

Music concert
to mark M S
Subbulakshmi's
birth anniversary

MANGALURU, DHNS: The Mani Krishnaswami Academy will organise a classical music concert at the Amritabhavana Hall of the Ramakrishna Mutt on October 2 to mark the 110th birth anniversary of renowned vocalist M S Subbulakshmi.

Addressing a press conference in the city, academy member Srivibhu Rao said Swami Jitakamananda, the president of the Ramakrishna mutt will inaugurate the programme by lighting the lamp.

Following the inauguration, S Aishwarya and S Soundarya, great-granddaughters of M S Subbulakshmi, will present a Carnatic music concert, he said.

Senior citizens should be treated
with dignity, respect: Gafoor

UDUPI, DHNS

Senior citizens have an important place in society and should be treated with dignity and respect, Coastal Development Board Chairman M A Gafoor said on Thursday.

He was addressing gathering after inaugurating the World Senior Citizens' Day celebrations and an inter-generational bonding meet organised at Bannanje Shri Narayanguru hall. Gafoor said the experience and services of senior citizens remained valuable to both families and society. Senior citizens should not consider themselves a burden because of their age, but should continue to participate in social activities as long as their health

permitted.

"It is disturbing to see instances of children abandoning their parents. Society needs to seriously reflect on this issue," he said, stressing the need to inculcate family values among youngsters along with formal education. He said the Union and state governments had introduced several welfare schemes for senior citizens and called for greater awareness about them.

Additional Superintendent of Police Sudhakar Naik said urbanisation had resulted in many senior citizens living alone without the support of their children and relatives. The police were identifying such elderly persons through special beats and regularly



Coastal Development Board Chairman M A Gafoor inaugurates the World Senior Citizens' Day celebrations in Udupi on Thursday.

visiting their homes to understand and address their problems. "Senior citizens living alone need not be afraid. The police department is there to support them," he said.

1,184 senior citizens had been identified in Udupi district and police personnel were making regular visits to their homes. General physician Dr Y Sudarshan Rao said senior citi-

zens possessed valuable knowledge gained through years of experience and the expertise should be utilised for the benefit of society. He also stressed the need for families to spend time with elderly members to prevent loneliness.

Urban Development Authority Chairman Dinakar Herur said the experience and knowledge of senior citizens should be passed on to younger generations and their guidance was essential for preserving cultural traditions.

Prizes were distributed to winners of sports and cultural competitions held as part of the celebrations. The Health Department also conducted medical check-ups for senior citizens.

Three-day agricultural
festival from today

MANGALURU, DHNS: To bridge the gap between modern technology and traditional farming, the city will host the state-level 'Agriculture Festival - 2026' (Krishi Habba) from October 2 to 4, at Cordel Ground, Kulshekar. Organised by the Karnataka State Kisan Seva Foundation in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Mangalore Central and RO International, the three-day event will serve as an open, non-commercial platform empowering farmers to adopt modern agritech, transition into enterprise, and sell directly to consumers, organiser Ashwin Sequeira told medi-

apersons.

The festival operates under the central theme, "From Farmers - To Consumers | From Agriculture - To Enterprise." Supported by key state departments—including the Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture, KAPPEC Bengaluru, the College of Fisheries, and the Organic Farmers Consumer Association—the event aims to accelerate sustainable farming practices while encouraging youth and women's self-help groups (SHGs) to explore agri-entrepreneurship.

The expo will have agricultural machinery and tech expo. It will have demonstrations of contemporary machinery, farm automation, and smart tools. It will provide a venue for farmers to eliminate intermediaries and sell directly to regional consumers.

He said it will also showcase sustainable methods, Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF), and healthy millet-based product lines.

DPR underway for developing modern
wholesale fish market at Ekkur

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With the State Cabinet approving the development of a modern wholesale fish market at Ekkur, preparations are underway to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the same.

The wholesale market is aimed to check congestion and overcrowding at the Mangaluru fisheries harbour in Bunder and will come up on three-acre land belonging to the Fisheries College in Mangaluru.

After the Cabinet nod for the proposal, Fisheries Department Secretary R Vinoth Priya,

Director Dinesh Kumar Kaller and officials from the Fisheries and Ports departments recently inspected the proposed site and held discussions with the Dean of the Fisheries College. Now, the proposed land will have to be handed over to the Fisheries and Port department by the Fisheries College, the officials said.

At a cost of Rs 30 crore

The wholesale market will come up at a cost of Rs 30 crore. The proposed market is expected to ease the pressure on the existing fish trading activities at the harbour and provide better infrastructure for wholesale fish trading, the officials said.

Manohar Acharya, Assistant Engineer of the Ports Department, said 100 to 150 insulated vehicles arrive at the Mangaluru fishing harbour every day from the neighbouring states, including Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to load the fish and transport it to various places, including Bengaluru. The arrival of vehicles have been creating traffic congestion at the harbour. Further, the fish market is also in a poor condition without much facilities. To have a fullfledged market and to cater to loading and auctioning of the fish, the proposal on wholesale market was prepared," he told *DH*.

Officials said that the sale of fish were now concentrated in the northern part of the Mangaluru fishing harbour at Bunder. The trading activity, along with the movement of fish-laden vehicles, has resulted in congestion.

Fishermen leaders said that movement of vehicles laden with fish and also trading activities had resulted in the issue of congestion and hygiene at the harbour.

Officials said the wholesale market will have a wholesale fish stalls, effluent treatment plant, parking facility, fish market platforms, cold storage facility, vendors' stalls, double-lane concrete road, toilet blocks, water storage facility, CCTV-based security system and others.

'Shock waves from blast would have
been reduced if MRPL had buffer zone'

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The shock waves of massive blast at Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited's (MRPL) Coker Hydrotreater Unit, which was experienced by residents around a radius of over 15 kms, would have been reduced if MRPL had a 'buffer zone' or 'green belt' around the plant's periphery, Nagarika Horata samithi, Jokatte Convenor Muneer Katipalla asserted on Thursday.

Presently MRPL is the only hazardous industry in red category (code:1004) that does not have a buffer zone, said Muneer Katipalla. Following the third phase expansion of MRPL in 2012, massive protests erupted against the large scale pollution in 2014. In 2016,

the government issued an order (CI419, SPI 2010) directing MRPL to comply with six 'environmental clearance' conditions within a 'stipulated time'.

"The 33% greenbelt area was one among the six conditions imposed on MRPL by government in order to control pollution from Coke Sulphur Unit," Muneer Katipalla recollected and added that MRPL had halfheartedly complied with the implementation of five conditions including shifting of pet coke storage silos and kept delaying the acquisition of land by coming with one pretext or the other.

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and homes. "MRPL taking advantage of helplessness of the affected 408 families had insisted on 'one-time settlement'," Muneer Katipalla said.

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of MRPL, to single window clearance committee which is chaired by Chief Minister. "For past four months I have been sending emails on expediting land acquisition to Minister for Large and Medium Industries M B Patil, Principal Secretary for Commerce and Industries S Selvakumar among others, but there was no response," he rued.

MRPL instead of spending CSR funds on far-off places can spend on creating buffer zone, he said. KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) Meghana R told *DH*, when contacted, that the proposal was submitted and were awaiting for approval from government. "The preliminary notification is also ready and we are awaiting for orders from government," said SLAO for Dakshina Kannada district.



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Appendix - IV – A
[See Provision to Rule 8(6)]

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE ASSETS, UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8(6) & 6(2) UNDER THE SECURITY INTREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) , Guarantor (s), mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on date and time specified herein below, for the recovery of the amount due to the Central bank of India-Secured creditor from the borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit of the property is mentioned herein below :

Sr No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Details of Property Secured Assets and owner of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Date and time of E-Auction
			o/s Dues Possession Date	EMD Bid Increase Amount	EMD Remittance Date & Time
1	Mr. Dinesh Kotian s/o Ithappa Kotian 4 139 Pulkula House Puthige Sampige Moodabidri Mangalore Dakshina Kannada 574227	PROPERTY DETAIL : Sy No. 152/1AP1-P1 & 152/2D1P1-P1 With extant: 0-37 acre & 0-13 acres TOTAL:0-50 acres Property Identification no. as per 09 & 11a.-151100304500120368 Non – agricultural immovable property held on absolute warg right situated at Hosabettu village of Mangalore Taluk, within Hosabettu Grama Panchayath and also within the registration of Moodabidri.	04.07.2023	Rs. 31,36,500/-	22.10.2026 10.00 am to 6.00 pm
			Rs. 30,68,404.69 plus further interest and expenses thereon w.e.f 04.07.2023	Rs. 3,13,650/-	
2	Mrs. Savitha w/o Mr. Dinesh Kotian 4 139 Pulkula House Puthige Sampige Moodabidri Mangalore Dakshina Kannada 574227	Residential apartment No.301, bearing Door No.1-27(41) measuring 149sq2 sq ft. super built up area on the 3rd floor of the multi-storeyed residential condominium called as "CHELLROHN & SINCHAN" apartment along with car park slot no.16 in the ground floor and together with 2.14% undivided rights in the common areas and facility of the building including such shares in the land described above measuring 0-50 acres thereto.	11.09.2023	Rs. 20000/-	22.10.2026, Time: Up to 5.00 PM.

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The Reserve Price& EMD and other details are mentioned in below table. For Detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's web site www.centralbankofindia.bank.in. Last date of deposit of EMD will be 22.10.2026

This may also be treated as notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of e-Auction sale on the above date.

For participating in the E-auction sale, the intending bidders should register their details with the service provider <https://BAANKNET.COM/eauction-psb/bidder-registration> well in advance and shall get user ID & password. Intending bidders advised to change only the password. Bidder may visit <https://BAANKNET.COM> for educational videos. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided Bank's website: www.centralbankofindia.bank.in.

Bidder will register on website <https://BAANKNET.COM/eauction-psb/bidder-registration> and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be deposited as per the instruction provided on the website (<https://BAANKNET.COM>).

The highest and successful bidder should pay the 25% of the bid amount (including EMD amount) on the same or next day of auction. EMD amount shall be forfeited, if the successful bidder fails to pay the 25% of the bid amount within the next day of auction. The entire bid amount should be paid within 15 days of the confirmation of sale. Failure to pay the bid amount within the stipulated will lead to forfeiture of the amount already paid.

Sale Certificate shall be issued only in the name/s of the person/s who has/have submitted the bid, not in the name of any other person/s. Successful bidder shall bear the registration costs/stamp duty or any other cost applicable.

The Terms & conditions shall be strictly as per the provisions of the security interest Rules (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date: 30-09-2026
Place: Mangalore

Sd/- Authorised Office/Chief Manager
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MDMA worth Rs 1.60 lakh seized

MANGALURU, DHNS: The Kavour Police have seized around 16 grams of MDMA, worth Rs 1.60 lakh, from a 26-year-old man near Bondel in Marakada village.

Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy C H said the arrested is Mohammed Irfan A K, from K C Road in Ullal. He was found standing suspiciously near the tarred road leading from Bondel towards Moodushedde when the police arrested him.

The police searched him and seized approximately 16

grams of MDMA from his possession. A case has been registered at Kavour police station under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Further investigation is underway.

The police commissioner said the arrested had previously been booked in three cases. These include two theft cases registered at Ullal and Punjalkatte stations in 2020, and a case related to consumption of ganja registered at Ullal police station in 2024.



P K Vikas with the certificate.

Alva's student earns BWR
world record recognition

MANGALURU, DHNS: P K Vikas, a third-year student of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences at the Alva's College of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, has received world record recognition from the Book of World Records for his achievement in performing Sarvangasana continuously.

Vikas, who hails from Belthangady in Dakshina Kannada district, began practising yoga when he was in Class 5 and has continued his practice for the past 11 years.

According to the certificate issued by the Book of World Records, Vikas demonstrated balance, physical strength, flexibility, stability, concentration and endurance during his Sarvangasana performance.

He has also secured several achievements in yoga compe-

titions. He won second place in the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) yoga competitions held in Bengaluru in 2023, 2024 and 2025. In 2022, he secured first place in the WWF state-level yoga competition.

In 2024, Vikas participated in the national-level yoga competition held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. He secured second place in the national-level competition organised by Ayaan Medical Institute in 2025.

Earlier, he had participated in district- and state-level yoga competitions in 2017 and 2018 and secured second place in the national yoga competition held in Hyderabad in 2021.

Besides participating in competitions, Vikas also serves as a judge at yoga competitions.

Candidate
accused of
producing fake
documents

MANGALURU, DHNS: A candidate appearing for the Karnataka Police Constable (Civil) recruitment process-2026 has been accused of producing fake documents during the physical endurance and physical efficiency tests held at Mangala Stadium here recently.

According to the complaint, Yajesh B J Rai from Kodimbala in Kadaba taluk, appeared at the registration desk with a call letter bearing hall ticket number CPC5225446. The personnel on duty at the registration desk checked the candidate's details using the software provided by Karnataka Examination Authority.

However, his details were not found in the list of eligible candidates. The candidate's name, registration number and application number were also not found in the 1:5 list prepared for the Police Constable (Civil) Recruitment-2026. As a result, he was not allowed to participate in the physical endurance and physical efficiency tests.

After ascertaining that the call letter and other documents produced by the candidate were fake, a complaint was filed against Yajesh B J Rai for using AI to produce fake documents with the intention of cheating in the police recruitment process, sources added.

'Set up 5-yr industrial accident,
occupational safety audit'

MANGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru-based Citizen Rights Foundation Chairman K A Paul in a press release urged the Prime Minister and Home Minister to set up a comprehensive five-year industrial accident and occupational safety audit. "Single Point Mooring (SPM), marine terminal, tug, mooring and associated offshore operations connected with MRPL should be subjected to a separate independent marine-safety audit by qual-

ified maritime experts," he urged.

Officials also should undertake an independent review of the emergency preparedness and disaster management system applicable to MRPL and surrounding communities. "If investigation establishes non-compliance, negligence, breach of statutory duty, unsafe operating practices, failure of maintenance, officials should initiate criminal proceedings in accordance with law."

Pratham Chikitsa Foundation
to be inaugurated today

MANGALURU, DHNS: Pratham Chikitsa Foundation, a charitable organisation committed to saving lives, strengthening community health and emergency preparedness, will be inaugurated on October 2.

The foundation has been established with an objective of making first aid knowledge, emergency preparedness, healthcare awareness and humanitarian support more accessible, emphasised Dr Jeethu Radhakrishnan an expert on Emergency and critical care.

The foundation recognises that in many emergencies, the period between the occurrence of an incident and the arrival of professional medical assistance can be critical.

Pratham Chikitsa Foundation therefore seeks to empower ordinary citizens, students, teachers, employees, volunteers and communities with the knowledge and skills needed as first responders during emergencies, he said.

PCF's will focus on promotion of first aid, basic life support (BLS), cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), trauma care, emergency preparedness and disaster response. The foundation will undertake awareness programmes, training sessions, workshops and community initiatives to make these life-saving skills more accessible to the public, educational institutions, workplaces and communities.

Bhajana-Sankeerthanotsava on October 4

MANGALURU, DHNS: The Bhajana-Sankeerthanotsava by 'Nada Nandanam' will be held at Ambedkar Bhavan, Urwa Store, on October 4.

Addressing a press conference, advisor Pradeep Kumar Kalkura said 'Nada Nandanam' had been formed with Karnataka as its focal point to introduce Kannada language, culture and literature to the public through music. As part

of its inaugural programme, the organisation will present a blend of devotional songs, bhavageethe, folk songs and film songs, along with tatvapadas of saints and poets, including Purandaradasa, Kanakadasa and Basavanna, in different musical forms.

A team of 19 artistes, led by noted playback singer Shankar Shanubhog and three-time state award win-

ner Ramesh Chandra of Bengaluru, will present the programme.

Shankar Shanubhog will inaugurate 'Nada Nandanam' by lighting the traditional lamp.

Free passes for the programme will be available at the counters of Ocean Pearl at Navabharat Circle, Taj Mahal, Pattumudi at Lalbagh, Ayodhya at Kodialabail and Padmashree at Pumpwell.