

Karnataka is hub of new research, says Shivakumar

Karnataka’s skilled youth are driving global innovation, Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said, urging students to compete worldwide.

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Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday said Karnataka had emerged as a global hub of new research because of its skilled youth. Speaking at World Youth Skills Day at Vidhana Soudha, he urged students to compete globally rather than limit themselves to local opportunities.

Shivakumar said Bengaluru had around 2.5 million IT professionals, compared with 1.3 million IT engineers in California. He stressed that education must be accompanied by practical skills and said degrees alone had little value without common sense.

He cited farmers and women working in agriculture as examples of people possessing practical skills without formal engineering training. He also highlighted the contribution of IISc to science and technology.

The Chief Minister urged students to attend the Bengaluru Tech Summit in November and announced that the government was planning an AI university to prepare young people for future opportunities.





“No one can steal skill. My power and office might end one day, but the skill within me will not.”

-DK SHIVAKUMAR, CM

Skill push

- New initiative:** Yuva Sethu (Udyoga Sethu)
- Purpose:** Connect youth with private-sector jobs
- AI University:** Planned by Karnataka government
- Tech Summit:** Bengaluru, November
- Key message:** Compete at the global level

UDYOGA SETHU

The proposed Yuva Sethu, or Udyoga Sethu, scheme will provide young people information on private-sector employment opportunities. Under the initiative, private companies will share details of job vacancies through a dedicated platform. Shivakumar said the scheme was being planned to bridge the gap between skilled youth and employers and improve access to employment opportunities across Karnataka.



UP SIT gives clean chit to Rai, Mishra in Ram Temple donation case

LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) has submitted its final report into alleged theft and irregularities involving donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Sources said former Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust general secretary Champat Rai and former trustee Anil Mishra have not been named as accused.

The report was submitted to the state government and subsequently handed over to the temple trust for further action. Both Rai and Mishra had faced questions over the donation-counting system and later resigned, citing moral responsibility.

The investigation remains focused on eight accused named in the FIR registered on June 25. They are Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey, Ramashankar Mishra, Subhash Srivastava and Ram Shankar Yadav alias Tinnu. All eight have been arrested and are in judicial custody.

The SIT was constituted on June 13 after alleged irregularities surfaced during the counting of temple offerings. Its preliminary report led to the FIR and arrests.

Second probe continues
The SIT report does not end the controversy. Following Supreme Court intervention, a separate SIT was constituted to investigate the case. The re-constituted team includes senior police officers, including IG Kiran S, DIG Ayodhya Somen Verma and SSP Gaurav Grover. The second probe is continuing under the Supreme Court’s oversight, while the court has so far declined to make its status report public.

Mankal Vaidya, Umashree elected to key K’taka Legislature posts

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Congress leaders Mankal Vaidya and Umashree were unanimously elected to key Karnataka Legislature posts.

Bhatkal Congress MLA Mankal Vaidya was unanimously elected Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, while Congress MLC Umashree was elected Deputy Chairperson of the Legislative Council.

Both were the only candidates to file nominations on Monday, paving the way for their unopposed election. In the Assembly, Vaidya’s candidature was proposed by Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and supported by Minister Laxman Savadi. Speaker G S Patil announced his election following a voice vote.

The Deputy Speaker’s post



had remained vacant after Rudrappa Lamani resigned following his induction into the Shivakumar-led Cabinet. Congress had earlier proposed MLA A S Ponnanna, who was later appointed the Chief Minister’s Political Secretary with Cabinet rank.

Umashree, who was nominated to the Legislative Council in 2001, later entered electoral politics and won the Teradal Assembly seat in 2013. She served as a minister in the Siddaramaiah government, handling Women and Child Development, welfare of senior citizens, empowerment of persons

New presiding officers

- Mankal Vaidya:** Deputy Speaker, Assembly
- Umashree:** Deputy Chairperson, Council
- Election:** Unanimous
- Vaidya constituency:** Bhatkal
- Umashree:** Congress MLC
- Assembly Speaker:** G S Patil

with disabilities, and Kannada and Culture.

Leader of the House Yathindra Siddaramaiah congratulated Umashree, describing her as an inspiration to women.

He highlighted her journey from a financially disadvantaged background to theatre, cinema and politics.

Ashoka demands drought relief, threatens protest over Nagendra

Opposition Leader R Ashoka accused the government of ignoring drought conditions and denying relief to farmers.

“Issuing a statement without doing anything is not right.”
-R Ashoka, Leader of Opposition

and had submitted a motion notice. However, he said the Opposition would first demand the dismissal of Minister B Nagendra, alleging that multiple CBI and ED cases were pending against him.

On alleged irregularities in KPSC recruitment, he accused the government of failing to ensure transparency and demanded a CBI probe. He welcomed the Enforcement Directorate’s investigation and recovery efforts.



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The BJP leader said the government was preparing to make a statement on drought without releasing funds, providing farmer relief or declaring drought in affected areas. He said drought had intensified in North Karnataka, while farmers in Mysuru-region districts were struggling to cultivate crops due to water shortages.

Ashoka said the BJP had conducted a study and submitted a report on the drought situation. He also criticised the Congress government’s handling of Cauvery water-sharing issues.

He said the BJP would coordinate with the JD(S) for a discussion in the Assembly

‘PM-CARES Fund receives ₹1,162.92 cr, spends only ₹16.47 cr’

NEW DELHI

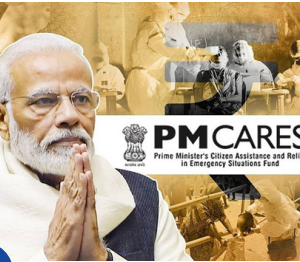
The PM-CARES Fund received Rs 682.94 crore in donations in 2023-24 and Rs 479.97 crore in 2024-25, according to its audit reports. During the same period, it spent Rs 15.59 crore and Rs 87.85 lakh respectively.

The fund had Rs 8,452.06 crore in its accounts as of March 31, 2025, including Rs 7,846.65 crore held in fixed deposits.

Since its inception in March 2020, PM-CARES has received Rs 14,766.95 crore in donations and spent Rs 8,133.29 crore through 2024-25. Most of the expenditure occurred during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2024-25, just Rs 87.85 lakh was spent on children who lost their parents during the pandemic. In 2022-23, the fund had spent Rs 346 crore on the same category and Rs 91.87 crore on nearly one lakh oxygen concentrators.

The fund was established on March 27, 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, with the Prime Minister as its ex-officio chairman.



“Why is the PM-CARES Fund keeping such large sums of money idle?”

-Anjali Bhardwaj, Transparency Activist

Fund’s pandemic-era spending

PM-CARES saw its highest donations in 2020-21, when it collected Rs 7,678.68 crore and spent Rs 3,976.17 crore. In 2021-22, it received Rs 1,936.88 crore and spent Rs 3,716.29 crore. Donations subsequently declined. By 2024-25, spending had fallen sharply, with only Rs 87.85 lakh allocated for children who lost parents during Covid-19.

Karnataka SIR: 1.08 cr electors face exclusion from draft rolls

BENGALURU: Over 1.08 crore Karnataka electors may be excluded from draft rolls after SIR enumeration ended.

The 49-day door-to-door enumeration under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has concluded, with 1,08,31,945 electors remaining in the Absent, Shifted, Duplicate, Dead and Others (ASDDO) category.

The draft electoral rolls will be published on August 24. The ASDDO figure accounts for 19.54% of the 5.54 crore electors listed in the State as of June 16.

Permanently shifted voters form the largest group at 65.61 lakh, followed by 16.38 lakh marked dead, 15.28 lakh absent, 7.07 lakh duplicate and 3.94 lakh categorised as others.

Bengaluru accounts for 47.14 lakh, or 43.52%, of the ASDDO electors. This includes 17.26 lakh in Bengaluru Urban, 10.58 lakh in BBMP North, 8.66 lakh in BBMP Central and 10.64 lakh in BBMP South.

SC PROBES POLICE ACTION

NEET protest: SC to form panel to probe excesses

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court will constitute a high-powered panel to probe alleged police excesses against student protesters.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would set up a high-powered committee comprising retired judges, a former Director General of Police, an ex-CBI director and other members to examine allegations of police excesses during the July 20 Parliament march in Delhi.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said the order constituting the panel would be issued on Wednesday after receiving suggestions from various parties on its composition.

The committee will examine video footage and CCTV recordings of the violence during the march. It will also look into complaints by female protesters who alleged that they were



targeted during the agitation.

The bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to provide details of FIRs registered against student protesters, indicating that the court could consider quashing some cases by exercising its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

The court also reiterated that students have a constitutionally protected right to peaceful protest under Article 19 and that police action cannot automatically be justified merely because an agitation is underway.

SUPREME COURT PANEL	
Incident	July 20 Parliament march, Delhi
Panel	Retired judges, former DGP, ex-CBI director and others
Evidence	CCTV and video footage
Scope	Police excesses and complaints by women protesters
Legal issue	FIRs against student protesters

Police defence before SC

Delhi Police told the Supreme Court that more than 30,000 people gathered at Jantar Mantar on July 20. It said 2,873 protesters matched existing crime records, including 47 “history-sheeters”. Police claimed more than 240 personnel were injured and force was used only after repeated warnings and barricade breaches. The affidavit said the protest was peaceful initially but later descended into widespread lawlessness.

Court’s earlier stand

The Supreme Court had earlier said police excesses or lathi charges cannot be justified merely because an agitation is taking place. It underlined that peaceful protest is a fundamental right. The Centre had also indicated that it was willing to withdraw cases against student protesters without serious criminal antecedents, subject to law and the court’s directions.

Quick Read

Karnataka starts hiring 15,000 new teachers

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The government has officially launched an online application process to fill 15000 vacant teaching positions across schools in Karnataka. Eligible candidates can apply for various roles including primary, secondary, and computer teachers until September 7th. Officials stated that applicants must carefully choose their post and district preferences while submitting forms, as corrections require a completely new application. Meanwhile, candidates have raised concerns regarding confusing income certificate guidelines for married women. Authorities have released official helpline numbers and website links to assist applicants throughout this recruitment drive.

ED raids 21 locations related to KPSC scam

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Enforcement Directorate officials conducted massive raids across 21 locations in Karnataka and Gujarat. The searches target a major recruitment irregularity scandal involving the Karnataka Public Service Commission. Investigators raided homes and offices of suspended officials, middlemen, and exam evaluation firms. Multiple FIRs allege that corrupt intermediaries demanded massive bribes from veterinary officer candidates for job selections. Authorities are aggressively probing severe allegations involving question paper leaks, OMR tampering, and illegal favoritism. Officials stated that the comprehensive investigation remains active as they track down all individuals connected to this extensive corruption scandal.

Wife and fugitive boyfriend targets husband for property

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A young woman has been arrested for allegedly killing her husband and 5 year-old son over property greed. Harini called police claiming her family members were found dead on the couch. Investigators soon uncovered a dark plot. Police believe Harini conspired with her boyfriend Vinay to commit the crime. She disabled CCTV cameras before attacking her sleeping husband. Tragically, her little boy witnessed the brutal act and was suffocated to silence. Authorities suspect the gruesome murders were driven by a desire to seize expensive family property. The search for the fugitive boyfriend continues.

Serpent metaphor unapologetic

Why fear RSS? Asks Minister Dr. Yathindra

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Karnataka Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has firmly stated that he stands completely by his previous remarks comparing the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to a 1000 headed serpent. Speaking in a recent interview, the minister explained that his harsh criticism stems from the group's extensive network of affiliate bodies that allegedly spread communal divisions across the state. Dr. Yathindra pointed out that multiple front organizations operate under the banner of the ideological parent, yet frequently distance themselves from it publicly while continuing to advance its agenda. According to the leader, these groups routinely

Face me alone: HDK's open challenge

Union Minister HDK challenged the Karnataka Congress to an open public debate over the NICE road controversy.

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The controversial Namma Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE) road and Bidadi Township projects have erupted back into the spotlight as Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy launched a scathing attack on the ruling Congress government, issuing a direct and fierce challenge for an open, public debate.

Speaking at a massive JD(S) protest meeting at Freedom Park in Bengaluru, an enraged Kumaraswamy strongly condemned the recent allegations made by Congress leaders against his family and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda. Challenging the administration head-on, the Union Minister invited all current and former Congress MLAs to share a public platform at Freedom Park, declaring that he is completely prepared to face them all alone to expose the truth.

The political feud centers on historical agreements and land development. Kumaraswamy claimed that the original memorandum of understanding for the project was signed back in February 1995 under specific guidelines re-



Let the Congress leaders touch their chests and say 'Who is the root cause of the entire Bengaluru being flooded today.'
-HD KUMARASWAMY, UNION MINISTER

Controversy background

The political clash stems from fierce resistance against the proposed Bidadi Township project, which has faced sustained opposition from local farmers for nearly 500 days. Kumaraswamy questioned why original project frameworks signed under early US memorandums were sidelined by subsequent administrations, allegedly favoring middlemen over public welfare.

quiring private investment without government capital. However, he alleged that subsequent political figures deviated from the original blueprint, accusing senior Congress leaders and middlemen of manipulating the project for personal gain and altering court frameworks.

Challenging his political rivals directly, Kumaraswamy demanded that Congress leaders place their hands on their hearts and openly state who truly looted farmers' lands and caused widespread urban flooding across Bengaluru. He further accused key ministers of creating artificial real estate illusions by renaming Ramanagara to benefit land values while failing to deliver genuine public welfare.

The fiery speech also touched upon broader govern-

ance issues, with Kumaraswamy defending the JD(S) as a law-abiding party and criticizing past administrative decisions.

As the political temperature in Karnataka climbs over the long-standing NICE project dispute, the opposition's aggressive stance signals an intense ongoing showdown, leaving citizens waiting to see if Congress leaders will accept the challenge for a public face-off.

Court reserves order on Pradush's pardon plea

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The 59th CCH court has officially reserved its order on a key application filed by accused Pradush, who is seeking to become a pardon witness in the high-profile Renukaswamy murder case. Presiding Judge Sujatha Madivalappa Sanbrani heard the arguments from all participating legal teams and subsequently adjourned the final hearing to August 20.

During the court proceedings, defense lawyers repre-

senting actor Darshan raised significant objections regarding the application. They urged the presiding judge to thoroughly verify all the facts and underlying motivations behind the request. The defense expressed strong concerns that Pradush might be making the statement simply in the hope of escaping criminal liability, requesting the court to conduct an independent inquiry to ensure no outside pressure or undue inducement had influenced his decision to seek a pardon.

'States must not meddle', DKS warns TN

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Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has strongly warned neighboring Tamil Nadu politicians to stop interfering in his state's administrative affairs. This sharp political confrontation erupted following the fatal shooting of three suspected poachers by Karnataka Forest Department personnel inside the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in the Chamarajanagar district on August 15.

The incident has triggered intense friction between the two southern states. Tamil

High Court seeks complaint copy on Kharge land row

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The High Court has instructed complainants to submit a copy of their private complaint in the ongoing legal dispute involving AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's family. The case revolves around serious allegations that the family illegally acquired a prime civic amenity site for the Siddhartha Vihar Trust through the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

A bench led by Justice M. Nagaprasanna handled the petition filed by Vijayaraghava Marathe, the state president of the Bribery-Free Karnataka Forum, and decided to adjourn the hearing until the document is submitted.

The controversy began when the Siddhartha Vihara Trust, despite being a secular organization, allegedly used false information under the Scheduled Caste quota to secure an 8,125 square meter site in Banashankari. Critics claim that Kharge used his ministerial influence back then to get the site sanctioned and enjoyed a heavy 50 percent discount on lease amounts through conniving



The High Court instructed complainants to submit documents in the BDA land allotment case involving AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's family trust.

BDA officials.

Things escalated further when an alternative plot worth around ₹130 crore in BTM Layout was trans-

ferred to the trust within just 10 days. Even though rules required building construction within 3 years, the land remained untouched, violating legal frameworks. Consequently, Marathe filed a private complaint demanding a probe under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

During the court proceedings, the Lokayukta counsel pointed out discrepancies in the complainant's affidavit. Instead of handing the case over to the Lokayukta police, the special court chose to conduct an inquiry directly under Section 223 of the BNS due to authentication errors under Section 333 of the BNSS.

another's internal governance. Stressing that every region handles its own law and order challenges, the Karnataka CM made it clear that he refuses to interfere in Tamil Nadu's local issues and expects the same professional courtesy in return.

Defending the forest personnel, Karnataka officials stated that officers were carrying out a routine anti-poaching patrol when the armed group opened fire first, forcing the forest

Not an eyewitness, relief for Suraj Revanna

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major legal victory for JD(S) MLA Suraj Revanna, the 42nd ACJM Court in Bengaluru has dismissed an application filed by the 2nd accused, Shivakumar, seeking to become a pardon witness in the high-profile unnatural sexual assault case. The court upheld robust arguments presented by Suraj Revanna's defense counsel, Gangadhar Shetty, who strongly opposed the plea on the grounds that Shivakumar was never a direct eyewitness to the alleged crime.

The legal battle stems from a sensational complaint filed on June 22, 2024, when a victim accused Suraj Revanna of unnatural sexual assault. The case was formally registered at the Holenarasipur Rural Police Station, while Suraj's close associate Shivakumar countered with an extortion complaint, claiming the victim and others attempted to blackmail the politician for ₹5 crore. Police swiftly arrested Suraj Revanna, and the state government eventually transferred the comprehensive investigation to the CID and a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

During the recent proceedings, Shivakumar sought to turn approver, hoping to secure a pardon. However, advocate Gangadhar Shetty argued before the bench that Shivakumar was merely implicated in related charges.

N. Ravikumar highlights drought across Karnataka

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Opposition Chief Whip in the Legislative Council N. Ravikumar announced that the BJP's special drought study report will soon be formally submitted to the state government, highlighting severe agricultural distress across several districts and taluks in Karnataka.

Addressing the media, Ravikumar explained that State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra had recently formed 6 dedicated inspection teams to thoroughly assess ground-level conditions. These teams traveled extensively across multiple districts and rural taluks to evaluate the true impact of the dry spell on local farming communities.

Ravikumar expressed deep concern over the current situation, stating that the state is facing a severe drought while the government has allegedly failed to release necessary relief funds. With farmers suffering immense hardships and financial distress.



like Ashwath Narayan and B.Y. Vijayendra upon entering the House. He noted that political shifts and party transitions happen across all factions out of necessity. Reflecting on his own early political journey and youthful entry into governance under former Chief Minister Bangarappa, Shivakumar stressed that power and wealth are never permanent.

A gentleman who comes from a fisherman's family and is still engaged in his profession, being unanimously and unopposedly elected as the Deputy Speaker.
-DK SHIVAKUMAR, CM

ies. The Chief Minister admitted it took considerable effort to convince Vaidya to take up the constitutional post, as he was initially slated for a ministerial role. Urging Vaidya not to feel demoted, Shivakumar reminded the house that past leaders who occupied the Deputy Speaker's chair eventually rose to become Chief Ministers, proving that political roles are constantly evolving.

Addressing the opposition benches, Shivakumar expressed emotional disappointment over sharp slogans and criticism from BJP leaders

CAG slams Namma Metro for low ridership

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A hard-hitting Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report tabled in Parliament reveals that Bengaluru's Namma Metro has miserably failed to hit its expected passenger targets. According to the audit, poor coordination with the BMTC, broken last-mile connectivity, and terrible parking options at stations are dragging down public usage.

The report points out that the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) missed the passenger numbers and traffic goals originally set in the 2007 Detailed Project Reports. For Phase-1, the expected peak traffic for 2021 was over 15,000, but reality showed a dismal range of just 6,429 to 8,852. Worse still, authorities never bothered to study why numbers stayed so low.

State government failures compounded the crisis. Officials ignored a 2006 Cen-

Financial lapses

- Poor Links:** Weak integration with BMTC buses and poor end-of-line connectivity.
- Missing Plans:** State failure to adopt a comprehensive transport plan or mobility policy.
- Parking Woes:** Inadequate vehicle parking facilities at various metro stations.
- Vacant Spaces:** Over 2.2 lakh square feet of commercial station space remained empty



tral Government directive to build a comprehensive transport plan. Phase-2 plans moved ahead without proper mobility frameworks or land-use policies, severely cutting off smooth links between the metro and other public transport systems.

Financial lapses added to the mounting trouble. Land acquisition costs spiked by a massive ₹6,603 crore as of March 2023. Officials wasted crores through wrong land rates, delay interests, and miscalculated taxes.

Education must build human values: VC

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. C. Shivraj emphasized that students must look beyond simply scoring high academic marks and actively cultivate strong human values during their student years.

The Vice-Chancellor shared these thoughtful remarks while inaugurating the talent award and felicitation program for top-performing students of the 2026-27 academ-

ic year. The special event was organized by the Seshadripuram Academy of Business Studies College located in the Kengeri suburb.

Addressing the gathering of students, faculty members, and parents, Dr. Shivraj noted that an intellectual thirst for knowledge is far more vital than ordinary hunger in shaping a meaningful life. He stressed that true personal goals can only be achieved by combining strict discipline, relentless diligence, and gen-

uine passion for learning. Expressing deep concern over modern societal trends, the Vice-Chancellor lamented that many well-educated children from affluent families end up abandoning their elderly parents in old age homes.

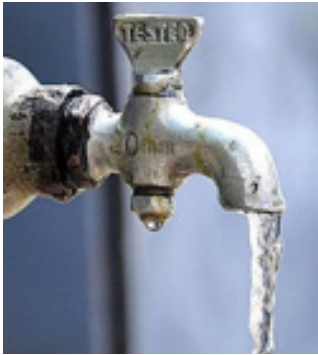
He pointed out that this painful reality highlights a glaring lack of core human values among young adults despite having access to high-quality modern education.

ZP aims to make DK first volumetric water billing district, CEO

Dakshina Kannada district has drawn up an action plan worth Rs 49.4 crore to strengthen its rural drinking water network and introduce volumetric metering and billing across all gram panchayats.

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The plan has been approved under the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for 2026-27, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Narwade Vinayak Karbhari said. Of the total allocation, Rs 23.1 crore will be used to install water meters for 61,610 households. Another Rs 17.9 crore has been earmarked for installing bulk water meters at 2,559 reservoirs. The plan also provides Rs 2.4 crore to repair 14,456 water meters under the Single Village Schemes (SVS) and Rs 2.1 crore for three water-quality testing laboratories. In addition, approximately Rs 2.6 crore will be spent on rejuvenating 86 overhead tanks, while Rs 84 lakh has been allocated to develop 28



villages as round-the-clock water-supply villages. Another Rs 17 lakh has been earmarked for social audits and information, education and communication activities. First-of-its-kind initiative Karbhari said the project aims to make Dakshina Kannada the first district in Karnataka to provide volumetric

What volumetric metering could achieve is, bills based on actual household consumption, accurate accounting of water supplied and consumed, faster detection of leaks and distribution losses, control of avoidable or excessive consumption, greater awareness of water conservation, better planning for 24×7 rural drinking-water supply.

water meters to every household. The next objective is to introduce consumption-based billing across the district. “The aim is to implement a 100% volumetric water-billing system and make Dakshina Kannada a pioneer, not only in Karnataka but also in the country,” he said. The initiative was not limited to bill-

ing consumers according to the quantity of water used. It would also create awareness about responsible consumption, encourage conservation and facilitate the scientific management of available water resources. Once the meters are installed, authorities will have accurate data on the amount of water consumed by each household. This will improve water accounting and help detect leakages, wastage and excessive consumption, he said. The system will also provide the foundation for managing and expanding 24×7 drinking-water supply in rural areas. Karbhari said drinking-water infrastructure created under the Jal Jeevan Mission was being strengthened in phases through the EAP.

Mangaluru harbour buzzes as deep-sea fishing resumes after monsoon ban

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Deep-sea trawlers that ventured into the sea after the ban are returning to the harbour with large quantities of a variety of fish. The arrival of the boats has brought renewed activity to the harbour, with fish traders, workers and customers crowding the area.

Although the new fishing season officially began on August 1, fishermen were unable to venture into the sea for the first four to five days due to strong winds, heavy rain and rough sea conditions. As the weather improved, around 70-80% of the deep-sea trawlers operating from Mangaluru harbour resumed fishing.

After spending eight to 10 days at sea, the boats are now returning one after another with good catches. The harbour is bustling with activity as fresh fish is unloaded from the boats, sorted into baskets and packed in ice-filled boxes for transportation.

Large quantities of several varieties of fish, including



The revival of fishing activity has also brought cheer to truck drivers involved in fish transportation, ice-plant workers, basket loaders and local women fish vendors. The renewed activity at the harbour is expected to provide fresh momentum to the coastal economy.

madmal, squid and cuttlefish, mackerel, seer fish, pomfret, prawns, murel and disco fish, have arrived at the harbour.

After nearly two months of limited availability of fresh fish, seafood lovers from across the coastal region are once again flocking to the harbour, giving a major boost to fish trade.

Fishing activity has picked up at Mangaluru's Old Port, popularly known as Dakke, following the end of the 61-day annual monsoon fishing ban along the Karnataka coast.

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Decomposed body of missing Kundapur fisherman found in Ullal

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

The decomposed body of a 31-year-old fisherman from Kundapur, who went missing after a giant wave struck his boat on August 9, was found at Koteputa Alivebagilu in Ullal.

The deceased has been identified as Narayana. He was part of the crew on the fishing boat ‘Ocean Star’ that had set out for fishing from the Mangaluru dock.

Tragedy struck when a massive wave hit the vessel, sweeping him into the sea. Following the incident, the boat owner and family members had been desperately searching for him for the past eight days. A missing person complaint had also been registered at the Pandeshwar police station. The inquest proceedings were conducted at the Wenlock Hospital. A case of unnatural death (UDR) has been registered at the Ullal police station in connection with the incident.

Swasthya Sankalpa programme organised in Belman

CH NEWS, UDUPI

Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Grama Abhivruddhi Yojane trust organized a health resolution programme. Babita Jagadish Urs, Vice President of the Public Awareness Committee, presided over the function. Shirva Police Station ASI Mohan Das and Head Constable Manjunath provided information about the ill effects of drug addiction and the POCSO Act. Head teacher Vasanthi Nayak welcomed the gathering. Zonal supervisor Subrahmanya Shetty gave the introductory speech. Service representative Rajani, HC Rajesh of Shirva police station were present.

24-week premature baby makes miraculous recovery at Indiana Hospital

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

A baby born at just 24 weeks of gestation (five-and-a-half months of pregnancy), at the very threshold of viability, has successfully overcome a series of life-threatening challenges following prolonged and highly specialised treatment at the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of Indiana Hospital. Now around four months old, the baby has been discharged in a stable condition without oxygen support, is feeding well, gaining weight satisfactorily, and has normal eye, hearing and neurological assessments for the corrected age.

The baby’s remarkable recovery has become a source of inspiration for the entire NICU team and stands as a moving example of how advanced neonatal care, dedicated teamwork, and unwavering parental hope can come together to create a positive outcome. Babies born at 24 weeks are extremely premature, with several or-



Dr Abhishek K Phadke said that the complexity of caring for such babies is determined more by their gestational maturity than by their absolute birth weight. In extremely premature babies, it is not merely the low birth weight that makes treatment difficult. A smaller gestational age means that every organ system is more immature and fragile. A baby born at 24 weeks is physiologically very different from a more mature baby of a similar weight. These babies are not simply smaller versions of full-term infants, Dr Phadke explained.

gans, including the lungs, brain, intestines, eyes, and immune system, still at a very early stage of development. The infant faced numerous hurdles during the hospital

stay and required continuous monitoring, respiratory support, careful nutritional management, infection prevention, and coordinated multidisciplinary care.

The treating team included senior consultant paediatrician and chairman of Indiana Hospital Dr Ali Kumble, senior consultant neonatologist Dr Abhishek K Phadke, paediatric surgeon Dr Vijay Mahantesh S Samalad, and consultant paediatric interventional cardiologist Dr Satish Kumar B S, supported by the hospital’s dedicated NICU doctors, nurses, and allied healthcare professionals.

Dr Ali Kumble said the child’s recovery reflected the commitment of the entire hospital team and the availability of advanced neonatal facilities. “This baby’s journey represents courage, perseverance, and coordinated medical care. The outcome was possible because of timely intervention, advanced NICU facilities, continuous specialist supervision, and the tireless efforts of our doctors and nursing team. Caring for an extremely premature baby is a long journey filled with uncertainty, he added.

Catholic Sabha seeks high-level probe into shooting incident in Cauvery Reserve Forest

CH NEWS, UDUPI

Catholic Sabha Udupi Pradesh President Melwyn Aranha Shirva has urged the state government to order a high-level investigation into the shooting incident in the Chikkallur Reserve Forest area of Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar district, in which three persons were killed allegedly after forest department personnel opened fire.

Expressing shock over the incident, Aranha said the government must conduct a fair investigation into the matter and ensure justice for the affected families.

The deceased have been identified as Antony Swamy (50), John Rose Peter (42),

and Antony Kumar (33), residents of Hanur taluk. They were reportedly killed after forest department personnel opened fire in the Chikkallur Reserve Forest area under the Cauvery Wildlife Division early on Saturday.

Aranha said that even if the deceased had committed any offence, shooting them dead could not be justified. He clarified that the Christian community does not support illegal entry into protected forest areas, hunting, poaching or any other unlawful activities.

At the same time, opening fire and killing people for any alleged offence cannot be considered an appropriate course of action. The conduct

of the forest officials and personnel cannot be condoned, he said.

He stated that the state government has a responsibility to establish the facts surrounding the incident and ensure justice for the families of the deceased.

Aranha urged the government to immediately order a high-level probe, take appropriate action against officials found responsible, and provide maximum compensation from the Forest Department to the bereaved families.

He also demanded that one member from each of the three affected families be provided government employment as part of the relief measures.



SCHOOL-RELATED ISSUES TOP CHILD HELPLINE CASES

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

School-related issues emerged as the leading reason for Child Helpline interventions in Dakshina Kannada during 2025-26, accounting for 182 of the 491 cases handled by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) between April 2025 and March 2026. A total of 37 percent of the caseload, were school related concerns, including complaints of corporal punishment, bullying, ragging, potential dropouts, behavioural issues and counselling needs, which was nearly three times the second-largest category-- 62 cases of child-begging cases. The helpline handled an average of 41 cases a

month. District Child Protection Officer Rashmi said every complaint was examined and counselling provided where necessary. Some children, she noted, reported alleged abuse after misunderstanding disciplinary measures taken by parents or teachers. Committee members spoke to the children and explained appropriate use of the helpline when such complaints are received, she said. Of the 491 complaints, 455 were found to be genuine and 36 were classified as false. Officials cautioned against dismissing complaints as mere misunderstandings.

Section 17 of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act prohibits physical

punishment and mental harassment in schools. The helpline handled 36 cases of physical abuse, 33 sexual abuse cases and 21 emotional abuse calls, together accounting for over 18% of the annual caseload. Other interventions included 25 cases involving children found alone in public places, 24 counselling cases, 23 family-related issues and 20 cases of child labour. There were also 14 missing-child cases, 12 requests for shelter, 12 cases of neglect and nine involving child marriage. Other complaints related to cybercrime, hostel issues, adoption, addiction, medical assistance and anganwadis.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Two houses for needy families inaugurated and blessed at Christ Church, Manipal

CH NEWS, UDUPI

The inauguration and blessing of two newly constructed houses for families in need was held at Christ Church, Manipal Parish. Dr Leslie Clifford D’Souza, bishop, Diocese of Udupi, inaugurated and blessed the houses.

The project was initiated one and a half years ago under the guidance of the Diocese of Udupi to commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025. It forms part of the Diocese’s mission to encourage every parish to construct at least one house for a deserving family.



Responding generously to this initiative, the parish priest of Christ Church Fr Romeo Lewis, with the support of the parish pastoral council, parishioners and various parish associations, undertook the construction of

two houses. Alwyn Saldanha, Vice-President of the parish pastoral council, served as the project coordinator. The houses were completed on schedule and handed over to two deserving beneficiaries, Pavitra and Florina, Lourdes

ward.

In his address, Bishop Leslie appreciated the commendable work of the parish priest, parishioners, donors and parish associations that supported the project. He said that he felt fortunate to bless Christ Church and the two houses during his first visit to the parish following his episcopal ordination as Bishop of Udupi. He also expressed his happiness that these two memorable events in his episcopal ministry had taken place at Manipal Parish.

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present were Alwyn Saldanha, vice-president of the parish pastoral council; Dr Sabitha Mendonca, secretary; Lawrence D’Almeida, pastoral commission coordinator, Jerome Mendonca, ward leader, ward representatives; members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The programme concluded with a hymn of thanksgiving. The beneficiary families expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the bishop, the parish priest, the donors and everyone who contributed to making their dream of owning a home a reality.

Hooode youth succumbs to injuries after road accident near Nittur

CH NEWS, UDUPI

A young man from Hooode, who was critically injured in a road accident near Nittur in Udupi, succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Manipal.

The deceased has been identified as Bette Afran, son of Bette Gaffar and a resident of Jannath Nagar in Sagara.

According to reports, Afran sustained severe injuries in an accident involving a car and a two-wheeler near Nittur on Sunday. He was immediately shifted to a hospital in Manipal for advanced treatment and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Despite receiving treatment, Afran succumbed to his injuries.

Afran was pursuing degree studies at a private college in Udupi. He was reportedly returning to Udupi after completing his internship duties when the accident occurred.



Quick Read

Student dies after pillar collapses at school

TUMAKURU
A 10-year-old student died after a pillar collapsed on him at a government primary school in Belagihalli village, Chikkanayakanahalli taluk, on Tuesday morning. Dhanush, son of Anand Murthy from Mattighatta village, was studying in Class 4. He had arrived at school as usual and was playing with friends before classes began. Around 9:30 am, a pillar from the nearby Nandini Milk Dairy building suddenly collapsed and struck him on the head. He died at the spot. Handanakere police visited the site and began an inspection. Local residents alleged that poor construction may have caused the collapse.

Applications invited from experienced artists

Mysuru
Rangayana, Mysuru, has invited applications from interested artists with theatre experience to participate in various plays and theatre activities undertaken by the institution. Preference will be given to candidates who have completed a degree from the National School of Drama (NSD), a theatre education degree/diploma from any recognised theatre training centre in Karnataka, or a degree/postgraduate degree in Theatre from a State Government-recognised university. Interested artists aged between 22 and 35 years who meet the eligibility criteria will be selected temporarily as per Rangayana rules. Applicants can download the application form from Rangayana's website, rangayanamysore.karnataka.gov.in, and submit the completed application to the Director, Rangayana, Vinoba Road, Mysuru-05, on or before August 28.

CAVA invites applications for MFA PG admissions

Mysuru
The Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to the first-year Master of Visual Arts (MVA) post-graduate programme for the academic year 2026-27. Candidates who have completed a BVA or equivalent course are eligible to apply. Application forms have been available at the college office during working hours since July 23, 2026. The last date for submission of completed applications is August 25. The two-year MVA post-graduate programme follows the CBCS pattern and offers specialised study in Painting, Sculpture and Printmaking.

Mysuru

The Mysuru Division of South Western Railway organised a one-day training programme for visually impaired employees with a special focus on digital accessibility, workplace efficiency and confidence-building. The programme was aimed at equipping visually impaired employees with the practical skills required to handle their day-to-day official responsibilities effectively by making optimum use of accessible digital tools and office applications. **From HRMS to e-Office: Digital Skills for a Smarter**



CM Shivakumar asks Minister Rayaraddi to resolve salary issue

Over 150 guest lecturers need ₹6 crore annually, but the university's financial crisis threatens salaries, lecturers' livelihoods, and students' education

BENGALURU

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has directed Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayaraddi to urgently resolve the issue over salaries of guest lecturers working at Mandya University. The direction came after MLC Madhu G. Made Gowda and Mandya MLA Ravikumar Ganiga met the Chief Minister at Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday and explained the university's financial difficulties. The legislators said the Higher Education Department had instructed universities, including Mandya University, to pay guest lecturers' salaries from student fees. However, Mandya Government College, which became Mandya University in the 2019-20 academic



year, had appointed additional guest lecturers through the Department of Collegiate Education to manage the increased academic workload. Their salaries have so far been paid by the government. According to a statement from Gowda's office, more than 150 guest lecturers are currently working at the university. About Rs. 6 crore is required every year to pay their salaries. The university, facing financial difficulties, is reportedly unable to bear the

At a glance
CM directs Higher Education Minister to intervene urgently
Over 150 guest lecturers await salary resolution
Annual salary requirement estimated at ₹6 crore
University faces difficulties funding lecturers through fees
Legislators warn salary issue could disrupt academics
Government urged to ensure timely lecturer payments

entire cost. The legislators warned that the salary issue could affect the university's functioning, the livelihoods of

lecturers and the education of thousands of students. Gowda and Ganiga urged the Chief Minister to intervene, noting that government payment of the lecturers' salaries had already received approval. They said the latest instructions could create serious difficulties for the university and its students. Responding to their appeal, Shivakumar asked Rayaraddi, who was present during the meeting, to examine the matter and find an urgent solution. The legislators expressed hope that a decision would be taken soon to ensure that guest lecturers receive their salaries without further uncertainty. They said timely action would help protect teaching activities and prevent disruption to students pursuing higher education at Mandya University.

SC, ST employees to hold unity conference in Bengaluru

YADGIRI

The Karnataka State Government SC/ST Employees Coordination Committee will hold its sixth state-level unity conference in Bengaluru on August 28, state president D. Shivashankar said on Tuesday. The conference will focus on protecting the rights of SC/ST government employees and addressing their pending demands. Speaking at a press conference at the district press house, Shivashankar said SC/ST employees continue to face discrimination in government services. He called for greater unity among employees to raise legitimate demands and seek solutions to their concerns through a common platform. He said the state government has sanctioned around 7.75 lakh posts across departments, but only about four lakh employees are currently working. More than 2.84 lakh posts remain vacant, he claimed. He also alleged that nearly 24,000 backlog posts reserved for SC/ST candidates have not been filled, preventing employees from receiving the full benefit of reservation. The conference will be held at Shringara Palace in Palace Grounds, Bengaluru. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is expected to inaugurate the event, while Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara will preside. Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will deliver the keynote address. Ministers

Satish Jarkiholi, K.H. Muniyappa and Priyank Kharge, along with legislators and community leaders, are expected to attend. Yadgiri district president R.M. Natekar said more than 1,000 people from the district are expected to participate. He appealed to committee presidents, office bearers and employees from all taluks to attend in large numbers. State vice president R. Mohana, general secretary Dr. Vijayakumar, Shahapur taluk president Mallikarjun Kamble, Surapura taluk president Sanjeev Darbari and other district members attended the press conference. The organizers said the conference would seek stronger implementation of reservation and timely filling of vacant posts.

KABINI FACES PRESSURE AS CAUVERY RELEASES CONTINUE

MYSURU

Water levels in the Cauvery basin are coming under pressure as inflow into the Kabini reservoir has fallen sharply, while releases remain high following directions to send water to Tamil Nadu. At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Kabini stood at 2,278.92 feet, against its maximum level of 2,284 feet. The reservoir held 16.43 TMC, including 6.62 TMC of live storage. The inflow was only 6,457 cusecs, compared with 22,539 cusecs on the same day last year. However, the reservoir was releasing 11,940 cusecs into the river and another 1,660 cusecs through canals. The total outflow reached 13,600 cusecs, more than twice the inflow. The situation has raised concern because the reservoir is losing water faster than it is receiving it. Kabini also received only 10 mm of rainfall, while evaporation caused a loss of 9.02 million cubic feet. The releases have gained importance after directions to

PMK delegation demands CBI probe into shooting

CHAMARAJANAGAR

Five leaders of Tamil Nadu's Pattali Makkal Katchi, including current and former MLAs, visited the families of people killed in a shooting incident involving Forest Department personnel and expressed condolences. They demanded a comprehensive and impartial investigation to establish what happened. The leaders visited Thomiyar Palya, Lazar Doddi and Jagannath Doddi villages in Hanur taluk and met relatives of the deceased. They heard the families' accounts and assured them that their concerns and suffering would be conveyed to the authorities. Former Dharmapuri MLA Venkatesh and former Coimbatore MLA Veluswamy called for a Central Bureau of Investigation inquiry. They said a transparent investiga-

The PMK delegation sought higher compensation, government jobs for eligible family members, and long-term livelihood support for families affected by the deaths

tion should examine the circumstances that led to the incident. If officials are found responsible for wrongdoing, strict legal action should follow, they said. The PMK delegation also said the compensation announced for the deceased families was inadequate. They urged the Karnataka government to increase the compensation and provide a government job to at least one eligible family member. The leaders also sought long-term support to help affected families rebuild their livelihoods.

Mysuru bishop seeks probe into Hanur forest deaths

MYSURU

The Mysuru Diocese has expressed deep concern over the deaths of three people in an alleged firing incident involving forest department personnel in the Chikkallur Reserved Forest area of Hanur taluk, Chamarajanagar district. Bishop Francis Serrao, speaking on behalf of the Christian community of the Diocese, has urged the State Government to order an independent judicial inquiry. The Diocese said the deaths raised serious questions about the use of force during the operation and the circumstances that led to the firing. The Diocese clarified that it does not support unauthorised entry into reserved forests, hunting or other illegal activities. At the same time, it said allegations or suspicion cannot justify the use of deadly force against people. Forest personnel may need to carry weapons while protecting themselves, enforcing laws and safeguarding forest resources, the Diocese acknowledged. However, it stressed that any use of force must remain within the law and be proportionate to the threat faced. According to the Diocese, several important questions need clear answers. Investigators must determine whether forest personnel faced an immediate and serious threat to their lives, whether firing was unavoidable and whether other methods could have been used to control the situation without causing deaths. The Diocese said these issues require an independent, impartial and transparent investigation rather than assumptions or preliminary conclusions. It also expressed concern that the identities of the forest personnel allegedly involved in the incident have not yet been made public. The Diocese has called for a judicial inquiry headed by a High Court judge to examine the actions of every forest department official involved in the operation.

Breakfast service launched for kids with speech and hearing disabilities

MYSURU

A new breakfast service for children with speech and hearing disabilities visiting the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) of Mysuru for treatment was launched at the Kuteera premises of the Panchavati Campus in Mysuru on Tuesday. The initiative has been taken up jointly by the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing and the Akshaya Patra Foundation. Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Yukesh Kumar inaugurated the new service. Speaking on the occasion, ISKCON's Sri Stoka Krishna Swamiji said that the Akshaya Patra Foundation, apart from providing free mid-day meals to children in government schools, was expanding its service activities to economically disadvantaged people and those with special needs. At present, ISKCON is providing mid-day meals to more



than 20,000 children studying in government schools. The programme is being implemented jointly by the Government of Karnataka, the Government of India and the Akshaya Patra Foundation. He said that, following the success of the programme, several new initiatives were being undertaken to extend assistance to poor, visually impaired and other specially-abled persons in society. The Foundation is looking forward to expanding the initiative further in the coming days and remains committed to providing continuous support to children with speech

and hearing disabilities and other sections of society in need of assistance. Speaking on the occasion, AIISH Director Dr. Pushpavathi said the institution had been looking for ways to address the needs of children and their parents who visit the institute for treatment. As many children and their parents arrive at the institute in the morning, they felt the need to provide them with fresh and nutritious breakfast. The ZP CEO took special interest in the initiative and discussed the matter with the Akshaya Patra Foundation, facilitating the provision of breakfast.

EMPOWERING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Mysuru Railways trains visually impaired employees

MYSURU

Workplace

The training featured practical demonstrations and hands-on guidance on several digital platforms and applications routinely used in railway offices. Employees were trained in Human Resource Management System (HRMS) and e-Office, including file creation, movement, noting and official correspondence. Sessions were also held on UMID (Unique Medical Identity Card), preparation of official notes and letters, and the effective use of Microsoft Word and Excel. Special emphasis was placed on keyboard shortcuts and accessibility features, enabling

employees with visual impairment to navigate office applications more efficiently and independently. The programme was inaugurated by ADRM/Mysuru Shammias Hameed in the presence of Sr. DPO/Mysuru Shirish S. Kamble, along with other railway officials and staff. **ADRM Interacts with Employees** An important highlight of the programme was the interaction between ADRM Shammias Hameed and the visually impaired employees. The employees shared their grievances, suggestions and work-related

concerns, besides highlighting some of the challenges they face while performing their official duties. He patiently heard their concerns and assured them that the issues raised would be examined and appropriate action would be taken. The training programme underscored the importance of making workplaces more inclusive by ensuring that employees with visual impairment have access to appropriate technology and accessible digital systems. By improving their familiarity with office applications and accessibility tools, the initiative seeks to enable visually

impaired employees to perform their responsibilities with greater independence, confidence and efficiency. The programme also reflected the Mysuru Division's emphasis on creating an inclusive working environment where employees, irrespective of physical limitations, are provided opportunities to enhance their professional skills. The initiative is expected to help visually impaired employees make more effective use of digital technologies in their official duties while strengthening their confidence in handling increasingly technology-driven railway administration.

Haveri expands Kannada reading through home libraries

CH NEWS, HAVERI

The Kannada Book Authority's "One Library at Home" project is creating greater access to Kannada books and encouraging reading among families, retired professor Basavaraja Bannura said. He was speaking after inaugurating the district's 49th library under the project at the residence of Rajyotsava awardee and Havanur Foundation president Virupaksha Havanur on Old Post Road. Bannura said libraries should offer books on modern technology along with autobiographies and works of earlier generations. He urged

families to make books friends of children and young people. Teacher Sridevi, who presided over the programme, said libraries could help reduce the growing gap between older and younger generations. She added that digital reading should receive greater attention to attract today's youth. Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manas said printing presses play an important role in publishing books. He praised the initiative as the first library in Karnataka to be inaugurated at a printing press, highlighting the connection between publishing and reading.



Quick Read

GTTC invites applications for free machinist training

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre in Chitradurga has invited applications for its Tool Room Machinist training course. Under the AITT SCP and TSP scheme, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates who have passed SSLC can receive free one-year training. Applicants must be between 16 and 35 years old. Young men and women from all categories who have passed or failed SSLC can also join the course by paying a minimum fee. Interested candidates can contact the GTTC at Kunchigana-hal, behind Kanive Maramma Temple, on Old Bangalore Road. The centre has encouraged eligible youth to apply and gain useful technical skills.

Mandya plans celebrations for eminent personalities

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Mandya officials have urged people to celebrate the birthdays of eminent personalities in August and September with unity and purpose. Additional Deputy Commissioner B. C. Sivanandamurthy said the celebrations should promote the ideals and thoughts of these respected figures. He also asked officials to invite dignitaries and organizations, keep venues clean, display portraits respectfully and arrange awareness lectures. The district will observe Devaraja Urs's 111th birth anniversary on August 20 at 10 am at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan. Ministers, legislators and officials are expected

Health officer urges parents to vaccinate children

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA:

Government vaccines are safe and effective and can protect children from 13 serious diseases, Taluk Health Education Officer B. Moogappa said on Tuesday. He was speaking at a meeting of mothers after attending a vaccination session at Anganwadi B Centre in the city's Shelter Area. Moogappa said free vaccination has helped reduce several infectious diseases that once affected many children. He urged parents to ensure that children receive vaccines on time and make full use of government health services. He said vaccination can protect children from diseases that may cause severe illness or death. He also urged families to prevent child marriage and avoid early pregnancy. Early pregnancy can cause serious health problems and difficult childbirth for young mothers. He said people can report child marriage by calling 1098 and assured that the caller's identity would be kept confidential. Taluk ASHA Mentor Tabitha explained that contraceptive implants are a modern temporary family planning option for eligible women.

Kannada activists detained during Corporation protest

Ashok Chandaragi urged superseding the corporation if it rejected the resolution, while activists criticised politicians for ignoring Karnataka's position on Belagavi

BELAGAVI

Pro-Kannada activists staged a protest outside the Belagavi Municipal Corporation on Tuesday, demanding that the civic body pass a resolution declaring Belagavi an integral part of Karnataka.

The demonstration was organized by the Kittur Karnataka Sena and supported by several Kannada organizations.

The activists said they had been pressing the corporation for the resolution for three months. Their protest continued while a corporation meeting was taking place inside the building. They expressed anger over what they described as repeated delays and demanded that the issue be taken up without further postponement.

Kittur Karnataka Sena State President Mahadev Talawara



warned that the mayor, deputy mayor and members should accept responsibility if the resolution was not presented. He said they should not continue using government facilities while failing to meet the protesters' demand. Youth Unit State President Mahesh Shighihalli also warned of stronger protests if the corporation again failed to act.

Kannada Sangathangala Kriya Samiti district president Ashok Chandaragi urged the state government to consider

superseding the corporation if it failed to adopt the resolution. Activists said the issue was important to them because they wanted the civic body to clearly affirm Karnataka's position on Belagavi. They also criticized local politicians for not responding to their demand.

Tensions rose when the protesters tried to enter the corporation office. Police detained more than 30 activists, including Mahadev Talawara, and took them away in vehicles.

DEMANDS
→ Pass resolution declaring Belagavi part of Karnataka
→ End three-month delay over resolution adoption
→ Mayor and deputy mayor should resign
→ Stop use of government facilities by leaders
→ Government should supersede corporation if needed
→ Present Karnataka-supporting resolution without further delay

The activists protested their detention and expressed anger at the police. The demonstration ended with the protesters renewing their warning that the campaign would continue until the corporation addressed their demand.

Collector orders swift action ahead of Lokayukta Visit

CH NEWS, MANDYA

Karnataka Upa Lokayukta Justice B. Veerappa will visit Maddur Taluk on August 27 and 28 to inspect various locations and hear pending complaints.

District Collector Dr. Kumar has directed officials to complete necessary preparations and ensure that public complaints receive timely and quality resolution.

Speaking at a preliminary meeting held at the District Collector's Office on Tuesday, Dr. Kumar reviewed arrangements for the visit.

Officials review plans for joint Jayanti celebrations

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga Tahsildar B.M. Govindaraj has directed officials to make proper arrangements for celebrating Sri Nulia Chandaya Jayanti and Brahmashri Narayana Guru Jayanti on August 28.

He said the programmes should be organized meaningfully at the district headquarters while following government guidelines.

Govindaraj spoke while chairing a preparatory meeting at the Sub-Divisional Officer's Office Hall in Chitradurga on Tuesday. Communi-

ty representatives suggested holding the joint celebration at the District Collector's Office Hall. The Tahsildar agreed to the proposal and asked officials to complete the necessary preparations.

As part of the celebrations, a resource person will be identified and invited to deliver a special lecture on the lives and contributions of the two respected figures. A light music programme will also be included. Govindaraj said invitation letters would be printed and distributed according to government protocol.

Representatives of the Arya

Ediga Sangha and Korama Samaj, along with officials from various departments, attended the meeting. Those present included Jeevan, Raghavendra, Jagadish Gunderi, T. Basavaraj, Manjunath, Kumaraswamy, T. Swamy and E.N. Laxmikant. Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. B.M. Gurunath, District Physical Education Officer Chidanandaswamy and Social Welfare Department official Thippeswamy also participated. Officials and community leaders agreed to work together to ensure the August 28 programme is conducted respectfully and successfully.

Gadag artisans seek support for green Ganesh idols



CH NEWS, Malingaraya Pujar

With Ganesh Chaturthi approaching, traditional idol makers in Gadag district have appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the state Chief Minister to support eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols and protect their traditional livelihood.

Muttanna Bharadi, General Secretary of the Gadag District Ganesh Idol Makers Association, submitted the appeal on behalf of local artisans. The association said the request represents the concerns of thousands of traditional idol makers and environmentally conscious citizens who want celebrations to protect both nature and local art.

The artisans have raised concern over the growing use of Plaster of Paris, or POP, idols and chemical-based paints. They said such idols can pollute lakes and other water bodies because they do not dissolve easily after immersion. The association has been spreading awareness about the environmental damage caused by these materials for several years. However, the continued availability of POP idols has made it harder for families depending on traditional clay idol making to earn a stable income. Artisans believe stronger government ac-

Artisans warned that POP idols and chemical paints pollute water bodies, urging stronger government action to protect traditional clay makers' livelihoods and environment

tion is needed to change this situation.

The association also welcomed the Prime Minister's recent message in his Mann Ki Baat programme, in which he encouraged people to buy locally made clay Ganesh idols. According to the artisans, the appeal has given fresh confidence and respect to traditional craftsmen across the country. They said promoting handmade clay idols can bring together India's cultural traditions, the Swadeshi spirit and environmental protection. For local makers, such support could help preserve an art passed from one generation to another while also encouraging safer festival practices.

The artisans have placed three main demands before the government.

They want strict action against the manufacture and sale of POP idols, better marketing support and incentives for local clay idol makers, and wider awareness campaigns in schools, colleges and public institutions about environmentally friendly celebrations.



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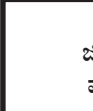
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(ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರೋಟಾಕಾಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಯುಷ್ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಯುಷ್ ಅಸ್ಥಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಗ್ರೂಪ್-ಡಿ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧ ದ್ವಿ-ಲೋಕೇಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಟಾಕಾಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ : 01. ಸೇವೆಯ ವಿವರ : ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಯುಷ್ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಯುಷ್ ಅಸ್ಥಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ : ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ : 2,35,000/-.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾವೇಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-08-2026 ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08-09-2026 ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಟಾಕಾಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09-09-2026 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆದಿರಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು, ತಪ್ಪು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಯುಷ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ರವರು ಕೈಸಬ್ಬಿಡುವುದರಿಂದ ತಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಯುಷ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ಮಾಹಾಸಂಇ/ಒಸಿಎ-ಮಂ/ಕಿಎಸ್‌ಎಂಎಚಿಎ/376/2026-27



ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
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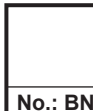
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ಸಂ.ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಲೋ.ಇ/ವಿದ್ಯಾತ್/2026-27/1083 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17.08.2026
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿದ್ಯಾತ್), ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು KW-1 STD
ಪರತ್ಯುಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಮೊದಲನೇ ಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಮೂಲಕ
ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ (ದಿನಾಂಕ)
1	PWD/2026-27/EL/ WORK_IDENT39451	10.60
2	PWD/2026-27/EL/WORK_IDENT39453	11.96

ಮೇಲಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವವರು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಸಂ: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17-08-2026 ರಿಂದ 31-08-2026, 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಒಂದಿಗೊಮ್ಮೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-08-2026 ರಿಂದ 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು Karnataka Public Procurement Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ವಿ),
ಮಾಹಾಸಂಇ/ಒಸಿಎ-ಮಂ/ಕಿಎಸ್‌ಎಂಎಚಿಎ/2026-27 ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.



BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Commissioner, BNCC, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560092

No.: BNCC/Comm/PSR(G)/257/2026-27

Date: 18.08.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act,1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Commissioner, Bangalore North City Corporation for "Construction of Underground 3 lane Twin road from Hebbala Flyover to Hebbala Veterinary College on Bellary road (Ch0.00m to 200.00m)"

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the O/o Joint Commissioner, (Land Acquisition & TDR) Amruthahalli main road, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560092. within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: Bengaluru Urban				Name of the Taluk: Yelahanka				Name of the Village: Hebbala					
Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land		Nature of Land	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m	Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details	Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.)	Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued
		Vacant	Built up			East	West	North	South				
1	107/1	Vacant land		Developed	202.34	Sy No 107/2 and Road	Oni	Oni	Sy No 108/1		-	68,200.00	M S Mahadevaiah S/o. Shivanna

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ಸಅಇ 137 ಎಎನ್‌ಎಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್‌ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024. Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / Branch Office

Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Amruthahalli main road, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560092.

Sd/-,
Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation

Udupi MP reviews pending highway infrastructure projects

The MP stressed quality construction, drainage and traffic safety, urging action on delayed service roads and inspections, while considering foot overbridges after public consultation

NHAI Project Director Abdul Javed Azmi, consultant engineers and other officials attended the meeting.

The MP stressed that construction must maintain quality and include proper drainage and traffic safety measures. He said service road work had not started at some locations and instructed officials to take immediate action. Sites near Nit-tur and Mahesh Hospital in Brahmapur will be inspected, with foot overbridges consid-

Karwar district has approved 99 landslide prevention works costing Rs. 100 crore, Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya said. Tender procedures are complete, and work orders have been issued for 80 projects. The Deputy Commissioner expressed concern that 19 works have not started and directed officials to begin them immediately and finish all projects within the deadline. She also instructed departments to ensure proper maintenance of rain gauges. Officials were asked to speed up soil removal from the Gangavali river near Shirur.

District Superintendent of Police Dr. Deepan M.N. said responsible reporting is important as misinformation, rumours and fake news can spread quickly. He urged journalists to verify facts before publishing information and appreciated their support in police awareness campaigns on cybercrime and drugs. Officials also provided updates on voter-list revision and youth association registration.

Other officials discussed forest conservation, tribal rights, women and child empowerment and financial inclusion. The workshop aimed to improve communication between departments, media and citizens, helping people understand welfare programmes and encouraging authorities to respond more quickly to public concerns across Uttara Kannada.

She said media reports also help officials identify public problems, especially in remote areas. Complaints appearing in newspapers and other media are checked through the district control

KARKALA
Dr. T.M.A. Pai Rotary Hospital in Karkala will hold a free dental check-up and consultation camp from August 19 to promote better oral health. Patients needing further treatment can access procedures such as root canals, fillings, scaling, polishing, extractions, crowns, bridges and dental implants at discounted rates. The camp is especially useful for elderly people, homemakers and working professionals, with lunch-hour appointments available for convenience. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar urged people not to ignore dental problems and to seek early care. Dental specialists are available on working days from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm. For appointments, call 7619129090.

Organizations said they have repeatedly submitted petitions seeking funds and early inauguration of the building, but have received no

He has also worked to bring school dropouts back through home visits, par-

Dhananjaya said sports are especially important during student life and should become part of daily routine. He noted that stadiums are being developed in Magadi and Kunigal and said he would request Minister H.C. Balakrishna to provide a well-equipped stadium at Thippasandra. He welcomed the conduct of the sports meet at the hobli level.



BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Commissioner Office,
BNCC, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092.

Date: 18-08-2026

NO: BNCC/Comm/PSR(G)/258/2026-27
FORM - III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Office of the Joint Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR), BNCC, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092 within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: Bengaluru Urban Name of the Taluk: Yelahanka Name of the Village: Hebbala																
Sl. No.	Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land		Dimension of the Land / Plot & Extent in Sq.m		Boundaries of the Land / Plot			Building Details		Present Activity on Land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual House etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the Plot / Land for which DRC is to be issued	
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved Layout / Developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South				Extent in Sq.m
1	109/4	Vacant	Land	Developed		1871.64	Sq.m	Sy.No. 109/4	Road / Oni	Sy.No. 109/3	Sy.No. 110	-	-	-	Rs. 68,200.00	M.S. Mahadevaiah S/o. Shivanna

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No: ನಳಬ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಎಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub Divisional / Branch Office	The Joint Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation, Zone-1, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092.
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Sd/-

Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation

 BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Mahadevapura / K.R. Pura Zone, Vengaihan Lake ECO Park, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru-560036.	
No: SADH(MDP/KRP)TENDER/165/2026-27 Date: 18-08-2026	
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM) (Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)	
The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Mahadevapura / K.R. Pura Zone), BECC, Bengaluru (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites Tenders to Implement Works in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Development of Parks. (Standard Tender Document - KW-3)	
Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Landscape Development and Water Facility with Drip irrigation System and Robotic Drilling in HAL Airport Road Median and Suranjandas Road (HAL) Junction Under Pass in Vibuthipura Ward Median Ward No. 27. Amount Put to Tender (in Rs.): 40,00,000/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 80,000/-
2	Beautification Landscape Development Water Facility and Other Civil Work and Borewell Drilling in Kalkere Park Ward No. 06. Amount Put to Tender (in Rs.): 80,00,000/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,60,000/-
3	Landscape Development at Basavana Nagara Park Water Facility and Other Civil Work in Jagadishnagara Ward No. 26. (2nd Call) - Amount Put to Tender (in Rs.): 80,00,000/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,60,000/-
Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 18-08-2026 . 2) Last Date for Queries: 21-08-2026 . 3) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: 24-08-2026 . 4) Date of Tender Closing: 28-08-2026 . 5) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: 31-08-2026 . 6) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: After Approval of Technical Bid . Further details can be had from the above office.	
Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture Mahadevapura / K.R. Pura Zone, BECC.	



To place a classified ad contact: **080-41209042**

 BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION Malleshwaram Zone, Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BWCC Building, Chennamanakere Achukattu, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085.	
No: EE(BG)/KPPP/TEND/04/2026-27 Date: 18-08-2026	
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)	
The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BWCC, Bengaluru invites Tender from eligible Tenderers registered Contractors of Bengaluru West City Corporation or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD or any State Government Organization for the Works detailed below.	
Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing and Supplying of Tipper and Labours for Immersion of Ganesha Idols in Kempambudhi Lake in Basavanagudi Division. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 16.94, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 43,000/-
2	Supply of Labour and Tipper for the Immersion of Ganesha Idols in Kathrigupe Sub Division (Ward No. 95, 96, 98). Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 2.53, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 7,000/-
3	Supply of Labour and Tipper for the Immersion of Ganesha Idols in Hanumanthanagara Sub Division (Ward No. 99, 100, 101, 102). Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 3.38, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 9,000/-
4	Supply of Labour and Tipper for the Immersion of Ganesha Idols in Srinivasanagara Sub Division (Ward No. 97, 103, 104). Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 2.52, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 7,000/-
Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 20-08-2026, 15.00 Hours onwards. 2) Date of Pre Bid Meeting on 25-08-2026 at 16.00 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BWCC Building, Chennamanakere Achukattu, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085. 3) Last Date and Time for Uploading the Tender Documents: 31-08-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. 4) Date of Opening of Tender: 01-09-2026 at 16.30 Hours. Further details can be had from the above office.	
Sd/- Executive Engineer Basavanagudi Division, Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC.	

TAX DEPARTMENT PROBES SUSPICIOUS REMITTANCES

Income Tax Department verifies overseas remittances involving shell entities, border-state firms and accountants, after finding mismatched turnovers

NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department has launched a nationwide verification exercise into suspicious foreign remittances after data analysis and ground intelligence flagged large overseas transfers by entities with little or no reported business activity.

The exercise covers shell entities, the individuals behind them and professionals who issued Form 15CB certificates for foreign remittances. The department said around 394 entities, including 117 located in states sharing land borders, and 36 professionals have been covered so far.

The investigation began after a search operation targeting fictitious charitable trusts allegedly involved in provid-



ing accommodation entries against bogus donations uncovered a nationwide network of entities remitting funds abroad.

Preliminary ground verification found that several entities making the remittances were either non-filers or reported very small turnovers in their income tax returns. Officials found little correlation between those turnovers and the substantial amounts sent overseas.

The department also found that stated purposes, including freight payments, software imports and consulting services, did not appear consistent with the scale or circumstances of the remittances. Ground intelligence indicated that some entities were not operating from their declared addresses.

Further data analysis showed that a relatively small group of professionals had issued a large number of Form 15CB certificates, while the funds were received by a clustered group of entities.

The department stressed that accountants issuing Form 15CB/Form 146 must examine transactions, books of account and supporting documents carefully and properly. It said proper due

KEY FINDINGS IN TAX PROBE

- Verification covers approximately 394 entities and 36 professionals.
- 117 entities covered are located in land-border states.
- Several entities reported little or no business activity.
- Remittances allegedly did not match stated business purposes.
- Officials found some entities were not operating from declared addresses.
- Scrutiny includes professionals issuing Form 15CB/Form 146 certificates.

diligence is essential because such certifications help maintain trust and compliance in the tax system.

Quick Read

Meta steps up measures to curb child abuse content

New Delhi

US-based technology firm Meta is intensifying efforts to curb the spread and re-appearance of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) across its platforms amid ongoing discussions with the government, according to a report. NDTV Profit reported that the engagement between the social media company and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has focused on Meta's handling of illegal content and the broader responsibility of digital platforms to prevent harmful material from re-surfacing after it has been identified and removed.

FTAs accelerating India's export growth

New Delhi

India's recent export performance shows the growing commercial importance of the country's new FTA partners, with a shift visible in early export gains, rising preferential certificate of origin issuance, and a wider range of exports to these markets, according to a factsheet issued by the government on Tuesday. This indicates that more businesses are beginning to engage with opportunities created by the agreements, it said. The transition is also being supported by government initiatives that help exporters access preferential benefits and enter new markets, it added.

QUICK COMMERCE FACES FOOD SAFETY SCRUTINY

MUMBAI

The All India Consumer Products Distributors Federation (AICPDF) has called for a uniform regulatory framework for quick-commerce dark stores, citing food-safety and hygiene concerns emerging from recent inspections in Maharashtra.

The federation's demand follows inspections by the Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at 86 establishments involved in online food storage and delivery. The regulator suspended 14 food-business licences linked to Blinkit, Zepto and Swiggy Instamart after identifying deficiencies involving food storage, temperature control, cleanliness, pest management, worker hygiene and food handling.

AICPDF also highlighted incidents that it said underline the need for stronger oversight. These include a viral video allegedly showing a live rat inside an ice-cream storage crate at a Blinkit out-



let in Kalyan's Godrej Hill area. The federation said the incident raises concerns over pest control, sanitation, stock

inspection and preventive food-safety systems.

It also cited reports of expired food products being found at a Zepto outlet in Pune.

AICPDF National President Dhairyashil H. Patil said consumers should not be required to inspect dates, packaging and storage conditions themselves. The federation has approached the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and the Union Health Ministry seeking mandatory, scientifically determined storage and hygiene standards for quick-commerce warehouses and dark stores.

Its proposals include a scientific SKU-to-space framework linking minimum storage area to the number of products handled. The framework would also require adequate storage, segregation of food categories, separate areas for damaged and expired products, cold-chain compliance, pest control, periodic audits and surprise inspections.

Hyundai Motor workers to stage partial strikes again amid wage dispute

SEOUL

The labour union of Hyundai Motor said on Tuesday it will stage partial strikes throughout this week after failing to reach an agreement with management over wages.

The automaker's union said it decided to stage four-hour strikes on Wednesday and Thursday and an eight-hour strike on Friday, reports Yonhap news agency.

The union also said it will launch four-hour partial strikes and Tuesday as well

next week. So far, the union has staged a combined 44 hours of partial strikes since it started wage talks with the management.

The latest walkout comes after management and the union failed to narrow their differences over wages. The two sides last held their 16th round of negotiations earlier in the day.

The 40,000-member union is demanding a 149,600-won (US\$105.6) increase in monthly base pay and a performance-based bonus equivalent to 30 percent of the company's net profit for last year. The company, however, has offered an 80,000-won increase in monthly base pay, a performance bonus equivalent to 350 percent of monthly salary plus 10 million won, as well as 15 shares of company stock.

Meanwhile, Hyundai Motor said earlier this month that its global sales declined from a year earlier in July, weighed down by production disruptions caused by partial strikes and weaker demand.

BRICS Adopts Four Environmental Outcomes

BRICS ministers adopt four environmental outcomes, advancing cooperation on sustainable lifestyles, land management, forest fires and community-based climate resilience.

NEW DELHI

The 12th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting concluded on Tuesday with the adoption of a Joint Ministerial Statement with four key outcome documents aimed at strengthening cooperation on sustainability, climate resilience and environmental protection.

The documents advance knowledge sharing, research and innovation in sustainable lifestyles through the network of BRICS institutions. They establish principles for integrated landscape management to combat desertification, promote sustainable land management and strengthen ecosystem resilience.

Another outcome sets out a common understanding on forest fire preparedness and response across BRICS countries. The statement also outlines principles for advancing climate resilience through people-centric and community-based adaptation, with tra-



ditional knowledge central to the approach.

India's Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav said the outcomes reflected collaboration and mutual learning under India's BRICS Chairship. He announced the launch of compendiums from the Environment Working Group, bringing together experiences, innovative approaches, traditional knowledge and shared practices from BRICS member countries. Delivering the keynote address, Yadav said India's chairship was guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of placing Global South concerns at the forefront of the BRICS agenda. He described the approach as Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability, backed by a people-centric philosophy and the principle of Humanity First.

Yadav said progress during India's chairship followed months of dialogue, negotiation and collaboration. He

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Bhupender Yadav

called for resilience-building that does not leave communities behind, responsible innovation and development centred on sustainability.

He said BRICS could turn cooperation into collective capability through knowledge networks, technical exchanges, training, technology cooperation and institutional partnerships. The four outcomes focus on sustainable lifestyles, integrated landscape management, forest fire preparedness and community-based climate adaptation. India also launched Environment Working Group compendiums compiling innovative approaches, traditional knowledge and shared experiences from BRICS member countries.

Tata Sons AGM deferred for first time over quorum shortfall

MUMBAI

Tata Sons' Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday called off due to a lack of quorum for the first time in the holding company's history that an AGM has been deferred, according to a report.

A report citing sources said the development was linked to a restriction involving the Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT). The deferred meeting comes at a time when Tata Sons is preparing for a leadership transition following Chairman N. Chandrasekaran's decision not to seek another term. His move has triggered the process of identifying a successor, with the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust commencing the search

exercise.

The succession process is expected to be closely watched given the influence of Tata Trusts -- which collectively hold around 66 per cent of Tata Sons.

As chairman of Tata Trusts, Noel Tata is emerging as a key figure in the selection of the next Tata Sons chairman, the report said.

However, the eventual appointment will be made through a formal committee mechanism laid out in the Articles of Association of Tata Sons, it added.

The leadership transition follows discussions at a Tata Sons board meeting in May where Chandrasekaran outlined the performance, growth

prospects and capital requirements of several newer group businesses, including the electronics and aviation segments.

During those deliberations, Noel Tata is understood to have expressed concerns regarding losses at certain businesses.

Noel Tata's role in the succession process comes as he approaches his own transition across several Tata Group companies.

The report also highlighted that he is scheduled to retire from the boards of six Tata firms in November after attaining the age of 70, in accordance with retirement norms for non-executive directors.

UIDAI completes over 2 crore biometric updates

NEW DELHI

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has completed more than 2 crore (20 million) mandatory biometric updates (MBUs) for schoolchildren nationwide under a special campaign aimed at ensuring Aadhaar records remain updated, an official statement said on Tuesday.

According to the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), the initiative has been supported by UIDAI's integration with the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), enabling schools and authorities to track the biometric update status of students. Launched in September 2025, the drive has so far covered more than 1.56 lakh schools across the country, it added. Moreover, UIDAI has brought Aadhaar biometric update services directly to students through dedicated school-level camps and coordinated efforts with state and Union Territory education departments, making the process more accessible.

Under Aadhaar enrolment rules, children below the age of five are enrolled using demographic details and photographs, while fingerprints and iris scans are not collected because biometric features are still developing.

As a result, biometric updates become mandatory at later stages to ensure Aadhaar records remain accurate and functional for authentication purposes, the government said.



American Airlines to restore seatback screens

CHICAGO

American Airlines said on Tuesday it would add more premium seats and restore seatback entertainment screens on its narrowbody jets, stepping up its bet on higher-spending travelers as it tries to narrow a wide profit gap with Delta Air Lines and United Airlines. CEO Robert Isom has ramped up premium upgrades to lift American's earnings as U.S. airlines compete more aggressively for premium revenue.

American said premium seating would rise to about 40% of seats on narrowbody departures in coming years from roughly 25% today. It will add more first class seats and main cabin seats with extra legroom as aircraft are re-configured and new jets join the fleet.

At American, premium travelers generated nearly half of ticketed revenue in the second quarter while accounting

for roughly 30% of seats.

The airline, however, continues to trail Delta and United in profitability, adding to show the strategy can close the gap. Flight attendants earlier this year called for a leadership change, while the pilots union has questioned whether the current management team can deliver the improvement.

American expects roughly break-even results this year, while Delta and United have forecast solid profits. Isom last week shook up senior management and acknowledged a meaningful gap between American's performance and where it should be.

The return of seatback screens also marks a reversal of American's previous in-flight entertainment strategy. The airline began moving away from the screens nearly a decade ago, betting that passengers would instead watch movies and television on their own devices.

INDIA'S CHIP AMBITIONS

Modi To Inaugurate Semicon India 2026

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the fifth edition of SEMICON India 2026 on September 17, as India seeks to accelerate the development of its domestic semiconductor ecosystem and strengthen its position in the global chip industry.

The three-day conference and exhibition, themed Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem, will be held from September 17 to 19. It is being jointly organised by the India Semiconductor Mission under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and global industry association SEMI.

The event is expected to bring together policymakers, global semiconductor companies, industry executives, researchers, academics, start-ups and students to discuss developments across the semiconductor and electronics value chain.

The Centre has also ap-



proved Semicon 2.0 to strengthen semiconductor manufacturing and supply-chain capabilities. The government is supporting research, innovation and chip design by providing access to advanced design tools to more than 332 academic institutions and 105 start-ups. Twenty-four start-ups have been approved under the Design Linked Incentive scheme.

India's semiconductor ambitions have gained momentum through the Semicon India Programme, with 12 projects approved under Semicon 1.0 to build domestic capabil-

ities. MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan said three of these projects have already commenced commercial production.

Krishnan said the 2026 edition comes at a significant stage in India's semiconductor journey, while Semicon 2.0's six major pillars further strengthen the country's commitment to a robust and resilient ecosystem.

SEMI President and CEO Ajit Manocha said India is well positioned to expand its global semiconductor role through its talent pool, policy support and long-term vision.

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-S. Krishnan, MeitY Secretary

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-Ajit Manocha, SEMI President and CEO

SEMICON India has become a key platform connecting industry leaders, policymakers, investors and researchers as India builds a comprehensive semiconductor value chain.

-Ashok Chandak, SEMI India and IESA President

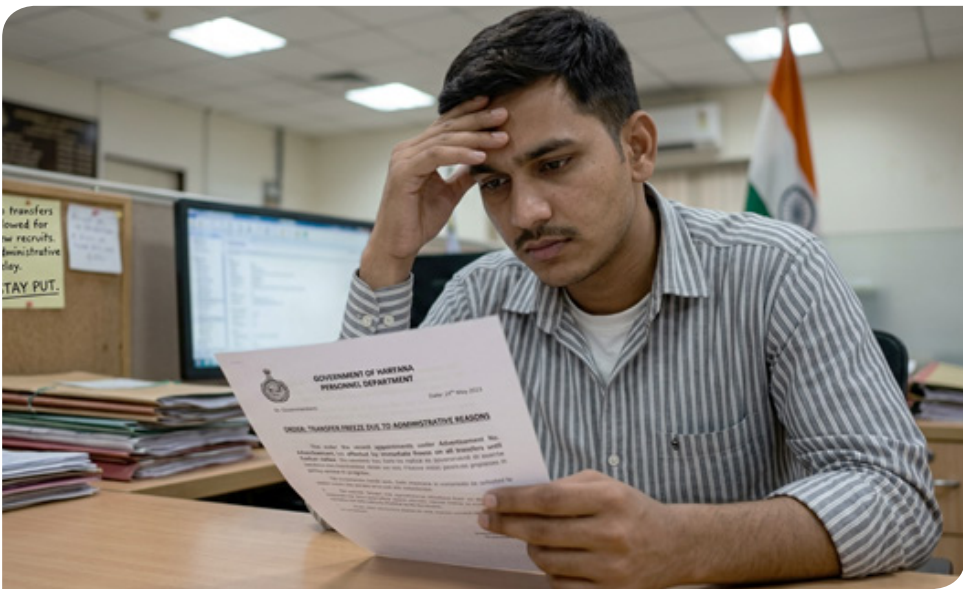
WHY RECENT HARYANA RECRUITS FACE TRANSFER FREEZES?

The primary objective of the Haryana government's online transfer policy is to ensure transparency, equal opportunity, fairness, and administrative efficiency in transfers. The online system was implemented to minimize the potential for arbitrary administrative discretion, favoritism, and disparate treatment, and to provide eligible employees with the opportunity to participate in the transfer process and submit their preferences under clear rules. However, the success of any policy is determined not simply by the formulation of rules, but by their logical, consistent, and fair implementation. In this context, the issue of employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 demands serious consideration. The most important question is: when all teachers appointed during this period are required to participate in the mandatory online transfer process, why are employees appointed during the same period in other departments being left behind? If teachers can be included in the policy's mandatory participation, there must also be a clear, objective, and rational basis for a separate arrangement for other eligible employees appointed during the same period. The demand here is not for an employee to be transferred to a location of their choice, but for an equal opportunity to participate in the process if eligible, to exercise their options, and to be considered according to the rules.

In this context, provisions such as the cut-off date of May 23, 2025, the "notional category," and the "first online transfer drive for each cadre" used in the 2026 Model Online Transfer Policy become important. To understand these provisions, it is necessary to examine the actual administrative history of the respective cadre. If a cadre is conducting its first online transfer drive in 2026, its situation may be different from that of a cadre that has been conducting online transfer drives since 2017. Therefore, it is necessary to examine the actual policy history of all cadres before applying the same cut-off to all cadres. The question of equality isn't limited to teachers and other depart-

ments. The situation of employees being allocated offline positions despite the implementation of an online transfer policy and the conduct of online transfer campaigns in some departments also warrants serious consideration. The example of Haryana's Animal Husbandry Department is significant in this context. The department has implemented an online transfer policy for the VLDA cadre since 2020, and two online transfer campaigns have already been conducted under it. According to departmental information, approximately 50 percent of VLDA cadre employees appointed after 2020 were allocated offline positions. If this figure is corroborated by departmental records, the government should clarify the basis for such widespread offline station allocation despite the already existing online transfer policy and campaigns.

The issue becomes even more serious when such employees' appointment letters or station allocation documents stipulate that they must participate in the next online transfer campaign. If the government itself stipulated that employees must participate in the next online transfer process when assigning them offline stations, then excluding the same employee from the online campaign based on a new interpretation or order later raises serious questions of administrative justice and legitimate expectation. If an employee accepted such a condition and assumed charge at an offline station, it was a natural expectation that he or she would be required to participate in the next online transfer process. If the same employee is subsequently excluded from that process, it becomes not merely a matter of transfer, but a question of policy consistency and administrative credibility. Clarity is essential between the condition initially set by the government and its subsequent interpretation. In particular, the status of



employees who have previously participated in online transfer campaigns should be seriously considered. They followed the government's prescribed procedures, provided options, and participated in the online system. If employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 are not compulsorily included in the current campaign, the choices and opportunities of employees who have already participated in the online process will certainly be affected. In such a situation, it is natural to question what significance their previous participation will have in the current process. Making an employee a part of the online system first and then limiting their options in the next process under the same system raises questions about policy continuity. It should also be clarified that the right to transfer and the opportunity to participate in the transfer process are different things.

Involving an employee in the online process, soliciting their options, and considering their claim in accordance with regulations does not guarantee transfer to their preferred location. The final decision may be based on established criteria such as vacancies, eligibility, cadre status, priority, and administrative exigencies. Therefore, including eligible employees in the process does not weaken administrative control but rather strengthens transparency. This is where the Model Online Transfer Policy of 2026 comes into play. If this policy is intended to provide a model and uniform principles for online transfers, then its core principles transparency, eligibility, equal opportunity, a process for granting options, and a systematic decision should apply to all employees in similar circumstances. If this is a policy specific to teachers, its limitations should be clear. But if it is being presented as a comprehensive model, the rationale for excluding employees in similar circumstances in other departments should also be explained.

The government should make public the cadre-wise facts surrounding this entire matter. The number of online transfer drives conducted in each cadre since 2017, the years in which employees were given the opportunity to participate, the status of employees appointed between 2022 and 2026, which employees were assigned offline stations, and whose appointment letters stipulated participation in the next online process all these facts should be clearly disclosed.

This will allow the dispute to be resolved on a factual basis rather than through emotional accusations. The cut-off date of May 23, 2025, also needs to be clarified. The government should specify what constitutes the "first online transfer drive for each cadre" and the status of cadres that have consistently conducted online transfer drives since 2017. Similarly, the impact of the notional category on existing participants and new employees appointed between 2022 and 2026 should also be clarified.

Ultimately, this isn't just a cut-off date or a technical category dispute. The real question is one of equal opportunity, policy consistency,



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and administrative justice. If all teachers appointed from 2022 to 2026 are required to participate in the mandatory online transfer process, the reason for excluding eligible employees from other departments during the same period must be clear.

If online campaigns have been conducted twice in a department, yet employees are assigned offline stations and their appointment letters stipulate mandatory participation in the next online process, then excluding them from that process later is also reconsiderable. The credibility of the online transfer policy can only be maintained if the rules do not vary by department, employee, or situation. The government should prioritize the spirit of the policy over technical interpretations, equal opportunity over departmental differences, and current eligibility over past involvement.

Transfer is not a right to grant an employee a desired posting, but providing eligible employees the opportunity to participate in a fair process is a fundamental principle of administrative justice. Ultimately, the question is simple: when teachers appointed between 2022 and 2026 are being compulsorily included in the online transfer process, why not provide the same opportunity to other eligible employees appointed during the same period? When an employee's appointment letter stipulates that participation in the next online process is mandatory, why should they later be excluded from that process? And when an online transfer policy is already in place in a department and campaigns have already been

conducted under it, why not consider that department's entire policy history when determining employee status? These questions require clear, written, and reasoned answers. The true test of an online transfer policy is whether it is merely online, or whether it is also truly equitable, transparent, timely, and fair. If deficiencies persist in the interpretation and implementation of the Model Online Transfer Policy, instead of achieving the policy's objective, disputes may escalate and matters may reach the courts. Varying interpretations across departments, ambiguity regarding eligible employees, inconsistent treatment of old and new appointments, and contradictions between online and offline allocations increase the likelihood of judicial disputes. This impacts administrative time and resources, and employees face prolonged uncertainty and psychological distress.

Where necessary, conditions contained in old orders and appointment letters should also be honoured. Once the rules are clear, the entire process should be completed in a timely manner, so that employees can focus on their work without the fear, uncertainty, and constant news of transfer drives.

The objective of the Model Online Transfer Policy should not only be to accept online applications, but also to create a fair system that provides equal opportunity to eligible employees, considers their preferences in accordance with the rules, protects administrative needs, and completes the entire process in a timely manner. Only then will employees be able to receive new stations according to their eligibility and prescribed standards, and they will be relieved of the mental stress caused by frequently changing interpretations and incomplete transfer processes.

After all, a good policy provides solutions rather than creating conflict, builds trust rather than increasing uncertainty, and allows employees to work with peace of mind rather than being constantly burdened by the transfer process. This is the true test of an online transfer policy: is it merely online, or is it also truly equitable, transparent, timely, and fair?

THE END OF THE HUSTLE DAYS WELCOME TO THE AGE OF "SOFT LIVING"

For years, we were told to hustle. Stay busy. Work harder. Keep moving. Rest could wait. Even popular culture celebrated the grind. We had songs reminding us that "everyday I'm hustling," turning the pursuit of more into something aspirational a symbol of ambition, determination and success. But after years of glorifying the busy life, something is beginning to change. Soft living is emerging as a new way of thinking. It is not about giving up ambition or choosing an idle life. It is about questioning why everything has to feel like a race. Why must every hour be productive? Why does exhaustion so often feel like proof that we are doing enough? Soft living places value on a different kind of life one with room for rest, quiet, simple pleasures, meaningful relationships and time that does not have to produce anything. The idea has roots in slow living, mindfulness and intentional living, but it has found a new audience in a world increasingly tired of hustle culture. Particularly among younger adults, there is a growing desire to build lives that feel sustainable rather than simply successful from the outside. The question is changing. It is no longer only, "What am I achieving?" It is also, "How do I want my life to feel?" That question can lead to surprisingly simple answers. A slower morning. Leaving work on time. Cooking dinner at home. Taking a walk without turning it into a fitness goal. Reading before bed. Spending a Sunday with nowhere to be. These are ordinary things. But perhaps that is exactly why they matter. For years, ordinary moments were easily overlooked in the pursuit of bigger goals. Soft living brings them back into focus. It reminds us that a life does not have to be constantly exciting, productive or impressive to be meaningful. Of course, social media has given soft living its own aesthetic. Beautiful homes, linen, candles, skincare, flowers and slow mornings have become visual shorthand for the lifestyle. But softness is not something that needs to be purchased or perfectly curated. Real soft living can be much simpler. It can mean saying no without guilt. Turning the phone off. Going to bed early. Taking a break without feeling that you have failed. Spending time with people who make you feel at ease. Allowing



yourself an afternoon where nothing gets crossed off a list. And perhaps that is where the idea becomes more than a trend. Soft living is not asking us to stop caring about our careers, our goals or our futures. It is asking us to consider whether achieving those things should come at the expense of ourselves. You can be ambitious without making exhaustion your identity. You can work hard without being constantly available. You can have goals without turning every part of your life into a productivity project. Not everyone has the freedom to slow down. Work, money, family and responsibility shape how much choice we have over our time. For some, slowing down is not a lifestyle decision but something they are simply trying to find space for. That is why soft living is perhaps best understood not as a perfect lifestyle, but as a shift in perspective. It is about recognising that rest has value. That quiet can be fulfilling. That an ordinary day can still be a good day. And that success does not have to look like being permanently busy. After years of being told to hustle, perhaps we are finally questioning whether constant motion is the same as moving forward. Maybe the next chapter of success is not about how much we can fit into a day, but how much of that day we actually get to experience. The hustle taught us how to keep going. Soft living is teaching us when to slow down.



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THE MISSING SAFETY NET ON THREE WHEELS

Indian traffic enforcement creates a striking paradox: a driver crawling in a modern car faces immediate fines for not wearing a seat belt, while passengers in an open auto-rickshaw beside them travel at identical speeds with zero restraint, no doors, and no airbags.

This regulatory gap is often justified by low urban speeds, but physics does not respect vehicle categories. Impact at just 30 km/h or a sudden swerve can easily cause a lightweight three-wheeler to roll over, launching unrestrained occupants onto the asphalt. Three-wheelers are inherently less stable during sharp maneuvers, yet their passengers rely entirely on holding a side rail for safety.

Resolving this absurd contrast requires pragmatic engineering rather than quick fixes. Simply drilling seat belts into flimsy existing frames would be dangerous, as belts require structural anchor points to prevent worse injuries during a rollover. Instead, the ongoing transition toward electric three-wheelers offers a perfect opportunity to overhaul safety standards from the ground up. Next-generation urban transport must feature: Reinforced occupant cabins and built-in rollover protection, Side-impact barriers and anchored seating. Strict enforcement of passenger capacity limits to prevent handling degradation.

Traffic police enforcing car seat-belt laws are doing their job, but systemic safety demands broader action. The goal is not to make auto-rickshaws as heavy or expensive as cars their primary value lies in affordability and agility. Rather, policy architects, engineers, and manufacturers must modernize three-wheeler design so passenger protection is no longer dictated by how many wheels a vehicle has. Elevating these standards is simply the logical next step to protect millions of daily commuters.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

On Global Trade Volatility
The rapid restructuring of international trade agreements highlights a deeply unpredictable economic environment. Exporters cannot construct long-term strategies when duty structures fluctuate based on judicial rulings and shifting political levers. Treating trade policy as a continuous negotiation undermines supply chain stability. For sustained growth, governments must prioritize regulatory clarity and long-term economic certainty over brief diplomatic victories.
-Sunil Grover

On AI and the Future of Work
The rapid integration of autonomous AI systems into corporate workflows demands critical attention. As digital tools take over entry-level tasks, the transition from higher education to professional careers is breaking down. Simply adding certificates to traditional degrees will not fix this structural deficit.

Quick Read

Car burnt after noodles dispute

VARANASI

A parked car was allegedly set on fire after a dispute between a café owner and a customer over a plate of noodles in Varanasi. Police said the customer, reportedly intoxicated, visited the café late on August 15 and allegedly argued with the owner after being refused service. The dispute was settled with the help of bystanders. However, police said the accused allegedly returned around 3 am and set the owner's parked car on fire, CCTV footage showed two men approaching the vehicle. One, wearing a mask, allegedly started the fire before escaping on a motorcycle with the other man. Police have registered an FIR and booked four identified and several unidentified people. No arrests have been made so far, and the investigation is underway.

Couple found murdered at home in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR

A couple in their 50s were allegedly hacked to death at their home in Surguja district, Chhattisgarh, with police suspecting their elder son's involvement. The victims were identified as Hiradhar Yadav, 55, and his wife Gulabi Yadav, 52. Their younger son, Mohan, discovered the bodies on Monday after finding the house locked from outside. He broke open the door after failing to find his parents and brother. Police said the bodies were found inside blood-soaked sacks, with deep head wounds apparently caused by a sharp weapon. Police said the elder son, Jadu Yadav, who lived with the couple, was missing and is currently the prime suspect. An investigation is underway to determine the motive and trace him.

Woman dies after Kolkata building collapses

KOLKATA

A 61-year-old woman died after part of a more than 200-year-old building collapsed in Jorabagan, north Kolkata, early Tuesday, police said. The victim, identified as Urmila Sau, was reportedly outside her home when debris fell on her. The collapse occurred around 5.30am following heavy rains. Locals rushed to the spot after hearing a loud sound and helped rescue the woman from beneath the debris. She was later declared dead. At least 18 people were rescued from the building, and police said none suffered injuries. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation had earlier declared the structure dangerous and dilapidated. Teams from the fire services, state disaster management department and NDRF reached the site and carried out rescue operations.

DEHRADUN

The bodies of two workers missing after an under-construction tunnel in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district was inundated were recovered on Tuesday, taking the death toll to 10. Chamoli district magistrate Gaurav Kumar said the search operation was completed after the recovery of the two workers.

The deceased were identified as Lucas Topno from Jharkhand and Chetan Poyam from Chhattisgarh. Eight other workers had been found dead earlier. The incident occurred on August 13 when a suspected

Maharashtra school principal removed after CJP protest

A Maharashtra school principal was removed after protests over alleged misconduct, while villagers demanded more teachers and basic facilities under the CJP's "School Theek Karo" campaign.

HINGOLI

The principal of a Zilla Parishad school in Maharashtra's Hingoli district has been removed from his post following protests by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) and local villagers. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke claimed. The protest was part of the group's "School Theek Karo" campaign.

Dipke said the principal had allegedly been reporting to school while intoxicated. He described the action as a major victory and dedicated it to Abdul and his father, who had raised concerns about government schools.

The CJP has also demanded the recruitment of two additional teachers and the pro-



vision of benches for students. Dipke said villagers would continue protesting until their demands were addressed.

The "School Theek Karo" campaign began on August 15 with an inspection of a government school in Dipke's native village, Santuk Pimpri. The team reported problems including poor water supply, a lack of

- AT A GLANCE
- Principal removed after protest
 - Two teachers demanded
 - Benches demanded for students
 - Basic facilities found lacking
 - School repairs ordered

CJP has launched a nationwide "School Theek Karo" campaign to address poor infrastructure, teacher shortages and basic facility gaps in government schools

The group has now announced a nationwide "listening tour" focused initially on education and local public concerns.

Teen killed over suspected organ plot

BHOPAL

A 17-year-old boy was allegedly lured to his death with a promise of Rs 100 in Bhopal, as police uncovered a suspected plan to earn Rs 2 crore through the sale of a body organ. Five people, including three juveniles, have been arrested in connection with the murder.

The teenager went missing from the Iqbal Maidan area on August 6. His body was found near Dhobighat at Chhota Talab four days later. Police said the accused allegedly took him there after telling him they needed his help to settle a dispute with some boys. Investigators suspect he was killed after reaching the location.

Police said the alleged mas-

termind posed as a doctor and befriended the juveniles about a month before the crime. He reportedly showed them a video and explained a plan to target a teenager, promising that they could earn around Rs 2 crore. During the alleged execution, he remained in contact with the juveniles by phone.

After the killing, police suspect the group removed an organ from the victim's body in an attempt to sell it. However, they allegedly failed to find a buyer and later discarded the body part in a lake. Police have not recovered it yet and are continuing searches.

Investigators are examining mobile phones, call records and other evidence to establish the sequence of events and identify anyone else involved.

Kerala teen girl allegedly plots grandfather's murder

ALAPPUZHA

A 65-year-old man was found dead at his rented house in Karuvatta, Kerala, with his hands and legs tied behind him. Police suspect his 13-year-old granddaughter allegedly planned the murder and hired three teenage friends to kill him. The victim, Sivankutty, was a native of Kollam district and had been staying alone for several days. Police initially treated the case as a robbery after finding the bedroom cupboard broken open and noticing missing cash and six sovereigns of gold. The investigation later shifted towards the

family after police examined phone records. Officers suspect the teenagers recorded the killing and later showed the footage to the girl, who was living away from her grandfather. According to police, the girl allegedly wanted money to buy an iPhone for herself and a motorcycle for her boyfriend. Investigators also suspect she was angry with Sivankutty because he frequently scolded her for using her phone and returning home late. Police believe she became acquainted with the other teenagers while studying in Kollam and allegedly planned the attack after learning that her grandfather was

BJP assigns poll roles for three states

NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party has appointed Tarun Chugh, Vinod Tawde and Satish Poonia to oversee election preparations in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab respectively. All three states are scheduled to vote next year and are considered important contests for the party.

Chugh, Tawde and Poonia, who are Rajya Sabha MPs, will coordinate the BJP's organisational and election-related work in the three states. The party aims to retain power in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh while attempting to defeat the Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab.

The appointments came a day after BJP president Nitin Nabin announced changes to the party's senior leadership team. The reshuffle included the return of former Union minister Smriti Irani as a na-

Poll Strategy Unveiled

Chugh — Gujarat poll in-charge
Tawde — Uttar Pradesh poll in-charge
Poonia — Punjab poll in-charge
Next polls — Three states vote next year
BJP target — Retain Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, challenge AAP in Punjab

tional general secretary and the appointment of Piyush Goyal as party treasurer.

Senior leader Ram Madhav was also brought back as a national vice-president. Former Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje Scindia and former Uttarakhand chief minister Tirath Singh Rawat were among other leaders appointed to key national positions. BL Santhosh retained his post as national general secretary (organisation).

Rajasthan CM urges youth to fight crime

JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Tuesday urged women and young people to work with police to fight drug abuse, cybercrime and other social problems.

Addressing young Community Liaison Group (CLG) members and Suraksha Sakhis at Birla Auditorium, Sharma said public participation was essential for maintaining law and order and building a safer Rajasthan. He also unveiled the Women's Safety Pledge Campaign booklet.

New rural jobs scheme replaces MGNREGA

NEW DELHI

The Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin), or VB-G RAM G, came into force on July 1, replacing MGNREGA, which provided rural households with guaranteed employment for two decades. The new scheme increases the guaranteed employment from 100 to 125 days per household.

The government has approved a labour budget of 95.03 crore person-days for the current period. So far,

62.20 crore person-days have been generated, accounting for 65.51% of the target. Scheduled Caste workers received 16.84% of the generated employment. Government data also showed that over 99.5% of workers who demanded jobs had been offered employment.

The new programme aims to connect wage employment with long-term rural development. Permitted works include water projects, essential rural infrastructure, livelihood-related projects and measures to address extreme

weather events. The government says the scheme will provide more work while creating durable assets and strengthening village economies.

However, the funding structure has changed significantly. Under MGNREGA, the Centre covered the full cost of unskilled wages and 75% of material and skilled-worker costs. Under VB-G RAM G, most states will share expenses with the Centre in a 60:40 ratio, increasing their financial responsibility.

The Centre has allocated Rs

95,692.31 crore for the scheme in 2026-27, covering nine months from July to March. With state contributions, the total outlay is expected to exceed Rs 1.51 lakh crore. Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, which have traditionally recorded high rural employment demand, could see major changes under the new funding system.

The transition is therefore expected to influence how rural employment is distributed across states.

Assam expands Co-District network to 47

GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday announced the creation of eight additional co-districts, taking the total number of operational co-districts in the state to 47. The expansion aims to bring government services closer to people and make administration more accessible.

Sarma said the initiative would strengthen decentralised governance and reduce the need for residents,

particularly those in remote areas, to travel long distances to district headquarters for routine government services. The state currently has 39 operational co-districts.

The co-district model brings selected administrative functions and government services closer to local communities through offices located nearer to residents. The move is expected to improve access to public services and speed up the implementation of welfare and

development programmes.

The expansion is particularly significant for Assam's rural and remote areas, where difficult terrain, long distances and connectivity challenges can make access to government offices difficult. The government also expects the model to improve coordination among departments at the local level. The locations and administrative jurisdictions of the eight new co-districts are expected to be notified by the state government.

Bengal Minister Seeks Tea Land Probe

KOLKATA

West Bengal Tourism Minister Shankar Ghosh on Tuesday alleged that tea garden lands in north Bengal were illegally sold during the Trinamool Congress government and that the money was allegedly used for party election campaigns. Ghosh, a BJP MLA from Siliguri, demanded an investigation into land transfers during the Mamata Banerjee era, calling it "institutional corruption".

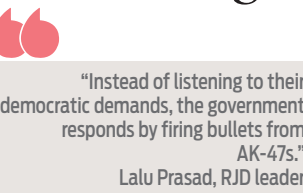
Bihar opposition targets Government over firing

PATNA

RJD supremo Lalu Prasad has called for a Mahagathabandhan march to the Lok Bhavan on August 19, protesting the Bihar government's response to student demonstrations and the alleged use of an AK-47 during a protest in Siwan.

Lalu said alliance leaders would participate in the march and submit a memorandum to the Governor. He accused the state government of having a "dictatorial attitude" and criticised its handling of students' concerns over paper leaks, unemployment and recruitment.

The controversy began on July 25 when a video allegedly showing a police constable firing an AK-47 during a stu-



dent protest in Siwan went viral. The constable was later suspended. Police said no one was injured and an inquiry was launched.

RJD national working president Tejashwi Yadav demanded action against senior police officials, saying the suspension of a constable was insufficient. He alleged that the official who ordered the weapon's use should also face action.

The July 25 protests were linked to demands over the NEET paper leak and police action against students.



DMK LEADER SEEKS LOK SABHA SEATS FOR WOMEN'S

CHENNAI

Senior DMK leader TKS Elangovan has urged the Centre to implement the 33% reservation for women in the existing strength of the Lok Sabha, calling the delay an "insult" to women. He criticised the government for linking implementation of the quota with an increase in parliamentary seats.

Elangovan accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "cheating" people on the issue, claiming that a similar women's reservation Bill had earlier been introduced

by a Congress-led government and opposed by the BJP.

He also criticised Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay over the performance of his government during its first 100 days, alleging that it had mainly renamed existing schemes and targeted the DMK.

On the Vande Mataram controversy, Elangovan backed Sonia Gandhi's objection to singing the full version, citing the Constituent Assembly's decision on which portions should be sung.

UTTARAKHAND TUNNEL RESCUE

Two missing tunnel workers found dead



ed aquifer burst sent water, mud and debris into the THDC tunnel, trapping 22 workers. Twelve workers were rescued.

Kumar said the rescue operation was difficult because large sections of the tunnel

were filled with water, debris and slush. Heavy machinery was also trapped inside, restricting the movement of rescue teams. Suction pumps and other equipment were used to drain water and help teams

At A Glance

Death toll: 10 workers
Workers rescued: 12
Workers trapped: 22
Tunnel length: 3 km
Cause: Suspected aquifer burst

reach deeper sections.

Personnel from the district administration, police, SDRF, NDRF, ITBP, Army, CISF, DDRF and THDC worked together during the operation. Rescued workers were provided medical assistance, while

those needing further treatment were shifted to hospitals.

Preliminary assessments indicate that the tunnel was flooded after a rain-saturated aquifer broke through its roof. The three-kilometre tunnel was affected about 1.44 km from its entrance. Officials said rainwater had entered a water-bearing layer above the tunnel before breaking through weak rock. Rescued workers recalled hearing a powerful gust of air followed by a sudden surge of water, mud and boulders. The recovery of the final two missing workers brought the search operation to an end.

Quick Read

Saudi Arabia tightens anti-crime oversight on UAE

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia has placed financial transfers to the United Arab Emirates under extra layers of regulatory oversight reserved for countries considered high-risk for illicit money flows, according to three people with direct knowledge of the matter, the latest sign of a widening rift between the wealthy Gulf monarchies. The measures, which were not announced publicly, could help explain why a number of companies say they have had difficulties transferring funds from accounts in Saudi Arabia to the UAE in recent months, an issue first reported by Bloomberg and the Financial Times in July. The enhanced oversight measures have not previously been reported.

Lavrov says Russia, North Korea fighting for 'new, righteous' world order

SEOUL

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told his North Korean counterpart that their countries were working to establish a new and righteous world order, after Pyongyang helped Moscow to drive Ukrainian forces from a Russian region last year. In a message to North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, Lavrov also reaffirmed Moscow's pledge to boost cooperation in all areas and contribute to regional and international security, North Korea's KCNA news agency said on Tuesday.

New tremors jolt Spain's Granada

MADRID

Tourist access to the medieval Alhambra complex was restricted on Tuesday after three more earthquakes shook Spain's southern Granada province, causing some damage to buildings in the region and forcing the closure of some museums and sport facilities.

At least three people were lightly injured, Andalusia's regional official Antonio Sanz told reporters, adding that one of them, a minor, was taken to hospital. The earthquakes each had magnitudes above 4, the country's National Geographic Institute (IGN) said.

The tremors followed Saturday's magnitude 5 earthquake in the historic city of Granada, which damaged houses and cars and forced the temporary closure of the medieval palace-fortress of the Alhambra, one of Spain's main tourist sites that was visited by 2.7 million people last year. This time, authorities at the Alhambra interrupted tourist access to parts of the sprawling complex on a hill above the city that is a monument of Islamic architecture in Spain.

The provincial authority of Granada said in a statement it was closing administrative buildings, museums and sporting facilities but kept primary health centres open for now.

Iran Keeps Hormuz Closed Until US Concessions

Iran says the Strait of Hormuz will stay closed until Washington lifts sanctions, unfreezes assets, ends military operations and meets conditions

DUBAI

The Strait of Hormuz will remain closed until the United States meets conditions outlined in an interim agreement with Iran, Iranian parliament speaker and top negotiator Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said on Tuesday, according to state media.

Qalibaf said Tehran expects Washington to lift its blockade of Iranian ports, remove oil sanctions, release Iranian assets frozen overseas and end threats and military operations against Iran on all fronts. He presented the measures as prerequisites for reopening the strategic waterway.

The June 17 memorandum of understanding had aimed to provide a framework for negotiations between Iran and the United States toward a



broader, permanent agreement. The talks were expected to address wider issues, including the future of Iran's nuclear programme.

However, the agreement rapidly deteriorated after the two sides disagreed over control of the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial energy route. Before the conflict, the narrow waterway carried about a fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas flows, making its status a major concern for energy markets and international shipping.

U.S. President Donald Trump declared the agreement over on July 7, while Iran's foreign ministry said a week later that the memorandum had been suspended.

The original framework allowed a maximum of 60 days for negotiations on a final agreement, with an extension possible if both sides agreed. With diplomacy stalled, a senior Iranian official said Mon-

Iran Sets Conditions for Reopening Hormuz

- Iran links Hormuz re-opening to US concessions.
- Tehran demands sanctions and port blockade lifted.
- Frozen Iranian assets must be released.
- June interim agreement has effectively collapsed.
- Strait carries a major share of global energy flows.
- Iran warns of a more offensive posture.

day that Tehran would shift to a fully offensive posture unless Washington honoured the agreement within weeks, raising concerns about escalation across the region.

US Flag Fails To Deter Settlers

QUSRA

Palestinian American Loui Ridi raised a giant American flag above his home in Qusra, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, hoping the display would deter militant Jewish settlers who have surrounded three Palestinian homes in the village for more than a week.

Ridi returned to Qusra from the United States, fearing that he could lose his property amid the ongoing standoff. The encirclement of the homes has drawn condemnation from Washington and heightened tensions in the village.

On Tuesday morning, Ridi was walking among his cherry and fig trees when a settler approached from a nearby hill. The confrontation was filmed by Reuters, the only media outlet present at the scene.

The settler, speaking in Hebrew, questioned Ridi's presence and appeared to carry a Torah while recording him on a mobile phone. Ridi responded by filming the encounter and calling the man a terrorist settler.

An Israeli military vehicle passed through the area several times before soldiers approached the settler and told him the location was a closed military area.

The settler told the soldiers he would leave if the Palestinians left, saying several people were there to guard their territory. He eventually moved away before being joined by two other settlers, who later disappeared up the hill.

An Israeli soldier then instructed Ridi to stay inside his house and avoid speaking to the settlers, saying he would handle the situation. Ridi objected, telling the soldiers that the settler was illegally on his land and should be arrested immediately.

US, SOUTH KOREA WEIGH SMALLER MILITARY DRILLS

SEOUL

U.S. Forces Korea Commander Xavier Brunson visited South Korea's Defence Ministry on Tuesday to discuss plans to scale back the Ulchi Freedom Shield military exercise, according to media reports, following an order from President Donald Trump to substantially reduce the drills.

Neither the ministry nor USFK immediately commented on the meeting. The development came after Trump said he had instructed the Pentagon to cut the scale of the joint exercises and indicated that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un had responded to his outreach.

The issue comes as South Korean President Lee Jae Myung pushes for stronger independent defence capabilities while emphasizing that the U.S. alliance remains central to national security.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting, Lee said a strong alliance and stronger South Korean military capabilities should reinforce each other. He said Seoul should continue preparations for the planned transfer of wartime operational control from the United States during his term.

Lee also urged faster progress on South Korea's nuclear-powered submarine programme and called for military officers capable of integrated operations as distinctions between battlefields become increasingly blurred.

At a National Security Council meeting, Lee defended civil-defence exercises alongside major U.S.-South Korean drills, saying they were defensive and intended to protect civilians rather than threaten North Korea.



Defence Balance

President Lee Jae Myung said South Korea must strengthen its independent military capabilities while maintaining its alliance with Washington. He also backed faster progress on the country's nuclear-powered submarine programme and the planned transfer of wartime operational control.

Philippine student live-streamed fatal school shooting before taking own life

MANILA

A student live-streamed himself shooting and killing another student in a classroom in the southern Philippines on Tuesday before taking his own life, an official said, in the second school attack in the country in less than two months.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr ordered law enforcement agencies to investigate and to determine measures to be taken to prevent violence in schools.

Our schools are where we entrust our children to learn, to grow and to dream about the lives ahead of them. They must also be among the safest places in our country, Marcos said in a statement.

The shooting took place at a school attached to the privately-run Ateneo de Zamboanga University in the city of Zamboanga, where the gunman brought a pistol and a rifle onto the school campus and fired at students inside the classroom, according to a preliminary police report.

Zamboanga Mayor Khymar Adan Olaso told DZBB radio that authorities confirmed the gunman live-streamed the attack through a body-worn camera.

Reuters verified a live-stream video of the shooter in the school. The video shows him entering one classroom and opening fire. He then changed weapons, entered the second classroom and fired more rounds. A student is seen lying on the ground in unclear condition.

The motive was not immediately clear, but a senior customs official told reporters that the shooter used a .40-caliber pistol issued by the Bureau of Customs to the student's father, a customs official who has since been relieved from his post.

A second weapon recovered from the scene was a licensed personal firearm also owned by the shooter's father, the official said. Video aired by GMA News, with images blurred, showed chaotic scenes inside a classroom with students ducking for cover as several gunshots rang out.



AT LEAST 25 KILLED IN ATTACK ON NIGERIA'S PLATEAU

KANO

At least 25 people were killed in an overnight attack on a village in Nigeria's central Plateau state, local officials and residents said on Tuesday, raising fears of further violence and retaliatory attacks in the troubled region.

The attack highlights the persistent insecurity in Plateau, an area that has experienced repeated clashes between farming communities and herders over land, grazing rights and access to resources. Such disputes have frequently escalated into cycles of revenge, leaving communities devastated and forcing residents from their homes.

Lemun Le'an Iliya, a councillor representing the affected area, said 23 people were killed in the initial attack. Another victim later died in hospital, according to local officials. Resident Amos John said an additional victim had also died,

taking the reported death toll to at least 25.

John said the attackers moved from house to house during the assault, killing residents with machetes. He said women and children made up most of the victims, underscoring the severity of the attack and the vulnerability of civilians in the affected community.

The incident has prompted renewed concerns about the ability of security forces to protect residents in remote parts of Plateau state. Police spokesperson Alfred Alabo said officers were being deployed to the area and would issue a statement after assessing the situation.

The Mwaghavul Youth Movement, a local community organisation, accused authorities of failing to adequately protect vulnerable communities. The group called for an urgent review of security arrangements in the area and warned that repeated attacks could fuel further reprisals.

WHO says Congo Ebola outbreak can still be brought under control

GENEVA

A World Health Organization official said on Tuesday it was still possible to bring under control an Ebola outbreak that is outpacing containment efforts and has become the second-deadliest on record.

The global health agency said earlier this month that reversing Ebola's spread would be possible within a three-month period, but since then there have been signs that it has worsened, expanding to a sixth province.

About the next plan for the three months, yes, if you have the necessary resources, I think it will be possible to do that, Thierno Balde, WHO incident manager, told reporters in Geneva from Bunia, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Kharkiv missile strike

RUSSIAN MISSILE STRIKE KILLS TEN

PECHENIHY

A Russian missile strike killed 10 people and injured at least 18 in Pechenihiy, a village in Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region, Ukrainian officials said Tuesday, as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed retaliation.

The attack struck what Zelenskyy described as a busy intersection containing a post office and stores, surrounded by residential buildings. Reuters video from the scene showed covered bodies, burned-out cars and damaged buildings.

Kharkiv regional governor Oleh Syniehubov said the strike damaged 10 private homes, a cafe, a post office, five stores and 15 vehicles. The destruction underscored growing risks faced by civilians as Russia has intensified its aerial campaign against Ukraine.

There was no immediate response from Moscow to the reported strike. Both Russia and Ukraine deny deliberately targeting civilians during their attacks.

Zelenskyy said Ukraine would respond, adding to concerns that the escalation could trigger further strikes. Ukraine has increasingly targeted Russian oil facilities and logistics infrastructure to weaken Moscow's capacity to sustain its war.

The attack came as Russia has stepped up air operations during the summer, seeking to exploit Ukraine's shortage of missile interceptors, particularly against ballistic weapons.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHRADDHA SHETTY, D/o. Purushotham N Shetty, aged about 21 years, residing at Mandavi Acropolis, KM Marg, Udupi – 576101, have changed my name **SHRADDHA SHETTY, to ARDEN**. Henceforth, I shall be known and called as **ARDEN** for all purposes.Vide affidavit dated 18.08.2026 before Advocate & Notary **D.S. Chandrakanth**, Bengaluru

NAME CHANGE

I, **MASOOD AHMED**, Resident of No. 1251, Mini Ibrahim Road, Balakrishna Layout, K G F Bangarapet, PO Robertsonpet, Kolar -563122, today camped at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **K S MASOOD AHMED**, vide affidavit dated: 18.08.2026 before notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **MANIKPRABHU PATIL**, also known as **MANIK PRABHU**, S/o VENKAT RAO NIJAMPUR, aged about 47 years, residing at No.1135, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyananyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097, hereby declare that **MANIK PRABHU** and **MANIKPRABHU PATIL** refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. The clarification is made for obtaining an Indian Passport and for submission before the Passport Authorities and other Government authorities.Vide affidavit dated 14.08.2026 before Advocate & Notary **Munirathnamma D.** Bengaluru

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CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

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IN THE COURT OF ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR

CPL MS NO 208/2026

PETITIONER: **Hanumantharavappa V and Others**, Aged about 74 yrs, S/o, Late Venkataramanappa, R/lat 2126, behind rual police station, Rojipura, Doddaballapura Bengaluru Rural District V/S **RESPONDENT : Tahasiltdar, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners as followed the above petition undersction 13(3) of registration of birth and death act 1969 for seeking the death certificate of their Grand Mother **Hanumakka W/o Lachammaya @ Lakshmaiah** who died on 15/04/1949 at Huskuru village,Doddabelevanjata Hobli,Doddaballapur Taluk,Bengaluru Rural District .In regard it is hereby noticed that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on date 16.09.2026 at 11 am .In default this matter will be heard and disposed off on experts order

Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 11.08.2026

By order of the court
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Unnati Hooda shines on World Stage

Young Indian badminton sensation Unnati Hooda secured a straight-game victory over Thet Htar Thuzar in her BWF World Championships debut

NEW DELHI

Young Indian badminton sensation Unnati Hooda has kicked off her debut campaign at the BWF World Championships with a fantastic victory on Tuesday. Playing right here in New Delhi, the talented teenager secured a straight-game win against Thet Htar Thuzar. She proved her mental strength under pressure, winning the match with a score line of 22-20 and 21-16. Fans across the nation are celebrating her strong start on such a big international stage.

Talking to reporters after her game, Unnati shared her thoughts about judging the shuttle's landing spots on the court. She explained that playing the sport for many years helped her develop good judgment. Even though playing in drift conditions can sometimes get tricky, she felt that reading the court in this arena was manageable.

During the opening set, Unnati faced a tough test because her opponent fought hard and kept the score close. She mentioned that she spent the first part of the match trying to understand how the air drift worked

inside the hall. Both players went neck-and-neck for a long time. However, Unnati kept her cool during the final five points of that game. By staying calm and playing patiently, she forced her opponent to make crucial mistakes, which helped her clinch the first set.

In the second game, Unnati noticed that the attack felt much faster from a specific end of the court. Using this to her full advantage, she changed her tactics and focused entirely on an aggressive playing style. Sticking to this smart plan helped her dominate the court and secure the second game easily.

On the other hand, the day brought mixed news for the Indian contingent. The mixed doubles pair of Ruthvika Gadde and han Kapoor suffered a heart-breaking defeat in their opening match. They fought hard against Canada's Crystal Lai and Jonathan Lai in a thrilling three-game battle but ultimately lost 22-20, 19-21, and 17-21. Despite that setback, Unnati's win has kept Indian hopes high.



DURAND CUP 2026: EAST BENGAL MEETS SC DELHI

KOLKATA

East Bengal FC and SC Delhi are set to face off in the first semi-final of the 135th Indian-Oil Durand Cup at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan on Wednesday. A spot in the championship final is on the line, promising an intense battle between two contrasting football styles.

East Bengal enters this crucial match after a strong defensive run. Following an opening defeat to Mohun Bagan Super Giant, head coach Antonio López Habas has organized a solid back-line, securing four consecutive clean sheets. Their path to the semi-final includes dominant wins over CISF Protectors and South United FC, alongside a hard-fought quarter-final victory against Indian Army FT. Spanish midfielder Dani Ramirez and forward PV Vishnu have been instrumental in driving their attack.

In contrast, SC Delhi arrives as the most prolific scoring team in the tournament. Under head coach Tomasz Tchórz, the newly created club has netted 21 goals in four matches. Brazilian forward Rodrigoinho leads the tournament charts with seven goals, supported by impressive performances from Lalrinliana Hnamte. Despite their heavy offensive output, SC Delhi has also maintained defensive discipline, conceding only three goals en route to the semi-finals.

The encounter sets up a fascinating tactical duel. SC Delhi's high-scoring pressure will test East Bengal's resilient defense, while the home side aims to utilize their local crowd support and tactical discipline to secure a win. Both teams stand just one victory away from the final, eager to claim ultimate glory.

India-Pakistan hockey clash easy now: Sreejesh

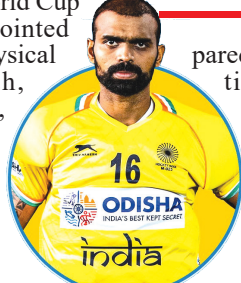
NEW DELHI

Former star player PR Sreejesh says that field hockey matches against Pakistan are not as difficult as they used to be in the past.

As the Indian men's team prepares for a crucial FIH Hockey Men's World Cup clash, Sreejesh pointed out that better physical fitness, strength, game awareness, and smart decision-making give India a major edge over their traditional rivals. In past decades, games between these two South Asian nations were always very tight, usually ending in narrow scores like one-nil or two-one. However, fitness issues and mistakes in the final minutes used to hurt India. Today, the four-quarter match format and modern training methods have completely changed the results. India now finishes games strongly and scores late goals to secure victories.

Even though Pakistan still has talented players, their team level has dropped com-

Former star PR Sreejesh stated that India holds a major edge over Pakistan in field hockey due to superior fitness and modern training methods



PR SREEJESH

pared to previous generations. Sreejesh also shared advice for the squad after their recent tough loss against England, which makes reaching the tournament semifinals more challenging. He wants the players to focus entirely on their own strengths instead of worrying too much about the opponents.

Furthermore, the former goalkeeper advised the team to stay compact, avoid dropping too deep into defense, and maintain high pressure past the center line. He also praised Captain Harmanpreet Singh, noting that a leader's most important work happens off the pitch by keeping teammates united, supporting young players, and building a positive environment.

Siraj, Suthar rip through Sri Lanka batting

GALLE

The Indian cricket team is in a strong position to win the first Test match against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium.

At the end of the fourth day, Sri Lanka struggled at 84 runs for the loss of four wickets. The home team still needs 288 more runs to achieve an unlikely victory. Indian bowlers displayed great discipline to keep total control of the game.

Earlier in the day, India finished their second batting turn with 193 runs. Rishabh Pant played a bold, aggressive innings of 66 runs from 69 balls. KL Rahul contributed 35 runs, while Devdutt Padikkal added 44 runs to build a solid 65 run partnership.

Defending a target of 371 runs, Indian bowlers quickly put pressure on the opposition batsmen. Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj gave the team an early breakthrough. Soon after, spinner Manav Suthar dismissed the substitute player Pasindu Sooriyabandara using a successful video review. Tall fast bowler Prasidh Krishna bowled an amazing spell, conceding very few runs and picking up the wicket of Kamindu Mendis.

Sri Lanka quickly slipped to twenty-one runs for three wickets down. Although Lahiru Udara fought back with sixteen runs, Suthar sent him back to the pavilion with a sharp catch taken near the ground by wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel.

Captain Dhananjaya de Silva and Sonal Dinusha managed to survive until stumps with an unbeaten partnership of 37 runs. De Silva remains not out on 31 runs, while Dinusha is on 25. However, with fading light and a massive target ahead, India needs only six more wickets on the final day to seal a comfortable victory in the opening match of the series.



Warner fined, interlock fitted over DUI

SYDNEY

Former Australian cricket star David Warner has been fined 1,500 dollars and given a 12-month alcohol interlock order after pleading guilty to mid-range drink driving in a Sydney court.

The 39-year-old was arrested on Easter Sunday following a random breath test outside Sydney. Police stated he recorded a blood-alcohol level of 0.104, which is more than double the legal limit. Court documents revealed that Warner had consumed three glasses of white wine before driving from a friend's apartment. Upon seeing the roadside testing operation, he attempted

to switch seats with a female passenger.

Judge Clare Farnan noted during the sentencing that Warner is unlikely to commit the offense again, but she emphasized the dangers of driving under the influence in New South Wales. In addition to the financial penalty, the court mandated an interlock device in his vehicle, preventing the car from starting if any alcohol is detected.

Defense lawyers argued that heavy media scrutiny served as sufficient punishment and requested no conviction be recorded. Warner declined to comment to reporters outside the courthouse.

Having retired from international cricket in 2024 with over 360 combined international appearances, Warner remains active in the sport as a commentator



and franchise captain for the Sydney Thunder and Karachi Kings. Cricket NSW, which partners with safe-driving campaigns, stated they are reviewing the incident and will determine any potential impact on his leadership role. Further updates regarding his sporting future are expected soon as local sports authorities evaluate the situation closely.

Greaves and Matthews win ICC player awards

KINGSTON

West Indies all-rounder Justin Greaves and captain Hayley Matthews have claimed the prestigious ICC Player of the Month awards for July, securing a rare and historic double for Caribbean cricket.

This marks the very first time that players from the West Indies have won both the men's and women's monthly accolades simultaneously. They join a select group of international cricketers to achieve this dual feat since the awards were first introduced by the global governing body.

Greaves earned the men's honor following brilliant, match-winning



performances in home Test matches against Sri Lanka and Pakistan. His standout moment included a resilient and magnificent 180 runs that helped save the second Test against Sri Lanka, ensuring a series victory. Furthermore, he delivered a lethal bowling spell against Pakistan, taking seven crucial wickets

to guide his team to a comfortable 90-run win. Reflecting on his memorable month, Greaves expressed deep gratitude to his teammates and coaching staff, noting how special it feels to perform in front of passionate home fans.

Meanwhile, captain Hayley Matthews clinched her record-extending fifth women's award after a stellar away series against Ireland. She totally dominated the contest with the bat, scoring 265 runs at an extraordinary average of 132.50, which included brilliant centuries in the first two games. Matthews was equally lethal with the ball, picking up seven wickets to help the West Indies sweep the series 3-0.

Kohli's advice inspires Abhinandan's heroics

LUCKNOW

Lucknow Falcons fast bowler Abhinandan Singh delivered a stellar performance in Match 6 of the UPT20 League Season 4, claiming brilliant figures of 4/30 to secure a thrilling three-wicket win against the Noida Kings at the Ekana Stadium.

Following his Player of the Match display, Abhinandan credited his recent success and professional growth to the mentorship of batting legend Virat Kohli during their time together at Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Having joined the franchise ahead of the 2025 season, the young pacer was part of back-to-back championship squads and praised Kohli for shaping his mental approach and training discipline.

"Virat bhaiya really motivated me, especially just talking to me about what I could do better, how I could improve further," Abhinandan noted. He also acknowledged the guidance of team coaches and senior fast bowlers like Josh Hazlewood and Indian veteran Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

That elite-level experience proved crucial as Abhinandan navigated past injuries and intensive domestic competition. Now thriving under the captaincy of Bhuvneshwar Kumar at the Lucknow Falcons, the pacer remains focused on keeping his approach simple and effective as the tournament continues.



The young bowler expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to share a dressing room with international icons, stating that the environment completely transformed his understanding of cricket. He emphasized that the mental toughness required at the highest level of the sport helped him stay calm under pressure during the intense match against the Noida Kings.

SACHIN WINS SILVER, BRONZE AT CAIRO CHALLENGER

NEW DELHI

Indian para-athlete Sachin Chamaria delivered a stellar performance at the Cairo 2026 World Boccia Challenger, claiming a silver medal in the BC3 Pairs event alongside teammate Sarita Dwivedi, and a bronze medal in the BC3 Individual event.

The achievement adds another milestone to the career of the six-time National Champion, who currently holds the World No. 20 ranking in his category. Reflecting on his success, Sachin expressed deep gratitude to the Boccia Sports Federation of India and emphasized his hope that these victories will inspire more individuals with disabilities to pursue sports.

Having built a remarkable international record since his competitive debut in 2021—including historic gold and silver medals across previous World Challengers—Sachin is now turning his focus to the upcoming 2026 World Boccia

Championships in Seoul. Scheduled from August 24 to September 4, this appearance will mark a historic moment as he becomes the first Indian BC3 athlete to qualify for the World Championships strictly on merit.

Boccia is a Paralympic precision sport designed for players with severe physical impairments. Competing in the BC3 class, Sachin utilizes an assistive ramp and works alongside a sports assistant while executing precise tactical strategies. His journey from a life-altering spinal cord injury at age 17 to becoming one of India's leading para-athletes continues to bring immense visibility and inspiration to the sport nationwide.

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Rising Star Unnati Shines On World Stage

Young Indian badminton player Unnati Hooda started her first ever BWF World Championships journey with a brilliant victory in New Del-



hi on Tuesday. She defeated her opponent Thet Htar Thuzar in two straight games with close scores of 22-20 and 21-16 to move forward in the big tournament.

Speaking to reporters after her match, Unnati shared her thoughts on handling the wind and drift inside the big arena. She explained that while reading the shuttle can sometimes be tough due to changing air conditions, she managed to judge it very well as the game moved forward.

During the opening set, her rival put up a very tough fight, keeping the score neck and neck for a long time. However, Unnati stayed completely calm during the final moments of the set. She showed great patience while her opponent felt the pressure and made crucial mistakes. In the second game, she quickly figured out that attacking from a specific side of the court worked much better, which allowed her to take total control and secure the win.