

"There are 1,200 universities in the country, 43,000 colleges and 43 million students studying... the UGC should emphasise on quality education. For this, the shortage of teachers should be overcome

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Karnataka Governor

TIGHTER CCTV WATCH FOR HUNDI COUNTING IN OFFING

Move follows alleged embezzlement of donations at Ram Temple



The entire process from opening the hundi and removing the money to counting the offerings and handing over the cash to bank officials must be video-recorded with the date and time. The movement of the hundi and the money handed to and returned by every staff member involved in counting must also be captured on video.

Facial recognition system to verify the identity of officials and staff present during hundi counting.

Gold, silver, coins and other valuables found in hundis must be assessed on the same day and deposited with the district or sub-divisional office concerned.

Only Home Guards, bank staff or government employees should be engaged in hundi money counting. Private individuals and members of the public should not be involved in the process.

If theft is detected during hundi counting or involving temple hundis, officials of the temple concerned and taluk-level officers will be held directly responsible.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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AFTER the alleged financial fraud and embezzlement of donations at Ayodhya Ram temple surfaced, the Karnataka government has issued a comprehensive set of SoPs to strengthen security, transparency and accountability in temples under the Religious Endowments (Muzrai) Department, mandating enhanced CCTV surveillance, promotion of digital payments and stricter monitoring of hundi counting.

Under the new SoPs, temples have been directed to install hundis at suitable and clearly visible locations with adequate security. CCTV web cameras must be installed to provide surveillance of hundis from all four directions, with the footage stored on servers. The cameras will also be monitored by the Muzarai sections in the offices of Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers.

According to the circular, the government has proposed a central server at the Religious Endowments Department headquarters to facilitate monitoring of cameras installed across temples. CCTV feeds are also proposed to be linked to the offices of the DCs and police stations.

The guidelines stress that existing CCTV cameras and digital video recorders (DVR) in some temples have been stolen, damaged or made it non-functional. There have also been instances of camera lenses being obscured by carbon generated from burning camphor to facilitate theft. The installation of CCTV web cameras is aimed at preventing such incidents.



The circular also stress on cashless transactions and reduce the risks associated with devotees carrying cash in crowded places, temples have been directed to promote digital payments through UPI, BHIM, QR codes and other digital payment facilities. Devotees will be able to make donations and pay for prasada, seva tickets and other temple services digitally. "QR codes should be installed only near hundis and must carry details of the respective bank, including the IFSC code. Temple authorities have also been directed to regularly inspect QR codes to prevent tampering or fraud, including attempts to paste fraudulent QR codes over official ones," it stated.

On hundi collection, circular said revenue department officials must mandatorily participate in the hundi collection process and hundi-counting dates should be fixed in advance and marked on a calendar. Temples receiving large amounts of donations and offerings should conduct hundi counting once a week, while those receiving moderate amounts should conduct it once every two weeks. The counting process must be carried out under the supervision of the jurisdictional Tahsildar.



STATE HONOURS

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar pays tributes to former Rajya Sabha member H Hanumanthappa in Chitradurga on Monday | EXPRESS

State govt takes stock of cyber security

BENGALURU: A state-level workshop on Strengthening the Cyber Security Framework for State Data was organised on Monday to reassess and embolden the infrastructure of various departments of the state government. The event was organised by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (e-Governance), the Centre for e-Governance (CeG), Karnataka's Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security (CySecK) and the National e-Governance Division (NeGD). Around 80 senior government officials representing more than 30 departments, corporations, boards and state agencies participated in the workshop. Keynote addresses focused on Cyber Prepared Karnataka for the Future and Cyber Resilience for e-Governance and underlined the need for coordinated action to protect the citizens' data stored in the government's database, enhance cyber resilience and secure the government's digital infrastructure. **ENS**

MLC Babu flags admin glitches in SIR process

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru:

A representation was submitted to the Chief Election Commissioner, alleging serious shortcomings in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Karnataka, and seeking urgent intervention to prevent the exclusion of eligible voters.

In a letter to the Election Commission of India (ECI), MLC Ramesh Babu alleged that the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, had failed to establish an adequate number of voter facilitation centres to assist citizens in obtaining, filling and submitting enumeration forms. He claimed that although the SIR process began with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) conducting house-to-house visits from June 30, with the exercise scheduled to conclude on July 29, he had information that nearly half the eligible households had yet to receive enumeration forms.

Babu said the delay has also affected the collection of completed forms, raising concerns that genuine voters could be left out of the electoral rolls due to administrative lapses. The petitioner contended that citizens should not lose their voting rights because of failures in the revision process, and urged the Election Commission to intervene. Among his key demands are the immediate establishment of facilitation centres in every polling station area, deployment of trained officials to assist voters, continuation of door-to-door distribution of enumeration forms until every eligible household is covered, and an extension of deadline for submitting forms.

The petition also sought directions that no elector should be deleted from the electoral rolls solely because an enumeration form could not be submitted due to non-receipt of the form or inadequate facilitation. It called for a state-level monitoring mechanism, district grievance redressal centres and helplines, daily publication of district-wise data on form distribution and collection, and special assistance for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and rural voters.

Ramesh Babu also disputed claims by the Chief Electoral Officer that 37,464 voter facilitation centres and 11,856 BLO facilitation centres were functioning across Karnataka, alleging that the figures do not reflect the situation on the ground.

EXPRESS READ

Vachanananda gets bail in POCSO case

DAVANGERE: Vachanananda Swamy, the seer of Panchamasali Gurupeeth at Harihar was on Monday granted bail in a POCSO case. Sriram Narayana Hegde, the judge of the special court, granted the seer a conditional bail. He was expelled from the mutt because of differences with the trustees. Earlier, Justice M Nagaprasanna's single-judge bench cancelled an anticipatory bail granted to the seer. The bench also granted the seer three weeks to approach the POCSO court for a regular bail. Based on the complaint lodged by the victim's mother at Laxmeshwar police station, a zero FIR was lodged. It was then transferred to Harihar rural police station, which filed the case at Davanagere special POCSO court. **ENS**

Son, son-in-law held for mechanic's murder

BENGALURU: A bike mechanic shop's visiting card found in the pocket of a 48-year-old murder victim helped the Electronic City police identify him and crack the case, leading to the arrest of his son and son-in-law for allegedly killing him over a family dispute. The deceased has been identified as Rafique, a resident of Bommanahalli and a native of Tamil Nadu. He worked as a bike mechanic at a shop on Hosur Road. The accused are his son Syed Sharuk (26), a bike taxi captain, and son-in-law Shahinshah (36), an autorickshaw driver. On July 4, local residents found Rafique's body lying near a eucalyptus grove behind an apartment at Vittasandra village near Singasandra Lake. The police found that he was killed by the duo by garroting with a rope. **ENS**

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture Company of KREDL-GoK & SECI-GoI)
6/13/1, KREDL Office Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072.
No.: KSPDCL/F-300/2026-27/438 Date: 13.07.2026

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites bids for "Providing, Supplying and Installing Furniture, False Ceiling and other allied works for the Guest Rooms at the KSPDCL Site Office Building, Thirumani Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru District" through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the KPP portal **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** on or after **15.07.2026.**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: CEE/Tr(Op)ZM/SEE(O)/EECivil/26-27/2859 Date: 07.07.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against tender numbers for the following works:

(1) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3963 for Providing Boundary Fencing to vacant land at 66/11kV **Terakanambi** sub-station in Gundlupete Taluk Chamarajanagar District.

(2) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3965 for Construction of Boundary Compound wall at 66/11kV **Kollegala** sub-station in Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajanagar District-**Reserved for CAT-I.**

(3) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3966 for Construction of Boundary Compound wall at 66/11kV **Hannur** sub-station in Hannur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District- **Reserved for SC Category.**

(4) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3964 for Providing Boundary fencing to vacant land at 66/11kV **Badanguppe,** sub-station in Chamarajanagar Taluk and District- **Reserved for SC Category.**

(5) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3967 for Construction of Security Fencing at BARC land of 220kV SRS **Hootagalli** in Mysuru District.

(6) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3968 for Construction of CC Road from main road to station entrance gate at 66/11kV **Hangal Shettalli** sub-station in Somwarpete Taluk, Kodagu District.

(7) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3969 for Providing Pavers to parking area and other allied works at FTS premises, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru District- **Reserved for CAT-IIA.**

(8) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3970 for Construction of security fencing to secure 2-acres of KPTCL land at 66/11kV **Sutturu** sub-station in Mysuru Taluk & district.

(9) KPTCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3971 for Repair and Annual maintenance work to Prasarana Bhavana at FTS premises, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru District- **Reserved for ST Category.**

The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode. The interested bidders can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper link "E Procurement KPTCL" OR **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 15.07.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, Ground Floor, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
Ph- 080-23342713/23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mail@yahoo.com,
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleshwaram Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruct of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **06/04/2026** calling upon the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor **1.Mr.Madhava Reddy E** S/o Eravalli Bakka reddy **2. Mrs.Sushma** W/o Madhava Reddy E, **3. Miss. Shashanka** D/o Madhava Reddy E, **All are Residing at :** No.2214, Janapriya Bharath Enclave, Magadi Main Road, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore-560091, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,20,95,084/- [Rupees One Crore Twenty lakhs Ninety Five thousand and Eight Four only]** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Said Borrowers of the property failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken 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 **10th day of July 2026.**

The Borrowers of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Malleswaram Bank Ltd, Malleswaram Branch** for the amount of **Rs.1,22,50,640/-[Rupees One crore Twenty Two lakhs Fifty thousand Six Hundred and Fourty only]** as on **30/06/2026** and interest thereon.

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property bearing Site No. 433, BBMP Khatha No.459/433 formed by Syndicate Bank Employee's House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 122+119/2 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Total area 4820 Sq.Ft. and bounded as follows: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North By: Site No.434, South By : Site No.432.

Date : 10.07.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation 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.
This 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 physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited 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/ 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 E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Anuraj Bhargavan Mani (Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00007342020/ TBBNG00007340257	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Vacant Property Bearing Site No. 30, Katha No.1185, Old Property No.604/30, Then Property No. 604/ 1185/30, Presently New Property No.1185/163/1-30, Sl. No. 4062, New Pid No. 192-W0600-18/1, Formed In Converted Land Bearing Sy. No.163/1, Vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)317/91- 92, Dated 13-08-1992, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore District, Bangalore, Duly Converted From Agricultural To Non-agricultural Residential Purposes, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.192, Vide Katha No. 1865/30, New-E-Pid No. 6676015434, Bangalore, Measuring East To West: 50-0 [Fifty] Feet And North To South: 40-0 [Forty] Feet, Totally Measuring 2000 Square Feet, Together With All Rights, Appurtenances, Whatsoever Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded on The:- Bounded By: North: Road. South: Site No. 31. East: Road. West: Private Property	Rs. 2,41,51, 763/- (As on June 08, 2026)	Rs. 1,80,00, 000/- / Rs. 18,00, 000/-	August 01, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	August 18, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM

The online auction will take place on the website (https://assets.matexactions.com) of e-auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till August 17, 2026, before 04:00 PM Failing Which, These secured asset will be sold as per schedule
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before August 17, 2026 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before August 17, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or August 17, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at "Bangalore".
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 7304918084.
Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised 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 www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: July 14, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 20.08.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of 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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 20.08.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **19.08.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr. Kulvanth Singh Maken** S/o Mr.Terlok Singh Maken **(2) Mrs. Gurmith Kour Maken** W/o Mr. Kulvanth Singh Maken, **Both are addressed at :** No.18/6, Cambridge Road, 2nd Cross, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008. **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No. 9727001600004001 TL A/c .No. 9727001600004801**	**Total Amount: Rs.82,04,604.07/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Four Thousand Six Hundred Four and Paise Seven)** **[(1) Rs. 78,85,987.07 13.07.2026 + (2) Rs. 3,18,617.00 08.07.2026]**	**07.11.2025** **Constructive**	All that part and parcel of Residential Property bearing Flat No . **E-206,** Measuring 1,511 Sq.ft of SBA 131.Sq.ft of Private terrace area and UDS of 744 Sq.ft, in Residential Apartment building Known as "Linea Sun Flower" together with **One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement,** BBMP Khata No. 4587/115/4, Ward No.196-Hemmigepura, situated at Doddabele Road, Kengeri Village ,Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk , Bangalore-560060 belonging to Mr. Kulvanth Singh Maken. **Boundaries of property as per Document & Actual: East by** : Yelamma Temple and Vidyapeetha Land, **West by** : Road & Maramma Temple Land, **North by :** Buddanna's Land, **South by :** K R Thimmaiah's Land.	**Rs. 1,05,10,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh Ten Thousand Only).**	**Rs. 10,51,000.00 (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty One Thousand Only)**	**10.00 AM to 10.15 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar A/c No: 9723500300002401 IFSC:KARB0000972**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.bank.in under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **20.08.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **19.08.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No. : 8885035382, E-mail : contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com**

Date : 13.07.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.