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Gelatin sticks during PM's B'loru visit: Six policemen suspended

BENGALURU, DHNS

Six policemen were placed under suspension pending inquiry after gelatin sticks were found on the outskirts of Bengaluru during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently.

Following orders by R Srinivas Gowda, Superintendent of Police, Bengaluru South District, a Police Sub-Inspector (PSI), an Assistant Police Sub-Inspector (ASI), and four constables were suspended for alleged dereliction of duty.

The incident occurred on May 10 when two gelatin sticks, six incense sticks, a matchbox, cellophane tapes, a battery pack, wires and what appeared to be a circuit board were found 20 feet from a mud road adjacent to the forest area close to Kanakapura Road.

The prime minister was in the city to participate in the celebrations marking 45 years of The Art of Living and the 70th birthday of its founder, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The explosives were found nearly one-and-a-half hours ahead of the prime minister's visit.

The Kaggalipura police in Bengaluru South district registered the FIR under Section 4 (punishment for attempt to cause explosion, or for making or keeping explosive with intent to endanger life or property) of the Explosive Substances Act and Section 9B (punishment for certain offences) of the Explosives Act.

The police were yet to make any arrests in the case or trace the source of the explosives. A team from the premier National Investigation Agency (NIA) also arrived from Delhi to assist them in the probe, but to no avail.

Probe ordered after life convict walks out using fake SC orders

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a shocking case, a fresh investigation has been launched after a life convict allegedly walked out of the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in Bengaluru eight years ago using forged Supreme Court documents.

The Parappana Agrahara police on May 20 registered a fresh FIR against Shankar A, who had been imprisoned in connection with a 2001 kidnapping-for-ransom case.

He has been booked under IPC sections 465, 466, 468, 471, 472 and 420, relating to cheating, forgery and fabrication of court records.

According to the FIR, the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services ordered an internal probe after receiving a petition alleging that the prisoner had secured his release using fake court orders. The inquiry reportedly confirmed the allegations.

The probe revealed that Shankar walked out of the prison on November 13, 2018, using the forged documents and after paying a Rs 10,000 fine. Efforts are on to trace him.

Investigators also suspect serious lapses on the part of prison officials serving at the time, as they failed to verify the authenticity of the documents or follow due procedure before releasing the convict.

A separate inquiry is under way to ascertain whether any officials were complicit or negligent.

Bakrid rush drives up sheep prices as transport costs soar

ARNABLI MALLICK & BHUMIKA GAONKAR BENGALURU, DHNS

Bakrid markets across the city are witnessing brisk business, with sheep arrivals and prices rising sharply ahead of the festival next week.

Livestock traders said transport costs have increased significantly this year, pushing up sheep prices across markets.

"We used to spend Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for travel. Now, we spend around Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000," said Surya Babu, manager of Bengaluru's biggest slaughterhouse on Tannery Road.

Some traders linked the increase in transport costs to the war in West Asia.

Major sheep markets in the city include HBR Layout, Chamaraajpet, Tilaknagar and Shivajinagar. However, many buyers are travelling outside the city to purchase sheep and goats at lower prices during the festival season.

"If you buy an animal from Bengaluru, it costs you a lot more, especially during the festival season. I got my sheep from Ranabennur. It cost me Rs 2,60 lakh for eight Amingad sheep," said a resident of BTM Layout.

Popular breeds are brought from Bannur, Sindhurav, and Amingad.

"The prices vary according to the sheep. People pay more for the bulkier and more beefed up ones," said Jafar Pasha, a sheep seller in Chamaraajpet.

Traders said pricing also depends on the age requirement determined through the animal's teeth.

"If a sheep has four teeth, then it sells at a higher rate. Another breed exists that has two teeth, but meets the criteria of age, still sells at a lesser rate," said Tushweth Khan, a seller in Shivajinagar.

Mutton prices have also risen ahead of the festival. "The prices have increased in the market, so we also had to increase it. Last year, it used to be around Rs 750 a kilo and now we sell it for Rs 850 to Rs 880 a kg," a mutton shop owner at KR Market said.



Livestock on sale at a market in Chamaraajpet. DH PHOTO/ARNABLI MALLICK

Exotic livestock The top preferred breeds are brought from Bannur, Sindhurav, Amingad, Sira, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Nagpur, Rajasthan, Baradi and Mumbai.

Prices range from Rs 78,000 to Rs 2 lakh per sheep, depending on the breed and weight of the animal. Some traders also source cattle from Australia, Singapore and the African countries.

Unauthorised sheds removed

Several unauthorised temporary sheep and goat market sheds set up across the city were removed by officials of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Temporary sheds, tarpaulin enclosures, and iron barricades erected illegally on public roads, footpaths and vacant government land for livestock trading were cleared during the drive.

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(Case No. MP/06/2026)

- The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/06/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.
- The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Homi Mody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad.

- Other salient features of the Application:**
 - The Tata Power Company Limited is catering to the power demand of the consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
 - Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4850 CKM and more than 99.99% reliability, which is among the highest in the country.
 - Tata Power has remarkable performance at Tata Power - DDJ, Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL).
 - Tata Power has been engaged in the business of distribution of electricity for over a century and is thereby in possession of unrivalled expertise and capabilities to manage the increasingly complex electricity distribution business. The Petitioner intends to leverage multiple synergies and thus cater to the ever-increasing power demand of consumers in the proposed area of supply i.e. the geographically connected area comprising three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad.
 - The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM).
- Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:**
Public Limited Company - CIN [L28290MH1919PLC000567]
- Shareholding Pattern:**

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 st March 2025)
(i)	Promoter & Promoter Group	1497257565
(ii)	Public	1698081982
(iii)	Non Promoter - Non Public	0
(iv)	Shares Underlying DRs	0
(v)	Shares Held By Employee Trust	0
(vi)	Total	3195339547

- Management Profile (Board of Directors):**

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non- Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary 'Doctor of Letters', Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
2	Dr. Praveer Sinha, Managing Director & CEO	• Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi • Masters in Business Law from National Law School, Bangalore • Electrical Engineering degree from Delhi College of Engineering	• Power sector expert • Leadership in power generation and distribution	Over 36 years
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10	Pramod Agarwal Independent Non-Executive Director	• B. Tech (Civil) - IIT Mumbai • M. Tech (Design Engineering) IIT Delhi.	• Former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, Principal Secretary in Government of Madhya Pradesh • Project management, Strategic alliances • Tactical planning	Over 30+ years in civil services

- Summary of activities and past experience in similar activities:**
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- Distribution License in Delhi:** Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power - DDJ) was incorporated in July 2002 as a Joint Venture of the Tata Power Company Limited (51%) and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (49%) on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Tata Power - DDJ serves customer base of about 2.1 million, manages an electricity distribution network of about 12500 CKM. The AT&C loss levels have been reduced from 53.1% in 2002 to 5.54% in 2025.
- Distribution License in Central Odisha:** Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha with the majority stake being held by Tata Power Company (51%). TPCODL serves a customer base of 3.3 million over a vast distribution area of 29,354 sq. km. Starting from 30.49% at the time of acquisition in June 2020, the AT&C losses now stand at 19.8%. TPCODL manages an electricity distribution network of 11419 Ckt. Km.
- Distribution License in Northern Odisha:** Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) was formed in April 2021 as a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Ltd (49%) to carry out the function of distribution and retail supply of electricity. TPNODL serves customer base of 2.2 million, spanning across an area of 27920 sq. kms. The AT&C losses for the year stood at 12.6% at the end of FY 25 which is an achievement of 4.49% less than the target of 17.09% assigned by the Hon'ble OERC. TPNODL operates 566 power transformers, 81168 distribution transformers and 164629 ckm of Network.
- Distribution License in Southern Odisha:** Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) started its operations in January 2021. With a consumer base of about 2.2 million, TPSODL spans for around 48,751 Sq. kms. in the southern parts of Odisha. TPSODL manages and operates 112955 ckt. of network. The peak demand recorded was 798 MVA.
- Distribution License in Western Odisha:** Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Limited (49%) and started its operations in January 2021. TPWODL had a registered customer base of 2.2 million covering 48,373 sq. km. TPWODL manages and operates 692 power transformers, 82752 distribution transformers, 179694 Ckt. Km. of Network. The AT&C losses during FY 25 were 17.1%. Peak demand recorded was 1780 MW.
- Distribution Franchisee in Ajmer:** Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL) is a distribution franchisee having signed a Distribution Franchise Agreement (DFA) with Ajmer Vidyal Vitan Nigam Limited. TPADL is responsible for operating and maintaining the distribution network in Ajmer City and managing the billing and collection across an area of around 200 Sq. Kms. TPADL has contributed towards reduction of AT&C losses from 17.2% to 7.8%.

- Proposed area of supply, its description and number of consumers proposed to be served:** The Tata Power Company Limited seeks to undertake distribution and supply of power in the geographically connected area comprising of three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad. The aforementioned areas cover either entirely or partially the area of 1. Belagavi City Corporation 2. Gokak City Municipal Council 3. Nippani City Municipal Council 4. Dandeli City Municipal Council 5. Karwara City Municipal Council 6. Sirsi City Municipal Council 7. Hubballi-Dharwad City Corporation TPC will serve more than 38,500 (Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred) consumers by the end of 3 years from grant of Licence.
- Contact details of the nodal person from whom copy of application may be obtained for inspection or purchase:**

(i) Name and Designation of Person	Shri Manish Dahake, Group Head - Network Planning & Consumer Engineering (City)
(ii) Address of the office from where to obtain copy of application for inspection or purchase:	The Tata Power Company Limited, Distribution Division, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Panel, Mumbai 400 013, India.
(iii) Detailed application documents along with CD (in English) (on payment of Rs. 150/- in cash or by DD/ Cheque drawn on [The Tata Power Company Limited] payable at Mumbai).	
(iv) Detailed application documents (in English) (on payment of Rs. 100/-);	
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- Website address from where the copy of application and other documents mentioned therein may be downloaded free of cost: Website: www.tatapower.com
- The Tata Power Company Limited hereby confirms and declares that the Applicant duly complies with the additional requirements laid down under Rule 3 of The Distribution of Electricity Licence (Additional Requirements of Capital Adequacy, Creditworthiness and Code of Conduct) Rules, 2005 (amended from time to time) notified by the Central Government. TPCL has filed Licence Application as detailed hereinabove and also enclosed all the compliance documents as part of the application.
- In response to the Public Notice published, every person who intends to file suggestions/objections can submit the same in English or Kannada language in writing to email id: asst.secykerc@gmail.com. In case of difficulty in accessing this feature, the concerned stakeholder can contact the KERC Office on Mobile No.: 8147 144 627 or on email id: asst.secykerc@gmail.com in between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on all the working days.
- A Person who has submitted his / her suggestion / objection through email id mentioned above need not file any hard copy of its submission. Persons who do not have access to electronic media can file their suggestion/objection in a hard copy addressed to the Secretary, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, Address: No 16C-1, Millers Road, Kaverappa Layout, Vasanthi Nagar, Bengaluru Karnataka 560052, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, along with proof of service on Mr. V. H. Wagle, Tata Power Company Limited [Tel: (91-22)-67172953. Email: vidyadhar.wagle@tatapower.com] and should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. Suggestions and/or objections received after 5 PM on 23rd June 2026 shall not be considered. Suggestions/Objections filed through any other mode shall not be considered.
- TPCL shall reply to each of the objections/comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than 27th June 2026 for all the objections/comments received till 23rd June 2026.

Sd/-
Vidyadhar Hari Wagle
Chief - Regulatory
The Tata Power Company Limited

Place: Mumbai
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Sd/-
Vidyadhar Hari Wagle
Chief - Regulatory
The Tata Power Company Limited

Place: Mumbai
Date: 25th May, 2026

Garments workers cry foul over revision of minimum wages

BENGALURU, DHNS

textile workers to economic stagnation.

The Garment and Textile Workers' Union (GATWU) has condemned the state government's latest minimum wage notification, accusing it of gender discrimination and penalising millions of its poorest workers.

While the union welcomed the state's decision to hike minimum wages for several sectors by up to 60%, it lashed out at the government for intentionally excluding 19 major labour-intensive industries predominantly employing women from the immediate revision.

In a final official notification issued on May 22, 2026, the Department of Labour stated that the revision aimed to standardise minimum wage rates across scheduled employments to ensure equal minimum wages for all classes of workers.

However, GATWU has termed this claim a complete falsehood, pointing out that a special clause in the directive pushes lakhs of garment and

"The garment sector in Karnataka alone employs over four lakh workers nearly 80% of whom are women. Currently, a garment worker in Bengaluru earns a meager minimum wage of Rs 13,000 per month.

"The government has shown negligence towards the most vulnerable workforce," said Pratibha R, President of GATWU.

"Our workers are already earning 30% less than labourers in other manufacturing and commercial sectors. For the last 40 years, the garment industry has consistently faced injustice during wage revisions. Excluding us from this uniform hike while raising wages for others by 60% is both inhumane and deeply unjust," she added.

GATWU has demanded that the chief minister and the Labour Department to bring the garment sector, along with the other 18 sidelined industries, under the standardised uniform minimum wage revision.

Work to preserve manuscripts gains pace; 2.13L mapped

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR BENGALURU, DHNS

The Jnana Bhandar Bill 2026 passed in the budget session to preserve manuscripts in the state has gained momentum with the archaeology department mapping 2,13,730 manuscripts so far. The process will be completed soon.

The highest number of manuscripts have been found in Bengaluru Urban district at 55,999, followed by Bagalkot with 48,700 manuscripts. Information on manuscripts from Ballari, Belagavi, Bidar, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Koppal and other districts is yet to be made available.

Devaraj A, commissioner of archaeology department, told DH, "We are provided with enumerators from Karnataka Sanskrit University for 28 districts, Oriental Research Institute (Mysuru) for two districts and Karnataka Samkrutha Pratishtana for one district. It is an ongoing project, we aim to find more manuscripts. We will complete the exercise by end of May".

The survey covers manuscripts (palm-leaf and paper). The enumerators visit places where they have information about availability and upload photos, details of manuscripts like language, age and location on an app called Jnana Bharatam.

Each district is allocated to four or five enumerators. The details of the custodians of the

manuscripts are also uploaded on the app.

The enumerators usually visit museums, mutts, other religious spots and places of scholars, seeking manuscripts. Currently, Karnataka Sanskrit University has about 40,000 manuscripts.

Dr Vinayak Acharya, nodal officer, Karnataka Sanskrit University, said, "The training for enumerators on how to use the app and upload manuscripts has been provided".

On challenges in the exercise, Acharya said, "The summer has slowed down our process to some extent as enumerators in north Karnataka region find it really difficult to step out in the heat. The other issue is when the manuscripts are available with individuals, they tend to hold on to it without providing information," the officer said.

"Though we try to explain to them that we will return it to them after scanning it, they refuse to part with it because of an emotional connect. In future, there are plans to preserve it in a different way, if the current format doesn't work," he added.

School headmaster arrested in POC SO case in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS:

The Srirampura police has arrested the headmaster of a government-aided primary school for allegedly sexually assaulting a student, officials said on Sunday.

The incident came to light after the girl was found on one-and-a-half months pregnant.

According to the police, the suspect, Chandraiah, 59, was allegedly abusing the minor for

nearly a year.

Following a complaint, the Srirampura police registered a case under relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and arrested the suspect. He has been remanded in judicial custody.

The survivor was provided medical care and moved to a government rehabilitation facility for further care and safety.

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- The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/03/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution License to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising Six (6) revenue districts of BESCOM namely Chikkaballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Chitradurga under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.
- The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Horni Moody Street, Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising Six (6) revenue districts of BESCOM namely Chikkaballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Chitradurga

- Other salient features of the Application:**
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 - The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM).
- Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:**
 - Public Limited Company - CIN [L28920MH1919PLC000567]

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 st March 2025)
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(ii)	Public	1698081982
(iii)	Non Promoter - Non Public	0
(iv)	Shares Underlying DRs	0
(v)	Shares Held By Employee Trust	0
(vi)	Total	3195339547

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1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non- Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary 'Doctor of Letters', Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
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10	Pramod Agarwal Independent Non-Executive Director	• B. Tech (Civil) - IIT Mumbai • M. Tech (Design Engineering) IIT Delhi	• Former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, Principal Secretary in Government of Madhya Pradesh • Project management, Strategic alliances • Tactical planning	Over 30+ years in civil services

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(i) Name and Designation of Person	Shri Manish Dahake, Group Head - Network Planning & Consumer Engineering (City)
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Tumakuru Metro: DPR pitches for pvt investment with 30-yr concession

'Viable if addl 133 acres are given for commercial devpt'

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS:

The proposed extension of Namma Metro from Madavara (BIEC) here to Tumakuru can be implemented through a public-private partnership (PPP) model, but it is "financially viable" only when an additional 133.71 acres of land is opened for commercial development, the detailed project report (DPR) states.

The DPR - which Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) submitted to the government on Saturday - has a chapter that studies various funding models to implement Karnataka's first inter-district Metro corridor including full-funding by the government, viability gap funding (VGF) and private conces-

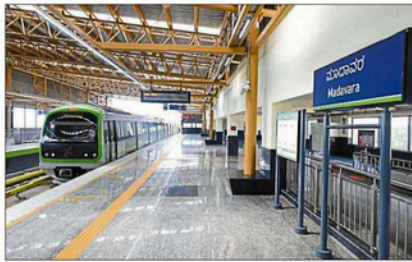
sionaire-led BOT (build-operate-transfer) models.

The project, comprising 16 stations, estimates the overall cost under various models between Rs 17,785 crore and Rs 19,361 crore, depending on funding structure adopted.

According to the DPR, the PPP-VGF model with additional property development of 133.71 acres yields a private equity internal rate of return (IRR) of 16.27% and a net present value of Rs 370 crore to the public entity, making the project financially viable.

The report notes that without the additional property development component, the project may fail to attract private investment.

Under a standard VGF model which involves 20% funding support each from the Centre and state government, the



A file photo of Madavara metro station - the last on Tumakuru Road. The project, comprising 16 stations, estimates the overall cost under various models between Rs 17,785 crore and Rs 19,361 crore.

private entity IRR works out to 9.7%, well below the target pre-tax equity IRR of 16%.

The DPR states that increasing government support to 31.5% each by the Centre and state would still make the project financially unviable.

To overcome this, the consultants have proposed monetising land parcels along the Metro corridor, expected to come up on service roads of the national highway, through property development.

Revenue generated from commercial exploitation of these lands has been factored into non-fare box revenue calculations to improve viability.

The report also evaluates a 'PPP fixed fee model', under which the state government would pay the private operator an annual fixed fee of Rs 1,400 crore in exchange for operating and maintaining the corridor. In this model too, additional property development land has been

considered essential.

Under the proposed BOT framework, the private partner would be responsible for designing, financing, constructing, operating and maintaining the metro corridor for a concession period of around 30 years, before transferring the system to the government.

The DPR, however, cautions that PPP metro projects across India have struggled due to lower-than-expected fare revenues. It cites examples of Delhi Airport Metro line, Hyderabad Metro, Mumbai Metro Line-1 and Rapid Metro Gurgaon, many of which later required government intervention.

"Government funding Metro projects (special purpose vehicle - SPV model) are the preferred model," the report states. "The SPV model with innovative finances offers greater control and is more traditional. The PPP model, when combined with additional property development, emerges as a financially viable and investment attractive option that supports long-term urban infrastructure".

DMK slams Shivakumar over Mekedatu dam

CHENNAI, PTI: The DMK on Sunday lashed out at Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar over the Mekedatu dam issue, alleging he displayed "arrogant attitude" by claiming that Tamil Nadu had no right to raise objection over the project on River Cauvery.

As per the Supreme Court order, no construction activity could be done at Mekedatu without prior permission of the lower riparian states, senior DMK leader K N Nehru said.

He claimed Shivakumar has said that Tamil Nadu has no right to object to the dam "and this shows his arrogant attitude".

"Looks like he has made such remarks thinking that a weak coalition government is in place in Tamil Nadu. He has made these audacious remarks thinking there will be no opposition since his Congress party is part of the government in the state," Nehru said in a statement.

"Shivakumar has said the Karnataka government is keen on constructing the dam. Our leader (DMK chief M K Stalin) will not hesitate to make any sacrifice to ensure Tamil Nadu's right on Cauvery river," Nehru added.

"The chief minister (C. Joseph Vijay) should strongly condemn the deputy chief minister for his remarks on (Tamil Nadu's) rights over Cauvery river... he should thwart efforts to construct the dam in the initial phase itself," the DMK leader demanded.



A railway underpass near Kurekappa in Torangal hobli of Ballari district is flooded following heavy rains on Saturday night.



Rainwater accumulates at National Highway widening site near Ranginakatta in Bhatkal of Uttara Kannada district.

Youth dies, several counts of cattle perish in rain-related incidents

BENGALURU, DHNS

Heavy rain, accompanied by thunder, lightning and gusty winds, pounded north Karnataka districts on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. A youth died and another was injured while several heads of cattle perished in rain-related incidents.

The overnight downpour infused new lease of life into several waterbodies in the parched Kalyana Karnataka districts. A makeshift bridge between Chiralat and Bomanal in Sindhanur taluk was swept away by an overflowing stream. Several villages were

cut off following flash floods at Hirehalli stream near Hutti Gold Mines. Several heads of cattle died and haystacks perished in lightning strikes in Lingasugur taluk. The horticultural crops in Mudgal area were damaged following the thunderstorm. Strong winds have brought down hundreds of papaya trees in the area.

More than 225 electricity poles and 41 transformers were uprooted due to gusty winds in Yadgir district. Power supply was affected in many villages of the district. Kalaburagi and Bidar also witnessed thundershowers.

Thatched huts of the alemari (nomads) community were blown away in the storm at Ramanagar on the outskirts of Kalaburagi.

Kiran Kurabadi (23) died while pillar rider Mahesh Hulli (25) suffered injuries after their bike skidded off the wet road and rammed into a tree that was brought down by the gusty winds, on Sunday morning.

The incident occurred when they were going to a factory for work. Mahesh has been admitted to the Koppal district hospital.

Many parts of Vijayanagara district, including Hosapete, Hagaribommanahalli and Gadiganur, continued to experience thundershowers. Hosapete received 62 mm of rain in the last 24 hours, while Malavi in HB halli taluk recorded 79 mm and Gudekote saw 71 mm of rain.

Rainwater mixed with sewage gushed into houses in Gadiganur. The residents staged a protest by blocking the Hosapete-Ballari highway for two hours, blaming the haphazard works being carried out by the authorities while repairing the highway.

Heavy rains in the past few days have infused life into Malavi reservoir in Hagaribommanahalli.

Hubbali-Dharwad, many parts of Belagavi districts also experienced heavy overnight rain with heightened thunder

activity. Vehicular movement on the highway near Rangeenakatte in Bhatkal town was affected after rainwater filled trenches dug for road widening work. Karwar and Honnavar also saw downpour late Saturday night. Herangadi in Honnavar taluk witnessed 120 mm of rain, highest in state in the last 24 hours.

Heavy rains, coupled with thunder activity and gusty winds damaged houses, uprooted trees and disrupted traffic at several places in Udipi district. The district recorded an average rainfall of 35.5 mm in the past 24 hours. The overnight rain disrupted traffic on the Kollur-Byndoor national highway after a portion of the road caved in. However, swift restoration work by authorities enabled the resumption of vehicular traffic within hours.

Meanwhile, the IMD has predicted rains with thunder activity in the old Mysuru region for next four days.

Dawood Ibrahim alive and well in Karachi, says crime writer Hussain Zaidi

BENGALURU, DHNS: Underworld don Dawood Ibrahim is healthy, active and living under state protection near Karachi port in Pakistan, veteran crime journalist and author Hussain Zaidi revealed at the Dead Write Bangalore Literature Festival on Sunday.

Speaking at a session titled "The Dawood Saga Continues" at Bangalore International Centre (BIC), he dismissed recurring media rumours on the fugitive's critical health and deathbed confinement.

"It is an optical illusion and an oft-repeated lie," Zaidi said, in conversation with Shailendra Jha. "Dawood is hale and hearty. He suffered a minor bout of food poisoning some time ago and was briefly admitted to Prince Aly Khan Hospital. "I have it from his right-hand man that Dawood is hearty and living near Karachi port. The location is entirely strategic. If India ever attempts a surgical strike or an invasion to capture him, he has an immediate, seamless escape route via sea or air. He is far from dying," he said.



(Left) Author-journalist Shailendra Jha in conversation with veteran crime journalist-writer Hussain Zaidi at a session at Dead Write Bangalore literature festival on Sunday. DH PHOTO/VIBUSHA

Zaidi described Pakistan's relationship with the don as a form of Stockholm Syndrome. "They are trapped in a cage of their own making," he said. "They cannot let him go, they cannot be proud of him and they cannot openly admit he is there. Yet, he remains far too useful for their proxy agendas against India."

When asked about psychological pressure and safety risks of reporting on gangsters, Zaidi emphasised the necessity of maintaining a strict, uncompromising professional boundary.

"The Mumbai mafia loves to build a mythology around themselves and co-opt journalists. They will invite you over for biryani on Eid or invite you to weddings," he said. "My simple rule: I never intermingle. I have never wished them Eid Mubarak, I never attend their gatherings, and I switch off my phone during festivals. You cannot wine and dine with them if you want to remain objective." He said filmmakers often distort real events to satisfy celebrity egos. "Sometimes books are not just changed; they are mutilated,"



K-RIDE managing director Lakshman Singh and others inspect work on the Kanaka line of the Bengaluru suburban railway project on Sunday.

K-RIDE MD inspects progress of work on Kanaka line

BENGALURU, DHNS: The top brass of the Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprise (K-RIDE), which is implementing the much-delayed Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project, inspected the progress of Corridor 4 (A), also known as Kanaka Line, on Saturday.

The team led by K-RIDE MD Lakshman Singh visited places such as Heelalige, Carmelaram and Marathahalli, where railway stations are proposed.

At Heelalige, they reviewed station box works, track planning and public accessibility

measures. Later, the team visited Carmelaram to reviewed track slewing proposals and integrated flyover execution plans to minimise public inconvenience. Subsequently, Marathahalli was reviewed, where K-RIDE plans to build an elevated station.

During the visit, the MD was accompanied by senior officials of K-RIDE and representatives from RVNL-Rithvik JV, which is executing the project.

Other stretches of the corridor are currently under tendering stage.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice inviting suggestions/objection on the Application filed by The Tata Power Company Limited for grant of Distribution Licence under Section 14 and Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir.

(Case No. MP/05/2026)

- The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/05/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir, under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15(2) of the Act.
- The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Horni Moody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir
- Other salient features of the Application:
 - The Tata Power Company Limited is catering to the power demand of the consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
 - Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4650 CKM and more than 99.99% reliability, which is among the highest in the country.
 - Tata Power has remarkable performance at Tata Power - DL, Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL).
 - Tata Power has been engaged in the business of distribution of electricity for over a century and is thereby in possession of unrivalled expertise and capabilities to manage the increasingly complex electricity distribution business. The Petitioner intends to leverage multiple synergies and thus cater to the ever-increasing power demand of consumers in the proposed area of supply i.e. the geographically connected area comprising four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir.
 - The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM).
- Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:
Public Limited Company - CIN [L28200MH1919PLC000567]
- Shareholding Pattern:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 st March 2025)
(i)	Promoter & Promoter Group	1497257565
(ii)	Public	1698081962
(iii)	Non Promoter - Non Public	0
(iv)	Shares Underlying DRs	0
(v)	Shares Held By Employee Trust	0
(vi)	Total	3195339547
- Management Profile (Board of Directors):

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non- Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary Doctor of Letters, Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
2	Dr. Praveer Sinha, Managing Director & CEO	• Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi • Master's in Business Law from National Law School, Bangalore • Electrical Engineering degree from Delhi College of Engineering	• Power sector expert • Leadership in power generation and distribution	Over 36 years
3	Ms. Anjali Bansal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Computer Engineering • Master's in International Finance and Business from Columbia University	• Expertise in corporate governance • Experience in technology and financial services sectors	Over 20 years
4	Mr. Ashok Sinha, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur • MBA from IIM Bangalore	• Extensive experience in the energy sector • Former Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL	Over 38 years
5	Mr. Rajiv Mehriishi, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Master's in History • MBA from University of Strathclyde, UK	• Former Comptroller and Auditor General of India • Expertise in public administration and finance	Over 40 years in civil services
6	Ms. Vibha Padalkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Chartered Accountant	• Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Life Insurance Company • Expertise in finance and insurance sectors	Over 30 years
7	Mr. Saurabh Agrawal, Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Roorkee • PGDM from IIM Calcutta	• Group Chief Financial Officer of Tata Sons • Expertise in corporate finance and strategy	Over 25 years
8	Mr. Sanjay V. Bhandarkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur	• Former Managing Director of Rothschild India • Experience in investment banking and corporate finance	Over 30 years
9	Mr. Tarun Bajaj, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Commerce from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University • MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad • M.Sc. from London School of Economics and Political Science	• Former Revenue Secretary, Government of India • Expertise in finance, taxation, and public administration	Over 34 years in civil services
10	Pramod Agarwal Independent Non-Executive Director	• B.Tech (Civil) - IIT Mumbai • M. Tech (Design Engineering) IIT Delhi.	• Former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, Principal Secretary in Government of Madhya Pradesh • Project management, Strategic alliances • Tactical planning	Over 30+ years in civil services
- Summary of activities and past experience in similar activities:
In the electricity distribution sector, Tata Power is providing uninterrupted, affordable, and reliable power supply to consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
 - Distribution License in Mumbai:** The Hon'ble MERC granted a Distribution License to Tata Power (Distribution License No. 1 of 2014) for a period of 25 years for Mumbai City, and part of Mumbai Suburban Area, (areas of Mira Bhayandar of Municipal Corporation including area covered under Chene and Varsave). Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms., with a network length of 4,650 CKM and peak demand of 1,076 MW. Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai operates a state-of-the-art electricity distribution network with distribution losses of around 1.24%.
 - Distribution License in Delhi:** Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power - DD) was incorporated in July 2002 as a Joint Venture of the Tata Power Company Limited (51%) and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (49%) on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Tata Power - DD, serves customer base of about 2.1 million, manages an electricity distribution network of about 12500 CKM. The AT&C loss levels have been reduced from 53.1% in 2002 to 5.54% in 2025.
 - Distribution License in Central Odisha:** Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha with the majority stake being held by Tata Power Company (51%). TPCODL serves a customer base of 3.3 million over a vast distribution area of 29,354 sq. km. Starting from 30.49% at the time of acquisition in June 2020, the AT&C losses now stand at 19.6%. TPCODL manages an electricity distribution network of 14119 Ckt. Km.
 - Distribution License in Northern Odisha:** Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) was formed in April 2021 as a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Ltd (49%) to carry out the function of distribution and retail supply of electricity. TPNODL serves customer base of 2 million, spanning across an area of 27920 sq. kms. The AT&C losses for the year stood at 12.6% at the end of FY 25 which is an achievement of 4.49% less than the target of 17.09% assigned by the Hon'ble OERC. TPNODL operates 566 power transformers, 81168 distribution transformers and 164629 ckm of Network.
 - Distribution License in Southern Odisha:** Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) started its operations in January 2021. With a customer base of about 2.2 million, TPSODL spans for around 48,751 Sq. kms. in the southern parts of Odisha. TPSODL manages and operates 112955 ckm of network. The peak demand recorded was 793 MVA.
 - Distribution License in Western Odisha:** Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Limited (49%) and started its operations in January 2021. TPWODL has a registered customer base of 2.2 million covering 48,373 sq. km. TPWODL manages and operates 692 power transformers, 82752 distribution transformers, 179694 Ckt. Km. of Network. The AT&C losses during FY 25 were 17.1%. Peak demand recorded was 1780 MW.
 - Distribution Franchisee in Ajmer:** Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL) is a distribution franchisee having signed a Distribution Franchise Agreement (DFA) with Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited. TPADL is responsible for operating and maintaining the distribution network in Ajmer City and managing the billing and collection across an area of around 200 Sq. Kms. TPADL has contributed towards reduction of AT&C losses from 17.2% to 7.8%.
- Proposed area of supply, its description and number of consumers proposed to be served: The Tata Power Company Limited seeks to undertake distribution and supply of power in the geographically connected area comprising four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir. The aforementioned areas cover either entirely or partially the area of 1. Ballari City Corporation 2. Kalaburagi City Corporation 3. Raichur City Corporation 4. Sriraguppa City Municipal Council 5. Shahabad City Municipal Council 6. Sindhanur City Municipal Council 7. Shahapur City Municipal Council 8. Surapur City Municipal Council 9. Yadgir City Municipal Council
TPC will serve more than 51,000 (Fifty-one Thousand) consumers by the end of 3 years from Grant of Licence.
- Contact details of the nodal person from whom copy of application may be obtained for inspection or purchase:

(i) Name and Designation of Person	Shri. Manish Dabake, Group Head - Network Planning & Consumer Engineering (City)
(ii) Address of the office from where to obtain copy of application for inspection or purchase:	The Tata Power Company Limited, Distribution Division, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, India.
(iii) Detailed application documents along with CD (in English) (on payment of Rs. 150/- in cash or by DD/ Cheque drawn on [The Tata Power Company Limited] payable at Mumbai).	
(iv) Detailed application documents (in English) (on payment of Rs. 100/-):	
(v) CD of detailed application document (in English) (on payment of Rs. 50/-):	
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Yadwaj Hari Wagle
Chief - Regulatory
The Tata Power Company Limited

Place: Mumbai
Date: 25th May, 2026