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Priyank Kharge, Minister of Home Affairs

BIDADI TOWNSHIP

Won't take ryots' land before fixing relief, govt tells HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday recorded the state government's assurance that it will not take possession of the lands belonging to farmers in Hosur village until compensation is determined under the ongoing land acquisition proceedings for the proposed Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township Project at Bidadi in Bengaluru South District.

A writ petition was filed by 14 farmers of Hosur village questioning the acquisition of their agricultural lands for the proposed township project. The petitioners have contended that the authorities have failed to comply with the mandatory provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, before initiating acquisition proceedings.

Appearing for the farmers, advocate MH Prakash argued that the statutory requirements under the 2013 Land Acquisition Act were not followed before issuing the acquisition notifications.

During the hearing, Justice R Nataraj questioned the state government whether the mandatory provisions of the 2013 Land Acquisition Act had been complied with before proceeding with the acquisition.

Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty, appearing for the state, submitted that several other landowners had consented to the acquisition and that an exemption had been granted under Section 10A of the 2013 Act. However, the court questioned whether the exemption under Section 10A could be invoked for a rural housing or township project.

The Advocate General further informed the court that compensation had not yet been determined and that the government would not take possession of the petitioners' lands until compensation was fixed.

> **Has the State government checked whether the mandatory provisions of the 2013 Land Acquisition Act had been complied with before proceeding with the acquisition?**
>
> R Nataraj, HC Judge

Farmers' team urges Guv to halt land acquisition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A delegation of farmers from Byramangala and Kanchugaranahalli gram panchayats on Tuesday submitted a petition to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, urging him to halt the land acquisition for the proposed Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) - Bidadi Township project and instead utilise what they claimed unused government land earmarked for the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project.

The petition, submitted on behalf of farmers by Abraham TJ, president, Anti-Corruption and Environmental Forum, alleges that thousands of acres of government land acquired for the BMIC project remains unutilised and should be reclaimed before any fertile agricultural land is acquired for the proposed township.

According to the petition, of the 7,133 acres of government land allotted for the BMIC project, only 376 acres had been utilised, leaving around 6,757 acres unused. The petition claims that the 1998 high court order that formed the basis for the BMIC project was obtained through fraud, suppression of material facts and collusion. The farmers also opposed the move to acquire more than 7,400 acres for the GBIT project, stating that the land supports agriculture, dairy farming and sericulture and provides livelihoods to hundreds of families. The farmers claimed that they have been protesting against land acquisition for over 500 days.They said the township project would affect over five lakh fruit-bearing trees, besides causing long-term environmental and ecological impacts.

They urged the governor to direct the state government to verify land records, retrieve unutilised government land under the BMIC project and consider using it for the proposed township instead of acquiring fertile farmland.

The petition sought policy decisions to safeguard public land, protect farmers from displacement and ensure transparency in land acquisition.

Release ₹10,000 crore drought relief: BYV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

KARNATAKA BJP President BY Vijayendra here on Tuesday urged the Karnataka government to immediately announce a Rs 10,000 crore special relief package for farmers, stating that more than 28 districts in the state are reeling under severe drought due to inadequate rainfall.

He said the state government should not wait for assistance from the Central government but must act immediately to support distressed farmers. Speaking to reporters after visiting the fields of farmers in several villages to assess the prevailing drought conditions, Vijayendra said the BJP has constituted seven study teams to assess the drought situation across Karnataka. He demanded that all 10 taluks of Tumakuru district be officially declared drought-affected, as the district has witnessed a severe rainfall deficit.

In many places, sowing has not commenced due to lack of rain. Instead of merely writing to the Centre seeking assistance, the Karnataka government should discharge its primary responsibility, he suggested. He added that the process of seeking Central assistance can continue simultaneously. He stated that farmers are no longer in a financial position to pay their share of the crop insurance premium. Therefore, the Karnataka government should bear the entire crop insurance premium payable by farmers.

'Drinking water crisis is severe'

Vijayendra expressed concern over the rapidly declining water levels in major reservoirs, including the Hemavathi, resulting in drying lakes and tanks. He said both people and livestock in rural areas are facing an acute drinking water crisis. The existing allocation of Rs 1 crore per taluk is inadequate, and the government should provide an additional Rs 2 crore per taluk to strengthen water supply arrangements. He urged the government to ensure at least seven hours of uninterrupted three-phase electricity supply every day to protect horticultural crops such as coconut, arecanut, and other plantations.

Reacting to statements made by Minister Priyank Kharge regarding the Civil Police recruitment exam, Vijayendra said, instead of making arrogant statements, the government should focus on resolving the issues faced by unemployed youth. Vijayendra said that differences between the CM Shivakumar and the ex-CM Siddaramaiah, along with internal power struggles within the Congress, are adversely affecting governance in Karnataka.

FOCUS FEATURE

BENGALURU FOOD STORY

Bengaluru's food story has always been one of appetite meeting ambition, a city of legacy darshinis and filter coffee counters that, over the last decade, opened itself up to an entirely new way of eating - food delivery. It was here, in a small office in Koramangala in August 2014, that food delivery in India effectively began, with six delivery executives, 25 restaurants, and zero orders on day one. What followed reshaped how the city eats: neighbourhood kitchens that once served a few hundred regulars found themselves reaching entire postal codes, home cooks turned their spare rooms into cloud kitchens, and the corner darshini sat alongside global cuisines on the same screen. Today, adjusted for population, as per Swiggy's city data, published as part of the UnboxBLR We Are City 2026 edition, Bengaluru is the country's most evolved food delivery market. Roughly a third denser in restaurants than Delhi-NCR, with about two in three residents ordering on a single platform, the highest such penetration among Indian metros. That density isn't incidental; it's the compounded result of a decade in which the city's food culture and its delivery infrastructure grew up together, each pushing the other to go further. Bengaluru's food story, in other words, was never just about what's cooked in its kitchens. It's equally about how far and how fast that food learned to travel.

If we look at how the ecosystem has evolved, especially since Covid, the role of food platforms is one of impact and enablement. They have provided the opportunity to millions of restaurant partners to scale as they could serve a larger customer base. A recent survey of restaurants by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) found that 69% of participating restaurants cite visibility as their main reason for staying on platforms, and 67% point to the network effect, being matched with customers more efficiently than they could manage alone. Also, restaurants observed that the average revenue share from delivery platforms rose from 22.1% to 28.8% (from 2019-2023), running even higher, close to a third for small restaurants and those in Tier-3 cities. 59% of restaurant partners said joining a platform expanded their geographical reach, while over 50% saw a rise in customer numbers.

Additionally, by leveraging technology and providing relevant tools for building a more profitable business, these food delivery platforms have helped restaurants grow and deliver enhanced customer experience. As per the NCAER report, around 56% use platform tools for menu planning and about 50% for inventory management, especially the smaller restaurants. Advertising tools have seen 49% adoption, with restaurants reporting better rankings and clicks translating into orders and revenue, while accounting and business-management features are the most widely used, at 78.3%.

This is not all. One of the most pronounced impacts of food delivery platforms has been generating employment opportunities for millions. The scale is evident in the numbers. The NCAER Study observes that the food delivery platform sector generated ₹1.2 trillion in gross output in 2023–24 directly employing around 1.37 million workers in 2023-24. The multiplier effect stands out further- for every job, the sector creates close to 2.7 jobs across the wider economy, a reminder that platform-led businesses tend to ripple outward more than they appear to.

It is worth remembering that this was never a one-way transfer. Our OG food delivery platform's founder recalled that when the platform launched in 2014, it ended its first day with zero orders. The first order came the next day. Among the earliest partners was Truffles in Koramangala, which began with two orders a day and has since gone on to record thousands of orders in a single day. A number of Bengaluru restaurateurs backed the idea when food delivery was still an unproven concept- Hole in the Wall, Anand Sweets, Truffles, Chinita, Tadka Singh, Tandoor Hut, and Via Milano were some of the city's first. He further described them as being like core founding team members who helped create food delivery in India as we know it today.

That is the point that the current debate tends to obscure. The category was co-authored. Its most evolved market is the city where those owners said yes first. The enduring lesson for the next decade of this ecosystem is that the platform and the kitchens grew into each other-neither would have reached this scale alone.

EXPRESS READ

Teenager's death in Mandya car crash under suspicion; family alleges murder

MYSURU: The death of a 19-year-old woman in a car accident near Kommerahalli in Mandya district has taken a dramatic turn, with her family alleging that she was murdered and the incident was staged as a road accident. The deceased, Naveena, died in a car crash on August 2 after the vehicle rammed into an electric pole and overturned near Kommerahalli. Police said, Naveena had travelled to Kommerahalli Hill along with her friends Ashwini, Vishnu and Shivakumar. Naveena, who worked at a fruit shop in Mandya had informed her PG owner that she was going home before leaving with her friends on the evening of August 2. In a complaint lodged with the Mandya Rural Police, Naveena's mother, Bommamma, said that her daughter was taken out on the pretext of celebrating a birthday. She accused the three friends of attempting to sexually assault Naveena, assaulting her fatally, and later staging the incident as a road accident to cover up the crime. **ENS**

RVCE to host first national conference, hackathon on computer vision

BENGALURU: In a move to boost deep-tech and artificial intelligence capability in the country, the Centre for Computer Vision Research (CCVR) at RV College of Engineering (RVCE) is hosting the first National Conference on Computer Vision (NCCV2026) between August 5 and 7. Alongside the conference, the first India Computer Vision Hackathon 2026 will also be held at the college venue. The three-day event will bring together bureaucrats, technology industry pioneers, researchers, academicians, and student innovators to chart the future of AI-driven vision systems under the core theme 'Surveillance & Beyond: The CCTV Story.' The event will be inaugurated at 10 am on August 5, followed by a 36-hour hackathon. "The CCVR was created to bridge the gap between academia and industry in deploying large-scale computer vision projects across India," said ex-IPS officer and ex-mentor of the CCVR, Sanjay Sahay. For further information, contact +91 8867290836. **ENS**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the 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 property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 24.08.2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

Sl. No.	Branch Name, Customer ID A/c Name, A/c No., Dealing official Contact No.	Description of the Immovable Properties	(A) Date of 13 (2) (B) Date of 13(4) (C) Type of Possession (D) Outstanding amount	A)Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1.	BO: Bangalore Begur (Electonic City) (606200) **MURUGA K Cust_Id- IZD005787 A/C- 606200NC00001145 Mob No. : 9632588100**	Residential flat bearing No.401, Fourth Floor in the " Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1300 sq ft of super built up area together with 277 sq ft of undivided share and interest in property bearing old Survey No. 30/23, new Survey No. 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore and bounded on the **East by:** Land belongs to Munisidhappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Land belongs to Muniyappa and **South by:** remaining land in the same survey number.	**(A) 06-12-2019 (B) 07-03-2020 (C) Physical (D) Rs. 87,21,598.08 as on 30.06.2026 Plus interest and other charges w.e.f 01-07-2026**	**A) Rs. 31,60,000/- B) Rs. 3,16,000/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**
2.	BO: Bangalore EGL Business Park, Domlur (754700) **Samantha Babu Bothapati Cust_Id- LEJ010160 A/C- 754700NC00001465 Mob No. : 9632588100**	All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat no. G-2 on the Ground Floor in the " Neha Mahal" having super build up area of 1050 sq. ft.; Carpet Area of 840 sq. ft. along with 270 sq. ft. of undivided share right title and interest with one car parking space constructed on property bearing converted site no. 16/18, formed in Sy. No. 19/2 situated at 4th Main Road Chinnayanapalya Lakkasandra Extension, Bangalore now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP in Ward No. 62, PID No. 62-42-16/18 measuring East to West 30+38.6/2 ft. and North to South 36+54/2 ft. in all measuring 1543 ft. and no. 2 measuring East to West 18.6+27/2 ft. and North to South 21+36/2 ft. in all measuring 650 sq. ft. no. 3 measuring East to West 42+37/2 ft. and North to South 25.6+51/2 ft. in all measuring 1512 sq. ft.	**(A) 23-04-2024 (B) 24-07-2024 (C) Symbolic (D) Rs. 1,22,51,000.38 as on 30.06.2026 Plus interest and other charges w.e.f 01-07-2026**	**A) Rs. 35,82,000/- B) Rs. 3,58,200/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**
3.	BO: Bangalore EGL Business Park, Domlur (754700) **Ramachandra Reddy Pullarevu Cust_Id- LEJ009406 A/C- 754700NC00001447 Mob No. : 9632588100**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No- 406, 4th Floor, "Sri Vani Symphony Apartment", Sy No- 30/23, New Sy No- 30/35, Thirupalya Main Road, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, admeasuring a Super Built-up area of 1580 Sq Ft (Undivided Share Area of 410 Sq Ft) and bounded on the **East By:** Open to Sky, **West By:** Corridor & Flat No- 407, **North By:** Open to Sky & **South By:** Corridor & Flat Nos- 402 & 403.	**(A) 14-09-2018 (B) 05-02-2019 (C) Physical (D) Rs.1,16,54,982.83 plus further interest and charges as applicable w.e.f 01-07-2026.**	**A) Rs. 42,66,000/- B) Rs. 4,26,600/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"**
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. Default in payment on 25% of sale price inclusive of EMD amount on the date of sale and /or latest by the next working day, your deposited amount will be forfeited by the Bank without any further notice.
4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://baanknet.com on 24.08.2026 @ 11 AM to 5 PM**
5. Platform **(https://baanknet.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.** having its Registered office at **Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East. Mumbai-400037** (Helpdesk Number +91 8291220220, Email Id: support.baanknet@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://baanknet.com This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Activity	Timeline
Online Registration by Candidates	01.08.2026 to 21.08.2026
Payment of Application Fees/ Intimation Charges	01.08.2026 to 21.08.2026
Edit Window for Candidates to Modify/ Correct Application Form (including online payment for Edit)	After closure of Registration (will be notified on Official IBPS website)
Conduct of Pre-Examination Training (PET)	**September, 2026**
Online Examination – Preliminary	**October, 2026**
Result of Online Examination – Preliminary	November, 2026
Online Examination – Main	**December, 2026**
Provisional Allotment	**March, 2027**

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