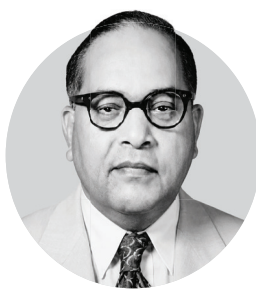
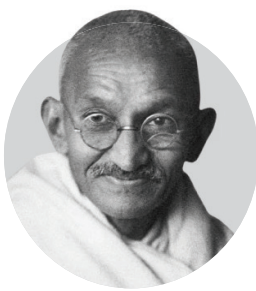


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Quick Read

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.

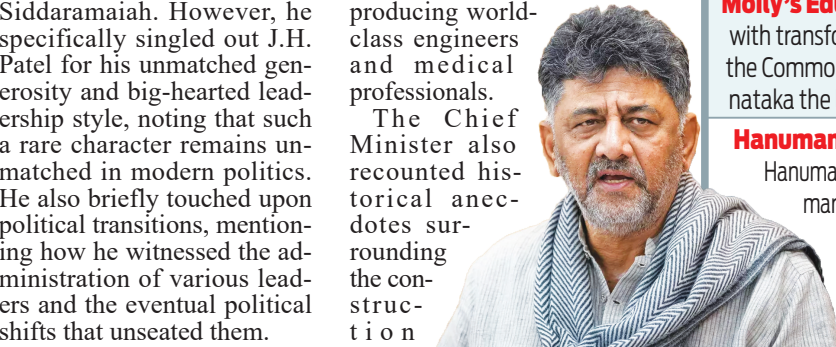
BNCC Commissioner inspects storm water drain projects

**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 fig-

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.

"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.



# 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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Quick Read

Applications invited for vacant Primary, HS teacher posts

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
Applications are invited on-line from eligible candidates to fill the vacant posts of teachers in government primary and high schools in various districts of Karnataka state. Applications can be submitted from August 18 to September 7. The notifications have been published on the website of the School Education Department [VHP condemns ban on Bajrang Dal leaders](https://s. Assembly constituency wise form digitized details: Belthangady-218013, Moodbidri-193680, Mangalore City North-223234, Mangalore City South- 206082, Mangalore- 194997, Bantwal-211759, Puttur- 201588, Sulia- 196635.</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**CH NEWS, UDUPI**  
The district administration's action of barring leaders of Hindu organisations, including Bajrang Dal leader Puneet Attavara, who were to attend the Akhand Bharat Sankalp Day program of Bajrang Dal in the district's Kaup region, from entering district is highly condemnable, said Vishwa Hindu Parishad District Working President KR Sunil. It is foolish to say that we are silencing the voices of Hindus and diverting ourselves from the work of Hindutva by barring Hindu organization leaders from the Akhand Bharat Sankalp program, which aims to educate people about the history of the partition of the country and create awareness, he said in a statement. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad is working across the country in the face of many such restrictions and prohibitions.

Puttur govt college draws students, but buses fail to keep pace

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
Government First Grade College at Jidekallu in Puttur has managed to reverse its admission fortunes, but inadequate KSRTC bus services threaten to undermine its success. A free-admission campaign, conducted for the second consecutive year, has helped increase the college's student strength to 150. The institution recorded 48 fresh admissions this year. Before launching the initiative last year, the college had only 36 students across BA and BCom. To boost enrolment, it offered free admission to the first 100 students. Encouraged by the response, college continued the campaign this year. However, commuting has become a daily challenge for many students, particularly girls, travelling from distant places. Students said the college needs four additional bus trips. Many commute from Kasaragod and Perla in Kerala, and from Manchi and Kojanaje, while some must walk six to seven kms to reach their homes or the nearest bus stop. Since the college campaigned extensively, many students

CARE OF PRISONERS

District Jail hosts health check-up camp for 123 inmates

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
Prison Ministry India (PMI), Mangaluru Unit, in collaboration with Father Muller Medical College, Mangaluru, organised a general health check-up camp for inmates at the District Jail. Inaugurating the camp, Jail Superintendent Sharanabasappa emphasised that a prison should be viewed as a 'Correction Centre', where individuals are given an opportunity to reflect on their mistakes, reform their lives and return to society as responsible persons. Sometimes, due to various

Rain trigger malaria cases in Mangaluru

The spread of malaria is a headache for the health department, and the district health department is now taking steps to create awareness among the people to prevent malaria.

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
The game of hide and seek due to the rain has brought life-threatening problems to the people. A deadly disease like malaria is spreading in Mangaluru city, with more than thirty cases reported. Malaria cases are also increasing as the rains continue to pour in district. The number of cases has increased among workers coming from outside states for construction and other works. With a large number of workers coming to district, malaria control has become a challenge for

the health department. In view of the presence of malaria cases in outside states including Bihar, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh, the disease is also appearing in workers coming from there to the coastal districts of the state. In this regard, the health department has taken the initiative to keep a special watch on workers from outside states. The district has seen an increase in malaria cases for the past two months. So far, 30 cases have been confirmed. Of these, 23 are from outside the district and state. Most of the



total cases have been reported from Mangaluru city. People come to the city for various purposes including employment, education, etc. At this time, there are symptoms of fever. It spreads and causes problems. The health department has initiated an initiative to create awareness among the

**A special team has been formed by the health department in the district to monitor the workers engaged in construction work in the construction phase to prevent malaria. Construction sites are visited and blood samples of the workers are tested. Awareness is also being created in the water tanks located around the area. Sample tests are being done.**

**- Authorities**  
concerned construction companies in collaboration with the health department to get out-of-state workers tested for malaria

in the coastal areas before hiring them. The district has been experiencing a mix of sunny and rainy weather for the past few days, which is leading to the breeding of mosquitoes. The Health Department has issued guidelines to prevent malaria. Ensure that water does not stagnate in waste materials around the house. Clean mosquito nets at least once a week and install mosquito nets on doors and windows. Pregnant women should be extra careful of mosquitoes. People have been appealed to wear dark-colored clothes.

Gold, cash stolen from locked house

**CH NEWS, UDUPI**  
Gold jewellery and cash were stolen from a house opposite Bobbaryankatte in Kundapur after burglars broke open the front door of the house in the absence of its occupants on Thursday. The theft took place at the house of Sharada, located opposite Bobbaryankatte. Her son, Vijay Naveen Kumar, had left his mother at his aunt's house in Kota and travelled to Mumbai on August 8. When Vijay returned home on the morning of August 13, he discovered that the house had been burgled.

Rotary Club of Mangalore inaugurates Chaitanya Hall

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
The Rotary Club of Mangalore inaugurated and formally handed over the newly constructed Chaitanya Hall at Rotary Navachethana English Medium School, Neermarga. The Rs 48 lakh facility, funded entirely through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support from Kalbavi Consumer Foods Private Limited, Baikampady, provides 3,250 sq ft of additional space comprising a multipurpose hall with a stage and separate green rooms for boys and girls. Rtn Major Donor Sathish Bolar, District Governor, Rotary International District 3181, inaugurated the Chaitanya Hall by cutting the ribbon and ceremonially unveiling the plaque. The facility was subsequently formally handed over to the Navachethana Trust, with CAK Anantha Padmanabha, President, Rotary Navachethana Trust, accepting the gift on behalf of the school. Rtn Daidan D'Silva, president, Rotary Club of Manga-

Sathish Bolar promises District support

District Governor Rtn Major Donor Sathish Bolar said he was deeply touched by the gesture of the Rotary Club of Mangalore and its commitment to the development of Navachethana School. He assured the school of support from the Rotary District secretariat for its future development.

lore, welcomed the gathering, while Rtn Vinod Aranha, immediate past president, spoke about the project and its background. Rtn PP Mjr Dnr Kalbavi Prakash Rao addressed the gathering and spoke about his long association with Navachethana and the Rotary Club of Mangalore. A highlight of the occasion

was the felicitation of the Kalbavi family - Prakash Kalbavi, Gowri Kalbavi and Adeeth Kalbavi - in recognition of the family's contribution towards the development of the school through the CSR support of Kalbavi Consumer Foods Private Limited. The family was honoured with a shawl, flowers and a plaque as a mark of appreciation for their contribution towards making the Chaitanya Hall possible. The programme also recognised and felicitated the many stakeholders whose collective efforts brought the project to completion. Those felicitated included Rtn PP C Devdas Kamath, structural engineer and member of the Building Committee; Rtn PP CA Srinivas Kamath, Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Mangalore Charitable Trust; the civil, steel fabrication and electrical contractors; and other members of the Building Committee who were involved in the planning, technical supervision, financial administration and execution of the project.

Second edition of Tulunad Conclave on August 23

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
The Tulu Cultural Research Foundation (TCRF) will organise the second edition of Tulunad Conclave at government PU College, Mulki, on August 23. The event will bring together scholars, artists and cultural activists to deliberate on preservation and promotion of Tulu language and heritage. TCRF president Nischith G Ramakunja told that the conclave aims to bring Tuluva youth together for discussion on language and culture. We will also recognise individuals who have contributed to the Tulu language, he said. TCRF Founder Mahi Mulki said this year they expect increased participation mainly from young people, and the objective is to create greater awareness about Tulu culture and language among the youth. The inaugural session will focus on various aspects of Tulu studies, including literature, linguistics and cultural documentation. A special session will examine the use of tech in language preservation and feature a presentation on AI-based text-to-speech system for Tulu. The post-lunch programme will include panel discussions and interactions

with writers, scholars and cultural practitioners. Topics will range from folk traditions and oral narratives to contemporary challenges faced by the Tulu community. The conclave will also feature discussions on education, including the need for wider inclusion of Tulu in formal learning, and community-led initiatives to sustain the language. A documentary titled Kangulu-Karangolu will also be screened and an AI-based text-to-speech system for Tulu will be released. Tulunada Kula Siri, a lifetime achievement award will be presented to Sheena Patri, a person who dedicated his life to the worship of Daivas. The conclave is open to students, researchers and the locals. The day-long event will be held from 10am to 5.30pm. MP Brijesh Chowta, MLA Umanath Kotian and others will be present. Books to be released include Article of Harsha Tulunad named Vajradarage, Jeetige - Tulu script learning book (third edition), Kantabare Budabare book by Sushan, Appe - collection of articles written dedicated to mother, Beerada Bolpu - widely celebrated book written by Mandara Keshava Bhat.

Migrant workers fall from under-construction building

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
Two migrant workers were injured after allegedly falling from an under-construction building at Kotekar Beeri in Ullal. The injured workers have been identified as Shakir (32) and Haider (33), both from Delhi. The incident occurred while the two were working on the second floor of a five-storey building that is under construction. They are said to have accidentally fallen from the building while carrying out work. Both workers, who sustained serious injuries, were immediately shifted to a private hospital in Deralakatte for treatment. Shakir's condition is reportedly critical, while both continue to receive treatment at the hospital. Ullal police visited the spot and conducted an inspection following the incident.

Special traffic drive records 7,490 cases in two months

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
City police have registered a total of 7,490 cases during special traffic drives conducted over the past two months to prevent road accidents, ensure effective traffic regulation and facilitate the smooth movement of vehicles within the city. With the City Police commissionerate limits, a total of 7,490 cases have been registered since June 2026 against violations including no-parking, footpath parking, improper parking, double parking, traffic obstruction and other parking violations that affect pedestrian safety and the smooth movement of public vehicles. A total of Rs 3,07,600 in fines has been collected. Of these cases, 1,080 involved footpath parking. Similarly, a special drive was conducted from August 4 to August 12 to prevent the use

of fake and defective number plates and the commission of criminal activities using such vehicles. During the drive, cases were registered against 258 vehicles with defective number plates and against 74 vehicles that were being driven without number plates. A total of 332 cases were registered in this drive, and fines amounting to Rs 3,01,000 were imposed, the City Police Commissioner's office said in a statement. Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy said it is the responsibility of every vehicle owner to ensure that number plates are clearly displayed and fitted in accordance with the rules and in the manner prescribed for the vehicle. He urged vehicle owners to install the prescribed HSRP number plates and directed motorists to strictly follow traffic rules.

The glory of Kambala is reigning at Mangalore airport

**CH NEWS, MANGALURU**  
A magnificent sculpture depicting the traditional folk sport of the coast, 'Kambala', is welcoming passengers from all over the world in a very attractive manner at the arrival gate of the international airport. This commendable initiative by Adani is a beautiful platform to introduce the traditional splendor of Tulu Nadu to people from home and abroad. Creative thinker and renowned visual artist Harish Kodialbail is behind this concept that brings the power,



The long-term goal is to make drinking-water shortages more predictable, preventable and manageable across Chitradurga.

# 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.

- JEREMY DANIEL R.

### 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



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

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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 irrigation 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.

# 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 recom-

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

med 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.

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.



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.

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 (CalI2) 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                     |
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| 1.     | Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Strategic Tourism Plan for Kalyana Karnataka Region | DT/2026-27/SE0151<br>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

DIPR/CP/2165/NR/2026-27



**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.

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.

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

of the government to using humour and ridicule through slogans. According to O'Brien, this showed MPs a new way of communicating serious political issues.

The TMC leader also highlighted coordination among opposition parties during the session. He said opposition leaders worked together to

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.

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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.

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| 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 |

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No:EE/PRED/CTA/TEND/TECH//2026-27/1250 Date:13/08/2026

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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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 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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**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



the blockade indefinitely by rotating ships in and out of the region. The Strait of Hormuz has become a major flashpoint in the confrontation. Shipping traffic through the strategic waterway has fallen amid heightened tensions, while recent attacks involving oil tankers have added to con-

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

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. 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.

## NATO jets shoot down drone over Latvian airspace

*An Italian Eurofighter intercepted and destroyed the unmanned aircraft, while NATO confirmed all four jets operated under its command.*

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.

## Count Binface becomes Britain's most successful comedy candidate

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



over half the country's population, experiencing acute food insecurity. Around 2.2 million children are also suffering from acute malnutrition, according to the UN agencies. The country is simultaneously receiving around

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.

# 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.

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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.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.

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

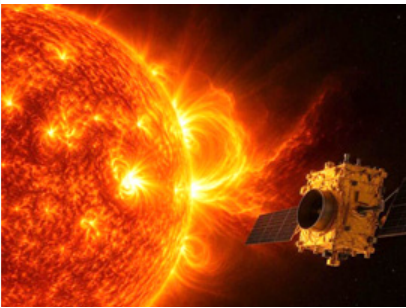
**CH NEWS,** New Delhi The Finance Ministry on Friday issued an advisory for customers on the steps they need to follow for the redress of insurance policy-related grievances. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) mandates a strict, time-bound process for resolving policyholder 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 birthplace 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.

'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.

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:

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\$2.156 billion to \$693.172 billion. In rupee terms, the reserves expanded by Rs 1.19 lakh crore to Rs 67.32 lakh crore.

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.

APEDA hosts organic buyer-seller meet Tripura

NEW DELHI

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has organised an international organic buyer-seller meet in Tripura aimed at connecting the state's organic producers and farmer groups with overseas buyers and expanding export opportunities, an official statement said on Friday. According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the event -- held in Agartala in collaboration with the Tripura State Organic Farming Development Agency (TSOFDA) and the state's Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare -- brought together around 200 participants, including more than 20 international buyers from Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, Greece and Argentina. In addition, the programme also saw participation from 27 exporters, 96 farmers representing 22 farmer producer organisations and farmer producer companies, and officials from various government departments, it added. The meet was designed to facilitate direct interactions between farmers, producer groups, exporters and international buyers, enabling discussions on sourcing opportu-

nities, market requirements and potential business partnerships. As part of the event, 12 exhibition stalls showcased Tripura's organic and naturally produced agricultural products, including Queen Pineapple, GI-tagged Kalikhasa Rice, organic ginger and turmeric, black sesame, jackfruit and scented lemon. APEDA said the platform is expected to help generate new business linkages, support long-term sourcing partnerships and improve market access for farmers in the northeastern state. Tripura Agriculture Minister Ratan Lal Nath, who attended the event, said the state's farmers produce quality organic products with strong potential in domestic and international markets and emphasised the importance of strengthening market linkages for farmers and producer groups. The programme was also attended by Tripura Agriculture and Horticulture Secretary Apurba Roy, IFOAM Organics Asia Executive Director Jennifer Chang and senior APEDA officials. The event included the felicitation of organic farmers for their contribution to the state's organic farming sector and sustainable agricultural value chains.

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.

## Vidyaniketan dismantles Ryan for stunning D2 win

**BENGALURU**

In a thrilling bowling masterclass, Vidyani- ketan Public School from Ullal clinched a dominant 9-wicket victory over Ryan International School during the KM Ramprasad Shield Under-16 Division II cricket tournament. The 50-over fixture, organized by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), took place at the NAL National Aerospace Laboratories Stadium.

Ryan International School initially looked comfortable after winning the toss and getting off to a steady start, putting up 40 runs in 10 overs without losing a single wicket. However, the game turned completely on its head following a devastating bowling spell from the Vidyani- ketan attack.

Bowlers Divij Sai Prasad and Sumukh dismantled the opposition batting lineup with a lethal combination of pace and spin. Divij led the charge by conceding just 17 runs across 6 overs while picking up 5 crucial wickets. Teammate Sumukh matched the brilliance from the other end, claiming 5 wickets while giving away only 12 runs. Unable to handle the sudden pressure, Ryan International collapsed entirely from 40 for no loss to be bowled out for a meager total of 68 runs.

Chasing a modest target of 69 runs, Vidyani- ketan Public School faced little trouble reaching the finish line. Losing just one wicket along the way, they comfortably chased down the target to seal a comprehensive 9-wicket triumph and advance their campaign in style.

## Chillar's calculated gamble sparks Dilli's win

**NEW DELHI**

Purani Dilli 6 batter Ashwini Chillar shared that his squad purposely aimed to take the match deep to secure a dramatic last-over win against the North Delhi Strikers in the Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2026.

The team bounced back from a shaky start to claim a brilliant four-wicket victory. Speaking after the match, Chillar talked about how careful planning helped them get the win.

"Winning a match like this brings immense joy," Chillar said. "We had a clear plan - if we wanted to win, we needed to take the game deep and keep wickets in hand till the end so everyone coming down could contribute 10 to 15 runs."

Earlier, North Delhi Strikers scored a competitive total of 186/6 in their 20 overs. Captain Sarthak Ranjan and Yash Bhatia both hit brilliant 59s, while Yash Dabas added a quick 36 runs.

In reply, Purani Dilli 6 struggled early on and fell to 53/4. However, a massive 105-run partnership for the fifth wicket between Lalit Yadav, who scored 64 off 41 balls, and Ashwini Chillar, who made 45 off 36, completely changed the game.

Even though Chillar got out in the final over with seven runs still needed, Pankaj Jaswal became the hero by hitting back-to-back sixes on his first two balls to seal the win. Chillar admitted he was a bit sad not to finish the game himself or reach his fifty, but praised the squad's strong team spirit.



Neymar sparked controversy by urging negative Santos fans to stay home after a hard-fought 2-1 Copa Sudamericana win

### SAO PAULO

Brazilian football icon Neymar has sparked a major debate after sending a blunt message to his own club supporters. Following a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Ecuador's Macara in the Copa Sudamericana, the seasoned forward did not hold back his frustration. He publicly urged negative fans to watch games from their living rooms rather than bringing bad energy to the stadium. The dramatic match at Vila Belmiro got off to a nightmare start for the home side. Macara stunned the crowd by taking an early lead just four minutes into the game thanks to a sharp goal by Franco Pos-

## Neymar to critics: Stay home if negative

se. Hearing groans and boos from the stands so early in the contest deeply upset Neymar, who felt the team needed encouragement more than ever during a tough moment.

Speaking to reporters after the final whistle, the 34 year-old star explained his touchline reaction. He noted that while he understands the fanbase has endured painful years recently, showing up with a hostile attitude hurts the squad. He pointed out that complaining while the team is down only makes the job harder on the pitch. Instead, he asked the crowd to back the players until the final whistle blows.

Despite the tension in the stands, Neymar proved his immense value on the field once again. He shook off the hostile noise and put on a masterclass. Right before halftime, he slipped a clever pass to Gabriel

Barbosa, who slotted home the crucial equalizer. Later, in the seventy-fifth minute, Neymar delivered a pinpoint corner kick that Willian Arao powered home with a header to seal the comeback win. This clutch performance extends an incredible run of form for the veteran player. Over his last 24 appearances for Santos, he has racked up thirteen goals and eight assists, proving he remains a vital engine for the team.

Looking ahead, Santos will carry a slim 2-1 aggregate lead when they travel to Ambato next week for the decisive second leg. A simple draw will be enough to secure their spot in the tournament quarter-finals. However, the bigger question hanging over the club is whether the supporters and their star player can fully mend their relationship before the next big kickoff.



## Kumara cannot be easily replaced, says De Silva

### GALLE

Sri Lanka Test captain Dhananjaya de Silva has strongly backed the decision to recall wicketkeeper-batter Niroshan Dickwella for the upcoming 1st Test match against India at the Galle International Cricket Stadium.

Dickwella's return has sparked heavy debate across the country. Many cricket critics wondered why local players in great form, such as Sadeera Samarawickrama and the uncapped Anjala Bandara, were left out after Kusal Mendis suffered an injury. However, de Silva made it clear that expert wicketkeeping skills are needed most on the tricky Galle pitch.

"The only thing I have to tell Niroshan Dickwella is to keep well. That's why he's in the team," de Silva explained during the pre-match press conference. He noted that Dickwella missed out in recent years because Kusal Mendis performed well at number 7. Yet, with conditions in Galle proving difficult, the management team and selectors unanimously agreed that the best gloves must take priority.

The skipper also spoke about fast bowler Lahiru Kumara, whose career has often been slowed down by injuries, including a recent hamstring issue in the West Indies in June. De Silva stressed that the team lacks a deep talent pool for fast bowling, making Kumara essential to the squad.

"Right now in Sri Lanka, no bowler can replace Lahiru Kumara," the captain said. He hopes the speedster will bounce back and deliver a strong performance in the upcoming series against India.

## A final home race, a stunning helmet

Max Verstappen revealed a classic Dutch Delftware-inspired helmet for his final home appearance at the Zandvoort Grand Prix

### ZANDVOORT

Formula 1 star Max Verstappen has pulled back the curtain on a truly unique helmet design ahead of his final home appearance at the upcoming Dutch Grand Prix.

Moving away from his standard look for the 2026 season, the 4 time world champion will wear a striking white and blue helmet inspired by classic Dutch Delftware pottery. The craftsmanship features delicate floral patterns and detailed blue artwork wrapping around the bottom edges. Standard sponsor logos from Red Bull and Oracle remain visible on the front, while his well-known golden lion emblem sits proudly on top, blending local culture with his racing identity.

This upcoming race weekend at the coastal circuit of Zandvoort, scheduled for August 21 to 23, holds major emotional weight for both the driver and his supporters. Organizers have confirmed that this will be the final running of the Dutch Grand Prix. Following a short 1 year contract extension covering the 2026 calendar, promoters decided not to renew the deal further, meaning F1 will say goodbye to Zandvoort starting in 2027.

Verstappen shared the fresh design with his followers across social media platforms, expressing his gratitude to



the local crowds. Alongside pictures of the helmet, he wrote a heartfelt message thanking the fans who have supported him over the years. The post quickly went viral, pulling in hundreds of thousands of likes within hours. Fans flooded the comment sections with praise, calling the helmet a true piece of art and sharing sadness over the race leaving the calendar. The official Dutch Grand Prix account also joined the conversation, thanking the champion for the unforgettable memories shared on home soil.

As the race weekend approaches, Verstappen finds himself in a fascinating battle on the track. He currently sits sixth in the driver standings with 109 points, trailing the championship leader by a significant margin. Meanwhile, Red Bull holds fourth place in the constructors' championship with 177 points. Even with the championship fight proving difficult this season, the home hero remains entirely focused on putting on a memorable show for the massive orange army cheering him on for one final time.

### NEW DELHI

Indian shooter Raiza Dhillon is getting ready for her very first Asian Games appearance. The 22-year-old athlete from Chandigarh will compete in the senior women's skeet event, carrying on a long family tradition.

Growing up in Shamgarh, Haryana, guns were always a part of daily life due to her family's hunting background. When Raiza was just 12 years old, her father encouraged her to try the sport formally to see if she had a natural knack for it. She started with a light 10-meter air rifle. Later, at age 16, she switched to the heavier shotgun once she was old enough.

Her father was thrilled from the beginning, while her mother was cautious at first about her spending so much time outdoors. However, seeing Raiza's deep happiness and success changed her mind completely.

Shooting has also helped Raiza grow personally. Once a shy child, she says handling a shotgun gave her a strong sense of empowerment, completely boosting her confidence and life outlook. She has already faced major challenges, including earning an Olympic quota in



2024 at age 20 and handling the immense pressure of competing in Paris.

Raiza credits her success to her strong support system. Her coaches help fix technical flaws, while her parents provide emotional balance. She also praised the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for organizing top-tier training camps with psychologists and physios.

As she heads to her maiden Asian Games, Raiza is excited and focused. Her main goal is a podium finish, but she also wants to enjoy every moment, knowing that happiness brings out her best performance on the range.

### WORLD CUP FEVER

## Catch all action of 2026 Hockey World Cup

### NEW DELHI

The FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 is ready to kick off this Independence Day, bringing high hopes for both the Indian men and women teams. Belgium and the Netherlands are jointly hosting this major global sports event, which runs until August 30. Games take place at the Wagener Stadium in Amstelveen, Netherlands, and the Belfius Arena in Wavre, Belgium.

Indian supporters can watch all initial phase matches live because both squads play their early games at the Wagener Stadium.

Led by Captain Harmanpreet Singh, the Indian men team shares Pool D with England, Pakistan, and Wales. Their campaign begins against Wales on August 15 at 4:30 PM IST, followed by a match with England on August 17. The high-voltage clash against Pakistan is scheduled for August 19. The men side aims to claim their first trophy since 1975, building on recent Olympic success.

Meanwhile, the Indian women team is also placed in Pool D, alongside China, South Africa, and England. They start their journey facing China on August 16 at 4:30 PM IST, play South Africa on August 18, and meet England on August 20. Fresh from a Pro League gold medal, the women squad wants to secure their first-ever tournament medal, improving past fourth-place records. Fans in India can catch live television broadcasts on Star Sports channels. Digital viewers can stream every match live through the JioStar platform.

Both national squads feature stellar talent. The men roster includes seasoned stars like Harmanpreet Singh, Manpreet Singh, and goalkeeper Suraj Karkera. The women lineup features skipper Salima Tete, seasoned goalkeeper Savita Punia, and forward Navneet Kaur, all ready to shine on the world stage. Supporters across the nation are eagerly tuning in to back their favorite players.

**Men's team eyeing glory**

- **August 15:** India vs Wales (4:30 PM IST)
- **August 17:** India vs England (6:30 PM IST)
- **August 19:** India vs Pakistan (6:30 PM IST)

**Women's team seeking historic win**

- **August 16:** India vs China (4:30 PM IST)
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- **August 20:** India vs England (6:30 PM IST)



**HOW THE NEW STRUCTURE WORKS**

- **The Second Group Phase:** The top two teams from these initial groups advance to brand-new, larger pools. Pools E and F combine teams from specific groups, meaning group winners and runners-up will face fresh competition while carrying forward their prior head-to-head points.
- **Classification Battles:** Teams finishing third and fourth in the opening round drop into Pools G and H to fight for lower-rank placements.
- **Direct to Semifinals:** Gone are the single-elimination quarterfinals. Instead, the top two finishers from Pools E and F move directly into the semifinals, keeping the pressure high on every single match...

**Can Gomez guide Brighton to European glory?**

**BRIGHTON**

Brighton & Hove Albion have tied down Paraguay international midfielder Diego Gomez to a brand-new 5 year contract, which includes an option for an extra year.

The 23-year-old midfielder has enjoyed a meteoric rise since transferring to the Premier League side from MLS club Inter Miami in January 2025. After playing alongside Lionel Messi in the United States, Gomez seamlessly adapted to English football and cemented his spot in Fabian Hurzeler's squad.

Gomez delivered a stellar 2025-26 campaign, netting 10 goals across all competitions. Notably, he finished as the Carabao Cup's top scorer with five goals, which featured an incredible four-goal haul in a 6-0 demolition of Barnsley. In total, the Paraguayan has made 56 appearances and scored 11 goals for the Seagulls.



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