

## High court stays summons against Yediyurappa in POCSO case

Bengaluru, Mar 14: In a significant relief for former chief minister and BJP Central Parliamentary Committee member B S Yediyurappa, the Karnataka high court has stayed the summons requiring his personal appearance before the first fast track court on March 15 in connection with a POCSO case. The interim order was passed by a bench led by Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur while considering Yediyurappa's petition to quash the charge sheet filed against him. The court observed that further investigation was required in the case and, consequently, halted both the summons and the court's cognizance of the matter.



The victim and her mother, whereas eyewitnesses at the scene had denied the occurrence of any such incident. He also pointed out that the complaint had been lodged with the police commissioner a month after the alleged incident.

Senior counsel C V Nagesh, representing Yediyurappa, argued that the high court had earlier provided interim relief in the case. He contended that the IT section mentioned in the FIR was not applicable to Yediyurappa, as he had not deleted any conversations from the mobile phone of the victim's mother. Nagesh further highlighted that the charge sheet was based on the statements of

order only exempted him from appearing in court and did not halt the legal proceedings. On February 28, the first fast track court in Bengaluru had issued a summons to Yediyurappa, requiring his presence on March 15. The summons was issued after reviewing the charge sheet submitted by the police. While Yediyurappa had earlier secured immunity from appearing in court, the high court on February 7 declined to quash the charges against him. However, he was granted anticipatory bail, protecting him from arrest. The case, investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department

(CID), led to a charge sheet being filed on June 27, 2024, before a special fast-track court. According to the charge sheet, Yediyurappa and three others were charged under the POCSO Act and various sections of the IPC, including 354(A) (sexual harassment), 204 (destruction of documents or electronic records), and 214 (offering bribes to conceal an offence). As per the allegations, the complainant and her 17-year-old daughter had approached Yediyurappa on February 2, 2024, seeking help after the minor was sexually assaulted. It is claimed that Yediyurappa took the girl into a room, locked it, and sexually harassed her. The victim resisted and left the room, after which Yediyurappa allegedly refused to provide assistance. The charge sheet further claims that when the victim posted photos and videos related to the incident on social media, Yediyurappa's intermediaries summoned them to his residence, gave them Rs 2 lac in cash, and ensured the media files were deleted.

## Udupi MLAs demand Coastal Karnataka development package in Assembly

Udupi, Mar 14: MLA Sunil Kumar strongly urged the state government to not only announce a special package for the development of the three coastal districts but also to implement various measures in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on March 13.



MLAs called on the government to show the political will to transform the coastal region into the 'Vikasalakshmi' of Karnataka. Sunil Kumar emphasized that the coastal region has faced significant neglect, with successive governments allocating fewer funds compared to other districts, resulting in stalled development. Given this situation, he demanded the immediate release of a Rs 1,000 crore package and the formulation of a special project titled 'Suvarna Karavali'.

He pointed out that during the Belagavi session, discussions revolve around North Karnataka, while in Bengaluru, the focus remains on Greater Bengaluru. However, the coastal region rarely gets attention. He highlighted the region's potential for development through temples, ports, beaches, and eco-tourism. Stressing the

need for special priority to port development along the 330 km coastline, he also called for dedicated funding for the Paschimavahini project, which was announced as an alternative after the Yettinahole project was scrapped. Sunil Kumar urged the government to resolve the 9 and 11E land classification issue, which has hindered construction in the region. He noted that 10,000 people have been unable to build their homes in the past two years due to uniform design plan constraints. He also urged the state government to conduct a population survey and submit a report to the central government.

Additionally, he demanded a Rs 5 lakh grant for Kambala, the establishment of the Bantara Development Corporation, and the immediate appointment of a chairman for the Narayana Guru Development Corporation,

along with fund allocation. Development of fisheries and education. MLA Yashpal Suvarna stated that fisheries play a crucial role in the economy of coastal Karnataka and called for increased grants and the development of the fisheries sector.

"A master plan must be created to prevent soil erosion along the coast," he said.

He also highlighted Udupi's reputation as a literary district and home to several private educational institutions. He urged the government to establish a government medical and agricultural college in Udupi district and set up an IT Park for the coastal region.

Concerns over traditional sand mining and coastal erosion

Kaup MLA Gurme Suresh Shetty raised concerns about restrictions on traditional sand mining.

"Hundreds of workers depend on traditional sand mining, but there have been attempts to stop it. Coastal erosion has become an annual issue, and it feels like a 'beggar's dream'—we hope for development, but the situation remains unchanged," he said.

He criticized the government for failing to allocate the Rs 250 crore it had promised for coastal erosion control in recent budgets. "Saltwater intrusion is damaging our farmlands, and a preventive project is urgently needed," he added. Issues faced by tile factories and revenue shortages

Gururaj Ganthole, MLA of Byndoor, spoke about the hardships faced by tile factories in the district. "We have been given a non-corrupt superintendent of police, but he never listens to our problems. Sand and stone are categorized as mining in our area, but they are a daily necessity, not large-scale mining operations. Tile factories that provide employment to thousands are on the verge of shutting down because clay soil, their primary raw material, has been categorized as a mining resource," he said.

## Experts want strong national policies to support SMA patients

Thiruvananthapuram, March 14 (TSIT) Leading medical professionals dealing with patients suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) have urged the central government to strengthen policies and funding for such patients, emphasising the urgent need for better access to life-saving treatments.



This demand came at the first international conference on neuromuscular disorders, APND 2025, which opened here on Friday.

Leading medical professionals Dr. Mary Iype and Dr. K.P. Vinayan said SMA remains one of the most devastating neuromuscular diseases, causing progressive muscle weakness, loss of mobility, respiratory complications, and, in severe

cases, early mortality. "While global advancements in gene therapy and targeted treatments have significantly improved patient outcomes, access to these therapies in India remains a major challenge due to high costs and infrastructure limitations," said the doctors. They pointed out that India's National Policy for

Rare Diseases (NPRD 2021) was a step forward in addressing rare disease care, offering financial support of up to Rs 50 lakh for specific treatments and establishing Centres of Excellence (CoEs) to enhance diagnosis and care. "Many patients continue to face barriers in accessing timely treatment due to

funding delays, high drug prices, and limited availability of specialised care. The judiciary has intervened in several cases to ensure that funds promised for CoEs are released promptly, highlighting the gaps in policy execution. Given the high mortality associated with neuromuscular disorders, delays in treatment access amount to a denial of justice for affected children," said the doctors. The leading professionals through their expertise aim to strengthen the country's approach to rare diseases through preventive strategies such as genetic counselling and family tree mapping, which can help reduce the burden of these disorders. They also will advocate

## Animal welfare activist gets death threats

Chennai: M Vignesh, an animal welfare activist and founder of the Almighty Animal Care Trust, Sendrayanpalayam, found a machete hung on the signboard of the organisation with the word 'WARNING' written in bold letters on a piece of paper on Sunday evening. It's been more than three days since the incident, but the police have not filed an FIR still, though Vignesh has been attacked previously with a machete by suspected cattle traffickers. "A CSR has been issued, but we don't have anything other than the note and the machete to go



by, and so are unable to file an FIR," says Pennalurpet sub-inspector Nagaraj. "I sent a written complaint to Pennalurpet police on the same day, and they arrived promptly. I hope they find the culprits," says Vignesh, who is accompanied by a gunman at all times, as per a

Madras High Court order. Vignesh, 24, has been getting threats from the day he filed a case against illegal wildlife trading at the age of 17. It was in Nov 2023 that he was attacked first, while feeding dogs at his facility. "An

unidentified person on a bike asked me if I was the one who ran the organisation. When I said yes, he took out a machete and started chasing me. I immediately got into my car and was able to drive away, but I still don't know who sent him." Illegal cattle traffickers are suspected in both incidents, as Vignesh has rescued more than 100 cattle from interstate trafficking in the last one year by filing cases. Following the 2023 attack on Vignesh, an FIR was filed but no action taken.

## Bantwal's Pink Toilet remains underutilized amid operational issues

Bantwal, Mar 14: The Pink Toilet, constructed exclusively for women near the taluk administrative complex at B C Road by the Bantwal municipality at a cost of approximately Rs 25 lac, is facing operational challenges and remains largely unused. Allegations have surfaced that the facility is inconsistently opened, causing inconvenience to women.



Funded under the Nagarothana scheme, this Pink Toilet was the first of its kind in Dakshina Kannada district. Despite several delays and complications during its construction, the facility was eventually entrusted to Bengaluru-based Shuchi Sanstha for maintenance and was subsequently opened for public use. Reports suggest that the Pink Toilet is not open on a daily basis, and its operation depends on the discretion of the managing staff. Since the facility is located in a central area of B C Road, women are hesitant to rely on it due to its inconsistent avail-

ability. The managing organization is reportedly struggling to keep the facility operational, with frequent water shortages further exacerbating the problem. The Pink Toilet is not just a sanitation facility; it includes essential amenities such as a nursing room for mothers, a women's rest area, and sanitary napkin dispensers. Despite these conveniences, the number of women using the facility remains disappointingly low. Due to the low number of female users, the Bantwal municipality had initially considered allowing men to use a section of the facility. However, since

the contractor responsible for its construction has a five-year maintenance agreement, any modifications will only be considered after this period. The municipality plans to allocate additional funds in the future to redesign the facility for male use if necessary. Meanwhile, the construction of a public toilet beneath the B C Road flyover has been completed and is expected to be opened for public use within the next 10-15 days. Additionally, public

toilets in Kotramanagundi and Baddakatta are nearing completion, while the Panemangalore toilet is set for inauguration soon, officials confirmed. Speaking on the issue, Bantwal Municipal Council president B Vasu Poojary Loretto stated, "The Pink Toilet is operational, and we had previously considered allowing male access. However, this proposal has now been shelved. Meanwhile, the public toilet constructed beneath the B C Road flyover will be inaugurated soon to address the sanitation needs of the public." The municipality hopes that these initiatives will improve public sanitation and accessibility in Bantwal, addressing the concerns raised by residents.

## Genrobotics Launches India's First Robotic-Assisted Pediatric Gait Trainer



Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 3 (TSIT) Genrobotics, a pioneering robotics company, has launched India's first robotic-assisted pediatric gait trainer, G-Gaiter Pediatric, a state-of-the-art innovation aimed at transforming physical rehabilitation for children with mobility challenges. This groundbreaking device is designed to assist children suffering from conditions like cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, brain injuries, and spinal cord injuries, providing them with enhanced mobility and a better quality of life.

The launch event was held in Thiruvananthapuram, where Kerala's Health, Woman and Child Development Minister, Veena George, officially unveiled the product by handing over the first unit. Speaking at the event, Minister George lauded the initiative, emphasizing its transformative potential in the healthcare sector. "The launch of G-Gaiter Pediatric marks a significant step forward in addressing gap disabilities among children. It is a commendable effort that combines technological innovation with compassion for improving the lives of children and their fami-

lies," she said. Bridging the Gap in Pediatric Rehabilitation: Mobility challenges in children, particularly those caused by cerebral palsy, remain a major global concern. According to statistics, approximately 18 million children worldwide suffer from mobility issues due to cerebral palsy alone.

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