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DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
Short Term Tender
A Short Term Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities for Providing 60 days Army Training to Minority Students for the year 2026-27 interested & eligible bidders/ Institutes can Apply through e-Procurement portal. The schedule of tender will be as follows
Sl. No. | Details | Date/Time
1 | Date of Tender Publication | 02-11-2026
2 | Date & time of Pre-bid meeting | 06-11-2026 11:30 AM
3 | Last date and time for submission of tender | 30-11-2026 by 5:30 p.m.
4 | Telephone No. to be contacted | 080-22535902/901 8277799990
Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities https://dom.karnataka.gov.in and e-Procurement website at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
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Joint Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

'Withdraw Minority department's Army training advt'

BENGALURU: Opposition Chief Whip in the Legislative Council N. Ravi Kumar has written to Chief Minister D K Shivakumar seeking immediate clarification and withdrawal of an advertisement issued by the Department of Minorities, which offers 60 days of Army training exclusively to minority youths.

In an open letter written on Wednesday, Ravi Kumar termed the advertisement misleading and questioned the provision of religion-based Army training. "The Army does not offer religion-based training. There is no provision in the Constitution for providing Army training on the basis of religion," he said.

He maintained that Army training was imparted by the armed forces to candidates selected through a rigorous selection process and that the state government had no role in either the training or the selection. Ravi Kumar alleged that the advertisement could mislead minority youths by creating the impression that the state government could arrange Army training exclusively for a particular religious community.

He said the government could organise Civil Defence training for youths, irrespective of religion, caste or community, to prepare them to respond to emergencies such as train accidents, floods and earthquakes. However, describing such an initiative as Army training exclusively for Muslim youths was incorrect, he said. Ravi Kumar urged the Chief Minister to issue a clarification and direct the Department of Minorities to withdraw the advertisement.

E-Swathu for properties excluding B-Kharab land: Khandre



BENGALURU: Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Eshwar B. Khandre directed officials to issue E-Swathu certificates for eligible properties in residential layouts developed on revenue land within Gram Panchayat limits, after verifying that the properties do not fall under B-Kharab land.

Chairing a meeting with officials at Vikas Soudha on Tuesday, the minister held detailed discussions on issuing E-Swathu certificates to owners of sites and houses with registered sale deeds on both converted and non-converted revenue land. He instructed officials to ensure that such properties do not fall under B-Kharab, forest or government land before issuing E-Swathu certificates. He also directed them to hold a meeting with Revenue Department officials to resolve issues relating to land classified as B-Kharab.

The minister noted that around 1.30 lakh applications submitted for E-Swathu in the Bengaluru Urban Zilla Panchayat were pending due to technical reasons. He directed officials to take necessary action in accordance with the rules to ensure the speedy disposal of these applications.Principal Secretary of the department Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Secretary D. Randeep, Commissioners Fauzia Tarannum B. and Venkataraju, CEO Rahul Shinde and other officials attended the meeting.

Metro Blue Line train reaches ORR, trial run extended to Doddanekkundi

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BENGALURU'S ambitious Blue Line Metro project has achieved another significant milestone, with a trial run of a train extended along the Outer Ring Road (ORR) corridor. The development has raised hopes among thousands of commuters, particularly IT employees who struggle with daily traffic congestion between Silk Board and KR Puram.

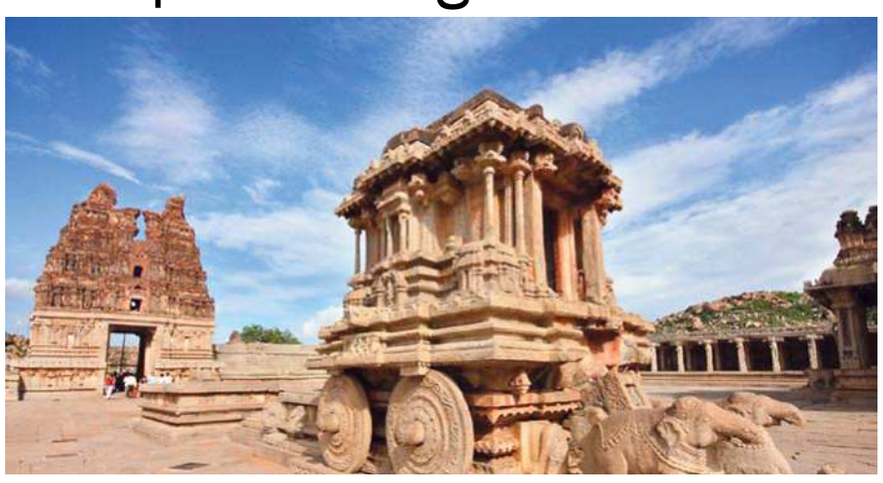
On November 10, a test train travelled from Byappanahalli Depot to Doddanekkundi Metro station, marking further progress in the testing of the Blue Line infrastructure. Earlier, on November 7, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) had conducted an initial trial run between Byappanahalli Depot and Benniganahalli. The latest extension towards Doddanekkundi through KR Puram is an important step towards testing a longer stretch of the corridor.

The trial runs are intended to assess the performance of the trains, electrical systems, tracks and other infrastructure before further testing and safety inspections are undertaken. Under Phase 2A, the Blue Line will cover 19.75 km between Central Silk Board and KR Puram, with 13 stations. These include HSR Layout, Agara, Ibbaluru, Bellandur, Devarabeesanahalli, Kadubeesanahalli, Marathahalli, ISRO, Doddanekkundi, Bagmane and Saraswatinagar.

BMRCL is targeting May 2027 for the commencement of passenger services on this stretch. However, the line will have to undergo further trials, mandatory safety inspections and statutory approvals before opening. The corridor is expected to provide substantial relief to commuters travelling through Bengaluru's busy IT corridor. The Blue Line will eventually extend connectivity to Kempegowda International Airport, improving public transport access to the airport.



Rs 38-crore makeover plan for Hampi's heritage monuments



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THE Centre has drawn up an ambitious Rs 38-crore plan to conserve and restore some of the most important monuments in Hampi, the historic capital of the Vijayanagara Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The initiative will cover several structures dating back to the 14th to 16th centuries, including the Jain temples on Hemakuta Hill and the Saraswati temple complex at Singanayakanahalli.

The project is being taken up under the National Culture Fund of the Union Ministry of Culture, with financial support mobilised through Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) corporate social responsibility funds and the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS).

Of the total allocation of Rs 38 crore, around Rs 19 crore is expected to come through MPLADS. The funding will support a comprehensive conservation programme aimed at protecting the monuments and restoring damaged structures.

The Ministry will appoint a heritage conservation architect to prepare a detailed project report. The architect will assess the present condition of the monuments, identify conservation requirements and prepare technical documentation before restoration work is taken up in phases.The proposed works include comprehensive protection of the northern and southern bazaars adjoining the Virupaksha Temple. The western portion of a collapsed mandapa near the Sri Bhashyakara shrine in the Vittala Temple complex will also be reconstructed.

The Jain temples on Hemakuta Hill and the Saraswati temple complex at Singanayakanahalli are among the other structures identified for renovation. The initiative is expected to strengthen conservation efforts at Hampi, whose monuments represent the architectural and cultural legacy of the Vijayanagara Empire. The detailed project report will determine the technical scope and sequence of the restoration works.

Farmers need not panic, drought relief will reach them: DKS

Rs 5,000 guaranteed in two instalments, first instalment of Rs 2,500 already released

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"FARMERS of the state need not have any confusion regarding drought relief. Our government will release Rs 5,000 in two Instalments to every eligible farmer. The first Instalment money has already reached many farmers. A formula has been devised to ensure the funds reach every farmer," assured CM DK Shivakumar.



Shivakumar responded to the media on Wednesday near his Sadashivanagar residence and Mysuru Airport. "A specific amount has been fixed for each farmer. Money has reached the correct accounts. However, the obstacles in the accounts of farmers who haven't received the funds will be cleared and paid. Hence, farmers do not need to panic," he clarified."If there is any discrepancy in the amount that needs to reach the farmers, it will be rectified. Even if the Central Government does not release relief funds, our government will pay Rs 5,000 in relief to the farmers in two Instalments as promised," he assured.

"Money is being transferred to all farmers' accounts with a single click. However, some bank accounts are not updated properly and are linked to loan accounts. The relief amount will be paid quickly after verifying all records," he said.

"Appointments to boards and corporations will take place in 3 phases. In the first phase, a list of 500 directors is ready, and I have signed it before coming here. That list will be released today. Senior legislators of the party must also be given appropriate opportunities in boards and corporations. That is our duty. We will do that work," he assured.

When asked about BJP leaders protesting against price hikes in Bengaluru, "Let them do it, what they are doing is politics, not a protest. Why didn't they protest when the Central Government hiked fuel prices? Instead of blending 20% ethanol, they have blended 30%. Because of this, crores of vehicles in the state have suffered damage. Engines have broken down, causing losses. Don't BJP leaders see all this? Are they unaware of this disaster?" he questioned.

"Regarding the unscientific blending of ethanol, our Food Minister conducted tests across 67 locations in the state to learn the truth. He has also brought this act to the notice of the Central Government with evidence. Who is responsible for supplying adulterated fuel and hitting the people of the state hard? Central ministers say no, no. But our samples serve as evidence. First, let the BJP answer this," he challenged.

When asked about BJP leaders using abusive words against Congress, he said, "They are speaking for their own satisfaction. Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said he would cut into pieces and throw into the sea, another party president abused saying 'nam makkalu' (sons of...). So, are we all Vijayendra's children? BJP people are abusing others just for their self-gratification."

VOICES OF PROTEST



Karnataka BJP President B Y Vijayendra, former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and others hold a protest against the hike in bus fare and milk products at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday

Three-day World Kannada Literary Conference in 2027: CM

Mysuru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Wednesday announced that a three-day World Kannada Literary Conference would be organised in 2027 under the leadership of former CM and noted writer M Veerappa Moily. The decision on organising the conference would be taken in the next state Budget, he said.

Speaking after releasing the fourth volume of Moily's literary work, 'Vishwasamskrutiya Mahayana', a prose epic here, he said the conference aimed to bring together Kannadigas living across the world to promote and preserve the Kannada language and culture.

"Kannada enjoys immense respect among people living abroad. We want to bring Kannadigas from across the world onto one platform and organise a World Kannada Literary Conference to preserve and promote our language and culture," Shivakumar said.

Emphasising the enduring influence of literature, he said political leaders might eventually be forgotten, but the names and ideas of those who made significant contributions to literature would remain for generations. "For the world to become one, human beings must first come together. Religion and culture play an important role in shaping a person into a true human being. Education and literature are among the most powerful instruments in the world," he added.

Shivakumar said literature, poetry, shayari and music across languages reflected universal human emotions. "Every religion has values that connect humanity and culture. The literary world has a significant role in preserving and promoting these values," he added.

The CM said the Congress government was also committed to securing official recognition for the yellow and red Kannada flag. Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had earlier brought the issue of the Kannada flag to the attention of the Union government, he said.

TRIAL BY FIRE



People walk on burning embers during the 'Sri Deviramma Kendotsava' festival in Chikkamagaluru on Wednesday

Suresh inaugurates new guarantee implementation committee office

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FORMER Member of Parliament, brother of Karnataka's Chief Minister, and President of the Bangalore Milk Union Limited, D K Suresh inaugurated the new office of the Bengaluru City District Guarantee Implementation Committee on Wednesday.

The ceremony took place at the Bengaluru City District Panchayat premises, where Suresh performed the ribbon-cutting. Guarantee Implementation Committee Chairman Ashwath Raju, also known as Achyuth Raju, and Yeshwanthpur Assembly Constituency MLA S T Somashekhar were both present during the occasion.

Namma Metro Pink Line inauguration tomorrow: Gowda

Bengaluru

BENGALURU Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the 7.5-km elevated section of the Namma Metro Pink Line would be formally inaugurated on November 13 and open to the public from 6 am on November 14, describing the launch as a milestone in the city's push to expand its rail network.

The inauguration will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Governor Sudha Yadav and other dignitaries, he said. The section, running from Kalena Agrahara to Tavarekere and Suddaguntepalya, is expected to connect with the Electronic City line at Jayadeva station.

Services will initially run every eight minutes, with five trains allocated to the line: four in regular service and one on standby. Fares for the new section have not yet been discussed, Gowda said. "This is a long-awaited moment for Bengaluru residents.

Priyank Kharge faces backlash over alleged AI-edited photo on RSS

BJP leaders, netizens demand accountability

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HOME Minister Priyank Kharge has become the focus of political controversy after sharing on social media, a photograph alleged to have been edited with AI. The image accompanied his questioning of RSS connections in an alleged large-scale bullet seizure case that occurred in Bihar and Haryana.

On November 10, Kharge posted on his X account about the cartridge seizure, referring to reports and photographs that some accused involved in an interstate ammunition smuggling network were wearing RSS uniforms.

Subsequent examination of the viral photo indicated that the original showed only one person in RSS uniform while the later version depicted others in the same attire, prompting claims that AI tools had been used for the alteration.

Netizens responded heatedly to the post. Several asked why the minister was unnecessarily raising the RSS matter instead of concentrating on law and order in the state. One user cited the example of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh shaking hands with a terrorist and asked what answer Kharge would offer if the same logic were applied.

Another user remarked that Kharge, who had earlier spoken of taking strict action against those who spread fake news, now appeared to be circulating misinformation himself.

A further comment described as condemnable the act of a person occupying the responsible post of Home Minister making accusations against the RSS on the basis of an AI-created image. The comment added that truth and falsehood should have been checked before any allegation, and that the Home Minister's priority must remain maintenance of law and order in the state together with action against criminals rather than political propaganda through baseless charges.

BJP MP Tejasvi Surya strongly criticised Priyank Kharge, accusing the Home Minister of spreading false news and insisting that he resign from the ministerial position. "We have a fake news peddler as Home Minister of our state. And this bloke wanted to set up some fact check unit or something. Sad state of affairs," he said.



Separately, a complaint was lodged on November 10 at the Banashankari police station alleging that false and misleading information had been circulated on social media.