

## IN BRIEF

**Mega job fair to be held in Periyapatna on June 24**

MYSURU : In a major boost for job seekers across Mysuru district, a mega job fair is set to be organized in Periyapatna under the leadership of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. The event is being jointly organized by the District Employment Exchange Office, Mysuru, and BGS Educational Institutions, Periyapatna.

The job fair aims to connect eligible youth with employment opportunities across various sectors and will be open to candidates free of cost. Organizers expect participation from numerous companies looking to recruit candidates with different educational qualifications.

The Mega Job Fair will be held on June 24, 2026 (Wednesday) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at BGS Educational Institutions, Abbur village, Periyapatna taluk in Mysuru district.

Candidates who have completed SSLC, PUC, ITI, Diploma, Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses are eligible to participate. The organizers have specified that applicants between 18 and 35 years of age can take advantage of the recruitment drive.

Officials said the event has been planned with the objective of providing employment opportunities to young men and women from Mysuru, Kodagu and neighbouring districts. Several private companies are expected to conduct interviews and shortlist suitable candidates on the spot.

Interested candidates are required to complete online registration through the designated Google Form before attending the fair. Participants have also been advised to carry multiple copies of their resumes, biodata and photocopies of educational certificates for verification and recruitment purposes. For further details regarding registration and participation, candidates can contact the organizers on 9036356862, 9964463361 or 8748984360. The organizers have urged eligible youth not to miss the opportunity, describing the event as an important platform for those seeking employment and career growth.

### CM committed to Karnataka's growth: Biocon



BENGALURU: Biocon Founder and Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw on Tuesday said Chief Minister D K Shivakumar is committed to the state's growth and expressed support for his vision to transform Bengaluru into a world-class city and Karnataka into a leading state. Speaking after a meeting of Bengaluru's honorary consuls with the Chief Minister, Mazumdar-Shaw said the group backed the Chief Minister's new initiatives required to develop Bengaluru into a world-class city.

"I think the Chief Minister is very committed to developing not just Bengaluru, but Karnataka, and making it both a world-class city and a leading state in the country," she told reporters here. Praising Shivakumar's commitment to infrastructure development, she cited projects such as the proposed tunnel road, elevated corridors, the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), and improvements to the Outer Ring Road (ORR), for which a special budgetary allocation has been made.

## RSS registration issue, 'strategy' against CM: BJP

BENGALURU

SENIOR BJP leader R Ashoka on Tuesday hit out at Home Minister Priyank Kharage over the RSS registration issue, claiming that it was his strategy to counter Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who is "daydreaming" that he alone will be the Congress CM candidate in the 2028 assembly elections.

He also hit out at the ruling

party for raising questions regarding the Sangh's registration, its legal status and sources of funding. "Terming Kharage's move as a 'strategy' to quietly counter Shivakumar, who is 'daydreaming' that he alone will be the CM candidate in the 2028 Assembly elections, Ashoka said, "In an attempt to curry favour by appealing fake Gandhi high command in Delhi and somehow

become the next chief ministerial candidate, Priyank Kharage has chosen to make the RSS a boogeyman."

He also called Kharage the most "utter flop" minister in Karnataka's history. "What moral authority does the Indian National Congress have to speak about the RSS when it has formed political alliances purely for the sake of power with an extremely divisive and anti-national

organisation like the Muslim League, which was responsible for the partition of the country, and is governing in two states through such alliances?" Ashoka questioned in a post on 'X'.

He alleged that when anti-national elements openly shouted "Pakistan Zindabad" slogans in front of the Vidhana Soudha, the sacred temple of democracy, Priyank Kharage chose to sit with his

eyes and ears closed, took no action against them, and arrogantly defended them. "Such is the integrity of Priyank Kharage."

"It is not only laughable but the height of shame that protectors of such anti-national thinking are questioning the legality and patriotism of the RSS, a nationalist organisation that has been serving Mother India selflessly and without expecta-



tions for the past hundred years," he added.

Kharage had formally sought an explanation from RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on the organisation's legal status and "sources of dona-

tions, contributions and income". In a letter to Bhagwat, the minister has asked the RSS to depute "authorised office-bearers" to explain the legal grounds on which it functions.

## MLA adopts three girls after Bidar family tragedy

HANS NEWS SERVICE BIDAR

IN a heartwarming gesture following a tragic incident that claimed the lives of two sisters, Aurad MLA Prabhu Chavan has announced that he will take responsibility for the future of the three surviving daughters of the affected family in Shembelli village of Bidar district.

The decision came after the legislator visited the family, which has been struggling emotionally and financially since the tragedy.

The incident occurred on June 7 when six members of the family allegedly fell seriously ill after consum-



ing mangoes. The victims, including mother Indumati and her five daughters, suffered severe vomiting and diarrhoea and were rushed for treatment.

As their condition worsened, they were shifted to a hospital in Hyderabad. How-

ever, two sisters, Bhavani

(17) and Sandhyarani (14),

succumbed to their illness on June 8 despite medical efforts. Another daughter, Vi-

jayashree, continues to battle for her life and remains under treatment in a critical condition. A case regarding

the incident has been registered at the Narayanaguda Police Station in Hyderabad.

Following widespread attention to the family's plight, MLA Prabhu Chavan visited Shembelli village and met the grieving family members. During his visit, he offered condolences and announced that he would personally support the future of the remaining three daughters.

The MLA assured the family that he would bear the entire cost of the girls' education and also take responsibility for their marriages. In addition, he promised that a new house would be constructed for

the family through government assistance within the current year.

The announcement has drawn appreciation from local residents and social organizations, who described the move as a significant humanitarian gesture during a period of immense suffering for the family.

With the family still coping with the loss of two daughters and another child undergoing treatment, the support extended by the MLA is expected to provide much-needed relief and security. Authorities continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the illness that led to the deaths.

## Wife, lover among 9 arrested in insurance murder conspiracy



First case in the state in which forensic laboratory personnel were allegedly involved in manipulating scientific evidence in return for money

HANS NEWS SERVICE BELAGAVI

POLICE in Belagavi district have cracked the murder of a former serviceman allegedly killed as part of a conspiracy to claim insurance benefits worth nearly Rs 2 crore, arresting nine persons, including the victim's wife and officials linked to a forensic laboratory.

The victim, identified as Sandeep Kalagouda Manjargi (46), a resident of Ghodageri village in Hukkeri taluk, had insurance policies with HDFC and State Bank of India. According to police, the accused allegedly plotted to project his death as the result of a road accident in order to claim the insurance amount.

Belagavi Superintendent of Police K. Ramarajan said the investigation revealed that the victim's wife, Suma Manjargi, allegedly conspired with her alleged lover Pundalik Dombur and others to murder Sandeep and secure the insurance payout.

The arrested accused include Suma Manjargi, Pundalik Dombur, RMP doctor Basavaraj Bhasme, Food and Drug Administration employee Ashok Gujanal, forensic laboratory clerk Appasaheb Naik, Laboratory Assistant Channayya Adaviswamimath, Senior Scientific Officer P.N. Nagaraj, and two associates of Pundalik, Sachin Selar and Rahul Jogi.

Police said Sandeep had sustained injuries after falling from a motorcycle on March 13 and was initially treated at a hospital in Hukkeri before being shifted to a hospital in Ghataprabha. Investigators alleged that while he was undergoing treatment, Suma and Pundalik administered poison through a saline bottle and also gave him sleeping pills, resulting in his death on March 15.

Following the death, the accused allegedly attempted to portray the case as a natural death resulting from complications after a road accident and lodged a misleading complaint with the Yamakanamaradi police station.

During the investigation, police uncovered an alleged effort to suppress evidence by influencing the post-mortem and forensic examination process. According to the SP, the accused had allegedly enlisted the help of forensic laboratory personnel and others to ensure that traces of poison did not appear in the forensic report.

Ramarajan described it as the first case in the state in which forensic laboratory personnel were allegedly involved in manipulating scientific evidence in return for money. A case has been registered and all nine accused have been remanded to judicial custody. Further investigation is underway.

## Kempegowda Jayanti to be celebrated at new Kempegowda Layout this year: CM

BENGALURU

KARNATAKA Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday announced that this year's Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti will be celebrated at the newly developed Kempegowda Layout on June 27. He said the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), under the leadership of its chairman N A Haris, will plant 1.5 million saplings across the city and a newly constructed road in the layout will also be inaugurated on the occasion.

Shivakumar was speaking to the media after a preparatory meeting for the celebrations held at the Vidhana Soudha here. Nadaprabhu Kempegowda founded the city of Bengaluru. "As every year, a preparatory meeting was convened to discuss the celebrations. The event's framework was discussed with various organisations. Separate processions will arrive from the city's four Kempegowda towers," he said.

The chief minister said that

Ministers Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byre Gowda, K J George and Byrathi Suresh will be responsible for the four towers. Minister K H Muniyappa will oversee the programme at Kempegowda International Airport.

Preparatory work in parts of Bengaluru will be coordinated under the leadership of Minister Gowda, he said. Shivakumar said preparations are underway to establish a Town Planning College named after Kempegowda on the campus of Visvesvaraya Technological University. He said that Jayanti celebrations will be held in every Assembly constituency, and a grant of Rs 1 lakh will be released for each. "On another day, similar programmes will be organised in Bengaluru's 369 wards, with Rs 1 lakh being provided for each ward through the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). The date for these ward-level events will be decided by Bengaluru city ministers. Several suggestions were received during the meeting," he added.

## Bengaluru in-charge Minister holds first meeting with officials

BENGALURU

MINISTER Krishna Byre Gowda, who had delayed taking charge of the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio citing "incomplete" allocation of key city-related departments, held his first meeting with top officials under the GBA limits on Tuesday.

Clarifying that he assumed charge following directions of Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and the Congress high command, he said he has informed the leadership that clarity regarding his responsibilities was essential to deliver the results.

Gowda, who took oath on June 3, was allotted the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio. The minister was unhappy as the CM retained direct control over the city's two influential planning agencies—the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) -- and



therefore delayed assuming charge of the department.

He has been entrusted with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and five city corporations under it, as well as the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Bengaluru Metro. The minister recently discussed his portfolio with Shivakumar and the Congress high command, including party General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala.

"Regarding the portfolio issue, I have shared my opinion with the Chief Minister and the party high command. To run the administration efficiently and provide results with accountability, there needs to be clarity. I have

brought this to the notice of the CM and the party leadership, they will decide on it," Gowda said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said his stand was that it was appropriate to take charge once there was clarity. "But the Chief Minister and the high command directed me to work assuming the charge, and they would decide on the matter in due course. Ultimately, I will have to respect their directions, so I have taken charge and have begun my work," he added.

Noting that the CM has decided as per his discretion, Gowda said, "I have requested him to rethink, but ultimately, as you know this matter is subject to the Chief Minister's discretion."

## SIT officials injured as vehicle overturns while probing Dharmasthala case

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HANS NEWS SERVICE BELTHANGADY

A Multi-Utility Vehicle carrying a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the controversial Dharmasthala mass burial allegations overturned after losing control in the Charamdi ghats on Tuesday, leaving all four occupants injured.

The team, led by SIT Superintendent of Police C.A. Seemon, was travelling from Belthangady to Chikkamagaluru when the accident occurred. They were on their way to meet senior officer Jitendra Kumar Dayama in connection with the sensitive investigation into claims of suspicious deaths and secret burials in the pilgrim centre of Dharmasthala.

According to preliminary reports, the vehicle veered off the road, rammied into an embankment and flipped over. The impact caused extensive damage to the car. The injured personnel include SIT SP C.A. Seemon, Inspector Kusumad-



har, Police Constable P.C. Manjunath, and the driver. All four were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital, where they are undergoing treatment. Their condition is stated to be stable.

The Dharmasthala case, which has triggered widespread attention across Karnataka, involves serious allegations of unnatural deaths and illegal burials. The SIT has been conducting an extensive probe, including site visits, ex-

cavations, and the recording of statements from multiple witnesses. Tuesday's road accident comes at a crucial phase of the investigation. Despite the setback, police sources indicated that the probe into the main case would continue without delay. A case has been registered at the Belthangady Traffic Police Station, and authorities have initiated an inquiry to ascertain the exact cause of the accident, including possibilities of mechani-

## SHIROOR SEER CALLS FOR TRANSPARENT PROBE

HANS NEWS SERVICE UDUPI

SHIROOR Mutt seer Sri Vedavardhana Teertha Swamiji on Tuesday urged authorities to conduct a comprehensive and impartial investigation into allegations surrounding Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala, saying that clarity on the matter was essential to maintain public confidence and protect the interests of devotees.

In a statement issued here, the seer said the allegations being discussed in the public domain had generated concern among followers of the renowned religious and charitable institution and warranted a fair examination by competent authorities. He said that while allegations and counter-allegations



were being widely debated, it was important that the truth emerged through a transparent legal process rather than through speculation or public opinion.

"An objective and unbiased inquiry is necessary to establish the facts. The investigation should determine the veracity of the allegations and also ascertain whether there has been any deliberate attempt to malign the institution through false information or vested interests," the seer said.

Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala, one of South India's most prominent pilgrimage centres, attracts lakhs of devotees annually and is widely known for its religious, educational, healthcare and philanthropic activities. Given its significance, any controversy surrounding the institution inevitably attracts widespread public attention, the seer noted.

He said a credible investigation would not only help uncover the truth but also dispel doubts among devotees and the general public. According to him, maintaining transparency in the process was crucial to preserving trust in institutions that have long played an important role in society.

The seer further said that if any wrongdoing was estab-

lished during the course of the inquiry, those responsible should face appropriate legal action. At the same time, he stressed that individuals or groups found to have intentionally spread falsehoods should also be held accountable under the law.

Appealing for restraint, Sri Vedavardhana Teertha urged members of the public not to jump to conclusions and to allow investigating agencies to carry out their work independently and without external pressure.

His remarks come amid growing public discussion over allegations relating to Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala, with several organisations, activists and community groups seeking a detailed and impartial investigation into the matter.

cal failure, road conditions or driver error. The Charamdi Ghat section

is known for its sharp curves and steep gradients, making it prone to accidents, especially

during the monsoon season. This incident has once again highlighted concerns over the

safety of officials involved in high-profile and sensitive investigations in the state.