

Abandoned vehicle towing begins in B'luru

After owners ignored repeated notices, the Greater Bengaluru Authority has begun towing abandoned vehicles across Bengaluru, with Minister Krishna Byre Gowda launching the operation at Gandhinagar.

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The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has officially started towing abandoned vehicles parked on public roads across the city after several owners failed to respond to notices issued by the civic authorities. Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda personally launched the citywide enforcement drive near Varahi Temple in Gandhinagar, marking the beginning of large-scale removal of long-abandoned vehicles.

The towing operation was initiated after the notice period expired for hundreds of vehicle owners who had left their vehicles parked on roads and public spaces for extended periods. Despite being warned to remove their vehicles, many owners did not respond, forcing the authorities to begin towing them away.

Speaking during the launch, Krishna Byre Gowda said the

Removal process and enforcement rules

■ NOTICE PERIOD:

Officials identify abandoned vehicles and attach a warning sticker with a 7-day notice. A wheel clamp is also fitted to prevent movement.

■ FINES:

Owners must pay a penalty and claim the vehicle with-

in the 7-day window.

■ **TOWING AND SEIZURE:** Unclaimed vehicles are towed and seized by joint operational authorities.

■ **AUCTION:** Vehicles that remain unclaimed are put

up for public auction in line with statutory guidelines.

■ **REPORTING:** Citizens can report neglected, abandoned vehicles on public roads using the "Public Eye" feature on the BTP ASTraM app.



Public spaces free of abandoned vehicles

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and Bengaluru Traffic Police are enforcing a citywide drive to remove abandoned vehicles from streets, footpaths, and public areas under Section 324 of the GBA Act, 2024.

■ 'Action will improve traffic movement'

MLA Dinesh Gundu Rao, who was present during the drive, said some may consider the operation a small issue, but it is an important initiative for Bengaluru. He said removing abandoned vehicles will improve traffic movement, make roads and footpaths cleaner, and help maintain better civic infrastructure and cleanliness.

ment will not tolerate vehicles being left unattended on roads for months together.

Krishna Byre Gowda revealed that officials have so far identified around 2,700 abandoned vehicles across Bengaluru. Out of these, 1,034 vehicles have already been served notices, and vehicles that remained unattended even after eight days are now being removed.

owners ignored them. As a result, the authorities have now started shifting those vehicles. Even after towing, owners will be given another 15 days to claim their vehicles before further action is initiated.

He stressed that roads and footpaths belong to the public and not to individuals, and warned people against treating public spaces as private parking areas. He said the govern-

government, under the guidance of the Chief Minister, is taking several measures to improve Bengaluru's civic infrastructure and public spaces. He said vehicles cannot be left permanently on public roads, as they create serious inconvenience for commuters and make the city look untidy.

The Minister said notices had been pasted on abandoned vehicles a week ago, but many

QUICK READ

Man assaulted twice for objecting to public smoking

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A 36-year-old car wash service centre owner was assaulted twice by a gang after he raised objections to them smoking in a public place near his shop in Andrahalli, West Bengaluru. HB Prashanth told police the incident happened at 8.45am on July 14 when he visited a condiments shop in Kalikanagar, adjacent to his service centre, for tea. He noticed four to five men smoking cigarettes in front of the shop and requested them to stop. The group reacted aggressively, abused him using obscene language and then assaulted him, Prashanth told police. Later in the evening, when Prashanth was walking near Andrahalli Shiva Temple, the same group intercepted him again. They assaulted him and threatened to kill him if he dared to interfere again.

AI camera surveillance for illegal parking at KIA

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Another warning to those parking illegally around Kempegowda International Airport. AI-based cameras have now been installed in the airport's 'no parking' areas. This new system has been implemented in partnership with the Bengaluru Traffic Police. The AI cameras, which operate 24 hours a day, will instantly identify vehicles parked in 'no parking' zones and record the violation. The recorded information will be sent directly to the Bangalore Traffic Police. The main objective of this new system is to reduce traffic congestion on airport roads and provide smooth movement of passengers.

Demolition of shop on BDA land: Case against Haris, others dropped

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The High Court has ordered the cancellation of the complaint filed by a private individual against BDA President NA Haris and the Commissioner for razing a shop built on land belonging to the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and auctioning the land, and the related trial court hearing.

The bench of Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed this order while accepting the petition filed by BDA President N.A. Harris, Commissioner, BDA Bengaluru East Zone Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive and Assistant Engineer seeking quashing of the subordinate court proceedings against them in the case.

The first respondent in the petition, Syed Ibrahim, had filed a private complaint in the trial court, alleging that the BDA had illegally demolished a shop built on land belonging to him in Vivek Nagar, Neelandsandra. The bench explained in its order that the private complaint filed in the trial court,

challenging the notice issued by the BDA stating that the land would be auctioned, had withdrawn the dispute petition filed in the High Court and made everyone from the BDA president and commissioner to the lower-level officials as accused.

The trial court also issued a notice to the petitioner, asking him to respond to the complaint directly without verifying whether the officials had demolished the shop that was illegally constructed on the BDA land as part of their duty. The bench said in the order that this action was not correct.

The complainant had illegally encroached on the BDA land and built a shop. The BDA officials, as part of their duty, vacated the unauthorized shop and auctioned the land. However, the filing of a private complaint against the complainant is a clear abuse of law. The bench, observing that allowing the hearing of this complaint to proceed would be an injustice to the complainant, quashed the trial court's hearing on the private complaint against the complainant.

RPF introduces drone surveillance to strengthen railway security

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Division of the Railway Protection Force has launched a drone surveillance system to monitor railway stations and sensitive locations in real time, improving passenger safety, crowd management and protection of railway property.

Passengers travelling through Bengaluru's railway stations will soon benefit from an added layer of security, as the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Bengaluru Division, has introduced a drone surveillance system for real-time monitoring of railway premises.

The new initiative was officially launched on Friday at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station by Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Bengaluru Division. During the inauguration, the DRM reviewed the drone's operational performance, including its aerial video quality, surveillance capabilities and operational range before it was introduced



into service.

The drone surveillance system has been brought in to strengthen passenger safety, improve the protection of railway property and enhance security at railway stations and other vulnerable locations across the Bengaluru Division.

According to railway officials, the drones will provide real-time aerial monitoring of railway premises, enabling security personnel to quickly identify and respond to any unusual activity. The technology is also expected to improve surveillance in sensitive areas that are difficult to monitor continuously through conventional methods.

The new system will improve passenger safety, monitor crowds in real time and strengthen security across railway premises.

To ensure smooth operations, RPF personnel selected for the project have undergone specialised training at the Karnataka State Police Remote Pilot Training Institute. After completing the programme, they have been certified as drone operators and are now authorised to operate the surveillance drones during security operations. Officials said the drones

RSS case: Plea in HC challenges dropping of DGR

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A petition has been filed in the High Court challenging the trial court's order dismissing former minister Dinesh Gundu Rao from a private complaint filed against him for making defamatory statements about the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its members.

The criminal petition filed by RSS supporter A Tejas, a resident of Jayanagar, came up for hearing before a single-judge bench headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna. After hearing the petition for some time, the bench issued a notice to the respondent, former minister and Congress MLA from Gandhinagar assembly constituency Dinesh Gundurao, and adjourned the hearing to July 31.

In October last year, Dinesh Gundu Rao and two others had made defamatory allegations against the RSS and its members in public statements, social media posts and interviews. Tejas had filed a private complaint against the three in the People's Representatives Court.

HC seeks govt response for exempting OC for power supply

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The High Court has sought responses from the State government, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), electricity supply companies and other authorities on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging a Government Order that exempts certain buildings from producing an Occupancy Certificate (OC) to obtain electricity connections.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice KS Hemalekha issued notices after hearing the petition filed by R. Rajagopalan, a former entrepreneur and environmentalist from JP Nagar. The petition challenges the Government Order dated

June 22, which exempts buildings from complying with the Supreme Court's direction that an Occupancy Certificate or Completion Certificate must be produced before electricity services are provided.

Appearing before the court as a party-in-person, Rajagopalan argued that the State government's order directly goes against the Supreme Court's judgment dated December 17, 2024. According to him, the Supreme Court had clearly directed that electricity and other essential services should be provided only after a building produces a valid Occupancy Certificate or Completion Certificate.

However, he alleged that the Government Order issued on June 22 bypasses this requirement and effectively overrides

the Supreme Court's directions. The petitioner argued that the Government Order fails to give importance to public safety and allows unauthorised buildings constructed in violation of approved plans and building byelaws to receive electricity connections.

He contended that the Occupancy Certificate is an important safeguard because it confirms that a building complies with structural safety standards, fire safety norms and other requirements prescribed under the National Building Code 2016. Without insisting on an Occupancy Certificate, he argued, buildings that may not meet mandatory safety standards can still become occupied after receiving electricity supply.

According to the petition, the Government Order effec-

tively provides a blanket exemption to such buildings without ensuring compliance with legal and safety requirements. The petitioner further argued that buildings which are not legally fit for occupation should not receive electricity services.

He stated that allowing electricity supply to such buildings encourages occupation of unauthorised constructions in violation of existing laws and weakens enforcement of building regulations. The petition also challenges the Government Order's provision prescribing a 15-day period for consumers to submit applications under the new system. According to the petitioner, this provision violates Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, making the order legally unsustainable.

PRCs issued by tahsildar or above in K'taka valid for SIR: EC

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The State government will begin issuing Permanent Residence Certificates (PRCs) at nearly 7,000 centres, including Atalji Janasnehi Kendras and Bapuji Kendras, from July 21.

While it remains unclear whether PRC alone will be sufficient for enrolment in the electoral roll during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), senior Election Commission of India (ECI) officials told, PRCs issued lawfully by competent authorities such as Tahsildars, Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners would be accepted. If PRCs are lawful then we will accept it. However, no executive order can be considered in the case of the PRC, a senior ECI official said. State election authorities declined to comment on whether PRC alone will suffice, saying the issue will arise only during the claims and objections period beginning August 17.

PRC has become politically contentious after Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje sought Union home minister Amit Shah's intervention, alleging there was no constitutional or statutory basis for creating the category of permanent residents. ECI's position, however, indicates that a lawfully issued PRC will be admissible during SIR.

The revenue department maintained the framework for issuing PRCs has been created after following due legal process. We have not only looked at the process followed by other states in issuing their certificates, but also the clarity given by the additional chief electoral officer of West Bengal in terms of admissibility of PRC as one of the documents for SIR in that state, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Rajender Kataria said.

According to the government order, PRC framework has been issued under Articles 162 and 166 of the Constitution, read with Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964, Karnataka Land Revenue Rules, 1966, Karnataka Land Grant Rules, 1969, and Karnataka Sakala Services Act, 2011. It also states that the guidelines will not override any eligibility condition prescribed under any Act, rules, govt order or other statutory provision. Explaining the safeguard, Kataria said, if these guidelines are in conflict with special laws, for instance, SC/ST laws, Income Tax Act or Passport Act, then the special law prevails.

BNCC clears 86 blackspots since mid-June, plans vigil

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) is close to achieving its target of clearing 100 garbage blackspots in 45 days, with 86 of the identified locations already reclaimed. The initiative, named UB 100 (Uttara Bengaluru 100), was launched on June 15 to eliminate chronic garbage dumping spots across North Bengaluru through deep cleaning, beautification, and measures to prevent fresh dumping. Officials said the campaign could serve as a model for other civic bodies.



We aren't just removing garbage but also identifying the reasons why waste is being dumped at a particular location and addressing those issues to prevent recurrence, said BNCC Commissioner Pommala Sunil

Kumar. The campaign is being carried out by BNCC staff, pourakarmikas and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) personnel with technical support from Arun Pai of Project Walkaluru. The corpo-

ration has also been organising clean-up drives with the participation of residents and volunteers. Apart from clearing waste, the civic body has undertaken civil engineering works wherever required and beautified several reclaimed locations with paintings, landscaping, and other improvements to discourage fresh dumping.

Officials said maintaining the cleaned sites remains a priority. At several vulnerable locations, BSWML has deployed night vigilance teams to prevent garbage from being dumped again. Marshals and pourakarmika supervisors

monitor these sites until midnight or 1am, followed by another round of patrolling from 4am or 5 am. In some cases, locations have been monitored continuously for nearly two weeks after the clean-up.

While we do impose fines on those who litter, our focus is to bring them into the door-to-door waste collection system. We collect their addresses and ensure that garbage collection vehicles cover their homes from the following day, said L Thirthaprasad, Assistant General Manager, BSWML, who oversees Byatarayanapura division.

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**Mauritus delegation meets CM Shivakumar, Rahul Gandhi**

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A delegation led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius, Narsinghen Hambrajen, called on Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday and held talks with him. Dr BC Bhagwan, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and Ananya Radhakrishnan, Economic Advisor, IBM were present.

'38,70,424 enumeration forms distributed in B'luru city dist'

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The comprehensive revision of the electoral roll-2026 process held on July 18 in Bengaluru City District has progressed smoothly. There are a total of 40,21,039 voters in the district. So far, a total of 38,70,424 Enumeration Forms (EFs) have been distributed across the district and 7,83,253 Enumeration Forms have been digitized, said District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner PS Kantaraju. So far, voters have submitted 37,959 applications online during the house-to-house visits. The Deputy Commissioner said in a statement that 76,235 voters were reported absent from home, 3,07,398 were reported as permanent migrants and 58,984 were reported as deceased.

Karnataka HC rejects FIR against MLA Muniratna

The Karnataka High Court has quashed an FIR against MLA Muniratna over alleged election code violations during campaigning.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has quashed an FIR registered against Rajarajeshwari Nagar MLA Muniratna. The legislator faced charges for allegedly forcing voters to wear a specific political party's shawl during the recent Lok Sabha election campaign.

A single-judge bench led by Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order after hearing a petition filed by the lawmaker. The politician had challenged the case, which was



originally registered at the Nandini Layout Police Station. During the hearing, the High Court observed that the legal sections applied by the police were weak and added without proper legal grounds. For in-

stance, investigators had included Section 363 of the Indian Penal Code, a law meant specifically for the kidnapping of minors. The bench pointed out that no minors were involved or kidnapped in this matter, making the inclusion of the section completely improper.

The court also reviewed the allegations concerning election code violations under Section 171-C. Citing past judicial rulings, Justice Nagaprasanna stated that allowing an investigation to continue over such

minor issues would amount to an abuse of the legal system and cause a miscarriage of justice. The original controversy started after a citizen named Samuel J. filed a formal complaint. He claimed that the MLA had threatened voters and forced them to wear party shawls. This led police to file charges including criminal intimidation and unlawful assembly. However, with the High Court's latest ruling, all trial court proceedings against the MLA have been officially dismissed.

Chandraiah and Akki win Chavundaraya Datti award

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B Chandraiah and Devendrappa Nabhiraja Akki have been selected for the 'Chavundaraya Datti Award' given by the Kannada Sahitya Parishad.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs 30,000. This endowment was established by Charukirthi Bhattarak Swamiji of Sravanabelagola in the Parishad and is given to authors or editors of essays, research, criticism, novels, plays, and short stories written in modern Kannada language based on ancient Jain literature.

The selection was made by a committee comprising Hampa Nagarajaiah and Padmaraja Dandavati, chaired by KASAPA Administrator KA Dayanand.



B Chandraiah, who was elected for the year 2024, has worked in the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for 30 years and in the education sector for 15 years.

He has written many books including 'Chandra Kiran' and 'Gamaka Rupaka'. DN Akki, who was elected for the year 2025, is from Indi taluk of Vijayapura district.

He has written various poetry collections including 'Chiguru Chintana', 'Sagarana Siri', 'Hadedavva Hadyala'.

Gaming addiction suspected in paramedical student death

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A 20-year-old paramedical student studying at KC General Hospital was found dead in his room, with police suspecting that excessive online gaming may have contributed to the incident. The exact reason behind the death, however, is still under investigation.

The deceased has been identified as Uday, a first-year paramedical student. He had been pursuing his studies at KC General Hospital while staying with his family.

To help him concentrate on his studies, his family had built a separate room on the terrace of their house. It was inside this room that Uday allegedly died by suicide after hanging himself.

According to the preliminary investigation, Uday is believed to have taken the extreme step around three days before his body was discovered. Since no family member had gone to his room during this period, the incident remained unnoticed.

The matter came to light only after family members noticed a foul smell coming from the room. When they opened the door, they found Uday dead inside.

Police said that their initial investigation suggests Uday had become heavily addicted to online gaming, and they suspect that the addiction may have caused him to experience mental stress. However, officials have clarified that the exact reason for the suicide has not yet been established.

As part of the investigation, police have registered a case and seized Uday's mobile phone and other digital devices for forensic examination. Investigators are analysing the devices to determine whether online gaming or any other factors may have contributed to the incident.

Police said the investigation is continuing, and the precise circumstances that led to the student's death will be known only after the inquiry is completed.

BMTC electric bus accident kills auto driver

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A serious road accident was reported at KR Circle on Saturday afternoon after a BMTC electric bus allegedly lost control, resulting in the death of an auto driver.

The accident took place at around 3.30 pm. According to the initial information, the BMTC electric bus was travelling from the Majestic side at a high speed when the driver allegedly lost control of the vehicle. The bus is suspected to have suffered a brake failure, following which it first rammed into an auto-rickshaw and then collided with a car on the road. After hitting the two vehicles, the bus could not be brought under control and mounted the footpath, where it ran over a person. The deceased has been identified as Krishnamurthy, an auto driver, a resident of KR Puram, who died on the spot.

Cong Questions Kumaraswamy Over Past DLF Tender

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The ongoing political battle surrounding the proposed Bidadi Integrated Township project has escalated into intense personal clashes between rival party leaders. Speaking at a Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee press conference, Congress MLA H.C. Balakrishna launched a sharp counterattack against Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. Responding to recent corruption allegations leveled against Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Balakrishna demanded answers regarding a past public-private partnership tender awarded to real estate developer DLF during Kumaraswamy's previous tenure. The MLA openly questioned how much kickback the Union Minister allegedly received during the global bidding process before the private company ultimately backed out due to the global economic crisis.

Balakrishna did not spare the opposition BJP leaders ei-



Congress MLA H.C. Balakrishna defended the Bidadi township project, accusing Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of past corruption while promising transparent, government-led land development.

ther. He targeted former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, pointing out that their respective administrations had continuously advanced the same township plans, trans-

ferred thousands of acres to industrial boards, and approved formal development models.

He defended the current Congress government's execution strategy, highlighting that they are offering substantially higher land compensation rates of up to Rs 2.5 crore to local farmers, compared to much lower rates provided years ago.

Balakrishna firmly noted that while previous JD(S) and BJP coalitions attempted to hand the massive project over to private entities, the current administration is committed to building it transparently under direct government management to safeguard long-term public revenue.

CITY CLEARS 6 KM OF ENCROACHMENTS

In order to facilitate safe and smooth movement of the public, the pedestrian encroachment clearance operation has been intensified within the corporation limits.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

As per the orders of Greater Bangalore Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and the directions of the Bangalore South Municipal Corporation Commissioner KN Ramesh. A total of 6.10 km. of pedestrian encroachment has been cleared on Saturday.

Details of the section-wise encroachment clearance operation:

Jayanagar Zone: A total of 1.20 km. of the footpath within the Indira Gandhi Circle of Sarakki Market has been cleared from encroachment. In this section, 2 shops, 2 handcarts, 5 sheets, 4 steps/ramps, 2 advertisement boards and a bar and restaurant that had encroached on the footpath have been cleared after imposing a fine of Rs. 10,000.

BTM Layout Zone: 1.10 km. on Hosur Road and 2.00



km. on 20th Main Road. A total of 3.10 km. of footpath has been cleared.

HSR Layout Section: 0.80 m. on 80 Feet Road and 1.00 km. on 22nd Cross Road. A total of 1.80 km. of footpath has been cleared and public movement has been allowed.

Other details not including the cleared area: A total of 34 shops/petty shops, 21 handcarts (Pull Carts), 18 sheets/canopies, 25 stairs and ramps,

22 billboards/pillars and 8 temporary sheds have been cleared today, and about 2 tons of waste has been disposed of.

The personnel and workers of the corporation were deployed for this operation.

JCB machines were used to clear unauthorized sheds, concrete steps, and encroachments on the sidewalk, and tractors were used to transport the cleared waste and soil.

Unauthorized encroachments on the footpaths of various main and secondary roads within the jurisdiction of the corporation have been successfully cleared by conducting operations in coordination with other departments including traffic and law and order police officers.

REMEMBERING SOCIAL THINKERS

Thoughts of social reformers translated into Kannada

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The work of translating the comprehensive thoughts of the country's social and political thinkers Narayanaguru, Jyotiba Phule and Periyar Ramaswamy into Kannada has been completed, and the Ku- vempu Bhasha Bharati Authority has made preparations for printing.

If everything goes as planned, the thoughts of these three will be fully available to the Kannadigas of the state this year.

A comprehensive translation of his thoughts in Kanna-

da has not yet been published. The state government had announced the translation in the 2024-25 budget.

The volumes on Periyar were prepared by Nallathambi and Tamil Selvi, the volumes on Narayanaguru by Muddu Moodu Belle and Parvati Aital, and the volumes on Phule by committees led by JP Doddamani and DS Chougale. More than one hundred and fifty people translated articles for these volumes.

The authority has also undertaken the task of translating the thoughts of the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, prepared by a committee headed by Ravikori Shettar and MG Hegde.

Due to the high demand for the translation of BR Ambedkar's 'Buddha and Dhamma', preparations are underway to reprint it. The state government had earmarked Rs 50 lakh for it and released Rs 25 lakh in June

last year.

The spelling errors in 'Buddha and Dhamma', which was previously published by the Department of Culture, in the 'Ambedkar Samagra Bhargagalu and Parohagalu' volume series, will be corrected and published. No attempt has been made to translate it again, the authority's Chairman, Channappa Katti, told.

The Department of Kannada and Culture published five translated volumes of the writings of socialist thinker Ram Manohar Lohia two and a half decades ago.

The Authority has recently

released the 6th volume of this series, 'Lohia in the Lok Sabha' and the 7th volume, 'History and Present'. The articles have been translated from English and Hindi.

The volumes were edited by Prof Nataraj Huliyaar, Hasan Naeem Surakoda and R. Sadananda.

The translation of the ideas of three philosophers who were social reformers and voices for the oppressed will be a significant document for Kannada, said

Channappa Katti, President, Ku- vempu Bhasha Bharati Authority

BU students protest NEET exam irregularities

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

For the past eleven days, a protest has been going on at Jantar Mantar by postgraduate and research students of Bengaluru University in support of Sonam Wangchuk's fast, demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dhamendra Pradhan over the illegality of NEET.

Students protested on the Jnanabharati campus of Bengaluru University and expressed anger against the Center, condemning the irregularities in the NEET exam.

Sonam Wangchuk, the voice of students, has been peacefully protesting against the irregularities in the examination process. She has been on a hunger strike for the past nineteen days and has appealed to the central government to respond to her demands.

They urged the central government to ensure transparency, fairness and the interests of students in the education system. They warned that they would intensify the struggle for students' rights if their demands were not met.

QUICK READ

Abandoned newborn baby found on city road

Koppal
A shocking incident unfolded in Srisaile Nagar when a newborn baby boy was discovered abandoned on the roadside. Alert residents in the town's third ward heard the infant crying in the morning heat. Moving quickly, the locals rescued the helpless child and rushed him straight to the Koppal District Hospital. Medical professionals admitted the baby boy immediately and are currently monitoring his fragile condition. Officials confirmed that the infant is safe and responding well to treatment. Police have not yet registered a formal case, as the child's identity and parents remain completely unknown to authorities.

Crop insurance deadline for farmers July 31

Mangalore
The government has launched a new weather-based crop insurance scheme for the 2026 monsoon and dry seasons. This initiative aims to protect farmers against financial losses caused by unpredictable weather. In Dakshina Kannada district, the scheme specifically covers popular areca and pepper crops. Both loan-holding and non-loan farmers can apply through local banks, Common Service Centers, or Gram One offices. The set premium per hectare is 6,400 rupees for areca and 2,350 rupees for pepper. Farmers must complete their registration before July 31, with Tata AIG serving as the official insurance provider for the region.

Koppal University opens online admissions now

Koppal
Koppal University has officially opened online applications for multiple post-graduate courses for the 2026-27 academic year. Admissions are open across the main campus, Yelaburga and Gangavathi centres, and affiliated colleges. Students can apply for various Master's degrees in Arts, Commerce, and Sciences, including English, Economics, Physics, and Computer Science. Eligible candidates must submit their applications through the state UUCMS software portal before the August 26 deadline. Detailed information regarding fee structures and eligibility criteria is available on the university website. Alternatively, applicants can visit the university campus in Talakal for direct guidance.

IN THE COURT OF THE H ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CM.No.972/2025

BETWEEN: Sri.Afrozee S/o Late Abdul Khayum, Aged about 32 years, Riat #515, Edga Mohalla, 20th Ward, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural District-561203PETITIONER VS

1. Registrar of Birth and death The Commissioner, CMC Doddaballapur Town, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-561203 2. Gulzar W/o Syed Pasha, Aged about 60 years, Riat #2376, 3rd Cross, Shadabi nagar, K.B. Sindra, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka-560032. 3. Siraj Khan S/o Mehaboob Sab, Aged about 57 years, Riat #252, Islampur, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-561213. 4. Farhat Umima W/o Abdul Khayum, Aged about 55 years, Riat #3301, Idgemoahalla, 20th Ward, Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-561203. 5. Humarth W/o Irfan Aged about 45 years, Riat #795, Shinthi nagar, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-561203. 6. Sameer S/o Mehaboob Sab, Aged about 40 years, Riat Islampur, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-561213.RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the Petitioner has filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the grandfather of petitioner and father of respondent No.2 to 6 by name LATE MEHABOUB SAB S/O LATE FAKRUDDIN SAB who died on 25.01.2017 at #515, Edga Mohalla, 20th Ward, Doddaballapura Town.

In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 in default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 17.07.2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministerial Officer Ppl Civil Judge & JMFC
Doddaballapura
Advocate: Mohammed Mumtaz, Opp to Thotagarake Department, Nanjundappa Complex, Someshwara Layout,

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Zilla Panchayat orders faster welfare loan approvals

CEO Rishi Anand directed banks to fast-track pending government welfare schemes and strictly follow regulatory guidelines to clear application backlogs

VIJAYAPURA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Rishi Anand directed local banking institutions to strictly follow regulatory guidelines and fast-track processing for all pending government self-employment and welfare schemes. Chairing a high-level meeting of the District Advisory Committee at the Zilla Panchayat premises, the top official reviewed the performance of various centrally sponsored financial initiatives. The CEO emphasized that bank branches must actively guide rural applicants about available financial programs in total alignment with the Reserve Bank of India mandates. He firmly stated that financial in-



stitutions should maintain absolute transparency when handling public applications. Addressing a common consumer grievance, the official clarified that if any submitted document is found incomplete, banks must issue a formal explanatory notice directly to the borrower outlining the exact requirements rather

than flatly rejecting the file. This structured feedback loop will enable eligible applicants to correct their submissions quickly. The primary focus remains on clearing massive backlogs under major poverty alleviation programs. These include the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Udyogini

Scheme, D. Devaraj Urs minority taxi loan schemes, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar welfare projects, Chief Minister's employment programs, and various national social security initiatives like the Atal Pension Yojana. The crucial administrative meeting was attended by Zilla Panchayat Planning Officer Ashok Kalghatagi, District Lead Bank Manager B.D. Siddaiah, and Reserve Bank of India Chief Officer Priya Gautami. The administrative body collectively warned that any deliberate delay or misuse of designated government funds would attract immediate disciplinary actions from the higher state planning authorities very soon.

A pillar that stood by Gowda in every season

Serving as the true heart of Karnataka's most powerful political dynasty for over seven decades, Chennamma Deve Gowda resiliently navigated both turbulent national politics and personal tragedies.

BENGALURU

Behind the decades-long rise of India's eleventh Prime Minister stood a silent force who never sought the spotlight, yet carried the weight of a political empire on her shoulders. For seventy-two years, Chennamma Deve Gowda reigned as the true heart of Karnataka's most powerful dynasty, gracefully weathering every storm from national political upheavals to deep personal tragedies. Today, that enduring pillar of strength finally came to rest, leaving behind a legacy of quiet resilience that shaped the course of Indian history from behind closed doors. While her husband traveled the nation shaping India's policies, the true soul of the Deve Gowda household resided in a woman who turned a politician's residence into a sanctuary for the poor. Chennamma Deve Gowda was far more than a premier's wife, she was the patient ears of



Hassan's rural heartland, balancing the chaotic demands of a prime minister's career with unparalleled warmth. Her extraordinary journey a masterclass in dignity, maternal leadership, and fierce survival has peacefully concluded, drawing the curtains on an era of unmatched grace. It takes a rare kind of fortitude to raise a dynasty of leaders, survive a devastating life-threatening attack with unshakable dignity, and remain the emotional anchor of a Prime Minister for over seven decades. Chennamma Deve Gowda lived a life de-

THE JOURNEY OF A MATRIARCH:

- >1939: Born into a modest rural farming family.
- >1954: Married H.D. Deve Gowda at the age of 17.
- >1972: Managed the home as her husband entered politics
- >1996: Stood as the silent pillar during his PM term.
- >2026: Passed away peacefully in Bengaluru at 85.

A Legacy of Grace:

Despite sustaining 70% burns from a family-dispute acid attack in 2001, she recovered with immense courage. She spent her final decades focused on family unity and temple service. Her final rites will be held in Hassan district.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & PUBLIC WORK:

Key Legacy Spheres	Her Unmatched Contribution.
Family Leadership	Raised four sons and two daughters into major public leaders.
Community Support	Turned her home into a welcoming sanctuary for poor villagers.
Personal Resilience	Miraculously survived a horrific 2001 acid attack with dignity.

ADC Raju mandates strict temple security rules

MANGALURU

Additional Deputy Commissioner Raju K has ordered strict new security rules to protect the heritage assets and funds of local temples. The directives aim to completely prevent theft and financial fraud during donation box accounting. Speaking at a district review meeting, the Commissioner stated that donation boxes, known as hundis, must be placed in highly visible areas with strong security. To modernize systems and reduce cash risks, temples under the Religious Endowments Department must install digital payment options. Devotees can now buy prasad, booking services, and donate using cashless methods. Officials must regularly check these QR codes to stop tampering. The cash-counting process faces the strictest updates. A local Tahsildar must supervise all counting sessions. Every single



step, from moving the physical boxes to distributing cash among counters, must be recorded on video with a clear time and date stamp. Any gold or silver items found inside the hundis must be officially valued on the exact same day and safely deposited in the district treasury. Furthermore, a joint team of police, revenue, and temple officers will conduct surprise inspections every fifteen days to ensure compliance. Raju K also emphasized the growth of religious tourism, directing authorities to upgrade roads, parking spaces, and basic facilities for visitors. Assistant Commissioner Jayamma and several taluk officials attended the meeting to implement these strict safety guidelines immediately.

COLLECTOR VISITS DROUGHT HIT FARMS IN GADAG

GADAG

District Collector C.N. Sridhar personally visited several villages to inspect struggling crops following a severe drop in monsoon rainfall. The official checked fields across Naragunda taluk to assess the ground reality facing local agricultural communities. The district recorded only 82.50 mm of actual rainfall between June 1 and July 16, showing a worrying 32.04% deficit compared to the normal average of 121.4 mm. Despite these dry conditions, farmers have aggressively sown 3,13,719 hectares this season, up from last year. Visiting Kalakeri and Hadali villages, Sridhar observed fields of green gram, black gram, groundnut, maize, onion, and cotton visibly drying and withering due to the intense moisture shortage. Walking through the fields, the Collector interacted directly with worried

farmers, offering them encouragement during this difficult period. To ensure accurate government aid, he urged all regional farmers to complete their digital crop surveys using the official mobile application immediately. He explained that precise data helps the administration present clear facts to the state government for relief measures. Additionally, Sridhar reminded the community that the final deadline to register for the Karnataka Raitha Suraksha Pradhanmantri Fasal Bima Yojana is July 22, 2026. This applies to both rain-fed and irrigated green gram and cotton crops. He advised all loan-holding farmers to secure insurance through banks or cooperative societies. Joint Director of Agriculture Chetana Patila and various horticulture department officials accompanied the Collector during this crucial field inspection.

Kaginele Matha plans Guru Purnima Mahotsav

HAVERI

A major planning conference took place at the Kaginele Sri Matha to organize the upcoming Guru Purnima Mahotsav. Scheduled for July 29, the mega event will also commemorate the sacred punyarthana of the late Jagadguru Sri Birendra Keshav Tarakananda Puri Swamiji. The preparatory session was guided by the spiritual blessings of Sri Amogha Siddheshwara Swamiji, who highlighted the deep cultural significance of the Guru-Shishya tradition. He urged citizens from all walks of life to unite and make the religious gathering a grand success. Interestingly, the dedicated devotees of Chitradurga district have stepped forward to shoulder the complete responsibility for executing this year's massive festival.

The committee held detailed deliberations regarding smooth vehicular movement, security, traditional puja rituals, and the preparation of mass meals for the public. Community representatives formally requested the Kuruba community leaders and families across the region to gather at Kaginele to receive holy blessings. The mega festival aims to spread the vital messages of religious devotion, heritage, and social harmony among the thousands of expected pilgrims. Prominent dignitaries, including matha trustee S.F.N. Ghazi Gowdra, Rajendra Haverannavara, and Kuruba Samaj district president Nagaraj Anveri, actively participated in the strategy meet. General secretary Hanumantha Gowda Ghazi Gowdra, vice president Ashok Banakara, and leaders representing eight different taluks also pledged their full organizational support. Local authorities are now finalizing all arrangements to ensure a seamless spiritual experience for the arriving crowds.

The Kaginele Sri Matha hosted a major planning conference for the July 29 Guru Purnima Mahotsav, with Chitradurga devotees organizing the massive spiritual event



Bike rally drives voter awareness campaign

MANGALURU

A massive bike rally took over the city streets to inspire citizens to update their voting details. The event was organized as part of a special public awareness campaign focusing on the ongoing revision of the official voter list. The major initiative was launched under the joint leadership of the Election Commission of India, the District Administration, the SWEEP Committee, the Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat, and the Mangaluru Municipal Corporation. Deputy Commissioner Darshan H.V. officially flagged off the enthusiastic riders by waving the green flag, signaling the start of the community drive. A large crowd of participants gathered at the Lalbagh Mangaluru Municipal Corporation premises, where the rally commenced. The long

line of bikers rode through key areas of the city, successfully drawing public attention before concluding their journey at the popular Kadri Park. The primary goal of the rally was to remind local residents about the importance of checking, correcting, and updating their names on the voter list to ensure full participation in upcoming elections. Organizers emphasized that every eligible citizen should take responsibility for their voting rights. Several top district officials joined the event to show their support for the cause. Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Narwade Vinayak Karbari and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ravichandra Nayak were present on the occasion, along with other prominent community leaders who helped make the awareness campaign a great success.

State launches massive E-auction for liquor licenses

KOPPALA

The Karnataka government has announced a major e-auction for 579 liquor licenses, valid for the next five years. The bidding process will take place from July 24 to July 31, 2026, across the state. This includes 483 CL(2-A) and 96 CL(9-A) licenses, with Bengaluru Urban receiving the

largest share of 119. To promote social equity, the state has implemented specific reservation quotas for Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Eligible applicants must register on the official MSTC portal two days before their district's auction. This digital initiative aims for transparency in the lucrative state excise sector's expansion.

JALJEVAN SPEED UP

Commissioner orders speed up of rural water missions

MANGALURU

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department Commissioner B. Fauzia Tarannum has issued strict orders to fast-track all pending works under the Jaljeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission. Presiding over a high-level progress review meeting at the Dakshina Kannada Zilla

Panchayat, the Commissioner emphasized that there should be absolutely no delays in execution. She directed officials to utilize the released funds responsibly and conduct regular site inspections to ensure high-quality construction. Tarannum highlighted that clean drinking water, proper sanitation, and efficient waste management must remain the top priorities



for local authorities. To protect public health, she mandated regular collection and testing of water samples to prevent contamination. Specific guidance was provided for upgrading water purification units, sewage treatment systems, and the multi-village water supply networks across Kadaba and Bantwal taluks. Taluk Executive Officers and Panchayat Development Officers were strongly warned against any negligence in delivering safe water. Supporting the directive, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Narwade Vinayak Karbari urged officials and contractors to take full responsibility. He noted that completing these projects rapidly is crucial to preventing water shortages in the coming

days and securing a continuous supply for residents. Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Tarannum personally visited various construction locations to inspect the ground reality. The session concluded with detailed discussions involving local contractors, alongside taluk and district-level officers, to streamline the remaining work schedule efficiently.

Highway raid foils welfare grains smuggling attempt

VIDYANAGAR POLICE INTERCEPTED A HIGHWAY LORRY, SEIZING 200 QUINTALS OF BLACK-MARKET RATION GRAINS MEANT FOR POOR FAMILIES

DAVANAGERE

Local police blocked a major black-market operation by seizing 200 quintals of ration rice and millet. The essential food grains, meant for poor families under government welfare schemes, were being transported illegally. Acting on a precise tip-off about food smuggling, the Vidyanagar police launched a swift raid near the national highway close to Shamanur. A team led by Police Sub-Inspector Sachin Biradar intercepted a large commercial lorry coming from Harihar and heading toward Bangalore. Upon searching the vehicle, officers discovered the



massive hidden cargo of illegally collected grains. Authorities quickly confiscated both the food supply and the truck, arresting the driver, Zabiullah, at the scene.

This major bust highlights an ongoing battle against food welfare scams in the state. Local residents expressed anger that food meant for hungry citizens is instead being

stolen for private profit. A similar scandal occurred recently in Gangavathi, where authorities seized thirty-five tonnes of ration rice worth ten lakh rupees heading to a private mill, leading to strict charges under the Essential Commodities Act. Vidyanagar police have officially registered a criminal case and are now interrogating the driver to uncover the larger network behind this operation. Investigators want to find out exactly where the ration grains were stolen from and who bought them. Officials promised that strict legal consequences await anyone caught stealing food from the plates of the poor.

Patil launches major border area infrastructure

SEDAM

Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil has unveiled a series of development projects to boost infrastructure in border villages. Launching new works in Anantapur, the minister announced a ₹1.7 crore bridge construction project and a ₹25 lakh community hall. Addressing critical power issues, Patil confirmed that a new electricity sub-station is being built at Khandeayanpalli to stabilize regional energy supply. These initiatives aim to improve connectivity and economic growth for thousands of local residents. Local leaders and community representatives attended the event, marking a significant step toward improving the region's essential services and infrastructure.

The sub-station is expected to become operational within the next three months, which will help overcome electricity-related difficulties faced by people.

—Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil

Major development highlights:

Road Expansion: State Cabinet approval secured for widening the Vaghdari-Ribbanpalli road.

Massive Investment: Around ₹400 crore allocated for the extensive road development project.

Power Boost: New sub-station at Khandeayanpalli to permanently fix village electricity issues.

Community Growth: Over ₹1.95 crore combined funding for a new bridge and community hall.

Raghavendra urges voters to complete revision

SHIKARIPURA

Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra has called upon citizens to actively participate in the ongoing electoral roll revision to ensure no eligible voter is excluded. During a public interaction program in Hithla village, Raghavendra noted that the Special Intensive Revision process is moving smoothly across Shikaripura taluk. He commended local party workers for successfully raising awareness and encouraged those previously left off the rolls to register now. Beyond electoral duties, the MP addressed various grievances from local residents, promising swift action on infrastructure improvements. He emphasized that an accurate, updated voter list is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy. Several local leaders, including K.S. Gurumurthy and various Mandal representatives, attended the event. The initiative reflects a broader commitment to ensuring every citizen's voice is heard while simultaneously fostering community development through direct engagement and transparent governance.

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ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಅಪರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22-07-2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5-00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 8277244893 ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಡಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುವ	ದಿನಾಂಕ	ರ ಸಂಕರ
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2.	ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಲ	ದಿನಾಂಕ 24.07.2026	ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ಸಂಕರ

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
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ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮಹದೇವ್ಪರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

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Agricultural cooperative caught selling fake MKP fertilizer

CHIKKABALLAPUR

Furious farmers staged a massive protest against a local agricultural cooperative after discovering they were allegedly sold fake MKP fertilizer. The incident has sparked outrage in the community, as the store operated under the trustworthy slogan 'By farmers, for farmers'. Trouble began when hundreds of local growers purchased what they believed was premium water-soluble fertilizer manufactured by the reputed ICL Company. However, suspicious variations in the packaging design and poor product quality soon raised alarms. Seeking answers, the worried farmers contacted the manufacturing company directly, only to receive shocking confirmation that the batches they bought were completely counterfeit. Reacting quickly to the fraud, a large crowd of angry farmers surrounded the shop at Nandi Cross, demanding immediate answers from the owner, Mohan. The demon-



Furious farmers protested at Nandi Cross after discovering a local agricultural cooperative allegedly sold them counterfeit ICL fertilizer under an expired trading license

stration later moved to the Nandigiridham police station, where the victims filed official complaints demanding strict legal action for their financial losses. Agriculture Department officials rushed to the scene to defuse the tension and raided the outlet. Inspectors examined the inventory, seized documents, and sent fertilizer samples to a state laboratory for urgent testing. During this sudden inspection, authorities

discovered that the shop's official trading license had already expired, meaning they were operating illegally. Distracted and betrayed, local farmers are now demanding heavy compensation for their ruined crops and strict punishment for the culprits. Agriculture officials confirmed that severe criminal charges will be pressed as soon as the chemical laboratory reports confirm the fraud.

Siddegowda emphasizes lifestyle changes for good health

MANDYA

Local MLA A.B. Ramesh Bandi Siddegowda urged the public to get mandatory health check-ups after turning forty to catch illnesses early. Speaking at a district health camp, he emphasized that proper medical follow-ups and lifestyle changes are vital for maintaining good health. Officials highlighted that timely screenings easily detect non-communicable diseases like diabetes and hypertension. Additionally, leaders advised adopting balanced diets, regular exercise, and proper stress management. Alongside health tips, the MLA requested citizens to cooperate with booth level officers during the current voter list revision process to help strengthen democracy.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಯೋಜನೆ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಬಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಬಯನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್, ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560041
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ಪಾ.ಅ/ಸಂಯೋಜ/ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು/04/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17.07.2026

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ E-Auction ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಮನ್ವಯ & ಯೋಜನೆ) ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಬಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬಯನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣದ ಹಳೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಹೆಂಗಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಗಂಡಸರ ಶೌಚಾಲಯದ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬಯನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣದ ಹೊಸ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ 6ನೇ ಮಹಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮಳೆಗಿನಿನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ E-Auction ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಿರಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡಿಸಿ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಿವರಗಳಂತೆ ಅಪ್ಪಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

Sl.	Name of The Work
1	Renting of Gents Toilet & Ladies Toilet for First Floor at Old, complex Building Jayanagara Shopping Complex 4th block, Jayanagara. Area in Sqft : 49.50 Contract period : 5 Years or 60 Months. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000.00
2	Renting of Six Floor for office space at Sri M.Vishweshwaraiha Shopping Complex Building, (New complex) 4th block, Jayanagara. (3rd call). Area in Sqft : 4897.62 Contract period : 5 Years or 60 Months. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000.00

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ : (1) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. (2) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. (3) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 24.07.2026 ಮತ್ತು ಲೈವ್ ಹರಾಜು ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27.07.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಮನ್ವಯ & ಯೋಜನೆ)
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮಿಡ್ಲು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080-22112809
ಸಂ.ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಮಿ)/ಲೋ.ಇ/ಮಿಡ್ಲು/2026-27/783 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.07.2026

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೋಟೆಪ್ಪನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಮಿಡ್ಲು), ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಮಿಡ್ಲು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಮಾಗದಿಡಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶ್ರೀ ರಂಗನಾಥಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ 7ಮೀ & 9ಮೀ ಸಿಂಗಲ್ & ಡಬಲ್ ಡೆಕೋರೇಟಿವ್ ಬೀದಿ ದೀಪ ಮತ್ತು ಬಂಗಾರಬೇಟೆ ಟೌನ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ 7ಮೀ & 9ಮೀ ಸಿಂಗಲ್ & ಡಬಲ್ ಡೆಕೋರೇಟಿವ್ ಫೈನಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು ಕೋಟೆಪ್ಪನಗಳನ್ನು Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM) / Authorized Dealers ರವರಿಂದ ಅಪ್ಪಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರಣೆಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

Sl. No.	Description of Item
1	Single Arm Decorative Street Light Pole for Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple road at Magadi Taluk: Supply of 7M Height Cast Iron and MS tubular Steel Combination based decorative Pole with single arm bracket design is made up of Steel with IS 2062 with 2" pipe 1mtr long to mount LED Street light of 90/120 Watts, which consist of Radium reflected with appropriate Colour Eagle flying Design sticker on front side and on top of the Pole a Radium reflected with appropriate Colour Tirupati Nama design sticker (two white and one red in the middle) on top of the Pole.
2	Double Arm Decorative Street Light Pole for Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple road at Magadi Taluk: Supply of 9M Height Cast Iron and MS tubular Steel Combination based decorative Pole with Double arm bracket design is made up of Steel with IS 2062 with 2" pipe 1mtr long to mount LED Street light of 90/120 Watts, which consist of Radium reflected with appropriate Colour Eagle flying Design sticker on front side and on top of the Pole a Radium reflected with appropriate Colour Tirupati Nama design sticker (two white and one red in the middle) on top of the Pole.
3	Supplying & Installing of 9Mtr height Single Arm Tubular Street light Pole made of Galvanized Pipe bottom 140mm Dia 4.5mm Thk. 3000mm, Middle 114.3mm Dia 3.65mm Thk. 2850mm, Top 89mm OD 3.25mm Thickness 1.95Mtr Height.
4	Supplying & Installing of 9Mtr Height Double Arm Tubular Street light Pole made of Galvanized Pipe bottom 140mm Dia 4.5mm Thk. 3000mm, Middle 114.3mm Dia 3.65mm Thk. 2850mm, Top 89mm OD 3.25mm Thickness 1.95Mtr Height.

ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿವರಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ. ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.07.2026 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿವರಣೆಗಳ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು, ಮೊಹರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಲೋಕೋಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.07.2026 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ಮಿ).
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಉನಿ-ಸಿ.ಪಿ/1709/ಸಿಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026-27

QUICK READ

Bank fraud: ED attaches JVL Agro's assets worth ₹3.94 cr**Prayagraj**

The ED attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs 3.94 crore in connection with a Rs 1,970 crore bank fraud by JVL Agro Industries Limited and others, an official said on Saturday. The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Alahabad Sub-Zonal Office, Prayagraj, attached the properties by way of issuance of three Provisional Attachment Orders (PAOs) under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, said the ED official in a statement. The attachment action was in connection with the ongoing investigation in the matter of JVL Agro Industries Limited and others.

Aadhaar App hits 4 cr downloads amid digital service push**New Delhi**

The government-backed Aadhaar App has crossed 4 crore (40 million) downloads, reflecting growing adoption of digital identity services as millions of residents use the platform to update Aadhaar details, manage security settings and access other services, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said on Saturday. According to the ministry, the app has emerged as a one-stop digital platform for a range of Aadhaar-related services, including address updates from home, mobile number and email updates, biometric lock and unlock, and e-Aadhaar downloads.

NAME CHANGE

I, HAMEEDULLA, S/o, Rahamathulla Razak, Resident of No 5414/17, PID No 55 – 507 – 1371, 1st Main Road 1st Cross Kolar Main Road Vijayapura Devanahalli Taluk Bengaluru Rural Dist 562135, have changed my name to **HAMEEDULLAH**, vide affidavit dated: 18.07.2026 before notary K C SHASHIKALA, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, ARIFUNNISA, W/o, Rahmathulla Razack, Resident of No 5414/17, PID No 55 – 507 – 1371, 1st Main Road 1st Cross Kolar Main Road Vijayapura Devanahalli Taluk Bengaluru Rural Dist 562135, have changed my name to **ARIF UNNISA**, vide affidavit dated: 18.07.2026 before notary K C SHASHIKALA, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, NAHIMA SIDDIKA, W/o, Hameedullah, Resident of No 5414/17, PID No 55 – 507 – 1371, 1st Main Road 1st Cross Kolar Main Road Vijayapura Devanahalli Taluk Bengaluru Rural Dist 562135, have changed my name to **NAYEEMA SIDDIQUA**, vide affidavit dated: 18.07.2026 before notary K C SHASHIKALA, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Herein I Mrs A.Mukthabai Advocate do hereby issued this public notice as under:
One **Mr. M. Mehaboob Basha** S/o Mahammadab.M R/o Ballari has purchased **Plot No.89** msg East-West: 11.173 mtr North-South: 6.09 mtr Total: 68.043570 Sq.mtr **Plot No.90** msg East-West: 11.402 mtr North-South: 9.14 mtr Total: 104.2143 Sq.mtr **Plot No.91** msg East-West: 11.478 mtr North-South: 9.14 mtr Total: 104.9089 Sq.mtr in N.A. Sy.No.715/A1(C2P). (Old Sy.No.1073/1A2) msg 2.00 acres situate at Vasanth Nagar, Cowl Bazaar, Ballari from K.Yashoda W/o K.Srinivas under Registered Sale Deeds no. 15023/25-26 dated 21.11.2025, 15022/25-26 dated 21.11.2025 & 15020/25-26 dated 21.11.2025 reply. Now M.Mehaboob Basha intends to avail loan from Pirmahal Finance Ltd Ballari Branch. If anybody having any right, title, interest attachment, agreement of sale, court case etc in respect of the above said property, the same be informed to me in writing with supporting documents within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication.
A. Mukthabai, B.com, LL.B Advocate & Notary Door no 71/18, II cross opp. Dr. Bhrath Kumar hospital, Kappagal road, Bellary phone: 256035/9448755216 Mail id: mukthabai@consel@gmail.com Place: Ballari, Date: 17.07.2026

RaGa: Wrong, guided by falsehood and violence

Leader of Opposition in LS Rahul Gandhi slams Sonam Wangchuk's removal from protest site, asserts no amount of force can deter students from raising.

NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Central government after climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was hospitalised following a 20-day hunger strike at Delhi's Jantar Mantar.

In a post on X using the hashtag #ChhatronKiGoonj, Gandhi accused the Narendra Modi government of functioning on the principles of Asatya (lies) and Hinsa (violence). He criticised the Delhi Police for removing Wangchuk from the protest site while he was observing a peaceful fast, calling the action unjustified.

Rahul Gandhi said the ongoing protests were raising



crucial concerns affecting India's youth, including alleged paper leaks, the rising cost of education and increasing incidents of student suicides. He asserted that these issues are central to the country's future and said no amount of force could silence students or those supporting their cause. The agitation at Jantar Mantar has been demanding the resignation of Union Edu-

cation Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET paper leak controversy.

Several Opposition leaders also condemned the police action against Wangchuk. Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee expressed concern over the activist's deteriorating health, stating that his repeated appeals for dialogue had been met with silence. She said peaceful dissent deserves engagement in a democracy and lamented that the voices of young Indians continue to be ignored.

Congress leader Pawan Khera also criticised the Centre, saying the Constitution guarantees the right to dissent and alleging that the Union Home Ministry was attempting to suppress democratic protests.

WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

- Sonam Wangchuk was on a hunger strike in Delhi's Jantar Mantar demanding Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over NEET-UG question paper leak.
- Police forcibly shifted Wangchuk to hospital from the protest site on the 20th day citing 'deteriorating health'
- Rahul Gandhi accuses Centre of Asatya and Hinsa
- Opposition condemns police action at Jantar Mantar.
- Protest linked to demands over the alleged NEET paper leak.
- Mamata Banerjee and Pawan Khera back Wangchuk's right to peaceful protest.



CM Dhami halts axing of trees for road project

DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday announced an immediate halt to tree felling in the 'Saat Mod' forest stretch for the Bhaniyawala–Rishikesh highway-widening project, stating that no further work will be undertaken until a consensus is reached among all stakeholders.

The decision comes amid sustained protests by environmentalists and local residents against the proposed felling of more than 4,000 trees for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) project. Demonstrators recently observed 'Black Harela' instead of celebrating Uttarakhand's annual Harela festival, highlighting their opposition to the road expansion and its environmental impact.

In a post on X, Dhami said he had taken serious note of the concerns raised by citizens, environmental groups and local communities regarding the Dehradun–Rishikesh four/six-lane highway project. He directed officials to respect public sentiment, protect the environment and engage with all stakeholders before proceeding further.

The Chief Minister clarified that the highway expansion is an important infrastructure project being implemented by the NHAI in accordance with High Court directions and after obtaining the required statutory and environmental clearances.

He also highlighted that the project incorporates several wildlife mitigation measures, including a 3.5-kilometre-long elephant underpass and special culverts for small-

The Uttarakhand Chief Minister says no further work will be undertaken until a consensus is reached among all stakeholders

The pressing points

The ₹743-crore, 20-km Bhaniyawala–Jollygraham–Rishikesh highway project aims to improve connectivity for the Char Dham Yatra and Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport. However, the four/six-laning development faces intense protests over its ecological impact on the Shivalik Elephant Reserve and local wildlife corridors. The widening project has sparked a major environmental face-off, primarily because the route requires the felling of over 4,300 mature trees.

er animals. These features are intended to facilitate safe wildlife movement and reduce incidents of road accidents involving animals, particularly in the elephant corridor along the route.

The approximately 20-kilometre project is being executed under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at an estimated cost of ₹743 crore. The state government has maintained that future work will proceed only after dialogue and in the larger public interest.

Ink-like liquid hurled at CJP founder Dipke**New Delhi**

A woman hurled ink-like liquid at Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Saturday while he was addressing supporters at New Delhi's Jantar Mantar following the removal of climate activist and educator Sonam Wangchuk from the protest site.

The incident briefly disrupted the programme, with commotion breaking out as supporters rushed towards the stage after the ink was thrown at Dipke. The identity of the woman and the motive behind the incident are yet to be ascertained. Police are expected to investigate the circumstances surrounding the episode. The incident came shortly after Dipke announced that he would begin an indefinite hunger strike in protest against Wangchuk's removal from the demonstration site.

Feeding spots for stray dogs expanded to 40 sans SOP

CHENNAI

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has significantly expanded its network of designated community dog feeding areas, increasing the number of authorised locations from eight to 40 across all 15 city zones.

The move comes nearly seven months after the civic body introduced dedicated feeding spots in compliance with Supreme Court directions to regulate the feeding of community dogs in urban areas.

The newly identified locations have been spread across the city, with several zones now having multiple designated feeding points. Areas covered under the expanded network include Royapuram, Kolathur, Anna Nagar, Koyambedu, Teynampet, Besant Nagar, Tiruvanmiyur, Perungudi, Palavakkam, Nee-langarai, Thoraiakkam, Karapakkam and Sholinganalur, among others.

The Corporation had first notified eight feeding locations in December 2025 after the Supreme Court directed urban local bodies to earmark specific places where community dogs could be fed.

At the time, officials had indicated that the long-term objective was to establish at least two feeding spots in each of Chennai's 15 administrative zones.



Although the number of authorised feeding sites has increased substantially, the supporting infrastructure is still in its early stages.

Signboards identifying the designated locations have been installed only at a few places, while none of the sites currently has a shelter or covered structure to facilitate organised feeding or protect the areas from littering during adverse weather.

The GCC is yet to finalise a standard operating procedure (SOP) governing the use and maintenance of these feeding zones. Officials acknowledge that limited public awareness has also affected implementation, with many animal feeders continuing to place food along roadsides instead of using the designated sites, undermining the purpose of the initiative.

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Recruitment Notification

As per Government Circular No.: HFW/21/HSN/2025, dated: 18.01.2025 and Government Circular No.: HFW/MOS/MIS/05/2026-27, dated: 08.06.2026 for the remaining posts of Doctors not filled among the posts created for administration of Araluguppe Mallegowda District Hospital which is the teaching hospital of Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences will be appointed on contract basis as per By-laws and Cadre and Recruitment Rules of the Institution. Interested candidates should submit the application along with two copies of educational certificates and the original certificates as per the educational qualification required for the post in person or through Registered Post within 5.00 PM on 29.07.2026 to The Office of The Director, Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences, Tegurur, Chikkamagaluru – 577 133.

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1	Casualty Medical Officer (CMO)	5	MBBS	1) SC/ST or Cat.1-43 Years. 2) Cat.II(a) or II(b), III(a) or III(b) of other back ward classes-40 Years and 3) General-43 Years	Rs.50,000/- Consolidated Salary
2	Physician	1	MD/DNB in GeneralMedicine	1) SC/ST or Cat.-1-43 Years. 2) Cat. II(a), or II(b), III(a) or III(b) of other Back ward Classes-40 Years and 3) General-43 Years.	Rs.75,000/- Consolidated Salary
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4	Dermatologist	1	MD/DNB in Skin		
5	Ophthalmologist	1	MS/DNB in Ophtalmic		
6	Psychiatrist	1	MD/DNB in Psyciatry		
7	Aneasthesia	1	MD/DNB in Aneasthesia		
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QUICK READ

Senior Merz ally resigns after coming under pressure in Germany

CH NEWS, BERLIN
Jens Spahn, a senior member of Germany's ruling conservatives, resigned on Saturday after having a baby born to a surrogate mother in the United States, a move at odds with his own party's opposition to surrogacy, according to a letter seen. Spahn, 46, the parliamentary leader of Chancellor Friedrich Merz's Christian Democrat party and its sister Christian Social Union (CDU/CSU), drew heavy criticism after news emerged that he had become a parent with his husband through a surrogate mother. Surrogacy is prohibited in Germany, although it is not illegal to bring up a child born of a surrogate mother outside Germany.

Quake response faces mounting criticism

CARACAS
Venezuela's military response to last month's devastating earthquakes has come under intense scrutiny after multiple sources revealed that delayed orders, equipment shortages and poor coordination significantly hampered rescue operations during the crucial first days following the disaster. The twin earthquakes, measuring 7.2 and 7.5 in magnitude, struck the country's coast and caused widespread destruction, particularly in La Guaira state. The region, which houses Venezuela's main international airport, a major seaport and several high-rise residential complexes, suffered catastrophic damage as numer-



ous buildings either collapsed completely or sustained severe structural failures. The government has officially confirmed around 5,000 deaths, although independent experts, including the United States Geological Survey, estimate that the final toll could be nearly twice as high. Acting President Delcy Rodriguez has defended the government's handling of the crisis, stating that nearly 4,000 officials were deployed imme-

diately after the earthquakes. However, residents, eyewitnesses and sources familiar with the rescue efforts told that military personnel and police were largely absent during the critical early hours when survivors remained trapped beneath collapsed structures. In the absence of an organised government response, local residents led rescue efforts using basic tools to search for survivors and recover victims. Volunteers distributed food and emergency supplies while risking their own lives to pull people from the debris. International rescue teams, firefighters and civil protection personnel later joined the operation, along with a limited number of Venezuelan soldiers.



QUICK READ



Punjab National Bank Q1 profit surges threefold on growth

CH NEWS, New Delhi
State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) reported a nearly three-fold rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 5,339 crore for the first quarter of FY27, compared to Rs 1,832 crore in the corresponding period last year. The bank's global business reached Rs 29.98 lakh crore, supported by an 8.5 per cent increase in deposits and 12.7 per cent growth in advances. Vehicle loans and MSME lending recorded strong double-digit growth. Asset quality improved, with the gross NPA ratio declining to 2.78 per cent and the net NPA ratio falling to 0.28 per cent. Digital transactions rose 24 per cent, while PNB One active users crossed 270 lakh.

Centre explores digital land records credit integration

DoLR and RBIH discussed leveraging Digital Public Infrastructure to strengthen land governance and streamline rural credit delivery.

CH NEWS, NEW DELHI

The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is exploring the integration of digital land records with the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) to improve access to institutional credit for farmers and rural households. The initiative aims to facilitate faster, secure and consent-based lending by linking authenticated land records with digital lending platforms. The proposal was discussed during a high-level meeting between DoLR and the RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), chaired by DoLR Secretary Narendra Bhooshan. RBIH Chief Executive Officer Sahil Kini and senior officials from both organisations reviewed ways to leverage Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to



strengthen land governance and streamline rural credit delivery. Officials discussed how interoperable digital land records could reduce paperwork, improve transparency and enable quicker loan approvals. The proposed integration is expected to support the digital issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) and other agricultural loans, making institutional finance more accessible while

lowering transaction costs and processing time. The meeting also examined safeguards, including mortgage information sharing and flag-marking mechanisms, to prevent multiple loans being issued against the same land parcel. These measures are intended to strengthen risk management while ensuring that authenticated land records can serve as reliable digital assets for formal lending.

Digital land records link with ULI

- Meeting strengthens rural institutional credit access.
- Interoperable systems reduce loan paperwork significantly.
- Safeguards prevent multiple land parcel loans.
- Digital infrastructure eases agricultural financing processes.

Participants emphasised the need for common data standards, secure application programming interface (API) interoperability and wider adoption of the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN), also known as Bhuaadhaar.

Large-cap funds lead June inflows: Report

NEW DELHI

India's large-cap mutual funds attracted the highest inflows among equity fund categories in June despite delivering the weakest year-to-date (YTD) performance, highlighting the resilience of systematic investment plan (SIP)-driven investments, according to a report by Vallum Capital. The report said large-cap funds received net inflows of Rs 9,656 crore during June even though they were down 5.4 per cent

so far this year. The strong inflows were largely supported by automatic SIP contributions, reflecting continued investor confidence in established companies. Mid-cap funds registered the sharpest increase in monthly inflows, rising by more than Rs 1,336 crore, while small-cap funds attracted Rs 4,508 crore. Small-cap funds also emerged as the best-performing category with a 9.3 per cent YTD return. Healthcare remained the standout sector in 2026, delivering nearly 15 per cent YTD returns.

PM-AJAY benefits 47.5 lakh people nationwide

NEW DELHI

The Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) has benefited more than 47.5 lakh people and transformed 16,759 villages into Adarsh Grams, strengthening the socio-economic empowerment of Scheduled Caste (SC) communities across the country, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said on Saturday. According to the ministry, the flagship scheme focuses on poverty reduction, liveli-

hood generation and infrastructure development through a technology-enabled and outcome-oriented implementation framework aimed at promoting inclusive growth. The Adarsh Gram component of PM-AJAY has covered 47,316 villages, benefiting 47,59,399 citizens. A senior ministry official said that 46,782 development works have been completed, while 24,133 Village Development Plans (VDPs) have been prepared to guide integrated development in SC-majority

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Experts question military hormone screening policy

WASHINGTON

U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth this week ordered annual testosterone-deficiency screening for active-duty and reserve service members age 30 and older, which he says will help to maintain military readiness. But many medical professionals warn it might do nothing of the sort and instead could increase service members' risk of infertility or other consequences if testosterone is prescribed inappropriately. The mandate is one of several recent healthcare policy changes implemented by Hegseth and other Trump administration cabinet officers that have sparked debate among experts and raised questions about what scientific basis, if any, supports them. Hegseth has also reversed the military's long-standing flu vaccine mandate, a decision that was walked back after a flu outbreak, while the Department of Health and Human Services removed 17 members from its

vaccine advisory panel and altered its vaccine recommendations. Five of six men's health experts contacted for this story said they were puzzled by the announcement on testosterone testing and concerned it may lead to unnecessary or even harmful treatment. Hegseth said testing would be accompanied by advice to help soldiers make decisions about treatment, which would be voluntary. The goals, he added, are to ensure troops have the right testosterone levels to operate at their absolute best and to improve their resilience, longevity and performance, so as to ensure the military's combat readiness. Four of the six doctors said there was no solid evidence suggesting that screening for low testosterone in all military personnel aged 30 and older would optimize U.S. readiness for combat. We hear from patients that when you treat low T, things like cognitive alertness and stamina improve.

Stir rocks Kyiv over defence shake-up

KYIV

Thousands of demonstrators gathered outside Ukraine's presidential office in Kyiv for a second consecutive day on Saturday, demanding the dismissal of Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi following President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's surprise removal of Defence Minister Mykhailo Fedorov. The reshuffle has sparked widespread criticism, with many Ukrainians viewing Fedorov, a 35-year-old technology expert, as a key architect of the country's recent military innovations and battlefield successes against Russia. Protesters argued that his departure could weaken Ukraine's war effort at



a critical stage of the conflict. Among those participating was 27-year-old combat medic Andriy, who lost a lower limb during the war. Holding a placard reading, Can not stand.

Will not stay silent, he accused Syrskyi of repeated clashes with senior military commanders and warned that retaining him could undermine Ukraine's effectiveness on the

Ordered the reshuffle because the relationship between Defence Minister Mykhailo Fedorov and Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi had broken down completely, making effective cooperation impossible.

—Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President

battlefield. President Zelenskyy defended the reshuffle, saying the differences between Fedorov and Syrskyi had become so severe that the two could no longer work together. He also appointed former police chief Ihor Klymenko as head of the National Security and Defence Council to improve coordination across the country's defence and security institutions.



Sitharaman highlights India's innovation potential

NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday called upon entrepreneurs to overcome hesitation, embrace risk and leverage technology to accelerate India's economic growth and help the country achieve its vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Addressing the Special Plenary Session of the YiFi Entrepreneurship Summit 2026 in Madurai, Sitharaman said India is expected to contribute one-sixth of global economic growth in the coming years but has the potential to raise its contribution further through entrepreneurial innovation and ambition. Highlighting India's expanding startup ecosystem, Sitharaman said more than 2.4 lakh startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) have generated over 23 lakh jobs. She also pointed to the success of digital public infrastructure, with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processing more than

20 billion transactions every month.

The Finance Minister said technology has reduced barriers between talent and opportunity, enabling businesses to access markets, resources and information beyond geographical limitations.

Addressing socio-economic disparities through focused interventions, community participation and convergence with other development programmes. The ministry has also strengthened digital governance through the PM-AJAY Portal and AJAY Mobile Application, enabling online preparation of Village Development Plans, project appraisal, fund tracking, beneficiary monitoring and geo-tagged reporting to ensure transparency, accountability and effective implementation across all stages of the scheme.

India Juniors End Belgium Tour Strongly

India's U21 men's hockey team finished its Belgium exposure tour with a morale-boosting win over the Netherlands, impressing coach Frederic Soye.

ANTWERP

The Indian junior (U21) men's hockey team wrapped up its six-match exposure tour of Belgium on a positive note, defeating the Netherlands 4-3 in a thrilling final fixture after facing some of Europe's strongest hockey nations.

The tour, held from July 5 to 18, provided the young Indian side with valuable international experience against Austria, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. India began the campaign with a 2-4 defeat to Austria but responded emphatically in the second match, registering a convincing 4-1 victory with three



field goals and a successful penalty-corner conversion.

The team then produced competitive performances despite narrow defeats. India lost 2-3 to hosts Belgium before suffering a heartbreaking 0-1 defeat against Germany, which scored through a last-minute penalty corner. Another 2-4

loss to Belgium followed, but the Indian squad ended the tour on a high with an attacking masterclass against the Netherlands at the Hockey Centre of Excellence in Antwerp.

New coach Frederic Soye praised the team's steady improvement throughout the tour, highlighting the players' adapt-

ability, commitment and resilience. He said every match helped the squad grow in confidence and tactical awareness, with the final game reflecting the significant progress made over the course of the campaign.

Soye added that while consistency and efficiency in crucial moments remain areas for improvement, the tour had laid a strong foundation for the team's future.

He expressed confidence that the experience gained against top European opposition would accelerate the players' development and prepare them for upcoming international competitions.

Tour at a Glance

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Duration: July 5-18, 2026

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Matches: 6

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Wins: Austria (4-1), Netherlands (4-3)

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Losses: Austria (2-4), Belgium (2-3 & 2-4), Germany (0-1)

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Coach: Frederic Soye praised the team's progress, resilience and learning throughout the European exposure tour.

Mirabai, Lovlina To Lead India

NEW DELHI

Olympic medallists Mirabai Chanu and Lovlina Borgohain have been named the flag and baton bearers for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on July 23.

The announcement was made by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha, who described the honour as a proud moment for Indian sports. She extended her best wishes to the two athletes and the 126-member Indian contingent, expressing confidence in their performances at the Games.



It is a matter of pride. Mirabai and Lovlina will be doing the honours at the OVO Hydro. I wish both the girls and the entire contingent good luck

-IOA President, PT Usha.

India's Standard Bearers

- Mirabai Chanu**
Tokyo 2020 silver medallist; CWG 2022 gold medallist.
- Lovlina Borgohain**
Tokyo 2020 bronze medallist; 2023 World Champion and Asian Games silver medallist.

‘We want to play the final’: India captain Salima Tete

NEW DELHI

As anticipation builds for the FIH Hockey World Cup Belgium and Netherlands 2026, scheduled for August 15 to 30, the Indian Women's Team will enter the tournament with confidence, belief and a renewed determination to challenge the world's best.

Riding on the winning momentum and an unbeaten run to clinch the FIH Nations Cup title, India captain Salima Tete is optimistic about the team going the distance and creating history.

Drawn in Pool D, India will open their campaign against China on August 16, followed by matches against South Africa on August 18 and England on August 20.

Salima will lead the team for the first time at a World Cup, shouldering the responsibility of guiding the squad that comprises experienced campaigners and promising young talent.

As the 20-member squad enters the final phase of its preparations under Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne, Salima took time out from a busy schedule to talk at length



about the team's aspirations.

Q. This is going to be your first World Cup as captain. How excited or nervous are you as you step into this prestigious tournament as a leader?

It is a very special feeling for me. Of course, I am excited, but I am also a little nervous because this is the biggest tournament in hockey and leading India is a huge responsibility. Every player dreams of playing in a World Cup, and now I have the opportunity to captain the team, which makes it even more meaningful.

We played good hockey in the last World Cup, but the results did not go the way we wanted. This time, we are all talking about going much further and reaching the final. That is the dream we all share.

Kapil Gives England Slight Edge

NEW DELHI

Former India captain Kapil Dev believes England have a slight advantage over India ahead of the series-deciding third ODI at Lord's on Sunday, citing home conditions as a key factor while stressing that India are yet to perform consistently as a settled unit.

The three-match ODI series is finely poised at 1-1 after India secured a convincing win in the opening match at Edgbaston before England levelled the contest with a four-wicket victory in Cardiff. Joe Root's unbeaten 99 guided the hosts to the series-leveling triumph, setting up a winner-takes-all clash at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground.

Speaking to IANS, the 1983 World Cup-winning captain described the contest as evenly balanced but felt England hold a marginal advantage because of familiar conditions. Kapil also observed that India's performances in the T20I series and the ongoing ODI series indi-

LORD'S DECIDER



I think both teams are 50-50 at the moment. Since England are playing at home, you can say they have a slight edge, maybe 51 percent.

—Kapil Dev

If this Indian side starts clicking as a unit, I would even give them a 60 percent chance.

—Kapil Dev

Bumrah continues to spearhead the bowling attack. Captain Rohit Sharma, however, will be expected to deliver a substantial innings in the decisive encounter.

England will once again bank on the experience and consistency of Joe Root, whose match-winning knock in Cardiff highlighted his importance to the batting lineup.

Victory at Lord's would not only hand India the bilateral series but also end a 22-year wait for an ODI win at the historic venue while securing their eighth bilateral ODI series triumph over England since 2010.

ARGENTINA'S ROAD TO FINAL FILLED WITH COMEBACKS

NEW YORK

Defending champions Argentina are just one win away from making history. A victory over European champions Spain in Monday's FIFA World Cup final at the MetLife Stadium would make Lionel Scaloni's side the first team since Brazil in 1962 to successfully defend the World Cup crown.

Argentina's journey to the final has been anything but straightforward. It has fea-

tured dominant wins, dramatic comebacks, extra-time battles and, above all, another remarkable tournament from Lionel Messi.

The 39-year-old captain has scored eight goals to lead the tournament scoring charts and once again become the driving force behind Argentina's campaign.

Along the way, he also broke Miroslav Klose's long-standing record to become the highest scorer in FIFA World Cup history with



21 career goals.

Argentina have also been the tournament's most attacking side, scoring 19 goals in seven matches, with Lautaro Martinez, Enzo Fernandez, Julian Alvarez, Alexis Mac

Allister and Giovanni Lo Celso all making important contributions alongside their captain.

The Albiceleste began their title defence in style by beating Algeria 3-0, with Messi scoring a hat-trick on his 200th international appearance. The victory saw him equal Klose's World Cup scoring record before he surpassed it in the next game.

Against Austria, Messi recovered from an early penalty miss to score twice in a 2-0

victory that secured Argentina's place in the knockout rounds and made him the outright leading scorer in World Cup history.

Scaloni's men completed a perfect group-stage campaign with a 3-1 win over Jordan. Giovanni Lo Celso opened the scoring from a free-kick before Lautaro Martinez converted from the penalty spot. Messi came off the bench to add another spectacular free-kick and finish the group stage with six goals.

‘We have to rise a level because they are the champions’: Rodri ahead of final

NEW YORK

Spain captain Rodri believes his side must produce an even better performance than its semifinal display if it is to beat defending champions Argentina and lift the FIFA World Cup for only the second time at the MetLife Stadium on Monday.

The midfielder said Spain's journey to the final is the result of years of steady progress, with triumphs in the UEFA Nations League and the European Championship helping the team build the confidence needed to compete for football's biggest prize.

We've been gradually growing. We have to keep doing the same things we're doing because it has been a process for all five years, Rodri said ahead of the match, according to ESPN.

Spain have impressed throughout the tournament, conceding just one goal in seven matches while beating strong opponents on the way to the final. Rodri said the

squad arrived at the World Cup believing it could go all the way.

Our goal when we got to this World Cup was to win the trophy, and we were convinced that we could achieve this. We've shown that this national team has been able to defeat great opponents, he said.

Argentina, however, present a different challenge. Rodri expects Monday's final to be more physical but backed Spain's ability to adapt to any style of play.

I don't think you've seen the same Spain across all the matches; I think Sunday's match will be quite different, as it will be a more physical one and we must be prepared, he said.

And I believe what we are known for in this national team is that we know how to play different games based on the moment. So, we can adapt to having to defend, counter-attacking, to attacking. We are a very complete team, and that is why we are here, he added.

Yastika Puts Team Before Milestone

NEW DELHI

India wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia has revealed that the prospect of becoming the first woman to score a Test century at Lord's never influenced her approach, saying she remained committed to India's aggressive style of cricket throughout her landmark innings.

Speaking at a press conference organised by the Baroda Cricket Association (BCA), Yastika said she focused solely on playing according to the merit of the ball rather than chasing personal milestones.

The left-hander recently scripted history by becoming the first woman to register a Test hundred at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground.

Yastika said she did not alter her batting approach even after entering the nervous nineties, maintaining that her natural game has always been built around positive intent. She stressed that preserving her attacking mindset was more important than reaching a century through cautious play.

The batter also credited the Indian women's team's evolving philosophy, saying the side has embraced fearless and positive cricket over the past three years. According to Yastika, her memorable knock reflected the collective mindset of the team rather than an individual achievement.

She further revealed that head coach Amol Muzumdar had encouraged her to continue playing with the same attacking intent after

returning to the national side following a lengthy injury lay-off. The coach reminded her that India's women cricketers are committed to an aggressive brand of cricket across formats and expected her to fit seamlessly into that approach.

Yastika's historic century not only earned her a place in the record books but also reinforced the confidence and fearless attitude that have become the hallmark of the Indian women's cricket team.

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- First woman to score a Test century at Lord's.
- Chose aggressive cricket over personal milestones.
- Followed India's positive batting philosophy.
- Credited coach Amol Muzumdar's guidance.
- Returned strongly after a lengthy injury layoff.



SLC to observe a minute's silence before LPL matches to honour Sir Garfield Sobers

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) will observe a minute's silence before the start of Saturday's Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2026 matches at the SSC Grounds in Colombo to honour the memory of legendary West Indies all-rounder Sir Garfield Sobers, who passed away at the age of 89.

In an official statement, the board also announced that players from all participating teams will wear black armbands during the day's fixtures as a mark of respect for one of the greatest cricketers the game has ever known.

Expressing its condolences, SLC remembered Sobers not only for his unparalleled achievements on the field but also for his lasting association with Sri Lankan

cricket.

Sri Lanka Cricket expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Sir Garfield Sobers, the legendary West Indies cricketer and one of the greatest all-rounders the game has ever produced, the board said in a statement.

The governing body highlighted Sobers' unique connection with the island nation, recalling his stint as head coach of the Sri Lanka national team during the early 1980s, including the 1983 Cricket World Cup.

Sir Garry shared a special and enduring bond with Sri Lankan cricket, as he served as the coach of Sri Lanka National Team during the early 1980s, including the 1983 Cricket World Cup, the statement read.

As part of the tribute, a minute's silence will be observed before the commencement of the LPL fixtures in Colombo, while players will take the field wearing black armbands as SLC said. As a mark of respect to this legendary son of cricket, Sri Lanka

Cricket will observe a minute's silence before the commencement of today's Lanka Premier League 2026 matches at the SSC Grounds, Colombo.

Players from all teams participating in today's matches will also wear black armbands as a tribute to the late Sir Garry Sobers.

