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SC plea seeks action against CEC over SIR decisions

A plea filed in the Supreme Court on Friday seeks action against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged unilateral decisions on SIR.

NEW DELHI

A public interest litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to declare as unconstitutional and void decisions allegedly taken by the Election Commission of India (ECI) without the concurrence of a majority of Election Commissioners.

The petition, filed by advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi through advocate Chand Qureshi, challenges alleged decisions and software modifications relating to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

It seeks quashing of alleged modifications made to Form 6 on the ECINet/ERONet portal, which, according to the petitioner, require ancestry and last-SIR declarations. The plea also seeks restoration of the statutory Form 6 prescribed under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. The petitioner has sought directions allowing all eligible adults to register as voters under the original statutory requirements.

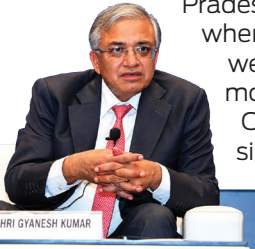
The plea further seeks a judicial inquiry or Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the alleged deletion of 13

CEC's UP youth outreach programmes postponed

The Election Commission has postponed two youth-focused voter awareness programmes in Uttar Pradesh that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar was scheduled to address. A regional conference on Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs) in Meerut and an interaction with young voters in Varanasi, scheduled for September 28, have been postponed indefinitely. The postponement comes amid reports of differences within the poll panel, though an ECI official said the decision was taken on September 21 and was unrelated to the controversy. The official cited venue availability, schedules of senior officials and other factors for changes in programme dates.

SIR PLEA

- Action against CEC and two ECI officials
- Restore statutory Form 6
- SIT/judicial inquiry into alleged deletions
- Review alleged software modifications
- Restore ERO digital access
- Challenge 16.10 lakh West Bengal appeals



Congress protests across states over CEC

Congress workers staged protests in several states on Friday demanding the resignation and removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over the Election Commission's handling of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). Assam Congress president Gaurav Gogoi was detained during a demonstration in Guwahati. Protests were held in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. Demonstrations turned violent in Manipur, where police used tear gas, while water cannons were deployed in Chandigarh. The 'Cockroach' movement threatened nationwide protests from October 2 if CEC Gyanesh Kumar does not resign, while urging Opposition parties to boycott elections. The Election Commission has maintained that decisions relating to the SIR were unanimous.

crore voters from electoral rolls during the SIR exercise.

It seeks action against CEC Gyanesh Kumar, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner Manish Garg and ECI Direc-

tor General (IT) Seema Khanna, including prosecution under Section 32 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, over alleged breaches of official duty.

The petition also challenges 16.10 lakh appeals allegedly filed in the name of the ECI before appellate tribunals in West Bengal concerning the inclusion of electors.

Reform Utsav to showcase governance initiatives

NEW DELHI

The Centre is set to launch its first nationwide 'Reform Utsav' from October 2, highlighting transformative measures undertaken by various ministries and departments.

The initiative, expected to be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will comprise a series of events and campaigns conducted in phases by Central ministries and departments in coordination with states and Union Territories.

More than a dozen events are planned, with each focusing on a specific reform or initiative and its impact on citizens. Officials said preparations and coordination meetings are being held across ministries, with internal activity plans being prepared for the programme.

The Ministry of Home Affairs is also expected to participate in the initiative. The Centre's National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strat-

Reform Utsav will highlight the transformative steps taken for citizen-centric service delivery and institutional reform.

Official

egy, PRAHAAR, unveiled in February, is among the initiatives likely to be highlighted.

PRAHAAR focuses on preventing terror attacks, ensuring swift and proportionate responses, strengthening coordination among agencies, protecting human rights and upholding the rule of law. The Reform Utsav will also feature interactive sessions with beneficiaries from diverse communities. Participants will share experiences and success stories linked to various Central government schemes and initiatives.

Officials said the campaign aims to highlight inclusive growth, empowerment and citizen-centric service delivery while showcasing reforms undertaken across sectors.

FESTIVE GLOW...



Festive lights brighten Mysuru streets ahead of the grand Dasara celebrations. ▶ Hampa Nagaraju

Three judges sworn in as additional Karnataka HC judges

BENGALURU

Three judges — Justice Usharani, Justice Kuruba Shantappa Bharat Kumar and Justice Neralo Veerabhadrayya Bhavani — were sworn in as additional judges of the Karnataka High Court on Friday.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office to the newly appointed additional judges.



es at a simple ceremony held at the Glass House of Lok Bhavan in Bengaluru.

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar attended the ceremony along with Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Saleem Ahmed, Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Chief Secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh. Several sitting judges of the Karnataka High Court, the Registrar General, members of the legal fraternity, senior government officials and family members of the newly sworn-in judges were also present.

TOURISM BOOST

Active Karnataka to be launched on World Tourism Day

BENGALURU

The Tourism Department will launch "Active Karnataka – Run Ride Surf Ride Surf Explore", a sports and adventure tourism initiative, on World Tourism Day, Tourism Minister K J George said on Friday. The initiative aims to connect major sporting events with nearby tourist destinations, encouraging participants and their families to extend their stay and explore Karnataka.

In the first phase, the department will enter into agreements with sports event organisers to connect marathons, cycling events, triathlons and other endurance events with tourism destinations.

"Participants should not return home as just competitors. Their families and friends should also experience Karnataka as tourists. Come for the sport, stay for Karnataka is the core idea behind this

initiative," George said. The department is preparing two- to three-day destination itineraries around sporting events, including accommodation options and local cuisine.

The initiative will initially cover events in Bengaluru, Mysuru, coastal Karnataka and other destinations. In the next phase, surfing, kayaking, water sports, trail running, cycling and other adventure activities will be brought under a statewide Sports and Adventure Tourism Calendar. Tourism Secretary Ram Prasad Manohar said linking sporting events with destination experiences could increase visitor stays and create economic opportunities for hotels, homestays, local transport operators, food businesses, guides and small enterprises.

As the first step, the Tourism Department will partner with NEB Sports to develop and promote marathon, cyclothon and triathlon events under the initiative.

ACTIVE KARNATAKA	KEY FEATURES
Launch	World Tourism Day
Focus	Sports and adventure tourism
First phase	Marathons, cycling and triathlons
Destinations	Bengaluru, Mysuru and coastal Karnataka
Future activities	Surfing, kayaking and trail running
Itineraries	Two to three days

Come for the sport, stay for Karnataka is the core idea behind this initiative.

-KJ George, Tourism Minister

SPORT MEETS TOURISM

Active Karnataka aims to turn sporting events into tourism opportunities by encouraging participants and their families to explore destinations beyond competitions. The Tourism Department plans short itineraries featuring accommodation, local cuisine and attractions. The initiative will initially cover Bengaluru, Mysuru and coastal Karnataka. It will later expand to surfing, kayaking, water sports, trail running and cycling, creating opportunities for hotels, homestays, transport operators, guides and other local businesses.



DKS announces hike in civic workers' breakfast allowance

BENGALURU

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday announced that the breakfast allowance for civic workers would be doubled from Rs 35 to Rs 70. Speaking at Civic Workers' Day at Palace Grounds, he said thousands of workers had been regularised and assured

that the remaining eligible workers would also be considered. The government will form a Cabinet sub-committee to examine their demands, welfare boards and welfare funds. Shivakumar said Rs 7.50 lakh would be provided for construction of houses for civic workers. He also announced residential schools

on the Karnataka Public School model in urban areas for their children, with the aim of enabling them to pursue higher education. Construction of a separate Paurbhavan for civic workers will begin within two months, he said. The government will also organise Civic Workers' Day every year.

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‘DROUGHT LIST EXCLUDES OPPOSITION MLA TALUKS’

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi accused the Karnataka Congress administration of partisan drought-relief bias and systemic financial corruption.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched an attack on the ruling Congress administration in Karnataka, accusing the government of blatant partisan bias, administrative decay, and severe institutional corruption. Addressing reporters, the senior BJP leader vehemently contended that the state's official drought-relief lists had been manipulated to serve narrow political interests, alleging that executive favors and calamity compensation were restricted exclusively to constituencies represented by ruling party lawmakers who exerted intense political pressure or threatened resignation.

Questioning the ethical foundations of the administration, Joshi remarked, "Have you no shame or decency?" Pointing to glaring disparities in relief distribution, he asserted that regions represented by opposition legislators were deliberately bypassed, leaving agrarian communities to suffer in isolation despite acute dry-spell conditions. He further castigated the state executive for failing to disburse and utilize available financial buffers under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), instead choosing to rely on a persistent pattern of deflecting blame onto the Union Government.

The Union Minister drew a direct connection between the administration's aggressive rhetoric against central allocations and what he termed an internal admission of systemic insolvency. Referencing recent confidential correspondence originating from the State Finance Department that



“The taluks of all MLAs who threatened to resign have been included in the drought list, while opposition regions are excluded, do they have any shame or decency?”

- Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Drought List Bias:** Joshi criticized the arbitrary inclusion criteria following recent political pressures, pointing out that urgent rural distress calls from opposition-held constituencies are being sidelined.
- Fiscal Deficit Retort:** Dismissing the state's frequent financial blame game against the Centre, he challenged the government to address its internal treasury crisis and pending contractor dues first.
- Administrative Corruption:** Highlighting governance failures, Joshi alleged that key administrative posts are being compromised, citing recent high-value bribery stings involving newly appointed state officials.
- National Opposition Critique:** Weighing in on wider political developments, he also ridiculed Congress protests over electoral matters, questioning the party's national relevance and electoral track record.

exposed crippling treasury constraints, unpaid contractor bills, and frozen capital allocations, Joshi argued that the government's constant finger-pointing at Delhi is a calculated smokescreen designed to hide its own structural bankruptcy.

"They know nothing other than blaming the Centre," Joshi stated. "Fix that financial emergency first. They have stated everything else in that internal advisory except the stark reality of bankruptcy; they are manufacturing political diversions now to cover up the fact that the treasury is completely empty."

Expanding his critique to systemic administrative governance, Joshi alleged that deep-rooted corruption and

financial leakages have permeated every tier of the state machinery, claiming that lucrative bureaucratic positions are routinely commercialized. Pointing to recent high-profile bribery scandals involving administrative officers—including cases where mid-level revenue officials such as tahsildars were caught red-handed accepting massive illicit gratification within months of assuming sensitive postings—he questioned the transparency of executive transfers and placements managed under the current dispensation.

Shifting his focus to national political dynamics and recent protests organized by the Congress party, Joshi ridiculed the opposition's stance

Rebuttal on Electoral Controversies

Turning his attention to national political developments and recent protests staged by the Congress party concerning the Election Commission, Joshi dismissed their grievances as hollow rhetoric. Mocking opposition leaders over electoral outcomes, he contrasted the grassroots campaigning efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi—who engaged directly with rural citizens across every corner of the country—with opposing leaders touring abroad, questioning the political viability and future relevance of the Congress party.

regarding electoral institutions and democratic processes. Commenting on public remarks and press conferences led by senior national figures like Rahul Gandhi questioning electoral outcomes and institutional integrity, Joshi dismissed the criticism as an exercise in political dissonance. Contrasting the grassroots engagement of national leadership with what he characterized as intermittent political tourism, Joshi questioned the ideological coherence and electoral viability of the Congress party in contemporary Indian democracy, maintaining that public rejection of their policies stems directly from governance failures and hollow rhetoric.

After ED, IT Department raids Attica Gold

Income Tax and Enforcement Directorate officials launched massive multi-state raids on Attica Gold Company across nineteen locations, investigating systemic financial irregularities and money laundering.



CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Escalating financial investigations into prominent corporate entities across South India, the Income Tax (IT) department has launched massive search and seizure operations targeting 19 distinct locations linked to Attica Gold Company.

This sweeping fiscal crackdown follows hard on the heels of extensive multi-state raids conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which targeted the firm's central administrative offices and corporate branches over grave allegations of systemic financial irregularities, illegal gold liquidations, and money laundering.

The sudden influx of tax enforcement officials into Attica Gold's commercial hubs marks a severe escalation in regulatory scrutiny. Federal investigators from both agencies have spent consecutive

days securing vital accounting documents, digital transaction databases, and covert ledger books.

The initial ED sweep—backed by central paramilitary units—spanned nearly 19 properties, primarily focusing on the company's high-profile corporate headquarters situated along Cunningham Road and Queen's Road in Bengaluru, alongside regional extensions across neighboring states. Following the preliminary collection of incriminating asset and transaction trails by the ED, Income Tax authorities moved swiftly to audit corporate tax compliances, scrutinize bullion purchase records, and investigate discrepancies between declared commercial revenues and actual cash flows.

Attica Gold, widely known for its aggressive commercial presence in second-hand gold buying and instant cash-for-

gold exchanges, has faced mounting public and regulatory complaints concerning its operational framework. Investigators are closely examining allegations that the firm systematically bypassed standard banking channels for large-scale customer transactions, directly purchased precious metals without mandatory customer verification protocols, and engaged in questionable asset routing to evade statutory duties.

Complicating the investigation further, central intelligence agencies have reportedly flagged the conspicuous absence of the company's founder and Managing Director, Bommanahalli Babu (also known as Ayub P. Syed Basha). Enforcement teams searching for the promoter during the initial raids found his primary residences and offices deserted, with unconfirmed intelligence reports suggesting he may have slipped abroad prior to the execution of the search warrants. As IT department teams continue combing through the seized financial portfolios across all 19 locations, federal authorities are preparing to widen the probe into potential shell company networks and hawala channels tied to the enterprise.

Minister Bangarappa dismisses substandard shoe claims

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka Primary and School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa has strongly refuted allegations circulating across media platforms regarding the procurement and distribution of allegedly substandard footwear to government school students, clarifying that viral photographs depicting flawed items actually belong to previous academic cycles.

Addressing the media following legislative proceedings, the Minister detailed the state-wide rollout of student welfare amenities while simultaneously raising sharp administrative concerns over the deployment patterns of educators for continuous electoral duties.

Addressing mounting scrutiny over the execution of student support welfare programs, Minister Bangarappa emphasized that the administration has maintained strict adherence to quality parameters under the current academic framework. He noted that viral images and reports highlighting defective or substandard shoes do not represent fresh supplies procured for the ongoing academic year, but rather recycled photographs of old footwear distributed in past terms.

Providing structural context to the distribution drive, the Minister highlighted that over 12.5 million pairs of shoes and socks are being systematically rolled out across gov-



ernment and aided schools throughout the state. While acknowledging minor logistical delays tied to initial student enrollment verifications and sizing discrepancies—which have occasionally resulted in tight-fitting footwear requiring localized exchanges—he maintained that the quality of supplies has not been compromised. Furthermore, the Education Department has instituted rigorous supervisory clauses, confirming that direct penal action will be initiated against any tender-awarding contractors found flouting quality benchmarks specified under state procurement acts.

Shifting focus to administrative bottlenecks affecting academic continuity, Minister Bangarappa expressed strong reservations regarding the heavy reliance on school teachers for non-teaching administrative burdens, specifically the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls managed by election authorities.

While acknowledging the exemplary dedication and co-operative spirit demonstrated by teaching faculty in execut-

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Quality Assurance:** The education department assured that strict penal action will be initiated against any tender-winning contractors found supplying inferior material.
- Size Replacements:** Acknowledging minor logistical complaints regarding tight-fitting footwear due to sizing discrepancies, immediate local exchange channels have been set up for students.
- Teacher Deployment Friction:** Voicing frustration over administrative disruptions, the Minister criticized the deployment of academic staff for Special Intensive Revision (SIR) voter duties, remarking that the Election Commission's approach causes student inconvenience.

ing assigned civic duties, the Minister criticized the operational friction caused by pulling educators away from classrooms. Highlighting the disruptions faced by students as academic calendars progress, Bangarappa remarked that the unrelenting demands of the electoral machinery often stretch school administration thin, metaphorically describing the inflexible scheduling approach of election authorities as heavy-handed.

Education department officials reiterated that while compliance with statutory electoral revisions remains mandatory, synchronized micro-planning is urgently required between district administrations and school boards to safeguard instructional hours and minimize student learning loss.

Quick Read



Thieves steal 48 liters Nandini milk in Richmond Town

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As citizens debate a potential state-wide price hike for Nandini milk, thieves in Richmond Town targeted a local supply drop. Two suspects on a scooter stole 48 liters of milk along with their storage crates from Renius Street at dawn. Caught clearly on CCTV cameras around five in the morning, the daring theft has shocked locals under the Ashok Nagar police limits. Police are currently analyzing the footage to track down the culprits behind this unusual heist amid growing concerns over dairy costs.

ED transfers Jarkiholi probe to Delhi unit

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The Enforcement Directorate is shifting its ongoing money laundering probe against Karnataka Minister Satish Jarkiholi from Bengaluru to its Delhi headquarters. Following recent raids, federal authorities discovered critical evidence pointing to severe irregularities in Public Works Department contracts and massive kickbacks linked to private firms. Investigators have also flagged unauthorized foreign capital investments, including undisclosed stakes in African mining ventures. With central authorities stepping in directly to review seized financial documents and digital records, the legal pressure on the senior Congress leader is expected to escalate significantly.

Transport dept faces ₹8,000 cr loss, says minister

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Karnataka's public transport sector is facing an unprecedented financial crunch, with the state's four major road transport corporations—the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), the Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC), and the North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC)—collectively grappling with an estimated loss of ₹8,000 crore.

Addressing the Legislative Council, Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh revealed that despite mounting operational expenditures, multiple hikes in diesel prices by the Centre, and severe cash-flow bottlenecks that have routinely delayed staff salary disbursements, the government has consciously avoided raising bus passenger fares. The administration has held off on fare revisions primarily due to



the apprehension of triggering intense public pushback and political protests from opposition parties.

This acute fiscal stress is further compounded by massive structural arrears. Outstanding reimbursement dues owed by the state government to the transport corporations under the flagship 'Shakti' free-travel scheme for women have climbed to over ₹5,650 crore. Since the inception of the populist initiative, the four corporations have accommodated nearly 800 crore free passenger journeys, incurring a staggering operational expenditure

that has heavily outpaced actual government disbursements. When Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and other members raised concerns regarding long-delayed recruitment appointments—noting that youth who cleared interviews three years prior still awaited placement—Minister Suresh defended the administration by pointing out the harsh fiscal reality: with internal revenues deeply depleted and insufficient funds even to cover monthly salaries for existing personnel, new recruitments remain temporarily unfeasible.

VOTER LIST REVISION

Navigating electoral notices: Essential guide for voters

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As the comprehensive Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls moves forward across Karnataka, election officials have urged citizens who receive official verification notices to remain calm and follow structured remedial procedures. Representing the first large-scale structural revision of voter registries since 2002, this routine administrative drive aims to clean up database records, eliminate duplicate registrations, and seamlessly incorporate newly eligible demographics ahead of the final electoral roll publication scheduled for October 27, 2026.

The Special Intensive Revision is a rigorous administrative exercise instituted by the Election Commission of India to guarantee absolute

accuracy across urban and rural voter databases. With initial public objections and institutional cross-verifications having concluded on September 23, notices have been dispatched across major metropolitan sectors—including approximately 4.5 million notices issued in Bengaluru alone, of which over 1.3 million have already been successfully resolved through targeted hearings.

Historical Baseline Mismatches: Discrepancies arising when current demographic information fails to reconcile smoothly with foundational records from the 2002 electoral roll archive.

Clerical and Submission Errors: Inconsistencies or omissions resulting from improperly filled particulars during past data collections handled through Booth Level Officers (BLOs).



Identity and Documentation Variations: Minor or major discrepancies between a voter's declared identity parameters and supporting legal documentation, such as spelling variations in names, parental names, or age declarations.

With the formal window for initial claims and objections having closed, the electoral administration has established an extended corrective window through October 24,

2026, during which citizens can submit fresh applications or clarify pending discrepancies before the final roll is unveiled on October 27.

Voters attending verification hearings or submitting paperwork to designated Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) are advised to carry a comprehensive set of verifying credentials, including official photo identification (such as an [Aadhaar Redacted] card or passport),

Statutory application forms for rectification

Form 6	Designed primarily for new registrations, this document must be filed by young citizens turning 18 who are seeking inclusion for the first time, individuals whose names were omitted from previous drafts, and voters who have permanently relocated across assembly constituencies.
Form 7	Utilized strictly for objections and deletions. This form enables citizens to voluntarily request the removal of redundant entries—such as individuals holding active registrations simultaneously in both an urban residence and a native village—thereby ensuring single-location compliance and preventing duplicate voting.
Form 8	Dedicated to corrections and modifications. Voters utilize Form 8 when their names already exist on the draft roll but require alterations regarding demographic particulars, including corrected names, updated addresses, adjusted age details, gender markers, changed photographs, or internal relocations within the same assembly constituency.

secondary school leaving certificates (SSLC marks cards) for age proof, current passport-size photographs, and verifiable residential proof such as a registered rental agreement or utility bill. In instances where a registered voter is temporarily unavail-

able due to out-of-state employment or overseas travel, authorized family members may appear before local EROs with requisite authorization and documentation to safeguard the voter's franchise, ensuring full democratic participation across the state.

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Civic apathy has transformed multiple Bengaluru neighborhoods into unhygienic eyesores. Residents along Seshadripuram 1st A Cross Road and Kumara Park's Serpentine Road near Chetty's Corner grapple with persistent garbage black spots caused by erratic sanitation pickups and indiscriminate public dumping. Meanwhile, open refuse near Srinivasa Theater on Chikka-gowdana Palya Main Road emits a suffocating stench, while pedestrians near the Kadugondanahalli Police Station risk their safety navigating heavily congested roads lacking proper footpaths.

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Residents on Seshadripuram 1st A Cross Road are frustrated by a persistent garbage black spot that repeatedly reappears despite cleanup efforts. Locals report that passersby dump waste there because uncooperative sanitation workers frequently fail to collect garbage from the site.



Residents near Kumara Park on Serpentine Road are frustrated by a persistent garbage spot right in front of Chetty's Corner, situated next to a park and a school. Despite frequent cleanups, waste continues to pile up as passersby dump trash there, leaving locals wondering if the area will ever be permanently cleared.



An uncleaned garbage dumping spot on Chikka-gowdana Palya Main Road, located right at the corner of Srinivasa Theater, is causing severe distress to local residents. Open dumping and a lack of regular clearance have left the entire residential street overwhelmed by a foul stench.



Pedestrians near Kadugondanahalli Police Station are struggling to cross the stretch safely due to the lack of proper footpaths. The area urgently needs the authorities' attention to ensure pedestrian safety.

BCCC issues notice over dark corridors

The BCCC fined Effilume Private Limited 1 lakh rupees for severe streetlight deficiencies.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Intensifying municipal oversight over critical urban infrastructure, the Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) has issued a stern show cause notice and slapped a financial penalty of ₹1,00,000 on M/s Effilume Private Limited—operating as a consortium of M/s Schnell Energy Equipment Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Salzer Electronics Ltd., Coimbatore. The punitive action follows alarming operational lapses discovered during a high-level field inspection by the Minister for Greater Bengaluru Development.

The official notice, registered under reference number BCCC/EE/ELE/PR/160/2026-27 by the Executive Engineer (Electrical), centers on severe deficiencies in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of streetlights under the energy efficiency project covering BBMP-East and Bommanahalli (Partial) zones. The project



was originally commissioned via a contract agreement and work order dated May 15, 2025, followed by a novation agreement on October 8, 2025.

During a recent joint field inspection led personally by the Hon'ble Minister spanning from the Halasuru Police Station circle to SBI circle, and onward from SBI circle to Chalukya circle within the

BCCC jurisdiction, authorities inspected 222 streetlights and uncovered a staggering 140 non-functional and non-glowing fixtures. Labeling the extreme failure rate an unacceptable display of negligence that directly compromises public safety along vital arterial corridors, the corporation noted that multiple prior warning letters issued be-

Rectification deadline and compliance protocol

• **Immediate Restoration:** The consortium is strictly directed to repair and restore all identified non-functional streetlights within 24 hours of receiving the notice, giving absolute priority to major roads, junctions, and public thoroughfares.

• **Comprehensive Compliance Report:** Upon completion, the agency must submit a detailed report containing location-wise inventories of defective units, the specific nature of defects, corrective actions taken, exact timestamps of restoration, and current operational statuses, alongside ensuring continuous functionality.

• **Written Explanation:** The consortium is required to submit a formal written explanation accounting for why such a large volume of streetlights was permitted to remain dark despite repeated administrative warnings.

tween July and August 2026 had been virtually ignored by the consortium.

The imposed fine of ₹1,00,000 for deficient O&M services does not absolve the consortium of its broader contractual obligations. BCCC warned that failure to meet the 24-hour deadline or a recurrence of similar infrastructural failures will be treated as

wilful non-compliance, attracting escalating financial penalties and potential contract termination proceedings. Copies of the directive were marked to top-tier civic authorities, including the BCCC Commissioner, Additional Commissioner (Development), GBA Chief Engineers, and directors of the consortium companies.

BWCC Commissioner demands urgent infrastructure upgrades

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City officials have been put on high alert following a major progress review meeting led by Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Dr. Rajendra K.V., at the corporation office, the commissioner reviewed ongoing public works and delivered strict instructions to department heads, demanding immediate improvements to city infrastructure, public safety, and cleanliness.

During the meeting, the commissioner directed engineering, electrical, forest, and solid waste management teams to step up field work. He ordered executive engineers to conduct daily inspections on busy roads to identify and fix troublesome potholes and repair broken footpaths. Officials were also told to crack down on unauthorized LED advertisements and remove abandoned vehicles, construction debris, and unnecessary electric poles blocking public spaces.

Safety for women and senior citizens remains a top priority. The commissioner instructed teams to ensure that all bus shelters are brightly lit during the night. Highlighting accountability, the electrical



division reported that a heavy fine of fifty-four lakh rupees has already been slapped on negligent contractors for poor streetlight maintenance.

Furthermore, the commissioner stressed the importance of citizen-centric planning. He called for new public toilets and bus stops in areas that need them most, timely execution of CMIDP and CSSIP projects, and prompt resolution of public grievances submitted through the 'Sahaya' mobile application.

Top corporation officials, including Additional Commissioner Kavitha Rajaram and Chief Engineers Swayamprabha and Jayashankar B.S., attended the meeting alongside horticulture, forest, and waste management representatives. The commissioner warned that poor execution or delays will not be tolerated, urging all agencies to work together efficiently to give residents a cleaner, safer, and better-managed city.

Sahaaya 2.0 marks 1 year of grievance redressal

The Bengaluru North City Corporation marked one year of its phone-in programme, highlighting efficient public grievance resolution through the Sahaaya 2.0 digital platform.

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Marking the completion of one year of direct public engagement, the Bengaluru North City Corporation celebrated the 53rd edition of the Commissioner's Phone-In Programme, highlighting comprehensive advancements in tracking public complaints through the integrated 'Sahaaya 2.0' digital platform.

Since its launch on September 26, 2025, under the directive of Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, the weekly Friday phone-in initiative has served as a direct bridge between residents and municipal leadership. During the latest session, 50 calls yielded 55 distinct civic grievances, bringing the cumulative total of complaints received through the phone-in channel over the past year to 3,156. Of these, 2,887 issues have been successfully resolved, leaving 324 pending cases under active re-



view.

Operating alongside more than 25 multi-media intake channels—including corporate offices, email portals, print media, WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter)—the Sahaaya 2.0 software functions in tandem with the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC). Every incoming complaint is systematically registered, tagged with individual accountability, and digitally dispatched to relevant departmental heads for time-bound execution.

Corporation data indicates that across all historical reporting periods, a total of 1,98,113 grievances have been formally logged, with 1,96,503 achieving verified closure and 1,665 currently active.

Departmental breakdowns of the 1,610 pending items within the broader municipal framework show the heaviest operational loads concentrated in Road Maintenance with 748 cases, Solid Waste Man-

agement with 364 cases, and Forest-related complaints standing at 170. Division-wise metrics highlight active backlogs distributed across Byatarayanapura (356), Sarvagnanagara (356), Dasarahalli (246), Vidyarayanapura (244), Hebbal (221), Pulikeshinagara (159), and Yelahanka (141).

Emphasizing qualitative outcomes over superficial administrative metrics, municipal authorities have explicitly instructed department officials to avoid closing tickets through paper-work alone. Field inspections and on-site verifications are now mandatory to ensure that complainants receive genuine, ground-level relief—particularly regarding persistent urban challenges such as pothole repairs, debris removal, footpath encroachments, and unmanaged waste dumping. The corporation reiterated its commitment to maintaining rigorous oversight until all remaining civic backlogs are fully cleared.

FORM 6 APPEAL

Submit Form-6 for missing voter names: Commissioner Rao

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

As the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls-2026 progresses across the Greater Bengaluru Area (GBA), Bengaluru Urban District Election Officer and Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao has issued a direct appeal urging citizens whose names are absent from the draft rolls to immediately submit Form-6 applications for inclusion. The directive was issued during a high-level review meeting convened at the GBA head office with representatives of recognized political parties, aimed at streamlining claims, objections, and verification processes within the urban district.

Highlighting common procedural mix-ups during the revision drive, the Chief Commissioner clarified that if a voter's name is missing from the draft roll due to an erroneous submission of Form-8 instead of Form-6, they must file a fresh Form-6 application to restore their voting rights. Form-8 is strictly reserved for existing voters requiring corrections to personal particulars, such as name spellings, addresses, or structural details.

Processed Cases: Over 1,340,663 verification cases have been successfully completed.

Pending Workload: Rough-

ly 256,935 cases remain active, prompting strict instructions to field officials to expedite inquiries and eliminate administrative backlogs immediately.

To bridge communication gaps with voters who have not yet received formal notices, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been instructed to ramp up direct outreach. Alongside physical home visits, officials are deploying SMS and WhatsApp notifications to registered mobile numbers, complete with direct contact details for local BLOs to facilitate seamless inquiries.

Furthermore, election authorities have ordered comprehensive data audits to correct calculation errors observed in specific assembly constituencies, including Mahadevapura. District leadership has mandated the creation of targeted micro-plans for outlying regions and constituencies like Yelahanka, factoring in staff deployment and remote logistical challenges. Special verification camps are also being organized in high-volume backlog zones to fast-track hearings before the final electoral roll publication. Special Commissioner (Election Division) Shilpa Nag, City Municipal Commissioners Pommala Sunil Kumar and K.N. Ramesh, and other senior election officials attended the deliberations.



Strategic infrastructure framework and mitigation typologies

• **Cool Roofing Technologies:** Plans were finalized to deploy high Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) cool roof coatings across dozens of public buildings within the North Corporation limits—prioritizing Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs), Namma Clinics, government schools, anganwadis, and Indira Canteens. Technical assessments indicate that specialized reflective roof treatments can lower interior surface temperatures by 8 to 10 degrees Celsius, bringing down indoor ambient temperatures by 2 to 4 degrees Celsius.

• **Net-Zero Multi-Hazard Cooling Stations:** Inspired by successful southern adaptation models, the corporation is establishing decentralized, solar-powered cooling stations in high-footfall public zones such as major municipal markets, public parks, lakes, and dry waste collection centers. These facilities utilize passive cooling architectures to supply cooled rest spaces and safe drinking water without placing an additional burden on the municipal electrical grid.

• **Climate-Resilient Transit Infrastructure:** To safeguard daily commuters and transit workers, dilapidated or shelter-less bus waiting spaces are being systematically retrofitted into heat-resilient cool bus shelters. These upgraded terminals will feature thermal-barrier roofing materials alongside integrated digital displays broadcasting ward-level heat hazard maps and local disaster preparedness guidelines.

• **Nature-Based Urban Greening:** The intervention strategy incorporates massive afforestation drives through native Miyawaki micro-forest models and localized canopy expansion, intended to naturally bring down surface albedo and mitigate radiant heat trapping along dense urban corridors.

Bommai slams govt financial mismanagement & debt

Former Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai accused the Karnataka administration of attempting to mask severe economic mismanagement.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The political crossfire surrounding Karnataka's financial health intensified sharply as former Chief Minister and Member of Parliament Basavaraja Bommai launched a scathing counter-attack against Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. Bommai accused the current administration of attempting to deflect public scrutiny and mask severe economic mismanagement by repeatedly shifting blame onto previous governments.

The fiery exchange follows a leaked internal advisory note from the State Finance Department, which cautioned the government against launching major new development projects or sanctioning unbudgeted expenditures, citing a precarious fiscal squeeze, soaring debt levels, and a massive backlog of pending bills exceeding ₹36,000 crore across key departments.

Reacting to Chief Minister Shivakumar's defense—wherein he claimed that similar cautionary fiscal notes had been issued during preceding administrations led by B.S. Yediyurappa and Bommai himself—the former Chief Minister argued that drawing comparisons across timelines ignores fundamentally different macroeconomic realities and fiscal indicators.

Quick Read

Accused turns approver in Renukaswamy murder case

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major twist in the high-profile Renukaswamy murder case, accused number fourteen, Pradosh, has been officially designated as a prosecution approver. Bengaluru courts approved his request, removing his name from the core charge sheet so he can testify against other suspects. Despite turning state witness, Pradosh will remain jailed until the trial concludes and faces renewed prosecution if he hides facts or breaks legal conditions. Prison authorities have tightened security around him, implementing round-the-clock CCTV surveillance and strict checks on his food and visitors.

Court denies bail to IAS officer in KPSC scam

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The legal troubles surrounding the high-profile Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) recruitment irregularities deepened as the 52nd CCH Court officially rejected the bail application filed by suspended IAS officer Gyanendra Kumar.

The officer, who previously served as the KPSC Exam Controller, is currently lodged in judicial custody at the Bengaluru Central Prison following his arrest by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) and subsequent custody enforcement by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The corruption scandal centers around widespread systemic manipulation in the recruitment process for 400 veterinary officer posts conducted by the KPSC. Investigators allege that confidential question papers were systematically leaked to a select cohort of candidates in exchange for massive illegal gratification.

According to evidence placed before the special court by the prosecution, the illicit operations were coordinated alongside co-accused Basavaraj Kannale—a politi-

Deepening economic stand-off

As internal fiscal warnings and opposition attacks converge on the state's handling of public finances and drought relief allocations, the debate over budgetary sustainability continues to intensify within legislative circles.



There is a vast difference between managing finances during unprecedented global crises like COVID-19 and plunging the treasury into deficit despite buoyant national revenues.

- Basavaraja Bommai, Member of Parliament

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Surging Debt Burden:** Bommai pointed out that while previous BJP administrations borrowed under pandemic constraints to manage economic stagnation, current borrowings have nearly doubled to ₹1.20 lakh crore.
- Deficit Budgets Critique:** Highlighting that his tenure presented surplus budgets, the former Chief Minister noted that the ruling government has delivered three consecutive deficit budgets.
- Rejection of Comparisons:** Dismissing attempts to equate current fiscal warnings with notes issued during past administrations, Bommai stressed that revenues have grown nationally, making current fiscal distress a result of policy mismanagement rather than unavoidable external shocks.
- Call for Tough Reforms:** Urging the government to stop deflecting blame, the MP demanded immediate administrative measures to restore fiscal discipline and rescue the state's empty treasury.

Bommai emphasized that previous administrations successfully navigated extreme economic contractions, maintaining strict fiscal discipline despite the unprecedented disruptions caused by successive waves of the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that while the state's total outstanding liabilities hovered around ₹65,000 crore during his tenure, the current Congress government has nearly doubled the debt burden to approximately ₹1.20 lakh crore. Furthermore, Bommai

contrasted the surplus budgets delivered during his administration with the consecutive deficit budgets presented by the current dispensation, asserting that these figures expose a systemic failure in revenue administration and resource allocation.

The senior BJP leader lamented that Karnataka's current misfortune stems from a perceived absence of political will to implement tough corrective measures and arrest the deteriorating economic trajectory. With the state's cu-

mulative liabilities nearing the critical 25 percent limit stipulated under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) framework, and borrowing capacities nearly exhausted, Bommai urged the administration to stop manufacturing political diversions. Instead, he called upon the Chief Minister to acknowledge the empty state treasury transparently and enact rigorous expenditure-control protocols to safeguard Karnataka's long-term financial stability.

CM invited to Alampur Navaratri Mahotsava

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has received a formal, high-level invitation to participate in the upcoming Navaratri Mahotsava at the revered Sri Jogulamba Shakti Peetha in Alampur, Telangana. The invitation was extended by Sri Krishnaram Bhoopal of the historic Gadwal Samsthanam, accompanied by Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board Chairman S.E. Sudheendra. The grand festival is scheduled to be celebrated with deep devotion and traditional splendor from October 11, 2026, to October 20, 2026.

During the official meeting, the delegation requested the Chief Minister to visit the sacred shrine, seek the divine blessings of Goddess Sri Jogulamba—revered as one of the ancient and principal Shakti Peethas in the subcontinent—and partake in the festivities.

A central highlight of the invitation involves presenting a traditional, world-renowned Gadwal silk saree to the presiding deity as an offering on behalf of the state's leadership. Dignitaries noted that the Chief Minister's participation would significantly elevate the grandeur of the celebrations while reinforcing deep-rooted historical, cultural, and spiritual



connections uniting Karnataka and the contiguous Gadwal—Alampur border region.

The annual Navaratri Mahotsava at Alampur draws thousands of pilgrims and dignitaries from across southern India, serving as a vital focal point for preserving centuries-old religious traditions and fostering spiritual harmony. Temple authorities and festival organizers anticipate a strong turnout of devotees, with elaborate arrangements underway to accommodate pilgrims during the ten-day celebration.

Government cleanup exposes brutal Sampigehalli murder

CH NEWS, BENGALURU: A brutal murder was exposed in Sampigehalli after a government-ordered cleanup of vacant plots revealed a decomposing body. 32-year-old Sagar Chandra Rawat strangled his wife, Anusuya, following a financial dispute on August 11. He hid her corpse at home for three days before wrapping it in a mattress and dumping it on nearby land. Workers sent by the site owner stumbled upon the remains, which stray dogs had mauled. Police tracked down the husband using a clothing tag bill found on the victim, successfully arresting him twenty days after the crime.

FARM LOAN WAIVER

R. Ashoka slams government over ₹2,500 drought relief

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The political crossfire over Karnataka's intensifying agrarian crisis reached a new pitch as Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka launched a scathing attack on the state government, demanding an immediate and comprehensive waiver of all agricultural loans.

The opposition leader's sharp reaction came in the wake of an announcement made by Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameashwara regarding a drought relief input subsidy of ₹2,500 earmarked for approximately 46 to 50 lakh farmers across the state. The financial package, designed to mitigate crop losses resulting from severe dryspell conditions affecting more than 40,000 hectares of agricultural land, involves an

estimated state expenditure of ₹1,250 crore.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Ashoka vehemently condemned the relief quantum, arguing that offering a meager ₹2,500 while washing the administration's hands of broader agrarian distress represents a profound injustice to the farming community.

He highlighted the stark economic reality on the ground, pointing out that daily wage rates for rural agricultural laborers have already surpassed ₹1,000. Under such inflationary pressures, a one-time relief installment of ₹2,500



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CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major regulatory crackdown aimed at safeguarding consumer health and eliminating deceptive market practices, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has introduced a comprehensive draft proposal to prohibit the use of the term "paneer" for any food item not manufactured exclusively from milk.

The landmark regulatory intervention addresses the surging commercial proliferation of "analogue paneer"—a cheap, synthetic imitation typically fabricated from vegetable fats like palm oil, starches, emulsifiers, and industrial binding agents instead of authentic dairy. These substitutes are engineered to closely mimic the physical texture and appearance of traditional cottage cheese, frequently finding their way into commercial kitchens, restaurants, and retail packaging without adequate customer disclosure.

Under the newly formulated draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011, the apex food regulator seeks to insert a dedicated structural

KPCC President demands arrest of CEC Gyanesh Kumar

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The political fallout surrounding the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls reached a boiling point today as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B.K. Hariprasad launched a ferocious attack against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, demanding his immediate resignation and subsequent arrest on charges amounting to treason.

Addressing a high-profile press conference at the KPCC headquarters, Hariprasad alleged that the Election Commission has systematically undermined constitutional democracy to favor a single political party and leadership. Citing alarming statistics, he claimed that unilateral decisions by the CEC resulted in the deletion of 63 million votes in Bihar, 9.1 million in West Bengal, and a staggering 10.7 million votes in Karnataka, disproportionately targeting minority and Dalit communities to disenfranchise the poor.

Denying the KPCC chief laid bare explosive allegations concerning the internal functioning of the poll panel, asserting that over the preceding ten months, CEC Gyanesh Kumar routinely overruled the recorded dissent of fellow Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh and Vivek Joshi on at least 14 separate occasions. According to Hariprasad, critical modifications—including contentious changes to Form 6—were forced through without consensus, bypassing institutional

The FSSAI proposed a draft regulation to prohibit using the term "paneer" for non-dairy synthetic imitations, protecting consumers from deceptive market practices.

category explicitly covering "paneer made of constituents not derived from milk".

The proposed rules mandate that any food product currently registered or licensed under the 'Analogue in Dairy Context' classification must immediately drop the word "paneer" from its commercial nomenclature, product descriptions, marketing campaigns, and packaging labels.

Food business operators, hotels, cloud kitchens, and catering establishments utilizing dairy substitutes will be legally bound to provide prominent, transparent disclosures across physical menu cards, digital food aggregator listings, and display boards, ensuring buyers are fully cognizant of product composition.

Health specialists have consistently warned that regular

consumption of synthetic dairy analogues—particularly by vulnerable demographics such as children, the elderly, and individuals managing metabolic conditions like diabetes or obesity—can negatively affect dietary quality and introduce unnecessary trans fats and additives.

The regulatory tightening arrives as India's massive multi-billion-dollar dairy sector faces intense economic pressure from low-cost imitations. While authentic milk-derived paneer involves higher raw material overheads for commercial vendors, synthetic substitutes are often marketed deceptively at a fraction of the cost. Several state enforcement wings and major food delivery aggregators have already initiated strict compliance checks, penalizing establishments failing to separate genuine dairy offerings from chemical replicas.

FSSAI has made the official draft notification public, opening a mandatory 60-day window for stakeholders, consumer advocacy groups, and members of the public to submit formal objections, suggestions, or feedback before the regulation is finalized and legally enforced nationwide.



The responsibility of preserving democracy lies with the Commission, but unilateral decisions and mass voter deletions undermine the constitutional rights of citizens.

- B.K. Hariprasad, KPCC President

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Allegations of Unilateral Decisions:** The Congress leader accused the CEC of overriding dissent from fellow commissioners on 14 occasions over a ten-month period to push through controversial modifications, including changes to Form 6.
- Mass Vote Deletion Claims:** Citing sweeping removals—including 1.07 crore voters in Karnataka alongside large-scale deletions in Bihar and West Bengal—the party alleged a systematic attempt to disenfranchise minorities, Dalits, and the poor.
- Targeted Deletion Applications:** Releasing documentation concerning 65,000 deleted votes across areas like Babalashwar, Hubballi, and Dharwad, Hariprasad pointed out that the applications lacked necessary signatures, tying them to partisan requests.
- Statewide Protests Plan:** Following the initial demonstration at Freedom Park, the party will mobilize second-phase protests across all district headquarters, inviting all political entities that value constitutional democracy to participate.

checks and balances.

Highlighting specific local discrepancies, Hariprasad presented physical documentation and applications concerning 65,000 deleted votes across constituencies such as Babalashwar, Hubballi, and Dharwad, pointing out that numerous deletion requests lacked mandatory signatures. He contrasted these findings with a previously released letter by BJP MLA Abhay Patil, which allegedly requested the arbitrary deletion of 2,500 voters. The KPCC president argued that these widespread omissions were structural anomalies deliberately intro-

duced during the execution of the SIR process rather than genuine voter relocation or death.

Characterizing the actions of the poll leadership as an unconstitutional assault on national sovereignty equivalent to treason, the Congress party announced a massive state-level demonstration at Bengaluru's Freedom Park, extending invitations to all democratic entities and opposition organizations. Furthermore, the party outlined a second phase of intense protests to be staged across all district headquarters throughout Karnataka.

Deepening agrarian crisis

As crop losses mount past the ₹40,000-crore threshold and opposition parties rally behind demands for expanded compensation packages and debt relief, the state legislature remains locked in heated debates over resource allocation and disaster management.

Ashoka demanded that the government move past token compensation and implement an unconditional farm loan waiver.

The mounting political friction underscores the gravity of Karnataka's current environmental and fiscal landscape. With over 200 taluks experiencing acute drought conditions, farming households are grappling with se-

vere drinking water shortages, fodder scarcity, and insurmountable institutional debts.

While the state government has defended its fiscal allocations and indicated plans to dispatch an all-party delegation to New Delhi to press Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a formal declaration of the drought as a "national disaster," opposition leaders continue to press for immediate internal fiscal restructuring. Critics argue that instead of prioritizing populist measures or engaging in rhetorical blame games, the executive must direct comprehensive resources toward debt relief, guaranteed irrigation power supply, and sustainable employment generation under rural welfare frameworks to rescue the state's beleaguered agricultural sector from collapse.

Quick Read

Man kills son-in-law over coconut trees

CH NEWS, CHIKKAMAGALURU
A 35-year-old man was allegedly hacked to death by his father-in-law following a dispute over the felling of two coconut trees in Aladahalli Tandy of Kadur taluk. The deceased has been identified as Devaraj Naik, while the accused is his father-in-law, Raja Naik. According to reports, the two had frequently quarrelled over various issues. During a recent dispute, Devaraj allegedly cut down two coconut trees standing in Raja Naik's field. Angered by this, Raja Naik allegedly attacked Devaraj with a machete, killing him. Devaraj was married to Raja Naik's daughter. However, following marital differences, his wife had reportedly moved to Bengaluru. Panchanahalli police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

Cleanliness drive held at Muddapura Health Centre

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA
As part of the nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign running from September 17 to October 2, health authorities conducted an extensive cleanliness drive at the Muddapura Primary Health Centre on Friday. The initiative was organized jointly by the Chitradurga Taluk Health Office and local clinic personnel under the national mission slogan "Clean India, Developed India." Medical staff cleared debris from hospital grounds while educating visiting patients that maintaining spotless personal and community hygiene keeps infectious diseases at bay. Taluk Health Officer Dr. B.V. Girish, Medical Officer Dr. B. Madhukumar, and health inspectors actively participated in the sanitary drive.

Equality is core spirit of Constitution, says MLA Rai

CH NEWS, MANGALURU
Equality is the fundamental spirit of the Indian Constitution, and protecting the Constitution that guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms to citizens is the responsibility of every citizen, said Puttur MLA Ashok Kumar Rai. He was speaking after unveiling a plaque displaying the Preamble to the Constitution of India at the Mangaluru Press Club on Friday. Rai appreciated the initiative and said the media was regarded as the fourth pillar of democracy. Installing the Preamble at the Press Club was an exemplary step that would help reinforce awareness of constitutional values, he said. He stressed the importance of safeguarding the principles and rights guaranteed by the Constitution and urged citizens to uphold its spirit in their daily lives.

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BJP stages massive protest near Mangaluru Clock Tower

Mangaluru MLAs Vedavyas Kamath and Dr. Y. Bharath Shetty slammed the government's budgetary declarations and neglected rural development

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

The Dakshina Kannada District Bharatiya Janata Party staged a massive demonstration near the city's Clock Tower on Friday, accusing the ruling state government of deceiving citizens with empty promises. Addressing party workers, BJP District President Satish Kumpala alleged that despite grand official announcements claiming to fulfill public aspirations, the administration has left ordinary citizens completely empty-handed. Referring to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's recent visit to Mangaluru—where he claimed the administration builds lives without exploiting emotions—Kumpala countered that it is an ineffective and corrupt dispensation that cares neither for livelihoods nor community sentiments. He demanded that if funds are genuinely available, approved development works must begin immediately, warning that agitation will intensify otherwise.



Echoing these criticisms, Mangaluru City South MLA Vedavyas Kamath accused the government of trying to hoodwink the coastal population through inflated budgetary declarations. He asserted that local residents see through misleading propaganda and will deliver a fitting political response in due course. Meanwhile, Mangaluru City North MLA Dr. Y. Bharath Shetty criticized leadership priorities, questioning the real outcome of high-level ministerial tours and cabinet interactions when rural development remains stagnant. Former MLA Sanjeeva Matandoor also addressed the

gathering. Several prominent leaders participated, including MLC Kishore Kumar Puttur, former legislators Balakrishna Bhat and Monappa Bhandari, alongside District General Secretaries Premananda Shetty and Yathish Arvar. Senior functionaries Ravishankar Mijar, Nitin Kumar, Kavitha Sanil, Sudhir Shetty Kannur, Jayananda Anchan, Mahila Morcha President Manjula Rao, and Yuva Morcha chief Nandan Mallia joined hundreds of municipal workers. Speakers collectively resolved to continue holding public rallies across the coastal belt until the administration releases sanctioned grants and provides transparent governance for regional infrastructure.

At a Glance

- Protest Demands: The Dakshina Kannada District BJP staged a massive demonstration near the Mangaluru Clock Tower, accusing the state government of making empty promises and deceiving citizens.
- Key Allegations: Leaders criticized the administration for failing to release approved development funds, warning that agitations will intensify across the coastal belt.
- Leadership Presence: Prominent figures including MLAs Vedavyas Kamath and Dr. Y. Bharath Shetty addressed hundreds of party workers, demanding immediate implementation of regional infrastructure grants.

Rain brings relief from heat in coastal districts

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Good rainfall in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts over the past 24 hours has brought relief to residents after weeks of sweltering heat. The Meteorological Department has forecast more rain across the state, including the coastal belt, over the next four to five days. Officials attributed the change in weather to a depression formed over the Bay of Bengal, which has influenced weather conditions over the Arabian Sea region. In Dakshina Kannada, Mangaluru, Ullal, Bantwal, Dharmasthala, Konaje, Deralakatte and Surathkal received showers from Thursday morning until evening. The district had been experi-



encing intense heat for two to three weeks, with the maximum temperature reaching 33.7 degrees Celsius. Following the showers, the maximum temperature fell to 30.1 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature was recorded at 23.4 degrees Celsius. In neighbouring Udupi district, Byndoor and Kundapur taluks received the highest rainfall during the past 24

hours. Byndoor recorded 82.9 mm, followed by Kundapur with 73.9 mm. Hebri received 45.1 mm of rainfall. Other parts of the district recorded comparatively lower rainfall. Brahmapur received 14.9 mm, Udupi 3.5 mm, Karkala 2.5 mm and Kaup 0.3 mm. Several parts of Udupi received good showers on Friday morning, but the rainfall later subsided. Cloudy conditions prevailed across the district during the day. The rainfall and overcast weather brought down temperatures considerably, providing respite to residents of the two coastal districts. The forecast of continued rainfall over the coming days has also raised hopes of further relief from the prevailing heat.

Bus catches fire near petrol pump, major mishap averted

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A bus parked near a petrol pump at Dendurkutte in the limits of Manipura Gram Panchayat caught fire in the early hours of Friday, triggering concern among people in the area. The fire was noticed in the parked bus by petrol pump staff, who immediately responded and managed to extinguish the flames before they could spread. Two other buses and a tempo were parked close to the burning vehicle. With the petrol pump located nearby, the incident could have resulted in a major mishap had the flames spread to the other vehicles or the fuel station. The prompt response by the petrol pump staff helped contain the fire and prevent further damage.

Cleanliness Drive Protects Marine Ecology At Aligadda.



CH NEWS, KARWAR

Maintaining clean coastlines is a shared civic responsibility vital for preserving delicate marine ecosystems, emphasized Dr. Mahesh, senior scientist at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). Speaking during a beach cleanliness drive conducted at Aligadda Beach on Friday, he addressed volunteers participating in the ongoing 'Swachhata Hi Seva' national campaign. The initiative was organized jointly by the ICAR-CMFRI Karwar Regional Centre and the Reliance Foundation under the mission slogan "Partnership in Cleanliness; Clean India, Developed India." Dr. Mahesh pointed out that coastal zones and marine waters serve as indispensable habitats for marine biodiversity while sustaining the livelihoods of traditional fishing communities. Indiscriminate littering, non-biodegradable plastic rubbish, and abandoned syn-

thetic fishing nets severely jeopardize aquatic life and degrade maritime breeding grounds. He called for comprehensive public awareness regarding responsible waste segregation and disposal to prevent trash from choking coastal belts. Supporting the mission, CMFRI Principal Scientist Dr. Kalidas noted that systematic shoreline cleanup drives prevent toxic plastics and industrial pollutants from washing into deep oceanic currents, thereby protecting endangered marine life and delicate coral beds. Reliance Foundation Coordinator Santhosh, institute personnel, enthusiastic National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets, students from the Karwar Government Arts and Science College, and local fishermen joined forces to clear accumulated waste along the shore. The drive was coordinated by scientists Dr. Raghu Ramudu and Dr. Tanveer Hussain, concluding with a community pledge to safeguard coastal waters.

KARWAR BIDS EMOTIONAL FAREWELL TO LORD GANESHA

CH NEWS, Karwar

The immersion ceremony of public Ganesha idols worshipped for 11 days in Karwar city was held with great enthusiasm. Despite heavy rain, thousands of devotees gathered along the Arabian Sea coast to offer final prayers and bid farewell to Lord Ganesha. Grand processions carrying huge Ganesha idols moved through the city before reaching the seashore. Idols installed at prominent locations, including Maruti Galli, Subhash Circle, Kodibag and Sunker, were taken out in

colourful processions. Devotees participated with great enthusiasm as the idols were carried towards the immersion points. The use of DJs was restricted in accordance with government guidelines. However, loud music was heard at some places, where youngsters danced during the procession. Traditional musical instruments, particularly the Chende and Taala, remained a major attraction. Women dressed in traditional attire also joined the celebrations and danced to the rhythm of the traditional musical troupes.

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಮೈಸೂರು, ಹಾಸನ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಆಯುಷ್ಯಾಂ ಮಂದಿರಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು 11 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ ಮೂರನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 53.47 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳು: 1) ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 05.10.2026 ರಂದು 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. 2) ಬೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್): 06.10.2026 ರಂದು 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಬೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ (Through KPPP) <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ದಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸೂಚನೆ: 1) ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡದೆ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ / ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವ / ಬೆಂಡರ್ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 2) ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬದಲಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

DIPR/DDMYS/778/KSMCA/473/2026-27

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

No. FD 12 JS(B&R) 2026 Bengaluru, September 26, 2026

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **7.22% Karnataka SDL 2026** issued in terms of the Government of Karnataka, Finance Department Notification **No. FD 01 BMB 2016 dated October 21, 2016** will be repaid at par on **October 26, 2026** with interest due up to and including **October 25, 2026**. In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after October 26, 2026.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enforced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **7.22% Karnataka SDL 2026** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enforced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of Karnataka.

Sd/- (Dr. Gopal Krishna B)
Deputy Secretary to Government
(Budget & Resources), Finance Department

DIPR/CP/2897/Zen/2026-27

Chaluvarayaswamy assures public welfare schemes will continue

Minister pledged to deliver results for local voters, highlighting ₹10 crore in completed rural projects and a new ration shop

CH NEWS, NAGAMANGALA

Affirming his deep dedication to public service, Mandya District In-charge and Water Resources Minister N. Chaluvarayaswamy stated that his constitutional authority belongs entirely to the people. Speaking after laying foundation stones for the Maulana Azad Model School building and a post-matric minority girls' hostel at Umar Nagar near Bellur on Friday, he pledged that the Congress administration will never discontinue its popular guarantee schemes.

Addressing the energetic gathering, the minister declared that he believes in delivering tangible results rather than indulging in empty rhetoric. He recalled how

local voters placed immense trust in his leadership and helped him reach the Vidhana Soudha, promising that he will work tirelessly to repay their faith.

Highlighting ongoing rural progress, he noted that projects worth ₹10 crore had already been inaugurated in the village, adding that a long-demanded fair price ration shop will open soon to serve local residents.

Taking strong exception to bureaucratic inertia, Chaluvarayaswamy openly reprimanded officials from the Land Army Department for delaying the construction of the proposed Ambedkar Bhavan for over a year. He issued an ultimatum, telling negligent officers to execute work immediately or vacate the site. He questioned

how modifying project blueprints could take twelve months, warning that administrative delays would not be tolerated.

Following the event, the minister broke ground for a backward classes residential school near Devihalli Gate and launched fresh roadworks in Yaraganahalli. Prominent figures including DCC Bank Director Dinesh, guarantee committee president Mudalappa, community activist Shivanna, Jamia Masjid leader Suleman, and minority welfare officer Madhushree attended the ceremonies. Speakers appreciated the government's infrastructure initiatives, concluding that steady educational facilities and reliable civic roads remain crucial for rural transformation across the taluk.

AAM AADMI PARTY PROTESTS AGAINST ABOLISHING KPSC

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Aam Aadmi Party staged a spirited protest at Freedom Park, strongly opposing the state government's reported move to consider abolishing the Karnataka Public Service Commission.

Addressing the gathering, State Organizing Secretary Dr. Satish Kumar asserted that authorities must pursue stringent legal action against corrupt officials, middlemen, and fraudulent agents rather than shutting down the constitutional recruitment agency entirely.

He emphasized that government hirings must be conducted transparently through a dedicated public body, noting that talk of dismantling the commission has created panic among lakhs of young job aspirants across Karnataka. He

urged the government to launch an independent, time-bound investigation into recruitment scams while issuing clear directives to protect the future of candidates who have already appeared for competitive examinations.

Endorsing these concerns, Vice-President of the party's campaign committee Lakshmikanth Rao warned that closing down the commission would never solve the systemic problems faced by youth who dedicate years to exam preparation. He stated that the ruling administration cannot simply wash its hands of responsibility by using the commission as an excuse for broader governance failures. Demanding full accountability and administrative transparency, Rao insisted that officials consult aspirants, legal luminaries, and educa-

tion experts before taking drastic measures. He warned that weakening the recruitment framework would trigger massive statewide student demonstrations.

Protesters raised slogans demanding swift institutional reform and justice for honest candidates preparing for state employment. Prominent leaders and workers, including Prakash Nedangadi, Jagadish Chandra, Dr. Dinesh, Irshad Pasha, Manikanta, Naveen Iyer, Papanna, Umesh Gowda, Putanna Gowda, and Damodar, participated in the demonstration. Party representatives concluded that constitutional recruitment institutions must be actively protected and reformed, ensuring merit and fairness triumph over corruption for future generations.

Prakash Raj demands resignation of Gyanesh Kumar

CH NEWS, TUMAKURU

Actor and activist Prakash Raj demanded the immediate cancellation of the Special Intensive Revision process, alleging that the chaotic exercise has disenfranchised lakhs of eligible citizens across Karnataka.

Speaking at a joint press briefing hosted by the SIR Resistance Committee and progressive collectives at the Jana Chalavali Kendra on Friday, he sought the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over controversial, non-consensual modifications made to voter forms.

Raj alleged that deploying undertrained Booth Level Officers led to widespread administrative collapse, leaving approximately 1.08 crore citizens without valid voting rights. He pointed out severe anomalies across rolls, where genuine living voters disappeared while deceased individuals remained enrolled, alongside numerous deletions triggered by minor typographical errors. He questioned why ordinary citizens must endure hardship on the streets for institutional lapses, stressing that the Constitution guarantees absolute equality before the law, with no special privileges for VIPs over ordinary citizens.

Announcing a nationwide



agitation roadmap, Raj revealed that civil society movements Eddelu Karnataka and Jagruta Karnataka will conduct state-wide fact-finding tours to document operational blunders. Organizers will present detailed dossiers at a press conference in Bengaluru on September 30, followed by a national media briefing in Delhi on October 1 featuring affected leaders from multiple states. Furthermore, he declared that legal teams will initiate the process of filing an FIR against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on October 3.

Progressive groups plan to stage a massive protest rally at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on October 15, bringing together opposition parliamentarians, farmers, Dalit collectives, and labor unions. Senior activists Dorairaju, C. Yathiraju, Indira, and CITU leader Syed Mujeeb attended the briefing, vowing to fight fearlessly as a unified platform for aggrieved voters.

‘Quality and branding essential for farm exports’

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

High product quality and strategic branding are vital for agricultural goods to succeed in global export markets, stated Thimmanna Chavadi, Board of Management member at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur.

Speaking after inaugurating a specialized export training workshop organized jointly by UAS Raichur and APEDA at the Agricultural Extension Education Centre, Chavadi urged growers to follow scientific cultivation methods to secure premium international prices. He encouraged farmers to embrace integrated farming models like sericulture and fisheries alongside traditional crops.

Joint Director of Agriculture Krishnamurthy highlighted that Koppal's favorable climate and extensive Tungabhadra canal irrigation create immense opportunities for horticultural exports. He requested APEDA's technical support in building modern cold-storage facilities to preserve harvested crops. Addressing quality concerns, Joint Director of Horticulture Krishna Ukkunda revealed that although Koppal's famous 'Kesar' mango commands high export value, consignments have faced overseas rejections due to excessive pesticide residues. He demanded that APEDA set up chemical residue testing laboratories at the district's upcoming rice and horticulture parks to ensure compliance with strict international safety norms.

APEDA Development Manager Karanth B. explained the simple registration procedure for prospective exporters, noting that registered members receive three days of specialized training alongside an attractive seventy-five percent government subsidy for sorting, grading, packaging, and storage infrastructure.

Extension Leader Dr. P.R. Badari Prasad urged farmers to utilize institutional assistance, while progressive farmer Anandatirtha Pati shared practical insights on meeting rigorous food safety standards in Israel and Thailand.

Gadag forms panel for upcoming council elections

CH NEWS, GADAG

To prepare effectively for the 2026 biennial election to the Karnataka West Graduates' Constituency, the district administration has reconstituted its Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation committee.

The primary goal is to design an extensive action plan that spreads vital civic awareness and boosts democratic voter turnout across all educa-

tional institutions, workplaces, and rural communities throughout the region.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Gadag Zilla Panchayat serves as chairperson and designated nodal officer, while the District Information Officer functions as member secretary. Key panel members include deputy directors and leaders from women and child development, district health, social

welfare, backward classes and minorities, public instruction, pre-university education, and industries.

To maximize local outreach, the committee also incorporates youth coordinators, National Service Scheme leaders, the Gadag-Betageri municipal commissioner, and chief officers from town councils across Lakshmeshwar, Mundaragi, Ron, Gajendragad, Naragund, Mulgund,

Shirahatti, and Naregal.

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer C.N. Sridhar issued formal directives mandating all members perform duties strictly under Election Commission of India guidelines. The panel will conduct voter education campaigns, verify registrations, and encourage ethical polling to ensure transparent and enthusiastic democratic participation.

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DEMAND NOTICE				
Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.				
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.				
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC , within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to HDFC by the said Borrower (s) respectively.				
Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.				
Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
01	Ms. Archana N (Borrower), HDFC Bank Limited Designation: Deputy Manager, Department: Virtual RM No-188 Beml 4th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Halagevadariahalli, Rajarajeshwari nagar S.O, Bengaluru 560098. Ms. Asha N (Co-Borrower), Concentrix Daksh Services India Private Limited, Designation: Senior Sme, Department: Google Services, D-1 Manyata Tech Park, Bangalore Hebbal -Bengaluru -560048. Mr. N Ajith (Co-Borrower), 24/7 Customer Private Limited, Designation: Executive, Department: It, No.3 embassy Icon, Level2 & 3, Infantry Road -Banglore -560000. Ms. Archana N (Borrower), Mrs. Saroja N (Co-Borrower) Ms. Asha N (Co-Borrower), Mr. N Ajith (Co-Borrower) Mr. Narayana Swamy M (Co-Borrower), All are residing at: 15 Sakamma Layout, 1st Main 2nd Cross, Bnarayana Pura, Roja Provisional Store, K R Puram, Devasandra Bengaluru 560016. Also at: Plot 15, House 346, Khatta 864/117/15, Ward No 56, B Narayanapura K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560036.	Loan A/c Nos: 689854935 : Rs.51,08,851/- [Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One Only] as on 31.07.2026	17.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 28.11.2025	Plot 15, House 346, Khatta 864/117/15, Ward No 56, B Narayanapura K R Puram Hubli, Bengaluru 560036
02	Mr. Sudhindra Krishna G (Borrower), Sanjana Ceramics, Designation: Proprietor No 589, 1st Cross Maralingappa Layout, Ring Road, Bengaluru 560072 Mr. Sudhindra Krishna G (Borrower) Mrs. Veena Sudhindra K S (Co-Borrower) Both are residing at: H N 28, Krishna Nilaya, 10th Cross, Balaji Layout, Near RTO Office, Bengaluru 560072. Also at: S No 28, Sy No 83/2, Khatha No 127/128/129/130, Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru 560056.	Loan A/c Nos: 1) 622208951 Rs.9,08,871/- 2) 62208975 Rs.5,71,396/- Total Amount: Rs.14,80,267/- [Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Seven Paise Only] as on 31.07.2026	19.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.08.2025	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.28, Khata No.127/ 128/129/130, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.83/2, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring Esat to West : 40 ft, North to South: 30ft., and bounded as follows. East by Site bearing No.17, West by : Road, North by : Site No.27 South by : Site No.29. Along with any construction thereon, present and future.
03	Mr. Sri Vishnu H V (Borrower) Rootbridge Services Private Limited Designation: Social Impact Execut, Department: Sales, Employee No: 106, No 21/11, Ground Floor, Craig Park Layout, MG Road, Bangalore G.P.O, Bengaluru 560001. Also at: No 12 1st Floor, Gururaj Layout,Doddanekundi, 1st A Main 3rd Cross New, 6th Cross, Marathahalli Colony, VRR Lake View, Bengaluru 560037 Also at: KHB Kengeri Diamond, Apartment-703VILF-A, Floor-7, S No 20/2, Kengeri, Kengeri, Bengaluru, 560060.	Loan A/c Nos: 1) 680941496 : Rs.11,44,310/- 2) 681790710 : Rs.32,389/- Total Amount: Rs.11,76,699/- [Rupees Eleven Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Nine Only] as on 31.07.2026	19.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.12.2025	KHB KENGERI DIAMOND, APARTMENT-703VILF-A, FLOOR-7, S NO 20/2, KENGERI, KENGERI R, BENGALURU, 560060, KARNATAKA
04	Mr. Tumuluri Sunil (Borrower), Tata Elxsi Limited, Designation: Senior Specialist, Department: Media Communication Tata Elxsi Limited, Bhorkur, Technology Park, Mahadevapura, Diagonal, Garudacharpalya Metro, Bengaluru 560048. Mrs. Jonnalagadda Sowjanya (Co-Borrower) Infosys Limited, Designation: Project Manager Department: Project Manager, Plot No 44 Building No 50, Hosa Road, Phase-1, Bangalore 560099. Both are residing at: Flat 301vascon Fortunaa, Srvy9Beratena Aghahara, NR Hosa Road, JN Bengaluru-560100 Also at: Unit-B-729, Floor-7, Amrutha Platinum Towers Block B, S No 51, Nallurahalli Siddapura Road, Bengaluru 560066.	Loan A/c Nos: 689345903 Rs.30,60,960/- [Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Only] as on 31.07.2026	17.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 26.12.2025	AMRUTHA PLATINUM TOWERS BLOCK B, UNIT B 729, FLOOR 7, S NO 51, NALLURAHALLI , SIDDAPURA ROAD, WHITE FIELD, BENGALURU-560066 KARNATAKA
05	Mr. Punith Latha (Borrower), HDFC Bank Limited Designation: Manager, Department: Retail Branch Banking 24/3 4th Floor Hdifc House, Kasturba Road Behind, UB-City Tower, Bangalore Bazar, Bengaluru 560001. Also at: #30 Ground Floor 2nd Main, 14 Th Cross, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Ear Yoga Dental Clinic, Peenya All Stages, Malagala Main Road, Tmkur Rd Bengaluru 560091. Also at: Unit-405, Floor-3, Sai Brindavanam, S No 15/5, Muddinayapalya Village, Yeshwanthpura Hb, Giddadakonenahalli, Bengaluru 560022.	Loan A/c Nos: 1) 656539469 : Rs.41,98,419/- 2) 659355820 : Rs.11,07,736/- Total Amount Rs.53,06,155/- [Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Six Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Five Only] as on 31.07.2026	18.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 05.03.2025	SAI BRINDAVANAM UNIT 405, FLOOR 3, S NO 15 5 MUDDINAYAPALYA VILLAGE YESHWANTHPURA HB, GIDDADAKONENAHALLI, BENGALURU -560022 KARNATAKA
06	Mr. V Suresh Babu (Borrower), Bajaj Electricals Limited Designation: Asst Manager, Department: Finance Accounts Employee No: 2582, No 16Bajaj Bhavan Residency, Road Bangalore 560025. Mrs. Manjula (Co-Borrower), B.L.R. Knits Private Limited Designation: Manager HR, Department: Human Resoucyrc Employee No: 352BMS, 7th Mile Hosur Road Kudlu Gate, Bangalore 560068. Both are residing at: No 124, Jayaganga Krupa, 4th Cross, Vishupriya Nagar, Begur, Bengaluru 560068. Also at: No 17/18 15th Main, Begur Road, Next To St Francis School, Hongasandra Bangalore South, Begur, Bengaluru 560068. Also at: Flat-Sf-02, Floor-2nd, Sunningdale, Plot 193.S No 312,VP Katha, No. 773, Begur Village, Begur, Hobli, Banerghatta, Bengaluru 560076.	Loan A/c Nos: 1) 639408573 Rs.33,12,743/- 2) 640215536 Rs. 1,39,319/- Total Amount : Rs.34,52,062/- [Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Sixty Two Only] as on 31.07.2026	19.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 01.09.2025	FLAT-SF-02, FLOOR-2ND, PLOT 193, SUNNINGDALE, S NO 312, VP KATHA, NO. 773, BEGUR VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, BANERGHATTA, BENGALURU 560076
07	Mr. Srinivasa N (Borrower), Neugen Marketing Designation: Proprietor, Department: Service No 5, 1st Flr, AGS Complex, 147, Kaikondarahalli Cross, Carmelaram Po, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru 560035 Mrs. Usha Rani T P (Co-Borrower), Hobs & Knobs Designation: Office Manager, Department: Administration No 4, 12th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru 560027. Both are residing at: No 216, 2nd Floor, Banashankari Nilaya, Nanjappa Layout, Anekal, Banerghatta Road, Bengaluru 560076. Also at: Flat No 202, 1st Floor, Amresh Rose, No 42/2, Plot No 6, Arekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Tq, Bengaluru 560076.	Loan A/c Nos: 607127763 Rs.4,49,710/- [Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Only] as on 31.07.2026	19.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.10.2025	ARNEESH ROSE FLAT NO 202 1 ST FLOOR, NO 42/2, PLOT NO 6, AREKERE VILLAGE BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TQ, B T M U BENGALURU 560076 KARNATAKA
08	Mr. Tharanath A S (Borrower), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Designation: Technician, Department: Cnc Operation Engine Division Old Madras Road, Baiyappanahalli Bengaluru 560093 Mr. S A Yashwanth Kumar (Co-Borrower), Otis Elevator Co (India)Ltd Designation: Executive Construction, Department: Ind Construction Ind Construction, Langford Road, Shanthinagar Bengaluru 560027. Also at: Otis Elevator Co (India)Ltd, Designation: Se Department: Ind Construction, No. 92, Kiadb Industrial Estat, Phase -II, Jigani Industrial Area, Bengaluru 560105 Mr. Tharanath A S (Borrower), Mrs. SA Poornima Tharanath (Co-Borrower) Mr. S A Yashwanth Kumar (Co-Borrower), All are residing at: #91, Anne Gowda, Magadi Road, Byadarahalli, Bengaluru 560091 Mr. Tharanath A S (Borrower), Mrs. SA Poornima Tharanath (Co-Borrower), Mr. S A Yashwanth Kumar (Co-Borrower), Mrs. Sumithra B J (Co-Borrower), Mr. Annegowda (Co-Borrower) All are residing at: Plot 331, House Na,Village, Herohalli, Ward 72 Yeshwanthpur, Prop-143 Assesemnt No 67, Bengaluru 560022. Mrs. Sumithra B J (Co-Borrower), Mr. Annegowda (Co-Borrower), Both are residing at: 150, 4th Cross, Sathyamangala, Hassan 573201.	Loan A/c Nos: 1) 653137242 Rs.49,29,883/- 2) 661399326 Rs.14,62,869/- 3) 654509258 Rs.1,60,974/- Total Amount Rs.65,53,726 /- [Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six Only] as on 31.07.2026	19.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.11.2025	PLOT 331 HOUSE NA VILLAGE HEROHALLI WARD 72 YESHWANTHPUR PROP 143 ASSESEMNT NO 67 YESHWANTHAPURA BENGALURU MUNESHWARA LAYOUT 560002 KARNATAKA
09	Mr. Purohita Santosa Prasada (Borrower) Mindtree Limited, Designation: Project Manager Department: IT, P5 Mindtree Building global Village Tech Park, Mysore Rd, Bengaluru - 560059. Also at: Near New Bus Stand, Brahmapur Stand, Berhampur - Ganjam, Ganjam-Brahmapur, Odisha - 760001 Also at: Unit-240-Wing-5, Floor-2, Sai Silicon City Tower 5, S No 113/4, Nagondanahalli, Whitefield, Immedihalli B.O, Bengaluru, Whitefield- 560066.	Loan A/c Nos: 668211247 Rs. 56,73,553/- [Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Three Only] as on 31.07.2026	20.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 24.12.2024	UNIT-240-WING-5, FLOOR-2, SAI SILICON CITY TOWER 5, S NO 113/4, NAGONDANAHALLI, VILLAGE, K R PURAM HB, NAGONDANAHALLI, BENGALURU, 560066, KARNATAKA
10	Mr. Swamy Nayaka M D (Borrower), Vidyavardhaka Composite Pre University College, Designation: Lecturer, Department: Geography Sheshadri Iyer Road, Tilak Nagar, Mysore 570021 Also at: No 3591/1, Maruti Extension, Hunsur Town, Hunsur, Mysore 571105. Also at: Asst No 2083, Maruthi Badawane, Ward No 22, 2nd Division, Hunsure Town, Mysore H O 570001. Mr. Srinivasa (Guarantor), No.179, Sriramamandira Beedi, Belagola, Srirangapattana Taluk, Mandya District, Belagola, Srirama Temple, Mandya 571606. Mr. Srinivasa, Vidyavardhaka Composite Pre University College Designation: Lecturer, Department: Education, Sheshadri Iyer Road, Tilak Nagar, Mysore 570021.	Loan A/c Nos: 1) 610502979 : Rs.13,60,390/- 2) 619479029 : Rs.1,35,923/- 3) 638958376 : Rs. 4,87,868/- Total Amount: Rs.19,84,181/- [Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand and One Hundred and Eighty One Only] as on 31.07.2026	18.08.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 05.05.2024	Item -1: ASST NO 2083, MARUTHI BADAWANE, WARD NO 22, 2ND DIVISION,, HUNSURE TOWN, MYSORE ,DT ,R MYSORE 570001, KARNATAKA Item -2: NO-3591/1, MARUTHI EXTENSION, RATHNAPURI ROAD, NEAR, SHANESHWARA TEMPLE, MYSORE, HUNSUR 571105, KARNATAKA
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Quick Read

Kolar set for grand Ambedkar Seva convention

KOLAR
The Ambedkar Seva Samiti Karnataka will celebrate its ninth anniversary convention on September 27 at the Government Junior College grounds, announced founding president K.M. Sandesh. Speaking at a press conference, Sandesh stated that over nine years of activism, the organization has fought thousands of battles for exploited families, securing over 5,000 acres of land for marginalized communities. Celebrations will begin at Bangarpet Circle with tributes to Dr. Ambedkar, followed by a procession honoring Maharshi Valmiki. A special helicopter will shower fresh flowers on Ambedkar's statue near the main stage. Leaders Chinnapura Anil and Bhatrahalli Naveen attended the press meet.

Dalit leader criticizes former lawmaker Pratap Simha

KALABURAGI
Dalit activist Surinvas Bannakki strongly criticized former Parliamentarian Pratap Simha, describing him as an unemployed politician seeking cheap publicity through controversial remarks. Issuing a public statement, Bannakki condemned Simha's recent claim that Dalit groups stage demonstrations wearing blue scarves without reading Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's literature. Bannakki stressed that community organizations work ceaselessly across India to spread constitutional principles, Ambedkarite ideology, and social justice. He stated that making disparaging remarks against dedicated reform bodies is unacceptable. Bannakki concluded that the former lawmaker spoke out of pure ignorance, having completely failed to understand the sacred significance behind the color blue or community sentiments.

Aneundi to host vibrant World Tourism Day celebrations

KOPPAL
The Koppal district-level World Tourism Day celebration will take place at the historic town of Aneundi in Gangavathi Taluk on September 29, announced Deputy Commissioner Dr. Suresh B. Itnal. As the ancient first capital of the Vijayanagara Empire, Aneundi provides an ideal backdrop to spotlight modern digital innovation, artificial intelligence, and sustainable eco-friendly tourism practices across the heritage circuit. A major highlight of the festival includes an energetic public cycling rally starting from scenic Anjanadri Hill and concluding at the historic Gagan Mahal. Local cycling enthusiasts, students, and tourists can join the morning ride by submitting free online registration forms.

PARENTS EXPRESS SEVERE ANGER OVER DELAYED SCHOOL SHOES

Malingaraya Pujar CH NEWS
The ambitious Vidya Vikas Yojana to supply free footwear to government school pupils has completely broken down across the taluk. A clear failure exists at the Government Higher Primary School in Haripura, Shirahatti. Although the previous academic session concluded months ago and Dussehra holidays are fast approaching, eligible children

have still not received the footwear promised for last year. This delay has triggered widespread fury among local parents. Administrative paralysis began when former headmaster H.M. Jalihal was transferred elsewhere in June. Department regulations require departing heads to transfer school responsibilities, financial accounts, and institutional files immediately to a successor. Jalihal, however, failed to return to hand over charge. Consequently,

daily school administration has frozen. Current staff and Cluster Resource Persons remain helpless, while bank accounts stay inaccessible, preventing authorities from releasing funds to distribute the footwear. Most students at Haripura are children of impoverished agricultural laborers who cannot afford basic footwear. Left without support, vulnerable children walk to classes barefoot or in torn slippers beneath the blazing sun.

is essential for leading a purposeful and peaceful existence. District Legal Services Authority Member Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Savita P.R. noted that the valedictory session marked only the start of the students' legal journey. Describing law as an empowering instrument for the public, she advised young entrants to listen attentively to grassroots grievances and uphold statutory ethics. She observed that while adjudicating cases presents tough challenges, securing justice for disadvantaged individuals brings unparalleled professional gratification.

New high-mast light illuminates Kadagattur Village

CH NEWS, KOLAR
Doddavallabhi Lakshmanagowda, president of the LG Foundation and a dedicated local social worker, officially performed the groundbreaking ceremony to install a high-mast light in Kadagattur village. The entire development project is fully funded by the foundation. Speaking to the gathered crowd, Lakshmanagowda said lighting a lamp at any event represents genuine development. He emphasized that people must change their mindset and avoid using

dirty politics for selfish gains. True village progress happens only when everyone stands together in complete harmony. He explained that social service and public life are linked, offering to serve as a reliable bridge between citizens and government welfare schemes. Supporting these efforts, JDS leader CMR Srinath commended Lakshmanagowda for spending personal money to help the local community. Srinath noted that national development depends strictly on uplifting rural areas first. He also raised urgent concerns

about the severe drought facing the district. Due to scarce rainfall and frequent power cuts, farmers are suffering huge losses. He demanded that authorities immediately establish fodder banks and provide uninterrupted electricity for agricultural work. Speakers affirmed that electoral defeats will never stop them from standing beside rural families during hard times. Several community leaders, town panchayat members, and local villagers attended the lively gathering to express their sincere gratitude.

KOPPAL
Healthcare is fundamentally a life-saving social service rather than a business for making profit, so pharmacists must never compromise on professional ethics, advised Additional Deputy Commissioner Sidrameshwara. He spoke while inaugurating World Pharmacist Day celebrations and the district-level Best Pharmacist award ceremony at the District Administration Bhavan auditorium on Friday. Organizers observed the global theme, "Empowering Pharmacists for a Healthy Future," urging professionals to embrace digital tools and continuous research. Stressing the delicate nature of medical dispensing, Sidrameshwara noted that a single careless error harms the reputation of the entire fraternity.

Koppal City Police Inspector Suresh stated that if doctors resemble God, pharmacists act as distributors of divine offerings. He cautioned against youth substance abuse, asking chemists to report suspicious, bulk purchases of cough syrups or sleeping tablets. He highlighted the state's "Byada Bro" campaign, which works to protect youths from addictive peer pressures. Assistant Drug Controller Venkatesh Rathod honored Professor Mahadev Lal Schroff as the father of Indian pharmacy education, recalling the heroic sacrifices made by pharmacists as front-line Covid warriors. He warned against growing antibiotic resistance, reminding retailers that the Drugs and Cosmetics Act strictly forbids dispensing scheduled drugs on plain slips without valid medical practitioner registration details and authorized signatures.



During the commemorative event, authorities presented prestigious district awards to five outstanding pharmacists and formally felicitated 125 senior practitioners who dedicated over twenty-five years of service to public healthcare. Senior Civil Judge Mahantesh Daragad, Assistant Commissioner Mehboob Jilan, District Health Officer Dr. Eshwar Savadi, alongside chemist association leaders Suresh Morageri, Kotrappa Korlalli, Ashokaswamy Her-

HIGHLIGHTS

- Healthcare Emphasized As Life-Saving Social Service
- World Pharmacist Day Celebrations Held Locally
- Pharmacists Urged To Report Suspicious Bulk Sales
- Strict Compliance With Drug Acts Enforced
- Five Outstanding District Pharmacists Honored
- One Hundred Twenty Five Senior Practitioners Felicitated

ur, and pharmacy students attended the program, resolving to maintain high ethical standards and improve patient wellness throughout the district.

Solur Rural Cooperative Society unveils new building

MAGADI
A modern administrative building built at an estimated cost of ₹1.50 crore will officially open on November 20, announced S. Chandrashekarayya, President of the Solur Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Rural Cooperative Society.

Addressing members during the Annual General Meeting for the 2025-26 fiscal term, he recalled that although the institution was originally founded in 1949, it remained defunct for forty-two years. Sixteen years ago, local leaders revived operations overnight, transforming the society into a vibrant, solvent organization that generated ₹4.42 lakh in net profit this year. Chandrashekarayya noted that ₹8.50 crore in agricultural loans had been distributed, alongside ₹40 lakh lent to local merchants at a concessional one percent interest rate. Construction funding comprised a ₹45 lakh composite advance from the BIDCC Bank, ₹13 lakh in farmer contributions, ₹1 lakh from Apex Bank, personal donations, and legislative constituency grants totaling ₹20 lakh from local lawmakers. While ₹30 lakh is still needed, the society plans to expand into gold, vehicle, and housing loans, while operating a commercial fertilizer dealership. Taking the stage, former Zilla Panchayat member Shivarudrayya urged the board to insure ragi crops and firmly admonished administrative staff for lax loan recovery. Highlighting accessible credit



At a Glance

- Infrastructure Milestone: The Solur Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Rural Cooperative Society announced the November 20 inauguration of its new ₹1.50 crore building.
- Financial Performance: The society highlighted strong metrics, including ₹8.50 crore in crop loans disbursed, ₹5.14 crore in general loans, and a net profit of ₹4.42 lakh.
- Future Schemes: Leaders outlined plans for ₹62 lakh in newly sanctioned loans, low-interest livestock rearing loans, and expanded fertilizer sales.

avenues, speakers pointed out that livestock shed loans up to ₹30 lakh remain available at a subsidized three percent interest rate. BIDCC Bank supervisor Jagadish reminded personnel to maintain regular daily attendance, display beneficiary schemes clearly on office noticeboards, and issue formal identity cards to all members. Board directors, including Vice President Chikkanna, Noorulla Baig, and several farmers, attended the lively gathering, expressing confidence that expanded rural credit will steadily uplift local agricultural households.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the below mentioned work.
Providing Security Services for CBAB Complex, Cauvery Bhavana, Bengaluru for the year of 2026-27. **Work Indent & IFT No.** KHB/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT 795 & IFT No. 57/2026-27 Date: 22.09.2026.
Amount put to tender : Rs. 38,96,405/-
Last date for submission of bid: 06.10.2026 up to 4 PM
For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511, Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2955/AKAR/2026-27

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-2,
Dasarahalli Division, MEI Layout, Hesarghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560073.

No: BNCC/EE/DD/TEND/14/2026-27 **Date: 25-09-2026**
INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Single cover System/ Service Tender) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, Zone-2, BNCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Jalahalli ward no.60. Call-2. (SC) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 21.18, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 25,000/-
2	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in HMT ward no.61. Call-2 (ST) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 21.18, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 25,000/-
3	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Brundavana Nagara ward no.62. Call-2 (Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 21.18, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 50,000/-
4	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in JP Park ward no.63. Call-2 (Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 21.18, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 50,000/-
5	Annual Maintenance of SWD in Part of RR Nagar Constituency (BNCC Limits) for the year 2026-27. Call-2 (Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.87, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 67,800/-

Service Tender

Sl. No.	Name of The Service
1	Operation, supervision and maintenance of Badminton Court in Ward No.17, J.P Park Rajarajeshwarinagara Constituency.. Call-3 - EMD Amount (in Rs.): 57,500/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from **30-09-2026**. 2) Last Date for the submission for the tender Query is **01.10.2026 before 16:30 hours** 3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **03.10.2026 at 11:30 Hrs in the office of the Chief Engineer, Zone-2, BNCC, Bangalore** 4) Tenders must be Submitted online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or before **16.00 Hours, on 09-10-2026**. 5) Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> at the **Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BNCC on 10-10-2026 at 16:30 Hours**. 6) Financial Bids will be Opened on the Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> at the **Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BNCC on 12.10.2026 at 16:30 Hours** (if Possible). Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Dasarahalli Division, Zone-2, BNCC.

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/452/26-27
dt. 25.09.2026

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
DAVANAGERE DIVISION, DAVANAGERE.

No.EE:PWD:Dvg/AE-3:IFT-23:2026-27 **Dated:- 24.09.2026**

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref : This office tender notification No. IFT-23/2026-27 dated : 24.09.2026.
The works under Head of Account 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCCL 1 Work, amount of Rs.200.00 lakhs pertaining to Honnali sub division under the Jurisdiction of PWD, Davanagere division, has been called for the tenders from registered Contractors in KPWD for the above works through KPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules. **W.I. 36830 (Call-3)**
Tender dates are as mentioned below: (1) Last Date & time for tender queries Date 24.09.2026 Timing 4.00 P.M.
(2) Prebid meeting held : office of Executive engineer, PWD division, Davanagere. Date : 28.09.2026 Timing 11.00 A.M.
(3) Last Date & time for receipt of tenders Date : 01.10.2026 Timing 4.00 P.M. (4) Date & time for opening of Technical Bid : Date : 03.10.2026 Timing 4.30 P.M.
Further details can be obtained from this office in office hours.

DIPR/DVG/KSMCA/356/2026-27

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Davanagere.

Government of Karnataka
Infrastructure Development
Ports and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
office of the Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Baithkol, Karwar - 581302

No.PIWT-72/ WKS-II /2021 **Dated: 23.09.2026**
(KMB/Tech/WKS/66/2025-PRTE (E-275392))

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE (CALL-2) (Only in E-Procurement) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, tender is invited in E-Procurement (KPPP Portal) to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-Procurement, and for more information visit (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp>) website. For further Extension, if any refer above mentioned website, no separate paper notification will be issued.
Name of work: (1) Ro-Ro Ferry - Design, construction, supply and commissioning of Steel LCT/Vessel double ended Ro-Ro Ferry for Kankanawadi - Nadugudde in Jamkhandi Taluk of Bagalkot District. (Indent No. IDD/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT248/CALL-2) Amount put to tender (Excl. GST) (in Rs.): 3,67,55,700.00, EMD (In Rs.): 5,51,500.00 (E-Payment Only). Last date for Queries/ Clarification: 29.09.2026 @ 17.30 hours, Last Date of receipt of Tender: 01.10.2026 @ 17.30 hours
For further details and general enquiries, prospective bidders may contact the undersigned office (phone No.: 08382-221035/221494 and E-mail: piwtdev.wks@gmail.com) during working hours.

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/452/26-27
dt. 25.09.2026

Sd/- Port Engineer
Karnataka Maritime Board Karwar

Quick Read

Not just political parties, common people too doubtful: SS-UBT on SIR

New Delhi
Amid the controversies surrounding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, Shiv Sena-UBT leader Priyanka Chaturvedi on Friday said that, keeping aside what the opposition leaders are saying, even common people are raising questions about the SIR process. Speaking on opposition parties preparing to bring an impeachment motion against CEC Gyanesh Kumar, she said, "Political parties are one side. People are now beginning to wonder whether our vote is authorised, and after being authorised, whether it is valid."

Telangana To Unveil Manmohan Singh Statue

HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will unveil a bronze statue of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Hyderabad on Saturday, marking his birth anniversary. The statue has been installed at Wipro Circle in Gachibowli, an important information technology hub in the city. Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnampallabharathi inspected arrangements for the unveiling ceremony on Friday and recalled Singh's contribution to India's economic development and public life. Prabhakar described the statue as more than a memorial, saying it would serve as a reminder to future generations of Singh's role in nation-building, economic policy and public service.

The minister highlighted Singh's role as Finance Minister in 1991, when major economic reforms were initiated. He also recalled Singh's tenure as Prime Minister from 2004 to 2014, during which programmes and legislation including the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme,



Right to Information Act and Right to Education Act were implemented. Prabhakar, who served as a Member of Parliament during Singh's premiership, said working under his guidance was a matter of pride. He recalled Singh's support for development initiatives in the Karimnagar parliamentary constituency.

The minister also highlighted Singh's role in the creation of Telangana. The state government has previously moved to expedite construction of the former prime minister's statue and the associated junction in the Cyberabad area.

Prabhakar said the former prime minister's contribution to the formation of Telangana would remain significant. The process began with the Centre's decision in 2009 and culminated in the state's formation

MANMOHAN SINGH'S LEGACY

- Served as Prime Minister from 2004 to 2014,
- Initiated major economic reforms as Finance Minister in 1991,
- Associated with MGNREGA, RTI and Right to Education legislation,
- Played a central role in the Telangana statehood process, according to Telangana government statements,
- Bronze statue installed at Wipro Circle, Gachibowli.

in 2014 through the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act.

"This statue is not merely a memorial but an enduring symbol that will remind future generations of Dr. Manmohan Singh's role in nation-building," - Ponnampallabharathi (Hyderabad In-charge Minister)

"Dr. Manmohan Singh's name will remain etched in Indian history as a globally respected economist and leader," - Ponnampallabharathi (Hyderabad In-charge Minister).

Shiv Sena (UBT) in 'Saamana' demands drought declaration in Maharashtra

MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray on Friday said that Maharashtra is grappling with an unprecedented and devastating drought, as rainless conditions during the peak monsoon season have decimated crops across vast stretches of Marathwada, Western Maharashtra, and Vidarbha.

Highlighting the severe distress among the farming community, the Thackeray camp in the party's mouthpiece, "Saamana", has urged the state government to bypass bureaucratic norms, open state coffers unconditionally, and declare an immediate drought emergency.

Driven by the severe effects of the 'El Niño' phenomenon, regions including Solapur, Ahilyanagar, and several districts across Marathwada and Western Vidarbha have gone



weeks -- and in some places up to two months -- without a single drop of rain. Standing crops of soybean, cotton, tur, moong, urad, sorghum, and maize have dried up and withered.

Even farmers with access to wells or irrigation facilities expect a yield drop of 50 per cent to 70 per cent, while rain-dependent dryland farmers have faced total crop loss, said the editorial.

According to the editorial, the crisis is set to hit both the Kharif and upcoming Rabi seasons. With wells, ponds, and borewells drying up pre-

maturely in the middle of the rainy season, farmers are left with no water for the next sowing cycle, threatening a complete loss of yearly livelihood.

The editorial took sharp aim at the state leadership for delaying action. Comparing Maharashtra to neighbouring Karnataka -- which officially declared a drought and initiated relief measures weeks ago -- it criticised the Chief Minister and ministers for waiting for the returning monsoon rather than taking decisive action.

"Though the Chief Minister and government officials have recently begun visiting farm boundaries to assess the ground reality, formal surveys, spot inspections (panchnamas), and ministerial review meetings should not delay immediate relief," remarked the Thackeray camp.



covering areas including agriculture, irrigation, transportation and urban management. Young people from Assam, the Northeast and other parts of India have been invited to develop

workable models addressing these issues.

The Chief Minister said the objective was to encourage the younger generation to develop scientific models demonstrat-

Heavy Rain Triggers Flood Threat in Odisha

BHUBANESHWAR

A depression over South Odisha continued to bring heavy rainfall across several parts of the state, triggering flood-like conditions, disrupting road communication and causing rivers to rise in several districts.

The weather system is weakening over land and is likely to weaken further during the next 12 hours. However, heavy rainfall is expected to continue in vulnerable areas, particularly across southern districts.

In Malkangiri, several major bridges and roads have been submerged, disrupting connectivity with neighbouring districts and Andhra Pradesh.



A weakening depression over South Odisha continues to trigger heavy rain, flooding and major road disruptions across southern districts.

Water is flowing over bridges along National Highway 326, while landslides and uprooted trees have added to the disruption. Disaster response teams have been deployed to clear blocked roads and restore communication. Rivers across south Odisha

are rising amid incessant rainfall. Five sluice gates of the Indravati Dam have been opened to release excess water and manage rising water levels.

Several low-lying areas in north Odisha are also facing the threat of flooding as rivers continue to swell. The government has said there is no immediate threat from the Brahmani and Mahanadi rivers.

However, the Budhabalanga, Bansadhara, Naluha and Rushikulya rivers are in spate.

Weather Situation:	
■ Depression weakening over land,	
■ Heavy rain forecast in Malkangiri, Koraput and Kalahandi,	
■ Bansadhara above danger level at Kashinagar,	
■ Five Indravati Dam sluice gates opened,	
■ NH-326 affected by overflowing water.	

The Bansadhara river has crossed the danger level at Kashinagar, raising concerns in downstream areas. The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall in Malkangiri, Koraput and Kalahandi. Authorities are monitoring vulnerable areas while response teams remain engaged in clearing roads and managing the impact of the continuing rainfall.

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Vice President Pays Tribute to Deendayal Upadhyaya on his birth anniversary

NEW DELHI

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan paid floral tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at Uprashtrapati Bhawan on his birth anniversary, remembering his contributions to the nation and his philosophy of public service.

In a social media post, the Vice President described Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya as a prominent thinker and social reformer who dedicated his life to serving the country. He highlighted Upadhyaya's commitment to the welfare of society and his efforts to develop an approach to nation-building rooted in Indian philosophical traditions.

Mr Radhakrishnan particularly recalled Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's advocacy of Integral Humanism, a philosophy that sought to view the individual, society and nation as interconnected elements of a harmonious social framework. The philosophy emphasised the importance of balancing material development with social, cultural and human values.

The Vice President said Upadhyaya placed the nation and service to the country above his personal interests. He remembered the leader for his simple lifestyle, dedication



and commitment to selfless public service.

The birth anniversary observance provided an occasion to recall Upadhyaya's role in India's political and intellectual history. His ideas, particularly Integral Humanism, have remained an important part of discussions surrounding Indian political thought and social development.

The Vice President's tribute also underlined the values of dedication and service associated with Upadhyaya's public life. He recalled how Upadhyaya devoted himself to the larger national cause while maintaining a life marked by simplicity and discipline.

By paying floral tributes, Mr Radhakrishnan honoured the memory of a figure whose writings and ideas sought to connect national development with Indian traditions and social values. The Vice President said that Upadhyaya's life continues to be remembered for his dedication to the nation and his commitment to public service.

Couple thanks Jagan Reddy for daughter's treatment under YSR Aarogyasri

VIJAYAWADA

A couple met former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, at Gannavaram Airport and thanked him for their daughter's treatment under YSR Aarogyasri scheme when the YSRCP was in power.

Maresh and Vineela from Korlagunta in the Nuzvid constituency met Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy at the airport. They came with their daughter, Dhansika, to thank him for the medical care she received under YSR Aarogyasri.

The parents said Dhansika became seriously ill in 2019, when she was just two months old. Soon after Y.S. Jagan took office as Chief Minister, she underwent a critical brain neurosurgery free of cost under the YSR Aarogyasri at Ashram Hospital in Eluru.

She recovered after the treatment and has been growing up healthy, they said. Maresh and Vineela told YS Jagan that they would never forget the help their family received. They had come to the airport specifically to express their gratitude.

Y.S. Jagan warmly greeted Dhansika and asked her parents about her health. He encouraged her to study well and



gave her his blessings. At the family's request, he also took a selfie with them. The family said they would always remember the medical support that helped their daughter recover.

Meanwhile, YSRCP spokesperson and former MP, Gorantla Madhav, accused the TDP-led coalition government of betraying the unemployed.

He criticised the Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu government for issuing a notification for only 1,600 Police Constable posts. Speaking at the party's central office at Tadepalli, he said Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha had earlier told the Assembly that 20,000 Constable posts were vacant as of December 2023. The government must explain the gap, he said.

Madhav said the previous government headed by the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government began recruitment for 6,511 police posts, including 6,100 Constables and 411 Sub-Inspectors.

RBI compounds FEMA violations in Master Talent Eduservices case

NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a compounding order in the case of Master Talent Eduservices Private Limited's violations of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), which has resulted in the closure of the Enforcement Directorate's investigation against the company with a one-time payment of Rs 1.77 lakh, according to a statement issued by the financial crimes probe agency on Friday.

The RBI issued the compounding order dated September 17, under Section 15 of the Foreign Exchange Management

Act, on the basis of a no-objection issued by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED).

In this case, based on the credible information received, an investigation was taken up by ED under the provisions of FEMA related to contraventions for which compounding has been done. These include delay in reporting of foreign inward remittance in the Advance Remittance Form (ARF), in contravention of FEMA norms. The sum involved in contravention amounts to Rs 6.23 crore.

There was also a delay in reporting foreign inward remittance in ARF, in which the sum involved amounts to Rs 6.82 crore.

GST Council Not Likely To Go In For Rate Changes In Oct 7 Meeting

New Delhi
No major GST rate changes are expected at the next GST Council meeting on October 7, with the panel likely to focus instead on “process reforms” and the implementation of the recently undertaken rate rationalisation, according to Finance Ministry sources. The Council is expected to review how the GST rate changes have been implemented over the past year, with the focus likely to be on ironing out implementation issues and taking stock of the impact of the rate rationalisation rather than going in for a broad-based round of rate cuts.

Rahul Gandhi Uneasy As Akhilesh Makes Inroads Into Cong Vote Bank: BJP

Ayodhya
As Samajwadi Party (SP) Chief Akhilesh Yadav began his campaign for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections from Raebareilly, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said that the Rath Yatra could start from anywhere, even from someone’s home, but claimed that Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi was also uneasy as the SP Chief was making inroads into whatever little vote bank the grand old party had left in the state BJP MP Ravi Kishan said, “The Rath can start from anywhere, even from someone’s home, but everyone feels that Rahul Gandhi ji has also become uneasy because Akhilesh Yadav ji is making inroads into whatever little Congress vote bank remains.

Gujarat CM Pays Tribute to Upadhyaya

AHMEDABAD
Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Friday paid floral tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya on his birth anniversary at Anupam Bridge in Ahmedabad’s Kankaria area. Patel offered flowers at the statue of the former Bharatiya Jana Sangh leader during a ceremony attended by Energy and District In-charge Minister Rushikesh Patel and Minister of State for Urban Development Darshna Vaghela. Ahmedabad Mayor Hitesh Barot, former minister Brijesh Merja, MP Dinesh Makwana, BJP city president Prerak Shah and several MLAs were among those present. Deputy Mayor Anju Shah, Standing



Committee Chairman Kamlesh Patel, Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner Banchhanidhi Pani, corporators and municipal officials also attended the programme. Upadhyaya was born on September 25, 1916, and served as president of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh from 1967 until his death in 1968. He was a prominent political leader and one of the key pro-

ponents of the philosophy of integral humanism. His political thought also placed emphasis on Antyodaya, referring to the upliftment of people at the lowest rung of society. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid tribute to Upadhyaya on Friday and recalled his emphasis on Antyodaya, describing the principle as an inspiration for public welfare and national progress. Later in the day, Patel participated in the 12th phase of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation’s Seva Setu programme across the South, East, Central and North zones. The programme provided citizens with access to government scheme benefits, certificates and various forms of assistance.

Women Wrestlers Appeal Against Brij Bhushan Singh’s Acquittal

NEW DELHI
Four women wrestlers have challenged before a sessions court, the acquittal of former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) President, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and former WFI Assistant Secretary Vinod Tomar, in the alleged sexual harassment and intimidation case. The appeal has been filed be-

fore the Rouse Avenue Court, challenging the August 3 judgment of the trial court that acquitted Singh and Tomar after holding that the prosecution had failed to establish the charges beyond reasonable doubt. The sessions court is likely to hear the appeal on Friday. In their appeal, the women wrestlers have contended that the trial court’s judgment is not sus-

tainable in law and that the evidence was assessed incorrectly. The appeal also seeks to overturn the acquittal of Tomar, who was facing trial under Section 506 Part I of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in relation to allegations made by one of the complainants. Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Ashwini Panwar of the Rouse Avenue

Courts had, on August 3, acquitted Brij Bhushan and Tomar, holding that the prosecution failed to establish the charges beyond reasonable doubt. The case dates back to January 2023, when wrestlers, including Olympians Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, launched a protest at Jantar Mantar, accusing Brij Bhushan of sexual exploitation

and intimidation. The wrestlers had demanded the BJP leader’s resignation as WFI chief and sought the dissolution of the federation. Following a complaint to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President, P.T. Usha, an enquiry committee comprising eminent sportspersons, including Mary Kom and Yogeshwar Dutt, was constituted.

MATHADI WORKERS WELFARE

Fadnavis Rules Out Mathadi Act Repeal



force and be strengthened further. The Maharashtra government’s Labour Department describes the Mathadi framework as a system aimed at regulating employment and providing welfare benefits to unorganised manual workers.

Fadnavis also announced that around 3,000 Mathadi workers would receive homes under the Wadala housing project. He said necessary approvals and Floor Space Index requirements had been cleared, allowing the project to move forward.

He further outlined plans to redevelop the Vashi APMC market, which has operated for around five decades, with a long-term vision covering the next 50 years. The proposed redevelopment is intended to create a modern market while expanding employment opportunities for Mathadi workers. The Chief Minister said the government had initiated the empowerment and restructuring of Mathadi Boards across Maharashtra. Independent audits will be undertaken to improve transparency and address pending matters involving wages, provident fund, gratuity, bonus, house rent allowance and acci-

dent compensation. He also warned against unauthorised groups operating in the name of the labour movement and said a meeting with labour leaders and officials would be held to consider action against such elements. “Mathadi law will not be allowed to end; it will remain and be strengthened further.” - Devendra Fadnavis (Chief Minister of Maharashtra) “To curb unauthorised elements and protect genuine labourers, a high-level meeting with labour leaders and officials will be convened soon.” - Devendra Fadnavis (Chief Minister of Maharashtra)

MP Revives Public Bus Service After 21 Years

Madhya Pradesh has revived organised public bus services after two decades, launching 351 buses across seven cities while Chief Minister Mohan Yadav targeted Congress over their saffron colour.

BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday launched the Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Seva in Bhopal, marking the revival of organised state-backed public bus services after more than two decades. The first phase will see 351 buses operating across seven cities, with 120 assigned to inter-city routes and 231 to intra-city services.



tivity across urban and rural areas. The government has set a target of operating 1,500 buses in the first year, with a broader long-term target of

MP CM launched the Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Seva:
■ 351 buses launched in the first phase,
■ 120 inter-city, 231 intra-city services,
■ Network initially covers seven cities,
■ Government targets 1,500 buses in the first year,
■ Long-term target of 15,000 buses by 2031,
■ Yadav accused Congress of shutting down the earlier state transport corporation,
■ CM linked the launch to the BJP’s 2023 election commitment.

15,000 buses by 2031. During the launch, Yadav also targeted

the Congress over the saffron colour of the newly introduced

buses. He questioned the opposition’s concern over the colour and used a sharp political metaphor, saying the sight of the buses would be like “a snake crawling on the Congress’ chest”. Yadav accused previous Congress governments of deliberately shutting down the state transport corporation. He described its revival as an important step towards fulfilling the BJP’s 2023 election commitment. The Chief Minister said the new service would improve

connectivity between cities, towns and other parts of Madhya Pradesh, while also allowing services to operate outside the state when required. He also highlighted the state government’s infrastructure claims, including the construction of more than five lakh kilometres of roads, while crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari with expansion of the national highway network.

MMDR Amendment row continues to disrupt Odisha Assembly

BHUBANESWAR

Opposition protests against the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026, continued to disrupt proceedings in the Odisha Assembly on Friday, the fourth consecutive day of the monsoon session. On Friday, Question Hour could continue for only four to five minutes amid a massive uproar by legislators of the Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Congress over the MMDR Amendment Act in the House. Subsequently, the continued pandemonium prompted Deputy Speaker Bhabani Shankar Bhoi to adjourn the House till 4 p.m. on Friday. Speaking to media persons outside the House, Leader of Opposition and BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik criticised the ruling BJP MPs in the Lok Sabha for not raising any objections to the MMDR Amendment Act in Parliament. “As far as the MMDR Amendment Act is concerned, why blame others, when 20 BJP Lok Sabha MPs from Odisha supported this bill in the

Parliament. “We in the BJD will take this up strongly with the state government to pause and see that it is revised thoroughly,” noted Patnaik. He further added that, in its current form, the Act would result in a significant loss of revenue for the state. Meanwhile, after the house adjourned, the BJD MLAs marched to the AG Squ are in Bhubaneswar and distributed leaflets to people there on the MMDR Amendment Act. Speaking to media persons, senior Congress leader Tara Prasad Bahinipati targeted the BJP-led Union government, alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has snatched away the rights of the state. He also stated that the Congress party will continue its protest against the MMDR Amendment Act passed in Parliament recently. Bahinipati said, “If Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi wants to run the House, we urge him to bring legislation in the Assembly stating that the MMDR Amendment Act passed by Parliament will not be implemented in Odisha.”

SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that restoration of infrastructure damaged by flash floods and cloudbursts is underway across the Union Territory, with permanent works being taken up in affected districts. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, replying on behalf of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to a question raised by MLA Shakti Raj Parihar, said roads and water supply schemes damaged during 2025-26 had been temporarily restored. Permanent restoration work on these assets is now in progress. He said infrastructure affected during 2026-27 had also been partially restored, while



permanent works were underway across all affected districts. The government is providing financial assistance to affected people according to norms under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). However, Choudhary clarified that no special or separate relief package has

been sanctioned specifically for rehabilitation following the natural calamities. Additional assistance has been provided through the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund to families whose residential structures suffered damage. In Kishtwar, after the 2025-26 cloudburst at Chishoti, Rs 1 lakh each was provided to 16 families whose houses were completely damaged. Three families with partially damaged houses received Rs 25,000 each. For 2026-27, Rs 108 lakh was released in Poonch

for 87 beneficiaries whose structures were damaged. In Rajouri, Rs 281 lakh was released for 377 beneficiaries facing structural damage. The government said it would continue efforts to restore essential infrastructure and expedite permanent works in areas affected by natural disasters. “The government remains committed to ensuring timely restoration of essential infrastructure, extending admissible relief to affected families, and expediting permanent restoration works.” - Surinder Choudhary (Deputy Chief Minister, Jammu and Kashmir) Relief released: Rs 108 lakh for 87 beneficiaries in Poonch; Rs 281 lakh for 377 beneficiaries in Rajouri.

Uttarakhand CM defends ECI over dissent row

HALDWANI

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Friday came out in support of the Election Commission of India (ECI) amid reports of differences within the poll panel, saying that everyone is free to express their opinion and that it need not be “portrayed as something seriously wrong”. Speaking to reporters in Uttarakhand’s Haldwani, CM Dhami said: “There is a procedure in every office, and everyone has their own views. Ultimately, the decision is a collective one. It is not that someone is doing something wrong, while someone else is doing something right.” “All officials record their comments (in a government establishment). This happens in all departments and even at the Secretariat. A section officer makes a comment, followed by remarks from the Under Secretary, Additional Secretary and Secretary, and by the time it

reaches the Chief Secretary, there are several comments. Ultimately, a decision is taken based on what is considered right,” he stated. The Chief Minister further said: “Therefore, I don’t think there is any major issue here that needs to be unnecessarily portrayed as something seriously wrong. Ultimately, everyone’s views are taken into consideration, and everyone is free to express their opinion.” CM Dhami’s reaction comes days after a media report triggered a row by claiming that two Election Commissioners had “objected on record” to several decisions taken by the poll panel, allegedly without their knowledge. A day before, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the BJP-led Centre, suggesting that Kumar should resign and rather turn “approver” in the alleged “stealing” of votes.

Kerala HC tightens rules on photography, video recording

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala High Court has put in place comprehensive guidelines regulating photography, videography, and live streaming within its premises, restricting such activities without prior permission and prescribing action against advocates, court staff, media personnel, and visitors who violate the rules. The General Guidelines for the Regulation of Photography, Videography and Live Streaming in the High Court Premises seek to ensure security, privacy, decorum, and the smooth functioning of the court. Under the guidelines, photography, videography, and live streaming are prohibited within the High Court premises unless specifically permitted under separate provisions governing the use of designated facilities such as the auditorium and banquet hall for special events. The Registrar General, or an officer authorised by the Chief Justice, can grant permission in appropriate cases. The guidelines also prohibit the uploading, publishing, circulation, or dissemination through social media or other electronic platforms of photographs, videos or live streams recorded within the High Court premises without prior permis-



sion. A complete ban has been imposed on photography, videography, and live streaming inside court halls, judges’ chambers, Registry offices and sections, record rooms, security control rooms, server rooms, and other restricted or secured areas. An exception can be made for officially authorised purposes. Photography, videography and live streaming undertaken for official purposes can only be carried out by personnel or agencies authorised by the Registry. Such material is to be used only for official purposes and cannot be disseminated without approval. The guidelines also specifically regulate media coverage of official functions and other events. Print, electronic, and digital media organisations will have to obtain permission from the Registrar General or an officer authorised by the Chief Justice. Media personnel permitted to cover an event will have to confine their activities to the approved venue, date, and time and comply with directions issued by the Registry and Security Wing.

BJP on CJP’s ultimatum to poll panel

NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Sunil Sharma, reacting to Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)’s ultimatum to CEC Gyanesh Kumar on “either resign within 48 hours or face protests”, said on Friday that many forces in the country are working against its growth and are trying to weaken the constitutional institutions. “We heard CJP’s ultimatum. This is a newly formed party, and I cannot say yet what their expectations or goals are. But the direction in which they have started doing politics raises questions, because there is a history here,” he said, speaking to newsmen. In the aftermath of CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke’s Thurs-

day press conference with his peers, spokespersons Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka, “Whether in name of secularism or the way the Communists expanded their political ground here, could they also be moving in the same direction?” he asked. “Our nation is growing at fast speed. Many powers are at play, working to reduce the pace of the ‘Viksit Bharat’ . Owing to these powers, many tools are growing that are working against the nation, we have to counter these forces too,” he said. “When the youth of the nation, using some external force, try to debilitate or defame constitutional institutions, somehow it affects their future, as well as it affects the nation’s future. We should come together for the growth of the nation,”

Quick Read

Rupee rises 14 paise to 95.85 against dollar

MUMBAI
The rupee gained 14 paise to 95.85 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday, supported by a positive trend in domestic equities. The rupee opened at 95.92 at the inter-bank foreign exchange market before strengthening to 95.85. However, traders said persistent dollar demand from importers, particularly oil companies, elevated crude prices and a stronger US dollar index continued to weigh on the currency. The Reserve Bank of India is likely to intervene to manage volatility, according to forex traders. On Thursday, the rupee had weakened 26 paise to close at 95.99 against the dollar. The dollar index stood at 101.28, while Brent crude futures declined 0.85 per cent to \$105.69 per barrel. In domestic equities, the Sensex rose 86 points to 73,672.98, while the Nifty gained 18.80 points to 23,080.45. Foreign Institutional Investors sold equities worth Rs 5,027.36 crore on a net basis on Thursday.

India needs diversified energy, wider trade ties: Economist

NEW DELHI
India needs to diversify its energy supply routes and expand trade partnerships amid geopolitical risks, economist Kent Oliver Bhupathi said. Speaking at the PAFI's 13th Annual Forum, Bhupathi said India's dependence on imported LPG and oil makes it important to diversify energy sources, pipelines and ports of entry. He said geopolitical conflicts have exposed vulnerabilities in concentrated supply chains. Bhupathi also urged India to strengthen trade ties with Europe, Asia and Southeast Asia, particularly smaller economies. He said high US Treasury yields could raise borrowing costs and put pressure on equities and the rupee. He also called for greater renewable energy adoption to reduce dependence on imported oil, while noting that the transition would take time.

Oil disruptions could widen global market deficit

CONTINUED DISRUPTIONS IN OIL SUPPLIES COULD DEEPEN GLOBAL SHORTAGES, PUSHING PRICES HIGHER AS PHYSICAL MARKETS FACE GROWING PRESSURE, S&P GLOBAL SAID.

NEW DELHI
Continued disruptions in oil supplies from producing countries could widen the existing supply deficit, with physical markets already under pressure, S&P Global Energy's Global Director, India Content, Pulkit Agarwal, said on Friday. Agarwal said supply-side challenges had affected global oil and gas markets for more than six months. Oil prices have moved through several peaks and declines as markets assessed ongoing conflicts,



possible agreements and when supplies could resume. He said some oil was still

"But the world generally is in a tight spot as far as oil markets are concerned,"
Pulkit Agarwal, Global Director

maintained tight. Physical supplies, particularly refined products, are also facing pressure. Agarwal said diesel was one area where record cracks were being seen. He stressed that oil prices depend on several variables, including supply, demand response to prices and possible future agreements.

He said prices could not be assessed simply by looking at how much oil was being produced today. Agarwal also discussed India's dependence on Russian crude, saying Russian oil had remained an important part of the country's oil demand equation since the Russia-Ukraine conflict began in 2022. He said removing a major supplier would be difficult for an importing country while physical markets remained tight. He added that market participants wanted greater supply resilience, al-

though global oil markets had developed around logistical efficiency and competitive sourcing. On hydrogen, Agarwal said India's ambition to become a major exporter would require optimism alongside realism. He said hydrogen should form part of a broader energy ecosystem, while domestic consumption in sectors such as refining and fertilisers would need to increase. Building that ecosystem, he said, would be necessary to achieve the scale required for India to emerge as a global hydrogen exporter.

Tamil Nadu Plans ₹400-Crore Fintech Hub in Coimbatore

COIMBATORE
Tamil Nadu is looking to develop Chennai and Coimbatore as major centres for Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in the fintech sector, S. Vijayakumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries, Investment, Promotion and Commerce Department, said on Friday. Speaking at the second edition of the GCC Coimbatore Summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Vijayakumar said the State government has announced plans to establish a ₹400-crore fintech hub in Coimbatore.



He said India currently has about 1.9 million professionals working across more than 1,700 GCCs, while Tamil Nadu accounts for nearly 460 centres. GCCs are also generating employment beyond their direct workforce, with every direct job supporting

INITIATIVE AT A GLANCE
₹400-crore fintech hub in Coimbatore
Chennai, Coimbatore as fintech GCC hubs
1,700+ GCCs in India
1.9 million GCC professionals

three to four indirect jobs, he said. Vijayakumar noted that the role of GCCs is evolving, with centres increasingly tak-

ing responsibility for end-to-end business processes and research and development activities. The proposed fintech hub in Coimbatore is expected to strengthen the city's position in financial technology and support the State's efforts to attract more technology-driven businesses. Chennai, which already has a strong technology and financial services ecosystem, is also being positioned as a key location for fintech-focused GCCs. The development is part of Tamil Nadu's broader efforts to expand technology-led investment and employment beyond traditional IT services.

Vascon Engineers gets Rs 660 crore Qualcomm order

NEW DELHI
Vascon Engineers has received a Letter of Intent worth ₹660 crore from Qualcomm India for developing an office facility in Bengaluru, the company said on Friday. The project will include three basements, a ground floor and 12 upper floors, along with associated infrastructure. According to the company's regulatory filing, construction will have to be completed within 30 months from the date the site is handed over. The order adds to Vascon Engineers' portfolio of projects across the commercial, industrial and residential sectors. The company has executed hundreds of projects in these segments, according to the information provided in its filing. The Bengaluru development will be undertaken for Qualcomm India, an IT company. The project's scope covers the construction of the

office facility as well as related infrastructure. The 30-month completion timeline will begin after the site is formally handed over to the company. Shares of Vascon Engineers were trading at ₹34.46 on the BSE on Friday, registering a 3.42 per cent rise. The company disclosed the order through a regulatory filing, detailing the value, scope and expected completion period of the project. The ₹660 crore order represents a significant addition to Vascon Engineers' ongoing business pipeline. With the project located in Bengaluru, the development will involve a large office facility comprising multiple basement levels and 12 floors above the ground level. The associated infrastructure is also included in the project scope. Vascon Engineers will now work towards completing the development within the stipulated 30-month period after receiving the site.

JNPA AWARDS RS 92.95 CRORE DIGITAL TWIN

MUMBAI
The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has awarded a Rs 92.95 crore work order to Softtech Engineers Limited to implement a Digital Twin platform aimed at improving vessel traffic, cargo and logistics management. The platform will create a real-time digital replica of port assets, infrastructure and operations. It is expected to help officials monitor activities, identify potential issues and make data-driven decisions. Core functionalities are targeted for implementation by February 2027, while the complete platform is expected to become operational by February 2028. The system will support vessel traffic management, improve cargo and logistics flows, reduce vehicular congestion and enable predictive maintenance of critical infrastructure. It will also strengthen safety and security through enhanced surveillance, monitoring and inci-



dent-management capabilities. Predictive maintenance is expected to reduce downtime, improve asset performance and extend the life of key infrastructure. JNPA said the platform will also monitor green cover, air quality and water quality at the port, supporting sustainability and environmental monitoring. Integrated dashboards, predictive analytics and data-driven insights will assist strategic

planning and decision-making. The Digital Twin is also expected to support regulatory compliance and reporting through automated monitoring of statutory requirements. JNPA Chairperson Gaurav Dayal said, "The core functionalities of the Digital Twin platform are targeted for implementation by February 2027, while the complete platform is expected to become operational by February 2028.

Finance Ministry denies five-day bank week commitment

NEW DELHI
The Finance Ministry has rejected claims that it committed to implementing a five-day banking work week, as bank employee unions prepare for a three-day nationwide strike from September 28. The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), which claims to represent 90 per cent of the banking workforce, has called the strike over several demands, including a five-day work week. Unions have said the Indian Banks' Association agreed to the proposal under the 12th Bipartite Settlement and 9th Joint Note signed on March 8, 2024. Government sources said the proposal, which involves increasing working hours from Monday to Friday by 40 minutes, was subsequently recommended to the government and remains under consideration. They also said several union issues had been

Centre cuts FY27 borrowing by Rs 1.2 lakh crore

NEW DELHI
The Centre will borrow Rs 7.86 lakh crore through dated securities during the second half of 2026-27, while reducing its full-year market borrowing plan by Rs 1,20,494 crore from the Budget estimate. The finance ministry said total market borrowing for the

financial year is now expected at Rs 15,99,506 crore, compared with the Budget estimate of Rs 17,20,000 crore. The second-half borrowing, decided in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, will include Rs 15,000 crore through Sovereign Green Bonds. The government is expected to complete the Rs

7,86,000 crore second-half borrowing through 23 weekly auctions. The securities will have maturities of three, five, seven, 10, 15, 30, 40 and 50 years. The largest share will come from 10-year securities at 26.3 per cent, followed by 15-year securities at 17.6 per cent and five-year securities at 12.1 per cent. Other maturities will ac-

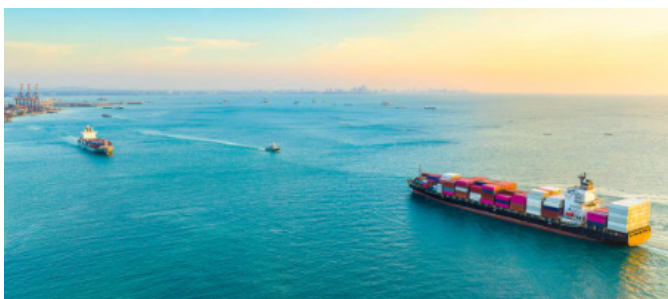
count for 9.9 per cent for 50-year securities, 9.2 per cent for 30-year securities, 9.1 per cent for seven-year securities, 8.9 per cent for 40-year securities and 6.9 per cent for three-year securities. The distribution includes Sovereign Green Bonds within the overall second-half borrowing programme. During the first half of the

fiscal year, ending in September, the government is expected to mobilise Rs 8,13,506 crore through bonds, slightly below the earlier target of Rs 8.20 lakh crore. The borrowing programme is aimed at financing the government's revenue gap. The revised annual plan reflects the lower total borrowing requirement for FY27.

BLUE BOND PUSH

Blue bonds to finance India's maritime projects

NEW DELHI
India is preparing to tap the blue bond market to finance projects linked to the country's ocean economy, with Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd. (SMFCL) planning to raise up to ₹1,000 crore. The proposed issuance is expected to support maritime infrastructure and related projects under the Sagarmala programme, a major component of India's multimodal infrastructure development plans. Blue bonds are debt instruments designed to raise



funds for projects connected with oceans and marine ecosystems. In India, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recognised blue bonds as part of sustainable finance instruments and highlight-

ed their potential to support the country's blue economy. The proposed bond could provide funding for areas such as port development, fishing harbour upgrades and coastal livelihood pro-

grammes. Such projects require long-term capital and could benefit from access to specialised sustainable finance. However, the timing of the proposed issuance comes amid signs of higher global interest rates, which could affect borrowing costs and investor demand. The development therefore comes as India seeks to expand alternative sources of financing for infrastructure while promoting sustainable use of marine resources. The blue bond initiative also reflects the growing role of capital markets in funding projects

linked to environmental and economic priorities. If implemented, the ₹1,000-crore issuance would mark an important step in bringing India's ocean-based economy into the sustainable finance market. With its extensive coastline and maritime infrastructure, India has significant economic activity linked to ports, shipping, fisheries and coastal communities. Blue bonds could provide another avenue for financing these sectors while linking infrastructure investment with sustainable ocean development.

Gupshup launches agentic AI solution for real estate

MUMBAI
Conversational artificial intelligence platform Gupshup has launched an agentic AI solution for the real estate sector, designed to support property discovery, lead qualification, sales and post-sales services through WhatsApp and voice interactions. The solution combines agentic AI and structured workflows with property, inventory and customer relationship management systems. Customers can explore properties, ask questions, share requirements and take further steps through a conversational interface. The system can collect details including budget, preferred location, property type and purchase timeline to qualify leads. Developers can use the platform to provide brochures,

arrange callbacks, schedule appointments and connect customers with sales representatives. The same system can also support post-sales services, including maintenance requests, appointment scheduling and access to property documents. It supports text and voice interactions, including regional languages and dialects. Gupshup said the technology is already being used in real estate deployments in West Asia. One developer uses the platform on WhatsApp for property discovery and lead qualification, allowing customers to check availability, unit types, area, payment plans and amenities. Another deployment supports property discovery, lead generation and customer service in English and Saudi dialect Arabic.

Quick Read

Kyiv drone strike kills one, injures seven

Kyiv
One person was killed and seven others were injured after Russian drone strikes hit a residential building in Kyiv, according to reports.
The attack caused damage to the building, with emergency teams responding to the affected area. Authorities launched rescue and relief operations following the strike. The incident comes amid continuing Russian attacks on Ukrainian cities and civilian infrastructure. Local officials urged residents to follow safety instructions and remain alert as the threat of further strikes continues. Details about the victims and the extent of the damage are being assessed by authorities.

Dolkun Isa raises concerns over Uyghur policies

Geneva
World Uyghur Congress President Dolkun Isa raised concerns over China's policies towards Uyghurs during the 63rd session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Isa alleged that China had changed its tactics amid growing international pressure but that restrictions and alleged abuses continued. He referred to reports by the United Nations, the Uyghur Tribunal verdict and a motion recognised by Mozambique's Parliament concerning alleged genocide. Isa also alleged continuing detention and forced labour involving Uyghurs and said children remained separated from their families. He further expressed concerns about restrictions on Uyghur and Tibetan languages in schools and daily life.

Activist raises concerns over PoJK rights situation

Geneva
Socio-political activist Tasleema Akhter has raised concerns over the human rights situation in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), alleging violence, detentions and restrictions on communication. Speaking on the sidelines of the UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva, Akhter alleged that journalists and social activists had been detained while internet services were shut down. She called for their release and restoration of internet connectivity. Akhter also urged the UNHRC to address alleged violence and seek accountability. Comparing PoJK with Jammu and Kashmir in India, she highlighted development, entrepreneurship and tourism initiatives, while alleging continued difficulties for people in PoJK.

Tibetans, Uyghurs protest Xi visit in Washington

WASHINGTON DC
Tibetans, Uyghurs and other diaspora groups held protests in Washington DC against Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to the US capital, calling for greater international attention to human rights concerns in Tibet, East Turkistan, also known as Xinjiang, Hong Kong and other regions.
The day-long mobilisation included a demonstration outside the Chinese Embassy, a march towards the US Capitol and a rally attended by representatives of diaspora and human rights organisations. Tibetan protesters raised slogans includ-

India reaffirms partnership with least developed countries

LDCs need stronger financial and technological support to achieve sustainable and permanent graduation from their status.

NEW YORK

India has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Least Developed Countries (LDCs), with Secretary (Economic Relations) Sudhakar Dalela highlighting the need for accessible finance, investment, job creation and technology partnerships during a ministerial meeting at the United Nations.
Dalela participated in the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the LDCs on the sidelines of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. He said stronger financial and technological support was essential for LDCs to achieve sustain-



able and irreversible graduation from the category.
The Ministry of External Affairs said India's partnership with LDCs is reflected through demand-driven development cooperation, including the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation

(ITEC) programme, concessional credit, grant assistance and the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.
Dalela also participated in an engagement on implementing the Sendai Framework through an ASEAN approach to inclusive disaster and cli-

Highlights

India-LDC partnerships feature demand-driven cooperation.

Dalela addressed ASEAN disaster resilience framework.

India highlighted strengthened early warning systems.

India offered to host 2030 conference.

mate resilience. The meeting was organised by Thailand, the Philippines, Japan and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.
In his remarks, Dalela highlighted India's strengthened

early warning systems, risk-informed infrastructure and disaster preparedness measures. He also spoke about the work of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and India-ASEAN cooperation in disaster preparedness and response.
He stressed the importance of converting early warnings into timely action to protect communities from disasters. Dalela also reiterated India's offer to host the Fourth UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2030.
Officials attending the meeting included Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister Siha-

sak Phuangketkeow, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Maria Theresa P. Lazaro.
Earlier, Dalela participated in a Solutions Dialogue on Financing Adaptation at a high-level meeting on climate action and just transition at the UN.
He highlighted India's early warning systems and efforts to integrate climate adaptation into national and state-level planning. He called for predictable financing for country-led adaptation and stressed that support for vulnerable countries and communities should not add to their debt burdens.

Misri holds key India-US talks in New York

NEW YORK

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri held separate meetings with senior US officials in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, discussing critical minerals, semiconductors, emerging technologies, energy security, civil nuclear cooperation and US sanctions legislation targeting Russia and Iran.
Misri met US Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg and discussed ways to advance India-US cooperation in critical and emerging technologies.
In a post on X, Misri said the two sides agreed to strengthen cooperation

2Misri stated that both sides agreed to enhance cooperation via Pax Silica, alongside joint efforts on semiconductors and critical minerals.

through Pax Silica, along with work on semiconductors and critical minerals. Pax Silica is a US-led initiative focused on secure supply chains linked to advanced technologies and artificial intelligence.
The discussions come as India and the US seek to improve supply-chain resilience in sectors considered important for economic and national security. The Pax Silica framework covers areas including critical minerals, energy inputs, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors and AI infrastructure. India is

among the countries participating in the initiative.
In a separate meeting, Misri held talks with US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison Hooker. According to Misri, the discussions covered India-US bilateral cooperation, energy security, the recently enacted Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA), civil nuclear cooperation, TRUST and the Indian Ocean Strategic Venture initiative.
The SRIA has particular relevance for India because of its provisions concerning Russia's energy trade and countries purchasing Russian oil and gas. The legislation provides the US executive branch with authority to impose additional sanctions, tar-

iffs and trade restrictions under specified conditions.
A potential tariff of up to 100% on imports from countries continuing to purchase Russian energy has been discussed in connection with the legislation, but such a tariff is not automatically imposed by the law.
India has maintained that its energy decisions are guided by national interests and market considerations. Misri's meetings highlighted the breadth of the India-US relationship, covering strategic technologies, critical supply chains, energy, nuclear cooperation and the wider Indo-Pacific, while also addressing differences linked to sanctions and Russian energy trade.

SOUTH KOREA VOWS PROBE INTO DMZ EXPLOSIONS

MEXICO CITY

A South Korean presidential official has pledged a prompt and thorough investigation into recent explosions in the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) that injured three South Korean soldiers.
The official, speaking to reporters in Mexico City while accompanying President Lee Jae Myung on his state visit, said an objective investigation was under way. Forensic analysis of fragments collected from the site is being conducted to determine whether the suspected mines were of South or North Korean origin.
The official said investigators must establish whether the explosions were caused by

mines, identify their type and determine whether they were planted by North Korea. If North Korea was not responsible, investigators would examine what caused the explosions. The probe is being conducted in coordination with the United Nations Command because the location is part of a newly established reconnaissance route and remains dangerous to access.
The explosions occurred on Monday and injured three South Korean military personnel. Speculation has grown that the blast may have involved a landmine allegedly placed by North Korea on the South Korean side of the DMZ, although authorities have not confirmed the cause.

UK MP urges stronger action on Balochistan rights

GENEVA

British Labour MP John McDonnell has called on the UK government to take a more active role in addressing alleged human rights violations in Pakistan's Balochistan province, citing Britain's historical links with the region.
Speaking virtually at the 12th Balochistan International Conference at the Geneva Press Club, McDonnell said British ministers should support efforts concerning alleged abuses and recognise what he described as the Baloch people's demands for peace, justice and self-determination. The conference was organised by the Baloch National Movement.
McDonnell also said the British government should consider its responsibilities toward people seeking asylum, amid concerns over restrictions affecting asylum seekers. He said he would continue providing political and diplomatic support in Britain to Baloch people affected by what he described as repression.
At the conference, Jamal Baloch, media coordinator of the BNM-linked human-rights organisation Paank, presented figures on alleged enforced disappearances, killings and other violations.
He said the organisation

had documented 485 cases of enforced disappearance over the previous six months and received information about 181 alleged extrajudicial killings.
However, Paank's own published half-year report for January-June 2026 records 556 enforced disappearances and 227 extrajudicial or custodial killings during that period.
The organisation describes these as documented cases and calls for independent investigations.
Lakhu Lohana, general secretary of the World Sindhi Congress, also addressed the conference and spoke about the long-running political and humanitarian concerns in Balochistan.
He said the region's difficulties included poverty, malnutrition, killings and disappearances.
The conference comes amid continuing international debate over the situation in Balochistan, where rights groups have reported disappearances and killings, while Pakistan has also faced a longstanding separatist insurgency and security challenges in the province. The allegations concerning Pakistani authorities and the figures presented by Paank are claims by the respective organisations and have not been independently established in every individual case.

Pakistan police detain PTI leaders before protests

ISLAMABAD

Police in Pakistan's Rawalpindi division have detained more than 150 leaders and workers of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) ahead of the party's planned long march to Islamabad on September 27. The detainees were reportedly held under Section 3 of the Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) Ordinance and confined in different prisons. Police have also conducted door-to-door searches in Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Rawalpindi and Murree. According to reports citing police sources, authorities have been instructed to detain 463 PTI leaders and workers.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHAMED HAROON, S/o Noor Mohammed, Aged About 43 Years, resident of No.9,2nd Main, 1st Cross, Shivraj Road, Near New D.J.Halli Police Station, Bangalore – 560045, have changed my name to MOHAMED HAROON, vide affidavit dated: 25.09.2026, before Notary MEERHASSAN, Bengaluru

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Shehbaz Sharif to address UNGA amid Pakistan crises

NEW YORK

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is scheduled to address the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session on Friday, as his government faces political, economic and security challenges at home. His appearance at the UN headquarters has also drawn attention to questions over Pakistan's approach to terrorism and its handling of individuals designated by India and international bodies.
Sharif was questioned by reporters at the UN headquarters about allegations that Pakistan continues to provide shelter to terrorists. According to ANI, he did not respond to questions about when Pakistan would prosecute Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Muhammad

Saeed. The questions come amid renewed discussion in India over Saeed's alleged role in major terror attacks, including the 2008 Mumbai attacks and the April 2025 Pahalgam attack.
The report also highlighted Pakistan's updated 2026 Red Book of most-wanted terrorists. It said the Federal Investigation Agency increased the announced reward for Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar from PKR 20 lakh to PKR 70 lakh. ANI also cited Indian intelligence assessments claiming that Azhar remains in Pakistan, while alleging that details relating to some 26/11 suspects were changed in the updated list. These claims have not been independently established in the material provided. At home, Pakistan is dealing

with economic pressures and planned opposition protests. Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has warned that strikes, long marches and sit-ins by groups including Jamaat-e-Islami, Kissan Ittehad and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf could result in substantial daily economic losses. The Punjab government has also imposed restrictions ahead of a planned September 27 PTI protest seeking the release of former Prime Minister Imran Khan. Sharif is expected to use his UNGA address to discuss international issues, including the conflict involving the United States and Iran, along with Pakistan's broader diplomatic priorities. His visit comes as Islamabad seeks to present itself as an active participant in multilateral discussions while facing continuing scrutiny over terrorism, economic stability and political unrest.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HARISH M R S/o LATE RANGASWAMIAH R/o Bugudanahalli, Mudigere, Tumkur, Karnataka-572107, have changed the name of my minor daughter MANEESHA M H aged 7 years and she shall hereafter be known as GHANASHREE MH.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DHABALE SACHIN alias SACHIN PATIL S/o ASHOK, R/o 108, Kotgira, Bhatambra, Bhalki, Bidar, Karnataka-585411, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SACHIN PATIL.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARADA GOPALKRISHNA BHAT alias SHARADA S HEGDE W/o SHANKAR HEGDE, R/o 497/1, Soujanya, Kadamba Nagar, Sirsi, Banavasi Road, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka-581402, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHARADA GOPALKRISHNA BHAT.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B CHANNAKRUSHNAPPA S/o CHIKKABYRAPPA R/o Ittappanahalli, Kethenahalli, Chikballapur, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka-562101, have changed the name of my minor daughter CHITHNYA C aged 15 years and she shall hereafter be known as C CHAITHANYA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, T B VENKATESH S/o BACHAPPA R/o 200/6, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064, have changed the name of my minor son CHUNMAI REDDY V alias CHAITANYA V aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as CHUNMAI REDDY V.

NAME CHANGE

I,BUTHARAJU S L Son/of LAKSHMAIAH, Aadhar No : 9529 9362 2430, aged about 42 years, presently residing at Saluparahalli, Hall Dodder Post, Kallambella Hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumkur District-572128,, have changed my name from BUTHARAJU S L to KIRAN S L vide affidavit dated 24.09.2026 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Sri. MALLIKARJUNA C (Reg. No. 12255), Tumkur

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That Mr. Seeman B, residing at Door No. 858, 1st floor , Ashraya Layout Nevidithanagara, Mysore City, Mysore 570022, intend to avail Loan on the security of the Schedule Property from M/S Muthoot Housing Finance Company Limited. That the said Mrs. Prema Sujatha has acquire the Schedule Property under the Un Registered Sale Deed Certificate no : KA31872903745687H Dt. 08-08-2013, Which is executed by Mr. Siddaraju and Mrs. Pavithra in his favor of Mrs. Prema Sujatha That the said Mr. Seeman B has Purchased the Schedule property from Mrs. Prema Sujatha. Hence, if any person or persons, who claims any right, title or interest with respect to the Schedule Property should lodge or report such claim/objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within 07 Days from the date of this Notice. Failing which, my Client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property, as if no such claims/ objections exists or that they have been waiver or abandoned. The objections/claims received after 07 (Seven) Days will not be entertained.

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Kamaljeet-Suruchi Pair Wins Gold in 10m Air Pistol

India's Kamaljeet and Suruchi Singh won gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event, strengthening India's shooting medal tally.



AIR PISTOL VICTORY IN FOCUS

- Gold: Kamaljeet & Suruchi — 10m Air Pistol
- Score: 484.6 points
- Silver: India — 50m Rifle 3P Team
- Team Score: 1,762 points
- Medal Haul: 1 Gold + 1 Silver

484.6 points. South Korea's Suhyeon Hong and Gaeun Choo took silver with 478.0, while Iran won bronze with 415.8. India also claimed silver in the men's 50m rifle three positions team event. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Rudranksh Patil and Niraj Kumar combined for 1,762 points, finishing behind China, which won gold with 1,766. South Korea took bronze with 1,751. Tomar and Niraj qualified for the individual 3P final after finishing third and fourth in qualification with 589 and 588 points respectively. However, Tomar finished fifth with 327.6 points, while Niraj ended eighth. China's Yukun Liu won individual gold with a Games-record 360.5, while compatriot Changhong Zhang claimed silver with 360.2. Kazakhstan's Satpayev Islam took bronze. The results added another gold and silver to India's shooting medal tally at the ongoing Games.

Manpreet Kaur wins shot put bronze at Asian Games

AICHI-NAGOYA

India's Manpreet Kaur won the bronze medal in the women's shot put at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games on Friday, producing a best throw of 17.17 metres. The 36-year-old secured the bronze with her fourth attempt, finishing behind China's Song Jiayuan, who won gold with 19.40 metres, and compatriot Zhang Linru, who claimed silver with 18.14 metres. South Korea's Jeong Yu Sun finished fourth with 16.78 metres. Manpreet's podium finish adds another international medal to her career. Her last major international medal came at the 2023 Asian Championships, where she also won bronze. She finished



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fifth at the 2023 Asian Games and was fourth at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow last month with a throw of 17.49 metres. The Indian shot-putter's personal best remains 18.06 metres, achieved in 2022. Earlier this year, she won the National Inter-State Championships with a throw of 17.75 metres, surpassing the Asian Games qualification mark of 16.25 metres.

Manpreet was part of the Indian athletics contingent that trained at the University of Tsukuba near Tokyo ahead of the Asian Games. Her performance in Nagoya earned India another medal in athletics. Compatriot Krishna Jayasankar Menon finished fifth in the event with a best effort of 16.57 metres. Manpreet's bronze was part of India's medal-winning campaign on Day 6 of the Games, but her 17.17m effort remained the defining result of the women's shot-put competition.

Sachin Siwach Advances to Boxing Quarterfinals



AICHI-NAGOYA, JAPAN

Indian boxer Sachin Siwach advanced to the men's 60kg quarterfinals at the Asian Games 2026 after defeating Jordan's Mohammad Abu Jahed 4-1 in a split decision on Friday. Sachin began cautiously, but landed the cleaner punches in the opening round, including a strong left hook, to take a 3-2 lead on the judges' cards. The Indian increased his activity in the second round and again connected effectively with his left hook. Although Abu Jahed used his reach advantage to counter, Sachin's punches appeared more effective as he won the round 4-1. Abu Jahed started aggres-

sively in the final round, attempting to overturn the deficit. However, the Jordanian struggled to land clean punches as the bout progressed. Sachin maintained his composure and grew more effective in the closing stages to secure the 4-1 victory. With the win, Sachin booked his place in the quarterfinals, where he will face Japan's Shunsuke Kitamoto, another World Championships bronze medallist. The quarterfinal is scheduled for the day after tomorrow. Sachin's victory adds to India's boxing campaign at the ongoing Asian Games, with the Indian contingent continuing its medal push across multiple disciplines.

India Defeat Nepal, Reach Kabaddi Final

AICHI-NAGOYA

Defending champions India stormed into the women's kabaddi final at the Asian Games 2026 after defeating Nepal 48-24 in the semi-final on Friday. India made a strong start, taking a 9-5 lead in the opening five minutes through effective raids. Nepal responded with determined defence, including a super tackle on Sonali, but India maintained a 15-10 advantage midway through the first half. Nepal's Ganga Ghimire produced a standout four-point raid to reduce the deficit to 21-15. India, however, tightened its defence and extended its lead before the break, with Sanju Devi and Sonali playing key roles as the defending champions went into half-time 31-17 ahead. India continued to control the contest after the re-

start, maintaining a comfortable advantage throughout the second half. The defending champions eventually completed a 48-24 victory to book their place in the final. India will face either Chinese Taipei or Iran in Saturday's final as they seek to retain their Asian Games women's kabaddi title. The victory was part of a strong day for India at Aichi-Nagoya. Shooters Kamaljeet and Suruchi Inder Singh won gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event, while Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Rudranksh Patil and Niraj Kumar claimed silver in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions team event. India also secured medals in table tennis and squash, while the women's hockey team defeated Japan 3-1 in a Pool B match.



Baranica Elangovan wins pole vault bronze

AICHI-NAGOYA

India's Baranica Elangovan won the bronze medal in the women's pole vault at the Asian Games, securing the country's first-ever medal in the event. Baranica finished third in the final to add another medal to India's athletics tally at the Games. The achievement came on a day when Indian athletes continued to make an impact across multiple disciplines. Baranica's medal was among India's notable athletics results on Friday. Manpreet Kaur had earlier won bronze in the women's shot put, while Gulveer Singh claimed silver in the men's 10,000m final. In the women's 400m, Kiran Pahal and Prachi also advanced to the final. Kiran clocked 53.44 seconds to qualify directly, while Prachi finished third in her heat in 53.46 seconds and progressed through qualification by place. India also saw mixed results in the men's 100m, with Gurindervir Singh and Animesh Kujur failing to advance to the final after finishing fifth and seventh respectively in their semifinal heats.

Manush-Diya Secure Asian Games Mixed Doubles Bronze

AICHI-NAGOYA

India's Manush Shah and Diya Chitale secured the bronze medal in mixed doubles table tennis at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 after losing their semi-final to China's Wang Chuqin and Sun Yingsha on Friday. The Indian pair, ranked eighth in the world, went down 8-11, 5-11, 8-11, 2-11 in the semi-final. With no bronze-medal playoff in the event, reaching the last four guaranteed the duo a podium finish. The medal is India's second in Asian Games mixed doubles table tennis. The first came through Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra at the 2018 edition. Shah and Chitale had earlier secured their place in the semi-finals with a 3-1 quarter-final victory over Hong Kong's world No. 4 pair Wong Chun Ting and Doo Hoi Kem. The Indian duo won 11-6, 13-15, 11-9, 11-5 in the quarter-final. India also secured medals in several other events on Day 6.



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Nepal, Hong Kong China Secure Asian Games Wins

NAGOYA

Nepal and Hong Kong, China secured important victories on Day 2 of the Asian Games men's cricket competition on Friday. Hong Kong, China bounced back from their opening defeat to Malaysia with a 41-run win over Oman. Batting first, they posted 121 for eight in 20 overs, with Ha-fee Khan top-scoring with 33 and Babar Hayat contributing 23.

Oman struggled in the chase and were bowled out for 80 in the 12th over. Ayush Shukla led Hong Kong, China's bowling attack with three wickets for 13 runs, while the spinners kept the pressure on throughout the innings. The victory kept Hong Kong, China in contention for a place in the quarter-finals, with qualification in Group B dependent on Oman's remaining result against Malaysia. Meanwhile, Nepal began their campaign with a comfortable victory over Afghanistan.

stan. Afghanistan was bowled out for 102 after losing their top three batters cheaply. Faisal Shinozada and Najibullah Zadran provided some resistance with 30 each, but Nepal's disciplined bowling restricted Afghanistan to a modest total. Nepal then chased down the target to register a winning start to their Asian Games campaign.

India women's hockey team enters semifinals



AICHI-NAGOYA

India defeated Japan 3-1 in their Asian Games Pool B clash on Thursday to book a place in the women's hockey semifinals and maintain their winning run. Lalremsiami opened the scoring in the first quarter with a field goal before Ishika doubled India's advantage late in the second quarter. India went into the half-time break with a 2-0 lead despite Japan keeping the Indian attack under pressure for long periods.

India strengthened its position in the third quarter when Navneet Kaur scored the team's third goal. She collected the ball inside the circle, moved towards the right and scooped it over the Japanese goalkeeper into the far corner. Japan pulled one back early in the final quarter through Kobayakawa Shihoh, who struck a backhand from the top of the circle past goalkeeper Savita Punia. Japan could not find another goal as India held on for a 3-1 victory and secured its semifinal berth.

Sammy: Beating India Key to Major ICC Success



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

West Indies head coach Daren Sammy has described the upcoming three-match ODI series against India as an important opportunity for his team to assess its progress ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup qualifiers. The first ODI will be played in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday. West Indies, ranked 10th in the ODI rankings, missed automatic qualification for the 2027 World Cup and will have to go through the qualifiers. Sammy said the series provides an opportunity for his players to test themselves against India in home conditions. He also highlighted the significance of defeating India for teams aiming to win major ICC white-ball tournaments. West Indies have not won an ODI series in India for 24 years. Sammy said the team would use the three matches to fine-tune its preparations for the qualifiers scheduled for February. The coach pointed to the recent contributions of batters Shai Hope, Amir Jangoo and Sherfane Rutherford, while pacer Alzarri Joseph has also returned to form. Sammy also praised 19-year-old wrist-spinner Vitel Lawes, who took eight wickets in five matches against New Zealand in July. He said the youngster would continue to receive opportunities as part of the team's development plans.

