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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," he said.

Speaking to reporters at the Mandakalli Airport here, he, "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.

He 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."

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.



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.

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



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

MYSURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday said that 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 programme held 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.

The CM 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.

He 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.

He warned that attacks on democracy through misuse of constitutional institutions are being closely watched by the country. Protecting democracy matters more than personal worship, he said, and if the Constitution survives, the country's unity, integrity and peace will survive too.

He praised Dr BR Ambedkar, who was given the task of drafting the Constitution under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. He said the Constitution should be seen as India's national book. Like a blueprint for a house, it is the foundation of the nation. It can change with time, but its core values of justice, freedom, equality and brotherhood must never be forgotten.

He said the Constitution gives power not only to the Chief Minister, ministers, MLAs and panchayat members, but also gives ordinary people the right to question those in power. If justice is denied, people can approach the courts. He said the Constitution upholds one law and one justice for all.

Shivakumar also said he stands before the public as a farmer's son and a public servant who has worked for people for 40 years, and that the Constitution gave him strength and inspiration.

He said the Constitution aims to give equal opportunity and justice to all sections of society. He recalled that the Siddaramaiah-led government (2013 to 2018) decided to allocate funds for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population.

He also recalled that the Supreme Court dismissed a petition challenging the addition of "socialist" and "secular" to the Preamble during Indira Gandhi's time.

He also referred to Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela's praise for the Indian Constitution, and told the newsmen that 12 people from Karnataka played important roles in drafting the Constitution, including K C Reddy, S Nijalingappa and Kengal Hanumanthaiah.



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.

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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.

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.

Modi 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.

NO PAK CONTENT IN INDIA: CENTRE REMINDS NETFLIX

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has directed Netflix to ensure that content originating in Pakistan is not made available for streaming in India, in compliance with its May 8, 2025 advisory.

'Jo Bachay...' row

The ministry has received complaints over the possible release of Pakistan-based web series Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo, as per reports.

Reminding the streaming platform of its earlier advisory, the government has asked Netflix to not release the Fawad Khan-Mahira Khan starrer in India.

In June last year, Netflix informed the ministry that it had made no film or series originating in Pakistan available to subscribers in India.

The ministry has asked Netflix to stand by that commitment it gave then and maintain the position it conveyed at the time.

AICWA writes to PM

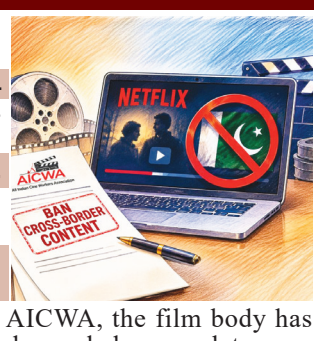
The reminder comes just days after the All India Cine Workers Association (AICWA) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking a ban on the Pakistani Netflix series.

In a letter dated November 24, signed by Suresh Shyamlal Gupta, President of AICWA, the film body has demanded a complete, permanent ban on the Pakistani drama series, which is commissioned by Netflix MENA, and boasts a star-studded cast.

Directed by Momina Duraid, Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo, internationally titled All The Love Our Hearts Carry, is scheduled to stream on December 4 on Netflix. The trailer for the show dropped on Tuesday.

'No Pakistani series in India'

- Centre has directed Netflix not to stream Pakistani-origin content in India.
- The directive follows the May 8, 2025 govt advisory.
- The move comes amid complaints over the Pakistani series 'Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo'.
- The series stars Fawad Khan & Mahira Khan.
- Netflix has been asked to honour its earlier commitment not to stream Pakistani content in India.
- AICWA has written to PM Narendra Modi seeking a permanent ban on the series.



Delimitation bill on cards as Parl to reconvene on Nov 30

NEW DELHI: Parliament is all set to reconvene next Monday to take up a contentious Constitution Amendment Bill to usher in a new delimitation regime, setting stage for another round of confrontation between the Narendra Modi government and the INDIA bloc.

The extended session, which will be a continuation of the Monsoon session that was not prorogued in August, will wind up in four days on December 3.

Setting in motion the process for reconvening of the session, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju wrote separately to Speaker Om Birla to restart Lok Sabha on November 30 and Chairman CP Radhakrishnan to call sittings of Rajya Sabha on December 2. The session will end on December 3.

The only agenda on the table will be to "transact essential government business" with sources saying the government will be bringing a reworked Constitution Amendment Bill as well as a bill to set up a new Delimitation Commission, which may be cleared by the Union Cabinet on Friday.

The Centre has not specified the new formula for delimitation but to bring on board some current and former INDIA bloc allies, it may have to tinker with its earlier proposals, which were defeated by the Opposition in Lok Sabha in April.

PM's 400 paar slogan forced into silence by UP people: Kharge

LUCKNOW

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday alleged that rising inflation and unemployment were putting household budgets under pressure, with cooking gas and essential food items becoming increasingly expensive, while the BJP's funds continued to swell.



Addressing a 'Samvidhan Raksha Sammelan' at the Congress office in Lucknow, he said the people of Uttar Pradesh had taught the BJP a lesson in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, forcing PM Modi's '400 paar' slogan into silence.

"Everything has become expensive. But the BJP's coffers are filling up. Where has the BJP got Rs 10,000 crore in its party funds from? You question us, but we want to ask you where this Rs 10,000 crore came from."

The ruling BJP is sitting on cash and deposits worth nearly Rs 10,000 crore, according to the party's annual audit report submitted recently to the Election Commission. He thanked the UP people for checking the BJP's electoral ambitions and said Modi, who had repeatedly invoked the '400 paar' slogan during the campaign, was now "sitting quietly".

QUICK READ

Amid backlash, KMF cuts Nandini curd price by Rs 2 per litre

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has reduced the price of Nandini curd by Rs 2 per litre, and the new rate will be applicable from Sunday, November 29. The prices of Nandini milk and curd were revised starting November 1, following a request by milk producers. The state government, however, later directed KMF to reduce the price of curd. "Following a request from the state's milk producers, the selling prices of Nandini milk and curd were revised with effect from November 1, 2026. However, in the interest of consumers, the government has directed the KMF to reduce the selling price of Nandini curd by Rs 2 per litre. Accordingly, the price of Nandini curd has been reduced by Rs 2 per litre, making it available to consumers at a lower price," said KMF Managing Director N Suresh. The price of a half-litre pack has also been reduced by Re 1, KMF said.

4 shot dead in 'gang rivalry' while having meal at Haryana dhaba

ROHTAK

Four men were shot dead by unidentified assailants in a suspected gang rivalry attack at a dhaba near Kharawar village here, police said on Thursday. The incident took place at around 1 am on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday when six to seven assailants came in two cars to the eatery and opened indiscriminate fire on the four men, who were having a meal at the Milan Dhaba, before fleeing, they said. Panic-stricken people ran for cover as shots were fired. When one of the victims ran upstairs to save his life, the assailants chased him to the first floor and shot him there as well, as per a complaint which is part of the FIR. The firing incident is suspected to be a fallout of the rivalry between Himanshu Bhau and Sunny Ritolia gangs.

'BAR MUST QUESTION, BENCH MUST LISTEN'

Dissent not a threat to democracy: CJI Kant

NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Thursday said dissent and disagreement were integral to constitutional democracy, asserting that the Bar must remain free to question and challenge the judiciary.

However, he cautioned against using professional responsibilities to pursue political agendas or judicial platforms for personal gains.

Addressing a Constitution Day function organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) on the Supreme Court lawns, the CJI said a strong Bar and a confident judiciary must be willing to engage with criticism.

"Disagreement is not a weakness of constitutional democracy. A strong Bar must be able to question, challenge and disagree. Equally, a confident institution must be able to engage with criticism, without treating every disagreement as a challenge to its authority," he said.

> If political agendas are masqueraded as professional duty or judicial platforms are targeted for personal gains, there stands the professional integrity impaired.
> - Surya Kant, CJI



Emphasising the importance of professional ethics, Justice Surya Kant said such engagement must be guided by reason, integrity and respect for constitutional processes.

"If political agendas are masqueraded as professional duty or judicial platforms are targeted for personal gains, there stands the professional integrity impaired," he observed.

Stressing the need for institutional restraint and accountability, Justice Surya Kant said every constitutional authority must remain conscious of both the powers it exercises and the limits within which it operates.

"Institutional restraint, mutual respect and accountability are therefore essential to the proper functioning of our constitutional democracy," he said, adding that every institution must discharge its responsibilities while respecting the constitutional space of others.

He stressed that individuals must remain at the centre of constitutional governance. Institutional efficiency, technological advancement and administrative convenience, he said, should not come at the cost of liberty, equality and dignity.

"For an Advocate, the duty to the client is fundamental. Yet the professional obligation extends beyond the client's immediate interests. Candour towards the Court, accuracy in presenting facts and authorities, and fairness in advocacy are equally important," he said.

He added that the credibility of the justice system depended significantly on the integrity with which its officers performed their duties.

Kant said giving effect to the Constitution's promises was a collective responsibility.

Notice refused, HDK takes issue to DGP

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

High drama unfolded outside Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's residence when Hassan Cyber Crime Police arrived to serve an official notice in connection with the ongoing Hassan Deputy Commissioner's office bribery WhatsApp chat controversy. Instead of accepting the summons, the senior JD(S) leader severely reprimanded the visiting officers and sent them back empty-handed.

The notice, prepared by the Cyber Command Center seeking clarifications regarding the purported WhatsApp.

CM's assurances rejected: ASHA protest intensifies

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The round-the-clock indefinite protest by Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers at Bengaluru's Freedom Park entered its eighth consecutive day on Tuesday, with thousands of women from across Karnataka refusing to budge despite a fresh appeal from Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. Spearheaded by the Karnataka State United ASHA Workers' Association, the agitation continues to gain momentum as demonstrators demand a fixed monthly honorarium of Rs 15,000, maternity leave, retirement benefits, and the release of pending incentives.



Shri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Chief Minister



Dr. G. Parmeshwara
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

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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				

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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
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Nadaprabu Kempegowda Layout, Ramasandra, Block 3				
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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
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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
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Further Extension of Sir M V Layout 8th Block Gidadakonenahalli				
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Quick Read

Five-year-old girl dies after month-long coma

CH NEWS, NELAMANGALA

A five-year-old girl has tragically passed away after spending a month in a coma following a highway road accident. Young Deepti, an Anganwadi student and daughter of Sumithra and Manjunath, was hit by a speeding car on October 26 while crossing the Nelamangala-Hassan National Highway with her parents near Shantinagara village. Despite her family spending lakhs of rupees on critical medical care, doctors could not save her, and she died on Wednesday. Following the heartbreaking loss, frightened local residents have demanded an immediate skywalk or service road to prevent further tragedies. Nelamangala Traffic Police have registered a case.

Police nab four robbers targeting night drivers

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Whitefield police have arrested four drug addicts who robbed cab and Rapido bike drivers across the city at night to buy narcotics. The gang, including a commerce graduate and a tattoo artist, committed roughly 30 robberies over three months. After they assaulted a Rapido rider near Nallurahalli Metro station and forced online money transfers, police tracked their rented car. During a dramatic chase, officers worked with the rental agency to remotely shut off the vehicle's engine and caught the suspects. Investigators discovered the stolen money went straight to a drug peddler. Police are now encouraging other hesitant victims to step forward.

Stop kickbacks, fulfill ASHA demands: HDK

Mounting a fierce offensive against Karnataka's Congress administration, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged political cover-ups in state-led scam probes while championing protesting ASHA workers.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy launched a sharp attack on the Karnataka government, questioning how the Criminal Investigation Department gave former minister B. Nagendra a clean chit in the Valmiki Development Corporation scam despite ongoing probes by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate.

Addressing reporters in Bengaluru, Kumaraswamy challenged Home Minister Priyank Kharge over the credibility of a state-controlled inquiry. He asked how an investigation by an agency reporting to the Home Department could remain impartial when both the Chief Minister and the concerned minister had earlier admitted financial irregularities on the floor of the legislature. Accusing the government of shielding political leaders while blaming only officials, Kumaraswamy demanded to know why it took years to produce a report clearing Nagendra.


Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy

Turning to recruitment scandals, Kumaraswamy alleged that irregularities inside the Karnataka Public Service Commission would have been buried had the Enforcement Directorate not intervened. He questioned why the government granted travel permission to accused IAS officer Gyanendra Kumar to visit Delhi before his arrest, and demanded answers on why 24 Assistant Executive Engineers in the Rural Development Department were handed hasty appointment letters and legal protection over the past two years.

Kumaraswamy also voiced strong support for Accredited Social Health Activist workers, whose sit-in protest at Freedom Park reached its tenth day. Urging the state to honor its manifesto promise of a Rs 15,000 monthly honorarium, he argued that stopping percentage kickbacks in government work orders and bill clearances would easily cover the estimated Rs 350-crore wage bill, along with pay hikes for mid-day meal staff.

Responding to Health Minister U.T. Khader's remark that health services continue smoothly without ASHA workers, Kumaraswamy dared the minister to dismiss them if their work is unnecessary. He further criticized Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's comments, accusing the administration of arrogance, lack of compassion for ordinary citizens, and digging its own political grave.

HDK's questions

1. How did a state agency clear B. Nagendra in the Valmiki scam?
2. Why was the accused IAS officer allowed to visit Delhi?
3. Why did 24 AEEs get hasty appointment letters?

Student's honour former school, college mentors

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Garden City University celebrated the lasting bond between educators and learners by honouring 35 outstanding teachers with the Teachers Trove Awards. Held as part of the institution's Coral Anniversary Celebration Series marking its 35-year legacy, the event stood out because university students themselves nominated and selected the winners. Every honouree had previously taught and inspired these students during their earlier school or college days.



Each selected educator walked away with a cash prize of twenty-five thousand rupees, a gleaming trophy, and a medal in appreciation of their dedication. Placing learners at the heart of the selection process highlighted the genuine impact good mentors leave on young lives.

Speaking at the gathering, GCU Chancellor Dr. Joseph V.G. noted that teaching is a deeply human art that artificial intelligence can never replace. He urged educators to treat their work as a passionate calling rather than just a source of income, encouraging them to shape young minds with strong values and lasting inspiration.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. M. Ramachandra Gowda, Director of Strategy and Planning Dr. Christo Joseph, and Registrar Dr. Sheeja M.S. also attended the ceremony, joining students in thanking teachers who nurture future generations.

Panel formed to review ASHA incentives

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major breakthrough on the tenth day of the round-the-clock protest by Accredited Social Health Activist workers at Freedom Park, the Karnataka Health Department has constituted an official committee to examine raising their incentives. Acting on a directive from Health Minister U.T. Khader and advice from public health experts, the panel will evaluate how to align worker pay with their ground duties and check the feasibility of hiking incentives across all community health workers.

Union leaders also held talks with Chief Political Advisor G.C. Chandrashekhar, submitting a formal charter demanding a fixed monthly honorarium of Rs 15,000 alongside pending dues and social security benefits. Karnataka State United ASHA Workers' Association secretary D. Nagalakshmi noted that Chandrashekhar assured them of a fair resolution and promised to place their demands before Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Despite welcoming the panel as a first step, protesters refused to end their sit-in. Responding to remarks by Shivakumar urging workers not to blackmail the administration, Nagalakshmi stressed that thousands of women have braved cold nights and illness at Freedom Park peacefully rather than threatening anyone. She insisted that verbal assurances are no longer enough after past unfulfilled promises, declaring that the agitation will continue until the government issues an official written order confirming the pay hike.

Nagalakshmi also pushed back strongly against ministerial warnings that union leaders would be held responsible if any protester fell ill during the demonstration. Calling such statements an effort to drive a wedge between frontline workers and their parent department, she reminded officials that ASHA staff remain dedicated public servants whether on duty, at home, or fighting for survival wages. Had authorities honored their commitments earlier, she argued, workers would never have been forced onto the streets at the cost of their own health.

Legislative panel targets KPSC exam irregularities

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A legislative House committee headed by senior MLA R.V. Deshpande has submitted a reform report to Assembly Speaker G.S. Patil, recommending major changes to restore transparency and eliminate political interference in the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). The panel proposed a selection committee comprising the Chief Minister, Karnataka High Court Chief Justice and Opposition Leader to appoint qualified Commission members. It recommended transferring Group C recruitment and OMR-based examinations to the Karnataka Examinations Authority, allowing KPSC to focus on Group A and B posts. A common examination for engineering positions across government departments was also suggested.

To prevent examination irregularities, the committee recommended computerized question banks, accountability for paper leaks, four regional evaluation centres and same-day uploading of answer scripts and answer keys. Interview panels should include three external subject experts. Other recommendations include an annual examination calendar, one-time candidate registration, biometric verification, a dedicated data centre, an internal legal wing, removal of contractual staff and minimum three-year tenures for senior examination officials, subject to government approval.



‘SECOND FREEDOM STRUGGLE NEEDED TO SAVE CONSTITUTION’

Former CM accuses the BJP of trying to weaken the Constitution gradually

CH NEWS, MYSURU

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called for a second freedom struggle to protect the Constitution, democracy and sovereignty of the country, asserting that people must be prepared to make any sacrifice to safeguard these institutions.

Addressing the Constitution Day celebrations organised by the State Government at Maharaja’s College Grounds here on Thursday, he said the country could survive only if its Constitution and democracy were protected. Though the Constitution was adopted on November 26, 1949, its ideals remained unfulfilled even after 77 years, which was a matter of concern.

Questioning the BJP’s commitment to the Constitution, Siddaramaiah alleged that those whose ideological predecessors had opposed the Constitution were now claiming to be its protectors. The BJP was attempting to weaken the Constitution gradually rather than abolishing it outright.

Recalling Ambedkar’s warning to the Constituent Assembly on November 25, 1949, the former CM said India had embraced political equality but continued to suffer from social and economic inequalities. He had cautioned that unless these contradictions were addressed quickly, those suffering from inequality could destroy the very democratic system established by the Constitution. Political democracy alone could not bring meaningful change without social and economic freedom. The commitment of those implementing the Constitution was as important as the document itself.

He stressed that caste discrimination could not be eliminated without addressing social and economic disparities and ensuring equal opportunities for all. Describing the implementation of internal reservation as another significant step towards social justice, he said differences among communities should be resolved through dialogue and efforts to build unity.


Floral tributes to portraits of Dr B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram at the Constitution Day celebrations at Maharaja’s College Grounds, Mysuru, on Thursday.

Alleging that the BJP was attempting to weaken constitutional institutions, he referred to the proposed Constitution review during the tenure of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and also expressed concern over alleged pressure on the judiciary through central agencies such as the CBI, Income Tax Department and Enforcement Directorate.

77 **years on,** the Constitution’s ideals remain unfulfilled, said Siddaramaiah

Accusing the BJP of spreading hatred and dividing society, Siddaramaiah called for promoting love, humanity and brotherhood. He said the Congress was committed to upholding these values and safeguarding the Constitution. People from all communities must unite in defence of constitutional rights and democracy and work towards realising the vision of an equal India envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Dr Ambedkar.

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, Deputy Chief Minister Dr G. Parameshwara and several other ministers were present.

Siddaramaiah pays floral tribute to Ambedkar, Jagjivan Ram


Leaders at the Preamble in front of the Town Hall, Mysuru, on Thursday.

CH NEWS, MYSURU

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah participated in the Constitution Day celebrations held at Maharaja’s College Grounds in Mysuru on Thursday and paid floral tributes to portraits of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram.

He also read out the Preamble to the Constitution.

He garlanded the statues of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, Babu Jagjivan Ram, Mahatma Gandhi and the Preamble of the Constitution in front of the Town Hall.

Former ministers H.C. Mahadevappa, Tanveer Sait and H.M. Revanna, besides serving and former legislators and local public representatives, were also present.

Constitution guarantees religious freedom to all: Bishop Francis Serrao

CH NEWS, MYSURU

The Indian Constitution guarantees every individual the freedom of conscience and the right to profess, practise and propagate religion, and these rights must be respected by all, said Most Rev. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of the Mysore Diocese and Chairman of the United Christian Forum, Mysore.

Delivering the keynote address at the Constitution Day celebrations organised by the United Christian Forum at a church in Mysuru on Thursday, he said religious freedom was a universal constitutional right and not a privilege enjoyed by any particular community.

Article 25: three freedoms

Profess
An individual’s inner convictions

Practise
Expressing faith through prayer, worship, rituals and traditions

Propagate
Sharing one’s beliefs and religious teachings with others

Referring to Article 25 of the Constitution, Bishop Serrao explained that religious freedom encompassed three essential aspects — the freedom to profess one’s faith, practise religious beliefs and propagate religion. While professing religion concerned an individual’s inner convictions, practising religion involved expressing faith through prayer, worship, rituals and traditions. Propagating religion meant sharing one’s beliefs and religious teachings with others, he said.


The Constitution Day celebrations of the United Christian Forum in Mysuru on Thursday.

Clarifying the distinction between evangelism and forced religious conversion, he said influencing an individual’s religious decision through force, intimidation, deception or inducement could not be justified in the name of religious freedom. At the same time, freely expressing one’s faith or sharing religious teachings with others should not automatically be branded as forced conversion. “The difference between the two should be clearly understood by society, the administration and those implementing the law,” he observed, adding that, from a Christian perspective, faith was a free response of the heart and could never be imposed.

Emphasising the contribution of Christian institutions to society, he said educational institutions, hospitals, orphanages, social service centres and rural development initiatives had been serving people across religious, caste and linguistic boundaries for decades. Feeding the hungry, treating the sick, educating children and comforting the distressed were expressions of humanity and should not be viewed with suspicion based on religion.

Recalling the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, he paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and other members who contributed to its framing. He described justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, enshrined in the Preamble, as the four pillars of Indian democracy, stressing that the country’s strength lay in its diversity and mutual respect.

As President of the United Christian Forum, he called upon people to create constitutional awareness among the youth, safeguard religious freedom, oppose religious hatred and discrimination through democratic means, and promote dialogue and cooperation among leaders of different faiths. “Let us love our religion and respect the religion of others. Religion should not alienate people but make them more human,” he said, urging citizens to uphold the constitutional ideals of unity, dignity and fraternity.

On this occasion, R. Murthy delivered a special lecture on the Constitution. Several persons attended the function.

BJP SC Morcha celebrates Constitution Day

CH NEWS, MYSURU

The BJP Mysuru SC Morcha celebrated Constitution Day at the party office in Mysuru on Thursday.

Former MLA and BJP Mysuru City president L. Nagendra, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP Mysuru Rural president Kumbrahalli Subbanna, divisional in-charges Swamy Maralapura and Ningarajegowda, Mysuru City SC Morcha president Karthik Mariyappa and Rural SC Morcha president Anil participated in the programme.

BJP Mysuru City general secretaries Soma Sundar and Rudramurthy, Ramachandra, party leaders S. Mahadevaiah, M.G. Mahesh, B.P. Manjunath, Prafulla Malladi, Hema Nandeesh, Vadivelu and Pratap, along with several other party leaders and workers, were present.


Constitution Day at the BJP office in Mysuru on Thursday.

SWR Mysuru Division observes Constitution Day

CH NEWS, MYSURU

South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, observed Constitution Day with a solemn and meaningful programme at the Open Auditorium of the Mysuru Divisional Office in Mysuru on Thursday.

On the occasion, Shammas Hameed, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru Division, administered the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India to all officers and staff members. The programme reaffirmed their collective commitment to the democratic values, principles and ideals enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Addressing the gathering, Hameed highlighted the significance of the Preamble in upholding the ideals of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, and said that every railway employee has a responsibility to uphold constitutional values through their day-to-day duties and conduct.


SWR officers and staff read the Preamble.

He also called upon all employees to discharge their responsibilities with dedication, integrity, transparency and a spirit of unity, thereby contributing to nation-building.

21st annual Mahabhisheka to Nandi atop Chamundi Hill on Sunday

CH NEWS, MYSURU

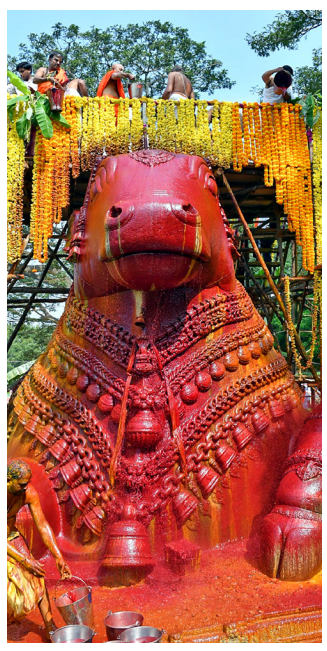
The 21st annual Mahabhisheka and special puja to the Nandi statue at Chamundi Hill will be held on November 29 at 8.30 am, as part of the auspicious Karthika month. The programme will also include distribution of prasadam.

The religious ceremony, organised by Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust, will be held in the divine presence of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji of Suttur Mutt, Sri Somanathananda Swamiji of the Mysuru branch of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, and Sri Shivasiddheshwara Mahaswamiji, junior seer of Siddaganga Mutt, Tumakuru.

The annual tradition, which has been observed continuously for the past 20 years, will enter its 21st year. The event is being organised with the objective of seeking the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari and Lord Nandi for the welfare of the people.

The rituals will include Padya, Arghya, Achamana, Madhuparka, Panchamrutha Snana, Phalapujamrutha, Rasapanchamrutha, Pishta Panchakabhisheka, Gandha Panchakabhisheka, Rudrabhisheka and Mahamangalarathi.

The organisers have invited devotees to participate in the celebrations with their families, offer prayers and seek the blessings of Lord Nandi.


The Nandi statue on Chamundi Hill. File picture: Hampa Nagaraju

The ceremony will be held at the Nandi premises on Chamundi Hill. The road leading from the viewpoint to the Nandi shrine is currently suitable for vehicular movement, the organisers said.

Addressing a press conference, Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust representatives N. Govinda, president Prakash, Shankar, Kanya Shivamurthy, Mahesh Subbanna and Sundar shared details of the programme.

CM’s orders lost in the flex jungle?

CH NEWS, MYSURU

Is there no value for the Chief Minister’s orders in Mysuru? Raising this pointed question amid Constitution Day celebrations, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has taken the civic administration to task for its failure to curb the rampant display of unauthorised flex banners, hoardings and cut-outs across the city.

In a letter to the Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner, Yaduveer has demanded the immediate removal of all illegal banners and hoardings and strict legal action against those responsible. It was ironic that the government, while speaking about constitutional ideals, the rule of law, equality and administrative accountability on Constitution Day, had failed to implement the clear directions issued by its own Chief Minister against unauthorised displays in public places. Despite the Chief Minister’s explicit instructions, illegal flex banners and cut-outs continue to mushroom in different parts of Mysuru, raising serious questions about the functioning of the administration, he observed.

Pointing to the irony of the situation, Yaduveer said that while the government was organising programmes to uphold constitutional values, its own directives were not being effectively implemented on the ground. Constitutional principles should not remain confined to speeches and ceremonial celebrations but must be reflected in every level of governance. He further warned that unauthorised flex banners not only damage Mysuru’s aesthetic appeal but also obstruct pedestrian movement, disrupt vehicular traffic and pose risks to public safety. As a heritage city, Mysuru has a collective responsibility to preserve its cleanliness, beauty and cultural identity, he said.

Yaduveer urged the Corporation to immediately remove all unauthorised flex banners, advertising boards and cut-outs across the city and impose fines and initiate appropriate legal proceedings against individuals and organisations responsible for putting them up.

He also insisted that the rules must be enforced uniformly, without discrimination based on political affiliation, organisational influence or the status of individuals.

Calling for regular inspections, the MP asked civic officials to put in place stringent measures to prevent the recurrence of such violations. “Constitution Day should not merely be an occasion to celebrate constitutional values; it should also remind those in positions of authority of their responsibility to uphold them.

Role of youth in safeguarding democracy stressed


Guests at the Constitution Day session at St. Philomena’s College, Mysuru, on Thursday.

CH NEWS, MYSURU

Young people must play a decisive role in upholding constitutional values and strengthening democratic institutions, noted writer and former Rajya Sabha member Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah has said.

He was speaking after inaugurating an interactive session titled ‘The Responsibility of Protecting Democracy in the Future Lies in the Hands of Youth’, organised on Thursday at the indoor stadium of St. Philomena’s College as part of Constitution Day celebrations. For democracy to succeed, wealth must be distributed equitably and caste discrimination must be eradicated. Young people should focus on these issues. “This is the era of Gen Z. Young people must understand the provisions of the Constitution, particularly those relating to social justice, liberty, equality and equal opportunities,” he said.

While freedom is a fundamental right, it also comes with certain limitations. Similarly, freedom of speech does not give anyone the licence to denigrate or malign others, he pointed out. Even after nearly 80 years of Independence, inequality and untouchability continue to persist in the country, while wealth remains concentrated in the hands of a few. Reservation must therefore continue until an egalitarian society is established. Reservation is not charity extended to people, he said.

Pointing out that reservation was no longer confined to historically oppressed communities, he noted that a 10 per cent quota had also been introduced for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

Dr. Hanumanthaiah also criticised attempts to project India as a Hindu Rashtra, stating that such an idea was contrary to the ideals of democracy.

Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former president M. Chandrashekar, who was the chief guest, said India’s Constitution was a model for the world. However, superstitions and inequalities continued to exist in society. Great personalities such as Pampa, Basavanna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Kanakadasa had all dreamt of building an egalitarian society, he said.

Presiding over the programme, the institution’s Rector, Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, said students must develop constitutional awareness and a sense of responsible citizenship, as the future of the country rested in the hands of young people.

60-day Summer Fair from March 28

CH NEWS, MYSURU

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority will organise a 60-day Summer Fair from March 28, 2027.

The authority has invited applications from interested persons for setting up small amusement units, snack and refreshment stalls, and handicraft sales outlets on a rental basis during the fair. Interested applicants can obtain application forms and submit them to the authority’s office on or before December 3.

Summer Fair

FROM	March 28, 2027, for 60 days
APPLY BY	December 3
CONTACT	Naveen Kumar C., 8892855236

For further details, they can contact the authority’s office or its staff member Naveen Kumar C. on mobile number 8892855236 or email exhibitionauthority@gmail.com.

This was stated in a press release issued by the Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Exhibition Authority.



Mumbai terror attack remembered

Tributes paid to martyrs with candlelight vigil

CH NEWS, MYSURU



Members of the Veer Savarkar Yuva Balaga hold a candlelight vigil for the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, in Mysuru

On the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on Mumbai on November 26, 2008, members of the Veer Savarkar Yuva Balaga paid heartfelt tributes to the innocent civilians who lost their lives and the brave security personnel who fought valiantly, sacrificing their lives in the line of duty to protect the nation.

Candles were lit as a mark of respect and homage to the martyrs.

Speaking on the occasion, former Mysuru City Corporation corporator M.V. Ramaprasad said that the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks could never be forgiven, just as the supreme sacrifice made by the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the country's security could never be forgotten. Their courage, valour and patriotism would continue to inspire every Indian.

A message of unity

The programme also conveyed the message that terrorism has no religion, caste or boundaries, and that safeguarding the country's unity, peace and security is the responsibility of every citizen.

Terrorism has no religion, caste or boundaries

Jagadeesh, Jogi Manju, Veer Savarkar Yuva Balaga president Rakesh Bhat, vice-president Sandesh, Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastry, Sandesh, K.M. Nishanth, Golden Suresh, Aravind, Jayasimha Sridhar, Suchendra, S.N. Rajesh, Kadakola Shivu, Apoorva Suresh, N. Prathap, Jatti Prasad, Doora Rajanna, Purushotham, Dayanand Naik and others were present.

EARTH 2026 TOXICOLOGY CONVENTION OPENS AT JSS AHER

CH NEWS, MYSURU



Dignitaries at the inauguration of EARTH 2026, the international toxicology convention, at JSS AHER in Mysuru on Thursday

The JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, inaugurated EARTH 2026, an International Toxicology Convention on Emerging Approaches in Risk Analysis and Translational Aspects of Health and Environment, here on Thursday.

The four-day convention, being held from November 26 to 29, is organised by the School of Life Sciences–Mysuru and Department of Microbiology, JSS AHER, in association with ASTRA KA 01 and CSIR–Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow.

Former ISRO Chairman Kiran Kumar inaugurated the convention as chief guest. Former DRDO Chief Controller (R&D) Dr W. Selva Murthy, Central University of Odisha Vice-Chancellor Dr Ajit Shasany, JSS AHER Registrar Dr B. Manjunatha, and CSIR-IITR Director and ASTRA India President Dr Bhaskar Narayan were among the dignitaries.

EARTH 2026

WHAT	International Toxicology Convention
WHEN	November 26 to 29
WHERE	JSS AHER, Mysuru
WITH	ASTRA KA 01 and CSIR-IITR, Lucknow

Addressing the gathering, Kiran Kumar highlighted the importance of scientific vision, innovation and technological advancement. The dignitaries stressed the need to strengthen the research ecosystem, encourage scientific inquiry and promote collaborative approaches to emerging challenges in health, technology and the environment.

A major highlight was the conferment of the prestigious Honorary Fellow of ASTRA (F-ASTRA) on Dr K.S. Rao in recognition of his contributions to science and research.

ASTRA Fellowships were awarded to CSIR-IITR research scholars Anshul Tiwari and Pranjal Yadav. Certificates of Special Recognition were presented to Sathya Murthy, Prajwal and Subhaprada Nishtala of ITCF-SAN, Mumbai, for their contributions.

In his presidential address, Dr Bhaskar Narayan emphasised scientific collaboration and the role of professional research organisations in advancing toxicology and allied disciplines. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, followed by keynote lectures and a cultural programme.

EARTH 2026 provides an interdisciplinary platform to discuss toxicology, environmental health, risk assessment, environmental contaminants, biomedical applications and innovative toxicological assessment methodologies. The scientific programme includes keynote lectures, oral and poster presentations, discussions and interactive sessions involving national and international experts, researchers, academicians and industry professionals.

The event is being conducted under the guidance of Dr Prashant M. Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER and President, ASTRA Karnataka Chapter; Dr Raveesha K.A., Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences; and Dr Chandan S., Secretary, ASTRA Karnataka Chapter.

Dr Ashwini P., Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, JSS AHER; Dr Ravi R. Kristipati, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-IITR; and Dr Bhargav Shreevatsa K.S., Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, JSS AHER, are the Organising Secretaries and the Convenor respectively.

The convention marks four days of scientific deliberations and knowledge exchange, reaffirming JSS AHER's commitment to research excellence, nurturing young talent and developing innovative solutions for a healthier and sustainable environment.

SJCE team wins first prize in AI structural engineering contest

CH NEWS, MYSURU



At the AI in structural engineering competition at the VTU Regional Office, Mysuru

Students of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, bagged the first prize in an idea presentation competition on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in structural engineering, organised by the Department of Civil Engineering, Centre for Post Graduate Studies, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Mysuru, on November 25.

BGS Institute of Technology (BGSIT), B.G. Nagara, secured the second prize, while Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, won the third prize.

The one-day competition, held at the Seminar Hall of the VTU Regional Office, Mysuru, witnessed the participation of 37 students representing 19 teams from nine engineering institutions. The participating institutions included VVCE, VVIET, BGSIT, SJCE (JSS STU), ATME, Navkis College of Engineering (Hassan), MRIT, RNSIT (Bengaluru) and CPGS-VTU, Mysuru.

The students presented innovative ideas on the application of AI in structural health monitoring, detection of damages and cracks in concrete structures, minimisation of construction waste and optimisation of structural designs, highlighting the potential of emerging technologies in making buildings and infrastructure safer and more sustainable.

The programme was organised under the guidance of VTU Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar. Programme Coordinator Dr. B. S. Keerthi Gowda delivered the introductory address, explaining the objectives, approach and benefits of the initiative.

The presentations were evaluated by Dr. Raviraj S, retired professor of SJCE, Mysuru, and Dr. Vikram, Structural Consultant, Yash Consultant, Mysuru. They provided valuable suggestions and feedback to the participating teams.

At the valedictory ceremony, Chief Guest Dr. H. M. Nanjunda Swamy, Regional Director, VTU Regional Office, Mysuru, distributed mementos and certificates to the winners and congratulated all participants for their innovative ideas and enthusiasm. All participants were presented with certificates.

Convener Dr. M. B. Sreenivasa, faculty members and staff of the Department of Civil Engineering were present.

1st SJCE, JSS STU

2nd BGSIT, B.G. Nagara

3rd VVCE, Mysuru

VVCE's RELAYTHON 2026 promotes innovation and teamwork

CH NEWS, MYSURU



At the inauguration of RELAYTHON 2026 at VVCE, Mysuru

Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, inaugurated RELAYTHON 2026, a relay-style hackathon organised by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at the college Sports Complex here on Thursday.

The event was organised in association with the Innovators and Visionaries Club (IVC), InUnity – Innovation for Community, IEEE and FUSE Technical Club to encourage innovation, technical proficiency and collaborative problem-solving among students.

Puneeth G.S. of eInfochips Pvt. Ltd., who inaugurated the event, stressed the importance of strengthening fundamental knowledge in Electronics and Communication Engineering. He encouraged students to explore career opportunities in core industries and cautioned against excessive dependence on Artificial Intelligence tools. Students, he said, must develop strong technical fundamentals, practical skills and independent problem-solving abilities.

The hackathon featured a unique relay-style competition inspired by Formula 1 racing, comprising five rounds: Circuit Puzzle, Desmos Challenge, Circuit Simulation, Prompt Wars and Web Clone Challenge. The challenges tested participants' skills in circuit design, mathematical analysis, electronics simulation, generative AI and web development. The innovative format required team members to take turns completing challenges, promoting teamwork, creativity, accuracy and time management. The event provided students with a platform to apply classroom learning through hands-on technical activities and develop innovative solutions under time constraints.

THE RELAY ROUNDS

- **Circuit Puzzle** Round 1
- **Desmos Challenge** Round 2
- **Circuit Simulation** Round 3
- **Prompt Wars** Round 4
- **Web Clone Challenge** Round 5

College Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar, Principal B. Sadashive Gowda, Vice-Principal Shobha Shankar and other faculty members attended. ECE Department Head Shilpa R was the convener, while Assistant Professor Harshitha K coordinated the event.

Govt committed to pourakarmikas' dream of owning a house: Dr Yathindra

CH NEWS, MYSURU



At the inauguration of the pourakarmikas' residential complex at Hale Kesare, Mysuru

The services rendered by pourakarmikas are invaluable in maintaining the cleanliness of the city and protecting public health. It is the government's responsibility to recognise and honour their hard work. The government is committed to ensuring dignity, self-respect and security in their lives, said Urban Development and Mysuru District In-charge Minister Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah.

He was speaking after inaugurating a G+3 residential complex constructed for 158 pourakarmikas under the Pourakarmika Gruha Bhagya Scheme at Hale Kesare, near the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) on Naidu Nagar Main Road. The project was jointly implemented by the Urban Development Department, District Administration and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Dr Yathindra said that the residential complex had been constructed for 158 pourakarmikas. Of these, 122 families had been selected through a transparent lottery process and allotted houses. Allotment letters were also symbolically distributed to the beneficiaries at the programme. The project marks a significant step towards fulfilling the long-cherished dream of pourakarmikas to own a house, he added.

Recalling the initiatives taken by his father and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Dr Yathindra said that the Gruha Bhagya Scheme was launched during the 2014-15 financial year, when Siddaramaiah was Chief Minister, with the objective of providing permanent housing to pourakarmikas. Siddaramaiah also took the historic decision to regularise the services of around 29,000 pourakarmikas, thereby enhancing their job security and dignity, he said.

He further noted that Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had announced that Pourakarmika Day would be celebrated every year and had also increased the allocation for providing breakfast to sanitation workers. The government continues to accord priority to the welfare of pourakarmikas, he said.

Dr Yathindra thanked Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait for taking a special interest in providing alternative sites at Hale Kesare. Appreciating his social commitment and cooperation, the Minister assured that the government was committed to addressing the demands of pourakarmikas within the framework of the law and would always stand by them.

Stating that the Congress party was committed to the ideals of social justice, he said the party had consistently worked towards enhancing the dignity and self-respect of oppressed, backward and working-class communities.

158 homes built for pourakarmikas

122 families allotted houses by lottery

Improving the lives of pourakarmikas was not merely a matter of implementing a welfare scheme but a social responsibility of the government, he said. Providing better housing and a dignified life to those who work tirelessly day and night to keep the city clean remained a priority, he added.

Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation Chairman Ramappa, Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited Chairman H.D. Ganesh, State Safai Karmachari Development Corporation Chairman Ashok Salappa, MCC Administrator and Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, MCC Commissioner M.K. Savitha, elected representatives and senior officials were present.

State-level PU football tournament begins in Mysuru



The tournament's inauguration at St. Philomena's College, Mysuru

CH NEWS, MYSURU

The State-Level Pre-University College Boys' and Girls' Football Tournament for the academic year 2026–27, jointly organised by the Department of School Education (Pre-University), Government of Karnataka, Mysuru District, and the Mysuru District Physical Education Lecturers' Association, in association with St. Philomena's Educational Society, was inaugurated in a grand manner at the Indoor Auditorium of St. Philomena's College in Mysuru on Wednesday.

In the tournament

32	BOYS' TEAMS
25	GIRLS' TEAMS
1,500	PARTICIPANTS, APPROX.

The tournament was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Mysore, by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

In her address, Deputy Director of PU Education Nagamma highlighted that state-level tournaments provide an excellent platform for identifying and nurturing students' sporting talents. She urged the participants to aim for national-level representation and appreciated the efforts of the organisers, physical education lecturers, teaching and non-teaching staff.

Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait emphasised that students should actively participate in sports, cultural activities and social service alongside academics. He said sports develop discipline, leadership, teamwork, unity and self-confidence, and players must accept both victory and defeat with equal sportsmanship and strive for excellence at state and national levels.

Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Mysore, highlighted that education is not merely confined to classroom teaching and textbooks but is a process of bringing out the hidden talents and abilities of students. He opined that sports, libraries, laboratories and cultural activities play a vital role in the holistic development of students and urged them to become responsible citizens with discipline, leadership and human values.

On the occasion, state-level badminton and tennis achievers, Madhusudan and Dr. Harshavardhan of GPUC, Vontikoppal; N. Chandrappa of GPUC, Saragur; and N. Gayathri of GPUC for Girls, were felicitated for their achievements.

A total of 57 teams, comprising 32 boys' teams and 25 girls' teams from various districts across Karnataka, are participating in the state-level tournament. The event has been organised with the objective of promoting sportsmanship and a competitive spirit among students. Approximately 1,500 participants, including players, team managers and physical education lecturers, are taking part in the tournament. Rev. Fr. Naveen Kumar, Treasurer, MDES, Mysuru; Rev. Fr. Dr. Lourd Prasad Joseph, Manager, St. Philomena's Educational Society; Rev. Fr. Roshan S., Treasurer, St. Philomena's Educational Society; and Sunil D'Souza, Principal, St. Philomena's Pre-University College, along with other dignitaries were present.

Samruddhi Utsav celebrates '100 Faces, 100 Stories' of Mysuru

CH NEWS, MYSURU



Samruddhi Utsav at the KSOU Convocation Hall, Mysuru

Samruddhi Groups organised 'Samruddhi Utsav' in a grand manner at the Convocation Hall of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, to mark Kannada Rajyotsava and a customer meet.

The programme was organised under the leadership of H.S. Karthik, Managing Director of Samruddhi Groups. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Prof. M. Krishnegowda inaugurated the event.

The programme was themed '100 Faces, 100 Stories – One Mysuru', celebrating the diversity and stories of the city.

As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, the organisation extended financial assistance in various forms to 100 beneficiaries. Meritorious students were also felicitated with symbolic awards in recognition of their achievements.

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.
Last Date to Apply:31-12-2026
Submit Your Resume To:
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Mobile No. 90609 50265.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ELIZABETH MENDEZ D/o THOMAS MENDEZ, W/o C H MADHURE, R/o Flat No. 1105, A Block, K H B Platinum Apartment, K H B Colony, Opp. Shirke Apartment, Kengeri, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560060, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CELINE MADHURE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GIRISH KUMAR DHARAM PRAKASH ARORA alias GIRISH KUMAR ARORA S/o DHARAM PRAKASH, R/o Flat G2, 841/1/B-1, Sri Lakshmi Nest Apt., 10th Main, 5th Cross, Near Central Bank Atm, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560038, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GIRISH KUMAR.

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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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP Portal mode only)

Manufacture and supply of following materials as per GESCOM Specifications:
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಐ-1&2
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿ ನವೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ [ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ದರದಲ್ಲಿ/ಪ್ರಚಲಿತ] ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ-2000 ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳ[ನ್ವಯ] **KW-1&2** (ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟಿ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್" ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.
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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.

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.

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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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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BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
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.

Sd/-
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

No: ACF/BNCC/TENDER/ 81/2026-27 Date: 25.11.2026

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
06	BNCC/2026-27 /SE0256	Bangalore North City Corporation Zone-2Dasarahalli Assembly Constituency and part of R RNagara constituency Tree Canopy Management During the year 2026-27	18.10	45250	121 days
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.

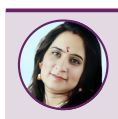
Third, teach AI literacy in every discipline, not only computer science: how these systems work, where they invent things, whose biases they carry, what happens to the data fed into them, and when not to use them at all. A history student needs this as much as a coder, and it should be taught in Kannada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

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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.**

THE CONSTITUTION: INDIA'S GREATEST PRIVILEGE AND THE FOUNDATION OF OUR DEMOCRACY

A Constitution is more than a document governing a nation; it is the promise of equality, liberty, justice and dignity that unites its people under one democratic identity.

Every year, November 26 reminds us of one of the most significant milestones in Indian history — the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1949. Celebrated as Constitution Day, this occasion is not merely an annual remembrance of a historic event but an opportunity to recognise the extraordinary privilege of being citizens of a country governed by a constitution that guarantees rights, defines responsibilities and establishes the foundations of democratic governance.

For every Indian, having a constitution is both a privilege and a matter of immense pride. It is the supreme legal framework that guides the functioning of our country, protects individual freedoms and places limitations on the exercise of governmental power. At a time when societies across the world continue to struggle with inequality, injustice and questions of individual freedom, India's constitutional framework stands as a powerful expression of its commitment to democracy and the rule of law.

> **"No individual, however powerful, stands above the Constitution."**
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> **— J. MARION JONES**

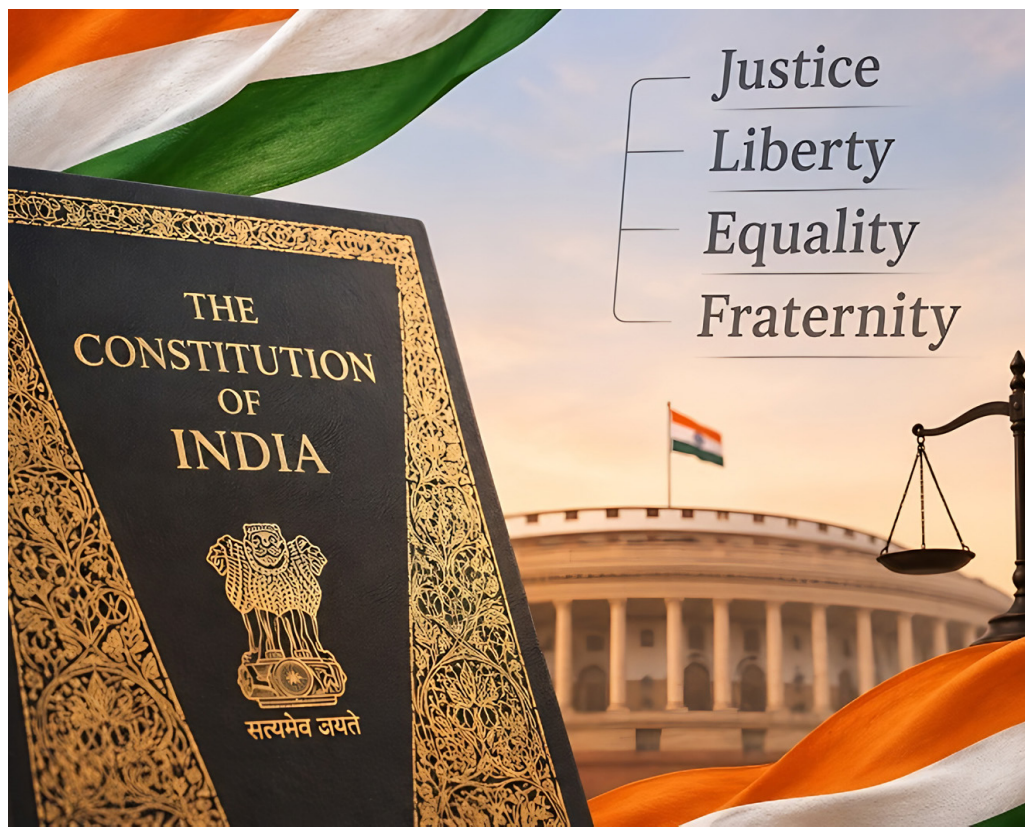
The Constituent Assembly, with Dr B.R. Ambedkar as Chairman of its Drafting Committee, played a historic role in shaping this remarkable document. After extensive deliberations, the Constitution was adopted on November 26, 1949, and came into force on January 26, 1950. The vision behind this document was not simply to establish a government but to build a nation where every individual, irrespective of social or economic background, could enjoy constitutional protection and equal recognition before the law.

The Preamble captures the very spirit of this vision through its commitment to justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. These are not merely inspiring words written at the beginning of a legal document. They represent the values upon which our democratic society is expected to function. They remind every institution, authority and citizen that the dignity of an individual must remain central to the functioning of the nation.

One of the greatest strengths of our Constitution is the recognition and protection of Fundamental Rights under Part III. The Right to Equality under Articles 14 to 18, the Right to Freedom under Articles 19 to 22, the Right against Exploitation, the Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights, and the Right to Constitutional Remedies collectively establish important safeguards for individuals. Article 32, described by Dr Ambedkar as the heart and soul of the Constitution, empowers citizens to approach the Supreme Court for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights.

Equally important is the principle of constitutional accountability. No individual, however powerful, stands above the Constitution. The legislature, executive and judiciary operate within their respective constitutional responsibilities. The judiciary, through judicial review, plays an essential role in ensuring that governmental actions remain within constitutional limits. This balance of power strengthens public confidence in institutions and reinforces the principle that the rule of law must prevail over arbitrary authority.

However, celebrating Constitution Day should also encourage us to look beyond our rights. Part IVA, which contains the Fundamental Duties under Article 51A, reminds citizens that nation-building is a shared responsibility. Respecting the Constitution, safeguarding public property, promoting harmony, protecting the environment and developing scientific temper are among the duties expected of citizens. A strong democracy cannot survive through constitutional guarantees alone; it also requires informed, responsible and conscientious citizens.



As Indians, we must recognise that constitutional values should not remain confined to courtrooms, textbooks or legal institutions. They must be reflected in our everyday conduct — in how we treat others, respect differences, exercise our freedoms and respond to injustice. Constitutional awareness is particularly important among young citizens, who will eventually shape the country's institutions, policies and democratic future.

The Constitution is not perfect merely because it exists; its strength depends on how faithfully its principles are upheld and implemented. Social discrimination, corruption, inequality and violations of individual dignity remind us that constitutional promises require continuous commitment. Our responsibility is to strengthen the constitutional spirit through lawful conduct, awareness and respect for the rights of others.

On this Constitution Day, let us take pride in belonging to a nation that has entrusted its future to democratic principles and constitutional governance. We are privileged not simply because we possess a constitution, but because it gives every citizen a recognised place within the framework of the Republic.

The true honour of being an Indian lies not only in celebrating the Constitution but also in upholding its values. A nation becomes stronger when its citizens understand their rights, fulfil their duties and place constitutional morality above personal interests. The Constitution is our collective inheritance, our legal safeguard and our responsibility towards generations yet to come.

— J. MARION JONES

WAS THE JENSEN HUANG CRISIS STAGED?

On November 12, Nvidia announced it would look inside and outside the company for someone to replace Jensen Huang. Eleven days later, it gave him his job back. Anyone who sold shares on the strength of the first announcement had reason to be angry when the second arrived. Nvidia's stock rose 31.5 per cent that day, adding nearly $1 trillion to the company's market value. For the investor who sold on Friday and watched from the sidelines on Monday, the obvious question was whether someone else had known how this would end.

It is a fair question. The public record as of November 26 offers no credible evidence that Huang's departure and return were arranged to drive down share prices. It does, however, give investors grounds to question how Nvidia's board reached two such different decisions in eleven days. That distinction matters. A board can make a momentous decision, discover how little support it has and reverse itself. Shareholders can suffer substantial losses at every stage, even if nobody planned the outcome.

The sequence began before Huang resigned. On November 8, Nvidia's board announced an independent investigation into reports that its founder had been targeted by a foreign intelligence effort. The directors said they had no reason at that point to believe company secrets or national security had been compromised. Four days later, Huang resigned as chief executive, president and director. Colette Kress, who had run Nvidia's finances since 2013, became interim chief executive. When Huang returned on November 23, the board said the investigation would continue. Its decision restored his authority while leaving the underlying inquiry open.

What, then, was actually wiped out? On November 12, Breakingviews estimated that Nvidia had lost about $1.3 trillion in market value since the first reports appeared in late October. The dates matter. Much of the decline had already happened by the time the resignation was announced. And the nearly $1 trillion that Nvidia regained on November 23 still left its shares below where they had stood before Huang stepped down. These figures describe changes in the value of one company over particular periods. They cannot tell us how much of the wider market's decline was attributable to Huang.

There is also a misleading picture hidden in the phrase "wiped out". Imagine a company with a billion shares. If buyers will pay $90 today for a share that fetched $100 yesterday, the company's market value falls by $10 billion. Nobody needs to have collected that $10 billion. Yet the consequences are real enough for a household that sells shares to pay a university fee or meet a loan instalment. Its loss is fixed on the day it sells. A recovery the following Monday belongs to whoever owns the shares then.

That explains why a reversal can feel rigged to people who sold. Establishing that it was rigged requires evidence of intent. Did anyone agree in advance that Huang would return? Did someone with access to that agreement trade before the announcement or pass the information to another person? A dated message, a trading record and evidence connecting the two would carry weight. A chart showing that somebody could have made a fortune tells us where an investigator might look. By itself, it tells us nothing about what the buyer knew.

Several developments in those eleven days offer a more convincing explanation for the reversal. Investors and employees publicly supported Huang's return. President



Donald Trump pressed for his reinstatement. Nvidia's directors subsequently said they had met Huang again and received input from senior US government officials. They voted unanimously to bring him back. Those facts make it quite plausible that the board changed its mind under pressure. They also raise a question the directors themselves are equipped to answer. What did they learn after November 12 that justified reinstating Huang before their own investigators had finished?

Consider the position of the interim chief executive. Kress had spent more than a decade overseeing Nvidia's finances. The board entrusted her with the company and promised a search for a permanent successor. Yet within days the US president was publicly making the case that the country needed her predecessor back. How much authority could any interim leader exercise in those circumstances? And what would a qualified outside candidate conclude about taking the job? A board weakens its ability to recruit a successor every time it allows employees, customers and shareholders to conclude that only one person can lead.

There is a broader public interest here, including for people who have never bought a single Nvidia share directly. Someone who puts retirement savings into a broad US stock index expects the fortunes of many businesses to shape the result. When one company grows large enough, a dispute inside its boardroom can reach that saver's account. On November 25, US Senator Cory Booker asked Nvidia for answers about Huang's return and the concentration of economic power the episode exposed. One need hardly suspect a trading conspiracy to share that concern.

Nvidia owes shareholders a chronology detailed enough to distinguish what the directors knew when they accepted Huang's resignation from what they learned before reversing course. It should explain what weight it gave the government's intervention and what authority its independent investigators retain now that the subject of their inquiry is back in charge. Those answers would help the investor who sold on Friday judge whether the board acted reasonably with the information it then possessed.

— ADITYA VERMA

WHO GETS FLOODED WHEN A LAKE IS FILLED IN?

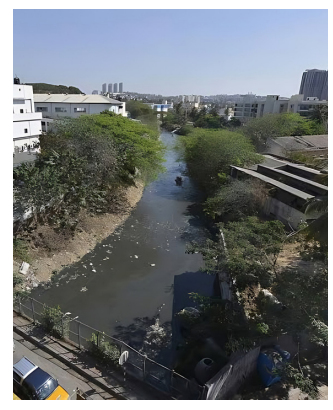
A lake can disappear twice. The first time, a road or a building cut off the channel that brings it rainwater. The second time, somebody looks at the dry bed and asks why valuable land should lie vacant. By then, filling it in can sound almost sensible. The question missing from that conversation is one that a family several streets away may have to answer during the next monsoon. Where will the water go?

Bengaluru offers a sobering piece of evidence. A 2021 report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India cited a study comparing old land records with later maps. In the Koramangala valley, researchers could identify only eight water bodies by 2008 where the land records had shown about 41. In the Vrishabhavathi valley, the count had fallen from about 51 to 13. The auditors also found that the municipal corporation had failed to keep drains connected to water bodies, allowing some lakes to dry up and making it easier to convert them to other uses.

To understand what those numbers mean, picture two lakes at different heights. Rain falling on the slopes collects in the upper lake. As it fills, water passes along a channel to the lower one. Bengaluru's terrain allowed chains of tanks to work this way across its valleys. Build over the upper tank and rain still runs downhill, now with one fewer place to collect. Narrow the connecting channel as well, and a downstream street may begin to flood even though nobody on that street has built over anything.

This is where a drainage problem becomes a question of fairness. The benefits of developing a parcel are easy to list at a public meeting. There may be homes, a bus depot or a shorter journey to work. The costs are harder to identify in advance because the people who will pay them may live in another ward. A shopkeeper whose stock gets soaked has no obvious reason to connect that loss to a planning decision taken uphill ten years earlier. Who would have thought to invite her to the meeting?

Even on the same flooded street, the bill varies from door to door. An upstairs resident might lose a morning's work waiting for the water to recede. For the tenant downstairs, the same few hours could mean replacing a mattress, a refrigerator and a month's supply of rice. A municipal assessment may record that water entered one building. For the two households, that single entry describes entirely different events.



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> **HEPSIBA S.**

Cities need housing, roads and public transport. Residents are entitled to ask what it would cost to move a proposed project elsewhere. They are equally entitled to see the cost of building it on a site that stores water. That comparison should include the price of replacement drainage, the land it would require and the likely damage if it failed. A supposedly economical site can become an expensive choice once the calculation extends beyond its boundary wall.

Before approving construction that would alter a lake or its feeder channel, the planning authority should publish a map that an ordinary resident can read. It should show where rain enters the site, where overflow travels and which streets lie in its path. People living along that route should be able to challenge the assumptions. A resident who has watched water cross the same junction for thirty monsoons may know about a blocked culvert that looks perfectly serviceable on paper.

The same principle applies to lake restoration. A walking path and a fence are improvements people can see. Reopening an inlet buried beneath a road is less photogenic and may do more to protect the neighbourhood.

— HEPSIBA S.

WHEN DID A PRIVATE CHAT BECOME A GROUP SCREENSHOT?

Suppose you tell a friend you might call off your wedding. You have told neither your parents nor your partner. You want an hour to talk it through with someone who knows you well. Before your friend has replied, a cousin rings. She is kind, which somehow makes it worse. She has seen the screenshot, she says, and only wants to know whether you are all right. You began the evening unsure about your wedding. Now you are also unsure about your friend.

What has gone wrong here is easy to recognise in person. Few of us would invite six people to listen behind a door while a friend confided in us. On a phone, the extra audience arrives afterwards, when the person who spoke has no



chance to notice who entered the room or to decide whether to carry on.

Part of the appeal of a screenshot is that it looks scrupulously fair. Why risk misquoting someone when you can show their exact words? Yet the most important thing about the wedding message is missing from the image. The sender chose a particular friend because she wanted help thinking. In the family group, the same words can read like an announcement. A screenshot can reproduce every word faithfully and still give its readers the wrong idea about what was said.

Even the friend who forwarded it may have acted out of concern. Perhaps she wanted advice from an older cousin who had once faced a similar decision. That is precisely why "I was only trying to help" deserves a closer look. She could have asked, "Would you like me to put you in touch with her?" That small courtesy would have left the person facing the decision some say over how the rest of the evening unfolded.

At work, the same habit can quietly damage the relationships on which good judgement depends. Imagine a junior employee privately asking a colleague whether a deadline is realistic. The colleague forwards the exchange to a manager who could arrange more time. By lunch, the employee is explaining a complaint she never intended to lodge. Next time she spots a problem, she may wait until she has evidence enough to defend herself. The team has lost the early warning that an informal conversation once allowed.There are occasions when a screenshot is the most sensible thing a person can keep. Someone receiving threats or repeated harassment may need an accurate record, particularly if the sender can delete messages. Asking the sender for permission would be absurd. Even then, the recipient has a choice about the audience. Showing the exchange to someone who can offer protection serves a clear purpose. Posting it in a group of acquaintances invites people into the matter who have little ability to help.

The harder cases are much more ordinary. A friend wants a second opinion on an argument. A colleague sends a funny exchange that happens to reveal who made a mistake. A relative forwards a message because typing out the family news would take longer. Before passing it on, it is worth asking what the next reader actually needs to know. Often the question can be asked in one's own words. Sometimes the honest answer is that the screenshot would simply make a better story.

Responsibility also belongs to the people who receive it. In a family group, one person can spare the sender a dozen well-meaning calls by asking whether she wanted everyone told. A colleague can decline to forward an embarrassing exchange. And when we have shared something carelessly, the decent first call is to the person whose confidence we broke. They deserve to know exactly what was shared and who received it, however awkward that conversation may be.

— HARSHITH

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.



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Trade barriers highlight need for recycling push



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>
> **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.

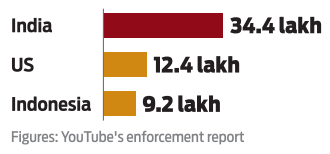
Google removed 19,883 items in response to Indian requests for violating local laws, while another 1,415 items were taken down under its own policies. The company took no action on 19,402 items, while it said the information available was insufficient to act on another 17,473.

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

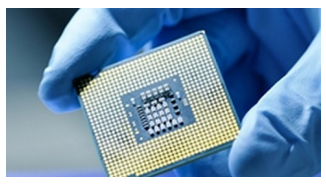
CHIP MANUFACTURING PUSH

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.

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.

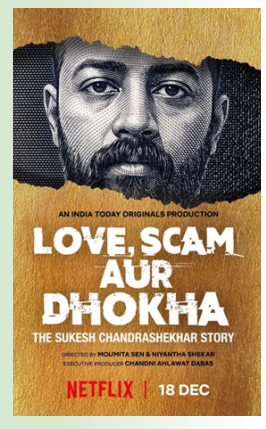
The report also suggests that Kamal Haasan could recreate his distinctive look from his 2004 film Virumaandi. Kamal Haasan is already associated with Seyon as a co-producer. However, the makers have not confirmed his reported cameo or shared details about the character.

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.

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.

Mystery $300 mn donation for Trump's DC fund



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.

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.

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

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.

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

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- → 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.

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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	DEC 2	DEC 3	DEC 7	JAN 2027
Teams declare their planned trades; trading opens at noon	Trading closes at 10 am; final lists by noon; auction list at 5 pm	Teams have until 5 pm to propose cuts to the list	Players' auction for both leagues, in New Delhi	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. 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.



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

1 km = 1 meal

Vedanta's pledge for every kilometre run

Why Bearman's Haas deal took so long

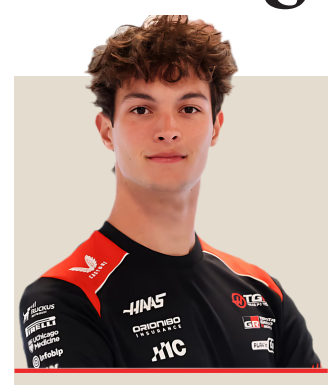
CH NEWS, LAS VEGAS

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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