

SPACE CELEBRATES VIKRAM-1's AAGAMAN

India's private space dream takes flight as Skyroot makes giant leap into orbit with successfull launch of Vikram-1.

The milestone flight 'Mission Aagaman' cements India's position as a premier player in pvt global space launch market.

SRIHARIKOTA

Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace on Saturday successfully launched Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, marking a watershed moment for the country's commercial space sector.

The Vikram-1 rocket lifted off from the First Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) in Sriharikota, carrying a mix of domestic and international customer payloads on what the company has described as a developmental flight.

The liftoff encountered a little hiccup as the rocket blastoff was put on a "planned hold" just minutes before the scheduled timing of 11:30 am by the mission control team. At 12:21 pm, history was made when the mission was declared successful as the commentators at the launch site announced, "Hello, space. We have arrived", with the injection of the payload in its orbit. The liftoff has secured its place in the history of India's space missions. The mission, called 'Aagaman', marks the arrival of India's private sector in the global launch business.

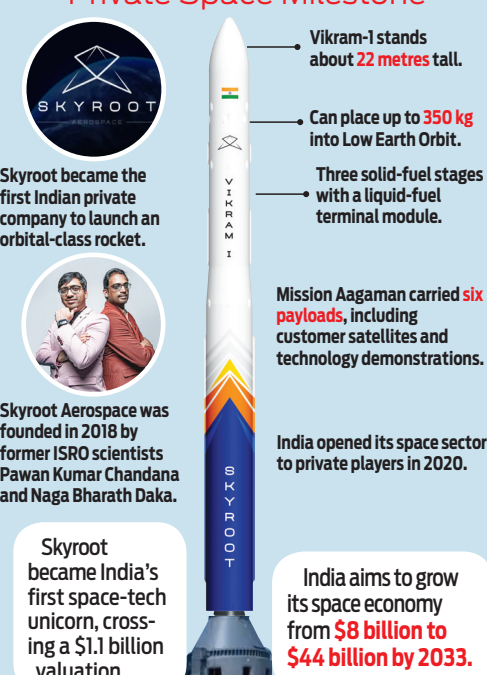
Skyroot joins elite group of global firms

Skyroot Aerospace has achieved something that only a handful of private companies in the world have managed to do. With Vikram-1 reaching orbit successfully, the Hyderabad-based startup has crossed a technological threshold that separates ambitious rocket projects from genuine launch companies.

For India, it marks the arrival of a private player in a domain that was, until recently, almost entirely the preserve of national space agencies and just a handful of private companies. The most important thing Vikram-1 has done is give Skyroot entry into the global launch business. Launch services are one of the few technology markets where a company based in Hyderabad can compete for customers in Germany, Japan, the Middle East or South-east Asia without needing a local presence in each of those countries. Satellite operators care more about reliability, schedule, price and orbit

MISSION AAGAMAN

The numbers behind India's Private Space Milestone



- Vikram-1 stands about **22 metres** tall.
- Can place up to **350 kg** into Low Earth Orbit.
- Three solid-fuel stages with a liquid-fuel terminal module.
- Mission Aagaman carried **six payloads**, including customer satellites and technology demonstrations.
- India opened its space sector to private players in 2020.
- India aims to grow its space economy from **\$8 billion to \$44 billion by 2033**.

Skyroot became the first Indian private company to launch an orbital-class rocket.

Skyroot Aerospace was founded in 2018 by former ISRO scientists Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka.

Skyroot became India's first space-tech unicorn, crossing a \$1.1 billion valuation.

than location or nationality. 'Mission Aagaman' follows Vikram-S, the company's successful suborbital launch in November 2022, from which Skyroot says it validated nearly 80% of Vikram-1's technology stack. The company is expected to undertake one or two more developmental missions before beginning full commercial operations.

Skyroot Aerospace is an Indian private space-tech company headquartered in Hyderabad, famous for developing the Vikram series of launch vehicles. Founded by former ISRO scientists, it is India's first space-technology unicorn and focuses on providing fast, on-demand, and cost-effective launches for small satellites.

10 historic firsts of India's private orbital mission

- India's first privately developed orbital launch vehicle:** Vikram-1 is the first completely privately developed rocket designed to place satellites into orbit. Its launch marks a major milestone in the country's transition from government-led to industry-led space missions.
- First orbital launch attempt by a startup:** Mission Aagaman is the maiden orbital test flight by an Indian private company.
- India's first all-carbon-composite orbital rocket:** Vikram-1 uses an all-carbon composite structure instead of traditional rocket-grade steel, making it significantly lighter and structurally stronger.
- India's first 100% 3D-printed engine on an orbital vehicle:** The Orbital Adjustment Module on Vikram-1 is powered by a fully 3D-printed liquid engine.
- India's longest monolithic carbon composite rocket stage:** The first stage of Vikram-1 is the country's longest monolithic carbon composite rocket stage. It showcases advances in indigenous composite manufacturing and aerospace engineering.
- First ultra-low-shock Pneumatic Separation System:** Vikram-1 uses advanced pneumatic systems to separate rocket stages and payload fairings, a first for the Indian launch ecosystem.
- First private space debris removal test:** The payloads included CosmoServe's EMBRACE mission, which features robotic arm technology for future active space debris removal.
- Micro art tribute to scientific icons:** The mission carried a miniature gold rocket housing micro-sculptures of Dr Vikram Sarabhai, Sir CV Raman, and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, a unique fusion of art, science and national scientific heritage.
- First space-bound lab-grown diamond:** Vikram-1 carried 'Cosmic Bloom', a lab-grown diamond, serving as a unique artistic and commercial payload.
- First orbital mission to carry PM's message:** The rocket transported an encoded message 'Vande Matram' from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, extending national pride and vision into space.

MISSION DETAILS

- LAUNCH:** The four-stage Vikram-1 rocket lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- PAYLOAD:** It successfully carried and deployed six payloads, including two satellites, into a 450-km low-Earth orbit (LEO).
- SIGNIFICANCE:** The launch marks the first time an Indian private firm has reached orbit, marking a watershed moment.

Planted India's aspirations in space: Modi hails Skyroot

New Delhi: As celebrations filled the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dialled Skyroot CEO Pawan Kumar Chandana. Congratulating the Skyroot team on the historic feat, the PM told the young team, "you have made India proud."

"You have planted India's aspirations in space and have also given roots to the dreams of the youth," PM Modi told Chandana as his team listened to the PM's praise on speakerphone. Commending the young team, Modi said they had shown what India's youth are capable of. Chandana pointed out that the average age of his team is 28 years. "Your team has proved my faith in the youth of India right. Many doubted our space dreams, but this team has shown that if trusted, Indian youth can do wonders," the PM told the beaming team. Calling the mission a milestone for India's space ambitions, Modi said it demonstrated the country's growing technological capabilities. "The mission proves we can be Atmanirbhar," he said.

'Vande Mataram in space'

During the conversation, Chandana told the PM, "Your card has successfully reached orbit. Vande Mataram is in space."

National awards: Mammootty, Yami, Kartik best actor

NEW DELHI

The 72nd National Film Awards winners were announced on Saturday, celebrating the best of Indian cinema for the year 2024.

From Bollywood stars to regional talents, the winners represent a wide spectrum of skill across languages and genres.

The awards were revealed at a press meet at the National Media Centre here. Yami Gautam bagged the Best Actress award for Article 370, while Kartik Aaryan's impressive performance in Chandu Champion earned him the Best Actor award; he shared the title with Mammooty for Bramayugam (Malayalam). Article 370 also won the award for Best Feature Film, while Srikanth was awarded Best Hindi Film. Rajkumar Periasamy received the Best Director recognition for Amaran (Tamil).

Article 370 bagged three awards, with Sashwat Sachdev winning for background music. Pushpa: The Rule 2 won two awards - Best Costume Design: Deepali Noor and Sheetal Sharma, and Best Screenplay: Yogesh Deshpande (Swaragandharva Sudhir Phadke - Marathi), Bhandreddi Sukumar (Pushpa: The Rule 2 - Telugu). Kalki 2898 AD won two awards - Best Production Design (Kalki 2898 AD - Telugu) and Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment.

Deve Gowda's wife Chenamma dies

BENGALURU

Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's wife Chenamma (89) passed away on Saturday due to cardiac arrest.

Chenamma Deve Gowda, wife of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, passed away on Saturday after suffering a massive cardiac arrest at a private hospital in Bengaluru.

She was 89 and had been undergoing treatment for a respiratory ailment.

Gowda, his son and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, and other family members were at the hospital.

Family sources said her mortal remains would be shifted to the family residence in Padmanabhanagar in Bengaluru on Saturday night and were likely to remain there till Sunday afternoon. The last rites are likely to be held on Monday at the family's native place in Hassan district.

According to hospital authorities, Chenamma was admitted to Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road on Wednesday night. In a statement, the



hospital said that Chenamma suffered a massive cardiac arrest at 4 pm. Chenamma had survived an acid attack in February 2001, which allegedly stemmed from a family feud.

She married Deve Gowda in 1954, and the couple had four sons and two daughters, including Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy and MLA HD Revanna, who represents the Holenarasipur constituency in Hassan.

Despite being the wife and mother of prominent politicians, she largely stayed away from the public spotlight. Deve Gowda often publicly acknowledged her sacrifices, unwavering support and the role she played in

managing the family while he pursued his political career. Kumaraswamy has also often said that his mother's values guided him throughout his political journey.

HD Kumaraswamy said the mortal remains would initially be kept at the family's Padmanabhanagar residence in Bengaluru to enable the public to pay their last respects. The family had tentatively decided to take her mortal remains to Hassan, the native district of both Chenamma and Deve Gowda, at around 11 am on Sunday. Discussions are underway on whether the final rites should be conducted at the Mavinakere Temple prem-

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Smt. Chenamma Deve Gowda, wife of former PM Shri HD Deve Gowda. Her life, marked by simplicity and grace, will remain an inspiration to all. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Shri Deve Gowda and the bereaved family.

-Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor

ises or near the Ranganathaswamy Temple. He said the final rites are likely to be held on Monday, though the exact time and venue would be finalised after consultations with family members.

'She was a motherly figure'

CM DK Shivakumar condoled her death and described her as a motherly figure. He said she was a deeply religious woman and a devoted mother who nurtured and guided a large family, and that her hard work and sacrifices were instrumental in the political and personal rise of HD Deve Gowda, HD Kumaraswamy, HD Revanna and other members of the family.

K'taka drought alarm: CM calls urgent cabinet meet today

BENGALURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said he has called an emergency Cabinet meeting on July 19 to discuss the drought situation in the state and the measures to be taken to manage it.

Water from dams will, for the time being, be reserved only for drinking purposes, while releases for irrigation will depend on the storage levels in the reservoirs, he said, noting pressure from neighbouring states, particularly Tamil Nadu, for the release of Cauvery river water.

"Tomorrow I have called an emergency Cabinet meeting. We had planned to hold it on Thursday but could not as I had been to Delhi. We must specially discuss the drought situation. There is a meeting with deputy commissioners of all districts, zilla panchayat CEOs and officials via video conferencing in the morning," Shivakumar said.

Why it so urgent?

The cabinet meeting, scheduled at 3 pm on Sunday, will be preceded by a virtual review with Deputy Commissioners and Zilla Panchayat CEOs.

This escalation follows the Chief Minister's recent letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where he requested a central study team to assess the severe rainfall deficit and resulting agricultural distress.

The government has restricted all available reservoir water exclusively for drinking purposes and postponed agricultural releases until storage levels improve, while simultaneously managing pressure from neighboring states for water sharing.

about people migrating from some areas due to the drought. We will discuss the situation and decide on the measures to be taken."

Responding to a question on whether he had received any response from the Centre to his letter on the drought, the CM said, "Nothing as of now. I am aware that they will not respond immediately after we send a letter. We have to send more details backed by facts. We have the data and a clear picture of the situation, including the amount of rainfall received in different areas."

Given the prevailing situation, Shivakumar said water stored in various dams across the state has been reserved only for drinking water purposes. He said, "Whether it is farmers in Mandya or elsewhere, the water being released should not be used for agriculture. It is only for drinking purposes."

ISRO never out of mission mode, plans 7 launches this fiscal

Next mission within 2 months: V Narayanan

BENGALURU



seven launches. We will start the launch within two months."

The space agency's upcoming operational schedule includes the first uncrewed mission under the Gaganyaan human spaceflight program, alongside the slated satellite launches.

Skyroot's success marks a milestone for India's private space sector

Hailing the successful flight

of Vikram-1 by private startup Skyroot Aerospace as a milestone, he lauded the young team -- having an average age of 28 years -- for achieving a successful orbital mission in their very first attempt. He noted that the breakthrough provides immense satisfaction to the domestic space community and contributes heavily to the "Bharat 2047" vision.

Incidentally, both the co-founders of Skyroot Aerospace, Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharat Daka, were former ISRO scientists.

Narayanan likened ISRO's feeling of pride to that of parents witnessing their children excel.

From one startup to 400

Reflecting on the evolution of the domestic space ecosystem, he highlighted the impact of policy structural updates. "In 2020, the space sector reform was brought, and the startup companies and private sector were allowed to carry out the activities in the space area. Today, for the first time in the country, a private rocket successfully placed the satellite in orbit."

He pointed out that when the policy was put in practice, there was only one startup. "Today, there are 400 startups," he added.

Move to retain key scientists

The announcement comes at a time when the Department of Space has tightened rules gov-

erning resignations and voluntary retirement of scientists associated with major national missions, including Gaganyaan. The DoS recently issued an internal memorandum directing that resignation and voluntary retirement requests from working on Gaganyaan and other critical projects should not be accepted routinely and must instead be referred to the routinely and must instead be referred to the department for a final decision. The move follows a series of departures from key Isro centres. According to sources, around 100-120 scientists have resigned in recent months, including personnel associated with flagship missions.

Second airport near Tumakuru will benefit 18-20 districts: GP

Bengaluru: Expressing his wish that Bengaluru's second international airport be located near Tumakuru, his home district, Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said on Saturday that the government would decide on the location based on the technical committee's recommendations.

He was reacting to state BJP president BY Vijayendra's open letter to CM Shivakumar expressing reservations about the proposal to build the airport near the latter's home constituency of Kanakapura. Vijayendra stated that if the airport came up near Tumakuru, it would provide more

equitable access to people from other regions of the state. He said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's technical team would examine the proposed locations. "If it comes near Tumakuru, it will be good for us because it will improve connectivity for people from about 18-20 districts. Secondly, it may align with the existing international airport at Devanahalli. It is left to the technical teams to consider. If it comes near Tumakuru, I will be very happy. I too had asked for it to come near Tumakuru. Let's see what the government ultimately decides," he added.

CABINET CARDS TO BE UNFOLDED THIS WEEK

Veterans May Make Way for the young blood

SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM
MYSURU

The political temperature in Karnataka has risen sharply with Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar preparing for what could be one of the most significant Cabinet expansions in recent years.

If the current plan holds, the long-awaited swearing-in ceremony is likely to take place on July 22 or 23, signalling the beginning of a new political chapter for the Congress government.

Behind the scenes, intense deliberations are underway in New Delhi. Sources indicate that the Congress high command has virtually pressed the reset button by rejecting the initial list of ministerial aspirants submitted by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. A fresh list, giving prominence to younger legislators, is now awaiting



the final nod from the party leadership.

The move is said to reflect Rahul Gandhi's vision of building a youthful second-line leadership, with preference being given to leaders below 60 years of age. The message from the Congress leadership appears unmistakable: the future belongs to emerging faces, while seasoned leaders may now be entrusted with strengthening the organisation ahead of the crucial 2028 Assembly elections.

According to sources, nearly 15 new faces and about

five senior leaders are expected to find a place in the expanded Cabinet. The emphasis is likely to be on first- and second-term MLAs, rewarding grassroots performance and organisational commitment rather than political seniority alone.

The final list is expected to be cleared on Monday, paving the way for the oath-taking ceremony later in the week.

One of the biggest talking points remains the political fate of Zameer Ahmed Khan. Though the high command was initially reluctant to accommodate him following the Davangere by-election developments, sources say his strong influence among the Muslim community has prompted a rethink. If the latest indications are anything to go by, Zameer could edge ahead of MLC Salim Ahmed in the race for a Cabinet berth.

The prospects of Lakshmi Hebbalkar, however, appear less certain. Party insiders suggest there is growing support for giving opportunities to other women legislators instead of reinducting her. Under the women's representation formula, names such as Roopa Shashidhar, daughter of senior leader K.H. Muniyappa, along with Umashree and Nayana Motamma, are gaining traction in the power corridors.

As the countdown begins, the state's political circles are abuzz with speculation. Aspirants are camping in the national capital, supporters are lobbying vigorously, and every meeting in the Congress high command is being watched closely. By the middle of next week, the suspense is expected to end, unveiling not just a new Cabinet but also the Congress leadership's blueprint for Karnataka's political future.

Food, yoga and exercise must for good health: MLA T.S. Srivatsa

MYSURU

Stressing the importance of a healthy lifestyle, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that a balanced diet, yoga and regular exercise are indispensable for maintaining good health.

Speaking after inaugurating the graduation ceremony and presenting certificates at the convocation organised by the Mysore Vivekananda Yoga Education and Research Institute here on Saturday, he shared his personal experience, and said he had long cherished the desire to learn yoga and finally began practising it four months ago. Along with nutritious food, walking, yoga and physical exercise are essential for maintaining good health.

Observing that Mysuru has become synonymous with yoga, the MLA said students trained in the city have gone on to teach yoga in different countries across the world, bringing global recognition to Mysuru's rich yoga tradition. Apart from yoga, Mysuru has emerged as an important centre for learning classical mu-



sic, Bharatanatyam, Agama, Vedic studies and training for priesthood and temple rituals. Nearly a thousand students from North Karnataka are currently pursuing Vedic education in the city. "In an era when many believe that Santana Dharma is gradually fading and fewer people are coming forward to study its traditions, such encouraging developments deserve appreciation," he remarked.

Spiritual thinker Sucharita Mataji graced the function. Institute President Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar delivered the introductory address, while Dr. H. Shashirekha, Resident Medical Officer of the Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, delivered the keynote address.

The programme was attended by M.V. Yogas Secretary Bhaskar, Senior Vice-Presi-

dent Devappa, Mysuru Yoga Federation representative Yogakumar, N. Pashupathi of Sri Raghavendra Kendra, and several other dignitaries.

Awards and Graduation Ceremony

On the occasion, awards were presented to retired DySP Umesh Ganapathi Shet, senior journalists Amshi Prasannakumar and Aitachanda Ramesh Uthappa, retired DDPI Manjula, Dubai-based yoga teacher P. Bhagya, retired Commercial Tax Officer M. Mohan and his wife Rekha, Mandya Assistant Jailor M.S. Kumar and his wife Geetha, and yoga promoter Venkatesh for their contributions in their respective fields.

The institute also conferred graduation certificates on 70 students who successfully completed various yoga courses.

Kerala-based burglary gang busted

Two held, gold worth ₹9 Lakh recovered

MYSURU

Mysuru district police have arrested two inter-state burglars from Kerala in connection with a house burglary reported under the jurisdiction of Bilikere Police Station and recovered stolen gold ornaments worth ₹9 lakh along with a Baleno car used in the crime.

According to the police, on the night of November 21, 2025, unidentified burglars broke open the rear window of the house belonging to Shivakumar N. at Nisarga Paradise Layout in Manuganahalli village. After removing the lock of the back door, the accused entered the house and decamped with 72 grams of gold ornaments and ₹93,000 in cash kept in a cupboard and locker. A case was registered at Bi-



likere Police Station and an investigation was taken up.

Acting on technical evidence and credible information, a special team constituted by the district police traced the accused to Kerala and arrested them. The accused were produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody.

The arrested have been identified as Jishnu Rajagopal M. (31), son of late Rajagopal, a resident of Mandamyakail House, Kumbidi village, Kudalur Post, Pattambi Taluk in

Palakkad district, and Akash S. (29), son of Suresh, a resident of Chirakkad, Kunnathur, also in Palakkad district.

During the operation, the police recovered gold ornaments valued at ₹9 lakh and seized a Baleno car worth ₹4.5 lakh, which was allegedly used in the commission of the offence.

The operation was carried out under the directions of Mysuru Superintendent of Police Mallikarjuna Baladandi, IPS, and the supervision of Additional Superintendents of Police Mallik C. and Nagesh L. The team was led by Bilikere Police Inspector Puneeth T.M. under the guidance of Hunsur Sub-Division DSP Ravirava.

Police Inspector Puneeth T.M. and Crime PSI Isharat Begum.

Education is the greatest wealth: ZP CEO S. Yukesh Kumar

MYSURU

There is no greater wealth in life than education, said Mysuru Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer S. Yukesh Kumar.

He was speaking at a workshop, talent felicitation programme, and retirement honour ceremony organised by the Mysuru district unit of the Karnataka State Panchayat Development Officers' Welfare Association at the Zilla Panchayat auditorium on Saturday.

The CEO said that providing quality education to children is one of the foremost responsibilities of parents. He appreciated the officers and staff of the department for ensuring their children's education despite the pressures of official duties.

Sharing his personal journey, he said, "I excelled in academics from my childhood. I secured good marks in both high school and college, qualified for the IAS, and also won a gold medal during administrative training."

He further noted that many government officers have retired after rendering public service with integrity and without any blemish.

Deputy Secretary B.M. Savitha said that the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department is increasingly adopting digital technologies and software systems, making it essential for officers to upgrade their skills. The workshop would help officers adapt to these



changes and advised Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) to maintain transparency throughout their service in Gram Panchayats.

District Association President C. Prakash, in his introductory remarks, said the workshop had been organ-

ised to help departmental officers perform their duties efficiently in tune with modern administrative practices.

He added that the association has been honouring the academic achievements of officers' children every year through talent awards and

felicitating retired officers in recognition of their dedicated service.

On the occasion, students who secured high marks in the SSLC and PUC examinations were felicitated, along with retired Panchayat Development Officers.

FOOTPATH FOR PEOPLE, NOT PARKING
MCC'S DOUBLE STANDARDS AT HEBBAL SPARK OUTRAGE

MYSURU

Even as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is cracking down on footpath encroachments in the name of complying with Supreme Court directions, a glaring contradiction has surfaced at Madegowda Circle in Hebbal 1st Stage in Mysuru.

An auto-rickshaw stand is

reportedly being established on the very footpath meant for pedestrians. The obvious question is: Who authorised this? While one wing of the MCC is demolishing encroachments and evicting vendors, another appears to be legitimising a fresh encroachment. Such contradictory actions expose the civic body's lack of coordination and com-

mitment to protecting public spaces.

Footpaths are meant for pedestrians—not for parking or commercial use. If the MCC itself permits violations, with what moral authority can it remove others in the name of law? Citizens deserve an immediate explanation, and the illegal permission, if any, must be withdrawn without delay.

Start construction of NIMHANS Hospital in Mysuru: MCCI President

MYSURU

The delay in the construction of the NIMHANS hospital proposed near Gudu Madanahalli in Mysuru is deeply unfortunate, said Dr. K.B. Lingaraju, President of the

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In a press release here, he said although the district administration has already handed over nearly 20 acres of land for this prestigious project, and

the construction work should have commenced by now, the contractor has still not begun the work, leading to disappointment among the public.

Dr. Lingaraju further said that once the NIMHANS hospital is established, lakhs of people from Mysuru and the surrounding districts, including workers, industrial employees, and the general public, will have access to advanced mental health and neurological care ser-

vices locally. This will eliminate the need for patients to travel to distant hospitals such as those in Bengaluru, thereby saving considerable time and expenses.

He urged the State Government to explain the reasons for the delay in the project to the public, take the necessary measures to ensure that construction begins immediately, and complete the project at the earliest.

Tamil Nadu CM's statement shocks Mysuru Doctor

MYSURU

I am deeply concerned by the recent statement made by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and actor, Mr. Vijay, suggesting that hospitals should not collect medical bills if a patient die.

While the sentiment behind such a statement may stem from compassion for grieving families, the proposal is medically unsound, economically impractical, and potentially dangerous for healthcare professionals.

Medicine is not a profession where outcomes can be guaranteed. The survival of a patient depends on several factors beyond the control of doctors and hospitals, including the severity of illness, pre-existing medical conditions, age, the body's response to treatment, and, above all, the timing of medical intervention.

In emergencies such as stroke, heart attack, severe



trauma, or sepsis, every minute counts. Patients who delay seeking treatment often arrive after irreversible damage has occurred. Even with the best doctors, advanced technology, intensive care facilities, and evidence-based treatment, not every life can be saved.

Hospitals invest enormous resources in providing emergency care—highly trained doctors and nurses, intensive care units, operation theatres, diagnostic services, medicines, ventilators, and round-the-clock support. These services are ren-

dered regardless of the eventual outcome. The cost reflects the care provided, not merely whether the patient survives.

By that logic, should an actor receive remuneration only if a film becomes a blockbuster? Should a lawyer be paid only if every case is won? Professional services are compensated for the expertise, effort, and resources invested—not solely for the final outcome.

As the Chief Minister of a major state and a respected public figure, Vijay's words carry tremendous influence. Statements on complex healthcare issues must therefore be made with great responsibility and an understanding of medical realities. Such remarks can create unrealistic expectations among the public, erode trust in healthcare institutions, and expose doctors, nurses, and hospital staff to hostility and even violence when a patient dies despite ex-

haustive medical efforts.

If the objective is to reduce the financial burden on patients' families, the answer lies in strengthening public healthcare, expanding health insurance coverage, subsidizing emergency and critical care, and improving access to timely treatment—not by penalizing hospitals for outcomes that medicine cannot always control.

Doctors do not promise miracles. We promise our knowledge, skill, compassion, ethics, and an unwavering commitment to save every life possible. Public discourse should strengthen the doctor-patient relationship, not weaken it through simplistic solutions to highly complex medical realities.

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda
Neurologist & Stroke Specialist

Director, NeuroZone
Brain & Spine Care

Director, Gopalagowda
Memorial Hospital,
Mysuru

GREY HAIR, LONG QUEUES

Aged devotees seek a special darshan at Chamundi Hill

SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM
MYSURU

Every Ashada Friday, lakhs of devotees ascend the sacred Chamundi Hill to seek the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysuru.

While the spiritual fervour transforms the hill into a sea of faith, the celebrations also bring to light a long-neglected issue—the hardships faced by senior citizens and elderly devotees in obtaining a glimpse of the Goddess.

Across the country, several famous temples have introduced special arrangements for senior citizens, including exclusive queues, priority entry and dedicated assistance, recognising their age and physical limitations. Ironically, one of Karnataka's most revered shrines is yet to introduce such a system during the peak Ashada festivities.

At present, elderly devotees are compelled to join the same serpentine queues as thousands of other pilgrims. Many of them, with walking



sticks in hand and weakened by age-related ailments, are forced to stand for several hours before reaching the sanctum sanctorum. For many, what begins as a spiritual journey ends in physical exhaustion.

The ordeal starts much before they enter the temple. Senior citizens complain that the existing buses to Chamundi Hill are overcrowded, leaving them with no option but to travel standing. After alighting from the bus, they are required to walk a considerable distance before joining the already lengthy queue for darshan.

The combination of

crowded buses, long walks and prolonged waiting becomes an overwhelming experience for many elderly pilgrims.

Several senior citizens have appealed to the Chamundi Hill Temple Development Authority to introduce a separate queue exclusively for aged devotees during the remaining Ashada Fridays. They believe that a dedicated entrance would not only reduce their physical strain but also enable them to have a peaceful and dignified darshan of the Goddess.

They have also urged the authorities to operate exclu-

sive shuttle buses for senior citizens and persons with mobility issues, ensuring comfortable travel to and from the temple. Volunteers, wheelchairs and resting areas along the queue would further enhance the pilgrimage experience for elderly devotees.

The demand is neither extraordinary nor difficult to implement. It is a compassionate measure that has already been adopted successfully at several major temples across the country.

As the remaining Ashada Fridays are expected to attract massive crowds, devotees hope the temple administration will respond with empathy and make suitable arrangements for senior citizens. After all, devotion should bring peace and solace—not fatigue and suffering. A special entrance for elderly pilgrims would not merely be an administrative convenience; it would be a fitting tribute to those who have spent a lifetime nurturing their faith in Goddess Chamundeshwari.

'OPERATION RISE' AND 'BEDA BRO' CAMPAIGN

Mysuru Police intensify anti-drug drive

MYSURU

Reaffirming the state government's zero-tolerance policy against narcotics, Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema on Saturday said the city police have intensified their fight against drug abuse through the statewide Operation RISE and 'BEDA BRO' campaign.

Addressing a press conference here, the Commissioner said the State Government has launched an ambitious drive to make Karnataka a drug-free state by 2028. As part of this mission, Operation RISE was officially launched across the state on June 30, 2026.

The acronym RISE stands for Refuse, Inform, Support and Empower, encouraging citizens, particularly youth, to reject drugs, report illegal activities, support rehabilitation efforts and empower communities to remain drug-free.

The 'BEDA BRO' campaign has been designed specifically to connect with young people through simple and relatable messaging. The initiative aims to educate students and youth about the physical, mental, social and legal consequences of drug abuse while motivating them to resist peer pressure

and make responsible choices.

Seema said Mysuru City Police have significantly expanded awareness programmes in educational institutions and among the general public. During 2025, the city police conducted 533 awareness programmes, reaching over 25,500 students and 15,319 members of the public. In 2026, the number of awareness programmes increased to 803, covering 23,825 students and 18,373 citizens.

Anti-Drug Committees have also been constituted in colleges with the support of local police to organise awareness programmes, collect confidential information about drug peddling and encourage students to report illegal activities.

Under the Sanmitra initiative, police personnel coordinate with medical professionals to provide counselling and rehabilitation support to drug users booked in NDPS cases, helping them overcome addiction instead of returning to substance abuse.

To strengthen public participation, Mysuru City Police launched a dedicated WhatsApp helpline (8277948080) on February 7,



2026, for citizens to confidentially share information on drug trafficking and consumption. A QR code-based reporting system was also introduced on April 19 to make reporting easier.

The Commissioner highlighted the enforcement measures taken under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Across Karnataka between 2023 and 2026, police registered 22,892 NDPS cases, arrested 31,271 accused, seized 28,292 kg of narcotic substances worth ₹794.55 crore, and secured convictions in 9,556 cases. Notably, around 70 per cent of those arrested were drug users rather than kingpins, indicating the need to target larger trafficking networks.

In Mysuru City, 491 NDPS cases were registered in 2025, while 236 cases have been



City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar clicking a picture of a girl with the poster of the campaign in Mysuru on Saturday. DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S.Sundaraj looks on.

registered so far in 2026. Police seized 137 kg of ganja and 240 grams of synthetic drugs worth ₹92.5 lakh in 2025. This year, seizures have already risen to 329 kg of ganja and 315 grams of synthetic drugs, valued at approximately ₹1.96 crore. Preventive action, including externment orders and detention under the PIT-NDPS Act, has also been initiated against habitual offenders.

Save the soul of traditional Dasara festival

PROTESTERS REJECT KAMBALA ADDITION

MYSURU

In a powerful display of public dissent, environmentalists, farmers, Kannada organisations and progressive groups staged a massive protest at Sathagalli on Saturday, demanding that the State Government abandon its proposal to introduce Kambala, the traditional buffalo race of coastal Karnataka, into the world-famous Mysuru Dasara celebrations.

The protest was held at the very site behind the VTU College at Sathagalli, where the government plans to organise the Kambala event. Members of 'Parisarakkaagi Naavu', Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, Karnataka Rashtra Samithi (KRS) Party, Team Mysuru, Bhoomithayi Horata Samithi, Dalit Sangharsha Samiti, Kannada organisations and several other civil society groups assembled in large numbers carrying placards with slogans such as "No Kambala in the Land of Gimbala", "No New Additions to Dasara", and "Preserve the Original Spirit of Nada Habba".

Addressing the gathering,

former MLA and State President of 'Parisarakkaagi Naavu', A.T. Ramaswamy, said Mysuru Dasara is a living symbol of Karnataka's culture, heritage and spiritual traditions centred around Goddess Chamundeshwari. The festival, he said, should continue to give prominence to religious and cultural programmes rather than events that could harm the environment.

Drawing a parallel with the Mahabharata, Ramaswamy said Duryodhana's stubbornness ultimately led to his downfall, warning that a government which ignores public sentiment and pushes through controversial decisions would also face serious consequences. "In a democracy, the voice of the people is supreme. Instead of acting with arrogance, the government must listen to the people on the ground," he remarked.

He also criticised the government's decision to organise a water-intensive event at a time when Karnataka is staring at drought-like conditions. "Farmers are struggling even for irrigation water. The government itself appeals to citi-

zens not to waste a single drop of water. Yet it is willing to spend lakhs of litres of water for Kambala. This is nothing but double standards," he charged.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha State President Badagalapura Nagendra warned that the State is heading towards a severe drought, with crop losses and drinking water shortages looming large. He also cautioned that tensions between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over the sharing of Cauvery waters could intensify. Instead of spending huge amounts of public money on extravagant celebrations, he urged the government to organise a simple Dasara and utilise the funds to provide relief to distressed farmers.

Historian Prof. N.S. Ranganajuru said Mysuru Dasara has been celebrated since the days of the Vijayanagara Empire and that Kambala has never been part of the festival's traditions. "Let Kambala remain in coastal Karnataka. We will happily travel there to watch it. But don't impose a new tradition on Mysuru Dasara," he said.



The joint committee adopted a six-point resolution, stating that while it has great respect for Kambala as a popular rural sport of the coastal (Tulu Nadu) region, it should not be included in the Mysuru Dasara festivities.

- The authorities must ensure that all events already scheduled as part of the Dasara celebrations are organised efficiently and in a well-planned manner. It also called for complete transparency in all administrative activities connected with the festival, including the distribution of passes.

- Greater priority should be given for local art forms and indigenous sports during Dasara.

- Enhanced honorariums for local artists and insisted that they be treated with dignity and respect.

- The government must provide adequate relief and assistance to farmers affected by drought.

- Differences should be resolved through discussion and dialogue rather than confrontation.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted at the protest meeting.



Retd Maj Gen Sudhir Vombatkere arriving at the protest spot against the proposed Kambala during Dasara-2026 in Mysuru on Saturday.

Two-day desi rice mela begins at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry

Today is last day; opened from 10 am to 8 pm

MYSURU

Many in the present generation are unaware of the rich diversity of rice they have inherited. Karnataka is blessed with a remarkable culinary heritage, where each traditional rice variety is distinguished by its unique texture, flavour, aroma, and taste. Every region has developed its own rice-based delicacies. By including these varieties in their daily diet, consumers can protect and improve their health, opined Sreekanth P. Kanave, President of Rotary Club Mysore (West).

He was speaking after inaugurating the two-day Desi Rice Mela at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, organised by Sahaja Samrudha, Sahaja Seeds, and the Save Our Rice Campaign here on Saturday.

Traditional rice is much more than a staple food. It is deeply woven into their culture and traditions. From daily meals to dosa, idli, payasa, kajjaya, and several other delicacies, different traditional rice varieties

have been an integral part of our cuisine. These varieties are naturally rich in micronutrients, dietary fibre, and antioxidants. Consumers should support farmers who continue to cultivate indigenous rice varieties," he said.

Special guest Krishnamurthy A. J., Secretary of Rotary Club Mysore (West), said that the Old Mysore region was once famous for its rich diversity of traditional rice. Consumers and farmers must work together to revive these valuable varieties. Desi Rice Melas and farmer markets provide an excellent platform to connect farmers directly with consumers.

Well-known traditional rice farmer Devendrappa Boyi from Yadgir appealed to consumers to adopt desi rice in their daily diet. For hundreds of years, farmers have conserved and cultivated local paddy varieties. These traditional rice have evolved alongside their food culture and heritage. It is their collective responsibility to pass these precious



varieties to future generations. By consuming desi rice, people can improve their health while strengthening farmers' livelihoods," he said.

Presiding over the programme, Ravi K. Magal, CEO of Desi Seed Producers Company, said, consumers have increasingly become dependent on polished white rice, often at

the cost of both their health and finances. Traditional rice varieties are known for their superior taste and nutrition. Karnataka's farmer-breeders have developed excellent paddy varieties such as Sidda Sanna, Sindhoora Madhusale, Andanuru Sanna, and NMS-2. The government should take steps to officially release and promote these farm-

er-developed varieties, which are already popular among cultivators.

G. Krishna Prasad, Director of Sahaja Samrudha, said climate change has severely affected rice farmers. Uncertain rainfall has created serious challenges for cultivation. Dryland rice varieties can help farmers adapt to these changing climatic conditions. The gov-

ernment should launch a special programme to revive traditional rice diversity. Indigenous rice should also be included in the Mid-Day Meal Scheme and Anganwadi nutrition programmes. This will improve children's health while creating awareness about our rich rice heritage from an early age.

Renowned rice savers Syed Ghani Khan and Ravishankar BP were present.

The two-day Desi Rice Mela features over 200 traditional rice varieties from different parts of India for display and sale. Rare categories such as red rice, aromatic rice, black rice, medicinal rice, and bold-grained rice, along with a range of value-added rice products, are attracting enthusiastic buyers. Popular varieties on display include Sidda Sanna, Ambemohar, Gandhasale, Ratnachoodi, Salem Sanna, HMT, Kempu Sanna, Rajamudi, Burma Black, Sindhoora Madhusale, Andanuru Sanna, Doda Baira Nelli, Gowri Sanna, and Kempu Mundaga. Medicinal rice varieties

such as Karigajavali, Navara, and Rakthasali are also available for sale. Seeds of popular varieties including Rajamudi, Burma Black, Sidda Sanna, Ratnachoodi, Navara, Govind Bhog, HMT, and Sindhoora Madhusale are available for farmers interested in cultivation. The mela also offers millets, vegetable seeds, tubers, organic food products, and fruit saplings for sale.

To promote traditional cuisine, a Rice Cooking Competition has been organised. Participants may prepare any dish using desi rice at home and bring it to the mela on Sunday by 12:30 pm. Selected entries will receive cash prizes.

To inspire children to learn about rice cultivation and agricultural heritage, a drawing competition on the theme "The World of Rice Through My Eyes" will be held on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for children aged 5 to 15 years. Attractive prizes will be awarded to the winners of the best drawings. For details, contact: Sachin – 900860322.



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.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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 within 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.

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

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-

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.



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.

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

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

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 posi-

tion, 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.

STEP TOWARDS A CLEAN CITY

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.

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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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವೀಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾಲರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ Standard Tender Document ನಂತೆ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಿಎಂಎಸ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: (1) INDENT No. RWSSD/2026-27/CT/WORK_INDENT10429

(1) Downloading of document through Portal : 18-07-2026 to 04-08-2026 Time: 16:30 Hrs (2) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Conference : 28-07-2026 Time: 11:30 Hrs (3) Venue: Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Habhubada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada District (4) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids : 04-08-2026 Time: 16:30 Hrs. (5) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening : 05-08-2026 Time: 17:00 Hrs. (6) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening : Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಉಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ಮೇಲ್ಮೈನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರು
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವೀಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕೆ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

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GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA20025GCG030436

GESCOM/SEE(Procurement)/EE/AEE/25-26/35410-15 Date:18.07.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)

PC-1495: Manufacture and Supply of EHV Grade Transformer Oil as per **IS 335 2018** technical specification (Tender Amount **Rs. 945.43 Lakhs**) **Dates :** Bid documents available at KPP Portal: on or after **21.07.2026** Last Date for Bid submission, Opening of Technical Bid and opening of price Bid : As per KPP Portal. **Bidder Qualifying Requirements:** As per tender documents (IFB). For additional information Contact: **Superintending Engineer EL., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102.** Mobile: 9448499997. Web Site Address : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in For information about the KPP portal, contact the helpline at **+91-8046010000/8068948777/9240214000/9240214001** or e-mail address: support@eprocchelpdesk.com

Sd/- Superintending Engineer EL., (Procurement)
GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ

ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಟಿ ಮಹದೇವ್‌ಪುರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಮಹದೇವ್‌ಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಸೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08225-272128, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08225-272123 Email: sec.mttemple@gmail.com

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ಇ-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (3ನೇ ಕರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇಎಂಐ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಟಿ ಮಹದೇವ್‌ಪುರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮಾಸ್ಟರ್ ಪ್ಲಾನ್ ಅವರೇ ಹಾಗೂ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಬದಿ ಭಾಗಗಳ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು 1 ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ವೆಚ್ಚ ಸೇರಿ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.	50.00	125000.00
2	ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಟಿ ಮಹದೇವ್‌ಪುರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮಾಸ್ಟರ್ ಪ್ಲಾನ್ ಅವರೇ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಮಿಡ್ಲು ಕಾಲಿಡು ಬದಿ ಭಾಗಗಳ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು 1 ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ವೆಚ್ಚ ಸೇರಿ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.	50.00	125000.00

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 ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವೇಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

1.	ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ	ದಿನಾಂಕ 13.07.2026	ರ ಸಂಕರ
2.	ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ	ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.07.2026	ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
3.	ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಲ	ದಿನಾಂಕ 24.07.2026	ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ಸಂಕರ

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಟಿ ಮಹದೇವ್‌ಪುರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮಹದೇವ್‌ಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಸಂ/ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಾ.ನಗರ/243/2026-27



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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-



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.



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 ವೇಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ : (1) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. (2) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 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 ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು 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. ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080-22112809
ಸಂ.ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಮಿ)/ಲೋ.ಇ/ಮಿಡ್ಲು/2026-27/783 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.07.2026

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೋಟೆಪುರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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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.
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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, ARIFUNNISSA, 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, Cowli 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. Muktha Bai, B.com, LL.B Advocate & Notary Door no 71/18, II cross opp. Dr. Bhirath 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.

Cyber fraud kingpin arrested in Haryana

ROHTAK

The Special Operations Group (SOG) of Gujarat Police's Valsad unit has arrested the alleged mastermind behind an international illegal call centre that was busted in Dunga last month, marking a major breakthrough in an investigation into an international cyber fraud network.

The accused, identified as 33-year-old businessman Yuvraj Saluja, was arrested from Rohtak in Haryana and handed over to the investigating officer at Vapi GIDC Police Station for further legal proceedings.

The case originated from a raid conducted on June 11 at a bungalow in Dunga, where police uncovered an alleged illegal international call centre. During the operation, 11 people, including the alleged operator Rajesh alias Raj Tholar, were arrested.

According to investigators, the call centre targeted foreign nationals using internet-based Wi-Fi calling services and allegedly carried out fraud related to server

services and the redemption of gift cards. Police subsequently launched an extensive technical investigation to identify the server provider and those facilitating the illegal transactions.

Officials said the investigation was led by Police Inspector D.D. Parmar, with technical support from personnel of the Local Crime Branch and IT experts. The cyber probe began with just a virtual number generated through a Chinese application. Investigators analysed over 1,000 IP addresses, examined Internet Protocol Detail Records (IPDRs) and studied digital activity linked to the virtual number service.

Despite receiving no cooperation from foreign companies, the team successfully traced the suspect's location to Rohtak through technical analysis. Police described Saluja's arrest as a significant breakthrough that has strengthened the investigation into the international cyber fraud racket operating from Gujarat.

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This is to inform to General public that my client Smt.Shameemunnisa W/olate Sri.Syedpashjan., Residing at K.K.Pete., Darghamohalla, Sidlghatta Town and Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Certified copy ,have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Residing at K.K.Pete., Darghamohalla, Sidlghatta Town and Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, had published the factum of loss of his Original Sale deed, Dated:- 13-05-1985, Registered Sale Deed, executed by Sri, Syed Abdulsabi, s/o Late, Syed Babasab, Sri. Syed Rasheed and her Childerens 1] Syed Sadik, and 2] Syed Mohammed, and 3]Syed Abdulla, he is Minor Rep by Her Mother Gorima as Natural Guardian, in favour of Smt.M.Padma W/o Sri.M.N.Nagaraju, with respect to schedule property, which is registered as Book no.1, Volume no.1181, at Pages 10-17, in regd as document No.194,in registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Sidlghatta, which is schedule property herein., in respect of Sweeper Colony, Town Municipality Site no.372/3417/A, Situated at K.K.Pete, Sidlghatta Town and Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, In Measuring East to West 16 ½ feet and North to South 27 feet, and in Front of House East to West 15 feet and North to South 12 feet Vacant site. [Item no.1], police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR NO. Lost Report no.2315441/2026, DATED:-18-07-2026, and complaint dated:-18-07-2026, by respective person, if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.
Place:-Chinthamani, Date:-18-07-2026

K.S.HARISH KUMAR ADVOCATE

Office: NEAR KISHORE SCHOOL, ABOVE APPOLO PHARMACY, BESIDE SANTHOSHI MATHA TEMPLE, BANGALORE MAIN ROAD CHINTHAMANI.M;-9980110692

NAME CHANGE

I SAJEEDA BEGUM W/o, Ghouse Khan, resident of No 04, Subramanya Layout Rama Murthy Nagar Vijnapura Bengaluru Dist, 560016, Have Changed My Name From **SAJIDA BEGUM** to **SAJEEDA BEGUM** vide affidavit Sworn before Notary K C SHASHIKALA, Bengaluru Dated: 18.07.2026.

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This is to inform to General public that my client Smt. Pramillamma w/o Chalapathy Y.C., Residing at Karahalli village, Kasaba Hobali, Bangarapete Taluk, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Digital copy ,have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Residing at Karahalli village, Kasaba Hobali, Bangarapete Taluk, had published the factum of loss of his Original Sale deed, Dated:-02-02-1995, Regd Sale Deed, Executed by Sri, S.Ramakrishna s/o Siddappa, in favour of Sri, Y.S.Channabasappa s/o Late, Shettappa, In regd as Book No.1,Volume No.2359, in Pages 206-207, In regd as Document no.2719/1994-95, In regd before of the SRO Bangarapete Taluk, in Respect of Property Bearing Bangarapete Taluk, Kasaba Hobali, Yalaburagi Village, V.P.Katha no.5, in Measuring 35x14 Feets., police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR NO. Lost Report no.2259612/2026, DATED:-17-06-2026, and complaint dated:-17-06-2026, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.
Place:-Chinthamani, Date:-17-07-2026

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No. CIMS/Doctors(C)/01/2026-27

Date: 15.07.2026

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.

Sl. No	Name of the post	No.of the Posts	Educational Qualification	Age Limit	Monthly Salary
1	Casulty 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
3	Orthopedician	1	MS/DNB in Orthopaedic		
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		
8	Obsterics and Gyneology	3	MS/DNB in Obsterics and Gynecology		
9	Pathology	2	MS/DNB in Pathology		
10	Pediatrician	2	MD/DNB in Pediatric		

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1) With respect to the above posts, the candidates should have undergone courses from recognized Universities and Affiliated Colleges. 2) Appointment is on contract basis and temporary. It will not be considered for any permanent appointment and candidates cannot exercise any rights. 3) Contract period is only for 06 months and renewal of posts is subject to future Government Orders. 4) Should have compulsorily registered with the Medical Council.

Candidates, along with the application, should submit a D.D. for Rs. 1,000/- drawn in favour of The Director, Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences, Chikkamagaluru. Applications can be downloaded from the website <https://cimschikkamagaluru.karnataka.gov.in> of Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences and candidates can submit the application along with the required educational and other relevant documents.

Sd/- Dean and Director Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences,Chikkamagaluru.

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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-

Iran expands strikes across Gulf

Iran widened the conflict by targeting Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, damaging key infrastructure and warning of more retaliatory strikes against US allies.

CH NEWS, DUBAI

The conflict between Iran and the United States escalated sharply on Saturday as Tehran launched coordinated missile and drone attacks on several American allies in the Gulf, including Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, marking a significant expansion of hostilities one week after a fragile ceasefire collapsed. Kuwait bore the brunt of the attacks, with repeated missile and drone strikes forcing the suspension of operations at Kuwait International Airport. A desalination plant was hit, raising concerns over essential water supplies, while Kuwait Petroleum Corporation confirmed that one of its oil facilities suffered extensive damage. Authorities said several firefighters and oil sector workers were injured while responding to the attacks.



Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) claimed responsibility for targeting Camp Arifjan, a major U.S. military support facility, and destroying a radar installation at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait. The IRGC said the strikes were retaliation for recent U.S. attacks on Iranian infrastructure, including bridges and power facilities. Iran also claimed to have targeted Sheikh Isa Air Base in

Bahrain and launched missile and drone attacks on the U.S. base at Al Azraq in Jordan, alleging that multiple American military aircraft had been destroyed. However, these claims could not be independently verified. In Saudi Arabia, early warning alarms sounded near Prince Sultan Air Base in Al-Kharj and in Yanbu along the Red Sea coast after suspected Iranian attacks, accord-

What's latest

- Kuwait airport suspends operations after attacks.
- Oil facility and desalination plant damaged.
- IRGC claims strikes on U.S. bases in Kuwait, Bahrain and Jordan.
- Saudi Arabia reports air raid alerts near key military sites.
- Regional tensions rise as conflict spreads across the Gulf.

ing to sources familiar with the matter. The widening conflict has heightened fears of a broader regional war, with Iran warning that further U.S. military actions would invite additional retaliatory strikes against American interests and allied nations across the Middle East.

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.

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.

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

FM Sitharaman urges entrepreneurs to embrace risk, leverage technology and drive India's economic growth towards the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

"The country's growth need not remain limited to one-sixth of global expansion and questioned why India could not aim for a one-fourth share. The Finance Minister emphasised that achieving this goal would depend on entrepreneurs and the nation's young workforce."

—Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister
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.

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 Anu-suchit 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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villages. The ministry said 16,759 villages have been of-

ficially declared Adarsh Grams, reflecting substantial improvements in infrastructure, basic services and overall quality of life. To strengthen educational support, the government has allocated Rs 22.50 crore in the 2026-27 financial year for the construction of three hostel projects, including two for girls, which will provide accommodation facilities for 750 students. Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar said PM-AJAY plays a key role in ad-

ressing 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

► **Duration:** July 5-18, 2026

► **Matches:** 6

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

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

► **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.

The decision to appoint two of India's most accomplished women athletes underlines their outstanding contributions to Indian sport. Both Mirabai and Lovlina won medals at the Tokyo Olympics and have consistently excelled on the international stage.

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, the Tokyo Olympic silver medallist, returns to the Commonwealth Games aiming to add another title to her impressive record after winning gold at the 2022 Birmingham Games. Having narrowly missed a medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics, she is determined to make a strong comeback in Glasgow.

Boxer Lovlina Borgohain, who clinched bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, enters the Games as one of India's lead-



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.

ing medal hopefuls. The Assam-born boxer has enjoyed sustained success in recent years, including a gold medal at the 2023 World Championships and a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou.

With two celebrated Olympians leading the contingent, India hopes to begin its Commonwealth Games campaign on an inspiring note before athletes compete across multiple disciplines in Glasgow.

‘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.

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

Kapil Gives England Slight Edge



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

cate the team is still searching for the right combination and rhythm.

Despite the setback in Cardiff, India have reasons for optimism. Virat Kohli returned to form with a fluent half-century, while Jasprit

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

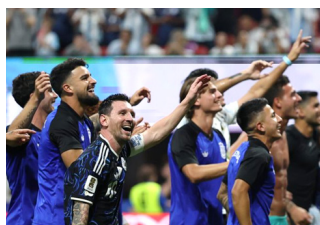
Defending champions Argentina are just one win away from making history. A victory over European champions Spain in Monday's FIFA World Cup final at the MetLife Stadium would make Lionel Scaloni's side the first team since Brazil in 1962 to successfully defend the World Cup crown.

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.

