



Former MLA Y Sampangi visits the damaged house along with Pandiyan and Veni

## Compensation sought for family hit by electrical short circuit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ KGF

THE state government should grant compensation to a family that suffered heavy losses after an electrical short circuit damaged a mining residential house in KGF, said former MLA Y Sampangi on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters after visiting South Tank Block, House No. 58, along with BJP leader Pandiyan and city unit president Suresh, Sampangi said he had extended financial support to the affected family. Vijaya and his brother Shiva were residing in the BGML quarters.

Appealing to the district administration, Sampangi urged officials to consider the case on humanitarian grounds and sanction a substantial compensation amount to help the family repair the house and meet future living expenses.

Pandiyan termed the incident unfortunate, noting that the family was already facing financial hardship following the death of its elder member and is currently staying with relatives.

He said immediate compensation would provide much-needed relief.

## LOCOMOTIVE TRIAL CONDUCTED

## S'akleshpur-S'bramanya Road rail track electrified

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SOUTH Western Railway's Mysuru Division has achieved complete electrification of the challenging Sakleshpur-Subramanya Road Ghat section, following the successful electric locomotive trial conducted on Sunday. The milestone marks a significant boost to rail infrastructure and sustainability in the region.

The electrified ghat section covers a 55-km stretch and is considered one of the most technically demanding routes in Indian Railways. Characterised by a steep 1-in-50 gradient, the section includes 57 tunnels, 258 bridges and 108 sharp curves, and is highly prone to landslides. These factors made execution of electrification work particularly complex. The electrification project commenced on December 1, 2023, and was completed at a cost of Rs 93.55 crore. As part of the works, five switching stations were constructed and overhead electrification was carried out across the entire section. The overhead equipment has been designed for a maximum speed of 120 kmph,



with the span between traction poles restricted to 67.5 metres to ensure operational safety and reliability.

Special engineering measures were adopted inside the 57 tunnels, where 419 main brackets and an equal number of spare brackets were installed. Detailed geological studies of both lined and unlined tunnel sections were conducted by the National Institute of Rock Mechanics and Bangalore University. Pull-out tests were carried out at every bracket location to ensure proper anchoring and long-term stability. Given gradients extending up to 830 metres, specialised equipment and robust designs were deployed to maintain overhead system tension. Execution was further challenged by heavy monsoons, frequent landslides, soil erosion and rockfall, requiring rail-based transportation of materials to remote locations. Strict operational and safety restrictions imposed by the Commissioner of Railways Safety added to the complexity. With electrification now complete, the ghat section is ready for electric traction, enabling cleaner, energy-efficient and cost-effective train operations. ENS

# RRT staff suspected in Kajur teak smuggling

Forest officials recovered and seized teak logs cut from Kajur forest near Harangi backwaters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Madikeri

THE Forest department has intensified its investigation into the illegal felling and transportation of teak trees from the Kajur Reserve Forest.

This area falls under the Hudugur section of the Yadavananad range in the taluk.

During the probe, officials recovered and seized teak logs cut from the Kajur forest. These logs were concealed in the forested areas near the Harangi backwaters.

Serious suspicion has emerged regarding the involvement of certain forest personnel in the large-scale destruction of teak trees in the reserve forest. Notably, a member of

the Rapid Response Team (RRT), who is believed to be a key witness and possible participant, is absconding.

On December 13, Forest officials acted on specific information. They conducted a raid while seven teak trees were being cut illegally in the Kajur Reserve Forest.

They arrested one accused on the spot. The remaining five suspects managed to flee. A case was first registered against six individuals. As the investigation progressed, the number of accused rose to eight. It was then revealed that an RRT staff member is also among the accused.

During the operation, one of the accused was taken into custody. Subsequently, most of

Dharwad: Two persons died on the spot after a lorry ran over their motorcycle on the Hubballi-Dharwad bypass road on Sunday evening. The deceased have been identified as Kishan Khanwale (32) and Kiran Katavkar, both residents of Goulli Galli in Dharwad. Police said the duo were heading towards Dharwad when a lorry coming from behind hit their bike, leading to the fatal accident. The lorry driver has been arrested.

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## FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

Former minister Kimmene Rathnakar, Congress leaders and others during the 140th Foundation Day of Congress, in Mysuru on Sunday

### EXPRESS READ

#### Trade fair will serve as a strong platform for both large enterprises and MSMEs: Pavan Guru Ranga

Mysuru: The Mysuru Chapter organised the curtain-raiser of the RMB International Trade Fair 2026, scheduled to be held from May 8 to 10. The programme was held at Atmosphere in Rajarajeshwari Nagar on Sunday and witnessed the participation of over 140 RMB members, along with representatives from various business and Rotary organisations. The curtain-raiser was inaugurated by Pavan Guru Ranga, managing director and CEO of Rangsons Aerospace Private Limited. Ranga lauded RMB Mysuru for announcing an international trade fair even before Mysuru got an international airport, describing it as a visionary and bold initiative. He said the move reflects Mysuru's readiness to engage with global markets and international business leaders. He noted that the trade fair would serve as a strong platform for both large enterprises and MSMEs, helping strengthen the local economy while providing global exposure to Mysuru-based businesses. Ranga also said such initiatives align with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. RTN Nagesh M L, president of RMB Mysuru, said the trade fair would position Mysuru as an emerging international business destination while showcasing the city's rich culture. ENS

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#### POSSESSION NOTICE

Notice Regarding Possession of Immovable Property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 r/w, Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited under Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 20-08-2025 and the publication in local newspapers on 30-09-2025 calling upon the borrower/s, guarantor (1) Mrs Sarojamma (Borrower & Mortgagor) W/o Ramaiyah P/l No 152500100072029 Katha No 7/1/ Gopalapura Village Chavakkad Grama Panchayath Chikkakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur Karnataka-572119 (2) Mr. Jagannatha (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) S/o Ramalath P/l No 152500100072029 Katha No 7/1/ Gopalapura Village Chavakkad Grama Panchayath Chikkakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur Karnataka-572119 (3) Mrs. N Sumithra (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) W/o Jagannatha M P/l No 152500100072029 Katha No 7/1/ Gopalapura Village Chavakkad Grama Panchayath Chikkakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur Karnataka-572119 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being to Rs. 1,90,043.29/- (Rupees: One Lakh Ninety Thousand Forty Three and Twenty Nine Paise Only) as on 20-08-2025 and further interest from 21-08-2025 within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of the above said Rules on this 23rd Dec 2025.

The borrower/guarantor 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 the Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited for an amount of Rs.1,92,966.86/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six and Eighty Six Paise Only) as on 19-12-2025 and further interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property : Property in name of Mrs. Sarojamma:**

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No 7/1/ and E-Katha No 152500100072029, Measuring: East-West: 8,2296 Meter & North-South: 10,4785 Meter admeasuring 86.89 Sq Mtrs and House measuring no 87.79 Sq Mtrs Situated at Gopalapura Village Chikkakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur. South by: Gali, North by: Road, Grama Tana, Measuring: East-West: 8,2296 Meter & North-South: 10,6688000000000001 Meter Total site area measuring 87.79 Sq Mtrs and House measuring no 87.79 Sq Mtrs. Together with all existing building and structure thereon and building and structure as may be erected/constructed there upon any time from/after the date of respective mortgages and all additions thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machineries attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future. Charges is Created for documents.

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The borrower/guarantor 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 the Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited for an amount of Rs.5,02,469.16/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine and Sixteen Paise Only) as on 19-12-2025 and further interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property : Property in name of Mr. Chandrahal:**

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No 7/1/ and E-Katha No 152500100072029, Measuring: East-West: 13,7160000000000001 Meter & North-South: 4,8765 Meter admeasuring 66.89 Sq Mtrs and House measuring no 66.89 Sq Mtrs Situated at Gurigaranahalli Grama Karanapura Gram Panchayath Chikkakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur. South by: Gali, North by: Grama Tana, Measuring: East-West: 13,7160000000000001 Meter & North-South: 4,8765 Meter admeasuring 66.89 Sq Mtrs. Together with all existing building and structure thereon and building and structure as may be erected/constructed there upon any time from/after the date of respective mortgages and all additions thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machineries attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future. Charges is Created for documents.

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