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Row erupts over objections to voter name deletions

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A political controversy has erupted at Veerbhadranagar in Belagavi over objections raised against the names of certain voters during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Congress leader Amaan Sait alleged on Tuesday that an attempt was being made to remove the names of minority voters from the electoral roll.

BJP leaders, however, clarified that the objections were only part of the prescribed electoral-roll process and that the affected voters would be given an opportunity to present their cases during the hearing.

During the SIR process, objections have been filed by political parties against the names of certain voters. Notices are being issued to the voters concerned and hearings are being conducted.

The controversy arose after reports spread that voters whose names were objected to through Form 7 would be immediately deleted from the electoral roll.

Amaan Sait, son of Congress MLA Asif Sait from Belagavi North constituency, alleged that minority voters were being targeted and demanded that the process be stopped.

There were also allegations that Anganwadi workers involved in the SIR exercise were being forced to sign Form 7.

BJP leaders Ravi Patil and Murgendragowda Patil clarified that Form 7 is used to raise objections to the inclusion of a voter's name or seek deletion under specified grounds. The Election Commission also states that objections to electoral-roll entries can be filed through Form 7, with the Electoral Registration Officer concerned deciding the matter.



Congress and BJP leaders meet BLO Udaykumar to get clarification over the deletion of names from electoral rolls | EXPRESS

BJP leader and former MLA Anil Benake said objections had been raised against more than 8,000 'suspected' voters in the Belagavi North constituency. He said the voters concerned could produce the required documents during the hearings and present their cases.

He added that filing an objection does not automatically result in the deletion of a voter's name, and that there are provisions for objections and appeals. The controversy briefly created confusion among the voters and political workers and they reached the Market police station. However, no official complaint had been filed even by late Tuesday.



Students of a government school at Yamakanmaradi display Aequs notebooks

Aequs distributes over a lakh notebooks to govt school children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

IN a great gesture, employees of the Aequs Group of companies have opened a space to learn, imagine and dream for thousands of underserved school children by gifting nearly 1.3 lakh notebooks this year.

The annual 'One Precious Notebook' campaign by Aequs Foundation, the CSR arm of the Aequs Group, elicited a widespread response from Aequs employees and school administrations alike, reinforcing the impact of this initiative aimed at enhancing opportunities for needy children. According to Aequs, this year, the campaign reached out to 114 schools so far impacting the lives of over 19,000 students. A record 876 volunteers actively participated in the campaign this year, contributing their time and effort, personally distributing the notebooks to students. Akkamahadevi Melligeri, Chairperson, Aequs Foundation said" "The 'One Precious Notebook' campaign is a testament to the Foundation's unwavering commitment to education and community development. By alleviating financial burdens on families, the initiative fosters a culture of learning and sheds light on the challenges faced by underserved students. Through this powerful effort Aequs Foundation continues to instil hope and ambition for a future where education is the cornerstone of a fair and just society." The One Precious Notebook campaign holds a special place for Aequs employees who add an individualized touch with a message for recipient on the last page of the notebook. Each notebook thus represents not just pages, but a promise of hope and opportunity for the students who come in touch with. Another endearing element this year was the notebook cover designs derived from drawings by children of Aequs employees who participated in a competition to lend a creative touch to the campaign. Each notebook not only carried knowledge but also reflected the spirit of togetherness and creativity from the Aequs family.

Lok Adalat settles 10,925 cases across Vijayapura dist, reunites 7 couples

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

THE Lok Adalat helped seven couples from different parts of the district to reconcile their differences and agree to resume their marital lives. The couples settled their disputes through the intervention of the Janata Nyayalaya on Monday.

A release said that as many as 10,925 cases were settled through amicable compromise during the National Lok Adalat held across the district, providing relief to a large number of litigants.

The cases settled included disputes relating to property partition, cheque dishonour, compensation in motor vehicle accident cases, maintenance and alimony claims, compoundable criminal cases and execution petitions.



Couple being reunited at Lok Adalat held in Vijayapura district | EXPRESS

In land acquisition matters, 96 cases and 312 related petitions were settled through compromise involving a total compensation amount of Rs.31,41,56,802.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal District and Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority Chairman Harish A. said the Lok Adalat mechanism enabled litigants to resolve disputes amicably, saving considerable time and money.

He said the process also spared litigants from making repeated visits to courts for several years and urged the public to make use of the Lok Adalat facility to settle eligible disputes through mutual compromise.

Free anti-rabies vaccination campaign on Sept 28

Gokak: In observance of World Rabies Day, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has announced a taluk-wide free anti-rabies vaccination campaign for dogs on September 28. The drive will take place across all government veterinary hospitals, clinics, and primary veterinary centres throughout Gokak and Mudalgi taluks. Announcing the initiative, Dr. Mohan Vasant Kamat, Chief Veterinary Officer (Admin), Veterinary Hospital, Gokak, stated that the campaign aims to prevent the spread of rabies and safeguard community public health. Pet owners, dog handlers, and farmers in rural and urban areas are strongly encouraged to bring their dogs to the nearest government veterinary facility on September 28 to benefit from the free vaccination service.



150-year-old Big Mishra Pedha brand enters Belagavi

Belagavi: Big Mishra Pedha, the iconic Dharwad-based sweet brand with a 150-year legacy, has opened its new outlet along with Café Mishra near Hari Mandir on Angol Main Road, Belagavi. The brand, which has over 260 outlets across several states, is known for its traditional sweets, quality and customer trust. The new outlet will offer popular delicacies including Kunda, Karadant, Ghee Mysore Pak and Laal Pedha, along with freshly prepared snacks and food under Café Mishra. Managing Director Sanjay Ganesh Mishra said the brand's growth has been driven by quality, hard work and the continued trust and support of customers.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization 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. 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 montaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Equitas small finance Bank, 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 accounts. The details of Borrower'(s) Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Assets Dues Reserve Price/E-Auction date & time and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below

Sr. No	Name & Address of Borrowers/ Mortgagers/ Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties with known encumbrances, if any	Reserve Price EMD Price & Bid Increase Price	Date & Time of E-Auction	Loan / Total Dues
1.	Mr/Mrs Raju Kambale C/O Mr/Mrs Guralingappa Mr/Mrs Laxmibayi Kambale C/O Mr/Mrs Raju Mr/Mrs Praveen Kambale C/O Mr/Mrs Raju Mr/Mrs Rahul Kambale C/O Mr/Mrs Raju (All are residing at #19 Garadadinni Bilgi, Bilgi, Bagalkot, Karnataka, 587116)	From the Documents made available for my scrutiny discloses that Property bearing RDPRD No :150100302700200131, GP Property No-A53, situated at Garadadinni Village, Korthi Gram Panchayat, Bagalkot Taluka, Bagalkot District - 587116 and Measuring East to West 12 Mtrs., and North to South 9 Mtrs., Total Extent Area is 108 Sq. Mtrs. (1162.08 Sq. Ft.,)	Rs.744000 Rs.74400 Rs.10,000	27.10.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- SEBLKOT0440158 Claim Amount Due Rs.416450/- as on 18.12.2025 with further interest from 19.12.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.548514/- as on 14.09.2026).
	For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- , Kiran Dyavannavar 8095299287 , Shivashankar Patil 9449785015				

The intending purchaser/ bidder is required to submit amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of NEFT/RTGS/DD in the account of "Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd" Account No- 200000807725 and IFSC code- ESFB0001001 Bhaggyam Galleria New No. 18 , Bazzulla Road, T-Nagar, Chennai-600 117, drawn on any nationalized or scheduled bank on or before date: 26.10.2026
For details for terms & conditions of E-Auction sale please refer to the link provided in www. Equitasbank.in & https://www.bankeauctions.com

Date - 23.09.2026, Place - Bagalkot — Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Shivamogga City Corporation has prepared a detailed project report (DPR) for the legacy waste remediation work at a cost of Rs 4.95 crore and examined it at a meeting of the District Level Solid Waste Management (SWM) Committee and gave administrative approval. The Commissioner, Shivamogga City Corporation has invited tenders from the eligible contractors. Interested contractors shall submit their tender through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl No	Details of works	Appox. Amount (Rs in lakhs)	EMD amount in Rs	Head of account
1.	Bio Remediation of existing LEGACY Waste in shivamogga city corporation. Indent No: DMA/2026-27/SE8347	495.00	7,45,000/-	Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 and General Fund of Corporation for 2026-27

1. Starting date for downloading tender document : **From 22.09.2026 2.** Pre-bid meeting: **30.09.2026 at 11.00 A M. 3.** Last date for submission of tender : **18.10.2026 upto 5.00 P M**

Tender conditions and more details can be had from Environment Engineer in the Health Dept of this office during office hours. Any changes in the tender schedule will be notified in kpp portal only and no newspaper publication.

DIPR/SMG/No. 111-09/Zenkar/2026-27 — Sd/- Executive Engineer City Corporation, Shivamogga

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrower/ Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice appended below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.
The Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this notice.

LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	BORROWER/S/ CO-BORROWER/S & GUARANTORS NAME	DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTIES	DEMAND NOTICE DATE	DEMAND NOTICE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT (RS.)	DATE AND TYPE OF POSSESSION TAKEN
97079979	1. TANVEER MAHMMEDSADIQ SHAMSHER, 2. RUKSANA SADIK SHAMSHER	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY GRAM PANCHAYAT NO. 262/C, RDPR NO. 150400700400420222, MEASURING EAST-WEST 24.40 METERS AND NORTH-SOUTH 4.10+1.60 = 5.70 METERS = TOTAL MEASURING 139.08 SQ. METERS, CONSISTING OF BUILDING MEASURING 100.04 SQ. METERS, SITUATED AT ADI VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE GRAM PANCHAYAT BEEDI AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUB REGISTRAR KHANAPUR, TALUKA: KHANAPUR, DISTRICT: BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA-591106, AND **BOUNDED AS: EAST: ROAD, WEST: OWN OPEN SPACE, NORTH: WASIM HARUN SAMSHER, SOUTH: SALMAN M SAMSHER**	16-05-2026	Rs. 12,85,407.97/-	**Possession 17-09-2026**
139640404	1. KENCHAPPA KARIGAR, 2. SAVITRI KARIGAR	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING VPC NO. 1061, PROPERTY AREA 50 X 40 SQ. FT., SITUATED AT ALAKHANUR VILLAGE, TQ: RAYABAG, DISTRICT: BELAGAVI, BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-591220, AND **BOUNDED AS: EAST: OWN LAND, WEST: LAND OF SIDDAPPA BHARAMAPPA KARIGAR, NORTH: OWN LAND, SOUTH: ROAD**	17-06-2026	Rs. 15,79,156.82/-	**Possession 17-09-2026**
140448436	1. KAREPPA RAMAPPA KARIGAR, 2. RAJASHREE KAREPPA KARIGAR	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING VPC NO. 541, AREA 50 X 60 SQ. FT., SITUATED AT ALKHANUR VILLAGE, TQ: RAYABAG, DISTRICT: BELAGAVI, BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-591220, AND **BOUNDED AS: EAST: OWN LAND, WEST: OWN LAND, NORTH: OWN LAND, SOUTH: ROAD**	20-06-2026	Rs. 15,78,934.96/-	**Possession 17-09-2026**
141892276	1. PARASHARAM MORE, 2. LAXMI PARASHARAM MORE	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING GP NO. 49/4, RDPR NO. 150400303900200100, MEASURING 37.54 SQ. METERS, CONSISTING OF BUILDING MEASURING 37.54 SQ. METERS, SITUATED AT RAJAHANSAGAD VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE GRAM PANCHAYAT: SULAGA (Y) AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUB REGISTRAR BELAGAVI, TALUK & DISTRICT: BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA-590005, AND **BOUNDED AS: EAST: ROAD, WEST: ROAD, NORTH: ROAD, SOUTH: LAXMAN S MORE**	20-05-2026	Rs. 8,37,919.92/-	**Possession 17-09-2026**
158057864	1. KALMESHWAR SATYAVAN PUJERI, 2. BHAGIRATI SATYAVAN PUJERI	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING VPC. NO. 1462, AREA 33 X 43 SQ. FT., SITUATED SUTTATTI VILLAGE, TQ: RAYBAG, DISTRICT: BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA-591217, AND **BOUNDED AS: EAST: SUREKHA BADIGER, WEST: ROAD, NORTH: BHIMAPPA BADIGER, SOUTH: SUREKHA BADIGER**	20-06-2026	Rs. 8,64,729.72/-	**Possession 17-09-2026**

The Borrower/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount mentioned in the demand notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

Date: 17-09-2026 Place: KARNATAKA — Authorised Officer IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

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