

HCC questions delay, grants interim relief to Sringeri MLA

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The Karnataka High Court has granted interim relief to Sringeri MLA Jeevaraj by staying the FIR filed against him in connection with alleged postal ballot tampering, intensifying the legal and political battle surrounding the constituency.

The case stems from accusations that postal ballots were manipulated during the election process. Following the registration of the FIR, Jeevaraj moved the High Court seeking its quashing, arguing that the complaint was filed with mala fide intent and lacked legal basis.

Hearing the petition, Justice S. Srishananda's vacation bench raised serious concerns over the delay in filing the FIR. The court noted that the alleged incident took place on May 13, 2023, and questioned why



no action was taken for nearly two years.

"Why has the FIR been registered now? If there was tampering, why was it not brought before the court earlier?" the bench asked, indicating procedural lapses.

The court also expressed dissatisfaction with the conduct of the prosecution, particularly questioning Special Public Prosecutor Bellappa on the sequence of events

and the absence of crucial details in the FIR.

Further, the judge scrutinised the selection of accused persons, asking why officials who were part of the election process in 2023 were targeted while others currently in charge were not included.

"This raises questions about fairness and intent. Police should not act under political influence," the court observed. The bench also examined the legal validity of initiating proceedings against administrative officers under the Representation of the People Act, suggesting that such action may not be maintainable.

Importantly, the court made it clear that its decision to grant

interim relief was based on legal grounds and not influenced by the identity of the accused. "Even if the FIR had been against

Rajegowda, similar protection would have been considered," the judge noted.

The court issued notice to the complainant Sudheer and directed that no coercive steps be taken against Jeevaraj until further orders. The matter has been adjourned to May 7 for further hearing.

The interim stay has provided temporary relief to the MLA, even as the broader controversy over the Sringeri election continues to unfold, drawing sharp political reactions from both the ruling Congress and opposition BJP in Karnataka.

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Man kills woman lecturer, sets car ablaze; then dies by suicide

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A 46-year-old man allegedly killed a woman lecturer by setting fire to the car with her inside, before dying by suicide; his severed body was found by railway police the next day, police said on Tuesday.

The deceased identified as Ramanjinappa, a resident of Doddaballapura, was a contract worker in the tahsilkar's office, they said.

Police said the man, who was married and had apparently separated from his wife, was in an illicit relationship with a woman identified as Saroja, whose charred body was found inside a gutted car in an isolated area near the Bashetty Industrial Area in Doddaballapura taluk on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Saroja was also married and had a son, police said.



According to police, on Saturday, the man allegedly borrowed a car from an acquaintance, claiming he had a medical emergency and needed to visit a hospital.

Citing preliminary investigations, a senior police officer said the man picked up the lecturer from a bus stop in Devanahalli. The two spent a couple of hours driving around Nandi Hills and nearby areas.

Later, they reached a secluded spot in Doddaballapura, where it is suspected that an argument ensued inside the car, fol-

lowing which he allegedly hit her on the head with a hammer, the officer said. He then set the car on fire, reportedly using petrol, and is believed to have died by suicide thereafter, police said.

Locals who saw the burning car alerted the police and fire department, who rushed to the spot, extinguished the fire, and found the woman's body completely charred inside the vehicle, the officer added.

His severed body was found near railway tracks in Bidadi by the railway police on Sunday, he said.

The motive and whether the crime was premeditated or impulsive are under investigation, he said.

Saroja's husband filed a complaint accusing Ramanjinappa of killing her, police said, adding that a detailed investigation is underway to establish the exact sequence of events.

K'taka govt signs SOI with ISEG Foundation to develop economic masterplan for BMR

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The Karnataka government on Tuesday signed a SOI with ISEG Foundation to jointly develop a com-

prehensive economic masterplan for the BMR, aimed at shaping its growth trajectory through 2037, officials said.

The Statement of Intent (SOI) was signed in the presence of Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivumkara, they said.

Officials stated that the economic masterplan will outline an ambitious, data-driven and actionable vision for the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region (BMR), covering key areas such as the economy, livability, infrastructure and sustainability, with targets set for 2032 and 2037.

According to an official statement, BMR spans over 8,000 sq km across three districts—Bengaluru Urban,

Bengaluru Rural and Bengaluru South—with a population of 16 million and a GDP of USD 149 billion (FY25).

BMR contributes over 43 per cent of Karnataka's GDP and hosts India's largest concentration of IT, Global Capability Centres, aerospace and biotechnology activity, among others.

Officials highlighted that BMR is one of India's most significant economic hubs, with a per capita income of USD 8,850, nearly double the

average of the country. Bengaluru accounts for 42 per cent of India's software exports, houses more than 875 Global Capability Centres -- over 30 per cent of the national total -- and is ranked the world's second-largest hub for artificial intelligence talent, they said.

The city's economy has

been growing at over 9 per cent annually in real terms, making it one of the fastest-growing metropolitan regions in the country, officials added.

However, officials noted that challenges such as congestion, rising real estate prices and increasing talent costs could impact its competitiveness if not addressed.

They said the blueprinting phase of the masterplan will take four to five months and is expected to be completed by mid-September.

"It will include a detailed diagnostic assessment of the BMR economy benchmarked against global city regions, a co-created long-term vision, identification of key growth drivers, and 6-8 high-impact interventions across sectors such as technology, advanced manufacturing,

biotech, tourism, housing, infrastructure and sustainability," the statement said.

The plan will also outline a phased implementation roadmap with defined milestones, financing strategies and governance structures, it said.

Officials said the approach is modelled on the G-Hub initiative, a NITI Aayog-led programme aimed at developing economic masterplans for high-growth city-regions, with an aim to generate USD 500-750 billion in incremental GDP and create 20-25 million new jobs across 8-10 regions.

The Bengaluru plan aims to more than double the city's economy by 2032 and position it as a global peer in quality of life, employment opportunities and sustainability.

Twin sisters achieve academic milestone; get matching PUC scores

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A pair of twin sisters from a farming family in Davanagere district have captured public attention after scoring nearly identical marks in the II PUC examinations, showcasing both academic excellence and remarkable consistency.



Harshitha and Arpitha, residents of Hirehalli village in Harinarth taluk, secured distinction in the science stream from Government Pre-University College Malebenur. Harshitha scored 513 marks (85.5%), while Arpitha secured 512 marks (85.33%), with just a single mark separating them.

The achievement is particularly noteworthy as both sisters studied in a government institution that had secured 86%, indicating steady progress over the years.

Faculty members at the college lauded their dedication and highlighted the importance of government education systems in nurturing talent from rural backgrounds. Their parents, overwhelmed with pride, said the sisters' achievement has brought recognition to their village.

The story of Harshitha and Arpitha serves as an inspiration to students, particularly in rural areas, emphasizing that determination, family support, and effective use of available resources can lead to outstanding results.

Harshitha said, "We never planned to get equal marks. Earlier, I used to score more than my sister, but this time the gap is just one mark. It feels great. I aspire to become a pilot."

Arpitha credited her family's encouragement for her improved performance. "Everyone at home motivated me to match my sister. I worked hard this year and almost succeeded. I now want to pursue robotics and automation engineering," she said.

Their academic consistency extends beyond PUC. In SSLC, Harshitha had scored 83.32%, while Arpitha secured 86%, indicating steady progress over the years.

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AUCTION NOTICE
The following vehicle(s) financed by UNION BANK OF INDIA (Bank) and seized from the concerned defaulting borrower / guarantor, are available for sale. Persons interested to buy the vehicles may contact the undersigned for physical inspection and details of the vehicle.
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APPENDIX - IV A [See proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(1)]
e-AUCTION ON 06.06.2026
e-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors in particular that the below described movable and immovable properties mortgaged/hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 06.06.2026 for recovery of Rs. 1,52,56,810-00 (Rupees One crore fifty two lakh fifty six thousand six hundred ten only) as on 02.05.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 03.05.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrower: Shoma Automation Pvt Ltd., C-28, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560038. Also AT Shoma Automation Pvt Ltd., C-45, 2nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560038. Rep by its Directors: (1) Sri Madhukar A Patil, S/o Sri Anjanappa A Patil, # 44, GF+1, Madhava Residency, Dollar Scheme, 2nd Circular Road, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru - 560096, (2) Smt P C Sunitha, W/o Sri K Srinath, No. 63, 1st A Cross, 10th Main, ME Colony, Peenya Industrial Area, 3rd Phase, Bengaluru - 560058 and Principal Guarantor Sri Madhukar A Patil, S/o Sri Anjanappa A Patil, # 44, GF+1, Madhava Residency, Dollar Scheme, 2nd Circular Road, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru - 560096.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increment	Time of e-auction	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1.	Rs. 29,95,00,000-00	Rs. 29,50,000-00	1,00,000-00	On or before 11:00 AM on 06.06.2026	On or before 06.06.2026 up to 11.00 A.M.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of Factory Land and Building bearing Shed No. C-45, Khatra No. 109, measuring East West 17.25 Mtr X North South 23.05 Mtr, totally measuring 4032 Sq.ft, situated in 2nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560038, Property standing in the name of Sri Madhukar A Patil. Bound: On the East by: 11'A Main Road, On the West by: C-72, On the North by: Service Road, On the South by: C-66.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAS" ACT, 2002.
The Borrowers/Guarantors/Corporate Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAS ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, Ls., https://baanknet.com

Date: 04.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru
Authorised Officer

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(1)]

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 6(2) & 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account(s). The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s)/Secured Asset(s)/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increment Amount are mentioned below:-

Sl.No.	Name & address of Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any (Mortgaged by)	Total Dues.	Date of e-Auction	1. Reserve Price-Rs. 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)-Rs. 3. Bid Increment Amount Rs.	Status of Possession (Constructive/Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time.
1	1. Mr. Madhujay Murali Krishna & 2. Mrs. M. Jayashree both residing at Flat No 309, 'A' Block, Unique Concorde Apartments, Devi Nagar, Tata Nagar, Bengaluru - 560092	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 378 Currently having Municipal No. 301/303/378 in Layout of the Indian Institute: Science Employees Housing Building Cooperative Society Ltd, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560092. Now Known as BHARATHIRATHNA JRD TATA NAGAR comprised in several survey numbers pursuant to acquisition of land under preliminary notifications dated 31.07.1986 and 12-03-1987 and final notifications dated 02.04.1987 and 07.04.1988 and the remodified plan of the layout having been approved by the BDA under its work order No: BDA/TPM/1791/2001-02 dated 12-11-2001 admeasuring East to West 60 ft. or 18.288 Mtrs. North to South 40 ft. or 12.192 Mtrs. Total Area=2400 sq. ft. or 222.96 Sq.Mts and bounded as follows: On the East: Road, On the West: Property Bearing No. 367, On the North: Property Bearing No.377, On the South : Site No. 379, Including the land, building with all other rights, easements and privileges appurtenant thereto	Rs.3,23,59,979.78 (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine and Paise Seventy Eight Only) Plus further interest and Applicable Charges as on 01-12-2025 together with further interest, incidental expenses and costs	04.06.2026 between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	Reserve Price -Rs.3,55,35,000/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)-Rs.35,53,500/- Bid Increment Amount Rs.1,00,000/-	Constructive Possession	With prior appointment from the Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction.html> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.com> and also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011568 & Mobile 9290114377.

Date: 05-05-2026
Place: Bengaluru

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