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Can't blackmail govt: DKS to ASHAs

CM says govt cannot give written assurance; ASHAs should trust us, stop stir and resume work.

MYSURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday said if Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) think that they can succeed by blackmailing, it is not possible. They cannot blackmail any government.

"I appeal to them humbly to get back to work. We will call them and discuss."

Speaking to reporters at the Mandakalli Airport here, the CM said, "They cannot demand our assurance in writing. It is not possible as there is a limitation for the government. There is no provision for it. It is not a contract. They work on an honorarium. They have asked to increase the honorarium. Let us do it."

"If they don't have trust in the words of the Chief Minister, I cannot help. To whom should I give in writing? With whom should I make an agreement? If I start doing this for them now, others from 17 departments which have similar demands will also seek the same thing. Why have they not asked the Central Government about not increasing honorarium. Why are they not seeking in writing from the Union Government which appointed them, and not demanding anything from them? They should have trust in us. Entire nation is running based on trust," he added.

"Their demand is not wrong. We understand their pain and



feelings. We will decide in the cabinet and discuss in the assembly session. I have spoken to them several times and even from Japan also in video conference," he added.

'Don't turn issue into a confrontation with govt'

Earlier while addressing the media in Bengaluru, he appealed to protesting ASHAs to call off their indefinite strike, assuring them that the government would find a solution to their demands, while urging them not to turn the issue into a confrontation with the government.

"I am appealing to them — Please call off your protest. Give up your insistence on making this a matter of prestige. We are on your side," he said. "I humbly appeal to all my mothers and sisters. Please have faith in us. We will certainly find a solution for you."

The CM said the issue involved serious financial implications as several other categories of workers in different government departments were also raising similar demands.

"If everyone comes out onto the streets and stages protests, who will take responsibility? Every person's livelihood is important to us," he said.

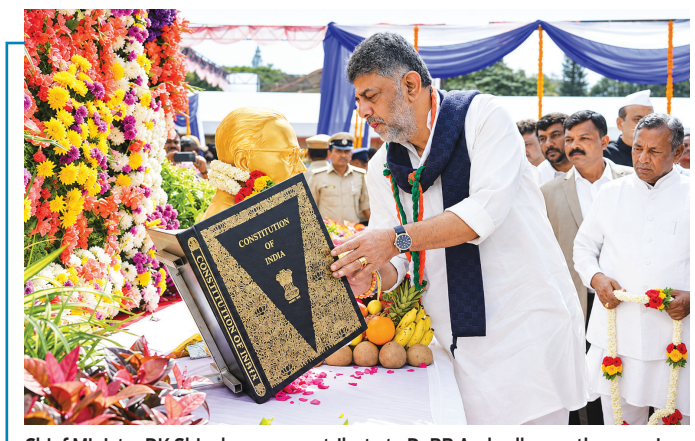
End strike, resume work: CM to ASHAs

- CM appeals to protesting ASHAs to call off their indefinite strike.
- Says govt cannot be blackmailed & rejected their demand for a written assurance.
- ASHAs are demanding an increase in their monthly honorarium to ₹15,000.
- Says the govt understands their concerns and will discuss the demands in the Cabinet and Assembly session.
- Assures workers that govt would find a solution & urged them to have faith.
- Says similar demands from employees of 17 other departments could create financial implications for the state.
- Maintains that Cong govt has fulfilled its manifesto commitments to ASHAs.
- ASHAs' indefinite strike at Bengaluru's Freedom Park entered its 10th day on Thursday.

Shivakumar maintained that the state government had fulfilled its commitment to ASHAs under the Congress manifesto and would continue to assist. He said the workers had also been allowed to benefit from four of the five guarantee schemes, barring the one relating to the compensation for unemployed youth.

Strike enters day 10

The ASHAs' indefinite strike at Freedom Park here, demanding various benefits, including an increase in their monthly honorarium to Rs 15,000, entered its 10th day on Thursday.



Chief Minister DK Shivakumar pays tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar on the occasion of Constitution Day on Vidhana Soudha premises in Bengaluru on Thursday.

CM: Constitution lessons in K'taka schools from next year

MYSURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday said Constitution lessons will be added to the syllabus of all government and private schools in the state from the next academic year.

Speaking at the Constitution Day event at the Maharaja College Ground here, he said the Constitution is not just a book. It is the protective shield of every Indian's rights, dignity, freedom and equality. He said children should learn its values from an early age.

He said children must learn the ideas of the Constitution, and that students should not only read it but also follow its principles in daily life. Youth parliaments will be set up in assembly constituencies to build democratic awareness and leadership among young people.

The CM said every citizen's vote has equal value, whether it belongs to the Prime Minister or to an ordinary person, rich or poor.

However, he expressed concern about attempts to remove the votes of backward classes, minorities and Dalits from voter lists, and said this must be taken seriously. He called on everyone to stand united to protect their right to vote.

PM champions deeper Constitution connect

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday marked Constitution Day (November 26) by recalling that the document was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on this day in 1949.

He said in an article on Wednesday that the greatness of Dr Rajendra Prasad, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar and all other members of the Constituent Assembly lay in how they drew extensively from the rich traditions and civilisational wisdom of the country to frame a modern Constitution.

He noted that for a nation as diverse as India — with so many faiths, languages, customs and schools of thought — it was imperative for the Constitution to resonate "far beyond the precincts of Parliament and the courts".

Modi said "our endeavour" has been to deepen the Constitution's connect with the "collective consciousness" of the people, especially the youth, and strengthen the spirit of unity to ensure a bright future for the country.

He drew attention to the fact that his government decided over a decade ago that November 26 would be marked as Constitution Day.

The PM said the Constitution is an inseparable part of the lives of Indians. Modi pointed to the humble circumstances in which he grew up and the struggles that were a part of everyday life. The Prime Minister said his rise from modest means to the leader of the world's largest democracy showed how extraordinary the Constitution was. He highlighted a recent World Bank report that says nearly 50 crore Indians have been moved out of poverty.



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- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

'Constitution-led unity, justice need of the hour'

- PM Modi marks Constitution Day, recalling its adoption on Nov- 26, 1949.
- Emphasises connecting constitutional ideals with citizens, especially the youth.
- Highlights key amendments, GST reforms and efforts to make the Constitution accessible in 22 languages.
- Warns against the erosion of constitutional values, citing the Emergency and misuse of Article 356.
- Reaffirms commitment to justice, women's representation and protecting the constitutional rights of every Indian.



Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Karnataka State Road Safety Authority
(Let us strive for a accident free state)
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT



Sri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Chief Minister



Dr. G. Parameshwar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister



RAH-VEER SCHEME

Recognize – Appreciate – Reward

"Your small act of kindness can save a precious life."

SCHEME HIGHLIGHTS

- Promotes Compassion, Empathy and Social Responsibility
- Honours and encourages those who step forward to save lives of Road Crash Victims.
- Facilitates Golden Hour Hospitalisation

1 hour

What is the GOLDEN HOUR?

The Golden Hour refers to the critical **first 60 minutes** after a road crash where prompt medical care gives an injured person the highest chance of survival.

ABOUT RAH- VEER SCHEME

Rah-Veer Scheme is an Initiative of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Government of India to recognize and reward Good Samaritans who voluntarily brought road crash victims to a hospital during the **critical Golden Hour**.

WHO CAN BE A RAH-VEER ?

Any Citizen of India who voluntarily provides meaningful assistance to Road Crash Victims like arranging transportation or shifting the injured to Hospital.



Sri B.S. Suresha (Byrathi), Hon'ble Minister for Transport at a departmental programme.

Recongnition & Rewards

₹. 25,000/-

Any citizen who acts as Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) and brings a crash victim to the hospital or Trauma Centre within the golden hour is rewarded with ₹. 25,000/-

Legal Protections under the scheme

- No Civil or Criminal Liability.
- No need to reveal Personal Identity.
- No legal liability or Harassment.
- Minimal Police interaction.
- No need to bear any treatment cost by Rah-Veer.

Be a RAH-VEER - Save Lives. Get Recognized

Call Emergency Helpline 112 | Save Life | Show Humanity | Be Responsible

Protecting public property and refraining from violence A constitutional fundamental duty of every Indian

LET US STRIVE FOR A ACCIDENT FREE STATE

Karnataka State Road Safety Authority

AHARA glitch fixed, ration shops now open from 6 am till midnight

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has fixed major software and biometric glitches that stalled ration distribution across the state over the past two days. To help families collect their November grains smoothly before the November 30 e-KYC deadline, Fair Price Shops will now stay open from 6:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m., replacing the earlier 10:00 p.m. closing time.

Trouble began on November 23 when the AHARA distribution portal slowed down sharply, stretching card processing times to nearly 14 minutes. For November 2026, authorities allocated monthly grains to over 1.24 crore eligible ration cards under Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Priority Household, and state schemes. When state data center engineers ran routine database maintenance to clear backlogs, server synchronization issues disrupted operations across Bengaluru, Kalaburagi, and Mysuru on November 24.



Shri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Chief Minister



Dr. G. Parmeshwara
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

BDA e-Auction of Premium Sites in Prime Locations of Bengaluru



Sri N.A. Haris
Hon'be MLA, Shanthi Nagar Assembly Constituency & Chairman, BDA

Bid Now!
Minimum raise of Bid Price in multiples of Rs.500/- per sq.mtr.

The Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, announces the e-Auction of Residential & Commercial Corner/Intermediate Sites. The auction/sale of these sites is conducted in accordance with the Bangalore Development Authority's Disposal of Corner Sites, Intermediate Sites and Other Auctionable Sites Rules, 1984. The sites are auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS.

Date of Commencement of e-Auction: 03.12.2026

Last date & time to express interest of participation in e-Auction: 11.12.2026, 5.00 p.m. IST

Bid Start and End Date:

For Sl.No.1 to 25, Date: 14.12.2026
10 AM to 4 PM IST; (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

SOUTH ZONE

Sl. No.	Site No.	East-West (in Mtrs)	North-South (in Mtrs)	Total Sq.Mtrs
Anjanapura Township 1st Block Anjanapura				
1	548	12.00	(9.30+3.50)/2	76.80
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 82,320.00				
Anjanapura Township 2nd A Block Anjanapura				
2	26	12.00	(7.80+8.00)/2	94.80
3	637	9.00	(4.20+6.20)/2	46.80
4	633	9.00	(7.20+3.35)/2	47.47
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 87,120.00				
Anjanapura Township 6th Block Anjanapura				
5	259	12.00	8.00	96.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 94,200.00				
Anjanapura Township 8th Block Anjanapura				
6	1150	(8.30+3.00)/2	12.00	67.80
7	1119	(6.00+12.00)/2	12.00	108.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 88,340.00				
Banashankari 6th Stage 11th Block Ganakallu				
8	425	9.00	(5.00+4.00)/2	40.50
9	375	(4.00+5.00)/2	12.00	54.00
10	165	9.00	(4.70+5.80)/2	47.25
11	80	(6.00+5.00)/2	9.00	49.50
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,12,000.00				
Banashankari 6th Stage 1st Block Thurahalli				
12	393	(9.00+12.00)/2	12.00	130.80
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 91,500.00				
Banashankari 6th Stage 5th Block Lingadeeranahalli				
13	1619	18.00	(28.00+12.00)/2	360.00
14	1640/29	(19.70+7.00)/2	18.00	240.30
15	1620	18.00	(6.30+24.00)/2	272.70
16	1640/33	(8.00+8.70)/2	18.00	157.30
17	1640/26	(8.80+8.70)/2	18.00	157.50
18	1640/30	(19.50+7.70)/2	18.00	244.80
19	1547	18.00	(29.00+10.00)/3	351.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 76,000.00				
Banashankari 6th Stage 7th Block Hemmigepura				
20	826	12.00	(14.20+12.60)/2	160.80
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 84,000.00				
Banashankari 6th Stage 7th Block Sompura				
21	942	(11.30+14.00)/2	12.00	151.80
22	1468	12.00	(14.00+14.50)/2	171.00
23	1580	18.00	(12.50+12.80)/2	227.70
24	1528	18.00	(12.00+12.50)/2	220.50
25	1581	18.00	12.00	216.00
26	27/K	(13.50+13.00)/2	24.00	318.00
27	28/J	(12.70+14.00)/2	18.00	240.30
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 84,000.00				
Banashankari 6th Stage 8th Block Hemmigepura				
28	1	12.00	(7.00+6.00)/2	78.00
29	662	12.00	6.50	78.00
30	185	(6.30+10.80)/2	18.00	153.90
31	626	11.00	18.00	198.00
32	730	18.00	11.50	207.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 84,000.00				

For Sl.No.26 to 50, Date: 15.12.2026
10 AM to 4 PM IST; (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	East-West (in Mtrs)	North-South (in Mtrs)	Total Sq.Mtrs
F E Banashankari 6th Stage 4th B Block Talaghattapura				
33	1454	8.00	12.00	96.00
34	283/F	9.00	(4.30+5.60)/2	44.55
35	395/A	12.00	(9.00+1.50)/2	63.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 92,300.00				
F E of Anjanapura 10th Block Gollahalli				
36	1354	9.00	5.00	45.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 97,500.00				
F E Of Anjanapura 10th Block Kembathalli				
37	1180	12.00	(12.00+9.30)/2	127.8
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 97,500.00				
F E of Anjanapura 5th G Block Gollahalli				
38	104	(12.30+9.30)/2	17.50	189.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 89,700.00				
F E of Anjanapura 9th Block Gollahalli				
39	237/A	12.20	(4.00+2.70)/2	40.87
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,03,740.00				
F E of Banashankari 6th Stage 4th B Block B M Kaval				
40	865	18.00	(19.00+16.00)/2	315.00
41	60	12.00	(8.00+10.00)/2	108.00
42	803/A	12.00	18.00	216.00
43	36	12.00	(8.00+8.30)/2	97.80
44	752	(11.50+12.00)/2	18.00	211.50
45	420	18.00	14.00	252.00
46	25	12.00	(12.50+11.30)/2	142.80
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 92,300.00				
F E of Banashankari 6th Stage 4th B Block U M Kaval				
47	827	(22.00+13.00)/2	12.00	210.00
48	828	(13.00+10.00)/2	12.00	138.00
49	1123	18.00	16.00	288.00
50	1155	24.00	15.00	360.00
51	1110	18.00	10.00	180.00
52	950	(8.50+9.20)/2	17.00	150.45
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 92,300.00				
J P Nagar 8th Phase 2nd(EWS) Block Kothanur				
53	181/A	(12.20+7.50)/2	9.14	90.02
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,13,240.00				
J P Nagar 9th Phase 2nd Block Alahalli				
54	126/C	12.19	12.4	151.15
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,21,240.00				
J P Nagar 9th Phase 7th Block Raghuvanapalya				
55	139	12.00	4.50	54.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,21,240.00				

NORTH ZONE

Sl. No.	Site No.	East-West (in Mtrs)	North-South (in Mtrs)	Total Sq.Mtrs
HBR 1st Stage 4th Block Hennur				
56	647/A	6.1	12.2	74.42
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,56,000.00				
RMV 2nd Stage Geddalahalli				
57	48/A	12	5	60.00

For Sl.No.51 to 75, Date: 16.12.2026
10 AM to 4 PM IST; (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	East-West (in Mtrs)	North-South (in Mtrs)	Total Sq.Mtrs
RMV 2nd Stage Geddalahalli				
58	215/B	15	0.5X18.00	135.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 2,15,800.00				
Arkavathy 17th Block Geddalahalli				
59	GH112A	12	(7.50+8.40)/2	95.40
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.1,00,000.00				
OMBR Banasawadi				
60	2BM-335	9.1	(3.6+6)/2	43.68
61	2CM-336	(8.90+9.00)/2	(6.00+8.00)/2	62.65
62	6DC302	12.1	(10.6+18.8)/2	176.00
63	5AC115	(9.00+18.00)/2	(15.20+12.40)/2	186.30
64	5BC111	(8.20+6.20)/2	(6.30+6.00)/2	44.28
65	1AM502	(19.20+12.80)/2	(5.5+17.60)/2	184.80
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,96,000.00				
HRBR 1st Block Banasawadi				
66	2GC966	(6.00+5.5)/2	9.1	52.00
67	1C-701	(7.80+12.00)/2	(17.40+18.00)/2	175.23
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,96,000.00				
Arkavathi 2nd Block Sampigehalli				
68	SH257	18	8.5	153.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 87,500.00				
Arkavathi 7th Block Jakkuru				
69	3226A	(5.00+5.80)/2	(9.00+8.50)/2	47.25
70	1222	12	(2.35+2.10)/2	26.70
71	1996	(8.20+6.90)/2	12	90.60
72	2908	9	(2.5+3.5)/2	27.00
73	2738A	9	6	54.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 84,000.00				
Arkavathi 18th Block Byrathikhane				
74	470A	18	(11.00+4.05)/2	135.45
75	BK-43	(12.00+11.70)/2	9.02	106.88
76	BK-42	(12.00+11.70)/2	9	106.65
77	691	18	(12.00+11.97)/2	215.73
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,00,000.00				
Arkavathi 19th Block Chellakere				
78	345	(5.0+4.8)/2	8.9	43.61
79	878	9	(10.00+6.00)/2	72.00
80	589	11	12	132.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,00,000.00				
Arkavathi 5th Block K.Narayanapura				
81	1	(15.40+8.60)/2	12	144.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 1,00,000.00				

WEST ZONE

Sl. No.	Site No.	East-West (in Mtrs)	North-South (in Mtrs)	Total Sq.Mtrs
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Bheemanakuppe, Block 6				
82	B6-SC-1214	11.2	18	201.60
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				

For Sl.No.76 to 98, Date: 17.12.2026
10 AM to 4 PM IST; (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	East-West (in Mtrs)	North-South (in Mtrs)	Total Sq.Mtrs
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, K-krishnasagara, Block 5				
83	B5-SF-1619	12	(16.7+12.5)/2	175.20
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Ramasandra, Block 3				
84	B3-SE-1602	9.4+15.5/2	12	149.40
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Kommaghatta, Block 4				
85	B4-SH-3968	(12.50+22.80)/2	18.00	317.70
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Ramasandra, Block 3				
86	B3-SF-1782	19.7+20.5/2	18	361.80
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Sulikere, Block 8				
87	B8-SG-2478	12.00	(15.10+14.95)/2	180.30
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Bheemanakuppe, Block 6				
88	B6-SC-665	9.4+6.7/2	12	96.60
89	B6-SC-685	12	(13.10+15.80)/2	173.40
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Ramasandra, Block 3				
90	B3-SF-1750	13.2+14.2/2	15	205.50
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Sulikere, Block 8				
91	B8-SG-2540	12.00	11.80	141.60
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Kommaghatta, Block 4				
92	B4-SH-3969	(14.30+24.50)/2	18.00	349.20
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Sulikere, Block 8				
93	B8-SG-2452	12.00	12.00	144.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs.80,000.00				
Sir M V Layout 3rd Block Sonnenahalli				
94	2296	5.70	9.00	51.30
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 96,000.00				
Sir M V Layout 4th Block Ramasandra				
95	3367	10.40	18.00	187.20
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 96,000.00				
Sir M V Layout 1st Block Nagadevanahalli				
96	1682	18.00	(16.30+15.60)/2	287.10
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 96,000.00				
Sir M V Layout 5th Block Ullalu				
97	981	18	3.2	57.60
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 96,000.00				
Further Extension of Sir M V Layout 8th Block Gidadakonenahalli				
98	201/1	9	7	63.00
Initial Bid Price: per sq.mtrs. is Rs. 92,000.00				

West zone
EE- 9845116396, AEE- 9448084726,9000250022
Zonal Commissioner- 9742164846

South Zone
EE-9611164195; 8660907357; 9844336988; 9741378474
Zonal Commissioner- 9620967169

North Zone
EE-9900055612; 9110403634; 9880973636; 9986502225
Zonal Commissioner- 9845923449

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

1) The auction purchase Shoud be a Citizen of India.
2) Minors/persons without computer knowledge are eligible to participate in the auction through their guardians or friends. While doing so, the and related documents of only the person purchasing the property must be submitted/ uploaded on the e-Auction portal while participating in the e-Auction.
3) Bank Name:- **Canara Bank, BDA Complex Branch, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020.** Savings Account Name: Bangalore (6) Development Authority, Bengaluru, Savings Account Number: **2828101053014 IFSC Code No.: CNRB0002828 Mode of Payment: RTGS/NEFT.**
4) EMD amount of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account interest free, within reasonable time.
5) Where 25% total cost is not remitted within 72 hours of receiving e-Auction Advice letter by the successful bidders (highest bidders) or where 25% of the total cost is remitted after the prescribed time, The EMD amount of **Rs.4.00 lakh** shall be forfeited by the Authority.
6) There should be minimum of 2 bidders for each site. Single bidder will rejected.
7) Visit Website address: **https://bdakarnataka.in** for more information
8) E-auction bidders can download the New e-Auction bidding user manual by logining on the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For more information cotact Karnataka Public Procurement Poral :-**46010000 & 080-68948777**
9) The auctioned Sites will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction physically check the location of the site, Road width etc., before bidding Sitees allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled/substituted
10) Bidders participating in E-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.
11) Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.
12) Bidders must Physically verify the sites along with the Geo Maps/Tags provided in the **bdakarnataka.in portal**
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Engineer Member

Quick Read

Car driver gets 6 months' jail in fatal accident case

CH NEWS, MOODBIDRI

The Principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court in Moodbidri has sentenced a car driver to six months of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 7,500 for causing the death of one person and seriously injuring another through negligent driving. The accused has been identified as Tausif Ahmed. The accident occurred on January 20, 2022, at around 6.30 am. Vamana Devadiga was riding his motorcycle towards Venur via Moodbidri from Udupi. When he reached the crossroad leading to M K Shetty School at Kallabettu, a car driven by Tausif Ahmed came from the Venur side towards Moodbidri at high speed and in a rash and negligent manner.

New toll opens on M'luru B'luru highway

Toll collection began at Valalu-Neerakatte on the Mangaluru-Bengaluru highway on November 26, adding another payment point for motorists travelling towards Addahole, Hassan and Bengaluru.

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Motorists travelling between Mangaluru and Bengaluru now have to pay an additional toll charge, following the commencement of toll collection on Thursday, November 26, at a newly constructed plaza near Valalu-Neerakatte in Dakshina Kannada district.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) issued an official notification announcing the commencement of toll collection at the facility, located in Bajathur village along the four-lane BC Road-Addahole highway stretch.

The toll plaza is situated between Valalu and Neerakatte, approximately eight kilometres from Uppinangady. With its opening, vehicles travelling from BC Road towards Addahole, Hassan and Bengaluru now have to pay toll at the newly operational facility.



The fee plaza at Valalu on NH 75.

The plaza was constructed by KNR Constructions, which was awarded the contract for developing a 46-km stretch between BC Road and Periyashanthi. Following the completion of construction, the company handed over the facility to the highway authority. Trial operations had commenced earlier.

The 65-km BC Road-Addahole stretch of the Mangaluru-Bengaluru National Highway has been undergoing four-laning since 2017, with an estimated investment of Rs 1,500 crore. The project is being executed by two contractors under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction model.



Uppinangady: the plaza is about 8 km away

Following the straightening of certain curves, the highway's length has been reduced from 65 km to 63.6 km. Around 95 per cent of the overall construction work has been completed.

According to NHAI's notified rates, cars and vans will be charged Rs 140 for a single journey and Rs 205 for a return journey within 24 hours. Light commercial vehicles will pay Rs 220 and Rs 335, respectively, while buses and trucks will face higher charges.

The new toll

CARS, VANS
Rs 140 single, Rs 205 return within 24 hours

LIGHT COMMERCIAL
Rs 220 single, Rs 335 return

WHERE
Bajathur village, about 8 km from Uppinangady

HIGHWAY WORK
Around 95 per cent complete

Mahesh Shetty Thimarody appears before SIT with documents

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Pro-Sowjanya activist Mahesh Shetty Thimarody appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Mangaluru on Thursday, November 26, in connection with the ongoing reinvestigation into the Sowjanya case.

Thimarody arrived at the SIT office, located in the old Deputy Commissioner's office complex, on Thursday afternoon. He was carrying a set of documents when he appeared before the investigating team for questioning.


Mahesh Shetty Thimarody

Key details

AGENCY	Special Investigation Team (SIT)
WHERE	Old Deputy Commissioner's office complex, Mangaluru
WHEN	Thursday, November 26
WHY	Questioning over statements made during the Sowjanya agitation, and his documents

Pro-Sowjanya activist Mahesh Shetty Thimarody appeared before the SIT in Mangaluru, carrying documents to substantiate allegations against the earlier investigation.

Asked to back his claims

The SIT had directed him to appear and provide explanations regarding statements he had made during the Sowjanya agitation. The questioning is also aimed at obtaining details about the documents and sources of information that support the allegations he had raised against the previous investigation and the officers involved in it.

The activist has been asked to substantiate the claims made during the agitation and provide information about the material on which those allegations were based.

The reinvestigation

His appearance comes as the SIT continues its reinvestigation into the Sowjanya case. The questioning is expected to help investigators examine the statements made during the protest movement and understand the basis of the allegations levelled against the earlier investigation.

Documents under scrutiny

The documents carried by Thimarody are also relevant to the questioning, as the SIT seeks details about their contents and the sources from which the information was obtained.

No further details regarding the outcome of the questioning or the specific documents submitted by him were immediately available.

The SIT's inquiry into the statements and supporting material forms part of its ongoing efforts to examine the issues raised during the Sowjanya agitation and gather relevant information for the reinvestigation.

Udupi diocese, MDS Charities renew welfare partnership

CH NEWS, UDUPI

The Udupi Catholic diocese and Michael D'Souza Charities (MDS Charities) have signed a formal agreement to continue their collaborative social welfare programmes for another five years, strengthening efforts to support poor and underprivileged families.

The agreement was signed on Thursday at the Bishop's residence in Udupi by Bishop of Udupi diocese Dr Leslie Clifford D'Souza and Michael D'Souza, head of MDS Charities.

Speaking on the occasion, Bishop Dr Leslie Clifford D'Souza said the diocese had been consistently working for the welfare of poor and marginalised communities for the past 15 years. He expressed gratitude to philanthropist and entrepreneur Michael D'Souza for partnering with the diocese in its mission of reaching out to people in need.

The bishop highlighted that MDS Charities had contributed more than Rs 13 crore over the past 15 years towards various social welfare initiatives. These included educational assistance and housing support for underprivileged families.

> *"One should never forget one's mother, birthplace and mother tongue."*
>
> **MICHAEL D'SOUZA** Head, MDS Charities

He said the initiatives had helped children from disadvantaged backgrounds continue their education and work towards achieving success in life. The support had also helped families facing financial difficulties address their basic needs.

Bishop D'Souza added that the renewed agreement would strengthen the partnership and enable both organisations to continue their efforts towards supporting struggling families and addressing the needs of marginalised communities.

Dengue cases raise alarm in Udupi, Manipal

CH NEWS, UDUPI

Concerns over the spread of dengue and malaria continue to grow in Udupi district, with urban areas reporting a significant share of the infections recorded this year. Nearly 80 per cent of the total dengue cases reported in the district have been detected within the limits of Udupi and Manipal municipal corporations, raising concerns over the public health situation.

The severity of the situation is particularly evident in Udupi city, where even police personnel responsible for maintaining public safety have been affected by the mosquito-borne disease. As many as 11 staff members of the Udupi City Police Station, including the police inspector, have reportedly contracted dengue over the past three months.

According to the reported figures, two or three police personnel have been treated for dengue fever every month during this period. The recurring infections have created concern among police staff, with personnel reportedly hesitant to step outside the station premises to attend to their duties.

The situation at the city police station has highlighted the growing concerns over mosquito-borne infections within urban limits. Following the reports of dengue cases among police personnel, alert city council officials conducted fogging and spraying operations inside the police station and its surrounding premises to control mosquito breeding and prevent further infections.

The disease burden has also been reflected in the figures recorded by local health centres. Between November 1 and November 20, Udupi district reported three malaria cases and 17 dengue cases.

From January 1 to November 20, a total of 198 dengue cases were detected within the jurisdiction of the Manipal City Primary Health Centre. During the same period, the Udupi City Primary Health Centre recorded 168 dengue cases.

SDPI activists create ruckus at Brahmarakootlu toll gate

CH NEWS, BANTWAL

Tension prevailed at the Brahmarakootlu National Highway toll gate near B.C. Road in Bantwal taluk of Dakshina Kannada district after SDPI activists allegedly created a ruckus and disrupted toll collection.

According to reports, the incident occurred following opposition to the opening of a new toll gate near Uppinangady. Angered by the development, SDPI activists reportedly staged a protest at the Brahmarakootlu toll plaza, expressing their dissatisfaction over the new toll collection arrangement.

Cameras damaged

During the protest, the activists allegedly stormed the toll gate and threatened the staff against collecting toll fees from motorists. They also reportedly damaged surveillance cameras installed at the toll plaza and removed the boom barriers used to regulate the movement of vehicles.

Following the incident, vehicles were allegedly allowed to pass through the toll gate without paying the prescribed toll charges. The disruption affected normal operations at the plaza and created a tense atmosphere in the surrounding area.

The situation reportedly remained tense for some time as the activists continued their protest and the toll collection process was disrupted. The incident also raised concerns over the safety of toll plaza employees and damage to infrastructure at the facility.

Police restore order

Meanwhile, Bantwal police received information about the developments and rushed to the spot. Police personnel intervened to bring the situation under control and prevent further escalation.

The presence of the police helped restore order at the toll plaza after the incident created tension among toll gate employees and commuters.

Linked to new toll

The protest was reportedly linked to opposition against the newly opened toll gate near Uppinangady. However, further details regarding the demands raised by the activists and the action taken against those involved were not available in the initial report.

The incident has once again brought attention to disputes surrounding toll collection and the opening of toll plazas in the region. Further details regarding the extent of damage to the toll gate infrastructure and whether any formal complaint has been registered are awaited.

Police achieve 100% detection in 2025 chain-snatching cases, recover all stolen gold

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Police have achieved a 100 per cent detection rate in chain-snatching cases reported in 2025, recovering all stolen gold ornaments weighing 145 grams and valued at approximately Rs 17.03 lakh.

According to the police, a total of seven chain-snatching cases were registered during 2025. All seven cases were successfully detected, resulting in the arrest of nine accused persons. The police also recovered the entire quantity of stolen gold ornaments, marking a complete recovery of property in all reported cases.

The figures highlight the police department's efforts to investigate chain-snatching incidents, identify those involved and recover stolen valuables. The successful detection of all seven cases has also demonstrated the progress made in addressing such street crimes.


Representational image

A mixed picture in 2026

However, the situation in 2026 presents a mixed picture, with several cases still under investigation. A total of six chain-snatching incidents have been reported so far this year. Of these, police have successfully detected four cases and arrested six accused persons, while two cases remain pending.

In connection with the cases detected in 2026, police have recovered 72 grams of stolen gold, valued at approximately Rs 7.55 lakh. However, another 40 grams of gold, estimated to be worth around Rs 3.50 lakh, is yet to be recovered. The recovery figures indicate that while police have made progress in identifying and apprehending suspects, efforts are still required to trace the remaining accused and retrieve the outstanding stolen property.

Cases detected

2025	2026
7/7	4/6
all 145 g of gold recovered	so far; 40 g yet to be recovered

The two undetected cases from 2026 remain a priority for investigators. Police are continuing their efforts to gather information, establish the involvement of suspects and recover the remaining gold ornaments.

Two years compared

The comparison between the two years shows a significant achievement in 2025, when all reported chain-snatching cases were detected and the stolen property was fully recovered. In 2026, four of the six reported cases have been solved so far, with investigations continuing into the remaining two.

Police efforts are focused on ensuring that the pending cases are also resolved and that the remaining stolen jewellery is recovered. The department's performance in the coming months will determine whether it can maintain the complete detection record achieved in 2025.

TEMPLE THEFT CRACKED

Five held over theft of devotee's gold chain at Koteshwara temple



CH NEWS, KUNDAPUR

Kundapur police have arrested five persons in connection with the theft of a gold Mangalasutra chain worth approximately Rs 6 lakh from a woman at Kotilingeshwara Temple in Koteshwara. Police have also recovered the stolen jewellery and seized a car allegedly used in the crime.

According to the complaint, Geetha had travelled with her husband towards Kundapur at around 10.30 am on November 24 to purchase medicines. As the annual Kodi festival was being held at Koteshwara, the couple got down from a bus at the Koteshwara bypass and visited the Kotilingeshwara Temple.

Recovered, seized

7 sov.	GOLD MANGALASUTRA CHAIN, ABOUT RS 6 LAKH
1	CAR, WORTH ABOUT RS 3 LAKH
7	MOBILE PHONES

After offering prayers and completing the circumambulation at around 11.30 am, Geetha joined a crowded queue outside the temple pavilion to receive food at approximately 12.30 pm. During this time, unidentified persons allegedly snatched her gold Mangalasutra chain weighing around seven sovereigns and fled.

Case registered

Following her complaint, Kundapur police registered a case under Crime No. 05/2026 under Section 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and initiated an investigation.

The arrested persons have been identified as Bhagya (39), Ashwini L alias Gayathri (25), Kamachi (50), Adammal alias Adyammal (49) and S Nagaraj (48). They are from Kodagu district and Tamil Nadu.

Gold chain recovered

During the investigation, police recovered the stolen gold chain and seized a silver-coloured Mahindra TUV 300 car bearing registration number KA 01 MR 7991, valued at approximately Rs 3 lakh. Seven mobile phones belonging to the accused were also seized.

The five accused were subsequently produced before the court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

How it happened

- **10.30 AM** Geetha and her husband set out for Kundapur to buy medicines
- **11.30 AM** They finish prayers at the Kotilingeshwara Temple
- **12.30 PM** Her chain is snatched in the food queue

Constitution guides nation, says DC Prabhu

Inaugurating the programme, Prabhu said the Constitution reflects citizens' aspirations, comparing it to family rules defining everyone's roles and duties.



Officials at the district-level Constitution Day celebrations in Chikkaballapura on Thursday.

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

The Constitution gives India its identity and serves as the guiding force of the nation, Deputy Commissioner G. Prabhu said at the district-level Constitution Day celebrations held on Thursday.

The event was jointly organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Social Welfare Department at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Hall in the Zilla Panchayat office.

Inaugurating the programme, Prabhu said the Constitution reflects the aspirations of all citizens. He described everyone as children living under the protection of the Constitution and compared it to the rules followed in a family, which define the roles, responsibilities and duties of its members.

He recalled the important contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in framing the Constitution. He also explained that the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary function within the framework of the Constitution.

The Deputy Commissioner said the Constitution provides the foundation for national security, public administration and essential services such as education, healthcare and transport. He urged citizens to respect its ideals, saying that laws and constitutional values help maintain peace and security in society.

District and Sessions Judge T.P. Ramalingegowda said the Constitution contains several guidelines for the welfare of society. He stressed that legal services must reach every citizen's doorstep. He added that the Legal Services Authority was working to make legal assistance accessible to the public.

He urged people to understand and remember the values of the Constitution. He said it was everyone's responsibility to protect these values and pass them on to future generations.

He also advised students to practise the constitutional principles of equality, liberty and fraternity in their daily lives. Students were administered the Constitution Day pledge during the programme.

Those present included Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. Y. Naveen Bhat, Superintendent of Police Padmini Sahoo, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. N. Bhaskar and Social Welfare Department Deputy Director Tejananda Reddy, along with other officials.

Relief for farmers

₹73.18 cr	CROP INSURANCE, 1,25,832 CLAIMS
₹16.25 cr	DROUGHT RELIEF, 64,995 FARMERS

Quick Read

Chikkaballapura to hold public service meetings on Nov 28

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

Taluk-level meetings under the 'Praja Seve Andolana' (Public Service Movement) will be held on November 28 at various locations across Chikkaballapura district. A meeting will be held at 10.30 am at the Government High School in Cheemangala village, Jangamakote Hobli, Shidlaghatta taluk, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner G. Prabhu.Another meeting will be held at the Government Senior Primary School in Melya village, Nagaregere Hobli, Gauribidanur taluk, under MLA K.H. Puttaswamigowda. MLA S.N. Subbareddy will chair meetings at Hampasandra village in Gudibande taluk and Poshettihalli Gram Panchayat in Chikkaballapura taluk. A meeting will also be held at Atturu village under MLA Dr. M.C. Sudhakar. Meetings are additionally scheduled at the taluk offices in Bagepalli, Manchenahalli and Chelur.

Uttara Kannada Police sports meet begins Nov 27

CH NEWS, KARWAR

The Uttara Kannada District Police Department will organise its annual sports meet from November 27 to 29 at the Police Parade Ground in Karwar.The event will be inaugurated at 9 am on November 27 by Deputy Commissioner Harshal Bhoyar. Superintendent of Police Deepan M.N. will preside over the programme. Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. Dileesh Shashi and Additional Superintendent of Police Krishnamurthy G. will attend.The closing ceremony will be held on November 29 at 4 pm. Inspector General of Police, Mangaluru West Zone, N. Sasikumar, along with other district officials, will participate.

Free skill training offered for SC, ST candidates

CH NEWS, CHIKKABALLAPURA

Applications are invited from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates for a four-month free skill training programme at the Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) in Gauribidanur for the 2026-27 academic year. The programme is being conducted under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan. Selected candidates will receive free technical training along with a stipend. Employment opportunities in various companies will also be provided to those who successfully complete the training. According to the centre's Principal, interested candidates can contact 9731684439 or 8073909409 for further details or visit the GTTC in the Industrial Area, Gauribidanur.

Mandya CEO reviews vaccination, child health programmes

CH NEWS, MANDYA



Mandya Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K.R. Nandini has directed the Health, Education and Women and Child Development departments to work together to achieve 100 per cent vaccination coverage among eligible girls under the district's vaccination campaign.

Chairing a review meeting at the Zilla Panchayat office, she instructed officials to verify vaccination records taluk-wise and prepare accurate lists of eligible beneficiaries. School nodal teachers were asked to identify girls who require vaccination and help them reach nearby health centres. Special awareness programmes should be conducted in areas with low vaccination rates.

Nandini also stressed the need for regular health screenings in schools and Anganwadis under the National Child Health Programme. She directed officials to identify birth defects, nutritional deficiencies, childhood illnesses and developmental delays at an early stage and ensure proper treatment and follow-up.

She called for awareness programmes in schools and colleges on nutritious food, personal hygiene, physical activity and the prevention of lifestyle-related diseases. Special attention should also be given to adolescent health, menstrual hygiene and counselling.

Officials were instructed to prepare special health screening schedules for residential schools under the Social Welfare, Backward Classes Welfare and Minority Welfare departments. Taluks with poor progress will be reviewed twice a week through video conferences.

15-day deadline to cut infant deaths

Zilla Panchayat CEO K.R. Nandini has directed the Health Department to take urgent measures to reduce infant mortality and submit a comprehensive action plan within 15 days.

Chairing a district-level review meeting, she instructed officials to investigate every infant death and identify gaps in medical care, from pregnancy to delivery and newborn treatment.

She stressed the need to improve hospital infrastructure, purchase essential medical equipment, ensure adequate medicines and address staff shortages. Officials were also asked to strengthen emergency treatment and referral services between taluk hospitals and MIMS Hospital.

Nandini directed officials to form district and taluk-level task forces to monitor progress through weekly online meetings. She also stressed hospital cleanliness and proper availability of medical staff.

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Bettaswamy, District Reproductive and Child Health Officer Ashalatha, MIMS specialists, Taluk Health Officers and other officials attended the meeting.

Mandya Krishi Mela to showcase unique local products

CH NEWS, MANDYA: Zilla Panchayat CEO K.R. Nandini has directed officials to prioritise the display and sale of unique agricultural products made by local producers and women's self-help groups (SHGs) at the upcoming Krishi Mela.

Chairing a preparatory meeting, she suggested organising stalls by product categories, including organic foods, sweets, spices, beverages and handicrafts. Products such as jaggery, Rajamudi rice, honey, millet foods, Maddur Vade, Holige and Channapatna toys should receive special attention.

She stressed quality, attractive packaging, branding and adequate stocks to improve sales and income for SHGs.

Project Director Sundarraj, Assistant Project Officer Harsha and other officials attended.

Gadag university celebrates Constitution Day, stresses its values

CH NEWS, GADAG

Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University celebrated National Constitution Day on Thursday, with speakers stressing the need for citizens to understand and uphold the values and ideals of the Indian Constitution.

Speaking as the chief guest, Prof. (Dr.) V. Vijayakumar, former Vice-Chancellor of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Chennai, said citizens must understand the Constitution beyond simply reading it. He highlighted the importance of freedom, equality, rights and duties.

He said that although the Indian Constitution is among the world's well-written constitutions, implementing its ideals remains a challenge. He also stressed the need to develop 'Constitutional Intelligence' alongside constitutional literacy. He urged educational institutions to promote awareness among students through activities such as Constitution Clubs.The programme was presided over by University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Suresh V. Nadagowda, who said the Constitution reflects India's land, water, culture and aspirations.

KAGINELE CELEBRATES KANAKADASA JAYANTI WITH RATHOTSAVA

CH NEWS, HAVERI

Sri Kanakadasa Jayantyotsava and the two-day Rathotsava were celebrated with religious fervour at Kaginele in Haveri district. Devotees participated in the celebrations and religious programmes.The event began with tributes to Brahmaleena Jagadguru Sri Birendra Keshava Tarakanandapuri Mahaswamiji, followed by the ceremonial flag hoisting. Special worship and Rathotsava rituals were also performed.

Kaginele is an important centre of religious devotion and cultural heritage

Centre of devotion

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Basavaraja Sivannavar said Kaginele was an important centre of religious devotion and cultural heritage. He said the celebrations honoured Sri Kanakadasa's ideals, philosophy and devotional legacy.

Devotees attend

District Shepherd Association President Nagaraja Anveri, Ashoka Banker, Rajendra Haverannavar, Siddanna Lingammanavar, Sadananda Gowda Patil and devotees attended.

Magadi organises pension Adalats for senior citizens

CH NEWS, MAGADI

A special Old-Age Pension Adalat has been organised in Magadi taluk to help eligible senior citizens whose pension payments were stopped due to discrepancies in age records. Block Congress President K. Krishnamurthy said the initiative aims to ensure that eligible people aged 60 and above receive their benefits without difficulty.

Speaking after inaugurating a medical verification camp in front of the Taluk Office on Thursday, Krishnamurthy said the camp brings doctors and government officials together to help elderly people avoid repeated visits to hospitals and government offices.

He said the initiative aims to make pension services easier for beneficiaries and provide financial support for their daily needs, including medical expenses. He referred to pension amounts of ₹1,000 to ₹1,200.The camp in Magadi covered six gram panchayats—Thagikuppe, Kalya, Kalari, Belagumba, Bachenahatti and Netenahalli—as well as Magadi town. Tahsildar, Taluk Panchayat, Women and Child Development and Health Department officials, along with doctors from Ramanagara, including radiology specialists, attended the camp. Village Accountants and Panchayat Development Officers also assisted with the verification process.More than 500 beneficiaries received verification documents at the camp. A similar camp was held on November 25 at V.G. Doddi for residents of Hanchikuppe, Ajjanahalli and Madabalu gram panchayats under the leadership of J.P. Chandregowda. More than 500 beneficiaries received certificates there.

The organisers also arranged transport for beneficiaries, dropping them back at their homes after the verification process.

NAME CHANGE

I, **AKSHAYA TUNGA KOTATHATTU** S/o. Kalinga Kotathattu, aged about 20 years, residing at No. 220, 1st Main Road, 1st Stage, BDA Layout, Pattegarapaly Nagarabhavi, Bangalore - 560079, in my Passport it is mentioned **AKSHAYA KALINGA**, Now I request the authorities to Elaborate my initial "K" **KOTATHATTU** in my renewed Passport instead of **KALINGA**, I declare that my correct name will be as **AKSHAYA KOTATHATTU**. I affirm that the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, vide affidavit dated: 09.10.2026, before Notary M. K. DEVIKA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEVINDRAPPA S/o NINGAPPA, R/o 000, Godrihal, Hegganadoddi, Shorapur, Yadgir, Karnataka-585216, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SANNA DEVINDRAPPA.

DIRECT RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION - December 2026

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for following positions in Dakshina Kannada Growers Organic Collective Farmer Producer Company Limited (Non-Banking Financial Institution), company registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, for its newly opening branches at Mangalore, Surathkal, Moodbidri, Madanthyar, BC Road, Nelyadi, Subramanya, Bellare, Byndoor, Shirva, Kinnigoli,Thokkot, Ujire, Henri, Kapu, Kaikamba, Sullia & Kundapura.
Positions : Manager, Assistant Manager, Cash Officer, Loan Officer, Customer Service Officer, Field Collection Officer
Vacancies: 60+
Salary : ₹22,500 -₹65,000/month (based on qualification and experience)
Benefits : ESI PF
Eligibility : Candidates from Dakshina Kannada & Udupi District Eligible to apply.
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SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel property bearing of Site No.165, Municipal Khatha No.1897/1828, Situated at Kanakapura Municipal pura house block, Kanakapura Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West: 40 Feet, and North to South: 60 Feet's, Totally measuring 2400 sq. feet's bounded on **East by** : Remaining Residential house belongs to my family, **West by :** Site No. 166, **North by :** Conservancy Galli, **South by :** Road. If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to hand over the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.
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#1479. DRLS PLAZA, Union Bank Building, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 057.
Mobile No. 90609 50265.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANDRA SHEKARA VENKATARAMAPPA** S/o. Venkataramappa. Aged about 67 years, residing at # 66, Vittappanahalli Village, Shanubhoganahalli Post, Kolar Taluk, Kolar District - 563101, Karnataka, have changed my name from **CHANDRA SHEKARA VENKATARAMAPPA** to **CHANDRASHEKHAR VENKATARAMAIAH** also recorded as V. CHANDRA SHEKHAR in my Aadhaar Card and Voter ID. Hence forth I shall be known as CHANDRASHEKHAR VENKATARAMAIAH for all official purposes to Vide Affidavit Dated 21/11/2026 before Notary M Ramalinge Gowda, Kolar.

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Manufacture and supply of following materials as per GESCOM Specifications:
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Udyoga Sethu portal invites unemployed youth registration

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

The Karnataka Government has introduced the 'Udyoga Sethu' unified digital portal to connect unemployed youth with suitable job opportunities and help employers recruit candidates directly.The platform has been launched by the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood under the Commissionerate of Industrial Training and Employment.The District Employment Officer, Koppal, has urged interested unemployed youth to register through the official website, yuvaudyogasethu.karnataka.gov.in.Candidates who have already registered on the Seva Sindhu portal under the Yuva Nidhi scheme must also register on Udyoga Sethu to access the facility.

Haveri BJP protests over corruption, rising prices

CH NEWS, HAVERI

Members of the Haveri District unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) staged a protest in Haveri on Thursday, accusing the state government of corruption, poor governance and rising prices of essential goods.

The protesters marched from the party's city office to J.P. Circle, raising slogans against the government.An argument broke out between police personnel and BJP workers after the rally when the workers attempted to burn an effigy of Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. Those present at the demonstration included BJP leader Gavisiddappa Dyamannanavar, former district president Siddaraja Kalakoti, rural unit president Basavaraja Koliwada, city unit president Kiran Kolli and district spokesperson Niranjana Kerur.

Koppal students win prizes at state-level Kalashree camp

CH NEWS, KOPPAL

Two students from Koppal district brought laurels to the district by winning prizes at the 2026-27 state-level Kalashree camp held at Cubbon Park, Bengaluru.

N.M. Vishwakarthik of Karnataka Public School, Irakallagada, won first place in the science exhibition for his 'Smart Agriculture' model. The project uses artificial intelligence, sensors, IoT and solar energy to help farmers improve irrigation, monitor soil conditions and protect crops. Supreetha Lakhi of Government Higher Primary School, Hire Jantakal, secured third place in the folk dance category for children with disabilities.Science teacher Yamanurappa guided Vishwakarthik in developing the award-winning project. Deputy Director Amaresh Havin, school vice-principal Hanumantappa H., SDMC president Mahantesh Sangati, teachers, parents and villagers congratulated the students.

Chitradurga DC urges youth to uphold constitutional values

PRINCIPAL KUMAR URGED YOUTH TO UNDERSTAND THE CONSTITUTION, EXERCISE THEIR VOTING RIGHTS RESPONSIBLY, AND ELECT REPRESENTATIVES WHO UPHOLD CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES.



At the Constitution Day celebrations at LIDKAR Bhavan in Chitradurga on Thursday

CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

Deputy Commissioner S. Ramya urged young people to understand the ideals of the Constitution, make proper use of their rights and contribute to the nation's progress.

She was speaking after inaugurating Constitution Day celebrations organised by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat and Social Welfare Department at LIDKAR Bhavan on Thursday.

She said the Preamble reflected the spirit of the Constitution, which established India as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular and Democratic Republic. It guaranteed equality and freedom to all citizens and prohibited discrimination based on caste and religion.

She explained that provisions such as reservation and other special measures were introduced to help disadvantaged communities achieve equality and become part of the mainstream. Citizens also had the right to seek justice through legal means and stage peaceful protests against injustice.

Paying tribute to Dr B.R. Ambedkar, she urged students to understand his contribution to nation-building. She advised youngsters to avoid wasting time on mobile phones and instead focus on education, discipline and building a successful future.

Ambedkar's contribution recalled

Delivering a special lecture, thinker C.K. Maheshwarappa described the Constitution as a guiding document that promoted equality and protected every section of society. He recalled the contributions of the Constituent Assembly and praised Dr Ambedkar's knowledge of economics, sociology and political science.

He urged students to study Ambedkar's life and ideas and develop the determination to achieve their goals. He said India could become a global leader only by eliminating untouchability and ensuring social justice and equal opportunities for marginalised communities. He also warned against selling votes for money, calling it a threat to democracy.

Kumar, Principal of the Government College of Teacher Education, said voting was an important constitutional right and urged citizens to elect representatives who respected constitutional values. He stressed that young people should understand the Constitution and use their voting rights responsibly.

Thinker C.K. Maheshwarappa warned against selling votes for money, calling it a threat to democracy

The Preamble was read aloud during the programme. Dignitaries also paid floral tributes to Dr B.R. Ambedkar's portrait.

Those present included Social Welfare Department Deputy Director Mallikarjun, Assistant Director Parameshwarappa, District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee member J.J. Hatti Rajanna, divisional-level committee member Ravikumar, District Nomadic Tribes Implementation Committee member Manjunath, and community leaders Kumaraswamy and Ganesh.

Pillars of constitutional duty

Core Guarantees
The Preamble establishes India as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic while prohibiting caste and religious discrimination.

Social Justice
Reservation policies and legal remedies empower marginalised groups to achieve equality and peacefully protest against systemic injustice.

Ambedkar's Legacy
Speakers highlighted Dr B.R. Ambedkar's mastery of economics, sociology, and politics as a blueprint for student determination.

Electoral Integrity
Protecting democracy requires rejecting cash-for-votes and choosing leaders committed to constitutional values and equal opportunity.

GADAG FACES SEVERE FODDER SHORTAGE, FARMERS STRUGGLE

MALINGARAYA PUJAR, GADAG

Farmers across Gadag district are facing a severe fodder shortage following the failure of monsoon and post-monsoon rains. With major crops drying up, livestock owners are struggling to find fodder even at high prices.

Groundnut, jowar, maize, chickpea and wheat crops have suffered due to poor rainfall, leaving farmers with very little fodder. The shortage has affected Gadag, Lakshmeshwar, Gajendragad, Shirahatti, Mundargi, Ron and Nargund taluks, where farmers are collecting whatever fodder remains in their fields.

Fodder prices have increased sharply. A tractor load of groundnut fodder is reportedly selling for ₹40,000 to ₹50,000, while jowar fodder costs between ₹20,000 and ₹25,000. Despite paying these high prices, farmers are finding it difficult to obtain good-quality fodder.

Farmers bring fodder from distant districts

With local supplies running short, farmers are purchasing paddy straw from Shivamogga, Haveri and the Malnad regions of Uttara Kannada. A load of paddy straw reportedly costs between ₹10,000 and ₹15,000. Transportation expenses add to the financial burden, particularly for small and marginal farmers.

The falling prices of cattle have further worsened their difficulties. Unable to afford the rising cost of fodder, some farmers are selling their livestock at low prices.The shortage has also affected the dairy industry. Milk production has reportedly declined because cattle are not getting enough nutritious green fodder.

This has reduced the income of rural families who depend on dairy farming for additional earnings and made it increasingly difficult for them to maintain their livestock.Farmers said the failure of both monsoon and post-monsoon crops had pushed the district into a serious fodder crisis. Small farmers cannot afford to transport paddy straw from distant areas at such high prices.

Deloitte opens Mangaluru office, plans major expansion

CH NEWS, MANGALURU



Deloitte India has expanded its presence in Karnataka by opening a new office at wrkwrk Triangle, Kottara Chowki, Mangaluru. The facility marks the company's 27th office in India and aims to create more professional opportunities in the coastal region.

The office will initially accommodate around 250 professionals, with plans to increase the workforce to more than 1,000. It will function as an integrated capability and delivery centre, connecting local employees with Deloitte India's national and international clients.The centre will focus on technology, artificial intelligence (AI), data and analytics, cybersecurity, consulting, tax and risk advisory services.

Speaking on the occasion, Romal Shetty, Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte South Asia, said the company's growth was driven by talented professionals. He described the Mangaluru office as a homecoming, noting his family's roots in Coastal Karnataka.

He said Mangaluru had a strong network of educational institutions that produced skilled graduates. However, many professionals had to move to larger cities in search of better career opportunities. The new office would allow them to work on major projects for clients across India and the world while staying close to their families.The expansion is also aligned with the Karnataka Government's 'Beyond Bengaluru' initiative, which aims to promote business and employment opportunities in cities beyond the state capital.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
TWO COVER BID SYSTEM

Ref No: MIMS/Sup-1/B.B/Plasma/E-tender/29/2026-27, dt:03.11.2026

Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), Mandya, invites E-tender for selling of Fresh Frozen Plasma from Blood Bank of MIMS Mandya from the Manufacture/s or Authorized Dealers in two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-1999 and Rules thereunder. Submission of e-tender and other details can be obtained in e-procurement portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

SI No : 01. Description : Selling of Fresh Frozen plasma (Blood Bank of MIMS). Tender Approximate Amount : 90.00 Lakhs EMD Rs. 1,80,000. Tender Start date : --. Tender last date : --

Sd/-Chief Administrative Officer, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ)
(ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಉಪ–ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು. ಮೈಸೂರು ಅರಮನೆ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇವರಿಂದ, ಒಟ್ಟು ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 126.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ 02 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ/ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಮೊಹರಾದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇಕಡವಾರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು / ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ / ತಯಾರಕರು /ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. (1) ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ (ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್) ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ 02–12–2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 03–12–2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 04–12–2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ಅಥವಾ ನಂತರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. (4) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 11.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ/ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಅರಮನೆ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ರವರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಿನಗಳಂದು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಮೇಲೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿರುವ ದಿನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನಂತರದ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2,
4th Floor, Jayanagar Commercial Complex, 30th Cross Road, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 4th Block, Bengaluru - 560011.
No:EE(QA/QC)/Z-2/BSCC/TEND/02/2026-27/CALL-2 Date: 26-11-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division, Zone-2, BSCC, Bengaluru invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC) for the below works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for the Work of **Package No.1 -** Improvements to Roads and Drains in Parangi Palya, Mangammanapalya, Ibbaluru, Ellukunte. **(Call-2) - Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 500.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 18,750/-**
2	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for the Work of **Package No.2 -** Improvements to Roads and Drains in Hulimavu Janatha Colony, Puttenahalli Palya, Doresani Palya, Bilekahalli Grama, Kodichikkanahalli. **(Call-2) - Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 1000.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 37,500/-**
3	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for the Work of **Package No.3 -** Improvements to Roads and Drains in Gulbarga Colony, NGR Layout, Hongasandra Colony and Roopena Agrahara Colony. **(Call-2) - Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 1000.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 37,500/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 30-11-2026. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **02-12-2026 at 11.30 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), BSCC, 4th Floor, Jayanagara Commercial Complex, 30th Cross Road, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 4th Block, Bengaluru - 560011. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **07-12-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **08-12-2026 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

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Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2, BSCC.

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, BNCC
Kempanahalli Main Road Atturu Layout, Atturu Forest Nursery, Bangalore–560064
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TWO COVER SYSTEM
Short Term Tender Notification Through KPPP-Portal only

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, BNCC, Bangalore on behalf of the Commissioner, BNCC invites works tenders two cover systems from Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration /CPWD / KPWD /KPWD/ FOREST/ Railways / MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (vizhttps://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.

Following are the Event so Bid process:

SL. No	Indent	Name of the Work	Estimate Amount (Rs in lakhs)	EMD in Rs.	Period of service
01	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0251	Bangalore North City Corporation Zone-1 Byatarayanapura Assembly Constituency Tree Canopy Management During the year 2026-27	18.10	45250	121 days
02	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0252	Bangalore North City Corporation Zone-1 Pulakeshinagara Assembly Constituency Tree Canopy Management During the year 2026-27	18.10	45250	121 days
03	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0253	Bangalore North City Corporation Zone-1 Sarvagnanagara Assembly Constituency Tree Canopy Management During the year 2026-27	18.10	45250	121 days
04	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0254	Bangalore North City Corporation Zone-2Yelahanka Assembly Constituency Tree Canopy Management During the year 2026-27	18.10	45250	121 days
05	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0255	Bangalore North City Corporation zone-2Hebbala Assembly Constituency Tree Canopy Management During the year 2026-27	18.10	45250	121 days
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07	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0257	Bangalore North City Corporation Zone-1 and zone -2 Tree Canopy Management One Night Team	18.10	45250	121 days
08	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0258	Mobile Hydraulic Crane 20 t Capacity for removal of tree/branches to Zone -1 for supporting tree canopy management During the year 2026-27.	13.00	32500	121 days
09	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0259	Mobile Hydraulic Crane 20 t Capacity for removal of tree/branches to Zone -2 for supporting tree canopy management During the year 2026-27.	13.00	32500	121 days
10	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0260	Hiring of Tractor for Zone -1 for supporting tree canopy management During the year 2026-27.	9.40	23500	121 days
11	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0261	Hiring of Tractor for Zone -2 for supporting tree canopy management During the year 2026-27.	9.40	23500	121 days

Time Schedule

(1) **Date of Commencement of Download of Document from KPPP website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in : 26.11.2026 After 4.00 PM onwards** (2) Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in Procurement : **At 30.11.2026 Up to 4.00PM** (3). Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting : **At 02.12.2026 3:00PM at the following venue: Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, BNCC Kempanahalli Main Road Atturu Layout, Atturu Forest Nursery, Bangalore–560064 e-mail:acfbncc@gmail.com (4)**.Last Date and Time for uploading of Tender sine Procurement portal for : **05.12.2026 Up to 5.30 PM** (5). Opening of technical document : **On 07.12.2026 at 11.00AM**. (6).Address for Communication : **Office of Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, BNCC Kempanahalli Main Road Atturu Layout, Atturu Forest Nursery, Bangalore–560064 e-mail:acfbncc@gmail.com**

Tender Processing fee and EMD should be made in e-procurement https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only using any of the following four modes of e- payment.

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THE CHATBOT HAS ENROLLED

India's colleges are grading work they can no longer verify, for jobs that are changing faster than their syllabi. Both problems need fixing before the next placement season.



ABRAHAM

Across India's campuses, the humble take-home assignment has quietly stopped meaning what it used to. An essay that once took a weekend now takes a prompt and a few minutes. Teachers read submissions that are fluent, tidy and oddly alike, with no reliable way of telling who — or what — wrote them. Meanwhile, the entry-level jobs that degrees were supposed to lead to are being rewritten by the same technology. Indian higher education is caught between the two, and so far, it is mostly improvising.

Start with the rulebook, because there is not one. In April, Careers360 reported that universities were still waiting for a regulatory framework on AI from the University Grants Commission. Academic integrity still rests largely on the UGC's 2018 plagiarism regulations, written for an age of copy-and-paste. Most universities tolerate up to 10 per cent similarity in assignments — a test designed to catch copying, not text that a machine composes afresh every time. Draft rules on generative AI in research, focused on disclosure and fabricated data, have been reported, but they are not final and say little about the everyday classroom.

So, every teacher improvises. At the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru, teachers follow written assignments with a viva voce to check that students understand what they have submitted. Shiv Nadar University has set out graded levels of permitted AI use, from near-prohibition to unrestricted use with every interaction documented, and asks students to disclose what they used. Elsewhere, policies range from blanket bans to looking the other way. Some colleges lean on "AI detectors", whose verdicts are unreliable and which research has found more likely to flag the writing of non-native English speakers — precisely the first-generation and Kannada-medium students higher education most needs to welcome. A misconduct case built on a software score alone is not discipline; it is a lottery.

The jobs side is moving faster still. According to the foundit Insights Tracker for July 2026, the IT sector's share of fresher hiring fell from 32 per cent in 2025 to 24 per cent this year, and overall entry-level hiring was down 10 per cent year on year. AI roles now account for 4 per cent of fresher hiring, up from about 1 per cent — but just over half of them are in AI operations, not in building models. Nearly six in ten fresher postings prefer or demand prior internship experience.

> **"The bottom rung of the career ladder is being sawn off."**
>
> **— Abraham**

The routine work on which generations of graduates learnt their trade — testing code, writing documentation, answering support tickets, cleaning data — is precisely what AI tools increasingly handle. The bottom rung of the career ladder is being sawn off.



The missing rung: as AI absorbs routine entry-level work, graduates need degrees that teach — and test — what machines cannot do. (Representational illustration)

This is landing on a job market that was already failing graduates. The State of Working India 2026 report from Bengaluru's Azim Premji University found that nearly four in ten graduates under 25 in the labour force are unemployed. Of young male graduates who report being out of work, about half find some job within a year, but only around 7 per cent land a permanent salaried one. The big IT firms insist they will keep hiring freshers — increasingly, though, the ones who arrive already able to work alongside AI.

Karnataka has more at stake than most. Bengaluru alone accounts for 14 per cent of India's fresher hiring, and the State's engineering colleges feed the industry that made the city's name. Visvesvaraya Technological University has begun introducing AI into every engineering branch, civil and mechanical included — a sensible start. But a revised syllabus, taught by unprepared faculty and examined the old way, changes little. Students will simply use AI to pass examinations designed for a world without it.

What should change is not a crackdown but a redesign.

First, write the rulebook. The UGC must issue a national framework that sets principles instead of banning apps: disclosure of AI use as the norm, graded permissions decided course by course, due process before any finding of misconduct, and a clear rule that no student is penalised on the strength of a detector score alone.

Second, change how students are assessed. More writing in class, more oral examinations, open-book papers that test judgement rather than recall, and projects graded on process — drafts, logs, the reasoning behind choices — and not just the polished product. If a chatbot can pass a paper, the paper is the problem.

Third, teach AI literacy in every discipline, not only computer science: how these systems work, where they invent things, whose biases they carry, what happens to the data fed into them, and when not to use them at all. A history student needs this as much as a coder, and it should be taught in Kannada as readily as in English.

Fourth, invest in teachers. Faculty cannot redesign courses around a technology they were never trained in, through webinars squeezed into overloaded timetables. They need time, training and the freedom to experiment.

Fifth, rebuild the first rung. Make internships and apprenticeships a credit-bearing part of every degree, bring in global capability centres — whose share of fresher hiring has risen from 8 to 11 per cent — along with start-ups and small firms as partners, and require colleges to publish honest, audited placement data.

The point of a degree was never the essay; it was the mind that produced it. A university that keeps grading the output will end up certifying the machine. One that grades thinking — and teaches students to use AI without surrendering to it — will turn out graduates no chatbot can replace. India's colleges have a choice to make, and very little time in which to make it.

CYBER SECURITY AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY



DR. PRIYANKA SAURABH

The digital revolution has given new impetus to India's economy, banking system, and civic life. Today, sending money, paying bills, making purchases, and accessing government services through mobile phones is easier than ever before. UPI, internet banking, and digital wallets have brought financial transactions within the reach of the common man. But with this convenience, a serious challenge has also rapidly emerged—cyber fraud. While technology has simplified economic activities, it has also provided criminals with new avenues to access people's hard-earned money. Today, cybercrime is not just a technical problem, but a serious question concerning economic security, social trust, and institutional accountability.

There are several interconnected reasons behind the increasing cases of cyber fraud in India. The most prominent reason is the rapid expansion of digital services and the lack of commensurate growth in digital literacy. While online banking and UPI have expanded access to small towns, villages, and remote areas, a large number of users are unfamiliar with basic digital security principles. They click on unknown links, share OTPs, or fall prey to fake customer service numbers. Criminals exploit this lack of knowledge to withdraw funds from bank accounts.

Phishing and identity fraud are dangerous forms of cybercrime. Criminals contact people posing as bank officials, government employees, police officers, or representatives of reputable institutions. They create fear and confusion by citing demands for KYC updates, bank account closures, receipt of contraband in parcels, or a government investigation. The most worrying example is fraudulent practices such as digital arrest. In this, criminals pose as officers from the police, CBI, ED, or other investigative agencies and hold people mentally hostage via video calls. They extort lakhs of rupees from them by threatening them with arrest, legal action, and social stigma.

The misuse of technology has exacerbated this challenge. Deepfake videos and fake voices, created with the help of artificial intelligence (AI), are now capable of impersonating a person's identity. Criminals can call in the voice of a relative, acquaintance, senior official, or trusted individual, asking for emergency financial assistance. While it used to be relatively easy to identify fraud through misspelled messages and suspicious emails, advanced technology has now made criminals' deceptions more convincing.

The growing web of digital fraud



Another major problem is mule bank accounts. These are bank accounts used to transfer money obtained from cybercrime from one account to another. Unemployed youth and economically vulnerable individuals are often lured into using their bank accounts by offering commissions. In some cases, people hand over their accounts and ATM cards to others without complete information. By creating these chains, criminals attempt to conceal their true identities and source of funds. Furthermore, international cybercrime networks, fake SIM cards, fake identities, and cross-border digital transactions are increasing difficulties for investigating agencies.

Interestingly, cyber fraud is not solely the result of the cunning of criminals, but is often fueled by institutional weaknesses. The banking system's responsibility cannot be limited to providing digital services to customers. Banks must develop effective systems for identifying suspicious accounts, robust KYC procedures, and monitoring unusual transactions. If a large amount of money suddenly flows into or out of an account, or if there are multiple suspicious transactions in a short period of time, the bank's monitoring system should be activated immediately. Information sharing and coordination between banks is particularly essential for identifying mule accounts.

The role of the Reserve Bank of India is also crucial. As the regulatory body, the RBI should ensure stringent cybersecurity standards for banks and financial institutions. Clear guidelines, a timely grievance redressal system, and regular review of the security of digital payments are essential to protect customers from fraud. Banking institutions must understand that customer trust is their greatest asset. If confidence in the security of digital payment systems is weakened, the credibility of the digital economy is also affected.

Along with banks, telecom companies also have equal responsibility. Cybercriminals target people using fake SIM cards, spoofed calls, and fake mobile numbers. Telecom service providers should ensure the identification of suspicious SIM cards, the prevention of fraudulent connections, and prompt action upon receiving complaints. The government's Sanchar Sathi initiative is a useful step in this direction. Through this initiative, citizens can report suspicious mobile connections and mobile phone-related fraud. However, the benefits of such initiatives will only be widespread if the public is aware of their use.

The role of law enforcement agencies is also crucial. The nature of cybercrime allows criminals based in one state to target individuals in another and transfer funds to a bank account in a third state. Therefore, local action alone is insufficient. Better coordination between the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), cybercrime police stations, and state police is essential. Once a complaint is filed, the process of preserving digital evidence, identifying suspicious accounts, and tracing the flow of funds must be expedited. Delays in taking action against cybercriminals can increase victims' financial losses.

Digital platforms and social media companies should also not shirk their responsibility. A large number of people fall victim to fraud through fake advertisements, fake investment schemes, accounts created in the name of government officials, and misleading links. Platform companies should actively monitor such advertisements and accounts. Effective systems should be in place to remove suspicious content upon receiving complaints and preserve digital evidence related to crimes.

The most important issue is providing relief to victims. In the current system, victims often continue to run around various institutions even after filing a complaint. However, in cyber fraud, the first few minutes are crucial. In India, the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal are important channels for this purpose. Victims should report to 1930 without delay and also enter details on the portal, so that the relevant banks and agencies can take action to prevent further transfer of suspicious funds.

An important question here is institutional accountability. If a case reveals negligence, poor monitoring, or a violation of established security procedures, the victim should receive appropriate relief and compensation as per the rules. It would not be appropriate to automatically hold the bank responsible for every cyber fraud, but it is also unacceptable to dismiss institutional lapses as customer error. Accountability should be determined based on the facts, applicable regulations, and the investigation.

The use of AI-based surveillance systems could be crucial in future strategies. Technology should be developed to identify unusual transactions, suspicious logins, multiple accounts operating on the same network, and rapid money transfers. Banks, telecommunications companies, payment service providers, and investigative agencies should exchange information in real time. Criminals already use such technology; crime prevention agencies should use it just as effectively.

Digital literacy must also be made a national priority. Through schools, colleges, panchayats, banks, and public institutions, citizens should be informed that no real police officer or investigating agency holds a person hostage over video calls in the name of digital arrest, nor does it have the authority to deposit money into a private bank account in the name of investigation. OTPs, PINs, passwords, and confidential banking information should not be shared with anyone. Elders in families and new users of digital services need to be especially aware.

The battle for cybersecurity cannot be won solely with technical tools and legal provisions. Citizen trust, institutional activism, and government accountability are essential. The dream of a Digital India will only be realized when citizens can access digital services without fear. Victims must receive swift justice and financial relief, along with stringent action against cybercrime. The success of digital development should not be measured solely by the number of people who have adopted online transactions, but also by the safety of their hard-earned money. Technology should be a tool for convenience, not fear and exploitation—this should be the true identity of a secure Digital India.

HOME AND CAREER: HOW CAN A WORKING WOMAN MAINTAIN A BALANCE?





DR. VIJAY GARG

Today's woman is proving her abilities in every field, including education, science, administration, business, healthcare, sports and many other professions. She is becoming financially independent and making a significant contribution to the progress of her family. However, along with this success, she faces a major challenge—maintaining a balance between home and professional life.

For a working woman, the day from morning to night is often filled with responsibilities. Household chores, childcare, the needs of elderly family members, office work and social commitments demand her time and energy. Sometimes, she even puts her personal interests, health and relaxation aside.

Effective Time Management Is Essential

Proper time management is important for maintaining a balance between home and work. Preparing a daily schedule, prioritising important tasks and avoiding unnecessary activities can be helpful. Instead of doing everything herself, she should share some responsibilities with other family members.

Family Support Is Most Important

Household responsibilities should not be considered the sole responsibility of women; they are a shared responsibility of the entire family. Husbands, children and other family members should actively participate in household chores. When family members support one another, a woman's burden is reduced and family relationships become stronger.

Maintain a Boundary Between Work and Personal Life

One should avoid bringing office work home unnecessarily or remaining connected to mobile phones and emails all the time. Professional responsibilities should be managed during working hours, while family time should be given due importance. This helps reduce mental stress and improves overall life satisfaction.

Do Not Neglect Your Health

Many working women are unable to pay adequate attention to their health while managing family and professional responsibilities. It is essential to make time for a balanced diet, sufficient sleep, regular exercise and recreation. Taking care of one's health is not selfishness; it is a necessity for a better life.

Support at the Workplace Is Also Necessary

Organisations and governments should understand the needs of working women. Flexible working hours, parental leave, safe workplaces, childcare facilities and equal opportunities can help women advance their careers while fulfilling family responsibilities.

Balance Is More Important Than Perfection

Women should understand that completing every task perfectly every day is not always possible. Sometimes, postponing certain tasks until the next day is perfectly reasonable. Instead of setting unrealistic expectations, they should work according to their abilities and circumstances.

In reality, maintaining a balance between home and career is not merely an individual responsibility of women. It requires cooperation from families, society, workplaces and the government. Women should not be treated like machines expected to fulfil every responsibility. Their feelings, dreams and aspirations deserve equal respect.

A healthy society is one in which women are not forced to choose between home and career but are provided equal opportunities, encouragement and support to progress in both areas of life.

> **"Taking care of one's health is not selfishness; it is a necessity for a better life."**
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> **— Dr. Vijay Garg**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reservation in Government Schemes and the Promise of Equality

Through the columns of your newspaper, I wish to draw attention to the importance of reservation in government schemes on Constitution Day. November 26 reminds us of the adoption of the Constitution and its commitment to justice, equality and dignity for every citizen. These values must guide the implementation of welfare programmes. Reservation and targeted support for disadvantaged communities help ensure that opportunities in education, employment, housing and other government schemes reach those who have faced social and economic barriers. However, the purpose of reservation should not remain limited to policy announcements. Eligible beneficiaries must be made aware of available schemes, application procedures should be simple, and benefits must reach people without discrimination or unnecessary delays. Authorities should also review implementation to identify gaps and prevent misuse. Reservation is not a favour; it is a measure to promote equal opportunity and inclusive development. On this Constitution Day, it is worth remembering that constitutional equality becomes meaningful only when people can access the opportunities and support intended for them. I urge policymakers and implementing agencies to strengthen awareness, transparency and accountability in welfare schemes. A society that includes disadvantaged citizens moves closer to the constitutional promise of justice for all. **– Hepsiba S.**

Quick Read

Govt rolls out state dashboard on eSankhyiki portal

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched a State Dashboard on its eSankhyiki portal, bringing together state-level data for selected indicators as part of efforts to strengthen subnational statistics and digital dissemination, an official statement said on Thursday. Developed in collaboration with the Institute for Competitiveness, the dashboard aims to make official statistics more accessible in usable formats and easier to reuse for analysis, the ministry's statement said. MoSPI developed eSankhyiki as a one-stop window for official statistics.

Sensex rises 390 points, Nifty ends higher

MUMBAI

Indian equity markets closed higher on Thursday, extending gains in a volatile session as investors awaited further clarity on trade agreements between India and the US. The Sensex climbed 390.31 points, or 0.46 per cent, to settle at 84,328.59, while the Nifty gained 65.25 points, or 0.25 per cent, to close at 25,884.50. Commenting on the Nifty's technical outlook, experts said that the index continues to face resistance near the psychological 26,000 mark, with intermittent profit-booking restricting further upside. "A sustained breakout above this hurdle could strengthen bullish momentum and open the way towards 26,200 and higher levels," analysts stated.



India well-placed to navigate US tariffs

NEW DELHI

India remains well-positioned to navigate the impact of the proposed US tariffs on Indian goods, industry leaders and economists said on Thursday, citing the country's diversified export base, expanding network of free trade agreements (FTAs) and ongoing negotiations for a bilateral trade pact with Washington. ASSOCHAM Chief Economist Dr SP Sharma said India's economic fundamentals and export diversification would help cushion the impact of any tariff-related disruptions. Similarly, Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), said the proposed duties were not directed solely at India and that competing Asian economies such as China, Bangladesh and Vietnam face even higher tariff burdens. "We are now in a position to conclude a very important FTA with the European Union, while agreements with the UAE, New Zealand and the UK have enhanced India's global trade engagement," he said. "What we understand is that if India concludes the trade deal, it could be subject to a tariff of around 17 per cent, whereas without an agreement, the tariff could rise to 25 per cent. This makes the trade negotiations critical," he said.

ROADS TO GROWTH: BENGAL GETS RS 1 LAKH CR

Nitin Gadkari said ₹35,000-crore projects spanning 450 km are underway, while the Centre completed ₹40,000-crore road projects statewide.

KOLKATA

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday announced an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore over the next five years to transform West Bengal's road and highway infrastructure, promising to bring the state's road network on a par with that of the United States.

Addressing a programme at Kolaghat in East Midnapore district, Gadkari announced the investment during the inauguration and foundation stone-laying ceremony for National Highway and bridge projects worth Rs 27,000 crore. The programme included 22 National Highway projects involving an investment of Rs 8,700 crore.

"Today, I also announce a total investment of Rs 1 lakh crore from my ministry for the development of roads, highways and bridges over the next few years. I promise that in the next five years, the road infrastructure in West Bengal will be like that in the US," Gadkari said.



West Bengal: a 250-km ring road is planned around Kolkata

He also announced plans to build a 250-km ring road around Kolkata to ease traffic congestion and improve urban connectivity.

The Union Minister sought the West Bengal government's cooperation in expediting land acquisition, securing environmental clearances and removing encroachments to ensure timely execution of the projects.

Gadkari said improved road connectivity would support township expansion, attract industrial investments and generate employment opportunities across the state.

"Road development infrastructure will result in township expansion and boost industrial development. Most importantly, road infrastructure will result in huge capital investment, which will ensure huge employment generation," he said.

Referring to the BJP's electoral victory in West Bengal in 2026, Gadkari said the Centre was committed to providing financial and administrative support for the state's development.

He expressed confidence that the proposed investments would strengthen West Bengal's infrastructure and economic growth.



Rs 1 lakh crore for roads over five years

Rs 27,000 crore of projects inaugurated or launched

250 km ring road planned around Kolkata

Trade barriers highlight need for recycling push



> *"The private sector provides the entrepreneurial energy and ecosystem that can shape the formalisation of the recycling sector."*
>
> **MASOOD MALLICK** Chairman, CII National Committee on Waste to Worth Technologies

NEW DELHI

Growing tariff and non-tariff barriers across major economies are making international trade increasingly complex, while India needs to accelerate industrial-scale recycling to reduce import dependence and strengthen its circular economy, Masood Mallick, Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Committee on Waste to Worth Technologies, said on Thursday.

Speaking about the changing global trade environment, Mallick said recent tariff proposals by the United States were part of a broader trend that could reshape international trade flows. He cautioned that businesses would face greater uncertainty as countries increasingly relied on both tariff-based and non-tariff measures.

"I think the global tariff situation, as well as other non-tariff barriers, will make global trade more complicated," Mallick said.

He described the evolving US tariff situation as unpredictable, highlighting how frequently trade measures were changing.

"The US tariff situation is quite dynamic. It keeps changing much like the stock market. One day it's up, one day it's down. But overall, tariff and non-tariff barriers are going to make global trade more complicated," he added.

Turning to India's recycling sector, Mallick emphasised the importance of private-sector participation in building a structured and commercially viable recycling ecosystem.

He said private enterprises could bring entrepreneurial energy, investment and organisational capabilities to formalise recycling activities and expand their scale.

Mallick observed that a significant portion of India's circularity ecosystem remained fragmented and operated on a small scale. Expanding industrial-scale recycling, he indicated, would be important for improving resource recovery and reducing dependence on imported materials.

SC orders red hexagon warnings on food packs

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to introduce prominent front-of-pack warning labels on packaged food products exceeding prescribed limits of nutrients of concern, requiring declarations such as "High Fat", "High Sugar" and "High Salt".

A bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K. Vinod Chandran directed the food regulator to incorporate standardised pictorial representations of the respective nutrients alongside the warning declarations. These warnings must appear on food packaging in separate red hexagons.

The court further directed that each warning hexagon should occupy at least 4-5 per cent of the principal display panel of the package, unless there are explicit reasons to depart from the requirement. It also asked FSSAI to prescribe prominent and easily readable font sizes to ensure consumers can clearly notice the warnings under normal purchasing and usage conditions.



Key directions

- → Separate red hexagons for High Fat, High Sugar and High Salt warnings
- → Each warning to take at least 4-5 per cent of the principal display panel
- → Prominent, legible font sizes
- → Total sugars and saturated fat replace added sugar and added fat as nutrients of concern
- → Revised thresholds must be evidence-based

On nutritional parameters, the bench directed the regulator to consider total sugars and saturated fat, instead of added sugar and added fat, as nutrients of concern, alongside salt.

The court observed that the threshold levels proposed under Table 15.1 of the Dietary Guidelines for Indians, 2024, should not be adopted in their existing form because they were calculated using added sugar and added fat rather than total sugars and saturated fat.

It also stressed that revised nutritional thresholds must be based on scientific evidence and carefully calibrated.

"Thresholds set too low would result in almost all packaged food products carrying a warning label and thereby desensitise consumers and induce 'label fatigue'. The threshold levels presently on record fall in this category," the Supreme Court observed.

China unemployment surges as economy slows

BEIJING

China's economic boom appears to have petered out with key sectors such as real estate plunging into a deep crisis, triggering large-scale unemployment in the communist country, according to a report.

"Across Chinese cities, scenes once considered unthinkable have become commonplace. Day labourers gather before dawn hoping to secure a few hours of work. Food delivery workers often labour for twelve to fourteen hours a day merely to earn enough to cover rent and meals. Middle-aged workers who lose their jobs find themselves trapped in a brutal labour market where many employers prefer candidates under 35. For countless families, the question is no longer how to improve their lives, but how to put food on the table," states the report from Shanghai.



China's job squeeze

youth unemployment (16-24) in September

18%

graduates join the job market each year

12 million+

of the economy once came from real estate

25%

It cites government figures that show China's youth unemployment rate for those aged 16-24, excluding students, stood at 18 per cent in September 2026, highlighting the severe employment challenges facing young graduates entering the workforce. With more than 12 million university graduates entering the job market annually, competition for employment has become fiercer than ever, the report observed.

The real estate sector, which once accounted for 25 per cent of China's economy, remains under stress, with demand having collapsed.

Foreign investor confidence has also weakened. Official figures show foreign direct investment into China fell for several consecutive years, with a further decline recorded in 2025 and continued pressure into 2026. While Beijing promotes technological self-reliance and domestic consumption, many international companies are reassessing their exposure to the Chinese market amid economic and geopolitical uncertainties, the report further stated.

Musk tells SpaceX shareholders to hold on

WASHINGTON

Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on Thursday said that every child in America will receive two SpaceX shares, one from the company and one from him personally.

Announcing this on X, Musk said the share from SpaceX will be transferred next month. "The share directly from me will be transferred when my lockup expires in June next year," he added.

The billionaire further stated that if SpaceX succeeds in making life multiplanetary and harnessing even a millionth of the Sun's energy, it will be worth about a million times the current global economy.

"These are obviously absurdly difficult goals, but there is a path to achieving them. I recommend holding on to your shares," he noted.

In October, he had announced plans to give one SpaceX share to every child in the United States. "Next year, I will give one of my SpaceX shares to every kid in America. This will be the first of many," Musk wrote on X.

The announcement came as Musk remained the largest shareholder in the aerospace and satellite company. According to a recent regulatory filing, Musk held a 48.4 per cent stake in SpaceX (as of June 30).

The filing showed that Musk owns approximately 6.42 billion shares in SpaceX.

SpaceX recently reported strong quarterly results, powered by explosive growth in its artificial intelligence business and rising demand for data-centre capacity with revenue rising 161 per cent to $14.58 billion year-on-year in the third quarter.



The company's AI unit — now branded as Super Intelligence — generated $7.56 billion in revenue during the quarter, nearly 10 times higher than a year ago.

The business emerged as a major provider of compute infrastructure and data-centre capacity to AI developers including Anthropic, Alphabet's Google and Reflection AI.

Indian removal requests to Google jump 61%

NEW DELHI

Content removal requests from Indian government agencies and courts to Google rose 61 per cent during January-June 2026 compared with the preceding six months, with YouTube emerging as the most frequently targeted service, according to the company's Transparency Report.

Google received 4,006 requests from India during the six-month period, covering 65,091 items across its services. India ranked third globally in the number of such requests, behind Russia and South Korea.

YouTube accounted for the largest share of the requests, with 3,399 submissions seeking action on content hosted on the platform. Police agencies made 2,870 requests, nearly 72 per cent of the total, while courts accounted for 695 requests.

Defamation was the most frequently cited ground for seeking content removal, featuring in 2,130 requests, the report showed.

Google removed 19,883 items in response to Indian requests for violating local laws, while another 1,415 items were taken down under its own policies. The company took no action on 19,402 items, while it said the information available was insufficient to act on another 17,473.

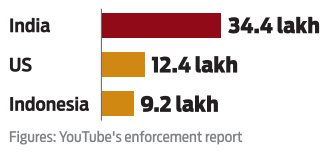
Separately, YouTube's Community Guidelines Enforcement Report for the April-June 2026 quarter showed that India accounted for the highest number of video removals globally.

A total of 34.4 lakh videos uploaded from India were taken down during the quarter, 28 per cent higher than the January-March period and accounting for nearly 31 per cent of the 1.1 crore videos removed worldwide for violating YouTube's Community Guidelines.



YouTube videos removed, Apr-Jun

by country of upload



Figures: YouTube's enforcement report

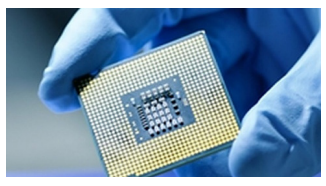
CHIP MANUFACTURING PUSH

India's semiconductor market set to double by 2030

MUMBAI

India's semiconductor market is projected to nearly double from $45-50 billion in 2026 to $100-110 billion by 2030, driven by rising demand from electronics, telecommunications, automotive systems, artificial intelligence (AI), data centres and digital infrastructure, according to a report released on Thursday.

The report by CareEdge Advisory highlighted a significant shift in semiconductor demand towards networking, communications and computing applications, reflecting the growing importance of digital infrastructure and AI-led technologies.



> **"Timely project execution, access to technology, availability of skilled talent and the development of a robust supplier ecosystem will be important enablers of this growth."**
>
> — **Tanvi Shah,** Senior Director, CareEdge Advisory

Networking and communications are expected to increase their share of semiconductor revenue from 26.1 per cent in 2020 to 33.3 per cent by 2030, registering a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17.8 per cent. Computing and data storage are projected to expand their share from 12.8 per cent to 15.1 per cent during the same period, growing at a CAGR of 11.9 per cent.

Under the India Semiconductor Mission, the government has approved 12 projects involving cumulative investments exceeding Rs 1.64 lakh crore across Gujarat, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh. These include semiconductor fabrication, compound semiconductor and assembly, testing, marking and packaging facilities.

Five of the 12 projects had commenced commercial production by October, according to a government update.

"The bigger opportunity, however, is in India's ability to translate its chip-design strength and approved investments into commercially viable fabrication, testing and advanced-packaging capabilities," said Tanvi Shah, Senior Director, CareEdge Advisory.

Despite the expansion plans, India remains heavily dependent on imports. Semiconductor imports more than tripled from $11.9 billion in FY21 to $36.5 billion in FY26. Imports currently account for 90-95 per cent of domestic demand for semiconductor devices and components, highlighting the gap between consumption and manufacturing capacity.

Quick Read

Man gets life imprisonment for raping daughter

MEERUT

A special POCSO court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for raping his 13-year-old daughter in 2024, describing the crime as a shameful act and betrayal of trust. The court also imposed a fine of ₹40,000, directing that the amount be used for the survivor's rehabilitation.Special Public Prosecutor Sarnam Singh said the incident occurred on March 14, 2024, when the girl was alone at home. The accused allegedly threatened to kill her before sexually assaulting her. She escaped and sought help from a neighbour.The prosecution examined seven witnesses during the trial. The court observed that the crime was a grave violation of a father's responsibility towards his child.

4th body recovered in Gujarat family killing case

SURAT

Gujarat Police recovered a fourth body from a canal on Thursday while investigating the killing of a family travelling from Maharashtra to Surat. One child remains missing, while another survived the incident.The latest victim was identified as two-year-old Prathamesh. The bodies of his mother Kavita, father Nitin and nine-year-old sister Sweety were recovered earlier. Kavita's 16-year-old son Harish remains missing.Police are investigating a possible insurance fraud motive and examining links to a case registered in Maharashtra's Jalgaon district. An arrested accused, Dayanand Bhadane, has been remanded for eight days. Karan, 13, survived after escaping from the canal and alerting authorities.

Four killed in Andhra road accident

ANANTAPUR

Four people were killed and six others injured after a van carrying 11 wedding guests rammed into a parked lorry on National Highway-67 near Rayalacheruvu village in Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur district on Thursday. The victims were returning to Tadipatri mandal after attending a wedding in Hyderabad when the accident occurred in the early hours. The deceased were identified as Midde Hanumantha Reddy (31), Suhasini (26), Mallikarjuna Shetty (30) and Midde Veeranjaneyulu Reddy (52). Police registered a case and launched an investigation.

Parliament to hold four-day sitting from Nov 30

NEW DELHI

The Union government on Thursday announced a four-day sitting of Parliament from November 30 to December 3 to transact essential government business, ending speculation over a special session.The announcement comes amid speculation that the government could use a special session to introduce the Delimitation Bill and a Constitutional Amendment Bill aimed at implementing 33 per cent reservation for women from 2029.

Rajnath Singh calls for stronger national security preparedness

Singh urged stronger strategic planning, research and institutional cooperation to prepare India's defence forces for emerging security threats and rapidly changing warfare.

NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday called for strategic preparedness and research-driven policy recommendations to address emerging national security challenges, warning that evolving geopolitical dynamics and changing warfare have made the security environment increasingly complex.

Addressing the convocation and valedictory ceremony of the 66th National Defence College (NDC) course in New Delhi, Singh said conventional military threats now coexist with cyber-attacks, disinformation, economic coercion and supply-chain disruptions. These forms of hybrid warfare, he said, are blurring the boundaries between internal and external security.



He noted that India's geographical location, extensive land borders, maritime interests and international responsibilities demand a forward-looking approach. The minister urged the NDC to identify key contemporary security challenges during each course and examine them, including border management, maritime security, critical technologies and protection of critical infrastructure.

> *"Every course at NDC should leave behind not merely a graduating batch of trained strategic leaders, but also a body of research, analysis and policy recommendations"*
> **RAJNATH SINGH** Defence Minister

Singh also proposed inviting serving military officers, civil servants and other officials to present operational and policy challenges for study.

He stressed that research by course participants should move beyond academic papers and produce practical recommendations for the Defence Ministry and other departments.

The minister called for strengthening strategic gaming exercises through emerging technologies and welcomed sessions on artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics, unmanned vehicles, aerospace technologies and semiconductors.

He also highlighted the college's international engagement, including a programme involving 25 participants from 22 Global South countries.

The 47-week course, which runs from January to November, was attended by 122 officers, including 40 foreign officers.

Singh said professional relationships developed through the institution could support greater international cooperation and mutual trust.

Congress holds 'Samvidhan Bachao' marches in several states



Marchers carry a giant replica of the Constitution on Constitution Day

NEW DELHI

Congress leaders and workers organised 'Samvidhan Bachao' or 'Save the Constitution' marches across several states on Thursday to mark Constitution Day, calling for the protection of democratic values, constitutional rights and institutions.

Congress held Constitution Day marches across several states, demanding protection of democratic values and constitutional rights, with leaders administering pledges.

In Dehradun, party workers marched from the Congress headquarters to Lok Bhawan. Congress leader and Uttarakhand in-charge Kumari Selja administered an oath to participants. Senior leaders alleged that democratic processes were facing obstacles and called for protecting constitutional principles.

In Delhi, the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) organised a Constitution Protection March. In Kolkata, West Bengal Congress president Shubhankar Sarkar and other leaders participated in a 'Samvidhan Bachao Yatra' from Gariahat to Hazra, raising demands including the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Similar demonstrations were held in Siliguri, Imphal and Jammu. In Imphal, the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee organised a march at Congress Bhawan. Former Chief Minister and MPCC president O Ibobi Singh led the reading of the Preamble and administered an oath to uphold the Constitution.

Ibobi Singh said the Constitution, adopted on November 26, 1949, formed the foundation of India's democratic system. He alleged that democratic institutions and constitutional values were being weakened and urged citizens to remain vigilant.

In Jammu, AICC General Secretary Sayeed Naseer Hussain and Jammu and Kashmir Congress president Tariq Hameed Karra led a march from BR Ambedkar Chowk.



Where they marched: also Dehradun and Siliguri

In Lucknow, Congress MP Kishori Lal Sharma criticised the administration for denying permission for a peaceful march. He described the decision as a restriction on democratic participation.

Congress MP Ujjwal Raman Singh accused the BJP of undermining reservation and social justice. He also alleged that the party relied on religious polarisation during elections instead of highlighting employment and development.

Gujarat hosts international HYROX fitness competition

GANDHINAGAR

Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi on Thursday inaugurated the Ahmedabad edition of HYROX, an international fitness competition being held at Gandhinagar's Helipad Ground from November 26 to 28. The three-day event has attracted around 6,000 athletes, including participants from India and 46 other countries.

Of the total participants, approximately 3,000 athletes have travelled from other Indian states, while more than 250 international competitors are representing 46 countries. Around 8,000 spectators are also expected to attend the competition.

Sanghavi joined the event by running on the track and participating in various functional workout stations. He also interacted with athletes and spectators and reviewed the arrangements at the venue.

Addressing the inauguration, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the potential of international sporting events to strengthen Gujarat's economy and tourism sector. He said hosting competitions of this scale would improve the state's preparedness for organising major sporting events in the future.

He added that the event would provide an opportunity to showcase Gujarat's hospitality and cultural heritage to an international audience. Athletes and delegates are also expected to visit tourist destinations, including Dharoi, Polo Forest, Somnath and Kutch.HYROX is a global indoor fitness competition that combines running with functional workout stations in a standardised format. Participants of different fitness levels compete under the same race structure.

The event has been organised through an initiative of the Gujarat Tourism Department, which aims to promote sports tourism and attract international visitors to the state.

Udhayanidhi seeks CBI probe against Kallakurichi MLA

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Thursday submitted a memorandum to Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into allegations of sexual harassment against Kallakurichi MLA C. Arul Vignesh.



Udhayanidhi Stalin with Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at Lok Bhavan

Udhayanidhi met the Governor at Lok Bhavan in Chennai along with other party leaders and urged him to advise the State government to arrest the legislator. Arul Vignesh has been booked on charges of misbehaving with a woman Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer.

In the memorandum, the DMK leader called for preserving all digital evidence connected with the case. He also sought the transfer of the investigation to the CBI for an independent and time-bound inquiry.

Udhayanidhi further urged the Governor to seek an explanation from the State government over its handling of the complaint. He questioned why a complaint submitted on July 31, 2026, alleging sexual harassment of a District Collector by a ruling-party MLA, was referred to the ruling party's leadership.

According to the memorandum, the complaint should instead have been forwarded to the police or placed before an Internal Complaints Committee. Udhayanidhi sought clarification on why these procedures were not followed when the allegation was first raised.

VP releases constitution editions in 22 languages

NEW DELHI

Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan on Thursday released updated editions of the Constitution of India in all 22 languages recognised under the Eighth Schedule, marking Constitution Day and highlighting the importance of linguistic diversity in strengthening national unity.Addressing a gathering at Vigyan Bhawan on the occasion of the 77th year of the Constitution, Radhakrishnan said making the document available in different languages would help citizens understand constitutional principles and participate more actively in democracy.

"Despite differences in languages, how are we united? It is because we all believe in one nation. That is the spirit of India," he said, adding that languages represented culture, tradition, identity and civilisational wisdom.

ED raids 6 locations over illegal tobacco trade

GUWAHATI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted searches at six locations across Assam and Meghalaya in connection with the alleged transportation and sale of prohibited gutkha, pan masala and tobacco products using forged transport documents.

The searches covered premises in Guwahati and Palasbari in Assam's Kamrup district, along with locations in Shillong, Meghalaya. The operation was carried out under Section 17 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

Two tobacco and pan masala factories were among the premises searched

According to officials, the searches included residential and business premises, as well as two tobacco and pan masala manufacturing factories linked to an individual identified as Uday Chaurasia.

The money trail

The action followed a money-laundering investigation arising from a case against Chaurasia over the alleged transportation and sale of prohibited tobacco products using forged transport documents.

Officials said the investigation is examining suspected financial irregularities and transactions connected to the alleged illegal trade. The simultaneous searches are aimed at collecting evidence, examining records and tracing financial transactions believed to be linked to the activities.

Search under way

The ED is investigating possible money-laundering proceeds arising from the alleged offences. The search operation was underway at the time of reporting.

Chennai businessman donates 121 kg gold to Tirumala

TIRUPATI

Chennai-based businessman Vardhman Jain donated 121 kg of specially crafted gold ornaments, estimated to be worth ₹206 crore, to Lord Venkateswara at the Tirumala temple in Andhra Pradesh on Thursday.

The ornaments were handed over to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) in the presence of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on November 26. Jain, an industrialist and philanthropist, said the offering was an expression of gratitude for his business success, which he considers a blessing from the deity. The donation also fulfilled a long-standing vow.

The collection comprises 46 traditional ornaments, including a crown, waist belt, shoulder ornaments, conch and discus emblems, necklaces and anklets.

121 kg of gold ornaments for Tirumala deity

TIRUPATI

A devotee was set to donate 45 types of gold ornaments weighing approximately 121 kg to Lord Sri Venkateswara at the Tirumala temple in Andhra Pradesh on Thursday, in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. The donation was expected to be the largest of its kind in the history of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

The offering was to mark the first time such a large quantity of gold ornaments has been donated to the deity. The ornaments had already arrived at Tirumala, and the temple administration was expected to announce the donor's name shortly.

Ceremony with the CM

The donation ceremony was scheduled to take place in the presence of the Chief Minister. The contribution was expected to become a significant addition to the temple's collection of offerings.

? LORD OF SEVEN HILLS

The deity is also worshipped as Balaji, Govinda and Srinivasa. The temple stands on Venkatachala, one of the seven peaks of the Seshachalam range.

Seven hills shrine

Located on the Tirumala hills in Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati district, the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple is among the country's most prominent pilgrimage destinations. Dedicated to Lord Venkateswara, regarded as an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, the shrine attracts millions of devotees from across India and abroad every year.

Earlier, former Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit also visited the temple and offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara.

PARENTING LEAVE

TN introduces 15-day paternity leave for govt staff

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Thursday announced 15 days of paternity leave for married male government employees, allowing fathers to support their spouses during childbirth and participate in early childcare.

Following the announcement, the state government issued a formal order detailing the eligibility and conditions. Employees can avail themselves of the leave either 15 days before the expected delivery date or within six months after the child's birth.



Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay

The government said the decision was taken after male employees submitted requests seeking paternity leave, similar to the maternity leave available to women government employees. Female employees are currently entitled to 365 days of maternity leave.

According to the government, the new provision aims to encourage shared parenting responsibilities and provide physical and emotional support to mothers during childbirth. It is also expected to help fathers participate actively in caring for newborns and ease the transition for working families.

15 days of paternity leave, before the due date or within six months of the birth

Earlier in August, the Tamil Nadu government announced an extension of 365 days of maternity leave for women employees having a third child, bringing the benefit in line with provisions for their first two children.

However, the earlier decision faced criticism from DMK spokesperson TKS Elangovan, who said Tamil Nadu had historically promoted family planning and encouraged couples to have no more than two children.

Quick Read



Training aircraft makes emergency landing

HYDERABAD

A Cessna 152 training aircraft operated by the Telangana State Aviation Academy made an emergency landing in the Army Cantonment area of Golconda, Hyderabad, on Thursday, coming to a halt against a tree. The aircraft was carrying a student pilot and an instructor. The student sustained a head injury and was taken to an Army hospital for treatment, where he received stitches. The instructor escaped unhurt. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is expected to investigate the incident. An official statement is awaited. A Golconda police official said police were verifying the details and coordinating with Army authorities.

2 held in ₹2 Cr Apple store theft case

RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Police have arrested two members of an interstate Kanjar gang in connection with the theft of Apple products worth nearly ₹2 crore from a store in Raipur. Police recovered 125 stolen iPhones valued at around ₹1.5 crore from Madhya Pradesh. The accused were identified as Rajesh Ajay Singh Jhala, 43, alleged gang kingpin, and Safan Khan, 35. Two other suspects, including Jhala's son Raj and Rajesh Lodhi, remain absconding. The theft occurred between October 31 and November 1 at an Apple store in the Telibandha area. The gang allegedly stole 173 iPhones, Apple Watches, headphones and AirPods after breaking open the store's shutter. They also took away its CCTV recorder. Police formed six special teams and examined over 1,000 CCTV recordings, along with mobile data. Investigators traced the suspects to Madhya Pradesh and arrested Jhala with assistance from Dewas Police. Khan was later arrested near Mumbai airport. Based on his disclosures, 125 iPhones were recovered from Barwani district.



Fire destroys 45 homes, CM announces aid

UTTARKASHI

A massive fire destroyed more than 45 homes in Uttarakhand's Pawani village on November 24, leaving families homeless and destroying their winter food stocks. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday announced ₹5 lakh assistance for each affected family. The fire reportedly began after a domestic gas cylinder exploded and spread rapidly. A shortage of water hampered efforts to control the flames. Dhami visited the affected village in Uttarkashi's Mori tehsil and directed officials to assess the losses and replace the foodgrains destroyed. Residents had stored grains, pulses, potatoes, firewood and fodder ahead of winter, when heavy snowfall can cut off the village for months. Eighty-year-old Kagdi Devi said her family had lost everything.

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"Despite differences in languages, how are we united? It is because we all believe in one nation. That is the spirit of India," he said, adding that languages represented culture, tradition, identity and civilisational wisdom.

He described the initiative as a reflection of the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat and stressed that knowledge should not be measured by proficiency in English. He urged people to respect all Indian languages and preserve the country's linguistic diversity.

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>
> **– CP Radhakrishnan**
> Vice-President

Recalling the writings of freedom fighter and poet Subramania Bharati, the Vice-President said people could speak different languages while remaining united in their thoughts and actions. He noted that India now recognised 22 languages under the Eighth Schedule, compared with the 18 referred to by Bharati.

Radhakrishnan also paid tribute to Constitution makers, particularly BR Ambedkar, chairman of the Drafting Committee, and acknowledged the contributions of Constituent Assembly members.

He said translating the Constitution required careful consideration to preserve its original meaning and spirit. He referred to existing official translations in Nepali, Santali, Bodo, Tamil, Gujarati and Sindhi.

Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal and Legislative Department Secretary Rajiv Mani attended the programme. Radhakrishnan said such efforts would bring governance closer to citizens and support India's ambition of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Eighth Schedule languages

THEN	TODAY
18 in Bharati's writings	22 languages recognised

Jharkhand CM warns of ₹13,000 Cr revenue loss

RANCHI

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday moved a resolution in the State Assembly seeking the withdrawal of the amended Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, warning that its implementation could cause an annual revenue loss of around ₹13,000 crore.

Moving the resolution during a two-day special session, Soren said the amendment, passed by Parliament in August, would adversely affect the state's financial position and restrict its ability to fund welfare and development programmes.

He said Jharkhand currently collects approximately ₹13,000 crore annually through cess on mineral rights and mineral-bearing land. The revenue supports social security, women's empowerment, education, healthcare, rural development and other public welfare initiatives. Under the amended law, the state would no longer be permitted to impose taxes, cess or other levies on mineral rights or mineral-bearing land.

Soren urged the Centre to reconsider and withdraw the amendment, arguing that states' constitutional and financial powers must be protected. He also referred to a July 2024 Supreme Court Constitution Bench judgment recognising states' legislative powers to tax lands containing mines and quarries.



The Jharkhand Assembly in session.

₹13,000 cr
collected a year through cess on mineral rights and mineral-bearing land

JMM legislator Kalpana Soren criticised the Centre, alleging that mineral-rich states such as Jharkhand were not adequately benefiting from their resources. She also claimed that states were not consulted before the amendment was introduced.

However, Leader of the Opposition Babulal Marandi questioned the ruling coalition's response when the Bill was passed in Parliament. He defended the amendment, saying it was intended to benefit people.

The resolution is expected to be put to a vote and, if adopted, forwarded to the Centre. Jharkhand accounts for around 40 per cent of India's mineral resources.

Vijay targets DMK over alleged library book scam

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Thursday criticised the previous DMK government over alleged irregularities in the purchase of books for Coimbatore's Periyar Arivulagam library, questioning whether it was a centre of knowledge or corruption.

Speaking at an educational awards and scholarship ceremony organised by Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) in Chennai, Vijay said books containing suspected AI-generated content, factual errors and inflated prices had been purchased using public funds.

"I don't know if this is Arivulagam or Uzhalulagam (knowledge world or corruption world)?" he said, referring to the library's name. He added that artificial intelligence, which was expected to improve government functioning, had allegedly been misused to produce books supplied to students.

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> **C JOSEPH VIJAY** Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu

Vijay stressed that irregularities in education-related matters could not be ignored as education shaped future generations. He also questioned whether similar issues existed in libraries in Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Tirunelveli and Cuddalore, saying further details could emerge.

Writer flagged the books

Tamil writer Perumal Murugan, who served on the committee that recommended books for the library, had flagged suspected AI-generated content, factual inaccuracies and inflated prices. One book reportedly described Naladiyar, a collection of Tamil verses, as a poet and philosopher. Another attributed a scheme introduced during former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi's tenure to his son MK Stalin.

School Education Minister A Rajmohan alleged that nearly 1,800 books purchased from Agalvilakku Pathippagam were fraudulent or substandard. He also claimed that some books contained AI-generated content and credited fabricated authors.

The State government has ordered an inquiry into the selection and pricing of the books.

42nd good governance webinar highlights Koraput initiative

NEW DELHI

The 42nd National Good Governance Webinar was held on November 26, showcasing an initiative from Odisha's Koraput district that received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in 2024.

The webinar

EDITION
42nd in the series

CHAIR
Puneet Yadav, DARPG

REACH
325+ locations

AWARD
PM's Award, 2024

The webinar was organised under the theme 'Sustainability and Replication of the Initiatives Awarded under PMA'. It featured presentations on the initiative, its long-term sustainability and its potential for wider implementation.

Officials from 325 places across India

Keerthi Vasan V., Collector and District Magistrate of Ganjam, presented the awarded initiative. Manoj Satyawan Mahajan, Collector and District Magistrate of Koraput, discussed measures to sustain it, while Samir Kumar Jena, Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer of Ganjam, spoke about implementation and further expansion.

The webinar was chaired by Puneet Yadav, Additional Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), and attended by senior officials from across the country.

The initiative is part of a webinar series launched following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's April 2022 directive to share successful administrative practices and encourage their replication. So far, 42 webinars have been conducted, each attracting around 1,000 officials from government departments and administrative training institutions.

The latest session was attended by officials from more than 325 locations across India.

Keralam bans political party newspapers in prisons

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Keralam Prisons Department has banned the distribution of newspapers and other publications affiliated with political parties across all prisons in the state, according to an official order issued on Thursday.

The order, issued by the Director General of Prisons, prohibits political party newspapers and magazines from being circulated among inmates. The decision followed a complaint by a member of the Jail Advisory Committee and instructions from the Home Minister.

The complaint reportedly raised concerns over the widespread distribution of Deshabhimani, the CPI(M)'s party newspaper, across all 55 prisons in the state.

The publication had earlier faced controversy in 2023 when then Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan urged police to register a case against CPI(M) leader MV Govindan and the newspaper over an alleged defamatory statement against then Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president K Sudhakaran.



Visitors at a prison gate.

More women in the police

Meanwhile, Home and Vigilance Minister Ramesh Chennithala announced that the government would gradually increase women's representation in the state police force to 30 per cent through phased recruitment.

Speaking at the inauguration of the newly constructed Malappuram Crime Branch Unit office, he said future recruitment would follow a 7:3 ratio to ensure greater participation of women.

Chennithala said women officers were performing effectively in crime investigations and anti-drug operations. Currently, women officers serve as Station House Officers in 63 police stations across the state.

The minister said the recruitment plan was part of the government's decision to strengthen women's representation in the police force.

SC refers Kerala journalists' claims to inquiry panel

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday referred allegations of police abuse and wrongful detention by seven Kerala journalists covering protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar in Delhi to an inquiry committee headed by former judge Justice Subhash Reddy.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana asked the journalists to submit relevant evidence before the Empowered Inquiry Committee, constituted by the court in August to investigate police action during student protests in July. The panel has been asked to examine their allegations and record factual findings.

The court also indicated that it would examine the broader legal questions concerning protections available to journalists covering public demonstrations, including who qualifies as a journalist under the law.

The panel's task

- → Whether the journalists were present at the protest
- → Whether force was used against them
- → Whether that force was excessive

Justice Bagchi observed that professional status could not be self-declared and said the court would have to determine the criteria for identifying journalists. He referred to accredited journalists working for registered newspapers and television channels, as well as those reporting through digital platforms.

The bench said the issue involved balancing press freedom with the State's responsibility to maintain public order. It also indicated that any standard operating procedure governing police action during protests could adopt different levels of protection depending on a person's professional status.

Senior Advocate PV Dinesh, representing the Kerala Union of Working Journalists, said the seven individuals were recognised professionals working with established media organisations and were seeking the freedom to perform their duties.

The committee will examine whether the journalists were present at the protest, whether force was used against them and whether it was excessive.

SP MANIFESTO PROMISES

SP promises free power, metro rides, ₹40,000 aid

LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party (SP) was set to release its core manifesto for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections on Thursday, promising a range of welfare measures, including 300 units of free household electricity, free Lucknow Metro rides for girls and students, and financial assistance for women.

The manifesto is also expected to include a ₹2 lakh grant for self-employment and annual financial assistance of ₹40,000 for women, a promise earlier announced by party president Akhilesh Yadav. The party is preparing two additional manifesto documents focusing on women and district-level commitments.



A Samajwadi Party rally.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Alok Ranjan, who has coordinated the manifesto exercise with Yadav for over a year, said the document would prioritise youth, employment, education, healthcare, law and order, farmers, employment and strengthening safeguards against examination paper leaks.

The party has also proposed industrialisation and environmental protection.

Other proposed measures include restoring the Old Pension Scheme, introducing a fixed annual recruitment calendar, replacing contractual outsourcing with permanent market-rate compensation for land acquisition and payment to sugarcane farmers within 24 hours, supported by a ₹15,000 crore revolving fund.

Additional plans include greater use of artificial intelligence and remote sensing in healthcare and policing, a separate sports policy with dedicated funding, and a review of cases the party considers false.

Ranjan described the manifesto as a five-year governance roadmap aimed at addressing the needs of different sections of society and bringing Uttar Pradesh back on the development path.

300 units	Free	₹40,000	₹15,000 cr
free power at home	Lucknow Metro rides	a year for women	cane farmers' fund

Quick Read



Colombo Security Conclave adopts regional cooperation plan

MALÉ

Member countries of the Colombo Security Conclave signed the agreed minutes and adopted a regional cooperation plan at the conclave's eighth meeting of national security advisers. The Maldives hosted the meeting at Villa Nautica Paradise Island on November 25, India's Ministry of External Affairs said. Maldivian National Security Adviser Ibrahim Latheef and Indian National Security Adviser Ajit Doval led their delegations. Sri Lanka was represented by Defence Secretary Sampath Thuyacontha and Bangladesh by National Defence College Commandant Md Faizur Rahman. Mauritius took part online, while Australia and Malaysia attended as guests.

Rights groups seek Baloch activist's release

BALOCHISTAN

Rights groups urged Pakistan to release jailed activist Mahrang Baloch after Sweden's Edelstam Foundation named her the winner of its 2026 prize. The award honours her work with families of people who have disappeared. Front Line Defenders called for the immediate release of Baloch and her detained colleagues without conditions. The Baloch Yakjehti Committee said its leader had received two life sentences after what it described as an unfair trial inside Hudda Jail. The committee also described the case against her as fabricated.

Court blocks Afghan medical students' deportation

PESHAWAR

The Peshawar High Court barred Pakistani authorities from deporting Afghan women studying medicine in Abbottabad. It asked officials to explain why their required hospital training placements were cancelled. The court issued the order on Wednesday while hearing the students' petition. Their lawyer, Ibrahim Noor Mughal, said the women had completed five years of medical education in Pakistan and started training at Ayub Teaching Hospital. On the recommendation of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, the college cancelled the placements before training was complete.

Kroger to cut US corporate jobs

UNITED STATES

Supermarket chain Kroger has begun notifying employees of plans to cut about 3,000 US corporate jobs over three years. The cuts are expected to reduce its corporate workforce by about 37%, from roughly 8,200 employees to 5,200. Kroger is also developing an operations centre in Bengaluru, where its recruitment website listed nearly 30 job titles. The company has not said how many US roles will move to India. Kroger says the changes will help lower prices and improve the shopping experience.

US House targets China-linked scam centres overseas

The US House passed a bill targeting China-linked scam centres that lawmakers say cost Americans at least $10 billion annually.

WASHINGTON

The US House of Representatives passed the Dismantle Foreign Scam Syndicates Act after a bipartisan investigation into criminal networks operating across Southeast Asia.

The bill, known as H.R. 5490, would create a federal task force to dismantle groups accused of online fraud, human trafficking and money laundering.

Republican representatives John Moolenaar and Jefferson Shreve backed the measure. Moolenaar, who chairs the House Select Committee on China, urged the Senate to take up the bill and send it to President Donald Trump for approval. Moolenaar said the networks also posed a threat to US national security and called for bipartisan action.



The seal of the US House Select Committee on China

Moolenaar and Ro Khanna, the committee's ranking Democrat, released the findings in May. The report identified Cambodia and Burma, also known as Myanmar, as major centres for the operations. It said criminal groups used underground banking networks, cryptocurrency brokers and shell companies to move money across borders.

$10bn **a year at least:** what lawmakers say the China-linked scam centres cost Americans

The committee said gaps in Chinese governance and law enforcement allowed the networks to grow. Its investigation did not establish any direct Chinese government control. Khanna called for cooperation with Beijing that could be verified, as well as funding for civil society groups to help victims seek justice and compensation.

Workers forced to take part

The committee said thousands of people had allegedly been trafficked and forced to carry out online scams from fortified compounds. Workers faced threats of violence. The investigation examined the harm to those workers alongside the financial losses of Americans, some of whom lost their life savings to the scams.

Indian Oxford student recounts racist shop encounter

OXFORD

Kamakshi, a PhD student at the University of Oxford, shared her account in an Instagram video. She said she decided to speak after people rallied around her when someone left a racist comment on an earlier post. Their support made her want to talk about difficult experiences faced by people of colour in Oxford.

Kamakshi said she was browsing in a local shop when a white woman began circling her, making her uncomfortable. Recalling the encounter, Kamakshi said the woman told her, "I didn't want to do this, but I have to. You smell really, really bad." Kamakshi said she froze and the woman walked away before she could reply.

The encounter felt personal because Kamakshi wears the same perfume as her father. She said the remark left her hurt and frustrated. She spent the rest of the day trying to make herself less noticeable.

Kamakshi described the incident as part of a wider pattern. She spoke about everyday slights and said prestigious institutions could also give a platform to people with racist views. She argued that such institutions often have histories tied to racism and empire.

Her account drew attention online to how such encounters affect students.

Keeping her sense of identity

Kamakshi said she still dresses Desi and wears her jhumka earrings, bindi and the same perfume. She recalled a friend's words from protests in India about how people can make the world feel a little more their own, even when their efforts do not always lead to immediate change.

Israel stands by India on 26/11 anniversary

TEL AVIV

Israel's Foreign Ministry marked the 18th anniversary of the attacks on Thursday with a message on X. It honoured those killed, praised the strength of the Indian people and remembered those who risked their lives to protect others. The ministry said terrorism knows no borders and reaffirmed Israel's commitment to working with India against it.

Yaniv Revach, Israel's consul general to Midwest India, visited Mumbai's Leopold Cafe, one of the places attacked in 2008. Reuven Azar, Israel's ambassador to India, also posted a message remembering the people killed.

The Israeli Embassy in India expressed support for survivors and the families of those who died. It remembered the 166 people killed, including five Israelis at Nariman House. The embassy named them as Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg, Leibish Teitelbaum, Bentzion Chroman and Yocheved Orpaz.



A wreath at the memorial to the 26/11 victims (file photo)

Israel paid tribute to the victims of the Mumbai attacks and pledged continued support for India in fighting terrorism.

The embassy said Israel and India remained united in their commitment to oppose terrorism and honour those who lost their lives.

The attacks struck several well-known places in Mumbai, including the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus railway station and the Taj Mahal Palace and Oberoi-Trident hotels. Two hospitals in the city were also among the sites attacked.

Mystery $300 mn donation for Trump's DC fund



WASHINGTON

A National Park Service account used to pay for President Donald Trump's renovation projects in Washington received about $300 million from an unknown source in September, as per reports. The Trump administration has not said where the money came from or which projects it will fund.

The projects include the White House ballroom and work on the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

Tony Irish, a longtime Interior Department lawyer, drew attention to the jump in donations. The department had expected about $50 million in September, but the account received about $347 million that month. The September total was nearly seven times what the department had expected. The single donation made up most of the money the account received that month. Irish said that without greater transparency, it was unclear whether donors were seeking government benefits.

The Trump administration declined to say who donated those funds to an account funding presidential projects like the White House ballroom and the triumphal arch.

Neither the White House nor the Interior Department agreed to name individual donors. An administration spokesperson defended Trump's efforts to improve the capital. The spokesperson praised Trump's record as a builder and said he had made Washington safer and more attractive.The Washington Post reported that Apple, Nvidia, Google, Microsoft and defence contractor Lockheed Martin were among major contributors to Trump's renovation efforts in the capital. The identity of the $300 million donor remains undisclosed.

How the fund works

The National Park Service account was set up to collect donations for national parks. It used to receive less than $100 million a year and has taken in about $790 million since Trump returned to office in 2025. The Trust for the National Mall separately raises pledges for the White House ballroom.

September donations

EXPECTED	RECEIVED
$50 mn	$347 mn
what the department had expected	nearly seven times as much

Missile mural targets Dutch Embassy

MOSCOW

A mural accusing the Netherlands of military aggression has appeared near its Moscow embassy. Created by unknown artists, it depicts three tulip-marked missiles above the words "The flowers of Dutch diplomacy." Dutch startup Destinus claimed its missiles were used in Ukraine's recent Crimean Bridge strike, which halted traffic. Moscow called this proof of Dutch involvement. Two days later, minor blast damage struck the Dutch embassy in Kyiv, prompting The Hague to summon Russia's ambassador.

Iran is progressing despite sanctions, says Pezeshkian

TEHRAN

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said sanctions and war had failed to stop Iran's development and urged citizens to work together.

Pezeshkian spoke on Thursday at the opening of the first phase of a new urban train line during a visit to Razavi Khorasan Province. He said Iran had reached important milestones despite economic sanctions, military attacks and pressure from abroad.

The president urged Iranians to set aside their differences and draw on the country's own skills and resources. He called for people from different political and social backgrounds to take part in running the country. He said Iran's rivals were increasing economic pressure and trying to take advantage of divisions within the country. He warned that political disputes at home could ultimately work in favour of Iran's adversaries abroad.



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (file photo)

Pezeshkian said Iranians would stand firm in defence of their country despite pressure from the United States and Israel. He described the current situation as "neither war nor peace" and called for a clearer path. He said deciding what to do did not necessarily mean choosing war.

Any decision, he said, should take into account Iran's abilities, available resources, possible consequences and clear goals. He also called for talks within Iran to build agreement on the country's priorities.

Houthis strike Saudi port, coalition reports interceptions

RIYADH

The Saudi-led coalition said a projectile fired by Yemen's Houthis struck Jizan Port on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast. The coalition reported minor damage and no civilian casualties. It said it was still trying to identify the type of projectile used in the strike.

The coalition described the strike at Jizan and the interceptions near Jeddah and Riyadh in separate public updates posted on social media. It said Saudi air defences intercepted and destroyed a Houthi drone near Jeddah Islamic Port. It reported no civilian casualties from the falling debris. The coalition also said air defences intercepted and destroyed two ballistic missiles launched towards Riyadh. No civilian casualties were reported in those incidents.

THREE TARGETS

JIZAN PORT
Projectile hit; minor damage

JEDDAH
Drone intercepted near the Islamic Port

RIYADH
Two ballistic missiles intercepted

The incidents came amid rising tensions between the coalition and the Houthis over Yemen's Hodeidah port. The Houthis had threatened to target Saudi ports on the Red Sea if coalition forces attacked Hodeidah. Jeddah was among the ports named in that warning.The coalition had earlier warned civilians in a designated area at Hodeidah port to leave for their safety. A news agency run by the Houthis later reported that coalition forces had attacked the port.

Uyghur activist asks UN about 24 missing family members

GENEVA

Abdulhakim Idris, executive director of the Center for Uyghur Studies, said 24 members of his family, including his mother, had been missing since 2017. He raised their case on November 25 at the 15th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, the centre said.

Idris addressed his questions to Mauricio Lazala, who leads the business and human rights section at the UN Human Rights Office. He asked what steps the office had taken since publishing its August 2022 report on Xinjiang, whether it was still documenting alleged abuses and what it had done to hold China accountable.

Idris asked the UN

- Steps the office has taken since its August 2022 report on Xinjiang
- Whether it is still documenting alleged abuses
- What it has done to hold China accountable

The centre said politics between countries can make it harder for the UN to pursue accountability. It also cited concerns that the office had given priority to private talks with governments over public reporting.

In February, 26 civil society organisations reportedly asked UN human rights chief Volker Türk to explain how his office was documenting alleged abuses in Xinjiang. Civil society groups renewed their call for stronger independent reporting after China backed Türk's appointment for a second term in July 2026.

The centre said families were still seeking answers more than four years after the report.

KARACHI AIR POLLUTION

Karachi ranks second globally for air pollution

KARACHI

Karachi ranked second among the world's most polluted cities after its air quality index climbed to 236 on Thursday.

The latest reading put the port city in the very unhealthy category. Air quality index readings from 201 to 300 fall in that range. Karachi's reading was 35 points above the lower end of the range. The ranking reflects air quality at the time of the reading.



Smog over a road (file photo)

The high reading in Karachi has added to concerns about worsening air quality in Pakistan's cities, where local weather can make it harder for pollution to clear quickly.

? VERY UNHEALTHY

Air quality index readings from 201 to 300 fall in the very unhealthy range. Karachi's 236 was 35 points above its lower end.

Cooler weather and weaker winds made the pollution worse. With less wind to carry pollutants away, harmful particles can stay in the air for longer. The conditions have raised concern about the health effects of prolonged exposure in the city.

Doctors said breathing polluted air for long periods can cause breathing difficulties, throat discomfort, eye irritation and allergic reactions. People with asthma and other breathing disorders face greater risks. At very unhealthy levels, polluted air can also affect people with no existing health problems.

Health experts advised children, older people and those with breathing disorders to avoid unnecessary time outdoors. They also advised residents to wear protective masks when going outside to reduce exposure to harmful particles.

Pakistan's annual pollution level

Pakistan's average PM2.5 level, a measure of fine particles in the air, was 67.3 micrograms per cubic metre in 2025.

Chikkanna Returns As Lead With Lakshmi Puthra

Chikkanna is gearing up to entertain audiences with a family entertainer that blends comedy, romance and emotions



Actor Chikkanna's upcoming Kannada film Lakshmi Puthra is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on November 27. The film marks his return as a lead actor after the success of Upadhyaksha. Known for his comic roles, Chikkanna is now set to showcase a different side of his acting through this family entertainer.

Set in the Mandya region, the film revolves around the special relationship between a mother and her son. It combines family emotions, comedy and romance, with humour forming an important part of their bond.

Veteran actress Tara Anuradha plays Chikkanna's mother, while Vanditha Gowda appears as the female lead. Kuri Prathap, Dharmanna Kadur, Mithra and Girish Shivanna are also part of the supporting cast.

Chikkanna and Tara, who earlier appeared together in Kirataka, share screen space again in this film. Tara has revealed that nearly 90 per cent of their scenes are filled with comedy, while the emotional side of their relationship becomes stronger towards the climax.

The film is written and produced by A.P. Arjun, who has also handled the screenplay and lyrics. Vijay S Swamy, a long- time associate of Arjun, makes his directorial debut with this project. Music is composed by Arjun Janya.

With its mix of humour and family sentiments, Lakshmi Puthra aims to offer audiences an entertaining theatrical experience.

Kaalagni Begins Journey As Suspense Thriller

The film carries the tagline, When even your own shadow chases you. Its muhurtha ceremony was held simply at Sri Srinivasa Temple on Thursday. The producer's mother gave the first clap, wishing the team success.

Bengaluru-based entrepreneur R. Raju, who is associated with the interior decoration business, is making his debut as a producer through this project under the banner of SLR Cinemas. Shivarudrachar M.C., Balya Nayak, Rangegowda, Venkatesh Murthy and Hanamantarayappa Munnalli are also joining him as producers.

C. Mallikarjun has written the story, screenplay, dialogues and lyrics. He is also directing the film.

The story is based on an incident that took place in Koramangala in 1998.

It follows a man who makes sacrifices for his brother but later faces a tragic incident in his own life. The film explores the unexpected and dark turn his life takes. Vedashree from Mysuru, who has previously appeared in minor roles, makes her debut as the heroine. The makers are yet to finalise the male lead and said the selection process would be completed soon.

The supporting cast includes Meese Anjanappa, Ugram Ravi, Manjunath Bhat, Satish Gowda, Patre Naganna and Bhavani. Chiranjeevi Abhiram is composing the music, while Venus Murthy handles cinematography. Sagar is in charge of stunts and Manjunath Hosamane is the editor.

The shooting will take place in Bengaluru, Chikkamagaluru, Mangaluru, Kalasa and Sakaleshapura.



KTVA Announces Welfare And Recognition Initiatives

Senior actor Ganesh Rao Keserkar was elected president by a majority in the August 2026 elections. The office-bearers shared the association's plans at a media interaction. KTVA will honour six recipients of this year's Rajyotsava Award with the Karnataka Kalaratna. Veteran actor Srinath will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award, while actress and folk singer Savitakka will receive the Kannada Kalaratna.

The association will celebrate its Silver Jubilee next year. Its discontinued magazine, TV tv, has been registered and revived. Plans include group insurance, government-issued Karnataka Cine Workers' Cards and official identity cards for members. A concession of Rs. 2,500 on membership fees has also been announced to encourage new members.

The office-bearers have met the Chief Minister and submitted proposals for a Television Academy and a Television Corporation or Board. Special membership provisions are also planned for media professionals.

A programme will be held on November 30 at 4 pm at Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar Auditorium, opposite Yediyur Lake. Ministers, an MP and actor Dhruva Sarja are expected to attend.

Honorary President Padma Vasanthi said the membership campaign included visits to film sets to reach artists and technicians. Several office-bearers praised the president's efforts and urged the team to continue its work. Secretary Belli Chukki Veerendra said the event was being organised without association funds. Chief Convener N.T. Ramaswamy Gowda said members hold a karaoke programme every fourth Sunday. Other office-bearers and members attended.

Double Honour for Krittika at the Grand Finale Held at Zee Studio Jaipur

At the grand finale of Star Miss Teen India 2026 held at the famous Zee Studio in Jaipur, Miss Teen Karnataka 2025 - Krittika won the hearts of the entire audience with her beauty, talent and confidence.

On this prestigious stage, Krittika was honoured with not one, but TWO awards, Miss Teen South 2026 and Miss Attractive 2026.

This achievement is not only Krittika's, it is a moment of pride for the whole of Karnataka. A daughter born in the soil of Karnataka, representing Karnataka, has now won the crown of South India.

Behind Krittika's golden journey are the values and blessings of her family. Krittika's Father Om Prakash Tiwary,

Mother Rani Tiwary expressed that, this is the hippiest moment of their life.

Krittika is pursuing B.Tech from MS Ramaiah Institute. Along with her studies, she has also created her own special identity in the field of beauty and talent.

Parents and Entire Family Are Overjoyed :

There is a wave of happiness in the entire family on this double success of Krittika. Her mother, Rani Tiwary emotionally said 'This crown is not just Krittika's, it is a symbol of our values and all your blessings.

Krittika has raised both the pride of being a daughter of Karnataka and the honour of Karnataka, together. The entire family, wishing for Krittika's bright future, has expressed heartfelt gratitude to all well-wishers, voters and supporters.



Govinda May Make South Indian Debut with Raaka

Bollywood actor Govinda is reportedly being considered for an important role in director Atlee's upcoming film Raaka, starring Allu Arjun and Deepika Padukone.

If the reports are confirmed, the film could mark Govinda's debut in South Indian cinema. The actor may appear in a significant supporting role. However, the filmmakers have not officially confirmed his involvement or revealed details about his character.

Reports suggest that Govinda's role may have limited screen time but could play an important part in the storyline. His reported inclusion has added interest to the film, which brings Allu Arjun and Deepika Padukone together for the first time.

The project also reportedly features Mrunal Thakur, Janhvi Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu and Jim Sarbh in important roles.



The film was initially announced under the working title AA22xA6 before the makers revealed its official title, Raaka. Directed by Atlee, the science-fiction action film is among the much-awaited upcoming Indian projects.

Interestingly, Govinda had spoken about the growing popularity of South Indian cinema during a media interaction in June.

Matthe Banthu Monsoon Brings Musical Love Story

The film carries the tagline It's Rainbow Time and is being jointly produced by S.P. Gopinath, M.K. Ramakrishna and Dr. H.S. Manjunath under the banner of Lucky Films International. Gandharva Raya Rautha has written the story, screenplay, dialogues and lyrics. The producers have experience in film production and distribution.

Speaking to the media, the director said the film explores different dimensions of love, including possessiveness, emotions and personal struggles. The story follows a protagonist caught between complex relationships and raises the question of where he eventually finds true love.

The film features five melodious songs composed by the director's son, Shriman Gandharva. Dhanu, who has worked on films associated with directors Rajamouli and Mani Ratnam, is handling cinematography.

The team has selected scenic locations such as Sagara, the Sharavathi backwaters, Agumbe and the upper region of Jog Falls for shooting.

Dr. H.S. Manjunath, a dentist by profession, plays the lead character. He portrays a mute village videographer whose journey revolves around delivering justice to two young women. He underwent special training under the director to prepare for the role.



Srushti Krishna and Dhanya Shetty play the female leads. Rajat, Poornima Ninasam, Mahesh Babu and Amrutha Rajesh are also part of the cast. Soori Master is handling choreography.

The makers have completed the entire shoot in a single 30-day schedule and are planning to release the film in the last week of January.

Global icons back Bengaluru short film Pankaja

Hollywood legends Spike Lee and Willem Dafoe, alongside Oscar-winning Indian producer Guneet Monga Kapoor, have joined the live-action short film Pankaja as executive producers. Written and directed by Anooya Swamy, who previously served as Lee's teaching assistant at New York University, the 14-minute drama brings a deeply local Bengaluru story onto the global stage.



The film stars Harshini Boyalla as Pankaja, a mother searching for her missing husband across Bengaluru's informal settlements alongside her young daughter Lalli, played by debutante Padmashree G. As they navigate stubborn city bureaucracy, the narrative exposes the quiet struggles of families surviving on uncertain, unorganised labour.

After premiering at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival, Pankaja screened at over 40 festivals worldwide and enjoyed a month-long theatrical run in New York.

Winning top honours at the Raindance Film Festival in London also qualified the film for Oscar consideration, alongside wins at Palm Springs and HollyShorts.

Dafoe praised the project as an authentic "small gem" filled with poetic frames, while Monga Kapoor noted it shines a vital spotlight on invisible workers. Backed by The Culture Fund, the film continues gaining global momentum ahead of awards season.

Sivakarthikeyan May Join Hands with Director Vivek Athreya

Tamil actor Sivakarthikeyan is reportedly planning an exciting collaboration with Telugu filmmaker Vivek Athreya after completing his current film commitments.

Sivakarthikeyan may work with Vivek Athreya, known for directing Nani's Saripodhaa Sanivaaram and Ante Sundaraniki. Although details about the proposed project remain unknown, the collaboration is reportedly planned after the actor completes his upcoming films. Neither the actor nor the director has officially confirmed the development.

Sivakarthikeyan currently has several projects in the pipeline, including Seyon, the tentatively titled SK27 and a film directed by Cibi Chakaravarthi. He was last seen in Sudha Kongara's Parasakthi, which featured Ravi Mohan, Sreeleela and Atharvaa Murali in important roles.

Meanwhile, Vivek Athreya is preparing for his next directorial venture, Thulabharam, a comedy entertainer featuring Ravi Teja in the lead role.

Another interesting development concerns Sivakarthikeyan's upcoming film Seyon, directed by Sivakumar Murugesan. According to a report by Valai Pechu, veteran actor Kamal Haasan may make a special appearance in the film's climax.

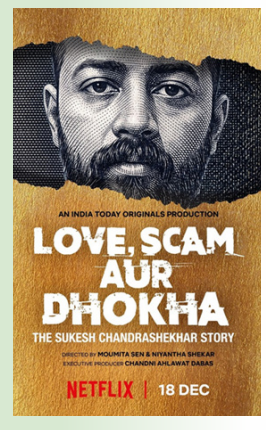
The report also suggests that Kamal Haasan could recreate his distinctive look from his 2004 film Virumaandi. Kamal Haasan is already associated with Seyon as a co-producer. However, the makers have not confirmed his reported cameo or shared details about the character.

Both the proposed collaboration with Vivek Athreya and Kamal Haasan's possible appearance remain unconfirmed. These developments have nevertheless created curiosity among fans awaiting Sivakarthikeyan's upcoming releases.



Netflix Announces Documentary On Sukesh Chandrashekhar Fraud Case

Netflix has announced a new true-crime documentary, Love Scam Aur Dhokha: The Sukesh Chandrashekhar Story, focusing on the alleged fraud case involving Chandrashekhar. Produced by India Today Originals, the documentary is scheduled to premiere on December 18, 2026.



Directed by Moumita Sen and Niyantha Shekar, the film will trace Chandrashekhar's journey from his early years in Bengaluru to becoming the subject of several high-profile fraud allegations. It will also examine his reported connections with influential people, including politicians and Bollywood celebrities.

The documentary is based on more than two years of research. It aims to examine how Chandrashekhar allegedly developed an extensive network of deception and continued his activities even while lodged in Tihar jail. The project will also look at possible gaps in the system that may have allowed the alleged operations to continue.

It will explore how he allegedly gained people's trust through different identities, extravagant claims and promises. His alleged fraud is reported to involve hundreds of crores of rupees.

The documentary is executive produced by Chandni Ahlawat Dabas, while Karan Rana serves as co-director. Munish Pandey and Shams Tahir Khan are associated with the project as crime consultants. The release adds another true-crime title to Netflix's growing collection of documentaries based on major cases in India. The production team has previously worked on Curry & Cyanide: The Jolly Joseph Case and The Indrani Mukerjea Story: Buried Truth.

Hockey India League returns in Jan 2027

The Hockey India League will return in the first week of January 2027, with the players' auction on December 7.

CH NEWS, NEW DELHI

Hockey India said six teams will compete in the men's league and four in the women's league. The auction for both competitions will take place in New Delhi.

Teams will decide which players to keep, trade or release before bidding for new players.

The men's teams will have a salary cap of Rs 4 crore each, while the women's teams will have a cap of Rs 2 crore each. Players will enter the auction at starting prices of Rs 2 lakh, Rs 5 lakh or Rs 10 lakh. The auction list will include players from the Ranchi Royals men's team and the HIL Governing Council team.

India women's captain Salima Tete said the league gives Indian players a chance to compete alongside leading overseas players. She said the women's competition could inspire more girls to take up hockey. India men's captain Harmanpreet Singh said playing alongside international stars helps Indian players prepare for major competitions. England star Sam Ward also welcomed the announcement.

Hockey India secretary general Bhola Nath Singh said the league would give emerging Indian players more opportunities and help strengthen professional hockey in the country.



PLAYERS' AUCTION
December 7, New Delhi

6 + 4
men's and women's teams

Rs 4 crore
salary cap, each men's team

Rs 2 crore
salary cap, each women's team

Rs 2, 5, 10 lakh
starting prices at the auction

NOV 29 — Teams declare their planned trades; trading opens at noon

DEC 2 — Trading closes at 10 am; final lists by noon; auction list at 5 pm

DEC 3 — Teams have until 5 pm to propose cuts to the list

DEC 7 — Players' auction for both leagues, in New Delhi

JAN 2027 — The league returns in the first week of the month

India face Malaysia in Asian hockey semifinal

CH NEWS, BHOPAL

India topped the standings with 15 points under chief coach Sjoerd Marijne. The hosts scored 23 goals and conceded four, finishing the round-robin stage with a goal difference of plus 19. Their run in Bhopal helped them reach fourth in the world rankings, their highest position.

Deepika leads the tournament with eight goals, including hat-tricks against Thailand and China. She has also been India's main scorer from penalty corners. Navneet Kaur has helped create chances and win penalty corners, while captain Salima Tete has helped direct play in midfield. Malaysia finished fourth with seven points from five matches. They drew 2–2 with China, beat South Korea 3–1 and closed the league stage with a 4–0 win over Thailand. All four goals against Thailand came in the final six minutes. Nuramirah Zulkifli has scored four goals in the tournament.

India beat Malaysia 4–1 in their opening match on November 19 after falling behind. India will look to control the midfield and limit chances for Malaysia, who showed against Thailand how quickly they can score.

The hosts are chasing their fourth title after wins in 2016, 2023 and 2024. Another title would take India past South Korea, who also have three.



4.30 PM **JAPAN v CHINA** | 7 PM **INDIA v MALAYSIA**

Friday's semifinals are at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda, Bhopal. Both times are IST. The winners advance to the final

India, New Zealand set for crucial Test

CH NEWS, CHRISTCHURCH

The two-match series is level after the opening Test in Wellington ended in a draw. India need a victory at Hagley Oval to win the series, while New Zealand will look to use home conditions to take the lead.

The match begins on Friday, November 27. India arrive after winning the five-match one-day international series 3-1. Their first Test batting effort was impressive, as they declared at 720 for nine. However, New Zealand held on in the final innings to save the match.

India will aim for another strong batting display and a more effective bowling effort. Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant are available for the Test series, while the final playing eleven will be decided before the match.

New Zealand, led by Tom Latham, will seek a better all-round performance. The hosts will be without Kane Williamson and Mitchell Santner. Fast bowler Matt Henry said his side was preparing for different pitch conditions rather than making assumptions about the surface.

The result will influence both teams' World Test Championship hopes. India need a complete performance to secure the series, while New Zealand will be determined to defend their home record. The pitch and weather could shape the contest significantly.



FIRST TEST: DRAWN

The first Test in Wellington ended in a draw after India declared at 720 for nine. New Zealand reached 239 for five in their second innings, with Daryl Mitchell and Glenn Phillips batting through the final session. The second Test at Hagley Oval is scheduled from November 27 to December 1.

SINDHU BACKS hunger campaign at Jaipur marathon

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu will join runners in Jaipur on November 29 to support Vedanta's campaign against hunger.

CH NEWS, JAIPUR

Badminton champion PV Sindhu has been named international event ambassador for the 11th Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon. The Padma Bhushan awardee will join participants in the Run for Zero Hunger campaign. Vedanta has pledged to provide one meal for a child or an animal in need for every kilometre run.

Jaipur entered its 300th year on November 18. Organisers said the race would give residents and visitors a chance to celebrate together, with seasoned athletes taking on the half marathon and families joining the shorter run.

The campaign was inspired by Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal's vision.



RACE GUIDE

Jaipur, November 29. Organised by Anybody Can Run. The shortest race is for families and first-time runners

- 21.1 km HALF MARATHON
- 10 km COOL RUN
- 5 km DREAM RUN

It supports two programmes run by the Anil Agarwal Foundation. Nand Ghar is a network of upgraded anganwadis that provide nutrition, healthcare and early childhood education. The Animal Care Organisation works to improve animal welfare.

Vedanta's Jaipur and Udaipur races also aim to bring more visitors to Rajasthan. The third Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon in Udaipur drew nearly 10,000 runners from 27 Indian states and six countries. The 2026 Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon drew more than 40,000 runners and contributed 50 lakh meals. Vedanta said that brought the campaign's five-year total to more than 2.7 crore meals.

1 km = 1 meal
Vedanta's pledge for every kilometre run

Why Bearman's Haas deal took so long

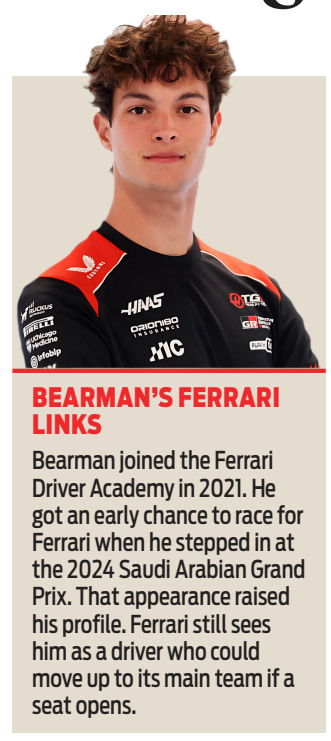
CH NEWS, LAS VEGAS

Haas has confirmed that Ollie Bearman will race for the team for at least the 2027 season, filling the final seat on next year's Formula 1 grid. The team had made clear it wanted to keep the British driver after his strong second season.

Bearman scored 23 of Haas's 31 points in 2026 and outperformed teammate Esteban Ocon, a former race winner. Haas was impressed by Bearman's consistency, the way he motivated the team and the quality of his feedback.

Ferrari supplies engines to Haas and has backed Bearman through its driver academy since 2021. Formula 1 correspondent Lawrence Barretto reported that Haas needed Ferrari's approval to keep him. Sources told Barretto that Ferrari was pleased with Bearman's progress and saw him as a possible future driver for its own team.

Ferrari's current drivers are Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton. Leclerc's new deal runs beyond 2028, while Hamilton's contract lasts through 2027. Hamilton has hinted that he would like to stay. The two drivers clashed again at the latest race in Las Vegas. Barretto said the clash highlighted why Ferrari wanted to keep Bearman within its programme in case it needed another driver to fill a seat.



BEARMAN'S FERRARI LINKS

Bearman joined the Ferrari Driver Academy in 2021. He got an early chance to race for Ferrari when he stepped in at the 2024 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. That appearance raised his profile. Ferrari still sees him as a driver who could move up to its main team if a seat opens.

Teen sprinter Amieyra Khoslla wins three national bronzes

CH NEWS, NEW DELHI

Teenage sprinter Amieyra Khoslla has made an impressive mark in athletics by winning three bronze medals at the national level. She secured the medals in the 60-metre, 100-metre and 200-metre sprint events, showcasing her speed, determination and consistency across different distances.

Her achievement highlights the growing presence of young athletes in Indian athletics. Competing in three sprint categories requires physical fitness, speed, endurance and strong preparation. Khoslla's performance across all three events reflects her ability to compete in different sprint distances.

Winning medals in the 60m, 100m and 200m events is a significant achievement for a young athlete. Each event demands a different approach, with the shortest sprint focusing on explosive acceleration, while the longer distances require speed maintenance and control.

Her success is also an encouraging example for young athletes who aspire to compete at national and international levels. Consistent training, discipline and determination remain important factors in building a successful sporting career.

The three medals mark an important milestone in Khoslla's athletics journey. Her performance has brought recognition to her efforts and underlines the importance of supporting young sporting talent in the country.

Sprint events test an athlete's speed, reaction time and physical strength. The 60m race focuses heavily on acceleration, while the 100m event tests maximum speed. The 200m sprint requires athletes to maintain speed around a bend and through the finishing stretch. Winning medals in all three events demonstrates versatility across sprint distances.



60m — 100m — 200m

Three national bronze medals

Barcelona win as Lille shock Bayern in Europe

CH NEWS, EUROPE

Barcelona produced a strong performance to defeat Sabah 4-1 in their Champions League encounter, continuing their impressive European campaign. The Spanish side controlled much of the match and converted their opportunities to secure a comfortable victory.

Lille delivered one of the biggest surprises of the night by defeating German giants Bayern Munich 2-1. The French club showed determination and discipline to overcome the strong Bayern side, earning an important victory in the competition.

Atletico Madrid also enjoyed a successful evening, registering a 2-0 win against Viking FK. The Spanish club maintained control throughout the match and secured all three points through an effective attacking display and organised defence.

Italian giants Inter Milan recorded a convincing 2-0 victory over VfB Stuttgart. Inter used their experience and attacking strength to overcome their opponents and strengthen their position in the Champions League standings.

Elsewhere, Liverpool defeated Club Brugge 3-0, while Villarreal secured a narrow 1-0 victory against Slavia Prague. Paris Saint-Germain and Roma played out a 2-2 draw, while Sporting CP and Manchester United also shared points after finishing 2-2.

The results produced an eventful round of European football, with several major clubs securing important wins and Lille attracting attention with their victory over Bayern Munich. The competition remains closely contested as teams continue their efforts to progress further in the tournament.



WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Champions League

Barcelona 4-1 Sabah	Liverpool 3-0 Club Brugge
Lille 2-1 Bayern Munich	Villarreal 1-0 Slavia Prague
Atletico Madrid 2-0 Viking FK	Paris Saint-Germain 2-2 Roma
Inter Milan 2-0 VfB Stuttgart	Sporting CP 2-2 Manchester United

Indian racing festival returns to Buddh circuit



CH NEWS, GREATER NOIDA

The festival runs through November 29 at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida. The FIA-certified F4 Indian Championship and the Indian Racing League will headline the programme, with JK Formula LGB 4 on the bill as a support race. Racing in the two main championships starts on Saturday, November 28.

Sunday's programme includes drifting and motorsport stunts led by Arjuna Award recipient Gaurav Gill and Indian drift champion Sanam Sekhon. Spectators can also see supercars, superbikes and vintage cars during the festival.

The Indian Racing League returns to Buddh after two races with different winners. Goa Aces JA Racing's Raoul Hyman won the opener ahead of Sai Shiva Sankaran and Jemma Moore. Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru driver Ruhaan Alva won the second race, with Mohamed Ryan second and Alister Yoong third.

In F4, Ntiyiso Mabunda won Saturday's opener at the previous Buddh round and followed it with two podium finishes on Sunday. Aryan Narola won both Sunday races, while engine trouble ended championship leader Luviwe Sambudla's Sunday. Sambudla finished second in Saturday's opener and collected only 18 points over the weekend, giving his closest rivals a chance to narrow the gap. The season will finish in Navi Mumbai.

F4 title race

Luviwe Sambudla	156
Aris Kyriakou	131
Ntiyiso Mabunda	125
Aryan Narola	106

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