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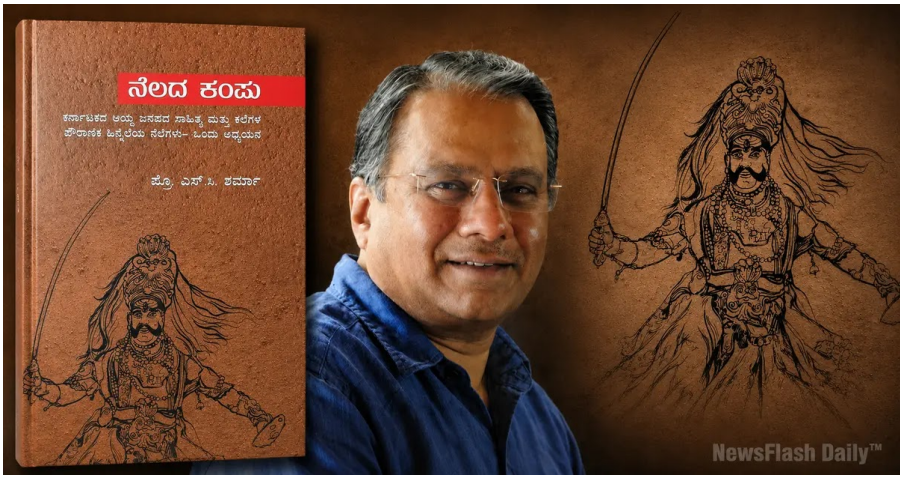
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Veteran folklorist, musicologist and former Tumkur University Vice-Chancellor receives nomination in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Karnataka's folk heritage and cultural preservation

> ***Dr S. C. Sharma has been nominated for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2026, recognising his decades-long contribution to folklore, music, education, research, and cultural preservation. His extensive documentation of Karnataka's folk traditions and leadership in higher education have earned him widespread respect across the cultural and academic landscape.***

Bengaluru: Veteran folklorist, musicologist, educationist and former Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University, **Dr S. C. Sharma**, has been nominated for the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2026**, one of India's most prestigious recognitions in the field of performing arts and culture. The nomination acknowledges his lifelong commitment to preserving Karnataka's rich folk traditions, promoting cultural education, and strengthening research in folklore.

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The nomination marks another milestone in Dr Sharma's distinguished career spanning several decades, during which he has emerged as one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors. Through his scholarship, institution-building, and administrative leadership, he has played a pivotal role in documenting and safeguarding the state's intangible cultural heritage.

Dr S C Sharma's Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2026 Nomination

The nomination recognises Sharma's exceptional contribution to folklore studies, Indian classical music, cultural preservation, and higher education. His work has significantly enhanced public understanding of Karnataka's traditional art forms while creating valuable academic resources for future generations.

Known for his interdisciplinary approach, he has consistently highlighted that a society's history is preserved not only in written records but also in its folk songs, oral traditions, rituals, customs, craftsmanship, and indigenous knowledge systems.

> ***"History survives not only through written records but also through the songs, customs, traditions and collective wisdom of the people."***

His sustained efforts have transformed folklore into an important area of academic research and cultural discourse, earning appreciation from scholars, artists and educational institutions alike.

Karnataka Folk Heritage Research Earns National Recognition

A major contribution to his academic legacy is his extensive field research documenting Karnataka's folk traditions. Over the years, he has recorded oral histories, folk songs, rituals, indigenous technologies, craft traditions and community histories, ensuring that valuable cultural knowledge is preserved for future generations.

His acclaimed publication, **Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land)**, published by Karnataka Janapada University, comprehensively documents Karnataka's diverse folk heritage and reflects decades of dedicated research.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to folklore studies, Karnataka Janapada University conferred an **Honorary Doctorate in 2024**, further acknowledging his invaluable service to cultural preservation.

Kriyakalpa Folk Museum Promotes Cultural Preservation

Among Sharma's most significant institutional contributions is the establishment of the **Kriyakalpa Folk Museum**, which serves as an important centre for preserving Karnataka's traditional artefacts and indigenous knowledge.

The museum has become a valuable resource for researchers, students and cultural enthusiasts by safeguarding rare collections while promoting education and research in folklore and traditional arts.

The initiative continues to strengthen awareness of Karnataka's rich cultural legacy and encourages deeper engagement with the state's folk traditions.

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Leadership at Tumkur University Strengthened Education and Culture

During his tenure as **Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University between 2009 and 2013**, Dr. Sharma introduced several initiatives aimed at improving academic standards while simultaneously promoting literature, theatre, music and folk arts.

His leadership fostered an academic environment where cultural activities became an integral part of university education, encouraging students to appreciate India's artistic and traditional heritage alongside formal learning.

> ***"Education becomes truly meaningful when it nurtures knowledge alongside culture, creativity and artistic expression."***

His vision helped establish a stronger connection between higher education and cultural preservation.

Distinguished Awards Highlight a Lifetime of Achievement

Before receiving the nomination for the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2026**, Dr. Sharma had already earned several prestigious honours recognising his contribution to folklore, education and rural development.

These include the **Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award (2000)**, the **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Award (2005)** and the **Babu Jagjivan Ram Award (2007)**.

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These recognitions reflect his enduring commitment to preserving Karnataka's folk traditions while advancing cultural scholarship and inclusive education.

Nomination Reflects a Lifetime Dedicated to Culture

The **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2026 nomination** represents national recognition of Dr. S. C. Sharma's remarkable contribution to India's cultural heritage. His work across folklore, music, education, administration and research has inspired generations of scholars, artists and cultural practitioners.

By documenting Karnataka's traditional knowledge systems, establishing cultural institutions and integrating folklore with mainstream education, Dr. Sharma has created an enduring legacy that continues to strengthen India's cultural identity.

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An Amalgamation of Education, Research, Administration, Music and Comprehensive Arena of Folklore–Dr. S.C. Sharma

By: RePublic Next

July 2, 2026

KARNATAKA: Dr. S.C. Sharma, a polymath whose work has redefined the landscape of Karnataka's cultural heritage, has been nominated for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026—India's highest national recognition in the performing arts. A distinguished folklorist, educationist, musicologist, and institution builder, Dr. Sharma stands as a towering figure who has successfully transformed the state's folk heritage into a vibrant, living social movement.

A Legacy of Cultural Preservation

Dr. Sharma's approach to history transcends written records, focusing instead on the "living archives" of human experience—songs, oral narratives, craftsmanship, and indigenous tools. His commitment to this cause is best exemplified by his founding of the Kriyakalpa Folk Museum in the 1990s. More than a repository of artefacts, the museum acts as a research hub, preserving invaluable knowledge systems ranging from ancient agricultural implements to rare musical instruments.

His scholarly depth is further evidenced by his recent work, Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, which offers a comprehensive mapping of the state's diverse folk traditions. In 2024, his lifelong dedication to the field was officially honored with an Honorary Doctorate from the same university.

Integration of Academia and Society

Throughout a career marked by intellectual rigor and administrative excellence—notably as the Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013)—Dr. Sharma has advocated for an education system that balances science with the arts. He maintains that true education must nurture ethics, human values, and cultural consciousness.

His impact is felt tangibly in rural communities, where he has pioneered vocational programs in traditional crafts, sustainable agriculture, and food processing, earning him the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Award (2005) and the Babu Jagjivan Ram Award (2007). Furthermore, his early advocacy for eco-friendly practices like vermicomposting and organic waste management highlights his role as a forward-thinking environmentalist.

A Master of Music and Musicology

As a devoted practitioner and scholar of Indian classical music, Dr. Sharma is unique in his ability to harmonize the structural complexity of Carnatic music with the expressive spontaneity of folk traditions. His role as a Visiting Professor at the Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University further reflects his standing as a bridge-builder between academic musicology and practical performance.

A Vision for the Future

Dr. S.C. Sharma's life's work serves as a testament to the idea that culture is the mirror of society. By integrating folklore, music, and art into mainstream educational frameworks, he has ensured that the wisdom of the past remains relevant to the aspirations of the future. His nomination for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award is a fitting tribute to a scholar who has not only studied history but has actively shaped the cultural identity of contemporary Karnataka.

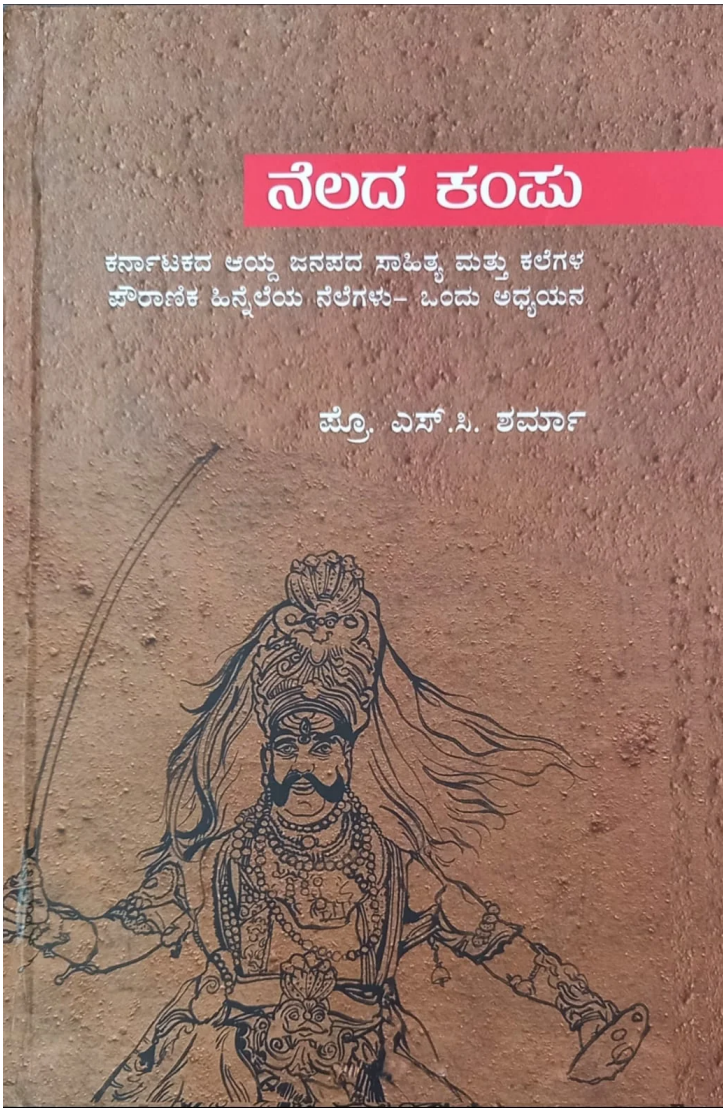
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ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರ ಡಾ. ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ

By **TNVOffice** - July 3, 2026



ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು : ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಾಯಭಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ದಾರ್ಶನಿಕ. ಜಾನಪದ, ಸಂಗೀತ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣತಜ್ಞ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾತೃ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಜೀವಂತ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದ ಚೇತನ.



ಅವರ ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಜನರ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಬಳಸುವ ಪರಿಕರಗಳು, ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಕಥೆಗಳು. ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ರವಾನಿಸುವ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳ ಮೂಲಕವೂ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಾಗ, ಈ ಜೀವಂತ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ, ಇದರ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ, ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷೆಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಸೇತುವೆಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ "ನೆಲದ ಕಂಪು" ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಗಮನಾರ್ಹ ಕೃತಿ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಪ್ರಕಾರಗಳು, ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಸಮಗ್ರ ಅವಲೋಕನವನ್ನು ಈ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಇದು ಪ್ರತಿಬಿಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ, ಸಂಶೋಧಕ, ಅಡಳಿತಗಾರ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಪ್ರಬಲ ಆರಾಧಕರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿ (2009–2013) ಅವರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಹೊಸ ಆಯಾಮ ನೀಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಈಗಲೂ ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಂಗೀತದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರು ವ್ಯಾಪಕ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ವಿವಿಧ ಆಯಾಮಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯಪೂರ್ಣ ಬರಹಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಚಿಂತನೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರದ್ದು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮನ್ವಯಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಅಪರೂಪದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಂದೇಶವೆಂದರೆ "ಉತ್ತಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಲಿಸಬಾರದು; ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ಕಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವೀಯ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹ ಬೆಳೆಸಬೇಕು." ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2000 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ. 2026 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ನಾಮನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ತಜ್ಞನಿಗೆ ಸಂದ ಗೌರವವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ದಾಖಲಿಸುವ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರಾದ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯು ಮುಂದುವರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ವಿಕಸನಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಜಾನಪದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ಗಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀರಿದೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಶಿಸ್ತಲ್ಲ, ಅದು ಜನರ ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ತತ್ವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸೃಜನಶೀಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುರುತಿನ ಜೀವಂತ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಇದನ್ನು ಸಾದರಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಧನೆಯು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜದೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ವತ್ಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಂಪರ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಒಂದು ರೋಮಾಂಚಕ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿಯೂ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಗೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೇರ ಸಂಪರ್ಕದಿಂದ ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮಿದೆ. ಮೌಖಿಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು, ಆಚರಣೆಗಳು, ಜಾನಪದ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳು, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು, ಕರಕುಶಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮುದಾಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಗರೀಕರಣದಿಂದ ವೇಗವಾಗಿ ಕಣ್ಮರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದೆ. ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ಮಾನವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸಮಾಜಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನ, ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೇವಲ ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜೀವನ ವಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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1990 ರಲ್ಲಿ "ಕ್ರಿಯಾಕಲ್ಪ" ಜಾನಪದ ವಸ್ತುಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯು ಅವರ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲೊಂದು. ದಶಕಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಸುತ್ತಾಡಿ, ಸಂಶೋಧಿಸಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾದ ಈ ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಸ್ತಪ್ರತಿಗಳು, ಕೃಷಿ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು, ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಗೃಹೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಶಿಲ್ಪಗಳು, ನಾಣ್ಯಗಳು, ಸಂಗೀತ ವಾದ್ಯಗಳು, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಜನರ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸುವ ಅಸಂಖ್ಯಾತ ಇತರ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇವರು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಕೇವಲ ವಸ್ತು ಭಂಡಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವನದ ಪಾಠವಾಗಿಯೂ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕಾರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದರು. ಕುಶಲಕರ್ಮಿಗಳು, ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಯುವ ಸಮೂಹ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸ್ವ-ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಗಳಾದ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಬಿದಿರಿನ ಕೆಲಸ, ಟೈಲರಿಂಗ್, ಆಹಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ, ಜೇನುಸಾಕಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ವೃತ್ತಿ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನರ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯಕ್ಕೂ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.. ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2005 ಮತ್ತು 2007 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಬು ಜಗಜೀವನರಾಮ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ.

ಪರಿಸರ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರತೆಯು ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲ್ಪಡುವ ಬಹಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ, ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ವರ್ಮಿ ಕಾಂಪೋಸ್ಟಿಂಗ್, ಸಾವಯವ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಬಳಕೆ, ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯನೀರಿನ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುತ ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸಿದರು. ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪರಿಸರ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಬಲಪಡಿಸಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ನೀಡಬಹುದು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

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ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತಗಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತವನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ ಮನರಂಜನೆಯ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ವಿಕಾಸ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯದ ಸಾಧನವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಡಾ. ಗಂಗೂಭಾಯಿ ಹಾನಗಲ್ ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಕಲೆಗಳ ವಿವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂದರ್ಶಕ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿ ನೇಮಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳು, ನಾಟಕೋತ್ಸವಗಳು, ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಸಮಾಜದ ಕನ್ನಡಿ. ಉತ್ತಮ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಷ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆಯ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತವೆ. ಇವು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆತ್ಮವಿಶ್ವಾಸ, ನಾಯಕತ್ವ ಸಂವಹನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ತಂಡದ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗೀತ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಆಧುನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಜೋಡಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಉಳಿದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಮಾಜದ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳು ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ನಿಲುವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಅವರು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರರಾಗಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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ರಾಜ್ಯದ 10 ಸಾಧಕರಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಗೌರವ

■ ವಿಜಯವಾಣಿ ಸುದ್ದಿಜಾಲ ನವದೆಹಲಿ

ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯು 2024 ಮತ್ತು 2025ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯದ 10 ಸಾಧಕರು ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಗೌರವಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯು ಸಂಗೀತ, ನೃತ್ಯ, ನಾಟಕ, ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ, ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲೆ ಸೇರಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕಲಾವಿದರನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯ ಅತ್ಯುನ್ನತ ಫೆಲೋಶಿಪ್ (ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ರತ್ನ) ಗೌರವಕ್ಕೆ 7 ಜನ ಸಾಧಕರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಂದ ಒಟ್ಟು 108 ಸಾಧಕರನ್ನು ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪಡೆದ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಸಾಧಕರು


ಆನೂರು ಅನಂತಕೃಷ್ಣ


ಶಿವಾನಂದ ಹೆಗಡೆ


ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ನಾಗಾಭರಣ


ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಸತ್ಯವತಿ


ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಹೆಗಡೆ


ವೀಣಾಮೂರ್ತಿ


ಶಿವಶ್ರೀ


ಎಸ್.ಸಿ ಶರ್ಮಾ


ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಶೆಣೈ


ಶಿಲ್ಪಾ ನಂಜಪ್ಪ

ಆನೂರು ಅನಂತಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶರ್ಮ: ಶಿವು ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನಿಂದ ಸಂಗೀತಲೋಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯರಾಗಿರುವ ಆನೂರು ಅನಂತಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶರ್ಮ ಮೃದಂಗ ವಾದಕರು. ಅನೇಕ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಗೌರವಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿರುವ ಅವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗೀತ ನೃತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿಯೂ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮೂಲತಃ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಿಂದ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಇವರ ತಂದೆ ಆನೂರ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಅವರು ಖ್ಯಾತ ಪಿಟೀಲು ವಾದಕರಾಗಿದ್ದರು.

ಕೆರೆಮನೆ ಶಿವಾನಂದ ಹೆಗಡೆ: ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕೆರೆಮನೆ ಮನೆತನ ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಕಲಾವಿದರೆಲ್ಲ ಅನುಕರಣೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಸ್ವಂತಿಕೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ವಿಶೇಷ. ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಕಲಾವಿದರಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನದ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮೂಲಕ್ಕೆ ಚ್ಯುತಿ ಬಾರದ ಹಾಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸುತ್ತ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಶಿವಾನಂದ ಹೆಗಡೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಈ ಮನೆತನಕ್ಕೆ ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದ ಗೌರವ ಸಂದಂತಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ನಾಗಾಭರಣ: ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ತಲಕಾಡಿನವರಾದ ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ನಾಗಾಭರಣ ನಾಡಿನ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾಗಿ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ಮತ್ತು ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಪಮ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾನಪದೀಯ ಸೊಗಡಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಚಿತ್ರಕತೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆ ಇವರದ್ದು. ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾಗಾಭರಣ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ವಿದುಷಿ ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಸತ್ಯವತಿ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕಲಾವಿದೆಯಾಗಿ ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಸಂಗೀತ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಜ್ಞೆಯಾಗಿಯೂ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿರುವ ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಸತ್ಯವತಿ ಸಂಗೀತದ ಕುರಿತು ಅಧಿಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಬಲ್ಲ ಕೆಲವೇ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬರು. ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರೂ ಆಗಿರುವ ಅವರು ಗಾನಕಲಾಶ್ರೀ ಎಂದೇ ಖ್ಯಾತರಾದವರು.

ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಹೆಗಡೆ: ಸಂಗೀತ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಳವಾದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಇವರು ಬಹು ಅಪರೂಪದ ವಾದ್ಯವಾದ ರುದ್ರವೀಣೆಯ ವಾದಕಿಯಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಧಾರವಾಡದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಗೀತ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಜ್ಯೋತಿಯವರು ರುದ್ರವೀಣೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸೀತಾರ್ ವಾದನದಲ್ಲೂ ಸಿದ್ಧಹಸ್ತರು. ಸಂಗೀತ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಇವರ ಸಾಧನೆಗಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ವೀಣಾಮೂರ್ತಿ ವಿಜಯ್: ಭರತನಾಟ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಚುಪುಡಿ ನೃತ್ಯಪಟುವಾಗಿರುವ ಇವರು ನೃತ್ಯ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಳವಾದ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಾಜರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ ಕಲಾನಿಕೇತನ ಎಂಬ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟು ಹಾಕಿ ಆ ಮೂಲಕ ನೂರಾರು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯವಾಗಿ ನೃತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವರ ನೃತ್ಯ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಸಾಧನೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶಿವಶ್ರೀ ತೇಜಸ್ವಿ ಸೂರ್ಯ: 'ಉಸ್ತಾದ್ ಬಿಸ್ಮಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾನ್ ಯುವ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿರುವ ಗಾಯಕಿ ಶಿವಶ್ರೀ ತೇಜಸ್ವಿ ಸೂರ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕೃತಿಗಳು, ಭಜನೆ, ಅಭಂಗಗಳ ಗಾಯನದ ಮೂಲಕ ಭಾರತ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಪಂಚದಾದ್ಯಂತ ಅನೇಕ ಗೋಷ್ಠಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡು ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮಾ: ಇವರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಇವರ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಹಲವು ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆ. ಜನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧ್ಯಯನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಈ ಬಾರಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕರಿಸಿದೆ.

ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಶೆಣೈ: 'ಉಸ್ತಾದ್ ಬಿಸ್ಮಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾನ್ ಯುವ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿರುವ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಕಳದ ಸಂಗೀತ ವಿದುಷಿ ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಶೆಣೈ ಹಿಂದುಸ್ತಾನಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತದ ಜತೆಗೆ ಭರತನಾಟ್ಯವನ್ನೂ ಕರಗತ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡವರು. ದುಬೈ, ಜರ್ಮನಿ, ಅಮೆರಿಕ ಸೇರಿ ದೇಶಾದ್ಯಂತ 650ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಛೇರಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಮುಕ್ಕಾಟಿರ ಶಿಲ್ಪಾ ನಂಜಪ್ಪ: 'ಉಸ್ತಾದ್ ಬಿಸ್ಮಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾನ್ ಯುವ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿರುವಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸೋಮವಾರಪೇಟೆ ಕಾಂಡನಕೊಲ್ಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಮುಕ್ಕಾಟಿರ ಶಿಲ್ಪಾ ನಂಜಪ್ಪ ಭರತನಾಟ್ಯ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ದೇಶ-ವಿದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 300ಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಏಕ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ನೀಡಿದ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರ ಡಾ. ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ













ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಾಯಭಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ದಾರ್ಶನಿಕ. ಜಾನಪದ, ಸುಗಿತ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾತೃ. ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಜೀವಂತ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದ ಚೇತನ.

ಅವರ ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಜನರ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಬಳಸುವ ಮೊಕರಗಳು, ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಕಥೆಗಳು, ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ರವಾನಿಸುವ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳ ಮೂಲಕವೂ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಾಗ. ಈ ಜೀವಂತ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ. ಇದರ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ, ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷೆಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಸೇತುವೆಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ ?ನೆಲದ ಕಂಪು? ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಗಮನಾರ್ಹ ಕೃತಿ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಪ್ರಕಾರಗಳು, ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಸಮಗ್ರ ಅವಲೋಕನವನ್ನು ಈ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಇದು ಪ್ರತಿಬಿಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ, ಸಂಶೋಧಕ, ಆಡಳಿತಗಾರ ಎಂಬ ಹಲವಾರು ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಪ್ರಬಲ ಆರಾಧಕರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕುಮಟೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿ (2009?2013) ಅವರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಹೊಸ ಆಯಾಮ ನೀಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಈಗಲೂ ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಂಗೀತದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರು ವ್ಯಾಪಕ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸುಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ವಿವಿಧ ಆಯಾಮಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯಪೂರ್ಣ ಬರಹಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಚಿಂತನೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರದ್ದು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸುಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮನ್ವಯಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಅಪರೂಪದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಂದೇಶವೆಂದರೆ "ಉತ್ತಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಲಿಸುವುದಲ್ಲ; ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ಕಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವೀಯ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹ ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತೇಕು." ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2000 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ. 2026 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸುಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ನಾಮನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ತಜ್ಞರಿಗೆ ಸಂದ ಗೌರವವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ದಾಖಲಿಸುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾಂಸರಾದ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯು ಮುಂಬರಲಿದೆ. ವಿಕಿಸಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಜಾನಪದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ಗಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀರಿದೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೇಕವಾದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಶಿಸ್ತಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಜನರ ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ತತ್ವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸೃಜನಶೀಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುರುತಿನ ಜೀವಂತ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಇದನ್ನು ಸಾದರಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಧನೆಯು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜದೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ವತ್ಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಂವರ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಒಂದು ರೋಮಾಂಚಕ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿಯೂ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಗೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ. ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೇರ ಸಂವರ್ಕದಿಂದ ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮಿದೆ. ಮೌಖಿಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು. ಆಚರಣೆಗಳು. ಜಾನಪದ ಹಾಡುಗಳು. ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳು. ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು. ಕರಕುಶಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮುದಾಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಗರೀಕರಣದಿಂದ ವೇಗವಾಗಿ ಕಣ್ಮರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದೆ. ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ಮಾನವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸಮಾಜಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನ. ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೇವಲ ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜೀವನ ವಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

1990 ರಲ್ಲಿ ?ಕ್ರಿಯೆಕಲ್ಪ? ಜಾನಪದ ವಸ್ತುಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯು ಅವರ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲೊಂದು.

ದಶಕಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಸುತ್ತಾಡಿ. ಸಂಶೋಧಿಸಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾದ ಈ ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹತ್ತಪ್ರತಿಗಳು. ಕೃಷಿ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು. ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು. ಗೃಹೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು. ಶಿಲ್ಪಗಳು. ನಾಣ್ಯಗಳು. ಸುಗೀತ ವಾದ್ಯಗಳು. ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಜನರ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸುವ ಅಸಂಖ್ಯಾತ ಇತರ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇವರು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಕೇವಲ ವಸ್ತು ಭಂಡಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ. ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವನದ ಪಾಠಶಾಲೆಯೂ ಆಗಿರುತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕಾರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದರು. ಕುಶಲಕರ್ಮಿಗಳು. ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು. ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಯುವ ಸಮೂಹ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಸ್ವ-ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಗಳಾದ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು. ಬಿದಿರಿನ ಕೆಲಸ. ಟೈಲರಿಂಗ್. ಆಹಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ. ಜೇನುಸಾಕಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ವೃತ್ತಿ ಕರಪತ್ರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನರ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯಕ್ಕೂ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.. ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2005 ಮತ್ತು 2007 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಬು ಜಗಜೀವನರಾಮ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ.

ಪರಿಸರ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರತೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲ್ಪಡುವ ಬಹಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ. ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ವರ್ಮ ಕಾಂಪೋಸ್ಟಿಂಗ್. ಸಾವಯವ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಬಳಕೆ. ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯನೀರಿನ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುತ ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸಿದರು. ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪರಿಸರ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಬಲಪಡಿಸಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ನೀಡಬಹುದು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಾಕ್ಷೀಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗೀತದ ರಚನಾತ್ಮಕ ಸೊಬಗನ್ನು ಜಾನಪದ ಗಾಯನ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಶೀಲ ಚೈತನ್ಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರು ಬೆರೆಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೆಲವೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಪ್ರಮುಖರು. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಅವರ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವದ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ. ಭಾರತೀಯ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸುಗೀತ. ಸುಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ. ಜಾನಪದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರಿಗಿರುವ ಆಳವಾದ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ವಿಭಿನ್ನ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ರೂಪಿಸಿದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸುಗೀತಗಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತವನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ ಮನರಂಜನೆಯ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ವಿಕಾಸ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯದ ಸಾಧನವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸುಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸುಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಡಾ. ಗಂಗೂಭಾಯಿ ಹಾನಗಲ್ ಸುಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಕಲೆಗಳ ವಿವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂದರ್ಶಕ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿ ನೇಮಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಕುಮಟೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸುಗೀತ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳು. ನಾಟಕೋತ್ಸವಗಳು. ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಸಮಾಜದ ಕನ್ನಡಿ.

ಉತ್ತಮ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಷ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆಯ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತವೆ. ಇವೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯುಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ. ನಾಯಕತ್ವ, ಸಂವಹನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ತಂಡದ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಮತ್ತು ಸುಗೀತ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಆಧುನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಜೋಡಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಉಳಿದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಮಾಜದ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳು ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ನಿಲುವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಅವರು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ. ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ. ಆಡಳಿತ. ಸುಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರರಾಗಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಸರ್ವ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರ ಡಾ.ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ



ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಅಗ್ರಗಣ್ಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಾಯಭಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜೀವಂತ ದಂತ ಕಥೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ದಾರ್ಶನಿಕ. ಜಾನಪದಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಜ್ಞ, ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಜ್ಞ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣತಜ್ಞ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾತೃ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಜೀವಂತ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದ ಚೇತನ.

ಅವರ ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಜನರ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಬಳಸುವ ಪರಿಕರಗಳು, ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಹೇಳುವ ಕಥೆಗಳು. ಒಂದು ಪೀಳಿಗೆಯಿಂದ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ರವಾನಿಸುವ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳ ಮೂಲಕವೂ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಸಾಬೀತುಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಾಗ, ಈ ಜೀವಂತ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ, ಇದರ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ, ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷೆಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಸೇತುವೆಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ ನೆಲದ ಕಂಪು ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಗಮನಾರ್ಹ ಕೃತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಪ್ರಕಾರಗಳು, ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಸಮಗ್ರ, ಅವಲೋಕನವನ್ನು ಈ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಬಿಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.



ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ, ಸಂಶೋಧಕ, ಆಡಳಿತಗಾರ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಪ್ರಬಲ ಆರಾಧಕರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿ (2009?2013) ಅವರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಚಿಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಜೋಸ ಆಯಾಮ ನೀಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಈಗಲೂ ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಂಗೀತದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರು ವ್ಯಾಪಕ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ವಿವಿಧ ಆಯಾಮಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯಪೂರ್ಣ ಬರಹಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಚಿಂತನೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರದ್ದು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮನ್ವಯಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಅಪರೂಪದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಂದೇಶವೆಂದರೆ ಉತ್ತಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಲಿಸಬಾರದು; ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ಕಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವೀಯ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹ ಬೆಳೆಸಬೇಕು. ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ಕೊಡುಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ, ಅವರಿಗೆ 2000 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. 2026 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ನಾಮನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ನಮ್ಮ ನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ತಜ್ಞನಿಗೆ ಸಂದ ಗೌರವವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸುವ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರಾಗಿರುವ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯು ಮುಂದುವರೆತ್ತಿದೆ. ವಿಕಸನಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ ನೀಡುವುದನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರೆಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಜಾನಪದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ಗಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀರಿದೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಶಿಸ್ತಲ್ಲ, ಅದು ಜನರ ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ತತ್ವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಸೃಜನಶೀಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುರುತಿನ ಜೀವಂತ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಸಾದರಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಧನೆಯು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜದೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ವತ್ಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಂಪರ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಒಂದು ರೋಮಾಂಚಕ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿಯೂ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಗೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೇರ ಸಂಪರ್ಕದಿಂದ ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮಿದೆ. ಮೌಖಿಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು, ಆಚರಣೆಗಳು, ಜಾನಪದ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳು, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು, ಕರಕುಶಲ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಮುದಾಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಗರೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಬದಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಜೀವನಶೈಲಿಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ವೇಗವಾಗಿ ಕಣ್ಮರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಜ್ಞಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದೆ. ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ಮಾನವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸಮಾಜಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನ, ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ, ಅವರು ಕೇವಲ ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜೀವನ ವಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

1990 ರದಶಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಕಲ್ಪ ಜನಪದವಸ್ತುಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯು ಅವರ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲೊಂದು. ದಶಕಗಳ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾದ ಈ ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹತ್ತಪ್ರತಿಗಳು, ಕೃಷಿ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು, ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಗೃಹೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಶಿಲ್ಪಗಳು, ನಾಣ್ಯಗಳು, ಸಂಗೀತ ವಾದ್ಯಗಳು, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜನರ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸುವ ಅಸಂಖ್ಯಾತ ಇತರ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯ ಕೇವಲ ಭಂಡಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವನದ ಪಾಠವಾಗಿಯೂ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳ ನಿರಂತರತೆಯನ್ನು ಅನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕಾರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದರು. ಅವರು ಕುಶಲಕರ್ಮಿಗಳು, ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಯುವ ಸಮೂಹ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸ್ವ-ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಗಳಾದ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಬಿದಿರಿನ ಕೆಲಸ, ಟೈಲರಿಂಗ್, ಆಹಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ, ಜೇನುಸಾಕಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ವೃತ್ತಿ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನರ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯಕ್ಕೂ ಸಹ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಉಪಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಜ್ಞಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೂರಿರುವ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯವನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸುವ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಘನತೆಯನ್ನು ಪುನಃಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿವೆ. ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2005 ಮತ್ತು 2007 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಬು ಜಗಜೀವನರಾಮ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ. ಪರಿಸರ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರತೆಯು ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲ್ಪಡುವ ಬಹಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ, ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ವರ್ಮಿ ಕಾಂಪೋಸ್ಟಿಂಗ್, ಸಾವಯವ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಬಳಕೆ, ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯನೀರಿನ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುತ ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸಿದರು. ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪರಿಸರ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಬಲಪಡಿಸಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ನೀಡಬಹುದು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕೆಲಸವು ವಿವರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಂಗೀತಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆಯೂ ಅಪ್ರತಿಮ ಮಹತ್ವದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗೀತದ ರಚನಾತ್ಮಕ ಸೊಬಗನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಗಾಯನ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಶೀಲ ಚೈತನ್ಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬೆರೆಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜಾನಪದ ಸ್ವಾಭಾವಿಕತೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಬೇರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಪೂರಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳಾಗಿವೆ. ಡಾ. ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರದ್ದು ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಮನ್ವಯದ ಬಹುಮುಖಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೆಲವೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಪ್ರಮುಖರು. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಅವರ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವದ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ನೋಡುವಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಭಾರತೀಯ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ, ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಮೆಗಿರುವ ಆಳವಾದ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ವಿಭಿನ್ನ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ರೂಪಿಸಿದೆ. ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತದ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸಕರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತವನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ ಮನರಂಜನೆಯ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮವಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ವಿಕಾಸ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯದ ಸಾಧನವೆಂದು ಬೆಗಿಣಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಡಾ. ಗಂಗೂಭಾಯಿ ಹಾನಗಲ್ ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಕಲೆಗಳ ವಿವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂದರ್ಶಕ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿ ನೇಮಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ, ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತ, ಜಾನಪದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಕ್ಕೂ ಸಮಾನ ಆದ್ಯತೆ ದೊರಕಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಅವರು ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ನಿರೂಪಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕುಣಿಗಳು, ನಾಟಕೋತ್ಸವಗಳು, ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಿಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡಿದರು. ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಸಮಾಜದ ಕನ್ನಡಿ. ಉತ್ತಮ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಷ್ಟಿಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆಯ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತವೆ. ಆಕ್ಷಪಿಕ್ಷಾಸ್ಪ ನಾಯಕತ್ವ ಸಂಪಾದನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ತುಡದ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗೀತ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಆಧುನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಜೋಡಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಉಳಿದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಮಾಜದ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳು ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ನಿಲುವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಅವರು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರರಾಗಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ

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Bengaluru: Dr. S.C. Sharma is one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors. A visionary scholar, distinguished folklorist, musicologist, educationist, researcher, institution builder, and administrator, he has transformed the folk heritage of Karnataka into a vibrant cultural movement. Through his lifelong dedication, he has not only preserved the state's rich traditions but also ensured their continued relevance in contemporary society.



Dr. Sharma firmly believes that history survives not merely through written records but through the songs people sing, the tools they use, the crafts they practice, the stories they narrate, and the values they transmit from one generation to the next. By preserving these living traditions while embracing innovation, he has built a bridge between the wisdom of the past and the aspirations of the future. One of his recent and significant contributions is Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, Gotagodi. The book presents a comprehensive account of Karnataka's diverse folk traditions, art forms, customs, and cultural heritage, reflecting the remarkable richness and diversity of the state's living folklore. During 2024, he has been conferred with Honorary Doctorate from the Karnataka Janapada University, for his composite contribution in the field of Folklore.

Apart from being an eminent educationist, researcher, and administrator, Dr. Sharma has been a devoted practitioner and ardent advocate of Indian classical music and cultural heritage. During his tenure as the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013), he provided visionary leadership that significantly strengthened both the university's academic excellence and its cultural environment. His contributions continue to be remembered with admiration by the university community.

Dr. Sharma has undertaken extensive research in music and musicology, documenting his scholarship through lectures, research papers, and numerous academic writings. He is a rare scholar who has successfully integrated the disciplines of education, research, administration, music, and folklore into a unified vision of cultural development. His enduring message has been that 'Good education should not merely impart scientific knowledge; it should also nurture culture, art, ethics, and human values.'

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the comprehensive study and preservation of folklore, Dr. Sharma was honoured with the Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award in 2000. It is therefore a matter of immense pride that this distinguished folklorist has now been nominated for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026, India's highest national recognition in the performing arts.

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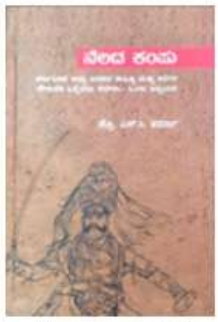
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Dr. SC Sharma is one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors whose lifelong dedication has transformed the state's folk heritage into a vibrant cultural movement.

A distinguished folklorist, musicologist, educationist, researcher, institution builder, and administrator, he has devoted his life to preserving, documenting, and promoting Karnataka's rich cultural traditions while ensuring their relevance in contemporary society.

Believing that history survives not only through written records but also through the songs, crafts, customs, and traditions of the people, Dr. Sharma has successfully bridged the wisdom of the past with the aspirations of the future. His landmark publication, Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, documents the state's diverse folk traditions and cultural heritage. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to folklore, the University conferred upon him an Honorary Doctorate in 2024.Through decades of extensive field research, Dr. Sharma has documented Karnataka's oral traditions, folk songs, rituals, indigenous technologies, craft traditions, and community histories, establishing folklore as a vital expression of collective memory and cultural identity. His establishment of the Kriyakalpa Folk Museum stands as a significant contribution, preserving invaluable artefacts while serving as a centre for research and cultural education.As Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013), he strengthened academic excellence and fostered a vibrant cultural environment by promoting music, theatre, literature, and folk arts. An accomplished practitioner of Indian classical music and an eminent musicologist, he has consistently advocated integrating music, folklore, and the arts into mainstream education.





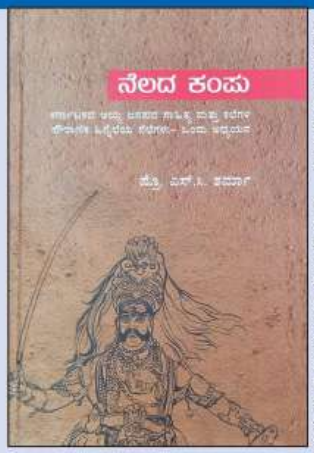
His contributions to folklore, rural development, and cultural preservation have earned him the Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award (2000), the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Award (2005), the Babu Jagjivan Ram Award (2007), and a nomination for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026. Through his exceptional scholarship and cultural leadership, Dr. SC Sharma has created an enduring legacy that continues to enrich Karnataka's and India's cultural heritage.

ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರ ಡಾ. ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ

ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಾಯಭಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ದಾರ್ಶನಿಕ. ಜಾನಪದ, ಸಂಗೀತ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣತಜ್ಞ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾತೃ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಜೀವಂತ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದ ಚೇತನ.

ಅವರ ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಜನರ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಬಳಸುವ ಪರಿಕರಗಳು, ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಕಥೆಗಳು. ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ರವಾನಿಸುವ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳ ಮೂಲಕವೂ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾಮಸ್ಥತೆಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಾಗ, ಈ ಜೀವಂತ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ, ಇದರ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷೆಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಸೇತುಬೆಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ "ನೆಲದ ಕಂಪು" ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಗಮನಾರ್ಹ ಕೃತಿ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಪ್ರಕಾರಗಳು, ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಸಮಗ್ರ ಅವಲೋಕನವನ್ನು ಈ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಇದು ಪ್ರತಿಬಿಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ, ಸಂಶೋಧಕ, ಆಡಳಿತಗಾರ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆರಾಧಕರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿ (2009?2013) ಅವರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಹೊಸ ಆಯಾಮ ನೀಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಈಗಲೂ ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.



ಸಂಗೀತದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರು ವ್ಯಾಪಕ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ವಿವಿಧ ಆಯಾಮಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪ್ರೂಣ ಬರಹಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಚಿಂತನೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರದ್ದು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮನ್ವಯಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಅಪರೂಪದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಂದೇಶವೆಂದರೆ "ಉತ್ತಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಲಿಸಬಾರದು; ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ಕಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವೀಯ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹ ಬೆಳೆಸಬೇಕು." ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2000 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜಾನಪದ ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ. 2026 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಾಟಕ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ನಾಮನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ತಜ್ಞನಿಗೆ ಸಂದ ಗೌರವವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಂಸ್ಥಿ ದಾಖಲಿಸುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾಂಸರಾದ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯು ಮುಂದುವರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ವಿಕಸನಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಜಾನಪದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ಗಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀರಿದೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾದ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಶಿಸ್ತಲ್ಲ, ಅದು ಜನರ ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ತತ್ವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸೃಜನಶೀಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುರುತಿನ ಜೀವಂತ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಇದನ್ನು ಸಾದರಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಧನೆಯು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಜಾನಪದ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜದೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ವತ್ಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಂಪರ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಒಂದು ರೋಮಾಂಚಕ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿಯೂ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಗೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೇರ ಸಂಪರ್ಕದಿಂದ ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮಿದೆ. ಮೌಖಿಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳು, ಆಚರಣೆಗಳು, ಜಾನಪದ ಹಾಡುಗಳು, ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳು, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು, ಕರಕುಶಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮುದಾಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಗರೀಕರಣದಿಂದ ವೇಗವಾಗಿ ಕಣ್ಮರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ



ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದೆ. ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ಮಾನವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಸಮಾಜಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನ, ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೇವಲ ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಜಾನಪದವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜೀವನ ವಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

1990 ರಲ್ಲಿ "ಕ್ರಮಾಕಲ್ಪ" ಜಾನಪದ ವಸ್ತುಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯು ಅವರ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲೊಂದು. ದಶಕಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಸುತ್ತಾಡಿ, ಸಂಶೋಧಿಸಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾದ ಈ ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹತ್ತಸ್ರತಿಗಳು, ಕೃಷಿ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು, ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಗೃಹೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಶಿಲ್ಪಗಳು, ನಾಣ್ಯಗಳು, ಸಂಗೀತ ವಾದ್ಯಗಳು, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಜನರ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸುವ ಅಸಂಖ್ಯಾತ ಇತರ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇವರು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಕೇವಲ ವಸ್ತು ಭಂಡಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೇ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವನದ ಜೀವಂತವಾಗಿಯೂ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕಾರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದರು. ಕುಶಲಕರ್ಮಿಗಳು, ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಯುವ ಸಮೂಹ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸ್ವ-ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಗಳಾದ ಕರಕುಶಲ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಬಿದಿರಿನ ಕೆಲಸ, ಟೈಲರಿಂಗ್, ಆಹಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ, ಜೇನುಸಾಕಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ವೃತ್ತಿ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನರ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯಕ್ಕೂ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.. ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ 2005 ಮತ್ತು 2007 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಬು ಜಗಜೀವನರಾಮ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ.

ಹರಿಸರ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರತೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲ್ಪಡುವ ಬಹಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ, ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ವರ್ಮಿ ಕಾಂಪೋಸ್ಟಿಂಗ್, ಸಾಮಯದ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಬಳಕೆ, ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯದಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹರಿಸರ ಜಾಗೃತಿಯಂತ ಕೃಷಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸಿದರು. ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ನಾವೀನ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪರಿಸರ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಬಲಪಡಿಸಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ನೀಡಬಹುದು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಅವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಾಕ್ಷೀಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗೀತದ ರಚನಾತ್ಮಕ ಸೊಬಗನ್ನು ಜಾನಪದ ಗಾಯನ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಶೀಲ ಚೈತನ್ಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರು ಬೆರೆಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತ ಸಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೆಲವೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿ. ಶರ್ಮ ಪ್ರಮುಖರು. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ತಜ್ಞ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಅವರ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವದ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ, ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಜಾನಪದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರಿಗಿರುವ ಆಳವಾದ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ವಿಭಿನ್ನ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ರೂಪಿಸಿದೆ.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತಗಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಗೀತವನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ ಮನರಂಜನೆಯ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ವಿಕಾಸ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯದ ಸಾಧನವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗೀತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಡಾ. ಗುಂಗೂಭಾಯಿ ಜಾನಗಲ್ ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಕಲೆಗಳ ವಿವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂದರ್ಶಕ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿ ನೇಮಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿ.ವಿ ಕುಲಪತಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳು, ನಾಟಕೋತ್ಸವಗಳು, ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಡಾ. ಶರ್ಮ ಅವರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಸಮಾಜದ ಕನ್ನಡಿ. ಉತ್ತಮ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಷ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆಯ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಇವು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆತ್ಮವಿಶ್ವಾಸ, ಸಾಯಕತ್ವ, ಸಂವಹನ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ತಂಡದ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜಾನಪದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗೀತ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಆಧುನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಜೋಡಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಉಳಿದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಮಾಜದ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳು ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ನಿಲುವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಅವರು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಗ್ರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳ ಸಮನ್ವಯಕಾರರಾಗಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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8 KILLED IN ROCK COLLAPSE AT BENGALURU QUARRY

Preliminary probe suggest loose soil as the cause, with questions arising about potential illegal quarrying; CM orders probe, major crackdown on lapses.

BENGALURU

Eight daily-wage labourers from Bihar and West Bengal were killed and around 15 were injured after a massive rock collapsed at a stone quarry here on Thursday morning, police said.

The incident occurred at a stone crusher unit in Madapatna in Bengaluru South taluk while the workers were engaged in quarrying operations. The identities of the deceased are yet to be established. Around 15 others sustained injuries and were shifted to a private hospital for treatment.

According to the crusher operator, the accident occurred between 6 am and 6:30 am when boulders rolled down following vibrations caused by blasting operations. He claimed he had earlier warned the quarry owner about loose boulders on the upper side of the quarry and urged that they be removed. As no action was taken, the workers had no time to escape when the rocks came crashing down.

One of the labourers said, "There were about 18 workers at the site. A huge rock fell from about 40 feet on the workers." The falling boulders also crushed tractors and other vehicles used for transportation, causing extensive damage.

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar expressed his grief over the incident. The collapse of a crusher wall in Madapattana of Bengaluru South Taluk has caused the death of seven workers, bringing immense sorrow, he said in a post on 'X'. He said, "It is the duty of quarry owners to ensure the life safety and security of workers engaged in quarry operations.

Rescue teams and police personnel rushed to the site and launched rescue operations. The area was cordoned off while officials cleared the debris and searched for any other workers who might have been trapped.

> We will issue fresh guidelines for quarrying activities across the state. I will ensure that no such incident occurs again.
> -DK Shivakumar, CM

MLA ST Somashekar demanded compensation of Rs 1 crore for the family of each deceased worker. He also called for criminal cases to be registered against those responsible, including the quarry owner and officials concerned.

Alleging that he had repeatedly raised safety concerns about the quarry with the authorities, Somashekar said they had ignored his warnings. Had timely action been taken, the tragedy could have been prevented, he said, adding that he would raise the matter with the CM and seek strict action against those responsible.



KILLER QUARRY

A massive rock collapse at the Kaveri Stone Crusher quarry in Madapattana, Bengaluru South taluk, killed eight workers and severely injured several others. The tragic early-morning accident occurred when heavy machinery dislodged a 40-foot boulder, crushing the daily-wage labourers operating in the pit below.

Incident details

LOCATION: Madapatna village, Bengaluru South taluk.

TIME: The incident happened around 6 am to 7:30 am.

CAUSE: The rockfall was reportedly triggered while excavators were clearing space for a new crusher unit higher up, or due to vibrations from ongoing blasting, sending massive granite boulders crashing directly onto the workers.

CASUALTIES: Eight labourers were killed. Most of the victims were migrant workers from Bihar, with others hailing from North Karnataka and WB.

RESCUE EFFORTS: Police, emergency teams, and rescue personnel quickly cordoned off the area to clear debris and search for anyone still trapped in the mangled wreckage. Five to fifteen injured workers were rushed to local hospitals for critical care.

Official response

ARREST AND PROBE: The quarry owner (reportedly identified as Anandaswamy) was taken into police custody for questioning as officials investigate potential safety violations and operational negligence.

GOVT ACTION: Chief Minister DK Shivakumar rushed to the hospital, expressed profound grief, and promised strict action against any quarries operating without following proper safety guidelines.

CALLS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY: Local representatives (such as Yeshwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar) have alleged that illegal quarrying has been rampant in the area and have demanded comprehensive investigations into the Mines and Geology Department, police, and Pollution Control Board.

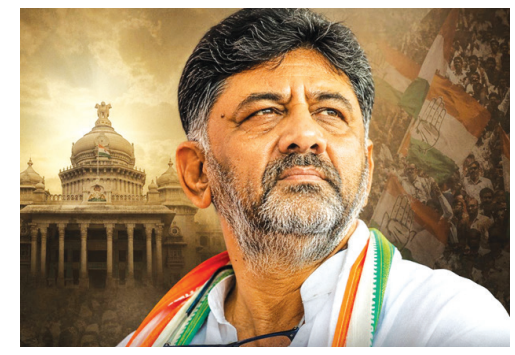
Policy push: DKS delivers big changes in first month

BENGALURU: Marking exactly 30 days in power, Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has unleashed a historic wave of rapid development projects, citizen welfare schemes, and tough anti-corruption reforms across the state.

This high-speed first month targets massive infrastructure shifts, public relief, and extensive support for local youth.

To revolutionise the tech hub's daily commute, the Chief Minister approved a mega ₹2,000 crore project to make Bengaluru's roads entirely pothole-free. Alongside starting work on a new tunnel road near Hebbal, the administration took decisive, direct steps to reshape administration, governance, and public safety.

On the employment front, the youth received a massive boost as the government enforced a strict six-month deadline to recruit for 72,000 vacant government positions.



The 1-month report card

Administrative shake-up and governance

NEW PRAJA SEVA MINISTRY: Set up to listen directly to public grievances.

PUNCHING IN: Staff using GPS software must be at their desks by 10 am.

ANTI-CORRUPTION LINES: Dedicated helplines opened to report ongoing illegal bribes.

Infrastructure & Bengaluru development

- **Pothole-free roads:** Approved a ₹2,000 crore project aimed at making Bengaluru's roads entirely pothole-free.
- **Connectivity & transit:** Opened 10-lane SM Krishna Road in Kempegowda Layout and laid foundation stone for mini tunnel road near Hebbal.
- **Green initiatives:** Directed the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to plant 15 lakh saplings on Kempegowda Jayanti, aiming for a Guinness World Record.
- **Civic exemptions:** Occupancy Certificate exemptions for permanent electricity connections for new residential buildings up to 2,500 sq.ft.
- **Land categorisation:** Approved conversion of "B" to "A" category properties across the state.

Governance, law & administrative reforms

- **Public grievances:** Established a new ministry 'Praja Seva' to address public grievances, along with a dedicated corruption complaint helpline.
- **Bureaucratic accountability**: Directed government staff using GPS software to be present in offices by 10 am. Officials were instructed to work strictly within the legal framework without giving in to political pressure.
- **State representation in Delhi:** Decided to construct a Karnataka Bhavan for students in Delhi and form a team of retired IAS/IPS officers, besides strengthening the SC legal team to safeguard state interests.
- **Revenue protection:** Issued strict instructions to prevent tax evasion and reclaim government lands (including mining zones) left inactive for years.

Agriculture, water management & environment

Tungabhadra dam protection: Jointly collaborated with the Chief Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, under the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, to protect Tungabhadra farmers. This includes introducing new spill gates and a central plan to remove silt.

Mekedatu Project progress: Secured State Wildlife Board clearance for seismic and soil testing for the Mekedatu project, forwarding it to the Central Wildlife Board for final approval.

Farmer support: Financial incentives for mango growers and ordered timely distribution of seeds and fertilizers.

Forest clearances: Set a strict July 15 deadline to resolve all pending forest clearance cases.

Education, youth & employment

Student benefits: Rolled out free bus passes for all students across the state.

Grassroots youth networks: Established the Bharat Jodo Youth Association in all panchayats and wards, allocating ₹10 lakh to each.

Employment drive: Set a tight 6-month deadline to recruit for 72,000 vacant government positions and approved a private-sector job exchange center.

Campus politics: Initiated plans to resume student college elections starting this academic year.

Social welfare, housing & public safety

Housing for the poor

Directed officials to fast-track housing projects, emphasizing the construction of ready houses over just distributing open plots.

Anti-drug & crime campaign

Set a target for a drug-free Karnataka by 2028, placed a warning ban on intoxicating pan masala/gutka, and introduced rewards for drug-network informants.

Law enforcement

Ordered the formation of specialized anti-rowdy squads in every district.

Guarantee schemes

Formed village and ward-level guarantee committees to ensure state welfare schemes strictly reach Karnataka residents without leakages.

CM promises crackdown on safety lapses

BENGALURU

Following the fatal stone quarry incident in Bengaluru on Thursday, Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the government would review whether quarrying operations across the state were being carried out in accordance with safety norms.

Expressing grief over the deaths of the labourers, who were reportedly mostly from Bihar, the CM said, "We will issue fresh guidelines for quarrying activities across the state. I will ensure that no such incident occurs again."

He added that he had directed officials to the accident site and was awaiting detailed reports from them. "As per initial reports, seven people have died. The first report indicates that the incident was not due to blasting, but due to soil erosion. I will get a detailed report on this."



When reporters asked about the ex gratia, the CM said compensation is not the priority right now.

"We will certainly provide compensation to the families, there is no doubt about that. But my priority is to ensure that such incidents do not happen again in Karnataka," he said.

Yashwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar said the eighth labourer died in the hospital.

GP: Need to find out who grants these sanctions

Speaking to reporters here, Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said he will gather information, and if there is anything that pertains to the Revenue Department, which is his portfolio, he would take immediate action.

"We need to find out who grants these sanctions.

At present, it is the Deputy Commissioners and the officials of the Mining Department who grant them. We will examine the matter and take whatever action is necessary based on our findings," he said. Expressing concerns over illegalities in quarrying taking place across the state, the DyCM said he would do whatever is required to prevent it.

LEADERS' PERSONAL RAPPORTRANKS

Modi calls Takaichi 'Choti Behen'

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday addressed his Japanese counterpart Sanae Takaichi as his 'younger sister' and hailed her as a 'visionary and popular leader' while delivering his statement during a joint press meet in New Delhi.

Modi made the remarks in Hindi, and Takaichi, who heard its simultaneous translation in Japanese via a tech device, responded to this gesture with a warm smile.

India and Japan share Special Strategic and Global Partnership, and the friendship between the two countries has a long history, rooted in spiritual affinity and strong cultural and civilisational ties.

Leaders' personal rapport and strategic dialogue

"Your Excellency, and 'meri chhoti behen' (my younger sister) Prime Minister Takaichi, delegates of the two countries, members of the media, Namaskar! Konnichiwa," Modi said as he began his address.



"I am delighted to welcome Prime Minister Takaichi on her first visit to India for the India-Japan Annual Summit. She is also Japan's first female Prime Minister, and a visionary and popular leader. Furthermore, she hails from Japan's Nara Prefecture, a very important centre of shared Buddhist heritage of India and Japan," he said.

Takaichi acknowledges Modi's remarks

In her address in Japanese, which was simultaneously translated in English, Takaichi acknowledged Modi's remarks describing her as his "younger sister" "The small meeting before and the big meeting...we confirmed that we are on the same page to develop this relationship as brother and sister," she said.

INDIA-JAPAN SUMMIT

- PM Modi referred to Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi as his 'younger sister,' highlighting the warm personal rapport between the leaders.
- The leaders held the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit, agreeing to deepen strategic cooperation across various sectors.
- Discussions focused on strengthening the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, built on trust and shared values.
- Both nations plan to celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations next year, with a focus on cultural, tourism, and creative economy cooperation.
- Sanae Takaichi is Japan's first female Prime Minister and her visit marks an important step in advancing bilateral ties.

Karnataka woman found dead in Uganda



Kottur: A 24-year-old woman from Kannanayakanakatte village in Kottur taluk of Vijayanagara district was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Uganda, Kottur police said. The deceased has been identified as B Bindu. Efforts are under way to bring her body back to India.

"We have no information as to the cause of her death. We will have to register a case once we receive the body. Taralabalu Jagadguru Shivamurthy Shivacharya has been in touch with the Indian Ambassador to Uganda Anant Iyer, and has arranged for the woman's body to be transported to India. This is all the information we have at the moment," Kottur PSI Geetanjali Shinde said.

Police said Uganda authorities have confiscated the passport of Bindu's husband.

OPERATION FOOTPATH

KBG: Street vendors to be relocated, not evicted

BENGALURU

Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Thursday clarified that street vendors within the GBA limits will not be evicted, but are instead being relocated from arterial and sub-arterial roads to ward roads to ensure pedestrian safety.

Addressing a virtual conference with concerned officials reviewing the ongoing footpath encroachment clearance drive in the city, he directed officials to clear not only street vendors from footpaths, but abandoned vehicles and illegally parked vehicles to build smooth and organised footpaths for citizens.

He instructed officials to take action to clear all encroachments in a phased manner, the minister's office said in a statement.

Opposing the move, the street vendors have alleged that the drive was "selective" and came without providing any alternatives. They claimed that their livelihood is affected.



Claiming that the footpath encroachment clearance drive in the city has received strong public support, Gowda instructed officials to provide information on permitting street vendors to conduct business on ward roads, excluding major arterial and sub-arterial roads, in a manner that does not cause any inconvenience to the public.

"If we utilise the existing system effectively, we will gain public support, and even seemingly impossible tasks can be achieved. In this regard, all officials must work in coordination to build smooth, safe, and organized footpaths for the citizens of Bengaluru," he said.

ISRO gets bomb threat, mail sent to chairman

BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) headquarters in Bengaluru received a bomb threat via email on Thursday, prompting an immediate investigation.

According to police, the threatening email was sent to the office of ISRO Chairman Dr V Narayanan. Following the alert, police teams, along with bomb squad personnel, rushed to the site and conducted a thorough sanitisation exercise of the premises.

No explosive device was found during the search.

Multiple police teams have launched an investigation to trace the sender and determine the motive. Authorities are also examining whether the email originated from outside the country.

This is not the first such incident. Last year, similar bomb threat emails were sent to several schools in Delhi.

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3 Darshan fans held for threatening key witness

CH NEWS, BENGALURU Three alleged fans of actor Darshan, the main accused in the 2024 Renuka swamy murder case, were arrested on charges of threatening a key witness in an attempt to prevent him from testifying before court. According to police, the three accused, Venu, Suhas, and Puneeth, alleg edly intimidated the 49th prosecution witness, who' s from Chitradurga. Investigators said Puneeth ma naged a fan page named 'D Company', while Suhas and Venu are members of a Darshan Fans' Associa- tion in Tumakuru. The witness informed the Judge in Court he was under pressu re not to testify. Following the statement, the court directed police to provide security to the witness. Ba sed on information ga the red from the witne ss, police registered a case and found Suhas had alle gedly called the witness under the pretext of holding a discussion. . Suhas reportedly drove the witness around in a car and pressured him not to depose in court.

Driver dies after Tata Ace collides with canter

CH NEWS, BENGALURU Lokesh (35), the driver of the Tata Ace, died after a head-on collision between a Tata Ace and a Canter ve hicle within the police station limits. The accident took place in front of Park View Apartment at around 2:40 am on Thursday. The Banaswadi Traffic Police said that both the vehicles had Rajasthan registratio ns and the deceased was also from Rajasthan. A ca se has be en registered at the Banas wadi Traffic Poli ce Sta tion. According to in itial information, the decea sed may have been dri ving a vehicle with the intention of learning to drive and caused the accident.

HC stays state govt order to withdraw 52 criminal cases

The Karnataka cabinet held on May 21, 2026 decided to withdraw 52 cases registered in various police stations across the state.

BENGALURU

The High Court has stayed the order issued by the state government to withdraw 52 serious criminal cases registered in various police stations in the state.

A bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice KS Hemalekha, which was hearing a public interest litigation filed by Bengaluru-based lawyer Girish Bhardwaj, stayed the government's order. It issued a notice to the state government to file objections in the case and adjourned the hearing.

During the hearing, the counsel for the petitioner explained to the bench that the prosecution has withdrawn the cases registered in various police stations of the state on the recommendation of three senior ministers.

The government has taken a decision contrary to the order issued by the same court in 2025 in this regard. Therefore, the government's decision should be stayed.



The government's counsel said that if given some time, they would file objections to the application.

At this time, the bench said that the government would be given time to file objections. They said that the government's order would be stayed. It also issued notices to the Home Department and the Prosecution and Government Litigation Department and adjourned the hearing to September 28.

- The bench stayed the Karnataka government's order to withdraw 52 serious criminal cases including those involving communal riots and attempted murder citing contradictions with a 2025 court ruling.
- The stay follows a petition accusing ministers and former Speaker UT Khader of improperly exerting political influence to clear the accused.

The bench, which refused to issue a notice to Health Minister UT Khader, the third respondent in the petition, said that statements made by MLAs in the House are exempted and therefore, he cannot be made a respondent.

The State Cabinet meeting held on May 21, had approved the proposal to withdraw 52 cases. Accordingly, on May 27, the Home Department had issued an order directing the government prosecutor to withdraw the cases. The petitioners have requested that this order and the decision of the Cabinet be quashed.

Also, the then Assembly Speaker UT Khader had written a letter to the Home Minister, describing the accused in the serious cases related to communal riots, unlawful assembly, damage to public property, attempt to murder and hijab protest that took place in the Aland police station limits of Kalaburagi district as 'not criminals'.

Khader had made this recommendation on the request of the Dargah Hazrat Ladle Mashekh Ansari Committee. The petition explained that through this, political influence was exerted on the executive and the criminal justice system was interfered with.

Former MUDA commissioner gets bail in money-laundering

BENGALURU

The High Court has granted bail to former MUDA Commissioner GT Dinesh, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the illegal allotment of MUD land case against former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

The order was made by a bench of Justice M. Nagaprasa nna, who granted the bail application filed by the fifth accused, GT Dinesh, in connection with the case registered by the ED. The applicant shall furnish a personal bond of Rs. 5 lakh and two sureties satisfactory to the trial Court in the same amount. He shall not attempt to tamper with the prosecution evidence or obstruct the investigation, either directly or indirectly. He shall be required to appear for hearing on all the dates fixed for hearing, unless excused by the trial court for cause. The High Court has made it clear that the Enforcement Directorate is at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail order of the applicant in case of violation of any of these conditions.

GT Dinesh Kumar is facing allegations of misusing his power and illegally allotting plots to ineligible persons during his tenure as Muda Commissioner. The Enforcement Directorate, which has registered a case under the PMLA Act in this regard, arrested Dinesh on September 17, 2025. He is currently in judicial custody. After that, on October 5, the ED attached pro perties worth about Rs 40 crore belonging to Dinesh Kumar. Also, a chargesheet was filed against Dinesh Kumar on November 19, 2025, alleging that he illegally allotted 283 plots worth a total of over Rs 450 crore to ineligible persons.

On October 10, 2025, the Special Court of People's Representatives dismissed Dinesh Kumar's bail application. Therefore, he approached the High Court.

The High Court, which rejected that application on January 20, 2026, had advised Dinesh that he could re-apply for bail after three months if the circumstances had changed.

Dinesh was granted bail by the People's Representatives Court on March 16, but was not released due to the pending ED case. He later filed another application in the High Court on June 2 seeking bail.

BDA seeks to ease registration of apartment associations

BENGALURU

Amid growing demands from apartment owners to take over maintenance and management of BDA-built apartment complexes, Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) has urged the state govt to notify a "competent authority" for the registration of apartment owners' associations under Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972 (KAOA).

The move comes after some associations approa ched BDA, stating they were prepared to manage the upkeep of apartment complexes themselves.

However, officials said the absence of clarity on the registration mechanism became a hurdle in recognising these associations and transferring maintenance responsibilities.

In a June 29 letter to the urban development department, BDA said apartment owners and residents across Karnataka were facing considerable difficulties in registering associations under KAOA.

A senior BDA official said, there is an ambiguity and we have been hearing concerns from residents that they were unable to proceed with the registration. If the govt clears this confusion, it will be a relief across the city.

Dhananjaya Padmanabha char, from Karnataka Homebuyers' Forum, said, re gistering apartment associations under a govt-notified competent authority will give them legal recognition, enable grievances to be addressed without approaching civil courts, and ensure compliance with RERA directions on land khata transfer.

It will also provide a legal identity to managing committee members. It's a great move from BDA to seek clear government directions.

GBA's 'Safe Footpath Campaign' gains momentum

BENGALURU

Earthmovers, backhoes and jackhammers tore into illegal constructions on footpaths Wednesday morning as Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) launched its latest campaign to clear city roads of encroachments.

Street vendors were asked to move into inner lanes, and parked vehicles, shop extensions and other obstructions were tossed out of prime footpaths meant for pedestrians.

Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the city's 'Safe Footpaths Campaign' should become "a people's movement" to reclaim public spaces for pedestrians. He urged traders, commercial establishments and street vendors to voluntarily clear encroachments.

On day one, GBA freed up 76km of city roads and handed them back to pedestrians. The series has found several stretches encroached upon by vendors, vehicles and shop awnings, forcing pedestrians onto carriageways. At the same time, the minister reaffirmed the state govt's commitment to protecting the livelihoods of street vendors.



GBA clears 1,000 km of footpaths in 10-day campaign; the campaign aims to remove encroachments and restore footpaths for public use.

Except on around 20 percent of priority arterial roads, vending can continue on other roads, provided pedestrian movement is not obstructed," he said. "Every resident of Bengaluru has the right to use safe and obstruction-free footpaths. This should not remain merely a govt campaign; it must become a people's movement driven by public participation, he said.

Across five city corporations, GBA scrubbed some of the key roads which were a nightmare for both pedestrians and motorists. These roads include MG Road, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar's 100ft Road, Mysore Road, Kempegowda Road, Cunningham Road, Hope Farm Junction-Varthur Kodi, Marathahalli Junction-Ibbalur Junction, ITPL Main Road, Sampige Road in Malleshwaram, Kathriguppe Main Road, Bull Temple Road, Sahakaranagar Railway Parallel Road in Byatar ayanapura, Vidyaranyapura Main Road, Banaswadi Main Road in Sarvagnanagar, key roads in Jayanagar, Bommanahalli, Padmanabhanagar, JP Nagar and BTM Layout.

Malleswaram alone accounted for 11km of freed-up roads.

Petty shops, pushcarts, construction debris, illegal cables, temporary building projections and other encroachments were cleared with support from police and other govt departments.

In some locations in many civic zones of Bengaluru, stormwater drain slabs were installed to improve drainage after encroachments were removed. Hotel extensions, vegetable stalls, illegal concrete structures, compound walls and other obstacles blocking pedestrian movement were also demolished in the campaign, which will continue in the coming days, Bengaluru North City Corporation removed encroachments from across six assembly constituencies, covering Byatarayanapura, Vidyaranyapura, Sarvagnanagar, Pulikeshinagar, Hebbal and Yelahanka.

Civic teams removed street vendors, pushcarts, unauthorised advertisement boards, sheds and other encroachments.

'Pride Month may be over, but fight for LGBTQIA+ continues'

BENGALURU

For the Rajyotsava award winner, Pride has never been just about celebration. It is a platform to make people stop, listen and acknowledge the realities faced by the LGBTQIA+ community every single day.

Pride is important because it gives us a chance to project our struggles, our challenges and fight against a society that continues to be transphobic, homophobic and discriminatory, she says.

The 38-year-old points out that while June brings visibility, the remaining eleven months continue to be filled with everyday battles. People still face rejection from families, partner



violence, police violence, mental health issues and even suicidal tendencies. These are not Pride Month issues. These happen every day.Bengaluru is often seen as one of India's more accepting cities but Akkai believes that visibility does not mean everyone feels safe eno ugh to be themselves. Every ye ar, more people come out because conversations have increased and safer spaces have grown.

But there are many who don't because of fear and discrimination, she explains. The experience also differs across class lines. She says, an English-speaking, financially secure queer person has a very different journey compared to someone from the working class. I worry most about those from poorer backgrounds, who continue to struggle for livelihood and social recognition.

She adds that Pride marches themselves are sustained largely through community effort. There are no formal government funds for these events. Many community members who survive through begging or sex work also contribute towards Pride.For Akkai, one of the biggest gaps lies in everyday public spaces. People still struggle to access public toilets, buses, malls, cinema halls, places of worship and other public spaces. Imagine carrying an identity card that doesn't match your appearance. Even travelling can become a humiliating experience. She believes policies already exist but need stronger implementation. The real question is whether there is enough willingness within the system to make these spaces inclusive. Looking back at nearly three decades of activism, Akkai says Bengaluru's reputation as a queer-friendly city didn't happen overnight. She is also cautious about performative allyship online.

274 BDA sites to soon get relief, 55 still in limbo

BENGALURU

BDA has urged the forest dept to offer a one-time settlement to end the impasse over its legally allotted sites. In simple terms, these owners will get full possession, and, hence, freedom, to either construct a house or secure sites.

These sites have been in limbo after they were found to be coming under the notified buffer zone of Turahalli forests in south Bengaluru, preventing them from going ahead with construction despite having all valid papers. Of these sites, 274 are in the buffer zone and 55 within the forest boundary. While a resolution is expected soon for 274 sites, the 55 sites falling under the forest boundary remain a challenge, a BDA official said.

In a letter dated June 23, BDA informed the Principal Se cretary (Forest) the issue pertains to sites along the Turahalli reserve forest boundary in Blocks 1 to 11, spread across Turahalli, Hemmigepura, Lingadheeranahalli, Sompura and BM Kaval villages.

The layouts were formed after BDA acquired 1,598 acres



Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is set to hand in huge relief to more than 250 site owners in Banashankari 6th Phase caught in the Turahalli forest buffer zone dispute in South Bengaluru.

through notifications issued on Nov 15, 2000, and Aug 21, 2001.Several sites adjoining the forest later fell within the notified buffer zone. Hence, the forest department stopped granting construction permissions. Following the stalemate, BDA conducted a joint survey in September 2025 along with forest and revenue departments.

The Assistant Director of Land Records submitted a report in November 2025, followed by a drone survey in January 2026.What initially appeared to affect over 1,400 sites was progressively narrowed to just 329. Based on the findings, BDA prepared a revised layout map and submitted it along with supporting documents to the Deputy Conservator of Forests.

During discussions in May 2026, BDA officials, including Commissioner, met their forest department counterparts. The department agreed in principle to work towards a resolution for the 274 buffer zone sites through mutual agreement. It was proposed that BDA land, already under forest department possession, along with an additional 20 acres and 18 guntas in Turahalli village, be transferred through a land exchange, providing equivalent buffer area to the department while offering permanent relief to affected plot owners. The issue was raised at two meetings chaired by the then Forest Minister Ishwar Khandre on May 12 and 20.

The Minister acknowledged families' plight of being unable to build on legally purchased sites. Seeking a swift resolution, BDA has requested a one-time settlement to permanently end the uncertainty faced by plot owners who have waited since 2001.

'CHILD ABUSE'

Capgemini shuts B'luru daycare over child abuse

BENGALURU

Capgemini has temporarily shut its daycare facility at its Bengaluru campus after videos allegedly showing toddlers being abused by caregivers surfaced online.

In a statement, the company said, "Capgemini's foremost priority is the health, safety and well-being of its employees and their family members. We are cooperating fully with the relevant authorities and assisting them in their efforts to establish the facts. As a precautionary measure, we are temporarily closing the Bengaluru campus day care facility.

The alleged abuse took place at the crèche on the company's Brookefield campus in east Bengaluru, where many employees leave their young children while at work. Police have booked five daycare workers, Manjula, Vijayalakshmi, Bhavani, Sindhu and Bindu — under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and Section 351 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for criminal intimidation.

According to police, videos purportedly show toddlers aged between two and three being placed inside a front-loading washing machine, sprayed with water in their mouths using a toilet jet spray, and locked inside toilets to stop them from crying. Investigators also alleged that the children were forced to sit on Western-style commodes and threatened into silence.

The case came to light after a child helpline official received four videos and alerted the police. Investigators said the footage was recorded by a staff member whose friend had been dismissed from the daycare cen tre last month. Police inspected the premises on Wednesday and collected CCTV footage. Notices have been issued to all five accused, asking them to appear for questioning. A senior police officer said investigators would contact the parents of the children to find out whether they had noticed any signs of abuse or whether the children had com plained of mistreatment. Under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act, cruelty towards childre n by ca regivers is punishable with imprisonment ranging fro m three to ten years. Police said the investigation is ongoing.

KIC fines North Sub-Division AC of Rs 75,000

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Information Commission (KIC) has imposed a fine of 75,000 on Kiran, the Deputy Divisional Officer of Bangalore North Sub-Division, for not providing information to the applicants in three separate cases and for failing to attend the hearing, and has also recommended disciplinary action against the officer. Kiran was neglecting the applications submitted to his office seeking information without providing proper information.

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Chartered Accountants' Day celebrated

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As part of the 78th Chartered Accountants' Day celebrations, CA Kavitha Paramesh, Chairperson of the Bengaluru Branch of SIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants' of India (ICAI), hoisted the national flag at ICAI Bhawan, Vasanthnagar. Addressing students, members, and the large gathering present on the occasion, she emphasized that the CA course is not an iron fist and can be completed with determination, consistent effort, and proper guidance. Encouraging aspiring chartered accountants to pursue their goals with confidence, she highlighted the immense opportunities the profession offers.

50-year-old building collapses in Cottonpet,

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A horrific tragedy was averted by a hair's breadth at Cottonpet on Thursday evening. A 50-year-old two-storey building suddenly collapsed to the gro und. Details of the Incident The clinic was run at the bottom of the old two-storey building of 20x30 dimensions and there was a residential house on the top floor. Those inside immediately rushed out as the building suddenly star ted tilting to one side. How ever, two per sons were trapped inside the building.

Min: Bidadi to get country's first women's driver training institute

The institute will be developed by BMTC with a dedicated building, driving track & infrastructure, in partnership with Central & State governments..

BENGALURU

Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh said that the state government has taken another step towards making women financially independent and a women's driving training institute will be started near Bidadi.

Speaking at a meeting with senior officials of the Transport Department, Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh said that BMTC will build a separate driving training institute for women, a driving track and other infrastructure in the Bidadi Industrial Area.

The Transport Commissionerate is functioning on a rented basis in the BMTC building in Shanthinagar, Bengaluru. In this context, a detailed discussion was held in the meeting regarding the construction of its own building for the Transport Department.

The pros and cons of constructing a transport building on an area of about one acre belonging to KSRTC in Shanthinagar should be examined. The minister instructed the officials to submit a proposal to the government for constructing the building using the department's own resources in a way that does not burden the government. With the construction of this building, all the offices of the Transport Department Commissionerate will function from here.

Minister Byrathi Suresh instructed the officials to take immediate action to appoint more than 150 transport inspectors and other posts that are vacant in the Regional Transport Department.

Transport Department Secretary Deepa Cholan, Commissioner Selvamani and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

Speaking in Bengaluru earlier, Minister Bairati Suresh said that a total of 4,500 electric buses need to be contracted in the state over a period of eight years. The central government is not providing full funding for these buses. The central government provides only Rs 30 to 35 lakhs per bus. The state government will have to pay about Rs 2,850 to 3,000 crore to the contractor company providing the buses on an annual kilometer basis. However, without mentioning this fact, MP Tejaswi Surya has tried to mislead the people by making statements that the central government will provide everything.

The minister was responding to BJP MP Tejaswi Surya's scathing statement that the state government was not approving the lease of electric buses funded by the central government.



Women's employment in mind

A separate driving training institute for women will be started in partnership with the Central Government and the State Government. AWAKE (Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka), a women's self-service organization, will provide skill-based training to women, including driving. Women will be trained in driving two-wheelers, three-wheelers and heavy vehicles, Minister Byrathi Suresh informed.

Chalavadi slams govt over blast tragedy

BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said, seven poor people have lost their lives. What about his family now. Such a big tragedy would not have happened without the involvement of the authorities. Are the Pollution Control Board, the Forest Department and the Mines Department turning a blind eye, he asked. Many politicians are involved in illegal mining in Chikkaballapur, Kolar and Bengaluru regions. There should be an immediate thorough review of this. Complete information about who has permission and who is mining without permission should come out. In fact, there is no permission to carry out blasts here, yet how is it being carried out in such a horrific manner.

India's Got Talent fame Vicky Krish brings international magic show to B'luru

BENGALURU

Bangalore Press Club on Thursday witnessed an enchanting display of magic as acclaimed magician and India's Got Talent fame Vicky Krish enthralled journalists, photographers, and media professionals during a press conference.

Vicky Krish demonstrated a few of his signature and spectacular magic acts before the media fraternity assembled at the conference hall, leaving the audience amazed and offering a glimpse of the grand entertainment that awaits Bengaluru audiences.

Known as one of India's leading contemporary magicians, Vicky Krish has earned widespread recognition for seamlessly blending magic, mind reading, psychology, comedy and grand illusions into a unique entertainment experience. With over a decade of professional performing experience, he has captivated audiences across India and abroad through his innovative and highly interactive performances.



A finalist of India's Got Talent and a social media sensation with millions of views, Vicky Krish is celebrated for transforming ordinary moments into extraordinary experiences. His performances feature astonishing feats of modern magic, impossible predictions, psychological illusions and audience participation that leave spectators amazed and entertained.

In Bangalore the magic show is from July 4, 5, 11, 12 and 19 at TOWN HALL, JC Road.Speaking about the Bengaluru debut, he said the show promises a perfect blend of intelligence, humour, mystery and wonder, making it an unforgettable outing for families, youngsters and magic enthusiasts alike.

The International Magic Show aims to offer audiences a world-class entertainment experience where the impossible becomes possible and where magic truly meets the mind

Dr Sharma: An amalgamation of education, research, administration, music and folklore

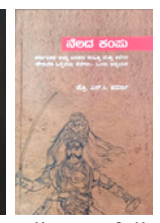
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Dr. SC Sharma is one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors whose lifelong dedication has transformed the state's folk heritage into a vibrant cultural movement.

A distinguished folklorist, musicologist, educationist, researcher, institution builder, and administrator, he has devoted his life to preserving, documenting, and promoting Karnataka's rich cultural traditions while ensuring their relevance in contemporary society.

Believing that history survives not only through written records but also through the songs, crafts, customs, and traditions of the people, Dr. Sharma has successfully bridged the wisdom of the past with the aspirations of the future. His landmark publication, Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, documents the state's diverse folk traditions and cultural heritage. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to folklore, the University conferred upon him an Honorary Doctorate in 2024.Through decades of extensive field research, Dr. Sharma has documented Karnataka's oral traditions, folk songs, rituals, indigenous technologies, craft traditions, and community histories, establishing folklore as a vital expression of collective memory and cultural identity. His establishment of the Kriyakalpa Folk Museum stands as a significant contribution, preserving invaluable artefacts while serving as a centre for research and cultural education.As Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013), he strengthened academic excellence and fostered a vibrant cultural environment by promoting music, theatre, literature, and folk arts. An accomplished practitioner of Indian classical music and an eminent musicologist, he has consistently advocated integrating music, folklore, and the arts into mainstream education.





His contributions to folklore, rural development, and cultural preservation have earned him the Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award (2000), the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Award (2005), the Babu Jagjivan Ram Award (2007), and a nomination for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026. Through his exceptional scholarship and cultural leadership, Dr. SC Sharma has created an enduring legacy that continues to enrich Karnataka's and India's cultural heritage.

Bike ambulances set to return to Bengaluru

BENGALURU

Bike ambulances, which were suspended due to lack of maintenance and poor response, will be back on the road. They will help in providing quick treatment to patients in metropolitan cities in case of emergencies.

These bike ambulances are operating in various parts of the country including Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. This service was started in the state in 2015. At that time, 30 bike ambulances were introduced on an experimental basis. They operated in various parts of the state and provided services to thousands of people.

Due to various reasons including maintenance problems, lack of repairs, and apathy of nursing graduates, one by one the bike ambulances were abandoned. The state government has now shown interest in introducing the bike ambulance service again and 100 bike ambulances will be operational soon.

Bike ambulances were introduced for the first time in the country in Bengaluru.



Karnataka plans 100 new emergency response vehicles to provide quick treatment to patients

The aim was to reduce the death toll due to road accidents and provide quick medical services amidst the traffic congestion. Patients and their families were reluctant to use the service as they were unable to take the patient to the hospital. Due to the increasing traffic congestion in various parts of the state including

Bangalore in recent years, it is becoming difficult for the '108 ambulance' to reach the designated place in a short time in case of an emergency. According to the national standard, the time limit, golden hour, for an ambulance to take a patient to the treatment center is 20 minutes. Due to various reasons including traffic congestion, it is difficult to take a patient to the treatment center within this time limit. Therefore, priority is again being given to the bike ambulance. The time taken by the bike ambulance is 40 percent less compared to the '108 ambulance'.

In various cases including heart attacks and road accidents, immediate treatment can save a person's life. There are examples where treatment has been delayed in some cases due to traffic congestion, further worsening the patient's health. Bike ambulances can travel even on narrow roads and reach the designated location. Their maintenance costs are also low. Therefore, steps have been taken at the government level to reintroduce them, said a department official.

Bike ambulance equipment profile

A bike ambulance functions as a rapid-response paramedic unit designed to navigate congested traffic or inaccessible terrain. Its primary role is to stabilize a patient and deliver emergency care during the critical first hour (the "golden hour") before a standard transport ambulance arrives. Because of space constraints on a motorcycle, the equipment profile is specific.

- DIAGNOSTICS: Glucometer, portable blood pressure monitors, and heart rate monitoring equipment/pulse oximeters.
- RESPIRATORY SUPPORT: Portable oxygen cylinder with flowmeters and airway management tools (like an Ambu bag).
- TRAUMA & FIRST AID: Essential wound care, bandages, and basic life-saving drugs (such as coagulants, aspirin, or adrenaline).

Secret sources of funding for extremism harmful to national security: HC

BENGALURU

The secret sources of terrorism financing are a serious threat to national security these days.

The High Court, which has held that such funding can fuel extremist movements and hence needs to be controlled, has refused to quash the case registered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against six office bearers of the US-based Christian missionary organisation 'The Timothy Initiative' (TTI) for allegedly providing financial support to left-wing organisations.

The order was passed by a single-judge bench headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, which heard a petition filed by Mika Mark, Jonathan S. Rajan, Ajit Varghese Mathai, Varghese Chacko, Bablu Kurmi and Supreme Joy, all identified with TTI, seeking quashing of the case registered against them under the UAPA Act.

National security is an invisible architecture that rests on the sovereignty, stability and constitutional order of a nation. If such activities are not controlled, ideological extremism can be transformed into organized violence. This will threaten national unity and public safety. Therefore, extreme vigilance should be exercised against the financial channels that feed terrorism for the sake of national security, the bench said.

Further, the allegations against the petitioner are not so serious as to warrant judicial intervention, and any interference in the case at this stage would likely prejudice the investigation.

Therefore, the bench said that there was no need to quash the case at an early stage and dismissed the petition.

Background of the case: Mika Mark, one of the applicants who is the second accused in the case, used to travel abroad on several occasions and used to bring several debit cards while returning from there. Meanwhile, when he arrived in Bengaluru from abroad, he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate officials at the Kempegowda International Airport.

During the subsequent interrogation, 24 international debit cards were found in his possession. After this, raids were conducted on the premises of the accused under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). During this, it was found that he was operating under the unit of 'The Timothy Initiative' in the US.

The ED lawyers said that 24 debit cards belonging to American Trust Bank were found in the possession of the applicant, from which he made withdrawals of about Rs 100 crore. They used them to provide funds to banned left-wing organizations in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

Therefore, the investigation has just begun and the application seeking quashing of the case should be dismissed.

SHOULDERS' GET HEAVIER

SIR-school-polio: K'taka govt school teachers triple duty

BENGALURU

After a slow start on day one, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) gathered pace on Wednesday, with form distribution rising from 2.25 percent to 9.87 percent by 6pm, Wednesday.

Election Commission data showed 54.68 lakh voters had been covered across Karnataka by the second day of the drive. Among those on the ground were government school teachers and ASHA workers, many balancing SIR duty with class-



rooms and the National Pulse Polio Immunization Drive.

The 6pm report also identified 327 duplicate voters, 816 voters who had shifted out of their booth jurisdictions, 1,383 deceased voters still on the rolls, and 21 voters found absent during the exercise.

At multiple polling booth jurisdictions, enumerators found themselves wondering how to balance academics, the pulse po lio campaign and ensuring eligible voters are not missed during the electoral roll revision.

Trying to keep pace with others on day two, Government high school headmistress Kushtar Jehan, assigned to Sudhama Nagar, said on the first day she received the forms but not the register required to record details of households visited on June 30. I started enumeration on July 1 after first recceing the area. Locals are helping identify the houses. I won't go in the morning because I have to ensure children at my school in Bada Makhaan don't miss classes, that's my main worry, she said.

She alternates SIR work with another teacher. Education and SIR are both important, we were told during the DDPI meeting, she said. In Wilson Garden, BBMP Higher Primary School Teacher Ravikumar said he first had to travel to Bommanahalli to collect pending textbooks for students before resuming SIR work.

HC quashes Lokayukta case against Zameer Ahmed's close aide Khan

BENGALURU

The High Court has issued an order quashing the case registered by the Lokayukta police against Sardar Sarfaraz Khan, the personal secretary of former minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, on charges of disproportionate assets.

The order was passed by a bench headed by Justice M Nagaprasanna, which heard the complaint filed by the Lokayukta police against him and the petition filed by Sardar Sarfaraz Khan seeking quashing of the Lokayukta Special Court hearing. A detailed copy of the order is yet to be released.

Following a complaint from the Income Tax Department regarding tax evasion, Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials had earlier conducted a search at the house of Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan. The ED officials had handed over the financial transaction accounts found at that time to the Lokayukta police and requested them to investigate.

QUICK READ

Yadgir labourer killed in quarry rockfall near Bengaluru

Yadgir

A 45-year-old labourer from Yadgir district died after a massive rock fell on him while working at a stone quarry in Madapatna near Bengaluru on Wednesday morning. The deceased has been identified as Ramu Nayak, a resident of Nadihal Devasunayak Tanda in Shahapur taluk. Police said he had migrated to Bengaluru four years ago for work and was employed as a daily wage labourer at the quarry. The accident occurred when a large rock suddenly dislodged and fell on him, killing him on the spot. Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the fatal incident.

Govt Notifies Gram Panchayat seat reservation

Vijayapura

The Karnataka government has issued a notification detailing reservation of seats for various categories in territorial constituencies of Gram Panchayats in Vijayapura district ahead of the upcoming general elections. The reservations have been finalised under Section 5 of the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993. According to officials, each Gram Panchayat area has been divided into territorial constituencies and category-wise reservations have been listed in the official gazette under Tables 1 and 2. The notification has been displayed at Tahsildar offices, Taluk Panchayats, and Gram Panchayat offices for public information and for prospective candidates contesting the elections.

Farmers warn Manvi bandh over delay in jowar payment

Ameenpasha Didagi warned of Manvi bandh if issue delays continue, citing monsoon urgency affecting farmers' sowing activities

MANVI

Farmers have issued a strong warning of a bandh if payments for jowar (sorghum) procured from them are not credited within a week. The agitation has intensified after repeated delays in clearing dues, which farmers say have pushed them into severe financial distress.

The protest was held at Hirekotnekal village, where members of the farmers' organisation submitted a memorandum to Tahsildar Bhimaraya Ramasamudra, demanding immediate release of pending payments. Leaders said that nearly four months have passed since the procurement of jowar, but the amount has not yet been deposited into farmers' bank accounts.

Speaking during the protest, Farmers' Organisation State General Secretary Ameenpasha Didagi warned that if the issue is not resolved promptly, a complete bandh in Manvi will be called. He said the delay has severely affected farmers, especially with the onset of the monsoon season, when funds are urgently needed for sowing and agricultural activities.Farmers expressed concern that continued delay in payments is forcing them to depend on loans and informal credit sources, further worsening their economic situation. They urged the administration to intervene and ensure timely settlement of dues without further delay.



Responding to the protest, Tahsildar Bhimaraya Ramasamudra assured the farmers that the matter would be taken up with higher authorities immediately and efforts would be made to ensure that the pending payments are credited to their accounts at the earliest.

Several farmer leaders, including district and taluk-level representatives, participated in the protest and supported the demand for swift action. They reiterated that farmers' rights must be protected and procurement commitments should be honoured without administrative delay.

Haveri orders strict four type waste segregation

HAVERI

Haveri Municipal Commissioner H Kantaraju said that public, business owners, welfare centres, bar and restaurant owners must segregate waste into four types and hand it to municipal auto tippers. He inspected cleanliness drive in various wards of the city in the morning and informed the public. The Solid Waste Management and Handling Rules 2026 have been implemented by Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change from 01 April 2026. Kitchen waste food waste vegetable waste meat waste fruit waste flower waste garden waste and other compostable waste are green waste.

Awareness drive urges cooperation for drug-free Karnataka movement

KAMALAPUR

In Kamalapur, an awareness programme on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was organised at a Government Pre-University College to highlight the rising concern of substance abuse among youth and the urgent need for collective action to build a drug-free society.



Speaking at the programme, PSI Sukhanand Singe said that drug addiction is increasingly affecting young people, leading them away from education and, in some cases, pushing them towards criminal activities. He stressed that creating a drug-free Karnataka is not only the responsibility of the police but also requires active cooperation from the public, especially parents and educational institutions.

He advised parents to carefully observe their children's behaviour, peer groups, and daily activities, and to intervene early if any signs of addiction or negative influence are noticed. According to him, timely guidance and awareness can prevent students from falling into harmful habits that damage their future.

The PSI also explained that drug abuse has wider social consequences, including the breakdown of family systems, increased crime rates, and long-term health issues. He urged students to stay focused on education, develop positive habits, and avoid peer pressure that leads to substance abuse.

College authorities stated that such awareness programmes play a crucial role in educating students about the dangers of drug consumption and illegal trafficking. They added that regular sensitisation activities in schools and colleges can help build a responsible and informed younger generation.

Teachers and resource persons at the event encouraged students to act as ambassadors of awareness within their families and communities. They emphasised that preventing drug abuse requires continuous effort from society as a whole.

The programme concluded with a collective appeal for stronger community participation, consistent awareness campaigns, and coordinated efforts by government departments,

educational institutions, and citizens to achieve the vision of a healthier and drug-free Karnataka.

Farmers seek justice over disputed land records

BALLARI

Farmers petitioned Sandur Tahsildar alleging illegal land record changes, seeking verification, removal of disputed entries and restoration of original owner's name

A group of farmers and descendants of the original landowners submitted a petition to the Sandur Tahsildar's office, alleging that illegal changes were made to land records and seeking justice in a long-standing land dispute. They requested officials to verify the records, remove the disputed entries, and restore the original owner's name in government documents.

According to the petition, around 10 acres and 10 cents of land in Survey Number 20/B belonged to the family of the original owner, Sattappa. The family claimed they had been cultivating the land continuously for three generations. However, they alleged that in 1965, the name of Hanumanthappa, son of Boya Sakrappa, was added to the land records without any valid documents or legal approval.

The petition further stated that the land records were later changed again in the name of Hanumanthappa's relative, who eventually sold the property to another person named Rama Rao. The farmers claimed these changes caused serious injustice to the rightful owners. They demanded a detailed site inspection and legal action to restore the original ownership in official records.

Tahsildar Grade-2 Sudha received the petition and assured the farmers that all available documents would be examined carefully. She said appropriate legal action would be taken after verifying the records and completing the required inquiry.

The land dispute also led to a criminal case at Toranagallu Police Station. According to the complaint filed by N.S. Mariswamy, a group of people allegedly entered the disputed land on June 19 while farming work was underway.

The complaint stated that the group abused family members, threatened women, pushed them, and damaged standing crops by driving a tractor through the field.

Local residents intervened to prevent the situation from becoming worse before police arrived.

A case has been registered, and the investigation is continuing.

Farmers expressed hope that both the land records inquiry and the police investigation would ensure justice and help bring a fair and peaceful solution to the long-pending dispute for all concerned.

Leaders said district statue dream is becoming reality under MLA Basavaraja Shivanna with community and local support

Kanakadasa statue work begins in Haveri circle

HAVERI

Jagadguru Sri Niranjanananda Puri Swamiji of Kaginele Kanaka Gurupeeth performed a hoe puja on Thursday at the Kaginele roundabout in Haveri for installing a bronze statue of devotee Kanakadasa. He said installing a statue is not enough and people should follow the ideals of Kanakadasa in their lives. He added that life becomes meaningful when his principles are followed and the area must be kept clean after installation.

Leaders said the installation of the statue was a long standing dream of the district headquarters. Under the leadership of MLA Basavaraja Shivanna, the plan is now becoming reality with support from the community and local groups.

The society provided land for the project and agreed to the installation. The sculptor making the eight and a half feet bronze statue demanded twelve lakh rupees, and after discussion the price was fixed and advance payment given. Haveri Urban Development Authority is helping develop the circle along with government cooperation, and officials hope the work will finish soon for inauguration. Kuruba Samaj leader S F N Ghazi Gowda said the contribution of Kanakadasa is great and it is a matter of pride that the statue is finally coming up after many efforts. He also said donations from society members and a twenty lakh rupees grant will support circle development work.

MLA Basavaraja Shivanna expressed happiness that the community is working together to build the statue and said the circle will also be developed. District Congress president Sanjeev Kumar Neerlagi called it a proud moment and said he contributed financially.

Family Harmony Key to Preventing Elder Abuse, Experts Stress

VIJAYAPURA

Experts at a programme on "Prevention and Awareness of Elder Abuse" emphasised the importance of maintaining harmony within families and fostering mutual understanding between generations to ensure the safety and dignity of senior citizens.

The event was organised by the geriatric medicine department of B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre under BLDE Deemed University. It aimed to raise awareness about the rights of elderly people and the need for a supportive family environment to prevent abuse.

Speaking at the programme, Jagadeesh K., an officer from the Department of Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, said that adapting to changing family dynamics is essential to reduce conflicts at home. He stressed that families should cultivate patience, especially by forgiving minor mistakes of children and maintaining a cooperative attitude among all members. According to him, such values help build a peaceful and supportive household.

Raghavendra Kulkarni, Principal of the Law School, explained various legal provisions available for the protection of senior citizens. He advised elderly individuals to prepare wills carefully and store them securely. He also cautioned against transferring property prematurely to children during one's lifetime, highlighting the importance of financial security in old age.

Medical Superintendent Sanjeev Bentur assured that comprehensive healthcare services, including consultation and geriatric care, are being provided to elderly patients at the hospital.

Tahsildar reviews booth officers during voter revision

KUDLIGI

Tahsildar and Magistrate K.V. Netravati inspected the work of Booth Level Officers during the Special Comprehensive Voter List Revision-2026 in various wards of the town. The visit was conducted to review the ongoing door-to-door voter verification and data collection process being carried out across the constituency.

During the inspection, officials briefed the Tahsildar about the progress of the revision work and the methods being followed to verify voter details. Netravati said that preparing an accurate voter list is an important step in strengthening democracy and ensuring free and fair elections. She stressed that every official involved in the process should perform their duties with sincerity and responsibility.She instructed the Booth Level Officers to make sure that no eligible voter is left out of the revised electoral roll.

Officials Act Together To Protect Farmers From Fraud

MADIKERI

Farmers should not be cheated while buying fertilizers, seeds, or pesticides, and all departments must work together to protect their interests, Deputy Commissioner S.J. Somashekhar said during a district-level task force committee meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's office on Thursday.

The meeting reviewed steps to prevent the sale of fake and poor-quality agricultural products. The Deputy Commissioner said there have been complaints against unauthorized sellers who are misleading farmers by supplying substandard seeds and pesticides. He said such practices cause financial losses and reduce agricultural production. Officials were directed to create greater awareness about identifying genuine fertilizers and maintaining healthy soil through proper fertilizer use.He instructed the Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Coffee Board, and Spice Board to educate farmers on suitable fertilizers for different crops. Officials were also asked to ensure there is no shortage of fertilizers anywhere in the district and to immediately report any supply-related issues to the district administration.

VOTER-MAPPING-PROGRESS

District expands voter drive, rural jobs strengthen

KARWAR

The Comprehensive Revision of the Voter List 2026 is moving ahead quickly in Uttara Kannada district, with officials making steady progress in reaching voters across the region. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya said that 3,95,023 Enumeration Forms have already been distributed. The district has 12,30,037 voters, while 11,58,776 people have been successfully mapped. Officials have also computerized 3,036 forms as part of the ongoing revision process.

House-to-house visits are continuing to ensure that the voter list remains accurate and updated. During these visits, officials identified 70 cases linked to changes in voter records. Among them, 18 people had permanently shifted to other places, while 49 deaths were reported. The remaining cases were related to duplicate entries. The administration said the revision work is progressing smoothly with active support from field staff and local residents.

Meanwhile, a new employment scheme launched by the Central Government came into effect on July 1 to improve job opportunities and strengthen rural livelihoods. Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla Panchayat, Dr. Dileesh Shashi, said the Developed India Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission aims to provide eligible rural families with up to 125 days of work instead of the earlier 100 days.

Training has already been provided to officers, technical staff, Panchayat Development Officers, and other employees responsible for implementing the programme. Existing employment cards issued under the earlier MNREGA scheme remain valid, and ongoing works will continue without interruption. Officials said no worker will lose employment because of the transition. They also urged registered workers to complete their mandatory e-KYC process without delay.

The daily wage under the new scheme has increased from Rs. 370 to Rs. 382, with equal pay for both men and women. Wages will be credited to workers' bank accounts within 15 days, while delays will attract compensation. Officials encouraged rural families to benefit from the scheme, helping them find employment near their homes and supporting stronger village development across the district for everyone.

Farmers seek canal water to save crops

MANDYA

Karnataka State Farmers' Association leader Mohan Kumar, popularly known as Kiraguru Papu, has appealed to all MLAs and MPs of Mandya district to urge the Chief Minister and the state government to release water through all canals to save standing crops. He said many farmers borrowed money, pledged gold ornaments, and even depended on private lenders to cultivate their fields. However, poor monsoon rains have left crops drying without enough water.

Papu said releasing water from the KRS reservoir through canals would help protect at least part of the crops and provide relief to struggling farmers. He pointed out that many families depend on one harvest to repay loans, meet household expenses, support children's education, and manage healthcare and family functions. Falling groundwater levels have also reduced water availability in several borewells.

He urged public representatives and water resources authorities to act quickly, release canal water, and find practical solutions to protect farmers and their livelihoods.

QUICK READ

Applications invited for BRC Therapist posts

Chitradurga

Karnataka News, Chitradurga, July 02. Applications are invited for Therapist and Aya or Assistant posts in School Readiness Centres under BRC centres across six taluks of the district on direct contract basis. Therapist candidates must have BPT, DPT, BOT, BSc Occupational Therapy or BASLP degree with relevant experience and monthly salary of Rs 12,000. Aya or Assistant posts require at least seventh pass, local female candidates with experience, and salary of Rs 6,000. Eligible candidates must submit applications in person with attested documents to Deputy Director Administration office, Chitradurga, before July 17, 5 pm. For more details contact the office.

District Collector directs support for substation project

MANDYA

The work of 400 KV power substation at Hampapur in Mandya taluk has begun. District Collector has instructed officials to provide full support for smooth execution of the project. After completion, the power system in Mandya district will become stronger and ensure continuous electricity supply for farmers and residents. It will also improve reliability of power distribution across the district. Collector said that if any land or crops are affected during the project, farmers will receive compensation as per government rules. He also directed that survey and boundary marking of KPTCL substation land should be completed at the earliest. Officials were asked to complete the work quickly with coordination among all departments. The meeting was attended by officials from various departments including forest, land records, and electricity transmission corporation along with tehsildars and engineers. They discussed land survey progress, compensation process, and timely completion of the 400 KV substation project to strengthen power supply in Mandya.

Applications open for disabled welfare schemes

Chitradurga

Karnataka News, Chitradurga, July 02. The District Disabled and Senior Citizens Empowerment Department has invited offline applications from eligible disabled candidates for 2026-27 to avail welfare schemes including education fee reimbursement, marriage financial assistance and health insurance support.

Penalty relief offered to speed water projects

Officials said contractors delayed work due to penalties; engineers expect 80% will resume if fines removed



CHITRADURGA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. S. Akash announced that contractors working under the Jal Jeevan Mission will get relief from the 10 percent delay penalty if they complete their pending work honestly. He made the announcement while chairing the District Water and Sanitation Mission Committee meeting held at the Zilla Panchayat hall.

Officials said many contractors had delayed work because of the penalty. Engineers estimated that nearly 80 percent of them would return and finish the projects if the fine was removed. Based on this suggestion, the CEO said only contractors responsible for poor-quality work would continue to face action. Notices will be issued before July 8, asking eligible contractors to complete the remaining work. Dr. Akash also said he would meet contractors in every taluk and guide them personally.

The meeting decided that contractors who carried out poor work would not receive any relief. A team of Tahsildar, Executive Officer, and engineers inspected the quality of such projects. Based on their report, officials will recover fines from those responsible and place their names on the blacklist without delay.

Dr. Akash also expressed concern over the slow declaration of Har Ghar Jal despite many completed works. He instructed officials to prepare an accurate list of houses in every village and submit a district report by July 10. He directed officials to complete ten projects every week in six taluks and declare Har Ghar Jal status in 240 villages every month.

Officials informed the meeting that 1,559 works were taken up under the Jal Jeevan Mission. So far, 1,011 have been completed, while Har Ghar Jal has been declared in 801 villages. Water is already reaching 615 locations through pipelines.

The scheme aims to provide every rural resident with at least 55 litres of safe drinking water daily through household tap connections. Dr. Akash directed engineers and officials to work together, complete the delayed projects, and ensure safe drinking water reaches every household as early as possible.

Student stabbed after confronting teasing

CHIKKABALLAPUR

A first-year engineering student was seriously injured after a group of youths allegedly entered her house and attacked her with a knife in Chintamani town on Wednesday evening. Police have registered a case and started an investigation into the shocking incident.

According to the complaint, the student was returning home after attending a dance class at around 4.30 p.m. when two youths, identified as Karthik and Vinod, allegedly teased her near her two-wheeler. When she questioned their behaviour, they reportedly tried to misbehave with her. The student pushed one of them away in self-defence before returning home and informing her mother about what had happened.

Later, at around 8.30 p.m., the two accused allegedly returned with several others and entered the student's house. They reportedly abused her, threatened her, and questioned why she had confronted them earlier. During the argument, Karthik allegedly stabbed the student in the stomach, leaving her seriously injured.

She was first treated at a nearby hospital before being shifted to the Mother and Child Hospital in Chintamani for further treatment. The victim's sister also claimed the attackers threatened to kill the family if they reported the matter. Chintamani Nagar Police have registered a case, launched a search for the accused, and continued further investigation.

Halakatti legacy inspires preservation of Vachana literature: Kantharaj

CHITRADURGA

Deputy Divisional Officer Dr. K. J. Kantharaj said the contribution of Dr. F. Gu. Halakatti to preserving Vachana literature remains unmatched. He praised Halakatti for collecting thousands of Vachanas from different homes and protecting them from being lost forever. He spoke during the Vachana Literature Preservation Day programme held at the District Collector's Office Hall on Thursday.

The event was organised jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Kannada and Culture Department, and the Municipal Council. Dr. Kantharaj paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Halakatti before addressing the gathering. He said Vachana literature was created by ordinary people to fight social evils and promote equality, justice, and moral values.

He explained that the 12th-century Vachana writers opposed blind beliefs and encouraged women's equality through their writings. Their powerful messages would have disappeared with time if Dr. Halakatti had not travelled from house to house collecting palm-leaf manuscripts. Because of his tireless efforts, the works of more than 250 Vachana writers have been preserved for future generations.

Dr. Kantharaj urged young people to respect all languages but give first importance to Kannada, their mother tongue. He said celebrating Dr. Halakatti's birth anniversary as Vachana Literature Preservation Day was a meaningful way to honour his lifelong service and inspire future generations.

Kannada lecturer Dr. G. N. Yashodhara said people who serve society through good work are remembered forever. He noted that famous Vachana writers, including Basavanna, Allama Prabhu, and Akkamahadevi, continue to inspire people because Halakatti preserved their writings. He also said many people read Vachanas but often fail to follow their teachings in daily life, while Halakatti himself lived according to those values.

Dr Kantharaj urged youth to respect all languages but prioritize Kannada, honoring Halakatti's Vachana Literature Preservation Day inspiration

A poetry session organised by the District Kannada Sahitya Parishad highlighted Dr. Halakatti's life and literary contribution. More than 14 poets presented poems during the programme. The participants received books and appreciation certificates. Cultural performances added colour to the celebration, making the event a meaningful tribute to Karnataka's rich literary heritage.

Revenue Inspector Kiran Kumar receives prestigious service honour

PAVAGAD

Revenue Day was celebrated with enthusiasm on Wednesday by the Karnataka State Revenue Department Employees Association, Village Administrative Officers Association, and the Pavagad Taluk Unit. The event brought together officials, employees, and guests to recognise dedicated public service and encourage teamwork among staff members.

The programme was held at the Taluk Office Hall under the chairmanship of Tahsildar Y. Ravi. During the function, Revenue Inspector H.P. Kiran Kumar of Y.N. Hoskote Hobli was honoured with a felicitation letter for his outstanding service and commitment to public duties. The recognition was welcomed with applause from everyone present at the gathering.

Speaking after receiving the honour, Kiran Kumar expressed his happiness and gratitude. He said the appreciation inspired him to continue serving people with sincerity and dedication. He also thanked the Tahsildar for recognising his work and appreciated the support extended by village administrative officers, village assistants, farmers, and the people of Y.N. Hoskote Hobli throughout his service.

As part of the celebrations, employees who had participated in the Revenue Day sports meet were presented with mementos in appreciation of their efforts and enthusiasm. Grade-2 Tehsildar P.S.R. Prasad, Shirastidar Chandrashekhar, Revenue Inspectors Narayan and Rajagopal, Government Employees Association President H.V. Ravikumar, Village Administrative Officers Association President Rajesh, Chalak Prasad, village administrative officers, and village assistants attended the programme, making the celebration memorable for everyone.

Bridge works inspected near Chikkamaskal village site

MAGADI

Block Congress President K. Krishnamurthy said that rural development is being given top priority in the taluk, with several road and drinking water projects worth crores of rupees taken up with different departments.

Speaking after inspecting bridge works near Chikkamaskal village, he said a bridge is being built by KRDCL at a cost of about Rs 10 crore for better travel to Kanakapura and Bengaluru. He said drinking water projects are planned using YG Hill and Manchanabele reservoirs, with pipelines carrying purified water to villages and towns in the region.

Under MLA H.C. Balakrishna leadership, the scheme aims to supply clean water to around 20 to 30 villages, including Magadi town and nearby panchayats. Road development works above the bridge have been taken up at a cost of about Rs 3 crore, while land acquisition for Chikkamaskal road improvement is underway with a budget exceeding Rs 10 crore.A major proposal of Rs 96 crore has been approved for road works from Thippasandra Hand Post to Sugganahalli Road under KRDCL. A grant of over Rs 6 crore has been set aside for road development from Hosapete Circle to Balaji Theatre to improve town connectivity.

Election Commission launches special voter revision drive

KOPPAL

Following directions of Election Commission of India, a Special Comprehensive Revision program was held in Irakallagada to update voter list awareness. Assistant Director of Panchayat Raj Mahesh H called for cooperation in providing information to Booth Level Officers during the program inauguration. Officials said the aim is to include eligible voters and remove deceased, shifted, duplicate and ineligible names from the voter list.

Booth Level Officers will visit every house from June 30 to July 29 to verify details and collect SIR application forms. Each household is encouraged to provide correct details and take opportunity for new voter additions. Students awareness rally started from Government Pre University College, passed through Aralikkatte and ended at college premises with more than 350 students participating.

Several officials, educators and community representatives attended the program and supported the voter list revision awareness activity in Irakallagada village.

CEO said vaccination promotion materials will be provided; urged transparency, accountability, service spirit, with officials and panchayat discussing governance improvements

CEO orders transparent and responsible Panchayat work

MANDYA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nandini K. R. instructed all Gram Panchayat officers and staff to mandatorily record their attendance through the duty app, stressing transparency and responsibility in public service delivery.

She said any technical issues in the attendance system must be resolved within one week, and regular recording must be ensured without fail across all panchayats. During a video conference at the Zilla Panchayat Kesavan Hall, she directed officials to improve discipline, transparency, and quality of services in gram panchayat administration.

Panchayat Development Officers were instructed to receive phone calls from the public and respond promptly, maintaining cordial relations and ensuring people friendly administration at all times.

She said many complaints are being received that PDOs are not reachable during office hours, which is affecting grievance redressal at the field level. She directed PDOs in charge of two gram panchayats to display their availability schedule on notice boards so that the public does not face inconvenience. She fixed weekly working days for PDOs in different panchayats, assigning specific days for primary and additional postings.

Officials were instructed to visit at least one gram panchayat every week, review development works, and submit detailed reports for district level monitoring. Taluk level officers including assistant directors and accountants were also asked to conduct weekly inspections and submit field reports without delay. She emphasized the importance of HPV vaccination for girls aged 14 to 15.5 years and called for awareness programs through gram panchayats.

The CEO said that promotional materials will be provided to support the vaccination campaign across all villages in the district. She urged officials to maintain transparency, accountability, and service spirit while ensuring quality public services for rural citizens. Senior district officials and panchayat representatives attended the meeting and discussed implementation strategies for improving governance.

Officials said that continuous monitoring, weekly reviews, and strict discipline in gram panchayats will strengthen rural governance.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES

Experts guide farmers on fertilizer alternatives

GADAG

A one-day workshop on fertilizer shortage management and alternative crop practices was held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hulakoti in collaboration with the Zilla Panchayat, Agriculture Department Gadag, ICAR KH Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra Hulakoti, and Institute of Agricultural Technologists Gadag on Thursday.

Assistant Director of Agriculture M. S. Kulkarni welcomed participants and delivered the introductory remarks



at the programme attended by officials, scientists, and progressive farmers from across the district.

The workshop was inaugurated by the District Agricultural Society President and the Joint Director of Agriculture, who highlighted the importance of sustainable farming practices during changing agricultural conditions.

State representative Shivappa Siddappa Arahunasi spoke on organic farming methods and encouraged farmers to reduce chemical dependency for better soil health and long term productivity. District Agricultural Society Director Mahesh Bashetappa Hogesoppina expressed happiness over the initiative and said such awareness programmes benefit farmers facing input challenges.

Joint Director of Agriculture Chetana Patil explained departmental support schemes and addressed the issue of slight shortage of DAP fertilizer, advising farmers to use complex fertilizers and nano urea as alternatives. She also stressed soil fertility management, crop survey accuracy, rainfall condition updates, and encouraged farmers to explore alternative crops based on local conditions.

Concerns were raised regarding misuse of urea distribution by some dealers, and officials were urged to take strict action and strengthen cooperative societies for fair distribution. Krishi Vigyan Kendra Head Dr. Sudha V. Mankani emphasized reducing chemical fertilizer use and adopting organic and natural farming practices for sustainable agriculture. District Krishi Samaj President Veerendra Gowda Shankara Gowda Patil said the programme reflected the expectations of the state body and should be extended to taluk levels. Soil scientist N. H. Bhandi delivered a technical lecture on fertilizer shortage management and alternative cropping systems suitable for the region.

Officials from horticulture, sericulture, animal husbandry, and NRLM departments explained various government schemes and support systems available to farmers. Experts including Dr. Basavaraj Navi shared experiences in natural farming and explained methods to improve soil fertility and yield through eco friendly practices.

QUICK READ

Bridge collapses near Karkisaval halts traffic movement

Siddapura

A portion of a small bridge near Karkisaval in Siddapura taluk collapsed, disrupting vehicular movement and forcing suspension of public bus services on the Harsikatta–Karkisaval–Galijaddi route. The 3.5 km stretch has been in poor condition with potholes and landslides, making travel difficult for residents. The damaged 68-metre bridge reportedly gave way after an adjacent fig tree fell onto it. Daily commuters, including students and dairy transport vehicles, have been severely affected. Villagers from surrounding settlements have urged the zilla panchayat to urgently repair the road and reconstruct the bridge to restore safe connectivity and prevent further inconvenience for local residents.

Application date extended for cooperative diploma training

Chikkaballapura

Karnataka Institute of Cooperative Management has extended application dates for six month Diploma in Cooperative Management training from July 1 to July 10, 2026.

Private candidates from Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapura, Kolar and Bengaluru South districts, unemployed Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates, and cooperative society employees are eligible.Minimum educational qualification is SSLC pass. Age limit is 16 years. Selected candidates will receive monthly stipend of Rs 500 and unemployed SC and ST candidates will receive Rs 600. Application deadline is July 10.

District Consumer Commission orders insurance company payment

Chikkaballapura

The District Consumer Commission has ordered an insurance company to pay compensation to a policyholder after rejecting a medical claim.

Ganesh D.N. of Bagepalli had taken a family insurance policy with NIVA BUOA Health Insurance Company Limited, but his daughter's treatment expenses were denied. The complainant filed a case with the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, which found service deficiency and violation of IRDAI rules. It ordered payment of Rs 20,00,000 with 6.5 percent interest, plus Rs 25,000 penalty and Rs 12,000 legal costs to the complainant. Chairman N Kumar announced the order officially today.

National Lok Adalat scheduled across district courts

Lok Adalat will handle compoundable criminal, loan recovery, cheque bounce, accident claims, employment, wage, land and utility disputes

CHIKKABALLAPURA

A grand National Lok Adalat will be held across all courts in the district on July 11 to help people settle disputes quickly, cheaply, and peacefully, said Principal District and Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority Chairman Justice T. P. Ramalingegowda.

Speaking at a press conference at the District Court Hall, he said more than 50,306 cases are pending in various courts in Chikkaballapura district, and a large number of them have been selected for settlement through the upcoming Lok Adalat.

He said the main aim is to dispose of over 5,000 cases through mutual settlement with the cooperation of both parties and lawyers, reducing the burden on courts and helping citizens resolve disputes faster.

The Lok Adalat will cover a wide range of cases including criminal compoundable cases, bank loan recovery disputes, cheque bounce cases, motor accident compensation claims, employment reinstatement issues, wage disputes of industrial workers, land acquisition matters, and electricity and water tariff cases.



He added that cases from the Debt Recovery Tribunal, civil disputes, and Permanent Lok Adalat matters will also be taken up for settlement through mediation and agreement between parties.

Family court matters, except divorce cases, can also be resolved through mutual consent, he said, adding that even pre litigation cases not yet filed in court can be settled through this process.

Justice Ramalingegowda explained that settlement through Lok Adalat saves time and money, reduces repeated court visits, and helps maintain peace by avoiding prolonged disputes between parties.

He said the District Legal Services Authority is continuously working throughout the year through mediation centres and Lok Adalats to resolve disputes and promote harmony in society.

He advised citizens to first approach concerned departments for grievance redressal and then seek help from legal services authorities if needed, where free legal aid and guidance are available.

He also appealed to the media to highlight unresolved public issues and inform the authority when departments fail to respond properly.

People interested in participating in the Lok Adalat on July 11 can contact the District Legal Services Authority or Taluk Legal Services Committees for information and assistance.

Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member Secretary Shilpa also attended the press conference along with court officials and legal representatives, supporting the awareness drive for peaceful dispute resolution across the district.

Chairing review meeting, he prioritized sanitation workers' health and safety, ordering hygienic meals and better working conditions

DC urge timely welfare delivery for Safai Karmacharis

GADAG

Gadag Deputy Commissioner C. N. Sridhar has directed officials to ensure that all welfare schemes and benefits meant for Safai Karmacharis are delivered without delay, stressing that timely implementation is essential for their wellbeing and dignity.

Chairing the district-level review meeting on Safai Karmachari welfare schemes at the Deputy Commissioner's office, he said that the health and safety of sanitation workers must be given top priority. He instructed departments to ensure the regular provision of hygienic meals and proper working conditions for sanitation staff.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that workers must be supplied with essential safety equipment such as hand gloves, masks, boots, and safety jackets. He also directed officials to verify whether these protective items are being properly used in the field to prevent occupational hazards.

He further instructed that salaries of Safai Karmacharis should be paid on time without delays. In the case of contract workers, he asked authorities to strictly monitor contracting agencies to ensure timely wage payments along with statutory benefits such as ESI and PF. He added that payments to contractors should be released only after confirming full compliance with labor welfare norms.

The meeting also discussed the construction of a dedicated Bhimashraya rest house for sanitation workers. Officials reviewed plans for the demolition of unsafe and unhygienic toilets and the need to conduct awareness programs on the use of safety equipment.District officials including the Urban Development Cell Project Director Basanagouda Kottur, District Surgeon Dr. B. C. Karigoudar, Lead Bank Manager Santosh M. V., and Social Welfare Department Deputy Director Nanda Hanabaratti participated in the meeting.

No bribes needed for regularisation process says MLA

MLA said pending land records of weaker sections were stuck for years but now being cleared, ensuring titles and doorstep delivery as promised

PUTTUR

MLA Ashok Kumar Rai has urged citizens not to pay bribes for land regularisation under the "Akram Sakrama" scheme, stressing that the process is being carried out transparently and efficiently through official channels.

The statement was made during the 24th Akram Sakrama meeting and the distribution of title deeds under Form 94C held at the community hall of Nidpalli Gram Panchayat. The MLA personally distributed land ownership documents to eligible beneficiaries at the event.

He emphasized that no citizen should feel compelled to pay money to get their work done, noting that bribery has unfortunately become a common practice that must be stopped. He also warned that any official demanding bribes should be reported directly to him.

According to him, many pending land records belonging to economically weaker sections had been stuck in revenue offices for years. He said these files are now being cleared systematically, ensuring that rightful beneficiaries receive their land titles without unnecessary delay.

The MLA also stated that during the election campaign, he had promised doorstep delivery of land documents, and the ongoing distribution process is part of fulfilling that commitment.

Officials from the Akram Sakrama committee, including Secretary S. B. Koodalagi, said that such meetings are being held regularly in the Puttur assembly constituency and that long-pending cases are being resolved over the past two years.

Committee members Mohammed Badagannur, Ramanna Pilinja, and Rooparekha Alva were present at the program, along with revenue officials. Authorities reiterated that transparency and accountability remain central to the land regularisation process, and public cooperation is essential for its success.

Healthcare needs: Subrahmanya residents warn non-political stir

SUBRAHMANYA

Residents of Kukke Subrahmanya and nearby villages have warned of a large-scale non-political protest on July 10 if their demands for proper healthcare services are not met within ten days. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the local protest committee held at the Kumara Dhara hall of the Subrahmanya Gram Panchayat.

The meeting brought together representatives from Subrahmanya, Ainekidu, and Yenekallu regions, where participants strongly emphasized the urgent need to improve the Primary Health Centre in the area. Locals stated that the facility is the only accessible healthcare option for hundreds of residents and pilgrims visiting the temple town.

According to residents, the health centre currently suffers from a severe shortage of permanent doctors and essential medical staff. They alleged that the hospital does not provide 24-hour emergency services and is often closed after 5 p.m., forcing patients in critical condition to travel long distances to Puttur or Mangaluru for treatment.

Although a new hospital building has been constructed and basic medical equipment has been installed, the lack of staffing has prevented full-scale operations. Villagers demanded immediate appointment of permanent doctors and support staff to ensure round-the-clock healthcare services.

The committee warned that if the government and the health department fail to address these issues within ten days, the residents will launch an apolitical protest, setting aside party affiliations to unite for their cause.

Speakers at the meeting also expressed dissatisfaction over delays in implementing assurances given by the then Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao. They said that despite instructions issued to district health authorities two months ago, no visible progress has been made.

Community members including Shivaram Rai, Vimala Rangayya, Ravi Kakkepadavu, and others participated in the meeting. They reiterated that the movement will continue until reliable and continuous healthcare services are ensured for the region.

Honnali Marikamba festival to be held from August 4

HONNALI

The grand Sri Marikamba Jatra Mahotsava in Honnali town will be held for three days from August 4 to 6, with traditional rituals and festive celebrations planned on a large scale, according to the festival committee.

Committee president Dharmappa H.A. announced the details after performing the ceremonial "chappara pooja" at the Sri Marikamba temple premises. He said that special sub-committees have been formed involving both senior citizens and youth to ensure smooth conduct of the festival.

He emphasized that the success of the festival depends on the active participation of all residents and devotees, adding that collective involvement would help the event gain recognition as one of the most successful traditional fairs in the state. He appealed for peaceful and united celebration of the festival.

Bailu Seeme Development Board Chairman H.B. Manjappa said that a cultural entertainment program will be organized on the evening of August 3, a day prior to the jatra, for the benefit of the public.

On August 4, the grand procession of Goddess Marikamba will begin from Sri Durgambika temple in Kumbar Street and proceed through major streets of the town accompanied by dollu kunitha, bhajans, and various folk art troupes. The procession will conclude at the Sri Devi Gaddi behind Sri Haladamma temple, where the deity will be ceremonially installed followed by Maha Mangalarathi and ritual offerings.

Vachana literature praised as rich Kannada heritage

CHIKKABALLAPURA

Vachana literature is one of the most important traditions of Kannada language and it has been praised for its rich values and history.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr N Bhaskar said that Dr Fa Gu Halakatti played a key role in collecting, preserving and sharing Vachana works for future generations. He spoke at a program organized by Kannada and Culture Department on Vachana Literature Preservation Day at the District Commissioner's office hall.

He said Kannada is a beautiful, scientific and ancient language with rich literary heritage compared to other languages of the world. Vachana literature teaches equality, humanity, respect for hard work and strong life values in society. He added that everyone has responsibility to pass this literature to the next generation.

Retired Principal Dr C Nagaratnamma said Vachana literature is simple and understandable for common people. She said saints like Basavanna, Allama Prabhu and Akkamahadevi contributed greatly to social reform through vachanas.

Halakatti, though a lawyer, dedicated his life to collecting and publishing Vachana literature. He travelled across Karnataka, searched old manuscripts, and preserved valuable Vachana texts for society. He sold his house in Bijapur, set up a printing press and published Vachanas in book form. His efforts ensured Vachana literature reached common people and gained lasting recognition in history.

The government celebrates his birthday as Vachana Literature Conservation Day every year. The program also honored students with Pratibha Puraskar for their achievements. Officials from various departments attended and supported the event. Speakers emphasized the need to encourage youth participation and spread Vachana values widely through educational and cultural programs across the district.

ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS DRIVE HELD AT CREATIVE COLLEGE KARKALA

KARKALA

An Anti-Drug Day programme under the nationwide "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan" was organised at Creative College, Karkala on Thursday to create awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote a healthy, drug-free society.

The event saw active participation from students, faculty members and staff who gathered to highlight the importance of staying away from substance abuse. Speakers at the programme explained how drugs negatively impact physical health, mental stability, academic performance and overall social behaviour. They cautioned that addiction not only destroys individual lives but also affects families and communities.

Resource persons emphasised that youth are often the most vulnerable to peer pressure and misinformation, making awareness programmes essential in educational institutions. They encouraged students to make informed choices and adopt positive habits that support personal growth and discipline.

As part of the programme, students were encouraged to take a formal pledge committing themselves to staying away from drugs and spreading awareness among their peers. Faculty members also stressed the role of colleges in shaping responsible citizens and guiding young people towards constructive and value-based living.

The "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan" is a national initiative aimed at reducing demand for drugs through education, awareness campaigns and community participation. Institutions across India regularly conduct such programmes to strengthen preventive efforts, especially among students and young adults.

Interactive sessions were also held where students were given opportunities to ask questions and share their views on social pressures and addiction risks. Organisers said the objective was not only to inform but also to build long-term behavioural change among youth.

TRANSPARENT-ELECTORAL-SYSTEM

SIR campaign strengthens democratic process in Gangavati

GANGAVATI

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign of the voter list was launched as part of efforts to strengthen and improve the accuracy of the electoral system. The initiative was formally inaugurated at the residence of MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy, where he himself filled out the enumeration form, marking the beginning of the drive.



Election officials, including Booth Level Officers (BLOs), received completed application forms from the MLA and issued acknowledgment receipts. The campaign aims to ensure that all eligible citizens are properly registered in the voter list, making the electoral roll more accurate, transparent, and comprehensive.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy described the SIR initiative as an important process for strengthening democracy. He urged citizens to actively participate by providing necessary documents and accurate information to BLOs visiting households. He emphasized that every eligible voter must be correctly included in the list, as it reflects the strength of democratic governance.

He appealed to the public not to neglect the process and to cooperate fully to ensure its success. According to him, active participation in voter registration updates is essential for safeguarding democratic rights and ensuring fair representation.

The program was attended by officials including Tahsildar U. Vasanthakumari, Municipal Commissioner R. Virupakshamurthy, BLO Girijamma, and BLA-1 Veeresh Balkundi, along with several local leaders and party workers.

In a separate appeal, former MLA Paranna Munavalli also urged citizens to cooperate with the voter list revision campaign. He said that the exercise would help improve future electoral accuracy and benefit the public in the long run.

Officials reiterated that the SIR campaign is a crucial democratic exercise and called for full cooperation from all sections of society to ensure its successful implementation.

Centre-Assam discuss fisheries, dairy growth roadmap

The discussions focused on maximizing the state's abundant natural resources while creating new opportunities for farmers, entrepreneurs, and rural communities

NEW DELHI



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma held a high-level meeting with Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh in New Delhi on Thursday to formulate a comprehensive roadmap for accelerating the development of Assam's fisheries and dairy sectors.

The discussions focused on maximizing the state's abundant natural resources while creating new opportunities for farmers, entrepreneurs, and rural communities.

The meeting primarily explored ways to significantly increase fish production across Assam and establish the state as a leading fish-producing and fish-exporting hub. Both leaders examined strategies to strengthen the fisheries value chain by improving processing infrastructure, expanding storage facilities, and enhancing market access for producers. They also discussed initiatives aimed at improving export capabilities to enable Assam's fish products to reach national and international markets more efficiently.

Following the meeting, Chief Minister Sarma shared details through a social media post, describing the interaction as highly productive. He praised the Union Minister's extensive experience and in-depth understanding of the fisheries and dairy sectors. According to Sarma, the discussions focused on converting Assam's immense natural potential into practical development initiatives capable of generating long-term economic growth.

The Chief Minister emphasized that increasing fish production alone would not be sufficient and highlighted the importance of developing an integrated value chain. This includes strengthening processing facilities, expanding cold storage infrastructure, improving transportation networks, and creating better marketing channels that can increase returns for fish farmers while supporting exports.

Alongside fisheries, considerable attention was devoted to strengthening Assam's dairy sector through infrastructure development and improved institutional support. The leaders reviewed measures to expand dairy cooperatives across the state, allowing more farmers to participate in organized milk production and marketing systems.

The meeting also examined plans to improve veterinary healthcare services by expanding veterinary hospitals and establishing additional animal medicine centres. Officials discussed setting up Ultra High Temperature milk processing plants and milk powder manufacturing units to enhance milk preservation, reduce wastage, and increase the state's dairy processing capacity.

Another key area of discussion involved improving cattle productivity through expanded artificial insemination programmes. Officials believe that better breeding practices, combined with improved veterinary care and nutrition, can significantly increase milk production while improving livestock health across rural Assam. Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh also described the meeting as warm and productive, reaffirming the Central Government's commitment to supporting Assam's fisheries and dairy development.

Cong leader calls for Article 370 restoration through dialogue

SRINAGAR

Veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister Saifuddin Soz on Thursday called for the restoration of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, urging regional political parties and the Congress to jointly press the Central Government on the issue.

He argued that the special constitutional provision represented the region's internal autonomy and said its abrogation had weakened the trust between Jammu and Kashmir and the Union of India.

Speaking on the issue, Soz maintained that the Centre had made a mistake by revoking Article 370 and asserted that the Union Government did not possess the authority to remove the constitutional provision in the manner it did. He appealed to political parties across Jammu and Kashmir to launch a peaceful and united movement seeking the restoration of the region's special status.

The former Union Minister said the National Conference, the Peoples Democratic Party, the Apni Party, the Congress, and other political organizations should work together to present a common position before the Central Government. According to him, a united democratic effort would be the most effective way to communicate the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Soz further stated that the people of the region had placed their faith in India's secular democratic framework at the time of accession. He argued that this trust should be respected and that the concerns of the people should be addressed through political engagement rather than administrative or security measures. He maintained that durable solutions could only emerge through dialogue and constitutional processes.

The Congress leader also reiterated his belief that peaceful negotiations remain the only effective way to resolve conflicts, both domestically and internationally. Referring to his support for a recent appeal urging India and Pakistan to resume diplomatic engagement, Soz said he had joined other signatories in writing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif because he believes continued dialogue is essential for regional stability.

According to Soz, wars have historically failed to produce lasting solutions, while negotiations have eventually resolved many international disputes. He pointed to experiences in Europe, where prolonged conflicts ultimately concluded through diplomatic agreements rather than military victories.

Govt rules out immediate reduction in retail fuel prices

NEW DELHI



The government said petrol and diesel prices will remain unchanged despite global oil fluctuations due to financial constraints

Consumers hoping for an immediate reduction in petrol and diesel prices may have to wait longer, as Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri clarified on Thursday that current economic conditions do not justify lowering retail fuel prices.

The minister said state-run oil marketing companies are still recovering substantial financial losses and managing inventories purchased when international crude oil prices were significantly higher.

Speaking on the issue of fuel pricing, Puri stated that retail petrol and diesel prices in India have remained relatively stable despite considerable volatility in global crude oil markets over the past several years. According to the minister, petrol prices have increased by only 5.58 percent during the last four years, while diesel prices have risen by 6.23 percent over the same period, reflecting the government's efforts to shield consumers from international price shocks.

The minister explained that public sector oil marketing companies continue to recover cumulative under-recoveries amounting to approximately Rs 2.18 lakh crore. In addition, these companies are still holding fuel stocks that were procured when global crude oil prices were much higher than current levels. These financial pressures, he said, make an immediate reduction in retail fuel prices economically impractical.

Puri emphasized that under the present circumstances, demands for a cut in petrol and diesel prices are not justified. He maintained that the government's priority has been to ensure uninterrupted fuel availability while minimizing the impact of international market volatility on domestic consumers.

Highlighting India's response to recent geopolitical developments, the minister referred to tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, a strategically important shipping route for global oil supplies. He said the country successfully managed the situation without any disruption in fuel distribution or shortages across the nation.

According to Puri, none of India's approximately 1.07 lakh fuel retail outlets reported running out of fuel during the period of heightened global uncertainty. He credited the government's proactive planning and efficient supply chain management for maintaining uninterrupted fuel availability despite challenges in international energy markets.

The minister further stated that India has absorbed a substantial portion of the fluctuations in global crude oil prices instead of passing the full burden on to consumers. He said this approach has helped maintain relative price stability while ensuring that essential fuel supplies continue without interruption across the country.

Looking beyond immediate pricing concerns, Puri outlined the government's long-term strategy to strengthen India's energy infrastructure and enhance energy security. He announced that the country's refining capacity is expected to reach 309.5 million metric tonnes per annum by 2030 through a combination of refinery expansion projects and new greenfield facilities.

'Big day for state': Bihar BJP chief on Patna metro extension

PATNA

As Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the extended section of the Patna Metro Rail Project up to Malahi Pakri on Thursday, BJP state President Sanjay Saraogi called it a big day for the state.

This marks another milestone in the expansion of the city's metro network. Bihar BJP chief Sanjay Saraogi said the extension would significantly improve urban connectivity and benefit residents of the state.

Speaking about the inauguration, Saraogi said, The Chief Minister has inaugurated the stations today. We are extending the Patna Metro network over time, and it will benefit the people of the state. This is a big day for Bihar.

With the latest expansion, two additional stations will become operational on the Blue Line of the Patna Metro. The newly added stations are Khemnichak Metro Station and Malahipakri Metro Station, further extending the existing operational corridor. Earlier, during a review meeting held at Lok Sewak Awas in Patna on June 29, the Chief Minister conducted a detailed assessment of the progress of the Patna Metro Rail Project and issued several directions to officials overseeing its implementation.

During the meeting, CM Choudhary stressed that a definite timeline should be fixed for every phase of the project and directed officials to ensure that all construction work is completed within the prescribed schedule. He also emphasised that the quality of construction should not be compromised under any circumstances.

The Chief Minister further instructed officials to accelerate work at multiple project sites to ensure timely completion.

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IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C. Mis. No. 413/2026

Sri. MUKTHAR, Aged about 54 years, S/o. Late. Anwar Basha, R/at, # Door No.2177, Ward No. 24, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203 And Others ...PETITIONERS.

V/s

The Commissioner CMC,
CMC Doddaballapur. ...RESPONDENT

PAPER DRAFT PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petitioner under section 13(3) & 14 of birth and death Act rules 1969, directing the respondent to issue the death Certificate of petitioner's Grand father **Abdul Kareem, S/o. Late. Maktoom,** who was reportedly died on **10-09-1956,** at his residency at, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear before this court either in person or through an advocate duly instructed on your behalf on 31-07-2026 at 11 A.M. to answer or oppose the case thereto.

Take notice, if you fail to appear on the above said date and time, the case will be heard and decided ex-party.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 02-07-2026.

By the order of the court :
Chief Ministeral Officer
II Additional Civil Judge & JMFC at Doddaballapur

Advocate for Petitioner : Abdul Mujeeb
Doddaballapur

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C. Mis. No. 414/2026

Sri. MUKTHAR, Aged about 54 years, S/o. Late. Anwar Basha, R/at, # Door No.2177, Ward No. 24, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203 And Others ...PETITIONERS.

V/s

The Commissioner CMC,
CMC Doddaballapur. ...RESPONDENT

PAPER DRAFT PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petitioner under section 13(3) & 14 of birth and death Act rules 1969, directing the respondent to issue the death Certificate of petitioner's Grand mother **Khatun Bi W/o Late Abdul Kareem,** who was reportedly died on **06-03-2006,** at his residency at, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

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Doddaballapur

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C. Mis. No. 291/2026

Sri. ABDUL KAREEM, Aged about 48 years, S/o. Late. Mohamed Khasim, R/at, # Door No.2637, Chickpet, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203 And Others ... PETITIONERS

V/s

The Commissioner CMC,
CMC Doddaballapur. ... RESPONDENT.

PAPER DRAFT PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petitioner under section 13(3) & 14 of birth and death Act rules 1969, directing the respondent to issue the death Certificate of petitioner's mother, **Fathima Bi W/o. Late. Mohamed Khasim,** who was reportedly died on **10-11-2013,** at his residency at, Chickpet, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

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2	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 83, Hampinagara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.65, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,300.00**
3	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 84, Hosahalli. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.63, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,260.00**
4	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 85, Adi Chunchanagiri. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**
5	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 86, Vidyaranyanagara. **(ST) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 29,640.00**
6	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 87, K.P. Agrahara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**
7	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 88, Sangolli Rayanna. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.66, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,320.00**
8	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 89, Bapujinagara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**
9	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 90, Krishnadevaraya. **(CAT-II(A)) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.75, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 33,750.00**
10	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 91, Gali Anjaneya. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.76, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 67,250.00**
11	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 92, Muneshwara Block. **(SC) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.63, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 29,630.00**
12	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 93, Avalahalli. **(CAT-II(A)) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.66, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 29,660.00**
13	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 94, Deepanjalinagara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 06-07-2026. 2)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **17-07-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **18-07-2026 at 4.30 PM. 4)** Date and Time for Opening Financial Bid: **20-07-2026 at 4.00 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

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Odisha signs historic aluminium investment deal with global partners

Odisha secured a landmark investment agreement to establish an integrated aluminium value chain and generate thousands of jobs

BHUBANESWAR



Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday hailed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Odisha government, Adani Enterprises Limited, and the United Arab Emirates-based International Holding Company as a landmark achievement in the state's industrial development.

The agreement aims to establish an integrated aluminium value chain in Odisha through one of the country's largest proposed foreign investments in the mining and metallurgy sector.

The ambitious project will be implemented through a joint venture between Adani Enterprises Limited and International Resources Holding, a company within the International Holding Company Group. The initiative is expected to attract an investment of approximately 11.5 billion United States dollars, equivalent to nearly Rs 1.10 lakh crore, making it one of the most significant industrial investments in Odisha's history.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Chief Minister Majhi described the partnership as a transformative milestone that would strengthen Odisha's position in the global aluminium industry. He said the project is expected to generate more than 53,500 employment opportunities, providing a major boost to the state's economy while creating long-term livelihood prospects for thousands of young people.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the collaboration would successfully combine Odisha's abundant mineral resources and skilled workforce with the financial strength, technological expertise, and industrial capabilities of investors from the Middle East. He stated that this partnership would accelerate industrial growth while promoting sustainable economic development across the state.

According to the proposed plan, the project will cover the complete aluminium production chain, including bauxite mining, alumina refining, aluminium smelting, captive power generation, downstream aluminium manufacturing, and the creation of supporting industrial infrastructure. The integrated approach is expected to maximize value addition within the state instead of relying primarily on the export of raw mineral resources.

Majhi emphasized that the Odisha government's objective extends beyond mineral extraction. He said the administration is committed to encouraging industries that process natural resources within the state, thereby creating higher-value products, expanding manufacturing capacity, and generating quality employment for local youth.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the growing global demand for environmentally sustainable industrial production and green metals. He said Odisha has already begun taking strategic steps to establish itself as a leading destination for environmentally responsible aluminium production and expressed confidence that the new investment would significantly contribute to achieving that vision. He further stated that the project aligns with the state's long-term development goals under the vision of Samruddha Odisha 2036 and the national objective of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Birla to kick off orientation sessions for Bengal legislators

NEW DELHI



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will launch a two-day programme to strengthen legislative knowledge among newly-elected lawmakers

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is scheduled to inaugurate a two-day orientation programme for newly elected members of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly in Kolkata on Friday.

The initiative is aimed at equipping legislators with a deeper understanding of parliamentary practices, legislative procedures, and democratic governance to help them perform their responsibilities more effectively.

The programme is being organised by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies, functioning under the Lok Sabha Secretariat, in collaboration with the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. According to an official statement issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the orientation has been specially designed to familiarise first-time legislators with the functioning of legislative institutions and the responsibilities associated with public office.

The event is expected to be attended by several prominent political leaders and parliamentary dignitaries. Among those scheduled to participate in the inaugural session are Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly Ritabrata Banerjee, and other senior public representatives.

The inaugural ceremony will also feature a welcome address by West Bengal Legislative Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose. The Vote of Thanks will be delivered by the state's Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Shankar Ghosh, marking the formal commencement of the training programme.

According to the organisers, the orientation seeks to introduce legislators to the various dimensions of parliamentary and legislative functioning. Participants will receive detailed guidance on committee systems, financial oversight mechanisms, parliamentary privileges, legislative ethics, and the increasing use of digital technologies in legislative institutions across the country.

A key objective of the programme is to strengthen lawmakers' understanding of parliamentary traditions while encouraging greater effectiveness in legislative debates, committee participation, and constituency representation. The organisers believe such training programmes contribute significantly to improving the overall quality of legislative functioning and democratic governance.

The two-day schedule includes a series of technical sessions covering a broad range of subjects relevant to elected representatives. Topics include effective legislative practices, customs and conventions observed in legislative bodies, parliamentary etiquette, and methods for ensuring executive accountability through questions, discussions, and other procedural mechanisms available to legislators.

The sessions will be conducted by experienced Presiding Officers of various State Legislatures, Members of Parliament, constitutional experts, and senior parliamentary practitioners from across the country.

Enduring adversity with determination key to success: Bhagwat

NAGPUR

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday emphasized the importance of resilience, integrity, and selfless service while addressing a programme organised by the Sindhu Education Society.

Speaking to students, educators, and members of the public, Bhagwat said that enduring adversity with determination is the key to success and that people should dedicate their lives to serving society rather than pursuing only personal interests.

During his address, Bhagwat remarked that success often attracts criticism, particularly in the political sphere, where achievements may generate jealousy among opponents. Despite such challenges, he encouraged individuals to remain committed to their principles and continue working with honesty and perseverance.

The RSS Chief said that humanity should be guided by the principle of living for others instead of living solely for oneself. He stressed that values such as integrity, compassion, and responsibility should not merely be preached through words but demonstrated through everyday actions. According to him, setting a positive personal example is the most effective way to inspire others.

Drawing inspiration from the teachings of Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita, Bhagwat highlighted the importance of facing difficulties with courage rather than avoiding them. Referring to the dialogue between Krishna and Arjuna, he said individuals should never abandon their responsibilities in times of hardship. He explained that perseverance and determination ultimately lead to personal growth and meaningful achievements.

Bhagwat noted that life naturally includes periods of disappointment, failure, and struggle. He observed that setbacks should be viewed as temporary phases rather than permanent obstacles. According to him, when one opportunity closes, another eventually emerges, making it essential for people to remain hopeful and continue striving toward their goals.

Speaking about education, Bhagwat said that acquiring knowledge should extend beyond securing employment or earning a livelihood. While acknowledging the practical importance of education, he argued that its deeper purpose is to develop wisdom, character, and understanding. He added that a person's education begins at home, with mothers playing the role of a child's first teacher by instilling values and guiding early development.

Gen Seth calls on Defence Min after taking over as Army Chief

NEW DELHI

General Dhiraj Seth, who assumed charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff on July 1, called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday and outlined his plans for the Indian Army during this meeting. General Seth had also spoken about his plans on Wednesday after taking over as the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS).

The Indian Army is a combat-ready and battle-hardened force, fully prepared and capable of meeting every challenge in the operational domain. To respond effectively to the evolving security environment, we must take forward the modernisation of the Army with renewed energy and firm resolve, he had said. Our aim is to build a technology-enabled, future-ready Army which is fully empowered and capable of operating across multiple domains, Gen Seth said.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1966 ರ ಕಲಂ 28(4) ರನ್ವಯ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ (1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 18) ವಿಧಿ 28(1)ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.05.2023ರ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಶೇಷ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರ ಭಾಗ–3ರ ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 4559 ರಿಂದ 4560ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುವ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಐ 47 ಎಸ್‌ಪಿಕ್ಯೂ (ಇ) 2023 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.05.2023 ರಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಇದೇ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನದಟ್ಟಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಯಿದೆ ವಿಧಿ 28(3)ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆದೇಶ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ, 1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ವಿಧಿ 28(4)ರ (1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 18) ದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಗ್ರಾಮ: ತಾಂಡವಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಚಿಕ್ಕಯ್ಯನಛತ್ರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ನಂಜನಗೂಡು, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಮೈಸೂರು

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Unitwar Tender Call-2 is invited in two cover system through e-procurement portal from interested Forest Contractors, under D.D.F. Scheme Monsoon – 4 plantation works of Formation and Maintenance of Plantations of Approx. total Rs. 40.60 lakhs in the limits of various forest zones of Sagar Division for the year 2026-27. For submission of Tender date 08.07.2026 up to 5.15 PM is fixed. Complete details of works and places are explained in the e-Procurement Portal. For further information this office can be contacted and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Hosanagara Sub Division, Hosanagara.
DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/13/07/457

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–562123 ದೂ: 0807722135
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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)
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DIPR/CP/SMCL/1437/26-27

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Special Division
Ramanagara, Bengaluru South Dist.
No. EE/PWD/RMN Spl.Div./TND-06/2026-27 Date : 01.07.2026

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in two cover system from the eligible contractors for **03 works** from **Rs. 100.00 Lakhs to Rs. 200.00 Lakhs** through e-procurement portal as per the Standard bid documents. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Documents may be downloaded from **03.07.2026 to 10.07.2026.** Last date for submission of tender **10.07.2026 upto 16:00 hours.** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **07.07.2026 at 11:30 Hours.** Date of opening of Technical bid **13.07.2026 (If possible) at 11:30 hours.** Tender Processing Fees, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the undersigned during Office Hours.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
PWD Special Division, Ramanagara
Bengaluru South Dist.
DIPR/BSD/151/SA/2026-27

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'Most massive' Russian attack on Kyiv kills 18

Russia launched an unprecedented overnight assault on Kyiv, firing dozens of ballistic missiles and hundreds of long-range drones, devastating strikes hit over 30 locations across the city

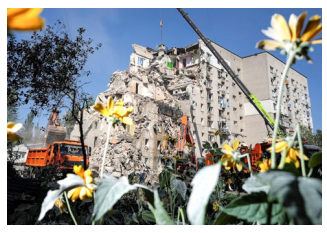
KYIV

Russia launched one of its most extensive aerial assaults on Ukraine's capital in recent months, firing hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles at Kyiv during the early hours of Thursday.

The coordinated attack caused widespread destruction across the city, leaving at least 18 people dead and many more injured. Residential buildings suffered severe damage as powerful explosions echoed throughout the capital, forcing thousands of frightened residents to seek safety in underground metro stations and bomb shelters.

Officials described the assault as the most destructive attack on Kyiv this year. Several apartment buildings were torn apart, emergency crews rushed to rescue trapped residents, and firefighters battled blazes that spread through damaged structures.

Authorities reported that destruction had been recorded at more than 20 different locations across the city, highlighting the scale of the overnight bombardment.



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy cut short an overseas visit to return home following the attack. He stated that Kyiv had been the primary target of the strikes and renewed his appeal to international partners for stronger air defense support.

According to Zelenskiy, maintaining supplies of advanced defensive systems, particularly Patriot missile interceptors, remains an urgent priority for protecting Ukrainian cities from increasingly intense Russian attacks.

Ukraine's Air Force reported that Russia launched 74 missiles and 496 drones during the operation. Air Force spokesperson Yuri Ihnat noted that the unusually high number of ballistic missiles made interception significantly more difficult. He acknowledged that shortages of Patriot interceptor missiles had weakened Ukraine's ability to defend against such high-speed threats in recent months.

Russia's Defense Ministry said the large-scale attack targeted military infrastructure, energy facilities, and airports in Kyiv and other regions using long-range precision weapons launched from air, land, and sea, along with drones. Moscow described the strikes as retaliation for recent Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian territory, particularly those targeting domestic fuel infrastructure.

Ukraine, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for striking an oil refinery in Russia's Nizhny Novgorod region during the same period. Regional authorities there reported that one person was killed after an industrial facility was hit. The exchange of attacks reflects the continuing escalation of the conflict, with both countries increasingly targeting strategic infrastructure beyond the front lines.



Under-fire German ruling coalition unveils reform package

BERLIN

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's coalition unveiled a package of reforms on Thursday, including tax relief for lower-income families and far-reaching pension reforms in a bid to revive growth and competitiveness in Europe's largest economy. The measures won some praise from economists that the government was delivering concrete changes after months of wrangling between Merz's conservatives and their more left-wing junior coalition partner, the Social Democrats. They aim to make life easier for companies, with promises to cut red tape, allow employers more scope to hire workers on short-term contracts and make it harder for them to call in sick. While winning praise from some employers, the measures were also variously criticised as unfair or unworkable, or not going far enough.

Indirect Iran-US talks show limited diplomatic progress

DOHA

Iran and the United States concluded another round of indirect diplomatic talks in Doha without reaching any significant breakthrough toward a long-term peace agreement.

While officials described the discussions as constructive, negotiators primarily focused on implementing elements of an interim agreement announced two weeks ago rather than resolving broader disputes between the two countries.

According to sources familiar with the negotiations, representatives from both nations spent two days discussing maritime traffic through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and the release of frozen Iranian financial assets. These issues formed key components of the earlier interim understanding that helped halt hostilities in June. Officials indicated that the discussions remained technical in nature and were aimed at strengthening the implementation of previously agreed measures.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry confirmed that another round of indirect negotiations would take place after the funeral ceremonies for Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who is scheduled to be buried on July 9. The ministry stated that the latest discussions achieved positive progress on matters connected to the memorandum that ended the fighting and continued to build upon understandings reached during an earlier summit held in Switzerland.

Iran and the US concluded indirect negotiations without major breakthroughs while addressing technical issues following their ceasefire agreement

Despite the optimistic statements from mediators, there were differing public messages regarding the status of negotiations over Iran's nuclear program. Speaking in Washington, United States President Donald Trump said that discussions concerning possible limits on Iran's nuclear activities were progressing well. He expressed confidence that recent meetings had been productive and suggested that further developments could follow in the coming weeks.

However, individuals familiar with the Doha negotiations said that Iran's nuclear program was not part of the agenda during the latest sessions. They explained that the meetings focused exclusively on technical and logistical matters related to the ceasefire framework rather than broader strategic or security concerns.

United States Vice President JD Vance acknowledged that nuclear negotiations remain a priority but indicated they would be addressed during future rounds of dialogue. He said both sides remain concerned about the issue and expect formal discussions on nuclear matters to begin at a later stage of the diplomatic process.

The talks continued through indirect communication, with American and Iranian delegations holding separate meetings while Qatari and Pakistani mediators carried messages between them. This format has allowed both governments to maintain diplomatic engagement despite the absence of direct negotiations.

Notably, senior American representatives, including presidential envoy Steve Witkoff and presidential adviser Jared Kushner, did not participate in the Doha meetings despite earlier expectations that high-level officials would attend. Their absence suggested that the latest discussions were intended to resolve technical aspects of the interim agreement rather than negotiate major political decisions.

IN THE COURT OF THE HONORABLE SUBORDINATE JUDGE, PALACODEO.S. No.
M.C.O.P. No: 162/2025

1. Krishnammal, W/o. (Late) Muthusamy
2. Usha, D/o. (Late) Muthusamy
3. Pushpa, D/o. (Late) Muthusamy
4. SathishKumar, S/o. (Late) Muthusamy

… Petitioners

// versus //

Lokesh S/o. Lakshman,
No. 107, 7th Main,
5th Cross Govt School,
B Narayanapura,
Doorvaninagar,
Mahadevpura Post,
Bangalore,
Karnataka State – 560016.

… 1st Respondent

NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above suit for Motor Accident Claim Petition. The above case is posted on 23.07.2026 for your appearance. On that day, the 1st Respondent is required to appear either personally or through your counsel and file objections, if any. Failing to do so, the above case will be decided on its merits in your absence.

S. Saravanan, B.E., B.L.,
M.S. No. 1137/2017
Advocate
No. 22, TNHB Errahanahalli,
Kadamadai Post, Palacode Taluk,
Dharmapuri District.
Cell: 9751816245

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYEDA NOORUN ARSHIYA D/o SYED SIBGATHULLA, W/o SARFRAZ KORTIGERI, R/o Basaveshwara Badavane, Malebennur, Harihara, Davangere, Karnataka-577530, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NOOR UN ARSHIYA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sudarshan R/o Otto Lilienthal Str. 12, Appartement 210A, 28199 Bremen D.O.B 4/10/2002 I have changed my name from Sudarshan to Sudarshan Dodmani vide sworn before notary D Mallikarjuna dated 30.06.2026.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MADHUKUMAR H K S/o HALAPPA KRISHNAPPA R/o Indravalli, Nandipura, Mudigere, Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka-577132, have changed the name of my minor son ATHIKSH B M aged 6 years and he shall hereafter be known as CHETHAN B M.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABHISHEK RANJAN S/o BARUN KUMAR SINHA R/o Flat 21033, Tower 21, Prestige Ferns Residency, Harlur Main Road, Bangalore South, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560102, have changed the name of my minor son ROMIL SINHA aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as ROMIL RANJAN.

NAME CHANGE

I, **MAHBOOB SHERIFF** S/o Abdul Khader, resident of No 773, 30th B Cross, Moghul Darbar Restorent, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagara Po, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560041, have changed my name to **MAHABOOB SHARIFF**, vide affidavit dated: 02.07.2026, before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **AMJAD PASHA ABDUL KHADER,** S/o Abdul Khader, resident of No 252-1, Mallamma Street, Po Sakleshpur, Hassan - 573134, have changed my name to **AMJAD PASHA**, vide affidavit dated: 02.07.2026, before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **FAHEEM UDDIN,** aged 43 years, S/o. Zainul Abideen, Residing at Door No. 3577/3, B.M. Road, Opp: K.S.R.T.C. Bus Stand, Nizam Mohalla, Hunsur Town, Hunsur Taluk -571105, Mysore District, Karnataka, have changed my name from **FAHIMUDDIN** to **FAHEEM UDDIN**, vide affidavit dated: 30.06.2026 before notary VEERESH RAO BOBADE, Hunsur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAVICHANDRA SHETTY S/o BHOJU SHETTY R/o Koti Chennayya B Block, Room No. 105, Police Lane, Pandeshwara, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575001, have changed the name of my minor daughter VIHANYA SHETTY aged 6 years and she shall hereafter be known as VARENYA SHETTY.

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IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDARALLAPURA
C.MISC No.337/2026

Petitioner: Smt.Bylamma.G W/o Late Govindaraju Age:48 years, Residing at: Kenjiganahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk Vs
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death Rep. by the Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk Doddaballapura

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner has filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of She Husband by name LATE GOVINDARAJU S/O MARAIAH who died on 02.12.2010 at Kenjiganahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31-07-26 heard and disposed off an ex-parte order. at 11-00 am. In default this matter will be
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the day of 02-07-2026

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministeral Officer IInd Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate for Petitioner: **Smt. Chaitra S.H.**
Place: Doddaballapura

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.451/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the Great grandfather of petitioners by name LATE HANUMANTHA S/O LATE PETE HANUMANTHA who died on 03.04.1965 at Madagondanahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02 day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate: **C.Govindaraju** 4th Ward, Opp to Court Complex, Doddaballapur Town.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.1050/2025

Petitioners: K. Sreerama reddy S/o Late Krishnamurthy Aged about 59 years, R/at Karekallahalli Village, Gowdanakunte, Sasalu Hobli Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and others. V/s
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the grandfather of petitioner No.1, 4 to 10 and father of petitioner No.2 & 3, by name LATE DODDEGOWDA S/O LATE MALLEGOWDA who died on 12.01.1977 at Karekallahalli Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02nd day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer, II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
Advocate: **B.S.Sathish Kumar**, 4th Ward, Vinayakanagar, Doddaballapur Town.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUDHA W/o PRABHAKARA REDDY, R/o No.1, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Govt. School, Jaraganahalli, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560078, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUDHA REDDY.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MISHRIMAL S/o RAMAJI SUTHAR, R/o 450, 3rd Cross, AMS Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560097, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MISHRIMAL SUTHAR.

Wildfires rage across Southern France amid heatwave

LANCOS

Firefighters continued battling multiple wildfires across southern France on Thursday as strong winds and extremely dry conditions complicated efforts to contain the rapidly spreading flames. Authorities deployed hundreds of emergency personnel to several affected regions after recent record-breaking temperatures left vegetation dangerously dry and highly vulnerable to fire.

French Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said three major wildfires had collectively burned approximately 1,210 hectares of land. Two of the blazes erupted on the western outskirts of the Mediterranean port city of Marseille, while the largest wildfire spread through the Aude administrative department near France's border with Spain. Emergency officials warned that persistent high winds were significantly increasing the difficulty of firefighting operations and raising the risk of further expansion.

The largest blaze in the Aude region had already destroyed around 900 hectares of land. Nearly 800 firefighters were deployed to contain the flames, supported by specialized equipment and aerial resources where conditions permitted. Emergency responders worked continuously to prevent the fire from reaching residential communities and critical infrastructure, although shifting winds remained a major challenge throughout the day.

Near Marseille, firefighters managed to reduce the intensity of a smaller wildfire in the town of Rognac, located close to the city's international airport. Another nearby fire in Lancon-Provence, which burned around 260 hectares, was successfully brought under control after extensive firefighting efforts. Local authorities confirmed that no casualties had been reported in connection with any of the fires, although emergency crews remained on high alert.



Smoke from the wildfires spread across surrounding communities, creating poor air quality and reducing visibility. A strong smell of burning vegetation lingered over parts of the Marseille area, with airline pilots reportedly reassuring passengers that the smoke detected inside aircraft cabins originated from the surrounding environment rather than any onboard emergency.

Further east, emergency authorities ordered the evacuation of more than 2,000 people from six campsites near the coastal resort town of Frejus in the Var department. The precautionary measure was taken after a nearby forest fire threatened tourist accommodations and recreational areas. Evacuation teams safely relocated visitors while firefighters worked to establish containment lines around the affected zone.

The latest wildfires followed an intense heatwave that swept across Western Europe during late June. The World Meteorological Organization had previously warned that prolonged periods of extreme heat, combined with exceptionally low humidity and dry vegetation, would substantially increase wildfire risks throughout the region. These conditions have created an environment where even small fires can spread rapidly under strong winds.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C.Mis No. 801/2025

Petitioner: Puttahanumaiah, S/o Late. Hanumaramaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/ at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur taluk
And: Respondent: The Tahsildar Doddaballapur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whether the petitioner has field the above petition under Section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Death act. 1969 for seeking the death certificate of his Mother, by name Nagamma W/o PuttaHanumaiah who died on 30-10-2024 at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before this Hon'ble court on 30-07-2026 in default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 30th day of June 2026,

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Pri Civil judge & Doddaballapura
B.S.Krishnamurthy, N.Lalitha, Advodates, Opposite court complex, 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur,

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C.Mis No. 802/2025

Petitioner: Puttahanumaiah, S/o Late. Hanumaramaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/ at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur taluk
And: Respondent: The Tahsildar Doddaballapur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whether the petitioner has field the above petition under Section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Death act. 1969 for seeking the death certificate of his father, by name Hanumaramaiah S/o PuttaHanumaiah who died on 25-03-2004 at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before this Hon'ble court on 30-07-2026 in default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 30th day of June 2026,

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Pri Civil judge & Doddaballapura
B.S.Krishnamurthy, N.Lalitha, Advodates, Opposite court complex, 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur,

IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
C.Misc.No.160/2026

BETWEEN: Smt. Ellamma D/o Late. Mariyappa Aged about 54 years, R/at:Isthru colony,Madure, Hobli hobali Doddabalapur taluk, banglore Rural district **...Petitioner.**
And The Thahasildar Doddaballapur. .... Respondent.

NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION

Whereas the above named petitioner has filed the petition to seek death certificate of her Husband namely Late. Mariyappa S/O Late N. Gangaiah who died on 04.06.2019.
Any person having objections regarding issuance of death certificate of Late. Mariyappa S/o Late N. Gangaiah can file the necessary objections beforethe Hon'ble Court.
The above petition is posted on 31-07-2026 for your objections it is here by called upon the general public is there any objections nor claims in respect of issuance of death certificate of Mariyappa So Late N. Gangaiah, they can appear before this aforesaid date and 11.00 am before the Hon'ble court on thesame day if the general public has nor come up with any objections the court will decided the Petition in your obsence.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on this day 02-07-26 Hon'ble IInd Additional Civil Judge Court, Doddaballapura.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministeral Officer IInd ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
Sri. S.Muniraju Advocate, Office at; No22, Gadduge Complex, Taluk Office Road, Doddaballapura -561203

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.448/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02 day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate: **C.Govindaraju** 4th Ward, Opp to Court Complex, Doddaballapur Town.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.449/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
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Anthony Gordon praises Captain Kane's elite positioning

Kane urged Eng to savor their dramatic 2-1 WC comeback win over DR Congo, securing a round-of-16 spot.

ATLANTA

England captain Harry Kane urged his teammates to savor their hard-fought victory during an emotional post-match huddle. The Three Lions secured a dramatic 2-1 comeback win against DR Congo in the FIFA World Cup round of 32, booking a date with Mexico.



The historic victory marked the first time England ever won a World Cup match after trailing at halftime. Kane proved to be the hero, scoring twice in the final 15 minutes of the game. Afterward, he gathered the players on the pitch to celebrate before joining the traveling fans in song.

Teammate Anthony Gordon revealed Kane's inspiring message to the squad. According to Gordon, the skipper stressed that while the win does not define them or win the tournament, they must enjoy it like any other nation. Kane noted that big countries often fail to celebrate properly due to high expectations, but a World Cup knockout victory should always be cherished.

Gordon was highly instrumental in the massive turnaround. Coming off the bench in the 61st minute, the 25-year-old winger provided the crucial assists for both of Kane's late goals.

Instead of taking credit, Gordon praised his captain's elite positioning. He admitted that having a world-class striker like Kane in the penalty area completely changed his decision-making on the field, opting to cross rather than shoot. Thanks to Kane's lethal finishing, England's World Cup dreams remain alive as they march into the round of 16.

Russell targets victory at Silverstone Grand Prix

SILVERSTONE

George Russell targets a Silverstone Grand Prix victory, aiming to secure a third consecutive British home win amid fierce competition from Norris, Hamilton, and rookie Antonelli.

George Russell heads to the Silverstone Grand Prix on a massive high, aiming to give local fans a home winner for the third consecutive year. Following Lewis Hamilton's 2024 victory and Lando Norris's win last July, British hopes are soaring for another spectacular homegrown triumph this weekend.

There is a very real chance of an all-British podium celebration, a feat the trio recently achieved in Barcelona. Russell enters the weekend fresh off a sensational victory in Austria, which successfully trimmed his Mercedes teammate Kimi Antonelli's championship lead down to 40 points. Former champion Jenson Button noted that Russell is in a perfect psychological place and ready to dominate.



Meanwhile, Lando Norris will race on home soil for the first time as the reigning world champion. While McLaren team boss Andrea Stella expects a tough fight for the victory, the team remains highly optimistic about securing a podium finish. They face stiff competition from Hamilton, who holds an incredible record as a nine-time winner at this iconic circuit.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen holds the track lap record but expressed concern over the circuit's challenging layout in this new engine era. The highly anticipated weekend will follow the intense sprint format, offering extra championship points. This format gives Russell a prime opportunity to close the gap on the 19-year-old rookie leader, Antonelli. Adding to the local excitement, British rookie Arvid Lindblad will make his home debut for Racing Bulls. With warm weather forecast, fans are buckled in for an unforgettable weekend.



PARTHIV PATEL defends India's batting strategy

NEW DELHI

Former national wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel has strongly defended India's aggressive batting strategy after the rain-affected T20I series opener against England. The highly anticipated match in Durham unfortunately ended without a result when heavy, persistent downpours completely washed out the entire second innings.

After winning the toss, the visiting Indian team elected to bat first and posted a formidable total of 189 for seven. Reflecting on the performance, Patel emphasized that the powerhouse total proved India's genuine desire to challenge themselves and adapt to tough English conditions right away. He noted that the team intentionally avoided playing a cautious game.

Patel firmly stated that 190 was a highly competitive target on the tricky Durham pitch, especially with India planning to deploy three specialized spinners through the middle overs.

GRESINI RACING ANNOUNCES ITS 2027 MOTOGP LINEUP, SIGNING MOTO2 STAR DANIEL HOLGADO ALONGSIDE FORMER WORLD CHAMPION JOAN MIR

Moto2 Star Daniel Holgado promoted to MotoGP

MILAN

Gresini Racing officially announced a major team revamp for the 2027 MotoGP season. The Ducati-backed squad has signed rising Moto2 star Daniel Holgado alongside former world champion Joan Mir. The incoming duo will replace Alex Marquez, who is moving to KTM, and Fermin Aldeguer, who is joining VR46 Ducati.

The 21-year-old Holgado will step up to the premier class after an impressive stint in Moto2. The talented Spaniard joined the Aspar team in 2025, securing two victories and earning the Rookie of the Year



title. He has continued his strong form this season, capturing another race win and currently occupying sixth place in the championship standings. Meanwhile, Joan Mir will leave Honda at the end of the year to join Gresini. The 2020 MotoGP world champion will ride a factory-spec Ducati Desmosedici starting in 2027. The move gives Mir a prime opportunity to revive his career and unlock his maximum potential on a highly competitive machine.

Team owner Nadia Padovani expressed immense excitement over the new roster. She noted that the team has been tracking Holgado's progress for a long time and is thrilled to guide him through his rookie year.

Pape Gueye quits Senegal after World Cup exit

SEATTLE

Midfielder Pape Gueye has announced a sudden break from the Senegal national team following their heartbreaking World Cup exit, launching a furious attack against the current technical staff.

The shocking announcement highlights growing internal tensions just hours after Senegal suffered a devastating round of 32 defeat against Belgium. The African giants seemed completely in control of the match, cruising with a comfortable 2-0 lead by the 51st minute. However, the team experienced a historic collapse, conceding two late goals before losing 3-2 in extra time to a record-breaking 124th-minute penalty.

Gueye, who plays his club football for Villarreal, was substituted after an hour of play by manager Pape Thiaw, who brought on Lamine Camara. The tactical decision clearly frustrated Gueye, who had been Senegal's standout player of the tournament, contributing an impressive three goals and one assist.

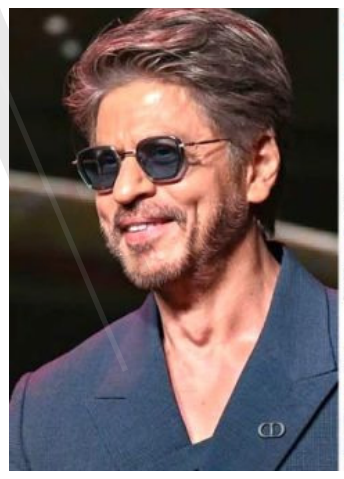
Venting his frustration on Instagram, Gueye made his dramatic retirement official. He wrote that while he would discuss the tournament elimination later, he is officially taking a break from the national team for as long as the current coaching staff remains in charge.

LOS ANGELES

Shah Rukh Khan unveils new LA Stadium

Bollywood icon Shah Rukh Khan proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Knight Riders Cricket Ground in California, describing it as the realization of a lifelong dream. The historic venue recently hosted its first-ever Major League Cricket match, making the Knight Riders Group the very first global cricket franchise to build a world-class stadium abroad.

The newly built arena in Pomona officially opened its doors as the Los Angeles Knight Riders faced off against Washington Freedom. Reflecting on the monumental milestone, Khan shared that the grand project represents years of meticulous planning aimed at bringing the sport to entirely new global audiences.





Khan emphasized that the project is much more than a typical sporting venue. He envisioned the ground as a vibrant community hub designed to foster together-time, energy, and family entertainment. The Bollywood star expressed his sincere hopes that the facility will become the true home of cricket in Southern California, inspiring future generations of local players and loyal fans.

Built strictly to international standards, the impressive stadium features top-tier pitches and expansive dimensions. The venue is scheduled to host a series of highly anticipated Major League Cricket fixtures through July 5. Crucially, the world-class stadium is also expected to play a vital role as a key venue for the upcoming Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Franchise officials stated that the landmark stadium serves as a major statement of intent for the sport's rapid American expansion. This historic launch highlights the United States' steady rise as one of cricket's fastest-growing markets.

Lukaku praises Tielemans after historic WC Win



SEATTLE

Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku has heaped praise on teammate Youri Tielemans after his record-breaking penalty secured a dramatic 3-2 comeback victory over Senegal, sending the team into the World Cup round of 16.

Senegal initially stunned the European football giants by taking a 2-0 lead through goals from Habib Diarra and Ismaila Sarr. However, Belgium mounted an incredible late fightback. Lukaku scored in the 86th minute, and Tielemans followed closely with an equalizer in the 89th minute, forcing the intense game into extra time.

The ultimate drama unfolded in the final seconds of extra time when a VAR review awarded Belgium a penalty for a foul on Tielemans. The midfielder calmly stepped up and converted the spot-kick at 124 minutes and 44 seconds. This dramatic strike broke all previous football records, becoming the latest winning goal ever scored in FIFA World Cup history.

Following the historic victory, an ecstatic Lukaku took to Instagram to celebrate his teammate, posting a picture of them with the high-praise caption, "You are HIM." The jubilant scenes then carried over into the Belgian dressing room, where Tielemans, crowned 'Player of the Match,' led his singing and cheering teammates in wild celebrations.

While Senegal exited the tournament with dignity, becoming the first African side to score 10 goals in a single World Cup, Belgium now turns its focus to the future. They are set to face the United States in a highly anticipated round of 16 knockout match in Seattle.

Glenn Maxwell highlights USA's T20 WC progress

NEW DELHI

Australian cricket star Glenn Maxwell believes the competitive gap between established powerhouses and emerging associate nations is narrowing at a rapid pace. Speaking after the European T20 Premier League (ETPL) Player Draft, the Belfast Wolves captain stated that franchise leagues are vital for giving developing nations the exposure needed to challenge the world's best.

Maxwell cited the United States' impressive performance against India at the recent T20 World Cup as clear evidence of this swift evolution. He noted that the American squad came within touching distance of delivering one of the biggest upsets in tournament history. The all-rounder pointed out that if the USA had simply caught India's star batsman Suryakumar Yadav, they could have won the match.

The dynamic all-rounder expects a similar rapid growth trajectory for European cricket following the launch of the ETPL. He emphasized that providing associate players with regular opportunities to test their skills against experienced international icons will heavily inspire the next generation of athletes across the continent.

While acknowledging that building a deep, sustainable cricket culture naturally takes time, Maxwell highlighted that recent international tournaments show associate teams are ready to compete right now. Regular game time against major nations allows these emerging sides to push heavyweights to their absolute limits.

Maxwell concluded by asserting that the long-term success of the ETPL will ensure European nations continue to close the gap on traditional global powerhouses. The highly anticipated tournament is scheduled to bring elite cricket action to venues across Ireland, Scotland, and the Netherlands this August.



Maxwell Backs Associate Cricket Rise

Australia's Glenn Maxwell believes associate nations are rapidly closing the gap on cricket's traditional giants. He said franchise leagues like the European T20 Premier League will provide valuable exposure, helping emerging teams compete consistently with elite sides. Maxwell expects European cricket to grow significantly through regular high-level competition and international experience.

Ismaila Sarr ties Roger Milla's World Cup record

SEATTLE

Senegal star Ismaila Sarr carved his name into the record books, even though his team suffered a painful World Cup exit against Belgium. The Crystal Palace winger gave Senegal a brilliant start, scoring a historic goal in the 51st minute after teammate Habib Diarra had opened the scoring in the first half. With that strike, the 28-year-old Sarr reached four goals in this tournament. This ties him with Cameroon legend Roger Milla for the most goals scored by an African player in a single World Cup campaign.

Senegal looked ready to pull off a massive upset with their 2-0 lead. They even made history as the first African nation to score 10 goals in one World Cup tournament. However, Belgium refused to back down. Late goals from Romelu Lukaku and Youri Tielemans shocked Senegal, sending the intense match into extra time.

The drama peaked in the final seconds. Following a VAR review for a foul on Tielemans, Belgium was awarded a penalty. Tielemans calmly stepped up and smashed the ball into the net at 124 minutes and 44 seconds. It became the latest winning goal ever scored in World Cup history, sealing a dramatic 3-2 victory for Belgium.

While Senegal heads home with their heads held high after a heroic effort, Belgium celebrates a miraculous escape.

Harry Kane chases Cristiano Ronaldo's tournament record

ATLANTA

England Captain Harry Kane has written his name further into soccer history after a stunning performance saved his team in a dramatic World Cup match against DR Congo.

The Three Lions were struggling early after Brian Cipenka scored for DR Congo in the seventh minute. However, Kane showed his world-class talent when it mattered most. He scored two brilliant goals late in the game, hitting the net in the 75th and 86th minutes, to secure a thrilling 2-1 comeback victory.

With these two goals, Kane entered an elite club alongside Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo. They are now the only two players ever to score 20 or more goals across both the World Cup and the Euros. Kane now has 20 major tournament goals, trailing just behind Ronaldo's record of 24.

The England striker also passed Brazilian legend Pele's historic World Cup tally by reaching 13 goals. Additionally, Kane has now scored 10 knockout goals in major tournaments since 2020, proving he is one of the most reliable big-game players of this decade. He easily outperforms other European stars like Kylian Mbappe, who has seven knockout goals in that same period.

Thanks to Kane's heroics, England avoids a shock exit and moves on to the round of 16. The team will now travel



to Mexico for a highly anticipated clash against the host nation. That tough knockout match is scheduled to take place at the famous Azteca Stadium this coming Monday.

QUICK READ

India showcases top talent at seafood Olympiad

KOCHI

India's finest culinary professionals put their technical skills on display at the second National Skill Olympiad. Hosted by the Marine Products Export Development Authority during Seafood Expo Bharat 2026, the event crowned ten elite finalists selected from 2,500 trained workers. Competitors crafted high-demand international dishes like Nobashi shrimp and breaded squid rings. The champion secured a grand prize of 100,000 rupees. Officials emphasized that this competition strengthens India's global seafood trade by highlighting food safety, precision, and workforce excellence. Award-winning dishes were later showcased for live tasting sessions with international buyers.

Court rejects Google's 4 billion Euro appeal

BRUSSELS

Google lost its final gamble to dodge a massive four billion euro antitrust fine. Europe's highest court rejected the tech giant's appeal, ruling that Google unfairly used its Android operating system to crush competitors. Back in 2018, officials found that Google forced phone makers to install its search engine and Chrome browser to access the Play Store. Google argued the decision ignores its large investments into keeping Android free and open. However, judges stood firm, marking a historic victory for fair market competition. Google stated it already changed its rules to comply with European trade laws.

Tech meets trust: India Japan Defense Pact

NEW DELHI

India and Japan have launched a historic chapter in their friendship by signing their first-ever joint defense development project. Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Japan's first female Prime Minister, Sanae Takaichi, referring to her warmly as his "younger sister" during the annual summit. The powerful alliance combines Japan's precision engineering with India's advanced software skills to boost global AI development. Beyond defense, the leaders launched a major green energy roadmap. This includes building 1,000 biogas plants across rural India, securing critical supply chains for semiconductors, and ensuring long-term stability across the Indo-Pacific region.

India's auto sector drives strong growth forward

NEW DELHI

India's automotive industry is set to maintain powerful momentum heading into fiscal year 2027, according to reports. Recent data highlights a massive 22 percent surge in domestic two-wheeler sales, alongside a 25 percent jump in passenger vehicle purchases. Experts predict steady, single-digit growth fueled by rising electric vehicle adoption, fresh model launches, and stronger rural demand. Commercial vehicles and tractors also posted double-digit gains due to healthy freight needs. While rising material costs and global supply chain disruptions pose potential hurdles, high consumer confidence keeps the industry moving fast.

Bhupender Yadav links EV growth to 2047 Goal

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav urged focusing on green growth, smart infrastructure, and circular economies for India's electric vehicle shift.

NEW DELHI

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that India's shift to electric vehicles must focus heavily on green growth, smart infrastructure, and a waste-free recycling system.

Speaking at a national conference hosted by Assocham, the Environment Minister explained that switching to electric mobility is not just about replacing old cars with new technology. Instead, it is a massive opportunity to build a clean industrial system, boost local manufacturing, and create thousands of green jobs. This initiative directly supports the country's goal of becoming a fully developed nation by 2047.



Yadav stressed that India needs to abandon the traditional "take-make-dispose" habit. Instead, the country must embrace a circular economy where materials are constantly reused and recycled. To become a global leader in clean transportation, he noted that India must build a strong network of charging stations, protect its supply of critical minerals, and master battery recycling.

The minister also highlighted that the government has introduced several major reforms to speed up environmental clearances and make doing business much easier. By using the digital "PARIVESH" portal, officials have simplified rules and shortened waiting times for green approvals without damaging nature.

The conference brought together top policymakers and car manufacturers to design a clear path forward for the country's electric vehicle market. Yadav concluded by stating that the economy and the environment must grow together. Through teamwork, India can easily become a global hub for eco-friendly manufacturing and climate-conscious development.

Modi, Takaichi inaugurate Maruti Suzuki Kharkhoda Plant

NEW DELHI



PMs Narendra Modi and Sanae Takaichi inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's massive Kharkhoda facility in Haryana, boosting India's automotive capacity and strengthening India-Japan economic ties.

In a major step for India's automotive industry, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi have jointly inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's massive new manufacturing facility at Kharkhoda in Haryana.

The state-of-the-art facility marks Maruti Suzuki's fourth major production plant in India. It also represents one of the largest financial investments the automaker has ever made in the country. Together, the company's four Indian production sites have drawn a total investment of nearly Rs 35,000 crore, highlighting its strong, long-term faith in the Indian automotive market.

Once the sprawling Kharkhoda facility becomes fully functional, it will add a massive annual production capacity of 10 lakh passenger vehicles. This huge boost will make it one of the company's biggest manufacturing hubs anywhere in the world and will firmly solidify India's reputation as a top global car manufacturing base.

The grand inauguration also shines a spotlight on the deep economic and strategic relationship shared between India and Japan. As a joint venture between India's Maruti and Japan's Suzuki Motor Corporation, the brand remains an ultimate success story of Japanese investment in Indian business.

Earlier, PM Modi greeted PM Takaichi at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi ahead of their official summit. The two world leaders are scheduled to hold the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit talks. During this crucial meeting, they will review bilateral cooperation and discuss key global issues of mutual interest.

Three new coal mines begin production in India

NEW DELHI

India's captive and commercial coal mining sector continued its strong growth momentum this June, recording a massive 14.9 percent jump in production compared to the same month last year.

According to an official statement released by the Coal Ministry, domestic output from these mines reached 17.88 million tonnes in June, up from 15.56 million tonnes recorded in June 2025. Total coal supply deliveries also performed exceptionally well, hitting 18.55 million tonnes for the month.

This strong monthly performance capped off a highly successful first quarter for the 2026–27 financial year. Cumulative coal production for the April-to-June quarter grew by 5.35 percent year-on-year, while total dispatches saw a steady 1.70 percent increase. Government officials attributed this consistent progress to effective policy reforms, simplified regulations, and better everyday mine operations.

Crucially, three brand-new coal mines - Urtan, Dhirauli, and Bikram, officially began production during this quarter. Together, these new facilities add a substantial combined peak capacity of 7.51 million tonnes per year to the nation's energy grid.

The launch of the Urtan mine is a major victory, as it produces premium coking coal, a vital raw material required for manufacturing steel. By generating more coking coal locally, the government expects to significantly reduce the steel industry's heavy reliance on expensive foreign imports. Officials emphasized that opening these new mines will greatly secure India's energy independence and power its rapid industrial growth.

The Assam government has relaxed strict rules on land and funds to attract private investments in higher education.

Assam easing rules to attract private universities

GUWAHATI

The Assam government has approved major reforms to encourage private companies and institutions to invest in higher education by relaxing strict state rules.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the state cabinet introduced policy changes designed to make setting up private universities much easier. Taking to media platforms, Sarma explained that the state wants to unlock its full potential by expanding access to top-tier learning through partnerships with credible private partners.

To achieve this, the government has reduced the minimum amount of land required to build a campus. Officials also lowered the mandatory upfront cash reserve, known as an endowment fund that founders must provide. Finally, the state simplified the official paperwork to cut through bureaucratic red tape for potential investors.

Local officials believe these changes will create a much stronger educational network, giving students excellent academic choices right at home. Historically, many young people have left Assam to find better colleges. Experts argue that bringing in private competition will stop this student drain, spark fresh innovation, and help build a highly skilled workforce for the local economy.

This new policy complements Assam's recent push to build public medical and engineering colleges. By inviting private players to join public efforts, the state aligns with the National Education Policy, which focuses on better research and modern corporate training. Ultimately, Assam aims to transform into a major knowledge hub that attracts long-term business investments.

Adani Electricity promotes compliance and consumer safety

MUMBAI



Adani Electricity successfully concluded its National Electrical Safety Week, organizing educational workshops across its supply areas to protect local homes and workplaces.

The week-long safety campaign, which ran from June 26 to July 2, focused on the core theme of competency, compliance, and caution. Through various interactive programs, the utility provider reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining a highly skilled workforce and encouraging vigilant safety practices among its employees and consumers.

This educational initiative follows massive technical upgrades by the company to safeguard its 3.15 million Mumbai customers from severe monsoon disruptions. Adani Electricity has officially activated its Central Disaster Control Centre, a high-tech hub operating round-the-clock to manage severe weather emergencies. The center utilizes advanced satellite and wireless communication tools, including walkie-talkies, to maintain uninterrupted contact between disaster teams and city authorities.

To ensure swift field responses, the company has strategically deployed seven Quick Response Teams across its vast distribution network. These teams are fully equipped with specialized recovery and restoration plans tailored for heavy rain hazards. Additionally, the company has integrated 98 advanced water level sensors into its digital management system at critical, flood-prone locations. This smart setup allows engineers to monitor rising waters in real-time and safely cut off power before flooding causes electrical accidents.

Piyush Goyal highlights strengthening India-Japan economic ties



NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal stated that financial investments have become the primary driving force behind the rapidly growing partnership between India and Japan.

Speaking at a strategic forum, the Commerce and Industry Minister explained that the economic bond between the two nations is set to strengthen significantly. His comments coincide with Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi arriving in New Delhi for high-level annual summit talks. Goyal highlighted Maruti Suzuki as a prime example of this success. Entering India forty years ago, the joint venture introduced affordable, modern technology that transformed India into a global automotive hub. He noted that the partnership remains highly active, with Maruti Suzuki accounting for nearly 1.5 lakh of the passenger vehicles sold in India this past May.

The minister described the trade relationship as balanced and advanced. While India imports cutting-edge Japanese technology, it exports high-value, precision-engineered electronic and auto components rather than simple raw materials. Beyond manufacturing, Japan helped build India's first dedicated freight corridor in Odisha to assist with iron ore transport.

Looking ahead, Goyal discussed the flagship Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project. He blamed the previous state government in Maharashtra for causing delays through political land disputes but assured that under current leadership, the high-speed rail line is firmly on track for its 2029 deadline. Additionally, he emphasized that learning the Japanese language can open major career doors for skilled Indian healthcare professionals and caregivers looking to work in Japan's expanding elderly care market.

India outlines path for global AYUSH leadership

NEW DELHI

Government officials and industry leaders met to create a clear path for strengthening India's global leadership in traditional medicine, focusing on innovation, quality, and exports.

The special session was organized by the Ministry of AYUSH and the AYUSH Export Promotion Council. Top experts discussed how to use India's Free Trade Agreements to build international trust, expand medical tourism, and solve complex global regulatory challenges. The main goal is to promote standard systems like Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy worldwide.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal explained that the government does not just want to increase export numbers. Instead, India aims to build highly competitive, world-class brands. He called AYUSH a rapidly growing sector and urged local businesses to focus on premium packaging, high quality, and scientific proof to attract modern international shoppers.

To help achieve this, AYUSH Secretary Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha emphasized the need to speed up safety initiatives like the Ayush Mark and Ayurveda Aahar. These programs ensure strict quality control and bring Indian manufacturing up to global standards. Officials are actively working to match international benchmarks, making it much easier for foreign countries to accept these traditional products.

The session wrapped up with an open discussion featuring major exporters, small businesses, and young start-ups. Council Chairman Dr. Anurag Sharma concluded that India is perfectly positioned to become the world's trusted hub for holistic healthcare. He urged closer teamwork between scientists and manufacturers to drive innovation and secure India's spot at the top.

PUNJAB LITCHIS GO GLOBAL

India exports Punjab Litchis to Oman via FTA

NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that fresh litchis grown in Punjab have been exported to Oman for the very first time.

The initial shipment of the sweet fruit was produced by the Ummat Agri Allied Cooperative Society based in Hoshiarpur. Taking to media platforms, the Commerce and Industry Minister praised the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for making this possible. Goyal explained that by leveraging the brand-new India–



Oman free trade agreement, this unique trade initiative will successfully boost local farmers' incomes and secure wider international fame for Indian agriculture.

This achievement comes closely on the heels of another fruit export milestone. Just last month, Goyal celebrated the first-ever shipment of Uttarakhand's beloved Dehradun litchis to Italy. He noted that the premium, red fruits highly praised for their distinct sweetness and delicate aroma are quickly becoming a favorite in Europe, effectively opening new trade gateways into European markets.

India's global litchi expansion also includes the northeastern region. Earlier, Assam's famous Tezpur litchi, which earned a Geographical Indication tag back in 2014 due to its excellent juicy quality, made its international debut with a successful shipment sent to Dubai.

Rumors swirl around 'Jana Nayagan' final launch

Jana Nayagan has easily become one of the most delayed star-studded films in recent memory. Originally planned for a major festive release in January 2026, Thalapathy Vijay's highly anticipated final movie has faced multiple postponements. To the disappointment of countless fans, the creators have still not locked in an official arrival date.

Uncertainty continues as Jana Nayagan release rumours intensify, leaving Vijay fans eagerly awaiting official confirmation.

This prolonged delay has naturally triggered endless rumors across social media. The internet is flooded with fresh theories regarding the movie's launch. Some online reports claim the film received an 'A' certificate from the censor board and is aiming for a mid-July release. Meanwhile, other insiders suggest August 7, 2026, is a better target because most Friday slots this summer are fully booked.

However, there is absolutely no official word from the team to support either of these claims. Similar rumors previously hinted at a June release, which eventually turned out to be completely false. With the gossip mill refusing to slow down, KVN Productions must step forward with a clear announcement to end this agonizing guessing game.

Directed by the acclaimed H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan boasts a massive ensemble cast. The political action thriller features top stars including Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, and Mamitha Baiju. Industry veterans Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj, Narain, and Priyamani also play pivotal roles. Adding to the massive hype, the high-energy music for this grand cinematic project is composed by Anirudh Ravichander. Fans now wait eagerly for the final curtain call of their favorite star.



Engineer turned filmmaker tackles Karnataka's poor road infrastructure

An automobile engineer is turning filmmaker to tackle India's crumbling infrastructure.

Nehesh Poll, working under Radical Concepts Studio, is writing and directing his third film to inspire real-world change.

To kick off promotions, Poll showcased a unique road model at the S.E.A. College of Engineering.

College officials quickly pledged their full support to his vision.

Poll, who also stars as an engineering student, explained that the plot centers around a high-stakes engineering competition.

He noted that Karnataka suffers from India's highest road tax, yet citizens still face terrible driving conditions despite paying hefty tolls.

The movie proposes a bold climax where talented engineers design superior roads independently to save public money.

Poll believes reel-life ideas can become reality.

By launching this cinematic contest, he hopes to unite bright minds, fix broken streets, and drive society toward a brighter, fairer future.



Chiranjeevi's 'Vishwambhara' sets October 2026 release

The long wait is finally over for movie lovers. Megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated film, Vishwambhara, has officially locked in its theatrical release date. This exciting news puts an end to months of endless rumors and anticipation among eager fans.

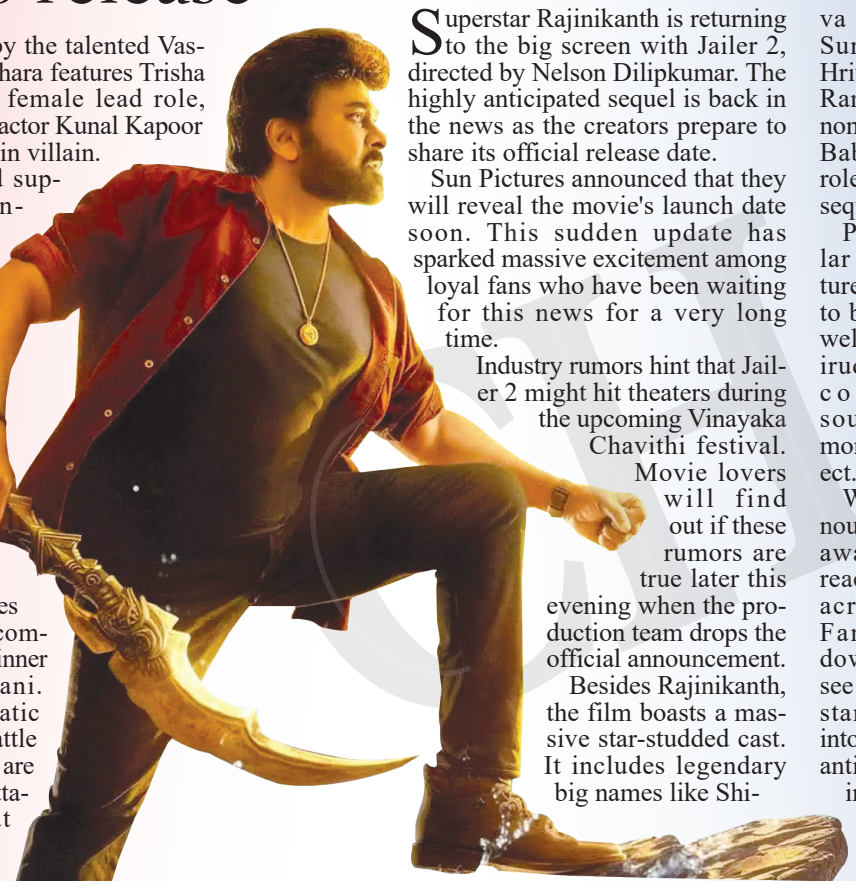
The mega socio-fantasy adventure is scheduled to hit the big screens on October 16, 2026. This perfect timing aims to capitalize on the massive Dussehra holiday crowd. By choosing this festive window, the filmmakers are showing immense confidence in their project, even with heavy competition looming ahead.

In a thrilling twist for Indian cinema, Vishwambhara is headed for a massive box office showdown. It will clash directly with Superstar Rajinikanth's highly awaited action flick, Jailer 2, which is rumored to release just one day earlier on October 15, 2026.

This rare, legendary face-off between two of the biggest icons in Indian cinema is already sparking intense excitement online. Both high-budget movies are aiming to dominate the lucrative holiday box office. Directed by the talented Vassishta, Vishwambhara features Trisha Krishnan in the female lead role, while Bollywood actor Kunal Kapoor steps in as the main villain.

The star-studded supporting cast includes popular names like Aashika Ranganath and Ramya Pasupuleti.

Backed by the prominent banner UV Creations, the grand cinematic spectacle features a musical score composed by Oscar-winner M. M. Keeravaani. With two cinematic giants ready to battle it out, moviegoers are in for an unforgettable festive treat this autumn.



'JAILER 2' CAST PACKS MULTI-INDUSTRY STAR POWER

Superstar Rajinikanth is returning to the big screen with Jailer 2, directed by Nelson Dilipkumar. The highly anticipated sequel is back in the news as the creators prepare to share its official release date.

Sun Pictures announced that they will reveal the movie's launch date soon. This sudden update has sparked massive excitement among loyal fans who have been waiting for this news for a very long time.

Industry rumors hint that Jailer 2 might hit theaters during the upcoming Vinayaka Chavithi festival. Movie lovers will find out if these rumors are true later this evening when the production team drops the official announcement.

Besides Rajinikanth, the film boasts a massive star-studded cast. It includes legendary big names like Shiva Rajkumar, Mohanlal, S. J. Suryah, and Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan. Talented actors Ramya Krishnan, Mirnaa Menon, and popular comedian Yogi Babu will also play important roles in this grand action-packed sequel.

Produced under the popular banner of Sun Pictures, the film promises to be a musical treat as well. The energetic Anirudh Ravichander is composing the soundtrack, adding more hype to the project.

With the big announcement just hours away, excitement is reaching a fever pitch across the country. Fans are counting down the minutes to see when their favorite star will storm back into theaters. This highly anticipated movie is shaping up to be one of the absolute biggest cinematic events of this entire year.



Arden Cho marries Surgeon in dreamy Florence

Hollywood actor Arden Cho has officially tied the knot with orthopedic surgeon Christopher Lee. The KPop Demon Hunters star celebrated her wedding over a gorgeous, multi-day event in Florence, Italy, surrounded by close family and friends.

The couple's modern romance began on a dating app several years ago, leading to a romantic proposal in Maui last year. Choosing Italy for their destination wedding was a natural choice for the pair, who wanted their guests to enjoy a relaxing vacation filled with rich culture and delicious food. Honoring her Korean heritage, Cho incorporated beautiful cultural traditions into the weekend. For the welcome party, the couple wore modern, custom-designed Korean hanboks. Cho wore a vibrant orange hanbok symbolizing joy, later changing into traditional red and green attire for the intimate pyebaek family ceremony.



Akhil Akkineni ready for July 10th 'Lenin' release

Popular Telugu actor Akhil Akkineni is preparing for the highly anticipated theatrical release of his upcoming movie, Lenin, next week. During recent promotional interviews, the young actor finally addressed his long absence from the big screen. He shocked his dedicated fan base by revealing a severe, hidden health crisis.

Akkineni admitted that while half of the career delay was his own choice, the other half was completely out of his control. He suffered a major freak accident in his home just four months after his previous movie, Agent, was released. The actor accidentally slipped on a wet bathroom floor and fell directly onto a sharp piece of glass.

The severe fall cut deeply through a vital vein and nerve in his left hand. The terrifying domestic accident completely shook the actor, requiring him to undergo two separate complex surgeries. The medical crisis required a grueling 16-month recovery period just to heal fully.

Because of the delicate nerve damage, Akkineni was strictly forbidden from lifting any weights or doing heavy exercise for nearly eight months. It took almost a year and a half of intensive physical therapy before he could safely return to the gym and resume his intense physical training.

This unexpected revelation deeply shocked his fans. Many social media users had previously criticized the star for taking such a long break without knowing about his painful medical battle. Now fully recovered and in peak shape, Akkineni is ready to make a grand comeback with Lenin on July 10.

'Balan: The Boy' earns Mani Ratnam's praise

Balan: The Boy has officially cemented its status as one of the most loved movies of the year. The gripping South Indian drama, directed by Chidambaram, continues to earn widespread goodwill for its emotional narration and sensitive representation of human identity.

Now, iconic filmmaker Mani Ratnam has joined the growing list of the movie's prominent admirers.

The legendary director attended a special screening of the film and warmly praised the project. Ratnam highly commended the brilliant writing and the powerful performances delivered by the main cast. The production team stated that receiving such high praise from one of Indian cinema's most respected storytellers serves as a massive milestone for their project.

Before Ratnam's endorsement, the film had already won the passionate support of several major industry stars. Popular actress Jyotika described the movie as an absolute "masterpiece," specifically praising the unpredictable screenplay written by Jithu Madhavan.

Actor Suriya also showered immense praise on the project, calling it yet another cinematic gem to emerge from the talented Malayalam film industry.

Taylor Swift, Travis Kelce set for big wedding



Pop sensation Taylor Swift and football star Travis Kelce are preparing for what is tracking to be America's biggest event of the year. Excitement is reaching a fever pitch outside Manhattan's iconic Madison Square Garden, where workers are rapidly setting up for a massive two-day wedding celebration kicking off with a rehearsal dinner.

The couple is reportedly turning the massive sports arena into a literal fairytale. Crews were spotted unloading large scenic pieces labeled "Garden Party" to build a castle-like structure inside the venue. According to luxury wedding planners, the multi-million dollar production is expected to cost the couple anywhere between $15 million and $20 million.

Privacy is a top priority for the high-profile duo. Guests must sign electronic non-disclosure agreements to prevent any leaks. Additionally, every invitation has been uniquely watermarked with the invitee's name, allowing the couple's security team to easily trace the source of any online photo leaks.

Rumors spiked online after National Guard personnel were spotted near the arena, but officials clarified their presence is routine and unrelated to the nuptials. Still, the NYPD will provide extra security around the venue to manage crowds and street closures.

The exclusive 1,000-person guest list will feature a star-studded crowd, including Swift's close friend Selena Gomez and music producer Jack Antonoff. Legendary musicians Stevie Nicks and Tim McGraw are also rumored to perform. With a strict black-tie dress code, this historic celebrity union promises a magical, unforgettable weekend.

Ali Fazal shares candid note on personal life

Popular actor Ali Fazal recently shared a deeply candid note, describing himself as "imperfect" while opening up about his career. The Fukrey star offered fans a rare glimpse into his personal struggles, admitting how difficult it can be to balance a demanding film schedule with maintaining a healthy social life.

Fazal revealed that his deep immersion in cinema and various creative pursuits often causes him to lose track of time. As a result, he frequently misses important social gatherings, family birthdays, and event invitations. He also confessed that he is naturally not very expressive when it comes to showing love to the people closest to him in his personal life.

However, the actor emphasized that he always finds his own quiet, subtle ways to make his loved ones feel truly seen, valued, and protected. Reflecting on his emotional tendencies, Fazal described himself as a strong person who is always ready to show up and listen to others when it truly matters.

The actor also looked back on his recent journey filming the hit crime thriller Raakh, calling the project a deeply meaningful and eye-opening experience.

Aayush Sharma reshoots 'Kashi' in Varanasi

The historic city of Varanasi recently transformed into a bustling movie set for the reshoot of Aayush Sharma's upcoming film, tentatively titled Kashi. Co-starring actress Amrin Qureshi, the project brought high energy to the scenic locations despite the intense summer weather gripping the region.

Beating the sultry climate, the lead actors performed an upbeat, energetic dance number choreographed right on the city's famous riverfront. A massive crowd of local onlookers gathered at the historic Chet Singh Ghat to watch the lively sequence unfold. Showing his appreciation for the crowd, the Loveyatri actor happily paused to take selfies with eager fans during production breaks.

The intensive shooting schedule later moved directly onto the waters of the River Ganga. Sharma was spotted filming several dramatic scenes on a wooden boat while completely dressed in the traditional attire of a sadhu. Later, during an evening shoot at Nandeshwar Ghat, production crews recreated a beautiful, glowing Ganga Aarti ceremony where the actor participated as part of the storyline. Acclaimed veteran actor Makrand Deshpande was also spotted on set, playing the role of a holy man.

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Telangana Cabinet Clears Major Welfare, Healthcare and Infrastructure Initiatives

Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU:



Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Thursday approved a series of significant decisions aimed at strengthening public welfare, healthcare, education and infrastructure while reaffirming the State's commitment to protecting the interests of rural workers.

The Cabinet decided to implement the Centre's new law relating to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with effect from July 1, 2026, to ensure uninterrupted employment for rural labourers. However, it strongly objected to the Centre's unilateral decision to introduce the legislation without consulting the States, terming it contrary to the spirit of cooperative federalism. The State also resolved to challenge the law before the Supreme Court and raise the issue in Parliament.

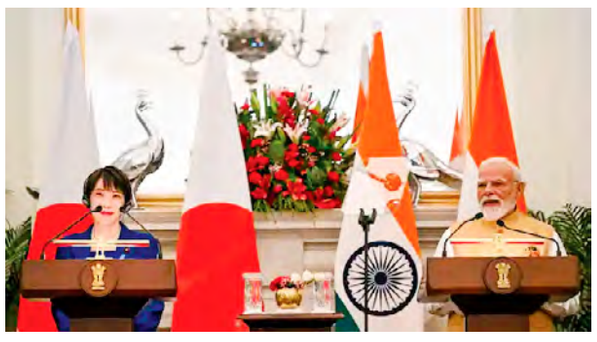
In a major welfare initiative, the Cabinet approved the extension of breakfast, milk and midday meals served in government schools and junior colleges to teachers, lecturers and support staff. Nearly 1.5 lakh employees will benefit from the decision, which is intended to improve accountability while ensuring quality nutrition in educational institutions.

To strengthen public healthcare, the Cabinet sanctioned 6,278 posts for the newly established TIMS Super Speciality Hospitals at Sanath Nagar, LB Nagar, Alwal and Warangal. The approved posts include 1,494 regular, 549 contract and 4,235 outsourcing positions. The government also decided to develop these hospitals on the lines of NIMS, while Chief Minister Revanth Reddy directed that eligible patients be provided treatment through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) by issuing Letters of Credit (LOCs).

The Cabinet also accorded administrative approval for Phase-I of the Musi Riverfront Development Project, clearing works worth Rs.7,345.12 crore for the development of a 21-kilometre stretch. It further approved the creation of 147 new posts and deputation of personnel from other departments for the execution and maintenance of the project.

In another important decision, the Cabinet approved the allotment of 50 acres at Bollikunta in Warangal district and 10 acres at Karkalapahad in Rangareddy district to the Telangana State Warehousing Corporation (TGSWC) for the construction of modern warehouses for essential commodities.To enhance educational infrastructure, the Cabinet allotted 20.18 acres at Peddayipally in Mahabubnagar district and 19.12 acres at Kodad in Suryapet district for the establishment of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. It also approved the allotment of 5 acres at Chalgal village in Jagtial district for setting up a Kendriya Vidyalaya.

India, Japan sign first defence co-development pact



Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (L) listens as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during their joint press statements after their meeting at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi....

NEW DELHI (TSIT) :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday described his Japanese counterpart, Sanae Takaichi, as his "younger sister" as the two leaders announced a major expansion of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership following the 16th Annual Summit in New Delhi.

Addressing a joint press conference after bilateral talks, PM Modi said Takaichi's maiden visit to India as Prime Minister was "writing a new chapter" in ties between the two countries.Calling Takaichi a "Japan First Prime Minister" and a "visionary leader", PM Modi said India and Japan shared a common vision for a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

"Our shared priorities are a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific. Our technology partnership has become an important pillar of our relationship," PM Modi said.

First defence co-development project signed

In a significant announcement, PM Modi revealed that India and Japan had signed their first defence co-development project, marking a new phase in bilateral security cooperation.

"We will jointly develop defence technologies that will contribute to regional peace, maritime security and a rules-based international order," he said. The move comes as both countries deepen strategic cooperation amid growing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

$10 trillion yen investment target

Highlighting growing economic ties, PM Modi said Japan and India had signed 120 new business agreements over the past year, adding that Japanese investment in India continues to rise. He announced an ambitious target of 10 trillion yen in Japanese investment into India over the next 10 years, aimed at strengthening manufacturing, infrastructure and technology partnerships.

Kharge urges Centre to step up flood relief in Northeast, calls for PM CARES support



New Delhi (TSIT)

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday expressed grief over the devastation caused by floods and landslides across several northeastern states, urged the Centre to intensify relief and rehabilitation efforts, and called for the immediate utilisation of the PM CARES Fund to support affected families.

In a post on social media platform X, Kharge said the floods and landslides in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim had claimed precious lives and displaced thousands of families, leaving widespread devastation across the region.

"The devastating floods and landslides in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim have claimed precious lives and left thousands of families displaced and devastated. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones and stand in unwavering solidarity with every person affected by this tragedy across the Northeastern region," Kharge said.

The Congress chief criticised the BJP-led governments at the Centre and in the affected states, alleging that repeated promises to make the Northeast flood-free had not translated into meaningful action."All the tall promises by 'Double Engine' NDA Governments to the people of Northeast to make their states 'flood free' have disappeared in thin air, even as flood has become a regular annual feature with little preparedness and scarce long-term mitigation efforts," he said.

Iran warns US, Israel against attack during Khamenei funeral

Tehran (TSIT)



Thursday, July 2, marked the 15th day since Washington and Tehran signed a memorandum of understanding and the 125th day since the outbreak of the war, as Iran warned the United States and Israel against launching any attack during the state funeral of late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Ali Abdollahi, commander of Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, warned the United States and Israel against any "miscalculation", saying Iran's armed forces were prepared to respond decisively to any threat or aggression, Reuters reported. The warning came as authorities stepped up security and finalised preparations for the six-day funeral ceremonies, which are expected to draw millions of mourners and foreign dignitaries from dozens of countries.

Mojtaba Khamenei is unlikely to make a public appearance during his father's funeral because of heightened security concerns, according to Ayatollah Hakim Elahi, the Supreme Leader's representative in India.

Iran has reinforced security across the country ahead of the funeral. Army spokesperson Mohammad Akraminia said additional troops had been deployed along land and maritime borders, while naval monitoring and air defence surveillance had been intensified.The funeral will begin in Tehran on July 4 before moving to Qom, Iraq's holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, and concluding with Khamenei's burial in his hometown of Mashhad on July 9.President Masoud Pezeshkian described Khamenei's death as the beginning of a new chapter of national unity, resilience and growth, saying the funeral would demonstrate Iran's solidarity.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said countries that supported or defended the US and Israeli strikes on Iran had not been invited to the funeral.Iran has made special arrangements for Afghan nationals wishing to attend the funeral.The Indian National Congress has nominated senior leader and former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid to represent the party at the state funeral of late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1



Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, to be launched between July 12 and August 4

CM Vijay creates five more TVK district units, names 4 MLAs as district secretaries

In a statement, Vijay said the party had already reorganised its structure by dividing it into districts covering Assembly constituencies and that five more districts had now been created for administrative convenience.

CHENNAI (TSIT):



TVK president and Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Thursday announced the creation of five more organisational districts and appointed district secretaries, with four party MLAs being given the responsibility.

In a statement, Vijay said the party had already reorganised its structure by dividing it into districts covering Assembly constituencies and that five more districts had now been created for administrative convenience. The new appointments are MLA J Munirathinam for Kancheepuram South, MLA V Reddiyarpatti Narayanan for Tirunelveli South-East, S Mariya John for Tirunelveli Central, MLA RS Murugan for Tirunelveli North and MLA R Abhishek for Tiruvannamalai North-West.

"I am pleased to inform you that office-bearers have been appointed for the five newly created districts," Vijay said. He congratulated the appointees and asked party workers to extend full cooperation to the new district secretaries in carrying out organisational responsibilities.

8 labourers mostly from Bihar killed as rock collapses at stone quarry in Bengaluru

BENGALURU (TSIT):

Eight workers mostly from Bihar were killed after a massive granite rock collapsed at a stone quarry in Bengaluru South Taluk on Thursday, police said. According to police, the tragedy occurred in the early morning at Madapattana, bordering Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru South district.

The victims, all daily-wage labourers employed at a stone crusher site, were trapped beneath the fallen boulders and died on the spot, according to police.

Police said the accident occurred while the workers were engaged in quarrying operations.

The injured were shifted to a private hospital for treatment. Chief Minister DK Shivakumar expressed his grief over the incident.

The collapse of a crusher wall in Madapattana of Bengaluru South Taluk has caused the death of seven workers, bringing immense sorrow, he said in a post on 'X'. He said, "It is the duty of quarry owners to ensure the life safety and security of workers engaged in quarry operations. The government will take appropriate action against quarries that violate regulations."

According to Yashwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar, the eighth labourer died in the hospital. He charged that he had been complaining about "illegal quarrying" for the past many years and raised the issue in the Karnataka Assembly. Somashekar said some-



time ago, a leopard was killed due to the blast carried out by the quarry owners. "In this illegalities, police, forest department and mining department officials are involved who should be booked and tried. It is a serious matter that eight people have died," the MLA told reporters. He also expressed his apprehensions that the bigwigs involved in the case may escape.

He demanded the state government that the accused should not escape from the clutches of the law. According to those working on the spot, the toll may go up as the condition of some of the injured was critical. They said some of them may even lose their limbs permanently. The exact number of those injured was still being verified, though initial reports indicated that several workers sustained injuries. Rescue personnel and police rushed to the spot and launched operations following the collapse. The area was cordoned off as officials began clearing debris and searching for any other workers who may have been trapped.

One of the labourers said there were about 18 workers from Bihar and North Karnataka at the site. A huge rock fell from about 40 feet on the workers. The severity of the acci dent could be gauged from the fact that loading vehicles were completely mangled. A tractor on the site broke into pieces. It is learnt that the deceased were mostly from Bihar and efforts were underway to inform their families.

Inquiry ordered into allegations against Mahabubnagar MEO

Mahabubnagar, July 2 (TSIT): The Regional Joint Director (RJD) of School Education, Hyderabad, has reportedly ordered an inquiry into allegations against Mandal Educational Officer (MEO) Amgoth Laxman Singh following media reports. The District Educational Officer (DEO) has constituted a two-member committee to investigate



the matter.The allegations include the officer allegedly handling responsibilities in the Mahabubnagar Urban jurisdiction despite reportedly holding a rural post, and claims of irregularities in the discharge of official duties. There are also allegations of favouritism towards certain private schools and other administrative lapses. These allegations have not been established and are now under official inquiry.Teacher organisations have called for a fair and transparent investigation, stating that government service rules and administrative procedures must be followed to ensure accountability. They have also expressed concern over the supervision of government schools in the rural jurisdiction.The findings of the inquiry committee are expected to determine whether the allegations have merit and whether any departmental or legal action is warranted.

Durgam Srihari Goud Appointed as Ranga Reddy District Spokesperson

SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: Recognizing his 18 years of dedicated service to the Indian National Congress, the Telangana Congress Committee has appointed Durgam Srihari Goud as the Ranga Reddy District Spokesperson. Srihari Goud began his political journey in Serilingampally as a grassroots Congress worker and has since held several key positions, including Youth Congress President – Serilingampally Division, Chevella Parliament Youth Congress Secretary, Division In-Charge – Serilingampally, and State Social Media Co-Convenor, Telangana Pradesh Youth Congress, while also serving as Chevella Lok Sabha Social Media In-Charge He is known for his active role in election campaigns, the Bharat Jodo Yatra, anti-drug awareness programmes, child labour awareness initiatives, youth mobilization, and public welfare activities. He has also taken up public issues through legal channels, including filing a complaint over allegedly defamatory social media content targeting the Chief Minister of Telangana.



Free NEET-2027 Awareness Programme Poster Unveiled

RANGAREDDY : The poster for the Free Three-Day NEET-2027 Awareness Programme, organised by MetaMind IIT-NEET Academy, was unveiled at the office of TRSMA Shadnagar President K. Vamsi Krishna. The awareness programme is scheduled to be held in Shamshabad from July 10 to 12.



The poster launch was attended by MetaMind IIT-NEET Academy Founder and CEO A. Manoj Kumar and TRSMA members. Speaking on the occasion, K. Vamsi Krishna urged students who have completed Intermediate (BiPC) and aspire to pursue a medical career to take advantage of the free awareness sessions. He said Telangana needs more skilled doctors to build a healthier future and stressed that proper guidance, discipline and focused preparation are key to success in the NEET examination.

Junior Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Building Inaugurated at Devarkadra



Mahabubnagar, July 2: The newly established Junior Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class Court building at Devarkadra in Mahabubnagar district was inaugurated virtually on Thursday by Telangana High Court Judge and Administrative Judge for Mahabubnagar district, Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar, along with Justice Madhavi Devi, from Hyderabad.

At the local venue, Principal District and Sessions Judge M. Premalatha and Devarkadra MLA G. Madhusudhan Reddy formally inaugurated the court building by cutting the ribbon.

The establishment of the new court is expected to bring judicial services closer to the people of Devarkadra and the surrounding areas. It will help expedite the disposal of cases and ensure timely and efficient delivery of justice to the public. District Collector Khushboo Gupta, Superintendent of Police D. Janaki, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Secretary Indira, judicial officers, government officials, advocates, and public representatives attended the inaugural programme.

Collector seeks political parties' cooperation for SIR process



Mahabubnagar, July 2: District Collector Khushboo Gupta urged recognised political parties to extend full cooperation for the transparent and error-free implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls during a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Thursday.She said Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have completed the distribution of Enumeration Forms and are collecting the filled forms from voters. The Collector asked political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at every polling station and create awareness among voters to ensure timely submission of the forms. She also advised party representatives to report any issues in the SIR process to the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) or Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) for immediate resolution. Election officials and representatives of recognised political parties attended the meeting.

Collector asks BLOs to help voters fill Enumeration Forms

Nagar Kurnool, July 2: District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to personally distribute Enumeration Forms, assist voters in filling them, and collect the completed forms as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls.



During an inspection at Polling Station No. 107 in Ramnagar Colony on Thursday, the Collector said all eligible voters, including those already listed in the electoral roll, must submit the Enumeration Form to ensure their names are included in the revised voter list.

He instructed voters to seek assistance from BLOs if needed and collect an acknowledgment receipt after submitting the form. The Collector said the collected forms will be verified and the draft electoral roll will be published by July 31.

RDO Archana, Tahsildar Tabitha Rani, DT Kiran Kumar, BLO Devi, and other officials were present during the inspection.

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Offers Prayers



Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud visited the Nalla Pochamma Temple in Allapur Division of Kukatpally Assembly constituency, where idol consecration (Prathishta) celebrations are being held.On the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud offered special prayers to the presiding deity and sought the Goddess's blessings.He accorded a warm welcome by the temple committee, local public representatives, and devotees. Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud said he prayed for the peace, prosperity, good health, and well-being of the people of Telangana. He expressed hope that the blessings of the Goddess would bring happiness and harmony to every family in the State.

Yashoda Hospital doctors perform rare high-risk heart bypass surgery



Wanaparthy, July 2: Doctors at Yashoda Super Specialty Hospital, Malakpet, successfully performed a rare high-risk beating-heart bypass surgery on a 61-year-old man from Wanaparthy suffering from severe left main coronary artery disease.

The patient, S. Krishnaprasad, had been experiencing chest pain for the past six months. Medical tests revealed left main coronary artery disease, triple vessel disease, and Type-2 diabetes, prompting doctors to recommend immediate bypass surgery.

The surgery was successfully performed by Consultant Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon Dr. Vengal Reddy using the off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting (OPCAB) technique. Speaking at a press conference in Wanaparthy, Dr. Vengal Reddy said patients with severe left main coronary artery blockages require timely diagnosis, expert surgical planning, and advanced medical infrastructure for successful treatment.

Yashoda Hospitals stated that it remains committed to delivering world-class, patient-centric cardiac care through advanced technology and experienced medical specialists.

Commissioner Srijana Reviews Civic Priorities

Hyderabad TSIT: As part of the One Ward Every Day initiative, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana visited Pragathi Nagar Ward in Nizampet Circle, Quthbullapur Zone, along with the Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and other officials to assess civic infrastructure and interact directly with residents and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs).During the visit, residents highlighted key civic concerns, including maintenance of parks and public amenities, drainage overflows, sewage discharge, waterlogging, street lighting, pothole repairs, road restoration, traffic safety, encroachments, sanitation, mosquito control, stray dog management, burial ground infrastructure and public transport facilities.



Collector directs quality MGNREGS works and better facilities for workers

Mahabubnagar, July 2: District Collector Khushboo Gupta inspected ongoing MGNREGS works at Gurukonda village in Devarkadra mandal on Thursday and directed officials to maintain quality standards and ensure all basic facilities for workers. The Collector interacted with workers engaged in digging plantation pits and



enquired about their work, wages, and employment under the scheme. She also reviewed whether drinking water, shade, and first-aid facilities were available at the worksite. Khushboo Gupta instructed officials to ensure timely wage payments and provide all amenities mandated under the MGNREGS guidelines. The inspection was attended by the Devarkadra MPDO, Tahsildar, and other officials.

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Sri Akula Rama Krishna & Others
...Applicants
Rep by its Special Power of Attorney
AND
Axis Bank Ltd & Another
Rep by its Authorised Officer
....Respondents

1. M/s. Vijay Sheets and Strips (P) Ltd., Rep by its Managing Director Sri Ajay Kumar Agarwal, O/o. Room No. 9, D. No. 5-4-63, 2nd Floor, Vyas Complex, Distillery Road, Secunderabad - 500003
2. Sri Ajay Agarwal, S/o.Late Vijay Kumar Agarwal, Aged 42 Years, Occ: Business, R/o. H. No. 8/2/577/A, Roop Leela, Road No. 7, Banjara Hills, Cotton World, Hyderabad - 500034
...Respondents No.2 & 3

Whereas, the Applicant filed the above SA under Sect.17 of SARFAESI Act, 2002, for various reliefs made there under and you were made parties to the SA as Respondent No.2 & 3 by the Applicants. The Hon'ble Tribunal has ordered Notice to Both the Respondents No.2 & 3 by way of Paper publication and posted the matter to 30-07-2026, as such you shall be present on **30-07-2026 at 10.30 AM** before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Hyderabad, either in person or through an Advocate failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

(BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, HYDERABAD)
B. SANJAY KUMAR & V. RAVINDER, ADVOCATES
Flat No. 101, Aashray Mansion, Street No. 20, Liberty Hill Colony, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad-500 029, Ph. No. 9246341839
Email: vudigaravinder77@gmail.com

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

O.A.NO. 541 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

UNION BANK OF INDIA, Moulali Branch, Hyderabad,
....Applicant Bank
AND
M/s. Sree Venkateswara Beauty Services And Another ...Defendants

To
1) M/s. Sree Venkateswara Beauty Services Rep By Its Proprietor: Mr. Sampath Kumar Regoti, Plot No.15, SS Heights, P.s. Rao Nagar, Dammaiguda, Hyderabad-500083.
2) Mr. Sampath Kumar Regoti S/o. Sri Swamy Regoti, Aged about 43 years, Occ: Business, Gender Male, R/o. Flat No.5, B-Block, Vista Homes, N.N. Colony, Kushaiguda, Hyderabad-500062. ....Defendants

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the O.A.NO. 541 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 23,02,979.18
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under: -
(I) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on **12-08-2026** at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

T.A.NO. 6 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA Champapet branch, Hyderabad.
....Applicant Bank
AND
MR. HANEESH BABU VUYYURU And Another ...Defendants

To
1. Mr. Haneesh Babu Vuyyuru, Sex: Male S/o. Rama Mohan Rao, Aged 37 Years, Occ: Business, R/o Plot No. 581 And 582, Flat No. T-3, Sai Lakshmi Residency, Near HDFC ATM, Pragathinagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500072
2. Smt. Vuyyuru Devasena W/o. Mr. Haneesh Babu Vuyyuru, Sex Female, Aged 36 Years, Occ Housewife, R/o. Plot No. 581 And 582, Flat No T-3, Sai Lakshmi Residency, Near Hdfc Atm, Pragathinagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. Telangana- 500072 ...Defendants

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the T.A.NO. 6 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.1,33,84,641/-
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under: -
(I) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on **11-08-2026** at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

O.A.NO. 359 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

State Bank of India
Verses
Mrs. Nasreen Begum

To
Mrs. Nasreen Begum W/o Mohammad Jamsheed, H.NO.10-9-34/B, IG Puram,Near Railway Track, Fathe Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 018

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the O.A.NO.359 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.24,62,979/-.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under: -
(I) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on **06-08-2026** at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

O.A.NO. 360 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

State Bank of India
Verses
Kothapalli Dharma Teja

To
Kothapalli Dharma Teja S/o Narasaiah, MIG 1-24, 9th Phase, Near Bus Stop, KPHB Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri - 500 085

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the O.A.NO.360 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.20,65,301/-.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under: -
(i) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 23-07-2026 at 10:30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 30th day of June 2026.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue Summons

Form No.3
(See Regulation - 15 (1)(a)/16(3)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT II) 1st Floor Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad 500 001

O.A.NO.182 OF 2026

Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule 2(A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Union Bank of India, SRK Branch VS Sri Akshara Girls Hostel and others

To
1). Sri Akshara Girls Hostel Plot No.117, H.No.7-435, Brundhavan Colony Ibrahimpatnam, R.R.District - 501 506

SUMMONS

WHEREAS the Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said application under Section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.39,94,007-00/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand and Seven only) (application along with copies of documents etc., annexed)
In accordance with sub section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted:
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 23-07-2026 at 10:30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 30th day of June 2026.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue Summons

CHANGE OF NAME

I madamshetty chandra sekhar s/o venkatanarsaiah, age 52 years, Occ: business, R/o. H.No.1-3-92/1, kisan nagar, Bhuvanagiri town, Bhuvanagiri Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District, have changed my name to MADAMSHETTY CHANDRA SHEKAR. For all future purposes. Cell no. 9248048125.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office:Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office:6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **29th June 2026.**

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) SRINIVAS REDDY PAKEERU, S/O:ANJAIAH @ALIAS ANJIREDDY , AGE:35 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O: H.NO: 2-11, DHARMOJIGUDEM, CHOUTUPPAL, NALGONDA-508252, B/O: PROPRIETOR OF "JAYA RAMA MOTORS", AT # PLOT NO: 07, JAYA RAMA MOTORS, MAIN ROAD 9, BESIDE GEMMCO NH 9, HAYATH NAGAR-500070, 9705831231., **2) LINGA REDDY PANNALA, S/O:SUDHAKAR REDDY,** R/O: H:NO: -4-48, SANGEM VILLAGE, VALIGONDA MANDAL, NALGONDA-508252, 9948788494. .....**Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs**	**Rs. 5547406/-** (Rupees FIFTY FIVE LAKHS FOURTY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR AND SIX only)

Description of Property: VANASTF1605300012 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :Property Holder Name Is Pakkeeru Srinivas Reddy, Mortgage Deed Dated 01.06.2016 Registered As Document No 3524/2016 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-registrar At Choutuppal) Nalgonda District, Choutuppal Sub District, Choutuppal Mandal, Dharmojigudem H/o Lakkaram Village And Gram Panchayat, Sy.no.111, An Extent Of Ac.0-10½ Guntas Or 1270.50 Sq Yards Or 1062.13 Sq Mts Of Of Residential Area And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot Of Bathula Ramulu., Towards West: Rastha (cart Way)., Towards North: Land Of Pisati Anjaiah., Towards South: Land Of Jangam Butchaiah.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Nalgonda.
Date : 29-06-2026

Sd/-Authorised officer, Shriram Finance Ltd,

ICICI Home Finance | Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: 2nd floor, Plot No.141, VDO Colony, Gattaiah Centre, Khammam 507001.
[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Ande Hari Krishna (Borrower) Ande Raja Mani (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHKHA00001300890	H No. 3-5-184/3/3 Sy No . 122 Situated At Pumping Well Road, Khammam Municipal Area, Khammam Municipal Corporation And Dist 507003 Telangana.	Rs. 23,75, 136/- June 23, 2026	Rs. 58,25, 619/- / Rs.5,82, 562/-	July 13, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 20, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till July 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before July 18, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before July 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.- Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com/

Date: July 03, 2026
Place: Khammam

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MIRIYALA MANASA, W/o. MIRIYALA SRINIVAS,** R/o. 19-10-255, Gavicharla Road, Warangal District-506 005, T.G. Solemnly declared that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **MIRIYALA AARDHYA** to **MIRIYALA ARADHYA** For all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instructions of my client M/s. TATA CAPITAL LIMITED, Warangal Branch. I hereby issue the following notice to general public. **Gugulothu Harsha Raj Kamal**, S/o. Ramulu, Resident of at H.No. 5-94/1/1, in Sy.No. 365/1/4, Danthalapally Village and Mandal, Mahabubabad District has applied for Mortgage loan by offering the below motioned Schedule property. Such property has been acquired by them from Gugulothu Nagamani, W/o. Ramulu through Registered Gift Deed vide Doc No. 4515/2026, dt.09-04-2026. Therefore, if anyone has any objection, over the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to submit their objections, along with documentary proof, shall be informed to the address mentioned below in writing within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be presumed that no one has any objection or claim over the said property, and further action will be taken accordingly.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

RCC Residential House with open place property bearing G.P H.No. 5-94/1/1, to an extent of 232.13 Sq.Yrds or 194.09 Sq.Mtrs, Ground Floor Plinth area 1358 Sq.Fts, First Floor Plinth area 1358 Sq.Fts, Second Floor Plinth area 1358 Sq.Fts Situated at Danthalapally Village and Mandal, Mahabubabad District, **and SRO Mahabubabd** boundaries as follows: **BOUNDARIES, EAST :** Land of Gugulothu Ramulu, **WEST :** R& B Road (Road Towards Dhanthalapally to Suryapet), **NORTH :** Land of Gugulothu Ramulu, **SOUTH :** IOC Petrol Pump.

Sd/- AERRAM NITHESH KUMAR B.SC, LL.B
Advocate
H.No. 16-8-302, Abbanikunta,
Warangal - 506013
Mob: 9032519080

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public THAT MY client **P.NAGESHWER S/o. LATE VENKATAIAH** aged about 69 years, Residing at H.No:1-1-387/3/3, 2nd FLOOR, GANDHINAGAR, HYDERABAD was lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deeds vide (1) Doc. No. 1164 of 1985 DATED 25th JULY 1985 and (2) Doc. No: 1665 of 1994 DATED 19th JULY 1994 (3) DOC NO: 407 OF 1996 dated at 1996 Regd. At SRO AT CHIKKADAPALLY and the property SITUATED AT H.No: 1-1-387/3/3, and 1-1-387/2, GANDHINAGAR, HYDERABAD and while travelling from RTC BUS FROM SECUNDEABAD TO MUSHEERABAD and all possible efforts were made to trace the above mentioned lost documents and it could not be found. Despite making all possible efforts to trace the document, it could not be found and is therefore presumed to be lost beyond recovery. Hence, if any person(s) find or come across the above-mentioned original Link document, they are requested to kindly inform the undersigned at the address given below. The finder will be suitably rewarded.

T. RAVINDER RAO, Advocate
10-103/3,
SRIKRISHNA NAGAR COLONY,
PEERZADIGUDA, MEDIPALLY
MANDAL, M.M.DIST-500098
CELL NO: 8977330079.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

O.A.NO. 542 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

UNION BANK OF INDIA,
Moulali Branch, Hyderabad,
....Applicant Bank

AND

Mrs. Khazira Begum And Another
...Defendants

To

1) Mrs. Khazira Begum W/o. Syed Abdul Wajid, Aged About: 34 Years, Gender: Female, R/o. Plot No.62, Crown Shams Huda Heights, Road No.12, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana.

2) Mr. Syed Abdul Wajid, S/o. Syed Abdul Hameed, Gender: Male, Aged About: 46 Years, R/o. Plot No.62, Crown Shams Huda Heights, Road No.12, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana. **..Defendants**

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the O.A.NO. 542 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.68,27,541/-

In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under: -

(I) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on **12-08-2026** at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

DGP C.V.Anand Reviews Police Station Reorganisation Across Four Commissionerates



Hyderabad TSIT: Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Thursday conducted a high-level review meeting on the proposed reorganisation of police station jurisdictions in the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate, Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate and Future City Police Commissionerate.

During the meeting, the Commissioners of the four Commissionerates presented detailed proposals on the restructuring of police station limits, jurisdictional realignment and administrative requirements.

DGP directed officials to undertake the reorganisation strictly in accordance with the Government Orders (GOs). He instructed that police station boundaries should be aligned with municipal limits, revenue divisions and court jurisdictions to ensure better administrative coordination.

Emphasising the need for long-term planning, C.V. Anand said the reorganisation should take into account future urban expansion, population growth and evolving administrative needs. He also instructed officials to consider the views of all stakeholders while finalising the proposals.

Lakpathi Yadagiri Goud Defends Yadagirigutta Trust Board Urges Leaders to Avoid Unnecessary Controversy



Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC Secretary Lakpathi Yadagiri Goud has appealed to political leaders and party members to refrain from creating unnecessary controversy over the constitution of the Yadagirigutta Temple Trust Board, stating that the State Government has ensured representation for all communities in the governing body.Backing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Lakpathi Yadagiri Goud said every decision taken by the Chief Minister is aimed at the overall development of Telangana and should be viewed in that spirit. He said criticism of the Trust Board's composition was unwarranted and ignored the government's efforts to provide inclusive representation.

Commissioner Srijana reviews monsoon preparedness measures



Hyderabad, July 2: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana reviewed monsoon preparedness during the Joint Action Teams (JATs) Orientation Programme organised by the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGiCCC).The programme brought together officials from civic, police, disaster response, fire services, water supply, and meteorological departments to strengthen coordination during the rainy season. Commissioner Srijana stressed the need for seamless coordination among departments and directed officials to improve the use of location-specific weather forecasts from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) for timely emergency response.She also instructed departments to prepare short-term, medium-term, and long-term action plans for monsoon-related works to ensure quick response to emergencies and improve public safety during the season.

Tribal MLAs Submit Charter of Demands to CM Revanth Reddy



Hyderabad TSIT: A delegation of Tribal legislators, led by Tribal Welfare Minister met Chief Minister at the Secretariat on Thursday and submitted a memorandum seeking enhanced development initiatives for tribal and agency areas across the State.MLAs urged Chief Minister to sanction an additional 2,000 Indiramma houses for Assembly constituencies located in agency areas.They also sought early issuance of land titles for podu lands and implementation of the Indira Giri Jala Vikasam scheme to strengthen irrigation and improve the livelihoods of tribal communities.

Veerlapalli Shankar Alleges Financial Mismanagement by BRS



RANGAREDDY : Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of State Public Sector Undertakings Veerlapalli Shankar on Thursday accused the previous BRS government of leaving Telangana burdened with heavy debts, pending dues and financial mismanagement. Addressing a press conference at his camp office, he alleged that dues were left unpaid across several departments, including fee reimbursement, power utilities, RTC, gram panchayats and contractors. He also claimed that several welfare promises and development works, including Double Bedroom Housing projects in Shadnagar, remained incomplete.

Archana Assumes Charge as New RDO of Nagarkurnool

The South India Times //

Nagarkurnool : Archana has officially assumed charge as the new Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) of Nagarkurnool. On the occasion, she paid a courtesy visit to District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil



at the Collectorate and presented him with a bouquet. Prior to her new posting, Archana served as Deputy Collector in the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. She was appointed as the RDO of Nagarkurnool as part of the recent transfers of government officials. After assuming charge, Archana said she would strive to provide transparent, accountable, and efficient administration to the people. She also assured that priority would be given to resolving public grievances promptly and ensuring better delivery of government services.

All departments must coordinate to ensure timely justice for sexual assault victims: Warangal CP



Warangal, July 2: Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination to ensure timely justice and comprehensive support for victims of sexual assault.

Speaking at a review meeting held at the Warangal Police Commissionerate on Thursday, she said Bharosa Kendras play a crucial role in providing medical care, legal aid, psychological counselling, and rehabilitation services to women and children affected by sexual assault.

The Commissioner stressed the need for sensitive investigations while protecting the dignity and privacy of victims. She instructed officials to ensure seamless coordination from case registration and investigation to medical examination, forensic evidence collection, counselling, legal assistance, and rehabilitation.

She also directed officials to complete investigations in cases registered under the POCSO Act within the prescribed time and present strong evidence in court. The meeting reviewed measures to strengthen services provided through Bharosa Kendras in Warangal and Jangaon districts.

Farmers allege irregularities in urea sales at Bayyaram cooperative centres



Mahabubabad, July 2: Farmers in Bayyaram mandal have alleged irregularities in the sale of urea at sub-centres operated by the Bayyaram Farmers' Cooperative Society, claiming they are being charged more than the government-fixed price.

According to the farmers, an additional Rs.10 to Rs.20 is being collected on each urea bag. They alleged that while the official bill reflects one amount, a higher amount is collected in cash. Some farmers also claimed they were not given bills directly after purchase.

Farmer Poonem Chinna Lingaiah of Suddarevu village alleged that he paid Rs.1,425 for five urea bags, while the bill issued showed only Rs.1,330, claiming that uneducated farmers were being exploited.

The farmers have demanded that the Agriculture and Cooperative Department officials conduct an immediate inquiry into the alleged irregularities and take strict action against those found responsible. They also urged the authorities to ensure fertilizers are sold strictly at government-approved prices.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, Smt. Arekapudi Shyamala Devi, W/o. Sri. Arekapudi Gandhi, R/o. Plot No. 19 & 20, Saptagiri Colony, Vivekananda Nagar Colony, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist., Hyderabad-72; had misplaced the following original property link documents, during shifting of her office premises from Vivekananda Nagar Colony to Moosapet, Hyderabad:

Sl. No.	Doc. No. Date	Executed by	In favour of	Extent (in Ac.)	Landed Property alienated & Registered at RO, R.R.District.
1.	**2117/1991 15/03/1991**	P.V. Narasimha Reddy	**Shaik Imam** S/o. Shaik Ali	5	Sy.No.307/P of Gajularamaram Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District Presently Medhcal-Malkajgiri District.
2.	**2133/1991 16/03/1991**	P. Anji Reddy & D.Indrasena Reddy	**Ehsan Ameen** S/o.Shaik Imam	3	
3.	**2450/1991 25/03/1991**	Rep. by their GPA, Sri. P. Narasingam	**Zaheda,** W/o. Shaik Imam	3	

Anyone finding or in possession of the above original documents are requested to contact the undersigned at the earliest and it is informed that they shall be suitably rewarded.

Hyderabad 02/07/2026

T. Purnachandra Rao, Advocate, C-1002, Lakshmi's Emperia, Srila Gardens, Miyapur, Hyderabad, 500049, R.R District; Telangana; **Mobile:** 9949044233 & 7702355570; **Email:** purna@anokhilaw.com

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NOTICE OF EXTRA- ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING E-VOTING INFORMATION

Dear Members,

1. Notice is hereby given that the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of the Company will be Convened on Friday, 24 July, 2026 at 03:00 PM through Video Conference("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the special business as set out in the Notice of EGM.
2. The Notice of the EGM along with explanatory statement sent on Thursday, 02 July 2026 by email only to those members, whose email addresses are registered with the Company or with their respective Depository Participants ("Depository") as on 26 June 2026 (Friday).
3. The Cut-off Date is 17 July, 2026 (Friday) for determining the eligibility of the Shareholders to vote by remote e-voting or in the EGM.
4. The e-voting facility will commence from 09:00 A.M. (IST) on 21 July 2026 (Tuesday) and end on 23 July 2026 (Thursday) at 05:00 P.M. (IST). The remote e-voting module will be disabled by E-voting agency (NSDL) for voting thereafter.
5. In addition, the facility for e-voting shall be made available during the EGM and Members attending the EGM who have not cast their votes through remote e-voting shall be eligible to vote at the EGM.
6. M/s M. R. Bhatia & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries has been appointed as Scrutinizer, and to scrutinize the entire e-voting process at EGM in a fair and transparent manner.
7. The Instructions for E-Voting and for participating in the EGM are provided in the Notice of the EGM. The Notice of the EGM will also be available on the website of the Company i.e www.deccanhealthcare.co.in and on the website of the Stock Exchange i.e BSE Limited: www.bseindia.com
8. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on : 022 - 4886 7000 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or Company's E-mail id- cs@deccanhealthcare.co.in

Members are requested to carefully read the notice of the EGM and in particular, instructions for joining the EGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting.

Place : Hyderabad
Date : 03 July, 2026

By the Order of Board of Directors
For, **Deccan Health Care Limited**
Sd/- **Shikha Das** - Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office:Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office:6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **29th June 2026.**

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Sathyanarayana Kadari @alias Satyanarayan Kadari @alias Satyanarana Kadari, S/o: Bixamaiah Kadari, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 9.207, Santhosh Nagar, Chityala Mandal, Nalgonda District.508114, B/o: "bharath Electronics" At # Main Road, Chityal, Nalgonda, 9848213193., **2) Srinivas Gundeboina, S/o:mallaiah Gundeboina,** Age: 49 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 9.202, Santhosh Nagar, Chityala, Nalgonda District.508114, B/o: "civil Contractor", 9951235027., **3) Usharani Kadari @ Alias Thelusuri Usharani, W/o: Satyanarayana Kadari,** Age: 33 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H No: 9.207, Santhoshnagar, Chityala, Nalgonda District.508114, 9948416060. **.....Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs**	**Rs.7645178/-** (Rupees Seventy Six Lacs Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight only)

Description of Property: VANASTF1706300055 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Property Holder Name Is Kadari Satyanarayana, Mortgage Deed Dated 06.07.2017 Registered As Document No 6388/2017 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-registrar At Nalgonda (r.o)) All That Open House Plot Admeasuring 356.88 Sq.yards Euqlent To 298.38 Sq.meters In Sy.no.231 Block No.9 Ward No.7 Residential Zone Situated At Sanotsh Nagar Colony, Chityala Village And Mandal, Dist.nalgonda, Sub Registrar Joiont Sub Registrar, Nalgonda And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot Of J.laxmi And J.ravinder., Towards West: Open Plot Of K.rangaiah And Others., Towards North: 15'wide Road., Towards South: 18'wide Road.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Nalgonda.
Date : 29-06-2026

Sd/-Authorised officer,
Shriram Finance Ltd,

FOR ADVERTISMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

L&T Finance Limited
Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098
CIN No.: L67120MH2008PLC181833
Branch office: Hyderabad

L&T Finance

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

The Authorised Officer of L&T Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [54 OF 2002] and in exercise of powers conferred under the said Act is auctioning the following property on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** by way of **"PUBLIC AUCTION"** for recovery of its dues and further interest, charges and costs etc.

Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower	Secured Property Address	Loan Account Number(s)	Physical Possession taken	Earnest Money Deposit 10% or more of RP (In ₹)	Secured Debt	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
1. K Mahesh Singh 2. K Vinod Singh 3. Ms. Rld Riders Lubricants (Through Its Proprietor K Mahesh Singh)	**Schedule – I** All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat Bearing No. 501 (East Facing), In 5th Floor, In The Name And Style Of "Sri R.K's Brundavanam Apartments" With A Plinth Area Of 1540 Square Feets (Including Common Areas And Car Parking), Along With Proportionate Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 62.8 Square Meters, On Plot Bearing Nos. 20 And 21. In Sy.No. 11 To 15. Situated At Puppalaguda Village And Gram Panchayat, Gandipet Mandal (Previously Rajendranagar Mandal), Rangareddy District, Telangana State And Bounded By: Boundaries: East By: Open To Sky; West By: Open To Sky; North By: Open To Sky; South By: Staircase & Corridor	H0481807 04231238 15, H0481803 02230625 46 H0481803 02230625 46L,	19.05.2026	Rs. 8,34,043/-	As per Demand Notice dated 08/12/2025 Total outstanding dues is Rs. 7,867,524.69/ - As On Date 02/12/2025	Rs. 83,40,430/- (BID Incremental Value Rs. 50,000/-)	On 28/07/2026 from 10.00 A.M to 5.30 P.M with prior appointment.	06/08/2026 from 11:00 A.M TO 12:00 P.M

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION

1. The E-auction Sale is being conducted online by the Authorised Officer through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/ under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through public e-E-auction mode.
2. The public E-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset/s mentioned above will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS & "AS IS WHAT IT IS" CONDITION.**
3. For participating in the public E-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10 % of the reserve price of the secured assets along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof on or before **05/08/2026** TILL 6:00 P.M.
4. The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the public E-auction will be refunded by LTF within 7 days of the closure of the public E-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
5. The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25 % (inclusive of EMD) of his/its offer by way of by way of D.D./P. O favoring "L&T Finance Limited" payable at Mumbai on or before 18:00 hours on **06/08/2026** i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., **07/08/2026,** which deposit will have to confirmed by L&T Finance Limited, failing which the sale will be deemed have been failed and the EMD of the said successful bidder shall be forfeited. The balance amount i.e.,75% of purchase price payable shall be paid by the purchaser to L&T Finance Limited on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of immovable property or such extended period as per provisions of law.
6. For inspection of property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer i.e. **Name Mr. Vikas Singh, Contact No. 8669189048 and Mr. Satheesha R Contact No. 9738141146, L&T Finance Ltd, Brindavan, Plot no. 177, CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098, Maharashtra, India.** At any stage of the E-auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or postpone the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
7. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
8. The Borrower/Guarantors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned public E-auction sale.
9. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called up on to pay the entire loan outstanding dues as mentioned above before the said E-auction date failing which the L & T Finance Ltd shall sale the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT,2002.
10. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) /public at large are hereby restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise with the secured assets referred to in the notice without prior written consent of L&T Finance Limited.

Date: 03.07.2026
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T Finance Limited

Data-Driven Governance is the Future, Says CM Naidu



Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday stressed that data-driven governance and continuous innovation are essential for achieving inclusive development and improving the lives of the poor. Addressing participants during an interactive session at the two-day workshop on "Economic Intelligence for Governance Capacity Building," the Chief Minister said governments must constantly explore new approaches instead of becoming complacent.

He remarked that satisfaction often leads to stagnation and that he never settles easily, as there is always more to be done for the people. Emphasising the importance of technology, he said Andhra Pradesh should not only leverage advanced technologies but also develop its own systems to strengthen governance. He called for collective efforts, stating that development can be achieved only when everyone works together with a shared vision.

The Chief Minister announced that a quantum computer will soon be operational in Amaravati and expressed confidence that Andhra Pradesh will also develop the capability to manufacture quantum computers in the future.

Highlighting the government's focus on poverty alleviation, Chandrababu Naidu said welfare schemes must be implemented effectively to bring tangible improvements in the lives of the poor. He cited the examples of pension beneficiaries Tulasamma and Padmamma, whose families witnessed significant socio-economic progress through government welfare programmes and DWCRA assistance. He said the government is evaluating indicators such as GSDP and CAGR to formulate policies aimed at improving the living standards of vulnerable sections.

Recalling his Vision 2020 initiative, the Chief Minister said he was criticised when he first introduced the vision document, but former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam later advocated preparing a similar vision for the country. He noted that the IT revolution transformed the world into a global village and reiterated that promoting the services sector had played a crucial role in the state's development.

Describing data as the new wealth, Chandrababu Naidu said future governance would depend on informed, data-based decision-making. He emphasised that while delivering quality public services remains a government priority, attracting private investment is equally important for wealth creation. He said the Swarna Andhra Vision places special emphasis on private investments and economic growth.

The Chief Minister also said the government is integrating data from various departments through a unified Data Lake platform and has prepared an action plan to implement the Sanjeevani Project by digitising health records. He added that the P4 (Public-Private-People Partnership for Poverty Eradication) initiative aims to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor by encouraging successful individuals to contribute to society. Improving the quality of life of every family and promoting the joint family system are among the government's long-term objectives, he said.

Historic Progress in Minority Welfare and Justice Delivery: Minister NMD Farooq



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Law, Justice and Minority Welfare, NMD Farooq, said the State Government under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has made significant progress in minority welfare, education, employment, judicial reforms and infrastructure development as part of the Swarna Andhra Pradesh–2047 vision.

Addressing a press conference at the State Secretariat on Thursday, the Minister said Rs.16,147.23 crore has been allocated for the Minority Welfare Department for the period 2024–25 to 2026–27, with Rs.9,759.70 crore already spent over the past two years. He said lakhs of minority families have benefited through schemes such as NTR Bharosa Pension, Talliki Vandanam, Post-Matric Scholarships and Deepam-2. The government has also provided skill development training to over 10,500 beneficiaries through the Centre for Educational Development of Minorities (CEDM).

Highlighting educational initiatives, the Minister said free residential education, competitive exam coaching and digital learning facilities have been provided to minority students. He also noted that the government has strengthened the protection of Waqf properties by recovering 88 acres of encroached land, completing surveys of 1,500 Waqf institutions, and releasing funds for their development. The Minister said the government ensured smooth arrangements for Haj pilgrims, promoted infrastructure projects under PMJVK and PM-VIKAS, and expanded Urdu language and digital training programmes across the State.

VB-G RAM G scheme will provide financial security to the poor: Chittoor MP



Chittoor, July 2: Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao said the Vikasit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) scheme will provide financial security to poor families and rural workers while boosting village development.The MP inaugurated the scheme at Ksheera Samudram Gram Panchayat in JD Nellore and SR Puram mandals on Thursday. He also performed Bhoomi Pooja for a tank bund and directed officials to begin work on the GMR Puram causeway.

Centre launches VBG Ram G Mission from Andhra Pradesh

Tirupati, July 2: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Thursday launched the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Ajeevika Mission (VBG Ram G) at Railway Koduru in Tirupati district, marking its nationwide rollout.



Speaking at the event, Chandrababu Naidu said the scheme would be implemented in Andhra Pradesh with a total outlay of over Rs.11,000 crore, including Rs.7,700 crore from the Centre. He said the mission would provide 125 days of employment while creating durable rural infrastructure such as roads, drainage systems and canals.Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the Centre would release Rs.7,700 crore to Andhra Pradesh under the mission, sanction 74,212 houses under PM Awas Yojana and Rs.422 crore for rural roads under PM Gram Sadak Yojana. He also announced procurement of 2.16 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes under the Market Intervention Scheme.

Rear Admiral C. Raghuram, VSM (Retd.) Assumes Charge as CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited



Visakhapatnam (TSIT)
Rear Admiral C. Raghuram, VSM (Retd.) assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, on Wednesday. Commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 10, 1989, Rear Admiral Raghuram served with distinction for more than 35 years. Throughout his naval career, he gained extensive experience in naval engineering, ship maintenance, strategic planning and leadership across key operational and command appointments. In recognition of his distinguished service, he was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) in 2017.

An alumnus of the Naval College of Engineering, Lonavala, Cranfield University (United Kingdom), Naval War College and National Defence College, he has built an illustrious career spanning afloat operations, equipment life cycle support, research and development, warship design, combat system integration and training. He served onboard frontline warships INS Gomati and INS Trishul, including as a member of the commissioning crew of INS Trishul.During his career, he held several key appointments, including Commanding Officer of INS Valsura, Principal Director Electrical Engineering at the Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy), Command Electrical Officer at Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Chief Staff Officer (Technical) at Headquarters Western Naval Command, and senior leadership positions at Naval Dockyard Mumbai and Naval Headquarters. Before taking over at HSL, he served as Assistant Chief of Materiel, overseeing the maintenance of key naval platforms. As CMD, Rear Admiral C. Raghuram (Retd.) will lead Hindustan Shipyard Limited in strengthening its role as a strategic defence shipyard while advancing India's vision of self-reliance in maritime defence capabilities.

VBG Ram Ji Scheme Launched Nationwide from Andhra Pradesh



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Centre's flagship Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Ajeevika Mission (VBG Ram Ji) was launched nationwide from Railway Koduru in Tirupati district on Wednesday by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. The leaders inaugurated development works at Mukkavaripalli village, distributed VBG Ram Ji job cards to beneficiaries and unveiled the scheme's portal. Under the programme, the Centre has earmarked Rs.7.5 lakh crore for rural development across the country, while Andhra Pradesh will receive Rs.7,700 crore during the initial phase. The scheme aims to create durable rural assets through employment-oriented development works, with every Gram Panchayat expected to undertake projects worth around Rs.2 crore annually.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said the scheme would transform rural Andhra Pradesh with a combined investment of over Rs.11,700 crore from the Centre and the State. He said roads, drainage systems, canals, farm ponds and other public assets would be created using technologies such as geo-tagging and biometric authentication to ensure transparency. Calling the scheme a responsibility rather than a burden, he expressed confidence that it would significantly improve rural infrastructure and livelihoods. The Chief Minister also said the coalition government had revived several Centrally Sponsored Schemes and reiterated its commitment to developing Amaravati, completing the Polavaram Project and attracting major investments to the state. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced 74,212 houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Rs.422 crore for rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, and procurement of 2.16 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes under the Market Intervention Scheme to support Andhra Pradesh farmers. He reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to extending full support to the state's development.

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy Meets Power Grid CMD, Seeks CSR Funds for Banaganapalle Development



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Investments and Infrastructure, BC Janardhan Reddy, met Power Grid Corporation of India Limited Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Burra Vamsi Ram Mohan at the company's headquarters in Gurugram, Haryana, and requested the release of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for infrastructure development in Banaganapalle Assembly constituency of Nandyal district. The Minister felicitated the CMD with a shawl and presented him with an idol of Lord Ganesha. During the meeting, they discussed the high-voltage transmission line project being executed by Power Grid Corporation at Nandipadu village in Kolimigundla mandal under the Banaganapalle constituency.

Highlighting the need for improved civic infrastructure in the region, the Minister requested CSR support for several development initiatives. He explained that recurring floods in the Jurreru stream during the monsoon inundate nearby residential areas and agricultural lands. He sought CSR funding of Rs.4.95 crore for the construction of a retaining wall as part of the Jurreru stream beautification and flood mitigation project. He also requested the CMD to provide modern medical equipment worth Rs.2 crore under CSR funds for the Government Hospital at Banaganapalle. Responding positively to the proposals, Power Grid CMD Burra Vamsi Ram Mohan assured the Minister that the company would extend full support for the development of the Banaganapalle region through its CSR initiatives. The Minister, in turn, assured the State Government's full cooperation for the expansion of Power Grid Corporation's operations in Andhra Pradesh and invited the company to undertake more projects and investments in the state.

261 poor patients selected for free surgeries under SVIMS-TTD Pranadanam Scheme



Tirupati, July 2: A total of 261 poor patients have been selected for free surgeries under the SVIMS-TTD Pranadanam Scheme at a selection committee meeting held at the Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) on Thursday.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. R.V. Kumar, Director and Vice-Chancellor of SVIMS. Patients holding White Ration Cards (BPL) were selected for free treatment based on their medical condition and eligibility.

The beneficiaries include patients from Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, General Surgery, Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Gynaecology, Radiology, Radiation Oncology, Gastroenterology, Surgical Oncology, and Urology.

The selected patients thanked the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) for providing financial assistance through the Pranadanam Scheme. The organisers also appealed to philanthropists, donors, and organisations to support the initiative and help provide life-saving treatment to more underprivileged patients.

Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram Reopens with Grandeur in Anakapalli



Ongole (TSIT): The renovated Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram, modernized under the aegis of the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), was reopened with great grandeur in Anakapalli on Thursday. Renowned spiritual speaker and Andhra Pradesh Government Advisor Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao attended the event as the chief guest and delivered a special discourse. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Anakapalli MLA Sri Konathala Ramakrishna, VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal, Metropolitan Commissioner Sri N. Tej Bharat, former MLA and Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Sri Peela Govinda Satyanarayana, Gavara Corporation Chairman Sri Malla Surendra, former MLC Sri Budda Naga Jagadeesh, DCMS Chairman Sri Kotni Balaji, Housing Corporation Chairman Sri Battula Tatayya Babu, Lok Satta State President Sri Babji, and several other public representatives and dignitaries.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp. On the occasion, Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao was felicitated by VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal, Metropolitan Commissioner Sri N. Tej Bharat, and MLA Sri Konathala Ramakrishna. Addressing the gathering, VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal said that the Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram, which had fallen into neglect during the previous government, was restored to its former glory after the coalition government assumed office, following the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu. He stated that VMRDA had renovated the cultural centre at a cost of Rs.5.14 lakh, equipping it with modern amenities and completely transforming its appearance. He added that the centre would be developed into a major venue for cultural, literary, and spiritual programmes. He further announced that a Model Park with world-class amenities is being developed at Kothuru in Anakapalli at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore. He said that, under the guidance of Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, IT Minister Sri Nara Lokesh, and Minister Sri Narayana, VMRDA has been sanctioning substantial funds for infrastructure development across all Assembly constituencies in Anakapalli district.

In his spiritual discourse, Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao emphasized the vital role of cultural centres in preserving Indian culture, Sanatana Dharma, and moral values. He remarked that such institutions are essential for promoting spiritual awareness and cultural development in society. Speaking on the occasion, Anakapalli MLA Sri Konathala Ramakrishna thanked VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal and Metropolitan Commissioner Sri N. Tej Bharat for allocating funds for the modernization of the Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram and for the development of the proposed Model Park.

Assam CM, Lalan Singh discuss roadmap to boost fisheries, dairy sectors

New Delhi (TSIT) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday met union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) and discussed a roadmap to strengthen the fisheries and dairy sectors in the state.



The meeting, held at the union Minister's official residence here, focused on unlocking Assam's potential in fisheries by increasing fish production, promoting exports, strengthening the value chain, expanding processing infrastructure and improving market access.

Sharing details of the meeting on X, Sarma said he had a "very good conversation" with the union Minister and appreciated his insights and experience in the sector.

The Chief Minister said the discussions explored ways to transform Assam into a major fish-producing and fish-exporting hub through coordinated efforts in production, processing and marketing.

"We had a productive discussion on harnessing Assam's immense potential in the fisheries sector. Along with increasing fish production, we also explored promoting fish exports by strengthening the value chain, improving processing infrastructure and enhancing market access," he said.

Sarma added that the ideas discussed would be translated into concrete outcomes in the coming days. The two leaders also reviewed measures to strengthen Assam's dairy sector, including enhancing veterinary facilities, setting up Pashu Aushadhi Kendras, establishing Tetra Pak (UHT) and milk powder plants, and improving cattle stock through artificial insemination.

In a separate post on X, the union Minister described the meeting as "warm and productive" and said the discussions covered measures to enhance fish production, boost exports, strengthen the fisheries value chain and expand processing infrastructure.

QBE Insurance Group Limited becomes sole owner and shareholder of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited

• Australian-headquartered global insurer acquires remaining stake in Indian carrier.
• The move is a significant milestone in QBE's strategic expansion in India and contributes to QBE's regional growth plans.
• The consolidation will enable new opportunities for innovation, global best practices, new products, and technology — with the goal of improving and creating customer-centric solutions across the Indian insurance landscape.



Mumbai (TSIT) QBE Insurance Group Limited, an international general insurer and reinsurer, has acquired 100% ownership of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited (Raheja QBE), following approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

The acquisition follows 18 years of joint ownership with Prism Johnson Limited and marks a significant milestone in QBE's strategic expansion in the Asian region. Raheja QBE is also being renamed and will be known as QBE as part of this acquisition. This transaction underscores QBE's view of India as an important growth market.

"India is one of the world's most dynamic markets – and we are well positioned to deploy QBE's capabilities and unlock the next phase of growth in a country we believe has enormous long-term potential," said Rob Kosova, CEO, QBE Asia.

Sole ownership will enable QBE to explore new opportunities for product and operational innovation, with the goal of improving and creating customer-centric solutions across the Indian insurance landscape. Both QBE Asia and Raheja QBE teams will continue to drive the local business forward. "While ownership is changing, our focus remains exactly the same: supporting our customers, partners and people," said Kosova. "Our priority is to build on the strong foundations already in place, preserve continuity for customers and create new opportunities for growth, innovation and career development. We are excited to welcome the India team fully into the QBE family and to shape the future of this business together."

'Methyl Isocyanate of Law': SC quashes verdict based on AI-generated precedents

NEW DELHI: Red flagging the use of "non-existent, fake, and hallucinated" judgements generated by artificial intelligence (AI), the Supreme Court on Thursday set aside a verdict of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), saying that courts must adopt zero tolerance against citing or using AI-generated precedents.



The bench comprising Justices PS Narasimha and Alok Aradhe said, "The production of fake, non-existent, and hallucinated material and its utilisation as precedents in law, is like the release of methyl Isocyanate in the province of law and justice: invisible, insidious, and catastrophic by the time anyone notices. It not only contaminates but takes away the very lifeblood of judicial determination." It set aside an NCLT judgement on Essel Infraprojects insolvency after finding that the tribunal had relied on non-existent, fake and hallucinated judgement precedents generated through AI tools.

"It is necessary for Courts to adopt a zero-tolerance mode for producing, citing or using AI-generated precedents without verification. It is a misconduct on the part of an advocate to cite such judgments without verification," the verdict said. The bench said it was equally a "serious lapse" if a judge relies on such a fake or hallucinated AI-generated material as precedents in support of the determination.

"We have no hesitation in declaring that such a decision is no decision in the eyes of the law, irrespective of whether such material had a direct or indirect bearing on the decision-making. Such decisions are to be set aside even if an iota of fake or hallucinated material enters the decision-making process, as it would violate the sanctity of adjudication," it said.

Kakatiya University initiates MoUs with three German universities

Warangal, July 2 (TSIT): Kakatiya University has initiated the process of signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with three universities in Germany to expand academic and research collaborations as part of its internationalisation drive. Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Pratap Reddy submitted Letters of Intent (LoIs) to the international relations divisions of RWTH Aachen University, Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences and the University of Göttingen during his visit to the institutions on June 1, 2026. The initiative was undertaken in the presence of Higher Education Secretary Dr. Yogita Rana, RUSA 2.0 State Project Officer Dr. Soundarya Joseph, RUSA 2.0 Nodal Officer of Kakatiya University Prof. R.



Mallikarjuna Reddy and Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Kumar, who participated in the discussions. The proposed MoUs are expected to provide Kakatiya University students with opportunities for higher education, joint research, student and faculty exchange programmes, participation in summer and winter schools, and collaborative academic initiatives with the German institutions.

GITAM to Hold 17th Convocation on August 22

The South India Times,
Visakhapatnam : GITAM (Deemed to be University) will conduct its 17th Convocation on August 22, Registrar Dr. D. Gunasekaran announced in a statement issued on Thursday. Students who have successfully completed their Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG), and Ph.D. programmes during the 2025–26 academic year are eligible to participate in the convocation ceremony. The event will celebrate the academic achievements of graduates from various disciplines, including Engineering, Management, Science, Law, Pharmacy, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Architecture. Eligible students have been advised to register online for participation in the convocation between July 3 and July 17, 2026. For registration, detailed guidelines, and other information related to the convocation, students are requested to visit the official GITAM website.

South India Shopping Mall launches 15th Blockbuster Aashadam No. 1 Kilo Sale with up to 66% off

Hyderabad, July 3: South India Shopping Mall has launched its 15th Blockbuster Aashadam No. 1 Kilo Sale across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, offering customers discounts of up to 66% on lakhs of new designs. The much-awaited annual shopping festival begins today, marking 15 years of the brand's popular kilo sale celebrations.

Announcing the launch, the management thanked customers for their continued trust over the past 15 years and said this year's edition features the biggest collection and savings ever. The sale follows the campaign theme, "E Aashadamlo Shopping Kililalo! Santhosham Tannulalo!", highlighting the unique kilo sale concept that has become synonymous with the brand.



The showrooms are stocked with thousands of clothing varieties and lakhs of fresh designs for women, men, and children. The women's collection includes pattu sarees, fancy sarees, designer sarees, and lehengas, while the men's section offers ethnic wear, sherwanis, casuals, and the latest fashion trends. The kids' range features festive ethnic wear and comfortable casual outfits in contemporary styles.

The sale is aimed at shoppers preparing for the upcoming festive and wedding season, providing premium-quality apparel at attractive prices. South India Shopping Mall has invited families and fashion ent husiasts to visit their nearest showroom and take advantage of the limited-period offers before the

RS Brothers launches Aashadam Challenge KG Sale with up to 70% discounts

Hyderabad, July 3: RS Brothers has launched its much-awaited Aashadam Challenge KG Sale across all its outlets in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra, offering shoppers discounts of up to 70% on a wide range of apparel and sarees.



The seasonal shopping festival introduces the brand's unique weight-based pricing model, where selected sarees and garments are sold by kilograms, providing customers with significant savings while choosing from thousands of fresh designs and styles. The sale features an extensive collection catering to women, men, and children, making it a one-stop shopping destination for the entire family.

The women's section includes pattu sarees, fancy sarees, designer sarees, lehengas, and bridal collections, while the men's range offers ethnic wear, sherwanis, casuals, and formal outfits. The kids' section showcases ethnic and casual wear in the latest designs.

Adding to the excitement, this year's campaign features celebrity endorsements that reflect the brand's blend of tradition and modern fashion. The management expressed gratitude to customers for their continued trust and said the Aashadam Challenge KG Sale has been curated to offer the biggest savings ever, with lakhs of new designs at attractive prices.With the upcoming festive and wedding season approaching, RS Brothers has invited shoppers to visit its stores early and take advantage of the limited-period offers before stocks are exhausted.

GITAM to Host Young Indians Parliament 2026 on July 4 & 5

The South India Times,
Visakhapatnam : The Visakhapatnam Chapter of Young Indians (Yi), an initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), will organize the third edition of the Young Indians Parliament (YIP) 2026 on July 4 and 5 at GITAM Deemed to be University, Visakhapatnam, Yi Vizag Chair Deepa Kodali announced.

One of Yi's flagship youth leadership initiatives, the Young Indians Parliament aims to foster constitutional awareness, democratic values, leadership skills, public speaking, and critical thinking among school students through a simulated parliamentary experience.This year's edition will witness the participation of 185 students from leading schools across Visakhapatnam. The participants will engage in parliamentary proceedings, debates, and discussions, enabling them to gain first-hand exposure to the functioning of India's democratic institutions.

The inaugural session, scheduled at 9.00 a.m. on July 4, will be graced by Visakhapatnam Member of Parliament M. Sribharat as the Chief Guest. A strong advocate of civic engagement and democratic learning, he has attended every edition of the Young Indians Parliament held in Vizag as the Chief Guest. The valedictory ceremony will be held at 3.00 p.m. on July 5, with Rajahmundry Member of Parliament Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari attending as the Chief Guest and felicitating the participating students. Students emerging as winners in the Chapter Round will qualify to represent Yi Vizag at the Young Indians Parliament Regional Round.The event is being led by Yi Vizag Chair Deepa Kodali and Co-Chair Supriya Lingam, while the Thalir vertical is headed by Chair Brinda Lavu along with Co-Chairs Yogitha Yerra and Harshitha Guggilam.

GEF India and IAPEN Hyderabad Chapter Hosted Nutrition Meet

Dr. Matheen Asrar shared scientific insights on preventive nutrition, healthy cooking oils and the everyday value of Rice Bran Oil

Hyderabad: 02nd July, 2026: GEF India, in association with the Indian Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (IAPEN India) Hyderabad Chapter, hosted a Nutrition Meet on the theme "Nutritional Insights and Everyday Value of Rice Bran Oil", bringing together nutritionists, dietitians, healthcare professionals and industry experts to discuss the importance of evidence-based nutrition and the role of healthy cooking oils in preventive healthcare. The session was led by renowned Consultant Nutritionist Dr. Matheen Asrar, who shared scientific insights on dietary fats, everyday nutrition and practical approaches to making healthier food choices.

The session focused on the growing burden of non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, highlighting the importance of preventive nutrition in improving long term health outcomes. Experts emphasised that while cooking oil is a staple ingredient in almost every Indian household, consumers often make decisions based on misconceptions rather than scientific evidence. They stressed the need to shift the conversation from reducing fat intake to choosing the right quality of fats and following balanced dietary practices.

Dr. Matheen explained that fats are essential for brain function, hormone production, cell health and vitamin absorption, and should not be eliminated but balanced through quality and moderation. She highlighted that Rice Bran Oil contains monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats along with bioactives such as oryzanol, tocopherols and tocotrienols, which have been studied for their role in supporting cholesterol management. Its high smoke point also makes it suitable for Indian cooking methods such as deep frying and stir frying. Referring



to published evidence, she noted that Rice Bran Oil consumption has been associated with up to a 12% reduction in LDL cholesterol over four weeks, while a meta-analysis of 11 randomised controlled trials (RCTs) involving 572 participants reported reductions in LDL cholesterol, total cholesterol and triglycerides. She added that these benefits are comparable to those of other unsaturated vegetable oils. However, she reiterated that the choice of cooking oil, together with a balanced diet and an active lifestyle, remains key to maintaining good health

Speaking during the session, Dr. Matheen Asrar, RD, PhD, PGDHA, CDE and Consultant Nutritionist, said, "Good nutrition is built on informed choices guided by credible scientific evidence rather than misconceptions or changing dietary trends. As consumers have access to an abundance of nutrition information, it is important to distinguish facts from myths and adopt dietary habits that are practical, balanced and sustainable. Rice Bran Oil is one of the cooking oils with a well-documented nutritional profile and can be included as part of a healthy diet. However, lasting health is shaped by overall dietary patterns, regular physical activity and consistent lifestyle practices rather than any single food or ingredient."

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Sujata Stephen, General Secretary, IAPEN Telangana Chapter, said, "Nutrition awareness plays a vital role in improving public health and empowering individuals to make informed dietary choices. At IAPEN Telangana Chapter, we are committed to advancing nutrition education by encouraging knowledge sharing among healthcare professionals and promoting practical dietary guidance for the wider community. Our association with GEF India for this Nutrition Meet provided a valuable platform to discuss preventive nutrition, healthy cooking practices and the nutritional value of Rice Bran Oil. We believe that continued collaboration between healthcare professionals, nutrition experts and responsible industry partners can contribute significantly to promoting healthier lifestyles and supporting long term health and wellbeing."

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EDITORIAL

The Great AI Writing Trap: Why Everyone Suddenly Sounds The Same

I was at a business conference recently, listening to some of India's brightest minds speak one after another. It was the kind of event where you come prepared to be bored and awed in the same day. One after another, speeches written with corporate jargon, waiting for that one moment in each speech that was clearly written to be remembered. But this time, I found myself getting bored faster than I used to. Not because the speakers were bad, they really weren't, but because somewhere in the middle of it all, I realised every speech was following a pattern. Every speaker sounded way more similar than they used to. I started paying attention after that to this pattern. Speeches, articles, social media posts by people with verified accounts and decades of experience - all of it carried a rhythm, like it's a template - the same way of building tension and arriving at a conclusion. So, I did something that we all do these days when we have a thought: I asked ChatGPT why this was happening. The irony of doing that is not lost on me.The answer, to its credit, was way more honest than I expected. It admitted that it is obsessed with the contrast framing of sentences. It is rhetorical and takes control of the reader's mental model. AI has become a genuinely useful writing tool. It fixes grammar, tightens arguments, and helps organise thought. For people writing in a second or third language, it does something more valuable still, bridging a gap that used to require years of immersion or an editor with the time and patience to help. That is a real benefit, and an underappreciated one. But the same tool is producing a problem that is harder to see when you're writing, but obvious to a reader or a listener: it is making intelligent people sound identical. The evidence is in the constructions we can all now identify. "This is not a challenge; it is an opportunity." "India is not a market, it is a mission." "Immigration is not about borders. It is about identity." "AI is not about technology. It is about power."

"Manufacturing is not about factories. It is about sovereignty." "The question is no longer whether, but how." Once you start noticing these formulations, you cannot stop. They are in speeches, opinion pieces, annual reports, social media threads, and television debates. The first time, they sound persuasive. By the hundredth time, they are furniture. And increasingly, they are something worse than furniture. AI writing is no longer just identifiable. It has become something people laugh at, and the people producing it are often the last to know.

The reason is an unexpected one. The problem with AI writing is not that it is bad. It is that it is too perfect. Too free of the hesitations and instincts that make writing feel like it came from a person working something out. Human thinking and, by extension, writing, is a product of friction. The odd stumble, the sentence that goes somewhere unexpected, the argument that admits its own uncertainty. AI writing has none of this. Every sentence arrives fully formed. Every problem becomes a clean contrast. Every paragraph strains toward profundity whether or not it has earned it. Readers have started to feel this frictionlessness as a tell, and once they feel it, the mockery follows naturally. Underneath the style problem is a thinking problem, and this one is harder to paper over.

Punjab 2027: Why Cash Transfers Alone May Not Be Enough for AAP



Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann yesterday launched the Brahmastra against anti-incumbency, a cash transfer scheme for women. Under the Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana, 36 lakh women beneficiaries received the first of a monthly instalment of Rs 1,000, and another Rs 500 if they were Dalit.

We have seen cash transfers to women wipe out anti-incumbency overnight in many states. Similar schemes have helped incumbents in Assam, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Punjab's per capita income is less than Rs 20,000 per month and a lot of poor families would be earning much less than that. This scheme is like earning a 5-15% raise. Why would they not vote for AAP? In Karnataka in 2023 I had persuaded the Congress to include cash transfers as one of their guarantees. Working on the Nationalist Congress Party campaign in Maharashtra in 2024, helping the late Ajit Pawar convert this scheme into votes, I saw the joy on women's faces over having autonomy over free money.

Ultimately the benefit goes to the entire household and helps get some of the male vote too. In Punjab as in many other states, the scheme will help over 50% of the state's 65 lakh households.

In theory, the scheme could over-ride the growing anti-incumbency against the AAP over various issues, from drugs and crime to its crisis with the Akal Takht, from the unpopularity of its MLAs to a general sense that they haven't lived up to the high expectations people had for a system-changing new setup in a state badly in need of an economic revival. In practice, the AAP cannot presume the election is over. As of today, the Punjab 2027 election is still open and could go anyway. A week is a long time in politics; there are still eight months to go.

Exceptions to the rule

Firstly, it is not true that cash transfers always win elections. There are some exceptions. People remember that Akhilesh Yadav lost UP in 2017 despite a free laptop scheme for students, but they forget that he even had a Rs 500 cash transfer scheme for 50 lakh women. He had a bunch of other welfare measures too. In 2024, the YSR Jagan Mohan Reddy saw a decisive defeat despite aggressive welfare schemes including several targeted direct benefit transfer programmes. Every section of society got something or the other. Similarly, the KCR Government in Telangana lost the 2023 elections - welfare and cash transfer schemes worked for them in 2018 but not in 2023.

Revolutionary sentiment

There are other reasons why AAP can't bank on this scheme alone.

Punjab's voters have a history and a habit of doing things different from voters in the Hindi heartland. It is possible that they may react differently to the cash transfer scheme as well.

Since the re-organisation of Punjab in 1966, it is on only one occasion that a sitting government repeated itself, and that was the Akali Dal in 2012. What sets Punjab apart from other states is a strong revolutionary sentiment among the people. This revolutionary sentiment means that the people love to create new heroes and then make them fall. Thereafter, they might forgive you the worst and make you a hero again.

The Aam Aadmi Party was built up as a heroic messiah by the people of Punjab, starting in 2014. It is inevitable that the Aam Aadmi Party will go through a cycle where the same voters will bring it down, just like they have done to Congress and the Akali Dal in the past. Punjab does not have standard anti-incumbency like other states. It swings between extreme love and extreme hate. In other words, anti-incumbency could become too pronounced for even a tried-and-tested cash transfer scheme to beat. This is especially possible since the scheme has been launched nine months before the polls - enough time for it to become routine and for the opposition to make the public want change despite it. This will depend entirely on how hard the opposition can work. A fragmented opposition gives an opportunity to all 3 parties - INC, BJP, SAD - to rise up with clever campaigns and become principal challengers to the AAP on grounds of governance, despite the welfarism.

A class divide

The anti-incumbency sentiment in Punjab today is louder than it actually exists, because vocal and dominant sections of society are voicing it. Those who tend to keep silent - the poor, Dalits and women - are much less unhappy with the AAP. The party may be achieving the 'Delhi model' in at least this respect, by creating a class divide. Just like other states with cash transfer schemes, the AAP could ride a silent wave, with the results surprising anyone. Or so it would hope. Punjab's history shows that no party wins a majority without getting a substantial vote from the three big voting blocks each - Hindus, Dalits and Sikhs. The complex stratification within these segments allows all parties to win at least some votes from all three segments. A class divide alone may not achieve these. Unlike other states, the AAP may not be able to bank on the poor alone. In fact even in Delhi, the AAP lost the 2025 election by losing their middle class support. The 40% vote share they won came mostly from the poor, who have come to see the AAP as their own party. This is not an election prediction, just a humble note to election pundits that the battle for Punjab 2027 isn't over. It's only just begun.

PRIMARY HEALTH INTERSECTS WELLNESS AND DIGITIZATION

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

India's healthcare system has been undergoing unprecedented transformation over the past decade. The rapid expansion of digital technologies, artificial intelligence, telemedicine, electronic health records, health data management, and integrated digital platforms have begun to transform healthcare delivery. Medical science, meanwhile, is shifting from just treating diseases to placing greater emphasis on "wellness," i.e., holistic health, disease prevention, mental health, nutrition, yoga, and a healthy lifestyle. The Government of India's initiatives such as the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers (AB-HWC), Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), e-Sanjeevani, ABHA Digital Health ID, and the National Digital Health Ecosystem symbolize this transformation. These initiatives have certainly provided new opportunities for modernizing healthcare, but a fundamental question remains relevant—can digital transformation and wellness-focused approaches replace strong primary healthcare institutions? The answer to this question is negative. Technology can make healthcare more efficient, transparent, and accessible, but it cannot replace doctors, nurses, medicines, laboratories, ambulances, and robust primary health care institutions. Healthcare is ultimately a human service, built on a strong institutional framework, trained human resources, and community outreach. If the primary health care system is weak, even the most advanced digital platforms will not be able to provide quality healthcare to citizens. The foundation of India's public health system is Sub-Health Centers (SCs), Primary Health Centers (PHCs), and Community Health Centers (CHCs). These institutions are the first point of contact for essential services such as maternal and child health, immunization, nutrition, family planning, infectious disease control, early detection of non-communicable diseases, and primary treatment. Unfortunately, in many rural, tribal, and remote areas of the country, these institutions have been struggling for years with a shortage of doctors, nurses, medicines, equipment, and infrastructure. Many Primary Health Centers lack regular electricity, clean drinking water, internet, laboratory facilities, and even ambulances. Therefore, simply developing digital platforms will not automatically improve the quality of health services. The establishment of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers was intended to expand primary healthcare services. These services included maternal and child health, as well as services such as diabetes, hypertension, early cancer screening, mental health, geriatric health, and yoga. This concept is consistent with modern public health approaches, as most diseases today are also lifestyle-related. However, in many places, health and wellness centers have been limited to mere name changes. The buildings remain the same, the equipment remains the same, the human resources remain scarce, and in many places, essential medicines are not regularly available. Without a parallel investment in institutional capacity, "health and wellness" will remain merely a policy term. The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is an ambitious reform in the health sector. Through the ABHA ID, efforts are underway to create digital health records for every citizen, digitally register hospitals and health professionals, and integrate treatment information. This will preserve patients' treatment history, reduce unnecessary tests, ensure continuity of health services, and provide reliable data to policymakers. This is a need for the future. However, it is equally true that digital health records cannot replace a doctor in a village, nor can they solve the problem of unavailability of medicines or poor health infrastructure. If primary health centers themselves are not efficient, the digital health system will be limited to information management. A major challenge facing digital health is the digital divide. Even today, millions of citizens in India lack smartphones, quality internet access, and digital literacy. Ensuring equitable access to digital services for those in rural areas, tribal areas, mountainous regions, the elderly, and economically weaker sections is not easy. If health services are heavily digital-based, the very segments of society that need them most will be most disadvantaged. Therefore, the goal of digitalization should be inclusion, not exclusion. A wellness-focused approach is an important component of modern health policy. A healthy diet, yoga, regular exercise, stress management, mental health, and a drug-free lifestyle certainly play a significant role in disease prevention. However, it would be unfair to consider health solely as a result of individual lifestyle. A person's health is deeply intertwined with their social, economic, and environmental environment. Poverty, malnutrition, lack of access to clean drinking water, poor sanitation, pollution, unsafe housing, and lack of education are social determinants of health that cannot be addressed solely through wellness campaigns. If a family lacks access to nutritious food, simply advising on a balanced diet will not lead to the desired improvement in health. If a pregnant woman has to travel several kilometers to reach the nearest health center, a digital health app will not solve her problem. In a vast and diverse country like India, a strong primary health care system can be the key foundation for the success of healthcare services. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that local health institutions, ASHA workers, ANMs, Anganwadi workers, and primary health centers play a crucial role in addressing any health crisis. While door-to-door surveys, vaccinations, contact tracing, public awareness, and community monitoring have certainly been improved with the help of digital technology, their actual implementation is carried out by grassroots health workers. This demonstrates that technology is a support, not a substitute.

Why India Should Be Very, Very Alarmed About China's Teesta Move In Bangladesh



It looks like a done deal. Responding to questions on China providing assistance to Bangladesh on the Teesta River project, its Foreign Ministry spokesperson said, with perfect equanimity, that "China-Bangladesh cooperation does not target any third party and should be free from third-party influence". That's nice. One would like to see what Beijing's reaction would have been if the US or Japan played footsie in a project along the Mekong River or the Red river. This when China has 41 hydropower dams, two multi-purpose dams and 25 irrigation dams in its section of just one of those rivers, and still bristles even if an international bank is involved in any project in neighbouring countries. So, no, that lofty statement doesn't wash. The Fine Print A reasonable degree of alarm was generated as Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rehman chose to visit China for his first visit abroad in this capacity. That's usually a privilege reserved for India, but times change, and processes too with it. But then came strong suspicions as the 'Joint Communique' issued during the visit declared that China will "provide support and help within its capacity to the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project (TRCMRP)", together with experts from Bangladesh. Beijing is no open-handed generous power. That phrase, 'within its capacity', will probably mean that it will rope in an international bank to fund the project, leaving the Bangladesh government to mull over the bills. Add to that the fact that the firm involved in the project is PowerChina, a behemoth that works in almost every Asian country and is also part of the strategic works with the People's Liberation Army, and comes directly under SASAC (State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council). That's the Chinese communist party we're talking about. The Chinese Are There Anyway Diplomatic positioning notwithstanding, Beijing knows very well that the project has direct security implications for India. China had been angling for the project for years but was thwarted by the Hasina government's caution in getting Beijing too involved in the country in a project that's virtually next to a sensitive area. The river itself runs parallel to the India-Bangladesh border, thus placing the project about 10-20 km of the border, and a little further on to the highly sensitive Siliguri corridor. True, Sheikh Hasina did allow a contract with the Chinese in September 2016, when the Bangladesh Water Development Board entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Powerchina (Power Construction Corporation of China) to carry out a technical study to better manage the Teesta for the benefit of northern Bangladesh's greater Rangpur region. That involved dredging the river to prevent severe flooding during the monsoons and equally store water when needed. Though the feasibility studies and accompanying data was completed, the effort came to nothing as the then Foreign Secretary, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, hurried to Dhaka to nip that in the bud. Hasina raised the issue several times with Delhi, but attempts to address it were thwarted by the tempestuous Chief Minister Mamta Bannerjee, who opposed it tooth and nail. While all this was going on, the Chinese were steadily entrenching themselves in the Rangpur division in various small businesses, including hotels and tourism, which services a large Chinese population involved in construction efforts in the district. This includes the SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II, improvement of the Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway, construction of a bridge over Teesta in Gaibandha, Barapukuria Coal Mine, Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Station, and the construction of Saidpur Simple Cycle (HSD based) Power Plant Project. Recently, the Chinese Ambassador Li was also visiting the Uttara Export Processing Zone in Nilphamari of Rangpur division. That's rather a lot of Chinese presence in a very sensitive area. Add to that the Yunus government inviting China to revive a World War 2-era air base in Lalmonirhat, again near the border, and you have a troublesome situation. All that seemed to have been rolled back as a new and young Prime Minister, Tarique Rehman, arrived like a breath of fresh air.

An Amalgamation of Education, Research, Administration, Music and Comprehensive Arena of Folklore–Dr. S.C. Sharma



Bengaluru: Dr. S.C. Sharma is one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors. A visionary scholar, distinguished folklorist, musicologist, educationist, researcher, institution builder, and administrator, he has transformed the folk heritage of Karnataka into a vibrant cultural movement. Through his lifelong dedication, he has not only preserved the state's rich traditions but also ensured their continued relevance in contemporary society.

Dr. Sharma firmly believes that history survives not merely through written records but through the songs people sing, the tools they use, the crafts they practice, the stories they narrate, and the values they transmit from one generation to the next. By preserving these living traditions while embracing innovation, he has built a bridge between the wisdom of the past and the aspirations of the future. One of his recent and significant contributions is Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, Gotagodi. The book presents a comprehensive account of Karnataka's diverse folk traditions, art forms, customs, and cultural heritage, reflecting the remarkable richness and diversity of the state's living folklore. During 2024, he has been conferred with Honorary Doctorate from the Karnataka Janapada University, for his composite contribution in the field of Folklore.

Apart from being an eminent educationist, researcher, and administrator, Dr. Sharma has been a devoted practitioner and ardent advocate of Indian classical music and cultural heritage. During his tenure as the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013), he provided visionary leadership that significantly strengthened both the university's academic excellence and its cultural environment. His contributions continue to be remembered with admiration by the university community.

Dr. Sharma has undertaken extensive research in music and musicology, documenting his scholarship through lectures, research papers, and numerous academic writings. He is a rare scholar who has successfully integrated the disciplines of education, research, administration, music, and folklore into a unified vision of cultural development. His enduring message has been that 'Good education should not merely impart scientific knowledge; it should also nurture culture, art, ethics, and human values.'

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the comprehensive study and preservation of folklore, Dr. Sharma was honoured with the Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award in 2000. It is therefore a matter of immense pride that this distinguished folklorist has now been nominated for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026, India's highest national recognition in the performing arts.

ToneTag Launches eKosha, Bringing Banking Beyond Branches with a Voice-First Business Assistant for Every



Bengaluru : ToneTag, India's deep-tech platform, announced the launch of eKosha, a voice-first business assistant for merchants that enables banks to deliver a full range of merchant banking services directly at the merchant counter without requiring new infrastructure investment. Building on ToneTag's vision to transform payment acceptance, eKosha turns every merchant counter into an intelligent, full-service banking endpoint, powered by ToneTag's proprietary analog Edge AI and contextual intelligence. At its core, eKosha reimagines conventional payment acceptance devices as intelligent banking touchpoints, enabling banks to engage with merchants directly at the point of business.

With more than 80 million MSMEs in India, banks have a significant opportunity to expand merchant services and strengthen everyday banking interactions. eKosha addresses this by transforming the payment acceptance point into a daily banking engagement channel, enabling banks to serve, engage, and cross-sell to merchants through a single device. By creating this direct merchant engagement layer, eKosha reduces dependency on external aggregators and enables banks to own and strengthen merchant relationships more closely.Speaking on the launch, Kumar Abhishek, Founder and CEO, ToneTag, said, "The merchant counter has always been at the centre of India's commerce. With eKosha, we are reimagining it as the centre of merchant banking. For the first time, banks have a dedicated, always-on engagement channel embedded at the point where merchants conduct business every day, enabling access to banking services through simple, natural conversations in their own language. This fundamentally changes how banks serve, support, and build relationships with merchants, while helping them drive deeper engagement, improve service efficiency, and unlock new growth opportunities across their merchant ecosystem."eKosha integrates ToneTag's Small Action Language Model (SALM), enabling natural language interactions across all Indian languages without requiring app downloads. What sets eKosha apart is ToneTag's proprietary analog edge-compute architecture: rather than routing every request to the cloud, the device runs AI inference locally using analog compute, delivering real-time, fully offline voice interactions at a fraction of the energy and cost of conventional digital, cloud-dependent systems.

Will abide by central party decision: V Somanna on BJP chief buzz

Bengaluru: union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Railways V Somanna on Wednesday said he would abide by any decision of central leadership of the BJP amid mounting speculation over a possible change in the Karnataka BJP leadership following the recent cross-voting in the Legislative Council elections.Calling himself a "disciplined soldier" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Somanna said he had always accepted the party leadership's decisions and would continue to do so if entrusted with any new responsibility."I am a disciplined soldier of the party. Whatever responsibility is entrusted to me, I will abide by the decision of the party leadership," he told reporters here.His remarks come amid growing speculation that the BJP's central leadership is considering a change in the Karnataka unit after cross-voting by party MLAs in the recently concluded Legislative Council elections fuelled questions over the state leadership.

India's Got Talent fame Vicky Krish to stage International Magic Show in Bengaluru



Bengaluru: Renowned magician and India's Got Talent finalist Vicky Krish is set to mesmerize audiences in Bengaluru with his International Magic Show, featuring a blend of grand illusions, mind reading, psychology, comedy, and interactive performances.

Ahead of the shows, Vicky Krish captivated journalists, photographers, and media professionals at the Bangalore Press Club by performing some of his signature magic acts during a press conference. The performance offered a preview of the spectacular entertainment awaiting audiences in the city.

Recognised as one of India's leading contemporary magicians, Vicky Krish has over a decade of professional experience and has performed across India and abroad. A finalist on India's Got Talent and a social media sensation with millions of views, he is known for combining modern magic, impossible predictions, psychological illusions, and audience participation into an engaging live experience.

Ryan Group Launches Year-Long Sustainability Drive with 1 Million Tree Plantation Initiative with Rotary International



Bengaluru : Ryan Group of Institutions marked a milestone in its longstanding partnership with Rotary Club as Mr. Ravishankar Dakoju took charge as the District Governor 3192 of Rotary International. On this occasion, the group started its ambitious 1Million Tree Plantation Drive, a year-long sustainability initiative across the country.

The initiative was ceremonially flagged off from NMKRV College, Bengaluru, and will be implemented simultaneously across Ryan campuses in Hyderabad, Pune, Jaipur, Mumbai, Delhi, Surat, Bolpur (West Bengal), Kochi, and Chennai.

Moving beyond a one-day plantation activity, the drive represents a sustained green movement throughout the academic year 2026–27, with saplings being planted, nurtured, and monitored across Ryan Group's extensive network of schools. The initiative reflects the shared values of Rotary and Ryan Group — service above self, community responsibility, and a commitment towards building a greener future for the next generation.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ryan Pinto, CEO, Ryan Group of Institutions, began his speech stating "Dr. A.F. Pinto's founding belief: that education must go beyond the classroom and into the community. He always said that a truly educated person is one who serves. In Mr. Ravishankar Dakoju, I see that belief in action - a man who has spent his life giving back, long before it became a cause, and long after the applause fades."

Reflecting on the significance of the initiative, Mr. Pinto said, "Through this action, we are not only planting trees but also safeguarding the future of our children and the generations that follow. At a time when the world faces increasing environmental challenges, it is our collective responsibility to leave behind a greener and healthier planet. Every sapling planted today represents hope, responsibility, and a commitment to sustainable living."

The Ryan-Rotary partnership is committed to four meaningful initiatives. First, the One Million Saplings Plantation Drive — our flagship environmental programme, where Ryan students will plant one million saplings for a greener tomorrow.

Severe drought situation in the country; don't plan crops relying on dam water: CM D K Shivakumar appeals to farmers

Bengaluru : Chief Minister D K Shivakumar appealed to farmers of the state not to plan crops relying on water from reservoirs in view of low water levels in state dams and a possible drought in the country.Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha, he said, "There are indications that the country will face a severe drought this year. Inflow into most of the state's dams has reached zero. Hence, I appeal to farmers not to plan any crops relying on dam water."

"The drought situation in the state is becoming serious. Compared to last year, the inflow into the Tungabhadra, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Narayanapura and Vanivilasa dams has dropped to zero. Rainfall in the Cauvery basin has declined. Last year at this time, the water level at Hemavati was 80 feet; this year it has dropped to 40 feet. At KRS, the water level that was 100 feet is now around 22 feet; Kabini is at 26 feet compared to 79 feet last year. Inflow into these dams has fallen to 20%. So, there is a possibility that the problem will worsen," he explained.

"Farmers should not demand release of water from dams. If it rains, we will provide water. Ministers have been given charge of 2-3 districts each, and I will visit four divisions to review the situation. The Prime Minister has already warned about water and electricity issues. The central government has signaled that the country will face a severe drought. I have instructed the energy department to take necessary steps regarding electricity. We must be cautious during this period. I have directed district ministers to tour their areas regarding fodder and drinking water. Instructions have been given to urgently drill borewells. I too will tour four divisions and then go to district headquarters," he said. Applications for electricity connections to residential buildings allowed till August 15

"Since some people requested extension of exemptions from Occupancy certificate and Completion certificate for electricity connection, we have extended it till August 15. When asked about the demand to extend the exemption to commercial buildings as well, he said, "There will always be plenty of demands, but I have to work keeping the Supreme Court's order in mind."

Monsoon session after SIR process concludes

"The monsoon session should have been convened this year. Since the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) is currently underway, it has been decided to wait until this process is completed. All MLAs need to protect the voters in their constituencies. It has been decided not to cause them trouble — the draft voters' list will be released on August 5, and after that, the session dates will be fixed in the first or second week," he informed.

BLOs themselves must go door-to-door to distribute enumeration forms

"BLOs (Booth Level Officers) must personally go door-to-door to distribute enumeration forms. Distribution should not happen just because an MLA says so. If needed, BLAs (Booth Level Agents) may collect filled enumeration forms from people and hand them over to BLOs," he said. Asked about allegations that enumeration forms were being distributed at wedding halls, he said, "This matter has come to my attention too. This is illegal. We will not allow anyone to do this, even if it is our own MLAs."

When asked whether Kumaraswamy had made this allegation referring to Ramanagara, he said, "BJP MLAs are doing exactly this in Jayanagar. Wherever it happens, BLOs alone must handle distribution. There is time until July 29. I am instructing officials that BLOs themselves must go to homes and hand out the forms."

Asked about allegations that state officials were being misused, he said, "Opposition parties exist to make allegations. We exist to serve the people. We will do our duty."District ministers to hold Janaspandana in assembly constituencies 2 days a month"We are setting up a Prajaseve department to hear people's grievances, and a minister will be given charge of it. Whatever the complaint, whatever the problem, this department will function to let protesters voice their grievances, resolve their issues, and convey those matters to the concerned departments and district ministers. An IAS officer will be appointed as secretary for this, and it was decided today to provide the necessary officials. Wherever protests take place, we will accept their applications and help them within the law wherever possible," he said.

Guarantee Committee Members Should Assist in the SIR Campaign: Dinesh Gooligowda

Bengaluru: The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls has commenced in the state. Dinesh Gooligowda, Vice Chairman of the State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority, has called upon members of the Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committees to actively participate in the electoral roll revision campaign in their respective constituencies and assist both voters and Booth Level Agents (BLAs). He stated that committee members should create awareness among citizens about the SIR process, encourage eligible voters to verify their details in the electoral rolls, assist them in filling out the necessary forms wherever required, and educate them about the importance of the revision exercise. They should also guide citizens regarding the required documents and the application process. Dinesh Gooligowda further said that members of the Guarantee Committees at the district, taluk, Assembly constituency, and ward levels should educate eligible voters in their respective areas about the importance of electoral roll revision.



As part of the 78th Chartered Accountants Day celebrations, CA Kavitha Paramesh, Chairperson of the Bengaluru Branch of SIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), hoisted the national flag at ICAI Bhawan, Vasanthnagar, on Wednesday. Addressing students, members, and the large gathering present on the occasion, she emphasized that the CA course is "not an iron fist" and can be completed with determination, consistent effort, and proper guidance. Encouraging aspiring chartered accountants to pursue their goals with confidence, she highlighted the immense opportunities the profession offers. The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with the auditorium filled.

Billionaires is not important time who gives important : BDA Chairman N.A.Harris



Bengaluru: Billionaires is not important time who gives important said BDA Chairman N.A.Harris. Speaking at the gratitude function at itc gardenia hotel organized by tcs world 10k Bengaluru, he praised the work of the organizers who used the contribution for a social cause.Quoting Mahatma gandhi's statement that, The best way is use for service for others. How we can service to others is more important. Every year will support with TCS for its cause, he said.

Captivating Bharatanatyam performance by Dr. Vaishnavi K. Chief Minister Special Duty officer

BENGALURU: Dr. Vaishnavi K. KAS Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Minister, delivered a captivating Bharatanatyam performance at suchitra the Concert Hall in Banashankari 2nd Phase, Bengaluru. Dr. Vaishnavi, who has been reappointed as officer Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, previously served in the same capacity under the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Her significant contributions to the Public Grievances Department within the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) have been widely covered across news and social media platforms. Known for her proactive and people-friendly approach, she has voluntarily resolved numerous public grievances in the interest of the citizens—an effort that has earned widespread appreciation from people across the State.



Allegation of Rs.300+ Crore Tender Scam in Rajajinagar Constituency: Complaint Filed Against MLA S. Suresh Kumar Before Lokayukta

Bengaluru : Advocate Surya Mukundraj has filed a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta against Rajajinagar MLA S. Suresh Kumar, alleging large-scale irregularities in tender processes related to development works funded under the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Grant and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The complaint has been submitted along with supporting documents.

The complainant has urged the Lokayukta to conduct an immediate investigation against the MLA and the concerned BBMP officials and initiate appropriate legal action. Speaking to reporters outside the Lokayukta office after submitting the complaint, Surya Mukundraj alleged that the MLA misused his official position, violated established tender procedures, and favoured benami contractors, resulting in a substantial financial loss to the State exchequer. He claimed that, including GST and other departmental costs, the total value of the alleged irregularities exceeds Rs.300 crore.



He further urged the Lokayukta to treat the matter with utmost seriousness in the interest of protecting public funds and public interest, and to conduct a comprehensive investigation under the Prevention of Corruption Act against the MLA and the BBMP officials allegedly involved. Rs.14 Crore Loss by Bypassing the Lowest Bidder: In a 2020 tender worth Rs.72.25 crore for road and drain works, the complaint alleges that pressure was exerted on officials to bypass the eligible lowest bidder (L1). According to the complainant, even office records of the BBMP TVCC Chief Engineer mention such interference. After the L2 bidder declined the work, the contract value for works originally estimated at Rs.53 crore was allegedly increased to Rs.67 crore, causing a direct loss of Rs.14 crore to the government.Misuse of Road Development Funds: A Rs.60 lakh road asphalting tender in Bhashanagar has allegedly remained unopened for nearly four years. The complaint alleges that funds earmarked for road infrastructure were diverted to park beautification projects, resulting in deteriorating

Personal assistants to judges: Supreme Court refuses hearing on plea against Madras HC order



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to accord urgent hearing on a plea challenging a Madras High Court order which had set aside the appointment of 17 personal assistants to high court judges.

The Madras High Court had held that the entire selection process was arbitrary and without consideration of merit.

The appeal was mentioned for urgent listing and hearing before a partial working day bench comprising Justices MM Sundresh and Sheel Nagu by senior advocate S Nagamuthu.

The senior lawyer was seeking the hearing on Friday, which was declined. The high court order had come on a suo motu petition with reference to alleged irregularities in the process of selection of PAs to judges.

Announce Kumbakonam as new district in upcoming budget: Federation



CHENNAI: The Federation of All Traders Associations of Kumbakonam and the Kumbakonam New District Struggle Committee on Thursday approached the TVK ministers, urging them to initiate steps to bifurcate Kumbakonam district in the upcoming budget session. According to the federation secretary V Sathyanarayanan, the struggle group approached ministers N Anand, N Marie Wilson and S Ramesh and submitted separate petitions to fulfil their several decades-old demand for a separate Kumbakonam district.

The petitions noted that Kumbakonam was serving as the capital of the Chola dynasty and that it was a 'jilla' (a revenue district) under British rule with all due infrastructure that is still present in Kumbakonam.

Sathyanarayanan also stated that Kumbakonam houses all required offices to function as a separate revenue district except the Collectorate and the SP office. He pointed out that they have been fighting for several decades for a separate Kumbakonam district. "During the previous DMK government, six new revenue districts were established. But no steps were taken for the separate Kumbakonam district. Even Mayiladuthurai, which has Mayiladuthurai, Sirkazhi and Poompuhar constituencies, was made a separate district, but our voices went unheard despite it being a popular promise during every election," the petitions stated.

The struggle group demanded that the government announce a separate Kumbakonam district comprising Kumbakonam, Papanasam and Tiruvidaimarudur constituencies in the upcoming state budget session.

CM Vijay creates five more TVK district units, names 4 MLAs as district secretaries Pointing out that the initial works have commenced for the world-famous Kumbakonam Mahamaham festival, which is scheduled for 2028, they noted that the realisation of a separate new Kumbakonam district would pave the way for hassle-free administration.

Rs 35 crore bribe to TVK MLA: Chennai cops arrest four more, hunt for Senthilbalaji



CHENNAI: After arresting four more people in connection with the alleged Rs 35-crore bid to lure a TVK MLA, the Greater Chennai Police are now hunting for influential DMK leader and MLA V Senthilbalaji and his brother V Ashok Kumar, who allegedly plotted the elaborate scheme to destabilise the Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay-led government.The arrested accused were identified as Ramesh, Srinivasan, Selvam, and one other person, said a Daily Thanthi report, adding that they are currently being questioned by the police as part of the ongoing investigation. So far, nine people have been arrested in the case. The case pertains to allegations that a TVK legislator was offered Rs 35 crore to vote against Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker JCD Prabhakar in what is alleged to be an indirect plot against the TVK-led Tamil Nadu government.

The investigators probing the case claimed that Naresh of Tiruchy, one of the accused arrested on July 1, admitted to meeting Ashok Kumar in Chennai and later approached the MLA based on instructions allegedly given by the brothers.

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The matter came to light after N Ilayaraja, the TVK legislator from Uthangarai in Krishnagiri, approached the Chennai city police Commissioner on Monday (June 29) stating that he was approached by a man, identified as Thirunavukkarasu, with the offer to pay him Rs 35 crore to vote against Speaker Prabhakar.When he refused and warned Thirunavukkarasu not to contact him again, the latter allegedly threatened him saying him and his family would face consequences if he dared to disclose the conversation to anyone.

TNEB rolls out online transfer counselling from July 6 amid transparency push



CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd (TNPDCL) has directed all its field offices to complete the updation of employee transfer records and vacancy positions by July 3 ahead of the launch of an online counselling system for transfers and promotions from July 6, in a move aimed at ensuring transparency amid allegations that promotions and transfers during the previous DMK government were influenced by bribes.

The move follows Electricity Resources Minister R Nirmalkumar's announcement that the government would introduce a transparent counselling process for employee transfers and promotions in the power utility.

In a circular issued on June 30, the utility instructed chief engineers, superintending engineers and executive engineers to update the ERP system with the status of all transfer orders, including whether employees have been relieved and joined at their new stations.

Cops failed to prevent Mayiladuthurai honour killings despite complaint: CPI-linked rights body



CHENNAI: The CPI-affiliated Tamil Nadu Oppressed People's Rights Movement has alleged serious lapses by the State police in preventing the Mayiladuthurai honour killings, accusing cops of not acting despite the Dalit youth being attacked and seeking protection. The twin murders could have been averted if the police had promptly acted upon the complaint lodged by one of the victims, 19-year-old Parthiban, had lodged a complaint with the police on June 29, the rights body said in a statement.

In a joint statement, state president Po Lingam and general secretary T Lenin alleged that five persons, including the woman's father, had assaulted the Dalit youth and abused him using caste-based slurs, the day before he was found dead with his lady love who hails from a Most Backward Class community.

Despite raising a police complaint over the incident, no proper police cover was extended to the couple, who were later found hanging in a grove near Sathankudi on June 30, the rights body said in a statement.

It urged the TVK government to take swift action in the alleged caste honour killing of the young couple hailing from Sathankudi village in Mayiladuthurai district. The organisation lamented the situation where society and the police failed to protect their right to choose their partner, despite being in a relationship, which was opposed by the woman's family because of caste differences, for the past two years.

Plea in Madras High Court alleges Rs 5 lakh to 30 lakh bribes in Villupuram Government Advocates' selection

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has been moved by Advocate and TVK Advocates' Wing District Joint Secretary M Gnanasoundari, alleging that the selection of Government Advocates in Villupuram district was finalised before the application deadline and that bribes ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 30 lakh were collected for each post. In her petition, she stated that the Government issued a notification on June 5 inviting applications for the appointment of Government Advocates in Villupuram district. Following this, TVK District Secretary Mohanraj allegedly instructed advocates belonging to Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam in Villupuram to apply for the posts. Gnanasoundari said that she applied for the post of Special Public Prosecutor, Mahila Court, Villupuram, on June 22, but the District Collector's office did not issue an acknowledgement.

NFHS-6: Nearly half of Goa's adults overweight as Diabetes rates rise



Margao: Nearly half of Goa's adult population is now overweight or obese, according to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) 2023-24, highlighting a growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases in the state.The survey, released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, found that 43.6 per cent of men and 45.1 per cent of women in Goa have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 kg/m² or above. The figures are significantly higher than the national averages of 27.3 per cent for men and 30.7 per cent for women.The latest findings show a sharp increase from NFHS-5 (2019-21), when 32.6 per cent of men and 36.1 per cent of women in Goa were classified as overweight or obese.The survey also revealed alarming trends in diabetes-related indicators. Around 32.1 per cent of men and 27.5 per cent of women in Goa were found to have elevated blood sugar levels or were taking medication to control diabetes, far exceeding the national averages of 20.9 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively. On social indicators, the proportion of ever-married women reporting spousal violence increased to 11.3 per cent from 8.3 per cent recorded earlier. However, alcohol consumption among men declined sharply, falling from 36.8 per cent to 22.4 per cent. Goa's total fertility rate was recorded at 1.6 children per woman, remaining below the replacement level and reflecting changing demographic trends in the state. Goa recorded the highest prevalence of elevated blood sugar among men in the country, narrowly ahead of Kerala. Compared to the previous survey, the proportion of men with high blood sugar increased by eight percentage points, while the figure for women rose by nearly seven percentage points. Hypertension remains another major health concern in the state. The survey found that 27.5 per cent of men and 26.2 per cent of women either had elevated blood pressure or were undergoing treatment for the condition, both above the national averages.

The report also highlighted a rise in caesarean deliveries, with 46.2 per cent of births in Goa taking place through C-sections, compared to the national average of 27.2 per cent. In private healthcare facilities, the rate climbed to 69.7 per cent.Despite these concerns, Goa continued to perform strongly in maternal and child health indicators. Institutional deliveries stood at 99.6 per cent, while 92.1 per cent of mothers underwent antenatal check-ups during the first trimester of pregnancy.Full vaccination coverage among children aged 12 to 23 months improved to 93.8 per cent, while child malnutrition indicators showed significant improvement. The percentage of stunted children under five years declined from 25.8 per cent in NFHS-5 to 19.4 per cent in NFHS-6.The survey also pointed to Goa's ageing population, with residents aged 60 years and above accounting for 17.2 per cent of the state's population, up from 14.2 per cent in the previous survey.

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Teen's stroke leads doctors to rare heart tumour hidden for years



Kolkata, Jun 3: What initially appeared to be a routine stroke case in an 18-year-old boy turned into a rare medical discovery after doctors in Kolkata found a large tumour in his heart that had silently triggered the neurological emergency. The teenager, identified as Rehan (name changed), was rushed to hospital after suddenly developing weakness on the right side of his body and difficulty speaking. Initial brain scans revealed a blockage in the left middle cerebral artery, indicating an acute stroke.

However, further investigations led doctors to an unexpected source of the problem — a nearly 6 cm tumour lodged in the left atrium of the heart near the mitral valve.

Doctors diagnosed the growth as a left atrial myxoma, a rare non-cancerous heart tumour. Medical experts said small fragments from the tumour had broken off and travelled through the bloodstream before blocking blood flow to the brain, causing the stroke.

A team led by Dr Atanu Saha, Senior Consultant in Cardiac Surgery at Narayana RN Tagore Hospital, Mukundapur, performed a complex five-hour surgery to remove the tumour.

According to Dr Saha, the tumour's location made the procedure particularly challenging, as any fragmentation during surgery could have caused additional blockages elsewhere in the body.

Following surgery, the teenager underwent neuro-rehabilitation and gradually regained his speech and movement before being discharged from hospital nearly two weeks later.

Doctors noted that cardiac myxomas account for nearly half of all primary benign heart tumours but remain extremely rare, with most cases occurring in people aged between 40 and 60 years. Cases involving adolescents are considered highly unusual.

Medical experts said the absence of warning signs made diagnosis especially difficult in this case. The teenager had no history of heart disease and displayed none of the typical symptoms associated with cardiac conditions before suffering the stroke.

Hospital officials highlighted the importance of advanced imaging and multidisciplinary care in identifying the hidden cause and ensuring timely treatment.

Doctors also said the case underlines the growing need to thoroughly investigate stroke symptoms in younger patients, as uncommon conditions such as heart tumours can sometimes be the underlying cause. The teenager has since returned home and is continuing his recovery. According to his family, he is now preparing for his board examinations and hopes to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor.

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Google must pay €4.1bn fine for using Android to 'block' rivals



Europe's top court has ruled Google must pay a 4.1bn (£3.5bn) fine handed down for using its Android mobile operating system to block rivals. The European Commission had originally handed out a 4.3bn (then £3.9bn) fine in 2018, but this was trimmed to 4.1 bn in 2022. An appeal brought by the tech giant has now been dismissed. It is the largest penalty the Commission has ever imposed against Google. A Google spokesperson said the judgement "fails to recognise" the firm's "significant investment to ensure Android remains open, interoperable and free". "In any event, we adapted our agreements to comply with the initial decision back in 2018 and we remain focused on continued innovation and openness for our users, partners and developers," they continued. When the fine was first announced in 2018, it was alleged there were three ways in which Google had acted illegally: requiring Android handset and tablet manufacturers to pre-install the Google Search app and its own web browser Chrome as a condition of allowing them to offer access to its Play app store making payments to large manufacturers and mobile network operators that agreed to exclusively pre-install the Google Search app on their devices .

preventing manufacturers from selling any smart devices powered by alternative "forked" versions of Android by threatening to refuse them permission to pre-install its apps It was acknowledged that Google's version of Android does not prevent device owners downloading alternative web browsers or using other search engines. Google's chief executive Sundar Pichai blogged in response at the time to the original fine that the decision "rejects the business model that supports Android, which has created more choice for everyone, not less."

Will Fuel Prices Come Down? Minister Hardeep Puri's "2-3 Months" Hint



New Delhi: Oil marketing companies suffered Rs 74,781-crore losses for selling petrol, diesel and LPG below cost for the period up to June 30 when global crude oil prices spiked in the wake of the West Asia conflict, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Thursday. International crude oil prices have come down, but companies are still processing crude they bought at the height of the West Asia crisis, the Minister told reporters. Asked if there would be a cut in prices of petrol and diesel, Puri said this would be a legitimate question if oil prices stayed low for the next few weeks. "We are using the crude petroleum stock today that we had bought two months ago (at a price that existed two months ago). If this (decline) continues for 2-3 months, we will see. But it is a hypothetical situation," he said. The Minister highlighted that the petrol price increase in developed world was around 20% and around 35% in India's neighboring countries, but in India, the increase in petrol price was just 5.58% during the crisis. "We did well without any dryout or closure at any of the 1,07,000 retail outlets during last four months (February 28th till the end of June)," Puri said. Private fuel retailer Nayara Energy has cut petrol prices by Rs 5 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre across its retail network from July 1, making it the first major cut in retail fuel prices since crude prices began falling. The decision may put pressure on rival private retailers to review their own prices if international oil markets remain stable. But there's a catch. Unlike state-run fuel retailers, Nayara had been selling petrol and diesel at relatively higher prices in many parts of the country. This gave Nayara room to lower prices without undercutting state-run competitors. "Nayara has reduced the price of Petrol because it had increased it by Rs 5 per litre during the crisis period.

They have only taken back that price increase now. They have only reduced that price... while the Oil Marketing Companies had not increased the price at that time," Puri said. Global oil prices climbed above $110 per barrel during the Iran conflict, forcing Indian state-run OMCs to absorb a significant part of the increase instead of passing it entirely to consumers. Crude oil prices started coming down only in the second half of June after the US and Iran reached an agreement to end the conflict. Oil companies typically buy crude oil - the raw material for producing fuel - at least two months in advance. So, crude oil that is being processed now is essentially what was bought in April or early May when international prices were very high.

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Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, sets a new industry standard with diamonds of the highest sparkle



Mumbai, 02nd June 2026: Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, has set an industry-first benchmark in natural diamond selection, bringing greater delight and trust to the diamond buying experience. Rooted in the belief that exceptional sparkle is the most visible expressions of diamond quality, this approach builds on the brand's best-in-class selection standards. Going beyond conventional grading standards, Indriya's approach to diamond cut and selection evaluates how effectively a diamond reflects, refracts and returns light to deliver superior brilliance, fire and scintillation. Only 1 out of 5 natural diamonds meet these rigorous standards.

This shift comes at a pivotal moment for the category. India sits at the heart of the global diamond industry, with over 90% of the world's diamonds cut and polished in regions like Surat and Mumbai. Yet, despite this deep-rooted expertise, diamond jewellery consumption remains below 15%. By prioritising diamonds with optimal proportions and superior light return, Indriya not only brings to the forefront some of the most brilliantly sparkling diamonds in the country but also aims to reshape how Indian consumers evaluate and choose diamonds, beyond the traditional 4Cs.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE SPARKLE

While clarity, colour and carat come from nature as physical property, cut is the result of human artistry and precision. It determines how light enters, reflects within and exits the diamond, making it the true driver of brilliance. A well-cut diamond maximises light return, while sub-optimal cuts allow light to escape, creating a visible difference in sparkle.

At Indriya, cut is further understood through three key aspects of light performance: Brilliance, Fire and Scintillation, capturing how a diamond truly appears when worn:

· Brilliance: the white light reflected from a diamond's facets

· Fire: the dispersion of light into spectral colours

· Scintillation: the flashes of sparkle seen in movement of light

Only diamonds that meet Indriya's exacting standards across these parameters are selected, with precise proportions, optimal light return and minimal light leakage. Near-colourless F–H–G diamonds and high-clarity tables further enhance reflection, ensuring exceptional sparkle across every moment of wear.

To help consumers and stakeholders experience this distinction firsthand, Indriya has introduced SparkleScope, an innovative in-store technology that enables customers to evaluate a diamond's sparkle. By making sparkle visibly measurable, this experience brings greater transparency to the buying process, allowing customers to see, understand and trust the difference that defines Indriya diamonds.

Commenting on this innovative industry benchmark introduction, Sandeep Kohli, CEO, Indriya said, "The diamond industry is evolving, and innovation is the need of the hour. For decades, quality assessments have focused on the 4Cs, but ultimately customers fall in love with a diamond that sparkle the brightest. It is the first thing they notice, the quality that instantly captures attention, and the reason a diamond feels truly special. At Indriya, we are bringing sparkle to the forefront, by offering a more visible, intuitive and consumer-first way to evaluate diamonds, while setting a new industry benchmark. Every diamond in Indriya is selected for its superior sparkle and is available across a wide range of categories and occasions. Our aim is to democratise access to, and understanding of, exceptional sparkle, enabling customers to discover the best, and most sparkling diamonds." Also sharing his perspective, Mr. Rajendran Ganapathy, Head of Supply Chain at Indriya comments, "At Indriya, we started with a simple belief: if sparkle is what customers cherish most, it should also be the defining benchmark of our diamond selection process. Indriya handpicks only 1 out of 5 diamonds available in the market to ensure that our customers get the most sparkling diamonds. The result is a collection of diamonds that are selected for exceptional visual sparkle that is captivating and enduring."

AIR INDIA CUTS FUEL SURCHARGE UP TO $125 ON INTERNATIONAL ROUTES AS ATF PRICES EASE



Air India Ltd. announced on Thursday that it will be reducing fuel surcharge on select international routes. The routes included in North America and Australia has its surcharge reduced to $200 from $280. Similarly European routes also saw its fuel surcharge decrease to $125 from $205. The move comes after a sharp moderation in global crude oil prices and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices from their recent highs. According to people familiar with the matter, airlines are actively evaluating a rollback of the surcharge, with a decision likely by the end of the second quarter or early in the third quarter. While international jet fuel prices have declined significantly, airline executives believe fuel costs remain elevated compared with historical averages and are assessing whether the recent softening is sustainable before taking a final call. Industry sources told NDTV Profit said carriers are currently in a wait-and-watch mode, weighing whether to remove the surcharge entirely or opt for a calibrated, phased withdrawal that balances passenger affordability with profitability. Domestic routes are likely to see the surcharge withdrawn before international sectors, where fuel costs and operating economics remain relatively more challenging, the sources said. Air India, IndiGo and Akasa Air had introduced fuel surcharges in March after a sharp increase in crude oil and aviation fuel prices pushed up operating costs. The additional levy was aimed at offsetting the impact of higher fuel expenses without significantly altering base fares.Fuel surcharges for other international flights and domestic services of the airline remain unchanged. Fuel surcharges for North America, Australia, Europe, and the UK flights had come into force from April 10. On April 7, the Air India Group announced fuel surcharges ranging from USD 24 to USD 280 for international flights except certain routes, and ?299 to ?899 for domestic flights. The group comprises Air India and Air India Express. Following the government's decision to cap domestic Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price hike at 25 per cent, Air India group has adopted this calibrated approach, transitioning from a flat domestic surcharge to a distance-based grid, it had said in a statement on April 7. Citing latest International Air Transport Association (IATA) data, the airline had said the global average jet fuel price rose to USD 195.19 per barrel for the week ending March 27, up from USD 99.40 at the end of February, recording a surge of close to 100 per cent. ATF accounts for almost 40-45 per cent of an airline's total cost.

SINGAPORE SEIZES $42M MANSION OVER NVIDIA CHIP SMUGGLING



Police in Singapore have seized a multi-million dollar luxury home that was allegedly bought using proceeds from smuggling Nvidia artificial intelligence (AI) chips. The property last changed hands for 55 million Singapore dollars (£32m; $42.5m), with at least two-thirds of its purchase price allegedly funded by illicit earnings, authorities said on Wednesday. The home was seized as part of a probe into the alleged illegal trade in servers containing highly sought-after advanced Nvidia chips, which are subject to US export controls. The US Department of Justice has previously flagged Singapore as a key transit hub to conceal illegal shipments to China. The police said an order was in place to stop the property being sold during the investigation. Located a short walk from Singapore's famous Botanic Gardens, the property sits in a prime district of the land-scarce city-state. Wei Zhaolun, who is also known as Alan Wei, will be charged with money laundering for allegedly using around 38 million Singapore dollars of criminal proceeds to fund the purchase of the house, police said. He is the chief executive of Aperia Group, which sells servers and other tech hardware to businesses. The BBC has contacted Aperia Group for comment. Authorities have also seized around one million Singapore dollars held in bank accounts. The police said a total of four people, including Wei, have been accused since February 2025 over fraud and other alleged crimes linked to the case. The individuals allegedly placed orders for servers from global suppliers under the pretence that they would be used by companies they worked for. Authorities have not said where the servers were shipped to. The police said the servers in the case were bought from three suppliers - Dell, Super Micro Computer and Asus. The BBC has contacted the three companies for comment. If convicted of fraud, the four, who face multiple charges, could face jail time of up to 20 years. Singapore-based tech companies, Luxuriate Your Life and three firms under the Aperia Group, also face charges in what the police say is the first instance of corporate entities being prosecuted under these investigations. The BBC has been unable to reach Luxuriate Your Life for comment. The police said it holds a "zero-tolerance stance towards such offences" and will act against anyone who violates Singapore's laws to protect the country's integrity as a trusted global business hub. The US and Singapore have cracked down on the illegal shipping of Nvidia chips since Washington restricted their export in 2022 over concerns that they could be used by the Chinese military. Authorities in Singapore said in 2025 that servers containing chips under US export controls were believed to have been shipped via the island-state. The US has since approved the sale of some of Nvidia's semiconductors to China, under certain conditions.

PB FINTECH BLOCK DEAL:

MACRITCHIE INVESTMENTS TO PARE 2.6% STAKE; FLOOR PRICE FIXED

Highlights

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'Two weeks after her death I got a call': Gaza patients face agonising delays for evacuation



When Gaza's medical board approved Amina Abu al-Kas to leave the Strip for treatment abroad, her son Saber said it felt like the beginning of a new life. "It brought life back into her. She knew there was no treatment in Gaza, so she was happy and excited," he told the BBC. Amina was suffering from an aggressive necrotising infection that had spread to her skull. Doctors in Gaza told her they did not have the medicines or the therapies to treat it. Saber said the pain was unbearable. "My mother couldn't sleep day or night; she stayed awake, crying out from the pain. Painkillers caused stomach ulcers and inflammation, and the doctors banned her from taking them." After receiving the medical referral, Saber said the family waited for news that Amina had passed security clearances and had been accepted by a foreign country for treatment - both necessary to leave Gaza. "We knew that at any moment God might take her. And we also knew that at any moment a miracle might happen, that we might get a call saying, 'Get your bags ready and prepare to travel through the crossing,'" Saber told the BBC. "We waited a long time, but no response came. My mother died [on 29 May], and two weeks after her death, I got a call from the hospital informing me that her paperwork was ready." Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry says Amina is one of 300 Palestinians who have died waiting for medical evacuations since the US-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began there last October. The figures are also used by the World Health Organization (WHO), which assists with patient transfers via Gaza's Israeli-controlled border crossings with Israel and Egypt. Thousands of others - the health ministry currently says 15,000 - are still waiting for treatment abroad - some for war-related injuries; others for conditions such as cancer. The list of evacuees is constantly fluctuating, as patients' conditions and decisions change, meaning not all deaths may be recorded.



■ 'Most massive' Russian attack on Kyiv kills at least 18

EU BORDER DELAYS 'NOT BEARABLE' OVER SUMMER, WARNS AIRPORT BOSS

The boss of Berlin Airport has said non-EU nationals arriving in the German capital are having to queue for up to two hours under a new digital border system, and warned the situation is "not bearable over the summer". Aletta von Massenbach told the BBC that at one terminal in Berlin, where Ryanair and Wizz Air operate, waiting times can run between "an hour to two hours". Under the EU's new Entry-Exit System (EES) travellers from outside the bloc must register biometric information when entering most European countries, which is checked when they leave. Airports and airlines say the system is not working. The European Commission (EC) says it is willing to offer more support. EES is meant to modernise the EU's system of border control, making it more secure and eventually making travel smoother. It has been fully operational since April. While the system has worked fine in some places, there have been regular reports of long waits at passport control, especially at peak times. Some passengers say they have missed flights home because they've been held up in queues. Von Massenbach said one issue was that EU countries used different systems. "There are so many sub-systems for each and every member state," she told the BBC's Today programme. "We see that the complexity doesn't really support smooth processing at the border." Technology issues have prevented EES from being used in the UK at the Port of Dover where French border checks take place. A new processing area has 84 kiosks to record fingerprints and photographs but currently is not being used because the technology for the kiosks - the responsibility of the French authorities – cannot be activated. Port of Dover chief executive, Doug Bannister, told MPs on Thursday "time is rapidly running out" to fix it.



"We are rapidly heading towards the start of the critical summer period and are yet to receive the assurances we need to avoid what has the potential to be a very challenging six weeks," he said. Tm not going back to Europe' Anne Robinson from Dunbarton has first-hand knowledge of EES and its idiosyncrasies - to the point it has put her off returning to Europe this year.

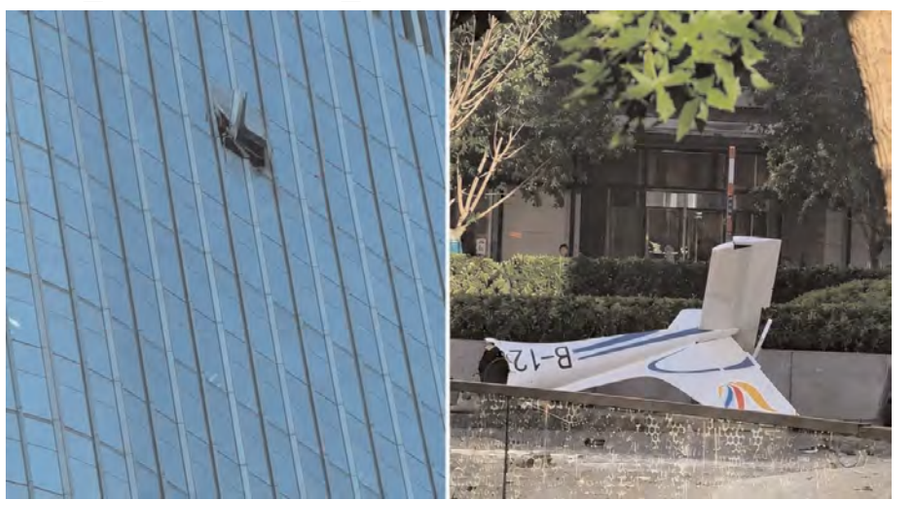
US BLOCKS LONG-TERM RENEWAL OF NORTH AMERICAN TRADE DEAL



The US has declined to renew the landmark US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) in its current form, according to a senior US official. This decision means the trilateral trade pact will miss out on an automatic 16-year extension. The official said the administration "chose not to rubber stamp a USMCA renewal without addressing existing issues" and that "the United States did not agree to renew the USMCA in its current form". If the countries fail to unanimously agree to renew the agreement, "it essentially sets a 10-year shot lock to termination", the official said. Under the pact guidelines, each country must decide whether to renew the agreement for another 16-year term. While the free-trade deal remains in place for now, the lack of a long-term commitment creates fresh economic uncertainty across North America. The agreement, which underpins around $2tn (£1.5tn) in trade each year, is facing pressure over unresolved disputes. US trade officials are pushing for major changes before committing to a long-term extension. Washington has consistently raised concerns over rules of origin for automobiles, dairy market access and stopping third-party countries like China from exploiting the regional agreement. Under the USMCA's original terms, unanimous agreement on an extension would have seen the trade deal kept in place until 2042. The US opting out will force the nations to meet every year to negotiate changes. Business groups across the continent had called for the pact to be extended. The decision also kicks off a 10-year countdown towards the deal expiring as early as 2036. The US Chamber of Commerce had warned that sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture relied heavily on cross-border certainty. However, US domestic trade groups such as the American Iron and Steel Institute and the Steel Manufacturers Association welcomed the shift, arguing annual reviews would give US negotiators leverage to fix parts of the deal. The friction comes six years after the USMCA entered into force.

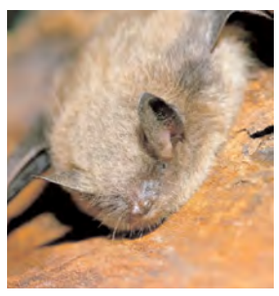
China says pilot crashed small plane into skyscraper for 'personal reasons'

The pilot who crashed his small plane into Beijing's tallest skyscraper last week was suffering from "chronic insomnia and anxiety" and did so for "personal reasons", authorities said Thursday. The crash had killed the pilot, officially identified only by his surname Liu, and wounded 13 others. Liu, a 66-year-old Beijing resident, was a divorced freelancer who lived alone, the Chaoyang district government said in a statement, adding Liu's diary contained "multiple expressions of ending his life". "The comprehensive investigation concluded that this was a case of endangering public safety caused by personal reasons," the statement said. One of the injured has been discharged from the hospital, officials said. Videos of the crash at the CITIC Tower had been widely circulated on social media before being scrubbed off the Chinese internet, as authorities investigated what many observers viewed as a huge security breach. The 109-storey CITIC Tower, also known as China Zun, is located just a few kilometres from Zhongnanhai, the Communist Party's headquarters. The building has long been treated by many locals as a lucky charm. But shortly after the crash last Friday, even unrelated photos and memes of the skyscraper were taken down from Chinese social media platforms. In the days after the crash, at least three aviation firms told the BBC that they had been told to suspend light aircraft operations. On the afternoon of the crash, Liu had taken off from an airport in Pinggu district and conducted both accompanying and solo flights, the Chaoyang government's statement said. "During his solo flight, he deviated from the designated area and lost contact with the airport, subsequently colliding with the high-rise building and dying at the scene," the statement said. According to authorities, Liu had obtained his sport pilot's licence in 2021 and his private pilot's licence in 2024. The plane he flew last week was a two-seat, single-engine Aurora SA60L manufactured by Chinese company Sunward Aircraft, according to flight tracking service Flightradar24. At 6.9m long, with a wingspan of 8.6m, it is designed for touring, aerial photography and recreational aviation.



CANADIAN BOY, 11, DIES OF RABIES AFTER WAKING TO BAT ON HIS FACE

An 11-year-old Canadian boy has died from rabies after being awoken by a bat on his nose and mouth. The incident took place while the child was on a visit to a cottage in Ontario with his family in 2024, according to a report in the Canadian Medical Association Journal published on Monday. The boy, who was not named in the report, swatted the bat off his face, after which his father caught the winged mammal in a pot and released it outside. The boy's parents did not immediately seek medical attention due to their son not having any visible injuries and not thinking the bat behaved erratically, the journal states. But 19 days later, the boy began experiencing numbness and swelling on his face. The Canadian Medical Association Journal chronicled his family taking him to get emergency care over the following days and both clinics and hospital doctors trying to diagnose his symptoms. At first, an emergency clinic prescribed the boy antiviral medication used to treat infections caused by herpes viruses as they presumed he might have Bell's palsy, the temporary paralysis of facial muscles on one side of the face. Then he went to hospital on back-to-back visits, first getting a presumed diagnosis of herpes gingivostomatitis, a viral infection of the mouth and gums, then returning the following day after the right side of his face went weak, the journal states. While awaiting to be admitted, he developed a fever of 39C (102F), along with difficulty swallowing, confusion and visual hallucinations. His condition rapidly worsened that day.

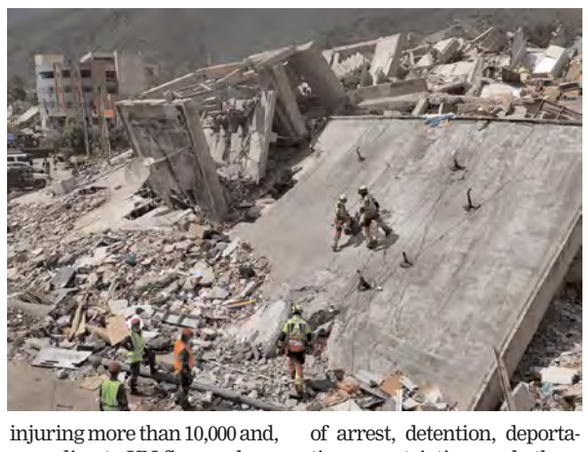




Nine Thai monks killed after 11-year-old driver collides with procession

THE US DEPORTED THEM TO VENEZUELA - HOURS LATER EARTHQUAKES STRUCK

Venezuela native Abelardo Rincón built a life for six years in the US state of Georgia - working in a car dealership, marrying and looking forward to the upcoming birth of his daughter - before US authorities detained him amid President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown. The 23-year-old's bereft parents and pregnant wife waited for any and all news while he was held by American authorities, before he was put on a deportation flight to his homeland last month alongside more than 140 other Venezuelans. He landed on 24 June and while still in custody, called his family back in Atlanta. He and other deportees were being housed in a hotel near the coast. Just hours later, twin earthquakes hit the country - killing at least 2,200 people, injuring more than 10,000 and, according to UN figures, leaving 50,000 missing. Rincón, along with a number of fellow deportees from Flight 164, was among those missing. And their devastated families were left to desperately search for any word about their loved ones - all after struggling to process the quick succession of arrest, detention, deportation, repatriation and, then, natural disaster. The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees US immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), shared a statement, but offered no details on the case when asked by the BBC. "This flight safely reached Venezuela and all illegal aliens on board were returned home," a DHS spokesperson told BBC on Tuesday. "When an individual is no longer in ICE custody, ICE is no longer responsible for them." It's unclear if the migrants were deported for crossing the border illegally, or for other reasons. The Venezuelan government, meanwhile, has posted numbers for the general public to call, but information has been limited in the wake of such a devastating national disaster.



The flight passengers, who reportedly included 19 women and seven children, were being housed by Venezuelan authorities in Hotel Santuario La Llanada in the city of La Guaira after undergoing medical exams and getting documentation.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026:

Why USA Cannot Appeal Folarin Balogun's Controversial Red Card



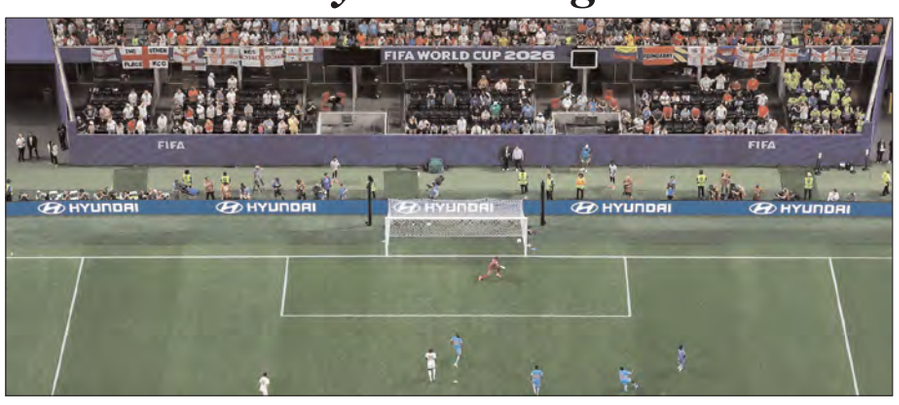
United States striker Folarin Balogun, the country's top scorer at the FIFA World Cup 2026 with three goals to his name, was sent off for a challenge on Bosnia and Herzegovina's Tarik Muharemovic in the Round of 32 clash on Wednesday. The referee did not immediately reach for his back pocket but changed his mind after taking a careful look at the pitchside monitor once the incident was flagged by the Video Assistant Referee (VAR). Although the USA went on to score another goal after being reduced to 10 men and qualified for the Round of 16, the absence of Balogun against Belgium in the next match is going to make the task difficult for the co-hosts. The United States manager, Mauricio Pochettino, and his players did not hesitate to call the referee's decision "harsh", but the team is left with no option other than to accept a one-match sanction, as FIFA rules for the 2026 World Cup do not allow the option of an appeal. A FIFA official ruled out the possibility of a red card decision being challenged in the ongoing World Cup. Speaking to The Athletic, the official pointed to the tournament regulations and Article 66.4, which states: "A sending-off automatically incurs suspension from the subsequent match. The FIFA judicial bodies may impose additional match suspensions and other disciplinary measures." According to FIFA rules, "If a player or team official is sent off as a result of a direct or indirect red card (second caution), they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match. In addition, further sanctions may be imposed." If the ban cannot be served during the tournament - meaning the team no longer has a game to play - the suspension is carried over to the team's next official fixture. Balogun is set to miss the Round of 16 match against Belgium but could miss further games should the US progress in the tournament, depending on whether FIFA's disciplinary committee decides to extend his suspension from one match to potentially two or three. US Camp Unhappy With Referee's Decision "It was never intentional," U.S. coach Mauricio Pochettino said when asked about the sending-off after the match. "It's never a red card. Never. If the intention is to damage the opponent, OK, I understand. But that never was. It was a normal action in football where you are fighting for the ball and your foot lands." The US striker's teammate Weston McKennie called the lack of an appeal process "bogus" and disagreed that Balogun's tackle was a straight red-card offence. "Obviously the ref made the decision that he made, but I think it's questionable," McKennie said. "I think there have been many other plays like that throughout the tournament involving other players where a card wasn't given at all.

FRANKIE DETTORI BREAKS RIBS IN CAR CRASH



Jockey Frankie Dettori suffered several broken ribs and a broken thumb after being involved in a car crash, his management has said. A spokesperson for H Talent Management confirmed the collision happened on Wednesday evening near Newmarket in Suffolk. Another vehicle struck the rear passenger side of the car the 55-year-old was driving, causing it to spin and flip, they said. Dettori's injuries were still being assessed as he remained in hospital for further scans and observation. "Frankie would like to thank the emergency services who attended the scene, together with the doctors, nurses and wider medical team caring for him," said H Talent Management. "His focus is now on resting and recovering. H Talent Management respectfully asks that Frankie's privacy is respected at this time. "No further comment will be made until there is a meaningful update." Dettori has not ridden in Britain since October 2023 when he won the Champion Stakes on King of Steel at Ascot. But he was due to return to the saddle in the Leger Legends race at Doncaster during the St Leger Festival in September. H Talent Management referred to Wednesday's crash as an "accident". The collision is believed to have happened just over the border in Cambridgeshire and the county's police force confirmed it was called to a collision on the A1304 London Road near Six Mile Bottom at about 19:00 BST. A spokesperson for the force added that there were no arrests.
The East of England Ambulance Service said two patients were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital for "further assessment and treatment". In June 2000, Dettori survived a light aircraft crash in Newmarket which killed the pilot Patrick Mackey. Fellow jockey Ray Cochrane, who went on to be Dettori's agent, also survived the plane crash.

Harry Kane Scores Potential 'Goal Of The World Cup', Beats Several Players To Bag Winner



Translating his club form into international football for England, Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane struck a 'Goal of the Tournament' contender in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32 clash against DR Congo on Wednesday. England, who trailed Congo until the 75th minute, saw Kane produce an incredible rescue act to bail his team out of a precarious situation. England were staring at early elimination from the tournament when Kane stepped up to score both goals in the Three Lions' 2-1 win. It was Kane's second goal of the game that left everyone in awe, as he dazzled past several Congo players before smashing the ball into the top right corner of the net. Following a partially cleared England attack, substitute Anthony Gordon picked up possession and delivered a dangerous pass to Kane on the edge of the penalty area. Receiving the ball with his back to goal, Kane reacted quickest amidst heavy congestion inside the box. He sharply whirled and twisted away from his direct marker, shifting the ball onto his right foot. Having created just enough separation against three converging defenders, Kane unleashed a brutal, rising rocket from a challenging angle. The unstoppable strike blazed past DR Congo goalkeeper Lionel Mpasi, who could barely move before the ball rifled into the top-right corner of the net to seal England's 2-1 comeback victory. The goal didn't just seal England's passage into the Round of 16 to face co-hosts Mexico, this spectacular 86th-minute strike marked Kane's 13th career World Cup goal. With this hit, he officially surpassed Brazilian football icon Pele (12 goals) on the tournament's all-time top-scorers list.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Snub Leaves Ravi Shastri Fuming: "He Would've Taken Ireland's Pants Off"



Former India coach and renowned commentator Ravi Shastri unleashed his unfiltered views after India's decision not to hand Vaibhav Sooryavanshi an international debut left him fuming. The 15-year-old was in sensational form during IPL 2026, scoring 776 runs for Rajasthan Royals to emerge as the tournament's highest run-scorer. Prior to that, he played a pivotal role in India's triumph at the U-19 World Cup. Rewarded for his performances, Sooryavanshi earned his maiden international call-up for the T20I series against Ireland and England. However, he remained on the bench for both matches against Ireland, which India lost 0-2, as well as the opening T20I against England in Durham. After the match against England was abandoned due to rain, Shastri questioned the team management's decision to keep the youngster out despite his outstanding IPL campaign. "Arrey, woh khelna chahiye tha yaar (He should have played against Ireland). It was such a slow and spongy track. He would have smacked them on the terrace, it was such a small ground. He would have taken their pants off. He should have definitely played there. Now, whether he plays in England, I'm not sure. I am not sure whether they will blame him, but give him a game as soon as possible," said Shastri on Sony Sports. "He has smashed everyone in the IPL. Which fast bowler did he spare? And you're making him warm the bench" he added. Shastri further argued that Sooryavanshi is the kind of player who can bat with complete freedom, as he carries no baggage of expectations or responsibility. "He is the X-factor, does not have any baggage. He is just 15, has the exuberance of youth. He has no fear, and if he gets going in the first 2-3 overs, he will give you the kind of start that the middle order can capitalise on. You will have to make space for him," he said. The second T20I between India and England will be played on July 4 in Manchester.

HSTikkyTokky Banned From Kick After Associate Makes Explicit Comments to a Minor During Greece Livestream



Something happened on HSTikkyTokky's Kick livestream in Zakynthos that went well beyond the chaotic IRL content his audience expects. The 24-year-old British streamer has a history of bans and controversial moments on the platform, but this one landed differently. A clip started circulating within minutes. Kick moved faster than it usually does. And the person at the center of the backlash wasn't even the streamer himself; it was someone standing right next to the camera. What Happened on the Stream The incident unfolded on the Laganas strip in Zakynthos, Greece, one of the most popular nightlife stretches for British tourists in the summer. A member of HSTikkyTokky's crew, identified in the stream as Mo, made explicit se*ual comments toward a girl the group encountered during the broadcast. The remarks were picked up clearly enough by the stream's chat overlays for viewers watching live to flag them immediately. Cameraman Andy, who had been filming the entire thing, didn't wait for anyone else to step in. He confronted Mo directly and landed a punch that left him visibly reeling. A separate crew member added to the chaos by taunting Mo as the fallout played out on camera. Kick banned the channel shortly after the clip began spreading. Streamer tracking sites confirmed the suspension under the platform's rules against harmful content. The ban follows a pattern for HSTikkyTokky, a 24-year-old British streamer whose Kick history includes prior suspensions for chaotic IRL content, including a July 2025 ban after a street brawl in Magaluf, Spain. How People Are Reacting Reaction online has not been subtle.

NORRIS 'HAPPY I HAVE THE PAIN OF THIS YEAR FOR THE GLORY OF LAST'



Lando Norris is conflicted - up to a point, anyway. He admits that the start to his and McLaren's title defence this season has been "dreadful" in terms of reliability, while the pace "has not been terrible". But he accepts that, in hindsight, the difficulty they are going through this year has its roots in their success. "I'm happy I have the pain of this year for the glory of last," he says, as he sits down with BBC Sport for an extensive interview on the eve of the British Grand Prix. It was very much not McLaren's expectation that they would start 2026 unable, so far, to repeat the success they enjoyed in 2024 and 2025. But they have realised that the energy put into achieving their title double last season under an intense late-season assault from Max Verstappen and Red Bull has had consequences. Norris says: "We still put a lot of effort into making sure we were ready for this year. And we're not as ready and as strong as we would have liked to have been. "But certainly a good amount of trying to win the championship as a constructor and as a driver last year required a continued amount of dedication on the car of last season. When just more effort in other teams, teams that are doing well now, they just would have shifted more people, more focus would have gone to this year. "So, it's just the price you pay in a very competitive world against extremely good teams and clever people. "And as soon as you're just a little bit more focused on last season, especially in such a big transition of regulation, you pay the price pretty quickly." 'It's been more difficult than we wanted' In performance terms, McLaren have started the season lagging behind pace-setters Mercedes, and fluctuating between second and fourth fastest team, depending on the race. Their one chance of grand prix victory, when Norris was leading Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli in Miami, was fumbled through a strategic error.

Novak Djokovic, Jannik Sinner Into Wimbledon Third Round, Mirra Andreeva Stunned



Novak Djokovic produced a Wimbledon masterclass as the history-chasing star raced into the third round on Wednesday, while defending champion Jannik Sinner battled through before French Open champion Mirra Andreeva suffered a shock exit. Djokovic demolished Stefanos Tsitsipas in a 98-minute rout that served as a statement of intent to Sinner and the rest of his Wimbledon title rivals. The seven-time Wimbledon champion won 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, hitting 33 winners and making just seven unforced errors. Djokovic's latest attempt to make history by winning a record 25th Grand Slam singles title got off to a rocky start as he laboured against unheralded Wu Yibing in the first round on Monday. Bidding to become the oldest man to win a major title in the Open era, Djokovic -- who won the most recent of his Wimbledon crowns in 2022 -- has increasingly looked his age over the last two Grand Slams.

The 39-year-old Serb crashed out in the French Open third round, blowing a two-set lead against Joao Fonseca. But Djokovic underlined his enduring class with his latest win against Greek world number 87 Tsitsipas, who has now lost their last 12 meetings. Djokovic's 104th match win at Wimbledon leaves him just one behind Roger Federer's Open era record in the men's singles. He plays French 25th seed Arthur Rinderknech in the last 32. "I'm feeling great.

Jovial Novak Djokovic Dismantles Stefanos Tsitsipas To Reach Wimbledon 2026 Third Round



Novak Djokovic sent out a warning to his Wimbledon title rivals with an impressive straight-sets victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas to reach the Wimbledon third round for the 20th time on Wednesday. The 39-year-old eased to a 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 win under the Centre Court roof to maintain his latest bid for a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam title and record-equalling eighth Wimbledon triumph. The Serb will next face French 25th seed Arthur Rinderknech on Friday for a place in the second week. "I like the terminology 'vintage', it brings back the best days and you feel very satisfied and joyful on the court when you're playing this way," said Djokovic after being asked if it was a "vintage" performance. Djokovic is bidding to become the oldest player to win a men's Grand Slam singles title in the Open era, but does not think his age is holding him back. "I try not to take these moments for granted playing on Centre Court of a childhood dream tournament," he said. "I feel very privileged to be walking out on the court at age 30 plus and I don't think it's a cliche, I actually believe age is just a number, I think it's true." Title favourite Jannik Sinner, in the same half of the draw as Djokovic, has shown signs of frailty in both his opening matches. Djokovic struggled at times against Wu Yibing in the first round, but was at his clinical best as he romped to a 12th successive win over Tsitsipas, a former world number three now languishing 87th in the ATP rankings. He won 88 percent of points behind his first serve, saved all five break points he faced, smashed 33 winners and made just seven unforced errors. If he can maintain that level, Djokovic will be a real contender to move clear of Margaret Court for the Grand Slam singles record, and tie Roger Federer for most men's Wimbledon crowns. Djokovic, the seventh seed, served out his 104th match win at Wimbledon after recovering from 15-40 down, never giving Tsitsipas a sniff of a comeback. Greek Tsitsipas is a shadow of the player who reached two Grand Slam finals, losing both to Djokovic, and has not reached the third round of a major since losing in the 2024 French Open quarter-finals to Carlos Alcaraz.

Nagabandham is a great visual fantasy adventure that the whole family can enjoy together: Director Abhishek Nama

Virat Karna is the hero of the epic fantasy adventure visual wonder 'Nagabandham – The Secret Treasure' directed by Abhishek Nama. Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagi Reddy have produced this film on a huge budget under the banner of Nick Studios. The film stars Nabha Natesh, Aishwarya Menen, Jagapathi Babu, Mahesh Manjrekar, Rishabh Sawhney and other key roles. The promotional content that has already been released has created a sensation across the country. The film will be released worldwide on July 3. On this occasion, director Abhishek Nama shared the film's features at a press conference.

■ WHEN DID THE IDEA FOR NAGABANDHAM COME ABOUT? WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION?

-There has been a lot of discussion about why Vault B in the Padmanabhaswamy temple has not been opened. There are many stories about it. Everyone is very interested in what is inside that room. I thought it would be good to make a story imagining what would be inside if that room were really opened. I wanted to make a fictional story using that as a backdrop. That's how I wrote the story of Nagabandham.

■ IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE BIG HEROES FOR STORIES LIKE THIS. WHY DID YOU DO IT WITH NEW PEOPLE?

-I actually didn't have any idea who I wanted to work with when I thought of this story. My focus was on telling a good story. After the story was finished, we chose the people who would be best suited for it.

-This is a story that I visualized. I directed it because I felt it would be better if I directed my vision myself. This is a story with a very big canvas. I am releasing this film on time. I completed the film in 107 days as planned. I designed all the concepts in this film myself.

■ YOU BUILT THE ANANTHA PADMANABHASWAMY TEMPLE AS A SET. TELL US ABOUT THAT EXPERIENCE?

-We went to the Anantha Padmanabhaswamy temple. But taking photos is not allowed there. That's why we created what we saw there in the form of sketches on paper. Then we took cinematic liberty and designed the set by adding a different architecture.

-But for this film, we are not using the name Anantha Padmanabhaswamy Temple. We have shown it as a fictional temple. This is a fictional treasure hunt story, told in a fantasy perspective.

■ WHAT IS THE REASON BEHIND MAKING A FILM WITH A NEW HERO LIKE VIRAT KARNA COSTING OVER RS 100 CRORE?

-Actually, when I started this story, I didn't think it would be a hundred crore budget. I wanted to make a film with a new actor. Because it is a story-driven film. If there is a big hero, there are certain expectations. That's why I chose Virat Karna, a new hero.



-We wanted to shoot real temples. But we didn't get the permissions we wanted. So we had to build a temple set. The budget for sets, artwork, makeup, and CG also increased.

-There are a total of eight sets in this film. Most of the cost we spent for this film went towards artwork, sets, and CG. We spent 20 percent on remunerations and 80 percent on production.

■ WHAT ABOUT THE PRODUCERS?

-Our producers completely trusted the story and me from the beginning and spent money on the film. They provided what the story needed without any calculations. I am sincerely grateful to them for this. I am very happy with the final output.

-I did a thorough pre-production for this film before the producers arrived. I showed them in advance what the film was going to be like and what the visuals would be like. That's why they got complete clarity.

■ MAKING A FILM WITH MYTHOLOGY ELEMENTS IS A BIG TASK, ISN'T IT? WHAT PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN?

-This is not only a mythology, but also a commercial film. It is a film that the whole family should watch together. Everyone will enjoy it. We have taken great care in every aspect. The story is the hero of this film.

-We all worked very hard for this film. I was very satisfied after seeing the final output.

■ WHAT IS THE RESPONSE IN HINDI?

-It has received a very good response in Bollywood. It is being released in more than 700 screens. It is being released in more than 200 screens in Tamil. In total, the film is being released in more than 2500 screens worldwide. After the release of the teaser and trailer, all the business deals have been completed.

■ WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO MAKE SUCH A HUGE FILM?

-I wanted to do a story after Devil. I was stuck on that for a while. But I started this film because I wanted to make a big movie that everyone would remember.

■ DID YOU GET INTO FILMMAKING AND DIRECTING BY ACCIDENT?

-My father was a film distributor. He never let me come to the office. He used to tell me not to do this business. I studied fine arts. But the passion for cinema pulled me towards this. Initially, I distributed many English films. I studied arts, but the whole work I was doing became business. I started producing films with the intention of knowing what happens in a film and how it is made. I realized that even the producer does not know everything that happens. (Laughs) The real thing can only be known if you are 100 percent involved. That's how I came towards directing.

-With my experience as a producer, director, and distributor, I assisted the producers in all aspects of this film.

■ WHAT ABOUT THE CHARACTERS IN THESE MOVIES?

-Nabha Natesh is playing the role of Nava Parvathi. She plays the role of a Vedic student very well.

-Everyone who worked on this film worked very hard. Garuda Ram, who played a role in it, would come to the set at 1:30 am and apply makeup until 7 am.

VISA - Second Single Chingari Receives a Thumping Response

The makers of Visa have unveiled their second single Chingari. Rendered beautifully by the inimitable Sid Sriram and Lipsika, the melody is composed by Vijai Bulganin renowned for delivering soulful musical compositions.

Penned by Sanare, Chingari carries an ache that feels deeply human and instantly relatable. It is a poetic exploration of the quiet fire that love ignites a feeling too profound for words alone yet one that music expresses effortlessly.

VISA - Vintara Saradaga has been building a wave of excitement with every reveal. The film's teaser captivated audiences with its warm NRI energy and fresh storytelling. The first single Anaga Anaga America an infectious, foot-tapping number won hearts across platforms and set the tone for what this film promises to be: joyful, relatable and deeply rooted in the emotions of a generation chasing dreams far from home.

With Chingari, the film reveals its romantic soul and it has struck a chord with listeners in a way that only the most genuine music can.



Directed by debutant Udbhav Raghu, the film stars Ashok Galla and Sri Gouri Priya as the lead pair with Rahul Vijay, Shivathmika Rajasekhar, Satya, Viva Harsha and Gundu Sudarshan in key supporting roles. Set against the vibrant and emotionally rich backdrop of Telugu student life in the United States, the film weaves together friendship, ambition, cultural identity and the unexpected sparks of love all told with the freshness and warmth that today's audiences crave.

Produced by Naga Vamsi S of Sithara Entertainments and Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinemas, VISA – Vintara Saradaga carries the hallmark of producers who understand what audiences want. The positivity surrounding this project continues to grow with every release .

'VANAJEEVI RAMAIAH' TO BE MADE AS A PAN-INDIA FEATURE FILM

Vasvik Foundation Organises Grand Vanajeevi Haritha Awards on the Occasion of Vanajeevi Ramaiah's 90th Birth Anniversary

Environmental Champions Honoured; Telangana Government Urged to Name Village Nature Parks After Vanajeevi Ramaiah



The team of the acclaimed short film "Vanajeevi Ramaiah," based on the inspiring life of renowned environmentalist and Padma Shri awardee Daripalli Ramaiah, popularly known across the country as "Koti Mokkala Ramaiah" (The Man Who Planted a Million Trees), participated in the grand Vanajeevi Haritha Awards Ceremony organised by the Vasvik Foundation on the occasion of his 90th birth anniversary at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad.

The event honoured several environmental activists and volunteers who have made remarkable contributions towards environmental conservation. Speaking on the occasion, producer Nidigonda Naresh Kumar Prajapathi announced that the award-winning short film "Vanajeevi Ramaiah" will now be developed into a Pan-India feature film. He also appealed to the Telangana Government to name the Palle Prakruthi Vanams (Village Nature Parks) across the state after Vanajeevi Daripalli Ramaiah, as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary service to nature.

The programme was led by Vasvik Group Chairman and film producer Nidigonda Naresh Kumar Prajapathi, Vasvik Foundation Vice Chairman Nookala Bhaskar Reddy, and director Vemuganti, along with other members of the foundation. During the ceremony, noted environmentalist Mokkala Venkataiah was felicitated, while several individuals actively involved in plantation drives and environmental protection received the Vanajeevi Haritha Awards.

The short film "Vanajeevi Ramaiah," which portrays the life and environmental mission of Daripalli Ramaiah, has already earned prestigious recognition by being selected in the Best Short Film category at the Telangana Government's Gaddar Awards.

Mythri Movie Makers Announced Their 4th Tamil Film, Featuring Dhruv Vikram, Directed by Karan A Kumar; The Project #MythriTamil04 #DV4 Begins With Traditional Pooja Ceremony

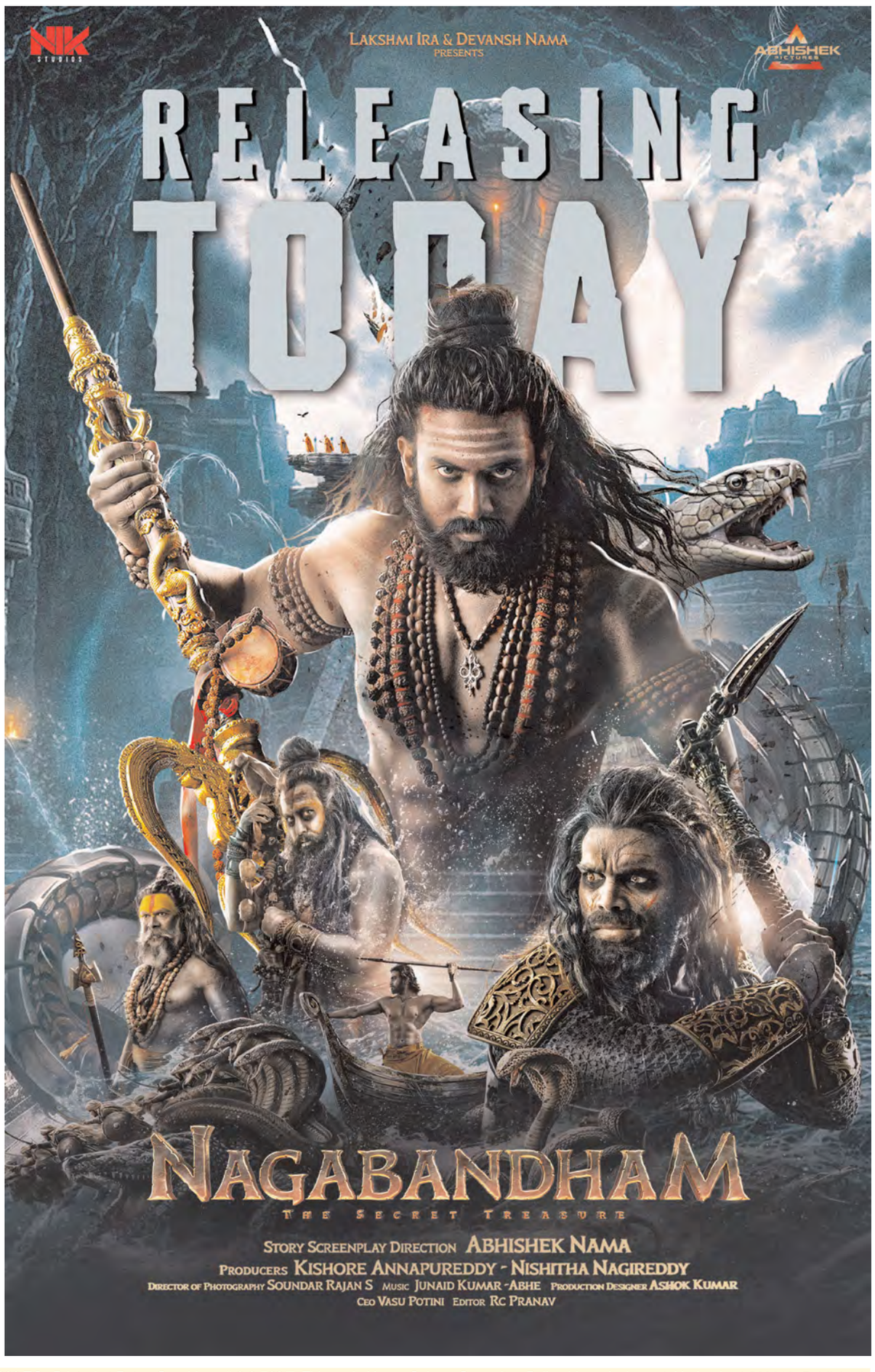
Leading Pan India Production House Mythri Movie Makers is not restricting themselves to Telugu industry, and are making films in other languages as well. Meanwhile, they have announced their fourth Tamil venture, which marks 4th film as a lead actor for Dhruv Vikram. Karan Aravind Kumar will direct the movie billed to be an out-and-out commercial entertainer.



The project #MythriTamil04 #DV4 has officially been kick-started, with a grand pooja ceremony held at Mythri office - MRC Nagar, Chennai. The launch event witnessed the presence of the film's cast, crew, and several special guests. Dhruv Vikram looked stylish in a black polo T-shirt paired with cream trousers as he joined director Karan Aravind Kumar and the team for the auspicious occasion.

Director Keerthiswaran sounded the clapboard for the muhurtham shot. Directors Adhik Ravichandran, Ravikumar, Keerthiswaran, Antony Bhagyaraj, Raja, Sasi and Hi Nanna fame Shouryuv graced the launching ceremony.

Produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar, DV4 promises to showcase Dhruv Vikram in a completely mass-oriented avatar. Known for experimenting with intense and performance-driven roles, the young actor now appears ready to embrace a unique entertainer aimed at appealing to a wider audience. Karan Aravind Kumar has also co-written the screenplay with Saby. The film boasts a talented technical crew. Cinematography will be handled by Viki, while Jayasuriya joins the project as editor. Costume designer Praveen Raja, production designer GM Sekhar, and action choreographer Vikram Mor complete the impressive lineup behind the camera.



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