarians how humour can be used in serious political communication.

O'Brien praised the role of students and youth in shaping the political debate during the Monsoon Session of Parliament. He said the protests at Jantar Mantar set the tone for what opposition MPs later raised inside the House.

"This was a session that belonged to the opposition. This was a win for the students and youth of the country," O'Brien said, adding that MPs had carried forward the issues raised by young protesters.

He said the student movement moved beyond criticism



"If anyone has been hurt by my unwarranted comments against Netaji, then I am expressing my deepest regret for the same."

- Rajya Sabha MP

Students Set New
Political Tone

TMC MP Derek O'Brien said student protests over the NEET paper leak influenced Opposition messaging in Parliament, with youth-led slogans, humour and ridicule offering MPs a new way to raise serious political issues during the Monsoon Session.

raise issues and also created space for parties such as the AAP and DMK to participate despite differences within the wider opposition grouping.

Opposition parties have decided to maintain the momentum and unity seen during the session ahead of the winter session of Parliament.

Cong protests over
alleged Kharge insult

MALAPPURAM

The Congress on Friday held a protest march in Malappuram against the alleged insult to party president Mallikarjun Kharge during a programme in Haldwani, Uttarakhand. The protest was part of a nationwide agitation called by the All-India Congress Committee (AICC).

AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal inaugurated the march, which began at the Malappuram Collectorate premises and ended at the Malappuram District Congress Committee office. Senior Congress leaders, ministers and a large number of party workers participated.

The protest followed allegations that a "shuddhikaran" (purification) ritual was performed at the Ram Lila Maidan stage in Haldwani after Kharge addressed a Congress rally there on August 8. Raising the issue in the Rajya



"Is this the way things should happen in a democracy? How are you protecting the Constitution?"

- Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress President

Sabha, Kharge said his speech focused on public grievances and did not target any community or religion.

Kharge questioned the incident, saying, "Is this the way things should happen in a democracy? How are you protecting the Constitution?" BJP leader J.P. Nadda condemned the al-

leged incident and said the BJP does not support such activities. He assured that the allegations would be investigated.

Kharge later said he did not want to turn the matter into a political issue but objected to what he described as untouchability and humiliation. Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan also condemned untouchability and called for strict action if the allegations were found to be true. He urged the government to investigate the matter and punish those responsible.

World Trade
Centre
proposed for
Patna

PATNA,

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary chaired a high-level meeting to review a proposal for setting up a World Trade Centre in Patna as part of plans to modernise and expand the state capital.

The meeting, held at the Sankalp auditorium at Lok Sevak Awas, also discussed the redevelopment of government land parcels and planned expansion of Patna. Choudhary said the development would focus on modern technology, environmental standards and sustainable urban planning.

In a post on X, the Chief Minister said, "Proposal for World Trade Centre in Patna. A review meeting was held... regarding the comprehensive and planned development of Patna." He added that work would focus on giving the city a new direction through modern technology and the "Zero Waste Model."

The meeting also reviewed Bihar's Vision 2030 fisheries projects. Under the plan, 1,848.75 hectares have been proposed for direct intervention and 9,357 hectares as the project impact area through eight priority projects. A production target of 50,200 metric tonnes of fish has been proposed.

Choudhary directed officials to prepare a clear and phased strategy to increase fish production using modern and scientific methods.

He stressed the need to improve the income of fishing families and strengthen Fisherman Cooperative Societies through skill development, technical support and better management.

The Chief Minister said Bihar's fisheries sector has significant potential and called for strengthening the entire value chain, from production and processing to value addition and marketing. The Vision 2030 plan aims to increase the income of farmers and fishermen, create jobs and strengthen the rural economy.

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Notification No.:DAMH/CW/T-08/2026-27/3490

Date:06.08.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysuru has invited the item wise tender for the 01 Conservation Works (DAMH/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT-220) The amount Rs.500.00lakhs as per the tender documents KW-4 under the tender documents. The Tender documents can be obtained through (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) e-portal onwards.

Last date and time of any Queries for tender	29.08.2026, 17.00 hrs
Last date and time of tender submission	08.09.2026, 16.00 hrs
Opening of Date and Time of Technical bid	10.09.2026, 16.30 hrs
Opening of Date and Time of Financial bid	11.09.2026, 11.00 hrs

Sd/-

Commissioner

Department of Archaeology, Museums And Heritage, Mysore.

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RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Pachayath Raj Engineering Division, chitradurga has invites works tender under Standard tender document under Pragathi Colony head of account grant for 2 (Indent No:25080/Call-2, 25081/Call-2) works for the Estimated Cost Minimum Rs.84.00 Lakhs Maximum 96.00 lakhs for Total Rs: 180.00 Lakhs. Further information obtained from the office during the office hours or any quarries contact (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or KPPP Helpdesk Phone No: tel: 09240214000, or 09240214000 this office Telephone no. 08194-222372 at office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga as dates below:-

(1) Last Date for information any quarries Date: 27.08.2026 : Time: 11.00 (2) Last Date for Submitting the tender Date: 29.08.2026:Time: 16.00 (3) Last Date of Opening the Technical Bid Date: 31.08.2026: Time: 16.01 (4) Last Date of Opening the Financial Bid Date: 01.09.2026 Time: 16.02 Further any quarries for tender contact (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or KPPP Helpdesk Phone No: tel: 09240214000, or 09240214000 or this Phone no.08194-222372 or Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga in office hours.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga

Government of Karnataka

Ranebennur Urban Development Authority, Ranebennur Sriram Nagar 3rd Cross Near Saibaba Temple - 581115

E-mail id: udaranebennur@gmail.com P.No: 08373 - 267624

SI NO: RUDA/C.A./2026-27/86

Date : 11/08/2026

Notification

As per the Karnataka Urban Development Authority (Allotment of Civic Amenity Sites) Rules, 1991as per Rule 3(3) paper notification is published s inviting application for allotment of civic Amenity Sites reserved in approved private layout by the RUDA under KUDA Act-1987 from registered Society/ Board/ Trust. For further information and clarification please do contact the undersigned.

Sl. No	Name of the Town/ Village	R.S no	Plot no	Plot Area (in sq.mt)	Regi- stration fees (in Rs.)	Rate per Sqmt (in Rs.)	Total Amount fixed for CA Site	10% advance deposit to be paid	purpose reserved for	Reserved Category
01	Ranebennur	865M	43	515.47	2000.00	3800.00	19,58,850.00	1,95,885.00	general	Government
02	Ranebennur	40+41B	32 & 21	700.00	2000.00	3500.00	24,50,000.00	2,45,000.00	Educational Purpose	General
03	Ranebennur	107D	13	644.00	2000.00	3400.00	21,89,600.00	2,18,960.00	Public Purpose	Schedule tribes
04	Ranebennur	95B, 96D	57&20	1060.10	4000.00	3400.00	36,04,400.00	3,60,440.00	Public Purpose	General
05	Ranebennur	764A/1	1	1057.99	4000.00	3000.00	31,74,000.00	3,17,400.00	Public Purpose	General
06	Ranebennur	90G	72	1318.37	4000.00	3400.00	44,82,500.00	4,48,250.00	Educational Purpose	General
07	Ranebennur	848/1+2+3+4B	02	809.60	4000.00	3000.00	24,28,800.00	2,42,880.00	Educational Purpose	Schedule caste
08	Ranebennur	778/3A, 778/3B	62, 51	2004.79	8000.00	2800.00	56,13,450.00	5,61,350.00	Community Hall	General
09	Ranebennur	322/5, 322/6	39, 11	777.13	2000.00	4000.00	31,12,520.00	3,11,252.00	Public Purpose	Schedule caste
10	Ranebennur	434B	07	845.30	2000.00	3000.00	25,35,900.00	2,53,590.00	Community Hall	Schedule caste
11	Ranebennur	14/3B	02	323.18	2000.00	4700.00	15,18,950.00	1,51,900.00	Public Purpose	Handicap
12	Ranebennur	67/1	34	748.44	2000.00	3200.00	23,95,010.00	2,39,501.00	Public Purpose	Government
13	Ranebennur	57/3B, 57/3A, 57/2D/1	01, 11, 14	349.66	2000.00	4000.00	13,98,650.00	1,39,865.00	Public Purpose	General
14	Ranebennur	764A/3	72	1369.86	4000.00	3000.00	41,09,600.00	4,10,960.00	Community Hall	General
15	Ranebennur	841/1A/1A	31	607.09	2000.00	3000.00	18,21,300.00	1,82,130.00	Public Purpose	General
16	Ranebennur	759/1A	1	1235.56	4000.00	2500.00	30,88,900.00	3,08,890.00	Community Hall	General
17	Ranebennur	769/4	5	357.24	2000.00	3000.00	10,71,750.00	1,07,175.00	Public/Purpose	Schedule caste
18	Ranebennur	106/3K, 106/4A, 106/4B	31, 58, 26	1150.57	4000.00	3400.00	39,11,950.00	3,91,195.00	Community Hall	General
19	Ranebennur	14/2B/1B	14	167.48	2000.00	4700.00	7,87,200.00	78,720.00	Public Purpose	General
20	Ranebennur	341/1K+1D+5 +2+4A+6B+7G	2	303.51	2000.00	4000.00	12,14,050.00	1,21,405.00	Anganawadi Educational	Government
21	Ranebennur	771/2	37	810.54	2000.00	3000.00	24,31,650.00	2,43,165.00	Public Purpose	General
22	Ranebennur	18/4G, 18/4F/1	01, 01	413.63	2000.00	4800.00	19,85,450.00	1,98,545.00	Anganawadi/ Educational	Government
23	Ranebennur	309/2B/3	13	208.20	2000.00	4000.00	8,32,800.00	83,280.00	Anganawadi/ Educational	Government
24	Ranebennur	844/1+2+3+4G	2	356.24	2000.00	3000.00	10,68,720.00	1,10,872.00	Public/Purpose	Schedule caste
25	Ranebennur	56/4	16	162.74	2000.00	4000.00	6,50,960.00	65,100.00	Anganawadi/ Educational	Government
26	Ranebennur	68/1	4	371.30	2000.00	3200.00	11,88,160.00	1,18,816.00	Public/Purpose	Schedule caste
27	Ranebennur	767/1	54	1412.37	4000.00	3000.00	42,37,150.00	4,23,715.00	Community Hall	General
28	Ranebennur	868/1+2+3+4	2	5007.91	15000.00	3800.00	1,90,30,100.00	19,03,010.00	Educational Purpose	General
29	Ranebennur	756/2,3,4	150	2013.29	8000.00	2500.00	50,33,250.00	5,03,325.00	Public Purpose	General
30	Magod	195/1	3	904.99	2000.00	2000.00	18,10,000.00	1,81,000.00	Educational Purpose	Handicap
31	Ranebennur	856A/1	125	1747.69	4000.00	8000.00	1,39,81,550.00	13,98,155.00	Public/Purpose	General
32	Ranebennur	845/1+2/A3	17	203.57	2000.00	3000.00	6,10,710.00	61,071.00	Public Purpose	General
33	Ranebennur	31/1	22	607.28	2000.00	4200.00	25,50,600.00	2,55,060.00	Public Purpose	General
34	Ranebennur	310/K	153	2256.00	8000.00	7000.00	1,57,92,000	15,79,200.00	Public Purpose	Schedule tribes

Note : Allotment rules and conditions : (1) Applicant should be a registered educational, religious, charitable trust under Gok's Societies Registration Act 1960 (Karnataka Act 17/1960) or co-op Societies Act 1959 (Karnataka Act 11/1959) (2) (a) Details of services rendered in public services since the date of incorporation of society/entity and its visions and Activities (b) Financial status of society/entity (3 years audit report). (c) Present complete address of society/entity with telephone number. (d) If C.A site is allotted, details made available to local general citizens (e) Annual reports and as per investigation report, its goodwill, nature and characteristics of amenities would be made available to submitted on society/entity. (1) Society/entity shall declare the need of obtaining C.A site, to be utilized for what kind of civic buildings or other structures. (3) Application format (1) and (2) shall be obtained from authority by paying Rs. 200.00 fees and duly filled applications shall be civic amenity site along with complete details of concerned on or before 5.30 PM. 15-09-2026 personally or through registered post. Initial 10% earnest money shall be deposited by way of a demand draft drawn. purpose from any nationalized bank. Applications received after due date shall not be considered. (4) These CA sites shall be allotted on lease basis and for period of 30 Years. (5) Allotted CA Site should be used for same purpose for which it is allotted, filing which allotment stands cancelled. (6) Construction of building should be done within 3 years of allotment of C.A site. (7) The extent of CA sites referred herewith may vary. Precise measurement will be done before handing over the possession (8) Referred rate of civic amenity site shall be finalized by Sub-Registrar while providing it on lease and allotter should be adhere to pay as per finalized rate. (9) Allotter has no rights over allotted C.A sites to sub divide, sub lease or transfer in any manner. Allotter who obtained C.A site on lease basis shall have no ownership over C.A site. (10) If the CA site is not allotted to any applicant, such applicant's deposit of 10% earnest money will be returned. (11) Allotter is liable to pay the tax, cess and other fees of CA site and building to be constructed in it, to conceded local authorities from the date site is taken into possession. (12) Below mentioned institutions shall be considered to provide allotment of sites at 50% lease cost, from the rate stipulated by Sub-Registrar. (a) Any society/entity established for the welfare of physically disabled and mentally weaken and any schedule caste/schedule tribes. (b) Any educational institution which runs the school in Kannada medium only. (c) Subsidiaries established by Central Gove of schedule Government/State Government/Departments/Corporation or Central/State Governments. (13) Among the referred sites, 18% sites shall be granted to society/entity/trusts which have schedule cast members and development visions and 2% sites shall be granted to society/entity which are established for the welfare of physically disabled & mentally challenged person. If Adequate application are not received for SC/ST at the time of grant, then Site shall be granted to any society/entity/Trust of general.

Sd/- (Veeresh.C Motagi)

Chairman, RUDA, Ranebennur

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Commissioner, RUDA, Ranebennur

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Quick Read

Croatia wildfire injures 19, forces evacuations

Zagreb
At least 19 people were injured as a massive wildfire swept through wooded and residential areas in Croatia's Split-Dalmatia County along the Adriatic coast. The fire began near Lokva Rogoznica and quickly spread toward Omis, destroying several houses and vehicles. Around 1,000 residents were evacuated as flames threatened nearby settlements. Nearly 1,000 hectares of land have burned. On Friday morning, 286 firefighters and 93 fire engines were battling the blaze, while several roads remained closed. The wildfire comes amid a prolonged heatwave and severe drought. Split recorded a record 39.7 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, highlighting the extreme weather conditions.

Seven missing after China coal mine gas outburst

Changsha
Seven workers were reported missing after a gas outburst at a coal mine in Lianyuan, central China's Hunan Province, on Friday morning. One worker was receiving emergency medical treatment. The accident occurred at 5:08 a.m, when 52 people were working underground. Authorities said 44 workers safely exited the mine following the incident. Emergency responders and medical teams rushed to the site and launched rescue operations to locate the missing workers. The cause of the gas outburst remains under investigation. The incident highlights continuing safety concerns in China's coal mining sector, where authorities have tightened safety standards following several deadly accidents in recent years.

Bangladesh police arrest 53 Awami League activists

Dhaka
Bangladesh police arrested 53 leaders and activists of the Awami League and its affiliated organisations in Dhaka amid an ongoing crackdown on the party and its supporters. According to the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, the arrests took place Thursday night at a building in the Bashundhara residential area. Police said the group had gathered to organise a preparatory meeting and flash march ahead of August 15 National Mourning Day. The arrested individuals were taken into custody by Bhatara police, with legal proceedings initiated against them. The Awami League condemned the arrests, alleging political repression and accusing authorities of restricting democratic rights. The party said activists were detained merely for observing the mourning day and wearing black badges.

US threatens unprecedented economic measures on Iran

THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AS THE UNITED STATES SEEKS TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON IRAN FOLLOWING STALLED CEASEFIRE EFFORTS.

WASHINGTON

The United States is preparing to impose unprecedented economic measures on Iran, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said, as Washington intensifies pressure on Tehran amid continuing tensions over the Strait of Hormuz. Bessent said the planned measures would combine severe economic isolation with the continued US blockade of Iranian ports. He indicated that further details of the measures are expected to be announced next week. The announcement comes as the United States seeks to maintain pressure on Iran following stalled ceasefire efforts. US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has said American naval forces can sustain



cerns over the security of global energy supplies. The developments have also affected international oil markets. Brent crude rose on Friday as traders assessed the possibility of prolonged disruption around the Strait, through which a significant share of global oil and LNG shipments normally passes.

US intensifies pressure on Iran amid stalled ceasefire

- **Indefinite Naval Blockade:** US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth stated that American naval forces can sustain the blockade of Iranian ports indefinitely by rotating ships through the region.
- **Energy Market Impact:** Brent crude prices rose as traders braced for prolonged disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global shipping lane for oil and LNG.
- **Escalating Economic Strategy:** Echoing Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's warnings of unprecedented economic isolation, Washington aims to force Tehran's compliance as diplomatic efforts remain deadlocked

Washington's latest strategy appears aimed at increasing economic pressure while continuing military enforcement around Iranian ports. Bessent's warning signals a further escalation in the US campaign to force Tehran to accept Washington's demands, as diplomatic efforts remain stalled.

Trump opens US Navy shipbuilding to foreign allies

WASHINGTON
US President Donald Trump has opened the way for foreign companies to build selected vessels for the US Navy as part of a broad plan to revive the country's shipbuilding industry, expand naval capacity and address growing construction backlogs. Under a presidential memorandum signed, overseas suppliers will be permitted to build the first two vessels in selected ship classes. However, participating companies will be required to invest in US shipyards, transfer technology and train American workers. All subsequent vessels under the programme must be built in the United States. Foreign companies taking part will also have to establish a new American shipyard or acquire a controlling stake in an existing facility. They will be required to develop US-based supply chains for ship construction and maintenance. The initiative follows a model adopted in October 2025 for medium icebreakers and could cover up to three classes of Navy and support vessels, including surface combatants, tankers and roll-on, roll-off ships. The administration said overseas sourcing would help address immediate shortages while domestic shipbuilding capacity is rebuilt. Trump blamed com-

Following an October 2025 icebreaker model, the initiative may cover three classes of Navy and support vessels.

plex ship designs and repeated modifications for cost increases, delays and cancellations across major Navy programmes. The memorandum directs the Secretary of War to submit an acquisition plan for new surface combatants within 90 days. The proposed vessels must be capable of anti-submarine warfare, surface warfare and convoy escort operations. The Navy will face restrictions on repeatedly modifying mature foreign designs selected under the programme. Trump has also authorised the Secretary of War to approve national security waivers for military vessels to be built at foreign shipyards. Congress must be notified, and contracts cannot be signed until 30 days after lawmakers receive the determination. The order further calls for establishing a fifth public Navy shipyard, potentially with up to three dry docks capable of servicing current and future submarine classes. Officials have been given 120 days to propose possible locations, while private investment and public-private financing may also be considered.

NATO jets shoot down drone over Latvian airspace

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RIGA

NATO fighter jets shot down a foreign drone after it entered Latvian airspace on Friday, prompting an investigation and raising fresh security concerns along the military alliance's eastern flank bordering Russia. The incident occurred in eastern Latvia amid heightened tensions linked to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. According to NATO, two Italian Eurofighter jets based in Lithuania and two Turkish F-16 fighter jets operating from Estonia were scrambled after the drone was detected over Latvian territory. One of the Italian Eurofighters identified and destroyed the unmanned aircraft. NATO said all four aircraft were operating under its command. Latvian authorities said the drone entered the country's airspace as a result of Russian electromagnetic warfare activity. However, officials have

NATO jets shoot down drone

- **Jets Scrambled:** Italian Eurofighters and Turkish F-16s intercepted the drone.
- **Location:** Shot down over Latvian airspace near Rugaji.
- **Cause:** Entered airspace due to Russian electromagnetic warfare activity.
- **Second Incident:** Second time a drone was downed over Latvia recently.

not yet confirmed the exact origin of the drone. Latvian soldiers were searching a wooded area near Rugaji, around 35 kilometres from the Russian border, for debris from the downed aircraft. The incident is the second time in recent months that a drone has been shot down over Latvian airspace. NATO and Baltic countries have faced a growing number of incidents involving drones crossing their airspace as Ukraine and Russia continue

extensive drone operations during the war. Similar incidents have also been reported in Estonia and other neighbouring countries. Latvia's military said an air alert issued after the drone was detected was later lifted. Authorities urged residents in affected areas to remain alert while security forces searched for the wreckage. NATO spokesperson Allison Hart said the alliance was closely coordinating with Latvian authorities and that an investigation into the incident was underway. NATO reiterated that its forces remain prepared to respond to potential threats and protect the airspace of member states. The latest incident has renewed concerns among NATO's Baltic members about the possibility of the Ukraine conflict spilling over into allied territory. Officials are also monitoring the potential role of electronic warfare in diverting drones across national borders.

ENGLAND

Count Binface, the colourful comedy candidate known for his silver trash-can helmet and satirical political campaigns, has achieved the strongest electoral performance by a traditional joke candidate in British parliamentary history. The result came in the Clacton by-election, triggered by the resignation of Reform UK leader Nigel Farage. Farage comfortably retained the seat with 22,239 votes, accounting for 63% of votes cast. Count Binface, the fictional intergalactic character portrayed by comedian Jonathan Harvey, finished second with nearly 9,500 votes, securing around 27% of the vote. Farage did not attend the declaration ceremony, saying he had been warned that protests and disruption could take place. Binface, meanwhile, appeared at a sports centre in Clacton-on-Sea dressed in his distinctive silver-and-black costume and celebrated what he described as an unprecedented achievement for a comedy candidate.

China tightens social security checks

BEIJING
China is tightening checks on social security payments and beneficiaries as local governments face increasing fiscal pressure and growing demands on welfare systems. The move comes amid broader efforts by authorities to improve the management of public finances and ensure that social security funds are directed to eligible recipients. The tighter scrutiny is expected to focus on the accuracy of beneficiary information and the proper use of social security funds. Authorities are seeking to reduce irregularities and prevent improper payments as financial pressures increase across local administrations. China has been facing mounting fiscal challenges, particularly at the local-gov-

ernment level, where high debt burdens and weaker revenues have constrained spending capacity. The International Monetary Fund has projected slower economic growth for China in 2026 and highlighted the need for reforms in areas including taxation and social security. Demographic changes are adding to the pressure. An ageing population is increasing demand for pensions, healthcare and elderly-care services, while a slower-growing workforce places greater pressure on existing social security systems. Analysts have warned that these trends could intensify fiscal and social pressures unless reforms are introduced. Chinese authorities have simultaneously announced measures aimed at strengthening social security and expanding welfare coverage.

Spain border crisis serves warning to Europe

MADRID
A massive border crisis at Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta has sent shockwaves across Europe, reigniting intense debates over border security and migration control. In late July 2026, tens of thousands of migrants tried to rush across the border from Morocco by land and sea. The sheer scale of the sudden movement completely overwhelmed local police and reception centers, forcing the Spanish government to deploy military troops to restore public order. Officials are heavily investigating whether professional human-smuggling rings and organized criminal syndicates orchestrated the mass crossings. While experts warn



against falsely linking all migration to terrorism, security agencies stress the vital need to screen for potential threats. Past tragic attacks in Madrid and Barcelona remind authorities that proper background checks are essential for maintaining public safety while processing arrivals fairly. The emergency at Ceuta highlights the dangerous flaws of relying on reactive measures after a crisis strikes.

650,000 refugees in South Sudan face food aid cuts

GENEVA
More than 650,000 refugees and asylum seekers in South Sudan could lose access to food assistance within weeks because of a severe funding shortage, United Nations agencies warned on Friday. The World Food Programme (WFP) and UN refugee agency said urgent funding was needed to prevent an already critical humanitarian situation from worsening. South Sudan is facing one of the world's most severe hunger crises, with more than 7.8 million people, or



3,000 refugees and returnees every week from neighbouring Sudan, where fighting that began in 2023 has created one of the world's largest displacement crises. Many of those arriving have fled extreme violence, hunger and insecurity. The WFP said food assistance has already been reduced to half-rations because of funding constraints. The last food distributions for the most vulnerable 240,000 refugees are expected to take place in September unless additional funding is urgently secured. If no new funding is received, UNHCR Deputy

Representative Mesfin Degefu said no refugees in South Sudan would receive food assistance from October. Families are already cutting the number of meals they eat, selling possessions, withdrawing children from school and taking on debt to survive, UN officials said. Women and children are also facing increased risks of exploitation and abuse. Some refugees have begun asking for help to return to Sudan, although UNHCR does not consider conditions there safe for return. The WFP needs \$37 million to maintain refugee operations be-

tween October and December. Without additional funding, food assistance for about 180,000 internally displaced people is also expected to end from October, while around 600,000 people living in areas at risk of famine could lose life-saving support by November. UNHCR has received only 28% of the \$286 million it requires for its operations this year. The funding shortage is also threatening programmes designed to help refugees become self-reliant through farming, vocational training and livelihood initiatives.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, J. SAGAR SASTRY S/o J ANANTHA SAYANA SASTRY, R/o C-007, Ground Floor, C-Block, DB Lakven Visishtta, Belathur 3rd Main Cross Road, Kumbena Agrahara, Kadugodi, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560067, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as J SAGAR.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DIPAK KUMAR S/o RAMABALIS SAU R/o 40/1, Baba Lane, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Vijinapura, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560016, have changed the name of my minor son DILKUSH aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as ADITHYA KUMAR.D.

NAME CHANGE

I, NISAR AHMED MADIKERI ABDUL REHMAN, S/o. Abdul Rehman, Resident of No. 67/1, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, M N Garden, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar, Bengaluru -560032, Karnataka, have changed my name to NISAR AHMED, vide affidavit dated: 14.08.2026 before notary S.I. BALAGURU, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, MERAJUNNISA W/o. Syed Mujahid Pasha, resident of No 13, K No 210, Noor Layout, 16th Cross, Ibrahim Saheb Street, Nagawara Village, Arabic College Post, Bangalore 560045, have changed my name to MERAJ FATHIMA, Vide affidavit dated: 12.08.2026 before notary CHANDRA SHEKAR .M, Bangalore

NAME CHANGE

I, KAVADI KATTE ABDULLA MOHAMMED, S/o. Kavadi Katte Abdulla, Resident of Kadanga Village, Arapattu Post, Madikeri, Kodagu -571212, Karnataka, today camped at Bengaluru, have changed my name to K A MOHAMMAD, vide affidavit dated: 14.08.2026 before notary S.I. BALAGURU, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHERIN VAKAYIL ABDUL LATHEEF D/o Abdul Latheef, aged about 30 years, residing at Flat No. 32006, Nikoo Homes 1, Bhartiya City, Thanisandra Main Road, Bangalore North, Jakkur, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560064, India, changed my name to SHERIN ABDUL LATHEEF, vide affidavit dated 14-08-2026 sworn before Notary Ravi Kumar. V., Bangalore.

NAME CHANGE

I, ABDUL MAJEED ABDUL WAHAB S/o. Abdul Wahab, resident of No. 152, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Subhas Layout, H B R Layout, Kacharakana Halli, Kalyananager Post, Bangalore -560043, have changed my name to ABDUL MAJEED, Vide affidavit dated: 12.08.2026 before notary CHANDRA SHEKAR .M, Bangalore

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHUMED SIBGATHULLA S/o. Mohammed Azmathulla, resident of. No. 9/1, 3rd Cross, M M Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to MOHAMMED SIBGATHULLA, Vide affidavit dated: 12.08.2026 before notary CHANDRA SHEKAR .M, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT GUBBI
Crl.Mis. No.241/2026

Petitioners: 1. Krishnamurthy S/o late Chaluvaiah Aged about 56 years, 2. Gangamma W/o late Channabasavaiah Aged about 53 years. P-1 & 2 are R/o A.K.Colony, K.Mathighatta Majara Kadaba Hobli, Gubbi Taluk, 3. Renukamma W/o late Jayanna Aged about 50 years, R/o Bidarehalia Kaval, Nittur Hobli, Gubbi Taluk. 4. Parvathamma W/o late Kempaiah, Aged about 61 years. R/o Chowdenahalli, Toremavinahalli post Kasaba Hobli. Turuvekere Taluk. 5. Harish S/o late Kumaraiah, Aged about 29 years, R/o Marasheththalli, Kadaba Hobli. Gubbi Taluk. V/S

Respondent: The Tahsildar Cum Registrar of Birth and Death, Taluk Office, Gubbi Taluk.

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The petitioners have filed this petition under section 13(3) of Death and Birth Act before the Hon'ble JMFC. at Gubbi to get the Death Certificate of the mother of the petitioner No. 1, 3 & 4 and mother in law of petitioner No.2 and grandmother of the petitioner No.5 by name Puttamma W/o late Chaluvaiah was died on 17/12/2016 at K.Mathighatta, Kadaba Hobli, Gubbi Taluk, for which anybody are having any objection may file their before the Hon'ble court on 06.10.2026 personally through Advocate.

If anybody one not filed any objections, the matter will be dealt and heard and certificate be issued to the petitioner. Given under my seal and signature on this day of 5th August 2026,

By order of the Court
Shirasthedar, Hon'ble Pr. Civil Judge and JMFC Court, Gubbi

Geetha B.R., Advocate for the petitioners, Gubbi.

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Quick Read



USFDA issues warning letter to Aurobindo Pharma's Telangana facility

CH NEWS, New Delhi Shares of Aurobindo Pharma declined up to 2 per cent on Friday after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) issued a warning letter to a formulation manufacturing facility operated by its subsidiary Eugia Pharma Specialities Ltd. in Telangana. According to the company's exchange filing, the warning letter pertains to Unit-I, a formulation manufacturing facility of Eugia Pharma Specialities that was inspected by the USFDA between February 16 and February 27 earlier in the year. Following the inspection, the USFDA issued four observations and classified the facility under 'official action indicated' (OAI) status, the company added.

Finance Ministry issues insurance grievance advisory

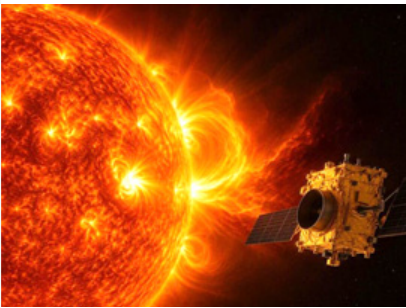
CH NEWS, New Delhi The Finance Ministry on Friday issued an advisory for customers on the steps they need to follow for the redress of insurance policy-related grievances. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) mandates a strict, time-bound process for resolving policyholder issues. Customers facing unfair claim rejections, delays, mis-selling or other service-related issues are advised to follow a defined escalation path, which starts at the level of the insurance company and then moves up to IRDAI's Bhima Bharosa portal.

Aditya-L1 findings offer fresh clues to Sun's super-heated corona

NEW DELHI

Observations from India's Aditya-L1 solar mission have provided crucial insights into one of solar physics' biggest mysteries: how the Sun's outer atmosphere remains millions of degrees hotter than its surface and retains that heat despite constantly losing vast amounts of energy through solar eruptions, according to Indian researchers. Scientists studying data from Aditya-L1, India's first dedicated solar observation mission, have reported findings that could help explain the long-standing mystery of why the Sun's corona remains far hotter than its visible surface. The findings, published in the Astrophysical Journal Letters, were led by Professor R. Ramesh of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA). The study sheds new light on the processes that heat the Sun's outermost atmosphere and replenish energy lost during powerful solar

The study reveals new insights into the processes heating the Sun's outer atmosphere and restoring energy lost during solar eruptions.



eruptions. The temperature structure of the Sun has puzzled astrophysicists for decades. While temperatures in the Sun's core reach nearly 15 million degrees Celsius, the visible surface, known as the photosphere, is significantly cooler at around 5,500 degrees Celsius. Surprisingly, the corona, located much farther from the core, can reach temperatures of around 2 million degrees Celsius and occasionally soar to as high as 40 million degrees Celsius. This apparent increase in temperature away from the heat source challenges conventional

expectations and has remained one of the most enduring unsolved questions in solar science. The corona is also the birth place of extreme solar weather events, including solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs). During these eruptions, the Sun ejects enormous amounts of energy and charged particles into space. Such events can lead to spectacular auroras on Earth but can also disrupt power grids, communication networks, navigation systems and satellites through geomagnetic storms. According to Prof.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

'China's cheap exports taking economy to brink of crisis'

NEW DELHI

China's relentless policy of driving exports and widening its trade surplus, by any means, has hit the manufacturing sector of advanced economies such as the United States and those in Europe, as well as developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. China has completely ignored the global consensus that its overcapacity is harming other countries. However, now this problem is approaching a breaking point. And if that breaking point comes, the



consequence could be a global economic crisis at a time when governments are particularly ill-equipped to manage the fallout, the article in Foreign Policy magazine laments. Over the past two decades, China has established the largest trade surplus in recorded history. In 2025, this

reached nearly \$1.2 trillion, growing at three times the rate of global goods trade. This is politically and structurally unsustainable—creating an increasing and underappreciated risk to the entire global economy, according to the article by Michael B. G. Froman.

BUSINESS

India forex reserves cross \$707 billion

India's forex reserves crossed \$707 billion after a \$14.136 billion weekly surge, led by stronger foreign currency

MUMBAI

India's foreign exchange reserves surged by \$14.136 billion in the week ended August 7, crossing the \$707 billion mark, as foreign currency assets and gold holdings recorded strong gains, according to Reserve Bank of India data released on Friday. Total reserves rose to \$707.308 billion during the reporting week, compared with the previous week, when reserves had increased by



India's forex reserves hit record \$707 billion:

- Forex reserves rise \$14.136 billion in one week,
- Total reserves cross \$707 billion mark,
- Foreign currency assets climb to \$574.625 billion,
- Gold reserves rise to \$108.738 billion,
- Reserves up \$15.894 billion since March 2026.

Foreign currency assets, the largest component of the reserves, increased by \$9.946 billion to \$574.625 billion. Gold reserves also climbed

significantly by \$3.995 billion to \$108.738 billion. The value of India's Special Drawing Rights with the International Monetary Fund rose by \$79

million to \$18.745 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF also increased by \$116 million to \$4.894 billion. The latest data showed that India's reserves have risen by \$15.894 billion since the end of March 2026 and by \$13.384 billion on an annual basis. The increase strengthens the country's external sector position and provides a larger cushion against global financial and commodity market volatility.

Forex reserves, managed by the RBI, include foreign currency assets, gold, SDRs and the reserve tranche position with the IMF. They are closely monitored as an indicator of a country's capacity to meet external obligations and support currency stability amid heightened global uncertainty. The sharp rise in reserves offers additional resilience for the rupee while strengthening India's ability to manage potential external shocks.

Professional services can drive skilled jobs

NEW DELHI

As India approaches its demographic peak, professional services are emerging as an avenue for high-skilled employment, entrepreneurship and innovation, according to a NITI Aayog report released on Friday.

The report, the third under NITI Aayog's 'Services Thematic Series', examines India's regulatory framework for professional services and benchmarks it against select foreign jurisdictions. It was launched by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri in the presence of CEO Nidhi Chhibber and MOSPI Secretary Dr Saurabh Garg. According to an official statement, the assessment

A stronger regulatory ecosystem could help India expand professional services, create skilled jobs, boost exports and improve global mobility for professionals.



draws on extensive consultations with stakeholders and identifies regulatory challenges that could limit the sector's growth. It also outlines a pathway for policy dialogue and reforms aimed at strengthening professional services ecosystem. Professional services account for nearly a quarter of India's total services exports, making the segment a critical contributor to the country's

external sector. The report noted that these high-value, knowledge-intensive activities support downstream services, generate employment and remittance inflows, and form an important part of the services value chain. The report said a well-designed regulatory ecosystem could further boost service exports, facilitate cross-border mobility of professionals and improve the ease of doing business. It stressed that understanding regulatory conditions is essential for unlocking the sector's potential as India's working-age population expands. The report proposes a four-pronged strategy covering emerging trends, stronger integration within the services value chain, adoption of best practices and continuous professional development. Together, these measures seek to

improve efficiency, productivity and global competitiveness while enabling India's professional workforce to capture new opportunities. **Ashok Kumar Lahiri:** "Professional services are critical to India's services economy and future high-skilled employment." **Highlight of the meeting:** The report's four-pronged strategy focuses on emerging trends, strengthening professional services across the value chain, adopting global best practices and promoting continuous professional development. These measures are aimed at improving sectoral efficiency, productivity and competitiveness while expanding India's ability to deliver high-value services globally.

India's shift to higher-value crops boosts demand for organised price discovery

NEW DELHI

India's shift toward higher value crops such as spices and oilseeds is creating stronger demand for organised price discovery and risk management, a report said on Friday. The report from Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) said spices recorded the strongest production growth among the crop categories, rising from 6.99 million metric tonnes in 2015 16 to 12.99 MMT in 2024 25, up 85.9 per cent. Production is projected to touch 18.12 MMT by 2029-30, growing at a forecast CAGR of

6.87 per cent. High value spices showed broad-based gains as Ajwain production more than tripled between 2015 16 and 2024 25, while ginger, cumin and garlic registered CAGRs of 9.12 per cent, 8.75 per cent and 8.23 per cent respectively. Oilseeds also expanded strongly, from 25.25 MMT in 2015 16 to 42.99 MMT in 2024 25, showing cumulative growth of 70.2 per cent. The segment grew at a CAGR of 5.46 per cent, the second highest growth rate among the eight segments analysed. Oilseed production is projected to touch around 56.7



MMT by 2029-30, the report said. Among major oilseeds, rapeseed and mustard led the growth with production rising 86.4 per cent to 12.67 MMT. Soybean and groundnut production rose 78.2 per cent and 77.4 per cent, respectively. Groundnut, rapeseed and mustard, and soybean accounted for 95 per cent of the oil-

seed sector's Rs 2,135.3 billion economic output in 2023-24. The report noted that India's agricultural growth is increasingly being driven by high-value commodities, such as spices and oilseeds, creating opportunities for market-based risk management, value addition and organised trading. The changing crop mix is increasing the importance of efficient market mechanisms as production, consumption and trade expand, the report said, adding that a well-functioning agricultural derivatives market is an essential component of agricultural market infrastructure.

Bank deposits hit record high as RBI's FCNR scheme spurs inflows

NEW DELHI

Deposits in India's banking system have accelerated sharply over the past three fortnights and rose to a record high, helped largely by the conversion of foreign-currency inflows mobilised under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) special deposit schemes, according to a report. According to a report by Reuters, banking system deposits increased by a cumulative Rs 11 lakh crore over the three fortnights ended July 31. This follows a net decline of Rs 3.87 lakh crore in deposits between April 1 and June 15. The turnaround comes after the RBI in June unveiled concessional

swap windows for foreign currency non-resident (FCNR) deposits and encouraged banks and state-owned entities to tap cheaper overseas funding sources. The measures have attracted inflows of nearly \$41 billion by the end of July, RBI data showed. The conversion of dollars into rupees has gained pace, which is the major reason for the recent boost in deposits, the report said, citing a trader at a state-run bank. As a result, total deposits in the banking system rose to a record Rs 269.4 lakh crore as of July 31, an increase of Rs 7.1 lakh crore in the first four months of the current financial year.

Natco Pharma Q1 net profit slumps 57 pc on weak Lenalidomide sales

MUMBAI

Natco Pharma Limited on Friday reported a 57 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in consolidated net profit for the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY27) as lower sales of its generic cancer drug lenalidomide weighed on revenue and operating performance. The consolidated net profit net profit falling to Rs 206.5 crore from Rs 480.3 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. The weak performance was primarily driven by lower sales of lenalidomide, the company's generic version of a cancer treatment drug, which significantly impacted its international business during the quarter. Revenue from operations dropped 44.7 per cent to Rs 735.2 crore in the April-June quarter from Rs 1,328.9 crore a year earlier. The company said the decline was largely attributable to lower revenues from lenalidomide, although the impact was partly offset by growth in its core business segments. Operating performance also came under pressure during the quarter. EBITDA declined 67.4 per cent year-on-year to Rs 186 crore from Rs 571 crore, while EBITDA



margin contracted sharply to 25.3 per cent from 43 per cent in the year-ago period. Despite the revenue slowdown, the company managed to reduce its overall expenses. Total expenses stood at Rs 608.8 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 818.7 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. Natco's domestic formulations business recorded healthy growth. Revenue from the segment rose to Rs 136.4 crore in the first quarter from Rs 107 crore a year earlier, as per its regulatory filing. However, the company's international formulations business witnessed a steep decline. Revenue from the segment fell to Rs 477.1 crore from Rs 1,120.9 crore in the year-ago quarter. The active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) business delivered a positive performance, with revenue increasing to Rs 66.7 crore from Rs 52.6 crore in the corresponding quarter last financial year. Alongside the earnings announcement, Natco Pharma's board approved an interim dividend of Rs 1.50 per equity share.

