

Karnataka Media Academy to host news photo exhibition

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Media Academy is hosting, 'National News Photography Exhibition and Contest - Focus on News -2.0', dedicated entirely to the art and impact of photojournalism at Chitrakala Parishat from August 3 to 4.

The event celebrates the visual storytellers, who capture history in real-time, focusing on the raw power, ethics, and truth of modern news photography.

The event theme 'Focus on News 2.0' features a competitive national contest alongside a curated exhibition of groundbreaking press images. The attendees will gain access to an elite panel discussion featuring eminent national photojournalists and senior journalists. Additionally, leading global camera brands will host two specialised technical workshops on news photography, providing deep technical insights and invaluable visual camera hands-on training with the industry's latest equipment.

The specialised technical workshops and hands-on training sessions are completely free and open to all practicing photographers, journalism students, and anyone passionate about news photography. The national contest will receive entries of best pictures from across the country. Eminent jurists will select first, second, third prizes and will be awarded cash prizes of Rs 35,000, Rs 25,000 and Rs 15,000, respectively.

Eligible candidates can instantly secure their seats via the Official Workshop Registration Form by clicking on the link: <https://forms.gle/oFLsYZRKHHsrumbH7>

Religious symbols allowed for constable exams: KEA

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has instructed the examination staff not to insist candidates appearing for the Civil Police Constable examination on August 2, to remove janivara, Shiva daara, waist cord, bangles, nose pin, toe ring, sindoor/stickers, mangalasutra, religious thread around the wrists, anklets, etc.

Following the controversy erupted during the Common Entrance Test (CET) as a few students were asked to remove the sacred thread (Janivara) in some of the examination centres, the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has issued clear instructions to the examination centres.

The KEA has released a dress code for the candidates appearing for Police Constable examination. As per the guidelines, the candidates are not allowed to wear shoes, boots, caps, any cloth covering ears, head and face, jeans pant with multiple pockets.

Other things banned during the exams are: Food items, water bottles, beverages, chits or papers, books, geometry box, pencil box, plastic pouch, calculator, scale, note pad, eraser, log table, etc. Meanwhile, gadgets and electronics, including mobile phones, bluetooth, ear phones, micro phones, pagers, micro-chips, cameras, pen drives, electronic pen/scanner, wrist watch, smart watch, etc, are banned inside the exam hall.

37 govt PU colleges report nil admissions this year

Highest such number in Mandya, Tumakuru districts

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BENGALURU, DHNS

As many as 37 government Pre University colleges across the state have reported zero admissions for the current academic year.

To attract admissions this year, the department of School Education and Literacy has waived the late admission fee and also extended admission date till July 31.

As per the data available from the department, of the 37 colleges which reported nil admissions, highest are in Mandya and Tumakuru with each district having five colleges. Followed by four colleges each in Shivamogga and

Bengaluru South, three each in Belagavi, Chikkamagaluru and Davanagere and two each in Bengaluru North, Chikkaballapur, and Hassan.

District like Udupi, which tops the state during results, has one such college and even Bengaluru Central Education district, Mysuru and Dakshina Kannada have one college each. Interestingly, at least 57 colleges have recorded single digit admissions, between 1 to 10. Hassan tops the category with seven colleges. Followed by Udupi and Bidar which have 6 colleges and Kalaburagi which has five colleges.

However, the officials from the department claimed that the number of colleges with zero admissions had come



At least 57 colleges in the state have recorded single digit admissions, between 1 to 10. DH FILE PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATION

down. "Actually, the number was more last year and it has reduced this year. The colleges with zero admissions have their own reasons. For eg, in some cases 2-3 colleges are there in the same vicinity and naturally some gets admissions and some don't," said Department of Pre University Education Director Bharath S.

Bharath even stated that of the 37 colleges reported nil admissions, 15 are new colleges sanctioned this year and it will

take time for those colleges to attract students.

Meanwhile, the department has submitted a proposal to the government to shift the posts from such colleges to others where there is demand. So far, 400 such posts have been identified.

"Shifting of post will be a win-win situation for both students and the faculties. The proposal is before the government," the director informed.

As explained by the sources, allowing more number of

Colleges and Admissions

- Colleges with Nil admissions: 37
- Colleges with admission between 1 to 10 students: 57
- Colleges with admission between 11 and 25 students: 216
- Colleges with admission between 26 and 50 students: 267
- Colleges with admission between 51 and 100 students: 269
- Colleges with admission between 101 and 200 students: 254

private colleges to establish is also one of the reasons for the government colleges to lose students.

"Naturally, private colleges will have good infrastructure and attract students. The government must strengthen infrastructure and must stop approving private colleges where government colleges exist," opined a source from the department.

5 translated south Indian novels shortlisted for award

BENGALURU, DHNS:

Five acclaimed works of contemporary south Indian literature translated into English have been shortlisted for the Book Brahma-Bookworm English fiction of the year 2026 award.

Announcing the shortlist on Thursday, the Book Brahma Foundation, in association with Bookworm, said the award seeks to spotlight outstanding fiction originally written in south Indian languages and the translators who make these works accessible to a wider readership.

The shortlisted books represent Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil literature, bringing

together some of the region's most celebrated contemporary writers.

They are 'Sakina's Kiss' by Vivek Shanbhag, translated from Kannada by Srinath Perur; 'The Second Book of Prophets' by Benyamin, translated from Malayalam by Ministhy S; 'Fire Bird' by Perumal Murugan, translated from Tamil by Janani Kannan; 'The Dark Hours of the Night' by Salma, translated from Tamil by G J V Prasad; and 'A Woman Burnt by Imayam', also translated from Tamil by G J V Prasad.

According to the organisers, the shortlisted works explore a wide range of themes, including identity, memory,

gender, faith, family, resilience and social transformation, reflecting the diversity and depth of contemporary south Indian storytelling.

The foundation said the award also acknowledged the vital contribution of translators in taking literary works beyond linguistic boundaries and introducing regional writing to national and international audiences.

The winner will be announced during the Book Brahma Literature Festival 2026, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru from August 21 to 23, bringing together authors, translators, publishers and readers from across India and abroad.

SECURITY ASSESSMENT



An IAF helicopter makes a landing at a temporary helipad on Oval Grounds in Mysuru on Thursday for assessing security measures ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's August 1 visit to the city. DH PHOTO/ANUP RAGH T

Bus passengers must not be harassed over change, warns Transport minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

Transport Minister B S Suresh on Wednesday reiterated his warning to conductors and drivers against forcing passengers to get off the bus because they do not have exact change.

"Asking passengers to alight midway on the pretext of not having change is inhuman. Passengers must not be subjected to such harassment," he stated, noting that the government has been receiving complaints about conductors.

He added that he himself had a similar experience while travelling incognito from Majestic to Nagashettihalli on a BMTC bus on July 11. Conductor T G Ramakrishna allegedly asked him to get off the bus because he did not have exact change.

Following the incident, BMTC suspended the conductor.

On Wednesday, Ramakrishna met the minister, expressed regret for his mistake, and apologised. Accepting the apology, the minister instructed him to ensure such incidents are not repeated. He also directed

the authorities to revoke Ramakrishna's suspension and allow him to resume duty, according to a statement from his office.

The minister also instructed bus crew to treat women travelling under the Shakti scheme, as well as all other passengers, with courtesy and respect. They should not misbehave with any passenger. He warned that strict action would be taken against erring staff if complaints are

received, the statement added.

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) on Wednesday dismissed claims that over 500 electric buses remain off the roads daily as 'false' and 'factually incorrect'.

According to the Corporation, it operates 1,760 electric buses through four operators — NTPC Electric Supply Company Ltd, Switch Mobility Automotive Ltd, TML Smart City Mobility Solutions



B S Suresh

4.54 lakh candidates apply for 3,991 civil police constable jobs

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A total of 4.54 lakh persons have applied for 3,991 civil police constable jobs, a ratio of 114 applicants to one post. The written exam for recruitment is scheduled on Sunday, Aug 2.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has made necessary preparations, including frisking, CCTV surveillance and monitoring, facial recognition, at district SP

offices.

Bengaluru city tops with 2,18,622 applications for 2,015 posts, followed by 16,165 applications from Hubballi-Dharwad city for 75 posts, 15,539 from Shivamogga for 100 posts and 13,602 from Mangaluru city for 125 posts.

The KEA received 76,674 applications from Kalyana Karnataka districts for 596 posts.

This is the second highest number after the recruitment

to posts of panchayat development officers.

The eligibility for this post is II PU or equivalent qualification. Of the total posts, 2,664 are reserved for male and 888 for female candidates, 40 for third gender and rest for in-service male and female candidates.

"As this exam relates to police department, we shifted centralised monitoring of exam centres from DC Office to SP office," officials said.

Exam to be held in 2 sessions

The exam will be held in two sessions. Afternoon session for Kalyan Karnataka region and morning session for rest of Karnataka candidates. But officials of the KEA expressed pressure in conducting separate exam for Kalyana Karnataka region.

Even for this Police Con-

stable exams, the KEA was forced to change the exam timings for afternoon session from 2 pm to 4 pm. "As there were complaints from candidates saying the distance between morning session exam centre and afternoon session centre is far and many have opted both the session, we had to

revise the timings," added the official. For Raichur and Koppal candidates, the KEA has asked the candidates to download the admission ticket freshly.

"It is not easy to get examination centres with CCTV availability when the number is this huge," an official said.

Solar irrigation pumpsets to save Rs 200 cr a year for state

Power purchase savings to be Rs 146 cr for Escoms

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka is aiming to reduce the dependence on grid power to run its irrigation pumpsets (IP sets).

So far, over 27,700 solar IP sets have been installed and commissioned across the state, reducing the demand on the grid by nearly 144 MW.

This is expected to help avoid the purchase of 240 million units of electricity every year, resulting in annual power purchase savings of about Rs 146 crore for Escoms.

In addition, the government is expected to save over Rs 200 crore annually by reducing the electricity subsidy paid on IP sets. A statement from Energy Minister K J George said that the department had cleared the bottlenecks to promote the use of solar power to run IP sets.

"We cleared implementation bottlenecks, simplified the process and gave fresh mo-

mentum to the programme. Every solar IP set installed is a permanent investment in Karnataka's future. It reduces power purchase costs, lowers electricity subsidy burden, strengthens our energy security and improves quality of life for farmers," it said.

Over one lakh farmers have applied for solar IP sets. To encourage farmers to adopt clean energy, the government provides 50% financial assistance for the installation.

"The solar IP sets installed under PM-KUSUM B programme are transforming the lives of farmers. Reliable daytime power has eliminated the need for farmers to visit their fields late in the night to switch on the IP sets or remain awake throughout the night to manage irrigation. This has significantly improved farmers' safety, convenience and productivity," the statement said.

The union ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) provides a 30% subsidy for solar IP sets under the PM-KUSUM B scheme.

The MNRE had sanctioned 40,000 IP sets under the scheme. But the implementation of the scheme had been slow in the state.



MLC Hemalatha Nayak questions the driver of a tipper vehicle in which murram (red laterite soil) was being transported near Koppal on Wednesday night.

Woman MLC chases down lorry illegal transporting murram

Alleges 'complicity of police officers'; seeks strict action

KOPPAL, DHNS:

MLC Hemalatha Nayak of the BJP chased down in her vehicle a tipper lorry which was reportedly transporting murram (red laterite soil) from around Karkihalli village in the backwaters of the Tungabhadra dam in the taluk on Wednesday night.

It is said that the soil was being transported to the farm of a police officer.

On waylaying the tipper vehicle, the MLC took to task the driver. He reportedly gave vague and unconvincing answers when questioned whether permission from the department had been taken and whether the applicable fee/tax had been paid.

Hemalatha then called up the circle police inspector (CPI) of the Koppal rural station and the district superintendent of

police (SP). She demanded that strict action should be taken against those indulging in such acts.

Residents of Hirebaganala, Chikkabaganala and Karkihalli villages complained to the legislator that hundreds of tipper lorries transport sand and murram from these places daily. They said the necessary permits were not taken in most of these cases.

The people said that the rampant transportation of sand and murram from these villages had damaged the roads completely, rendering them unmotorable.

Hemalatha later told reporters, "The illegal transportation of sand and murram is happening due to the complicity of some police officers".

The MLC alleged that the CPI of the Koppal rural station Jayaprakash spoke rudely to her, not giving the respect due to a woman legislator.

She said she would bring the matter of illegal transportation of sand to the notice of Home Minister Priyank Karge.

There have been complaints in the region for years now about the illegal transportation of murram.

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CORRIGENDUM TO NOTICE

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003)

Reference: Public Notice published on 18.07.2026 in Deccan Herald (English), Davanagere Edition and Prajyavaani (Kannad), Davanagere Edition regarding the application filed before the Hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) under Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for grant of Transmission Licence for the subject RTM Transmission Project.

It is hereby notified that in the aforesaid Public Notice, the name of the Applicant Company was inadvertently mentioned as:

"POWERGRID Chitradurga Bellary REZ Transmission Limited"

The same may be read as:

"POWERGRID Chitradurga Bellary Transmission Limited"

The above correction is consequent upon CTUIL Corrigendum Letter No. C/CTUA/AI/01/30" CCTP dated 27th July 2026 issued in continuation of CTUIL Letter No. C/CTUA/AI/00/30th CCTP Dated 19th June 2026, wherein the name of the SPV has been corrected.

It is clarified that the above correction is limited only to the name of the Applicant Company and there is no change in the identity of the transmission project, scope of work, ownership, shareholding pattern, authorization, assets, rights, obligations, relief sought in the Petition, or any other contents of the Notice dated 18.07.2026.

All concerned may take note of the above correction and read the Public Notice dated 18.07.2026 accordingly.

Place: Davanagere Project In-charge,
Date: 31.07.2026 POWERGRID Chitradurga Bellary Transmission Limited