

Karnataka budget slammed: Joshi, Bommai call it 'anti-people'

Bengaluru, Mar 8: Union minister for Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, Pralhad Joshi, has sharply criticised the Karnataka state Budget presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, calling it an exercise in minority appeasement and financial mismanagement.

Addressing the media, Joshi alleged that the Budget has pushed Karnataka into a debt crisis, nearing Rs 8 lac cr. "While presenting a Rs 4.09 lac cr Budget, the Chief Minister has failed to ensure balanced development," he said. He pointed out that the state's fiscal deficit stands at Rs 19,262 cr. while the overall financial burden has



climbed to Rs 7.64 lac cr. With the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at 24.91 per cent, he warned that Karnataka may soon the Fiscal breach Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act's 25 per cent threshold.



Joshi further slammed the budget for lacking a vision for economic growth, infrastructure development, and fiscal discipline. "Only 14 per cent has been allocated to agriculture, 10 per cent to education, and a mere 5 per cent to healthcare. The

Chief Minister constantly depends on the Centre instead of focusing on the state's progress," he said.

Meanwhile, union minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H D Kumaraswamy, took to social media platalleging, form "Favouritism for a few and disregard for the majority! This is the Congress-led Karnataka government's budget — appeasement over development." Former Chief Minister and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai also lashed out, terming the Budget 'anti-people' and 'anti-development.' He criticised its lack of economic reforms and failure to address regional disparities.

Mangaluru: MLC Ivan D'Souza hails Wenlock Hospital upgrade, Christian Development Corp approval

Mangaluru, March 8: MLC Ivan D'Souza has welcomed the government's decision to upgrade Wenlock Hospital into a regional facility, alongside the allocation of significant funds for its development. He also expressed his satisfaction over the green signal for the Christian Development Corporation, marking a major step forward in community welfare.

Addressing the media on Saturday, March 8, D'Souza stated, "The government has allocated Rs 650 crore for the development of eight hospitals across the state. Among these, Wenlock Hospital is one of the selected institutions, with a possibility of receiving up to Rs 250 crore for its upgrade. There is a strong need to transform Wenlock Hospital into a multi-specialty facility. similar to the Kidwai Hospital."

Christian Development Corporation gets green signal

D'Souza also revealed that the gov-



ernment has approved the Christian Development Corporation, with a president and vice president now appointed. He explained, "I recommended the creation of this corporation in 2014. Although it was approved in 2019, its implementation was delayed. However, this year's budget has announced an

allocation of Rs 250 crore."

He emphasised the importance of establishing a separate directorate for Development Christian Corporation, which would simplify decision-making, facilitate the release of funds, and provide matching grants. On Shaktinagar incident

Jailed actress Ranya Rao admits to smuggling 17 gold bars



Bengaluru, Mar 8: Kannada actress Ranya Rao, also known as Harshavardini Ranya, admitted to smuggling 17 gold bars in her statement to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) following her arrest at the Kempegowda International Airport on March 4. She claimed to be a freelancer in Dubai's real estate sector and requested DRI officials to maintain the incident's confidentiality. The statement, recorded under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962, does not mention her stepfather, Karnataka IPS officer K Ramachandra Rao. The document, signed by senior intelligence officers M Chokkalingam, Neha Kumari, and Nageshwara Rao Kadiri, is in a question-and-answer format and confirms the recovery of 17 gold bars from her possession. Ranya disclosed that she had travelled to Europe, America, and the Middle East, including Dubai and Saudi Arabia. She expressed fatigue and requested to continue the statement process the following day. She also

acknowledged understanding the legal implications of providing false or misleading information under the Customs Act. Describing her background, Ranya stated she was raised in Bengaluru as the daughter of a real estate businessman. She has completed her 12th grade, worked as a film and theatre artiste, and is also a wildlife photographer. She is married to architect Jatin Hukkeri.The actress admitted to the seizure of 17 gold bars during the mahazar proceedings at the airport and reiterated her request for privacy. She confirmed her willingness to cooperate with the investigation and mentioned that her statement was made voluntarily

DRI and deferred her bail plea. She is currently in judicial custody.

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and without coercion.On Friday, a Bengaluru court

ordered her custody to the

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Mangaluru, Mar Former Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) deputy mayor Mohammed Kunjathbail passed away on Saturday, March 8, following a heart attack. He was 60 years old.A three-time corporator,

Kunjathbail had

served as the

deputy mayor and was an active member of the Congress party, contributing significantly to the welfare of society.

He was also a prominent leader and guide of the Toll Gate Virodhi Samiti, Horata



Mangaluru: Former deputy mayor

Mohammed Kunjathbail passes away

Suratkal, and known for his peoplecentric approach and integrity. He was widely respected for remaining untouched by corruption throughout his

career. The Toll Gate Virodhi

Samiti expressed deep shock over his demise and paid heartfelt tributes.

"His sud den passing is a great loss to the committee. He

always thoughtful of the public interest and remained untainted by corruption. The committee offers heartfelt condolences," Muneer Katipalla, convenor of the Toll Gate Virodhi Horata Samiti.

Building resilient food systems starts with supporting farmers

We have much to thank our farmers for. Their hands cultivate the bountiful horticultural wonders that are ubiquitous in the Middle East. From date palm cultivation across the Arabian Peninsula, the roses of Taif and the colorful fruits and vegetables grown in North Africa to the innovative hydroponic farming methods in the UAE and the seasonal produce of the Levant, the region's botanical beauty is boundless.

It is noteworthy that 13 percent of the total employment in the Middle East and North Africa is within the agricultural sector. making it a vital sector and an important livelihood pathway, in addition to contributing to regional food and water security. In certain countries, this percentage is even higher, with agriculture employing 19 percent of the workforce in Egypt, 14 percent in Tunisia and 31 percent in Morocco.

Yet, the region's climate is proving to be perilous to the agricultural industry, making farming a rather difficult feat. Statistics published by the World Bank state that only 4.8 percent of the entire region is arable land. And a study published by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia reported that 82 percent of the MENA region's land is impacted by various forms of land degradation, with deforestation, overgrazing, desertification and soil erosion being key contributors. Over the past two decades, land degradation in the region has risen significantly.

Climate change is exacerbating these issues by increasing the frequency of extreme weather events. Extreme heat and low precipitation levels, in addition to limited access to sustainable water sources, make irrigation difficult, leading to decreased crop vields. Additionally, farmers often lack access to modern agricultural tech-



nology, financing and markets, limiting their productivity and income streams. Considering the region's challenging environmental landscape and an everlooming food and water security crisis, it is pivotal that governments support farmers in boosting agricultural productivity in order to bolster local supplies and reduce reliance on food imports, especially as global supply chains can often be disrupted. The region's climate is proving to be perilous to the agricultural industry, making farming a rather difficult

At the heart of such support, policymakers should create public awareness revolving campaigns around the challenges and rewards of working in the agricultural industry. It is vital to foster a new generation of farmers and agricultural professionals who can take the industry to new heights. This requires integrating agricultural education into school curricula, thereby cultivating an understanding of and appreciation for the natural environments of the MENA region. Classes can introduce students to practical farming programs, include STEM-based agriculture courses, and teach entrepreneurship in agribusiness to engage students early on. Public campaigns could showcase stories of local farmers who are contributing to the region's food security, with the aim of repositioning the image

impactful career. Agricultural technologies are revolutionizing

of farming as a high-tech,

farming methods in the Middle East and many governments are rapidly adopting these solutions to boost agricultural productivity amid the region's harsh climate. Impressive examples are aplenty.

Last year, AeroFarms, a US company specializing in aeroponics - a method of growing plants without soil in a nutrient-rich mist inaugurated in Abu Dhabi the world's largest indoor vertical farm for research and development. It aims to advance sustainable agriculture in arid climates, supported by a \$150 million investment from the Abu Dhabi Investment Office. By harnessing emerging technologies, farmers can maintain production levels while withstanding the region's scarce water resources, extreme heat and lack of arable lands. To harness the marvels of these many breakthrough technologies, grassroots workshops should be organized to train local farmers how to operate them. It is also critical that regional governments invest in research and development on the subject of climateresilient crops, technologies and facilities that are suited to the region's environmental conditions. Current excellent examples include the governmentbacked National Research Agricultural Center in Jordan and the

There are more than 1.2 million agricultural cooperatives worldwide and, collectively, they offer a practical way to empower small-scale farmers by

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Center in Egypt.

pooling resources, lowering costs and boosting profit margins, improving bargaining powers, sharing equipment and expanding access to markets. As such, legislation, policies and programs should support agricultural cooperatives in the region in utilizing their collective strengths to operate efficiently and effectively. It is imperative that governments offer social safety nets for farmers to ensure they can operate sustainably over the long term

As the industry sometimes faces unpredictable scenarios, it is imperative that governments offer social safety nets for farmers to ensure they can operate sustainably over the long term and build the necessary resilience for such a vital sector. Many countries around the world support the concept of a basic income support for sustainability, known as BISS, which is widely implemented in the EU. It provides unconditional cash transfers to ensure a minimum standard of living for farmers, while encouraging them to adopt sustainable practices. Government subsidies can help reduce the cost of basic farming inputs, such as seeds and fertilizers. Furthermore, insurance schemes are imperative in protecting against losses from natural disasters and pests, offering the assurance needed by local farmers. Grants can provide capital for investing in equipment, infrastructure and the adoption of sustainable farming practices.

A great regional example comes from the Saudi AgriculturalDevelopment Fund, a government credit institution focused on financing a range of agricultural activities throughout the Kingdom. Its goal is to advance the agricultural sector and enhance production efficiency through the application of advanced scientific methods and modern

technologies.

Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd.

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Loan Account No./Branch		Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	ssion Taken Date	
1.	Kiran P/ Chethan P/ Renukamma/ 053-05300361/ Bangalore	Site No.59 (Western Portion), Survey No. 101, Ward No. 127, 1st Cross, Adarsh Nagar, Sri Sudharshan Techno School Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Geo Co-Ordinates 12,965575, 77.519650 Landmark Sri Sudharshan Techno School District Bangalore State Karnataka Pincode-560037 North-Remaining Portion of The Same Plot Belonging To Renukamma, South-Site No. 58, East-Common Passage of 60 Sqft(3*20) And Remaining Portion of Property Belonging To Komal Common Passage of 60 Sqft(3*20) And Remaining Portion Of Property Belonging To Komal, West-Site No. 40	11-Dec-2024/Rs. 14,24,144/- Rupees Four Thousand One Hundred Fourty Four Only.	05/ March 2025	

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Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase at Reserve Price (Please refer below table). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs, Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Out- standing	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Amaranath P C (Borrower) Preethi C K (Co- Borrowers) Loan Account No. LHBYW00001422419 & LHBYW00001422487	Property bearing site no. 86/B, Khata No. 31, Ittamadu Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk	Rs. 48,32, 002/- February 28, 2025	Rs. 42,00, 000/- Rs. 4,20,000/-	March 18, 2025 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	March 25, 2025 02:00 PM 03:00 PM	before	Physical Possession
	aikwad Pravin Popat forrower) Vrushali jivan watade (Co- Borrowers) Flat No. Ca-11-04, Block A1, 11th Floor, "ksr Cordelia" Sy. No. 67/2, Dasarahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,	Rs. 82,95, 753/-	Rs. 46,00, 000/-	11:00 AM	March 25, 2025 02:00 PM	March 24, 2025 before	ACK KINDO - TOUR OTH	
	Loan Account No. LHBWQ00001468781 & LHBWQ00001468783	Bangalore-560064.	February 28, 2025	Rs. 4,60, 000/-	03:00 PM	03:00 PM	04:00 PM	
	Shwetha Y (Co- Borrowers) (Loan Account No. LHBYW00001420686 & LHBYW00001438212 Keysidential Site Bearing New 469/ 250/11/1-1, Old Blomp / 250/11/1-1 & 469/ 250/ 11/1 Yanapura Cmc Khatha No. 4 Nagavara Panchayath Khath Property No. 11/1 Situated A Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru Nort Byatarayanapura Ward No.	Apartment/ Flat Bearing Municipal No. C-2, Bbmp New Khatha of Property No.469/250/11/1-1/7-c2, Situated In Second Floor of The "deepa Residency",	Rs. 78,93, 165/- February 28, 2025	Rs. 36,00, 000/-		March 25, 2025 02:00 PM 03:00 PM	before	
		Residential Site Bearing New Bbmp Khatha No. 469/250/11/1-1, Old Bbmp Khatha Nos. 469/250/11/1-1 & 469/250/11/1-2, Old Byatara-Yanapura Cmc Khatha No. 469/250/11/1, Earlier Nagavara Panchayath Khatha No. 250, Portion of Property No. 11/1 Situated At Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Old Byatarayanapura Ward No. 30, Now Coming Under The Folds of Bbmp, Ward No. 24, Bengaluru		Rs. 3,60, 000/-				
	Jayakumar L (Borrower) Jayalakshmi N (Co- Borrowers) Loan Account No. LHBYW00001419395 & LHBYW00001444038	hmi N rowers) ount No. 00001419395 & Bbmp New Khatha of Property No. 469/ 250/ 11/1-1/11 D-3, Situated In Third Floor of The "Deepa Residency". Residential Site Bearing New Bbmp Khatha No. 469/250/11/1-1 &	Rs. 69,84, 701/- February 28, 2025	Rs. 33,00, 000/-	11:00 AM		March 24, 2025 before 04:00 PM	
				Rs. 3,30, 000/-				

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency Value Trust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before March 24, 2025 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of signed copy of the Registration Form & Bial terms and conditions form at Ital: Home Finance Company Limited, strained by a factor of the article on or before March 24, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. – Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance ny Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com/ Date : March 09, 2025 Place : Uttarahalli Hobli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Kasaba Hobli

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited" CIN Number U65922MH1999PLC120106