

Govt. sets up UMMCB to tackle traffic issues

Urban Mobility Mission Committee for Bengaluru aims to develop an integrated, efficient, sustainable, and tech-driven urban mobility system for city

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The Karnataka government has constituted the Urban Mobility Mission Committee (UMMCB) under the chairmanship of Home Minister Priyank Kharge to bring various government agencies, private mobility operators, technology companies, experts, and citizen groups onto a common platform to tackle the city's growing traffic and mobility challenges.

According to an order issued by the government on Saturday, the committee has been formed to develop an integrated, efficient, sustainable, and technology-driven urban mobility system for Bengaluru. The committee will include additional chief secretaries and senior officers of departments concerning urban mobility.

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UMMCB will focus on integrating public and private transport, first- and last-mile connectivity, and pedestrian infrastructure while using data-driven interventions to reduce congestion. FILE PHOTO

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The committee also envisages preparing a unified Bengaluru Mobility Action Plan, identifying congestion-prone roads and junctions, developing a Bengaluru Mobility Dashboard, and establishing a data-sharing system. It will also work on pedestrian and cy-

cling infrastructure and connectivity around metro, bus, and suburban railway stations.

“The city's rapid growth has resulted in worsening traffic congestion, longer travel times, inadequate first- and last-mile connectivity, parking problems, uncoordinated public transport systems, and increasing pressure on road space,” the government or-

Committee composition

Chairperson: Home Minister
Vice-chairman: ACS of Urban Development Department
Member departments
■ Home Department
■ Greater Bengaluru Authority
■ Public Works Department
■ Bengaluru City and Traffic Police
■ Directorate of Urban Land Transport
■ Transport Department (BMT, Metro)
■ K-RIDE
■ National highway agencies

der said, adding that it was also affecting the city's productivity, economic efficiency, and quality of life of citizens.

7 working groups

Seven working groups have been constituted to focus on traffic management and road safety, public transport integration, first- and last-mile connectivity, corporate and tech-

nology cluster mobility, digital mobility and data, urban freight and delivery mobility, and infrastructure and roadworks coordination.

The UMMCB will meet every three months, while its working groups will meet quarterly. Progress reports will be submitted every three months, with an annual report to be submitted to the State government.

Private players too

A wide range of private mobility and logistics players have also been brought into the institutional framework. Representatives of Namma Yatri, MoveInSync, Uber, Rapido, and Ola will be part of the committee. It will also include hotel, school, and college associations, autorickshaw and taxi associations, employee transport services, and parking technology companies.

Delivery and logistics companies will also be part of the committee. Technology and employment

hubs, including the Outer Ring Road Companies Association, Manyata Tech Park, Whitefield, Electronics City, ITPL/ITPB, Bagmane Tech Park, and Embassy Tech Village, will also have representatives on the committee.

IISc, IIIT-B, and IIMB, besides civil society organisations working on road safety and sustainable transport, have also been included.

“The key objective of this mission is to bring all relevant institutions, the private sector, technology companies, experts, and citizens onto a common platform and develop comprehensive solutions instead of taking isolated measures to address Bengaluru's mobility challenges,” Mr. Kharge said.

“The committee will also work on improving commuter safety, reliability, and connectivity and developing solutions for major employment hubs such as the ORR, Manyata Tech Park, Whitefield, and Electronics City,” he said.

#THTalksBengaluru: Ask your question to Krishna Byre Gowda

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Bengaluru is buzzing with civic action on the ground, be it special drives clearing footpaths, garbage or abandoned vehicles, earning both praise and criticism.

The man at the forefront of these drives is the new Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. Readers can ask questions to Mr. Gowda on August 13 as he participates in *The Hindu's* interactive programme ‘THTalksBengaluru.’ A six-time MLA, elected four times from Byatarayanapura in Bengaluru, Mr. Gowda has earlier held key portfolios of Revenue, Agriculture and Rural De-



Krishna Byre Gowda

THTALKSBENGALURU

velopment and Panchayat Raj. For the first time, he holds the key to Bengaluru, as civic polls will hopefully be held at least this year. Readers can submit their questions to the Minister via email to thtalks-bengaluru@thehindu.co.in on August 13 before 12 p.m. Further details will be shared soon.

IN BRIEF

BMTC recovers 165 acres of its encroached land

BMTC has recovered 165 acres of its properties, which were encroached, over the last two years. Lands recovered are in Hancharahalli (Mandur), Huchanapalya (Dasanapura), Hiranahalli (Hoskote), Totagere (Hesaraghatta), Kengeri, Bhyrathi and Kannur. The corporation further said it has registered 10 cases. BMTC said the drive will continue under the leadership of managing director and director (security and vigilance). BMTC said that officials have been told to keep an eye on encroachments and clear them at the earliest.

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Skeletal remains of woman found

On Friday night, the police contacted Mahesh and informed him that a body had been found inside his sister's house and was in a skeletal condition. Subsequent tests confirmed that the remains were those of Dakshayani.

Mahesh told the police that he had no suspicion of anyone in connection with his sister's death and requested that the necessary legal procedures be completed to enable the family to perform her last rites.

The police are conducting further proceedings to ascertain the circumstances and the approximate time of her death.

In-principle approval for CBTC signalling system given

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The Railway Board has accorded in-principle approval for the CBTC signalling and train control system for Namma Metro's Pink Line (Reach-6) as well as the entire Blue Line - Phase 2A and 2B extending up to the Kempegowda International Airport.

The approval is a key milestone towards commissioning the Pink Line between Kalena Agrahara and Tavarekere. Significantly, the same approval also covers the Blue Line from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport.

Timely testing

While the signalling clearance was a pending milestone for the Pink Line, for the Blue Line, it has been secured well in advance of its proposed commissioning, facilitating timely testing and safety certification, said a press release.

Timings
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SUNDAY, AUG. 09
RISE 06:07 SET 18:44
RISE 02:12 SET 15:42
MONDAY, AUG. 10
RISE 06:07 SET 18:43
RISE 03:18 SET 16:44
TUESDAY, AUG. 11
RISE 06:07 SET 18:43
RISE 04:24 SET 17:41

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	15
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today 28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant.Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow 29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds may occur.

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Two killed, 25 injured as Kerala SRTC bus crashes into signboard

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Two people were killed and 25 injured after a Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus bound for Bengaluru toppled after ramming a signboard on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway near Avaragere Gate in Bengaluru South district on Saturday.

The deceased have been identified as Mithilesh and Arun Kumar, the conductor and driver, respectively. Both were from Kerala and in their 40s. A senior officer from Bidadi told *The Hindu* that one of the 25 injured is in a critical condition after suffering severe head injuries.

The officer said the incident occurred at around 6.30 a.m., when the bus veered to its left and crashed into a directional signboard before toppling.



According to the police, the incident occurred at around 6.30 a.m.

A passenger alerted the police, following which the Bidadi police, along with the fire department, launched a rescue operation.

“A few of the passengers had managed to step out, while a few others had to be rescued. Soon, they were sent to nearby hospitals,” the officer said, adding that many had suffered severe injuries to

their hands, legs, and upper body but were out of danger.

The officer said the driver may have felt drowsy as the vehicle had veered too far to the side, indicating a loss of control.

However, a detailed probe has been launched. The Bidadi police have registered an FIR under the BNS section dealing with death by negligence.

4 held for assaulting delivery executive

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The Bengaluru police have arrested four people for allegedly assaulting a delivery executive in northeastern Bengaluru's Yelahanka Fourth Phase in the early hours of Saturday.

The delivery executive has been identified as Basavaraj. The police did not disclose the names of the accused, including two women, but revealed that they are in their mid 20s, hail from Bihar, and were residing in Yelahanka Fourth Phase. They had

moved to the city for studies.

An FIR has been filed at Yelahanka New Town Police Station under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

According to the police, the incident unfolded near Vivekananda Park around 4 a.m. when Basavaraj was en route to deliver an on-line order.

“When Basavaraj was passing by, the two women were standing near the park talking to each other. He felt that they were mocking him. He then approached them to ask what

they had said, following which a fight broke out,” an officer investigating the case told *The Hindu*.

The police said the women and Basavaraj argued. Subsequently, the women called two of their friends for backup, while Basavaraj also called his friend. The friends of the women, who are the other two accused, arrived, and a fight broke out.

When Basavaraj's friend came to his aid, the accused allegedly assaulted him as well before fleeing from the spot.

A video of the incident

was widely shared on social media, garnering public attention.

Basavaraj also claimed that the accused assaulted him when he asked them to speak in Kannada, as he does not understand Hindi.

However, the investigator in the case told *The Hindu* that this was only a claim and that the accused would be questioned regarding it. For now, the preliminary police probe suggests that a misunderstanding led to the incident, but further inquiry is ongoing.

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