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Karnataka plans points-based driving licences, steep fines to curb traffic violations



Bengaluru, Oct 2: Karnataka is set to introduce a points-based driving licence system under which motorists will accumulate points for different traffic violations, with licences to be suspended once a specified threshold is reached.

A joint review meeting of the Home and Transport Departments held on Wednesday examined the legal measures required to implement the proposed system as part of efforts to strengthen enforcement and curb repeated violations.

The state has also decided to increase the fine for parking vehicles on footpaths from Rs 500 to Rs 5,000. Driving on one-way roads will similarly attract a Rs 5,000 fine. Dedicated lanes for BMTC buses will be reintroduced on roads in Bengaluru where Metro construction has been completed, according to decisions discussed at the meeting. Separately, Karnataka is set to revisit the fixed-fare policy for cabs operating within Bengaluru and other cities and is likely to allow ride-hailing apps to charge fares within a specified range. The proposed change will apply to cabs attached to ride-hailing apps, city taxis and airport taxis.

The Transport Department will also amend the Karnataka On-Demand Transportation Technology Aggregators Rules, 2016, which govern cab services offered by ride-hailing platforms. In February 2024, the state introduced uniform fixed fares in an effort to curb "unauthorised" practices such as surge pricing during peak hours. Ride aggregators opposed the fixed-fare system and urged the government to permit them to charge fares within a specified range after the base fare, sources said. Earlier, per-kilometre charges after the base fare ranged from Rs 11-36 to Rs 27-54 depending on the price of the vehicle.

"We have decided to revisit the fixed fare policy by consulting various stakeholders," Deccan Herald quoted sources in the know as saying.

"We have received representations from cab aggregators and are actively looking into them. A suitable decision will be taken as soon as possible," they added.

The Transport Department's Sarathi system will be integrated with the Bengaluru Traffic Police's e-challan system to enable comprehensive management of driving licence suspensions and traffic violation records.

The integration will allow traffic police to verify the validity of a driving licence on the spot, access a driver's previous violations and directly link newly registered cases to the driver's digital record.

The meeting also discussed identifying people with five or more traffic violations, initiating legal action against them, recovering pending fines and, where necessary, impounding or blacklisting vehicles.

Officials examined the possibility of imposing restrictions on vehicles with repeatedly unpaid fines. Amendments to the relevant laws and rules were also discussed.

The government is also considering mandatory road-safety training and awareness programmes for repeat offenders facing suspension or cancellation of their driving licences.

The meeting discussed effective action against the sale and use of unauthorised horns, modified silencers and excessively bright LED lights.

Officials also discussed the increasing number of traffic violations involving low-speed battery-powered electric two-wheelers, including requirements relating to helmets and registration.

The meeting further examined withholding pollution certificates from vehicles with unpaid traffic fines and conducting joint enforcement operations by the Transport Department and traffic police. Officials also discussed introducing designated routes, fixed fares and a licensing system for shared auto services catering to Metro passengers.

Why hasn't Kumaraswamy disclosed his family's assets? – S. Manohar



Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has questioned why H.D. Kumaraswamy has not disclosed details regarding his family's assets and land holdings within the scope of the NICE project, despite his vocal opposition to the project.

Speaking at a joint press conference regarding allegations raised against D.K. Shivakumar concerning the BMIC/NICE project and associated land dealings, Manohar urged Kumaraswamy to provide a response based on official and government records to ensure public clarity on the matter.

He further noted that D.K. Shivakumar had boldly asserted from New Delhi that no irregularities occurred during the second phase of the project and that all purchases and transactions were lawful; yet, Kumaraswamy has alleged that thousands of acres of excess land were allocated under the NICE project. Manohar questioned why Kumaraswamy is not addressing the fact that the issue has already been adjudicated by the courts. He also pointed out that while Kumaraswamy has highlighted the declaration of assets worth Rs.1,400 crore in D.K. Shivakumar's election affidavit, he has failed to disclose his own family's assets. He referred to the long political service rendered by Sri H.D. [Deve Gowda]—who has served as Prime Minister and Chief Minister at the national and state levels for nearly 65 years... Deve Gowda *saheb*'s assets amount to only eight crore rupees. Yet, Kumaraswamy's son, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, declared assets worth 114 crore rupees in the election. Why has there been no explanation regarding the source of such a vast sum of money at the age of just 35?

The combined assets of H.D. Kumaraswamy, Anitha Kumaraswamy, and Nikhil Kumaraswamy total 550 crore rupees. Why have you not disclosed this? You have stated that the irregularities in the NICE project involve lakhs of crores, surpassing even the 2G scam. However, if your family's assets were to be fully disclosed, the figure might well exceed even a "3G" scale. You have alleged that D.K. Shivakumar, D.K. Suresh, and their mother and daughter have amassed crores of rupees; yet, ironically, why have you kept secret the fact that a loan was obtained from your brother H.D. Revanna's son, Prajwal Revanna?Whom did you blackmail and coerce into paying crores of rupees to ensure you reaped maximum profits from the NICE project? Why have you not revealed the identity of that

CDSCO seeks DGHS view on mercury-based antiseptic Mercurochrome



New Delhi, Oct 1: The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has sought the Directorate General of Health Services' (DGHS) opinion on whether existing relaxations for the manufacture and distribution of mercury-based topical antiseptic Mercurochrome (Merbromin) under Schedule K of the Drugs Rules should continue.

Schedule K provides exemptions from certain requirements related to the manufacture, sale and distribution of specified drugs, particularly to facilitate access to essential medicines in remote and underserved areas.

According to minutes of a meeting reviewed by Business Standard, the Drugs Consultative Committee (DCC) was informed that only a limited number of manufacturers appeared to be producing Mercurochrome, while alternative topical antiseptics are already available.

The DCC recommended obtaining the DGHS's opinion along with available data on the manufacture and use of Mercurochrome in India before taking a final decision on its manufacturing, import and export.

Officials said the matter would primarily be examined from the perspective of patient safety and clinical need. Under Schedule K, Mercurochrome is covered only for sale or distribution in containers of up to 100 ml.

The issue also comes against the backdrop of the 2013 Minamata Convention on Mercury, under which the manufacture, import and export of several mercury-added consumer products are being phased out or prohibited to reduce toxic exposure and environmental contamination.

Dasara vacation: Schools allowed to hold special classes with conditions



Mangaluru, Oct 2: The School Education Department has permitted schools to conduct special classes during the upcoming Dasara vacation, subject to certain conditions, to compensate for the holidays declared due to rain.

After considering requests submitted by heads of various schools and Block Education Officers (BEOs) in Dakshina Kannada district, the district DDPI has agreed to allow classes to be conducted from October 3 to 7 to compensate for the rain holidays. However, educational institutions that declare a holiday from October 3 must compensate for the rain holidays by conducting classes after Saturday afternoon.

The Education Department has imposed certain conditions for conducting classes from October 3. Accordingly, schools must obtain written consent from parents before allowing children to attend the classes and keep the consent letters on record at the school.

The schools have also been instructed to conduct an SDMC meeting and ensure that the headmaster and assistant teachers record the proceedings regarding the decision. Details of the measures taken and the classes being conducted must be submitted in writing to the respective Block Education Officers.

Everyone Must Join Hands to Build a Peaceful and Egalitarian Society: S. Manohar



Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has called upon everyone to join hands in building a peaceful and egalitarian society by adopting Gandhiji's ideals and following the path of truth and non-violence.

Speaking after garlanding the statues of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, and Lal Bahadur Shastri on the occasion of the 157th Gandhi Jayanti and the International Day of Non-Violence, he noted that Mahatma Gandhi's path of non-violence was not limited merely to India's freedom struggle but conveyed a message of peace and humanity to the entire world. He recalled the principles of truth, non-violence, peace, equality, and social justice.

He emphasized that in the current times, it is the responsibility of every individual to strengthen harmony, coexistence, and tolerance within society.KPCC Deputy Spokespersons M.S. Anand Kumar, G. Prakash, Lakshminarayana, Puttaraju, and Madhava Hanur, along with other Congress leaders, participated in the event.

Sonalika Scripts a Historic Sales Record by Crossing 1 Lakh YTD Overall tractors in just 6 months

Bengaluru : India's No. 1 tractor export brand Sonalika Tractors raised its own performance benchmark in the magnificent 30th anniversary year as it has crossed 1 lakh YTD tractor sales in just 6 months (Apr-Sept'26). A milestone that demanded a full year eight years ago has now been achieved by the company in just half the time, thereby marking a decisive leap in the Sonalika's scale.

Kia India Records Highest-Ever Monthly Sales Since Inception at 32,017 Units in September 2026, Up 41% YoY



NEW DELHI : Kia India, one of the country's leading mass-premium automakers, today recorded its highest-ever monthly sales since entering the Indian market, with wholesale volumes of 32,017 units in September 2026, registering a 41% year-on-year growth over the 22,700 units sold in September 2025. The landmark performance marks a significant milestone in Kia India's journey and underscores the sustained customer confidence in the brand and its evolving product portfolio.

The company carried this momentum into Q3 2026, recording sales of 89,259 units, registering a growth of 38.5% over 64,443 units in Q3 2025. Kia India's cumulative sales for the January–September 2026 period reached 253,008 units, marking an increase of 22.5% over the 206,582 units recorded during the same period last year. The sustained performance reflects growing customer confidence in the brand and the continued relevance of its evolving product portfolio.

Sales momentum has continued to be led by the Seltos and Sonet, which have maintained strong demand across their respective segments. The Seltos has consistently averaged more than 10,000 units per month since its launch in January, while the Sonet continues to perform strongly in the subcompact SUV segment. The Carens, Carens Clavis and Clavis EV further strengthen Kia India's presence in the family mobility space, offering customers greater choice across ICE and electric powertrains.

Within this expanding portfolio, the Syros EV continues to gain strong demand momentum, reflecting growing customer interest in accessible and feature-rich electric mobility. The model broadens Kia India's EV offering while addressing diverse everyday usage requirements.

Meanwhile, the newly launched Kia Sorento, offered in India with Diesel and Hybrid powertrain options, has received encouraging response from customers. The Sorento also marks an important step in Kia India's broader multi-powertrain strategy, with the hybrid powertrain alongside the recently launched Carens CNG and Carens Clavis CNG, expanding customer choice across conventional petrol and diesel, CNG, hybrid and electric powertrains. This diversified approach enables Kia India to address a wider range of mobility needs, from everyday commuting and family mobility to premium, long-distance travel.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Registers 28,218 Units Sales in September 2026



Bangalore : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced its sales performance for the month of September 2026 with 28,218 units. This includes 25,027 units sold in the domestic market and 3191 units exported.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) registered growth in CY 2026, with cumulative sales of 2,94,914 units, reflecting an overall growth of 8%.

The growth was supported by optimum performance across domestic market with 2,69,619 units sold, while 25,295 units were exported. Commenting on the sales performance, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Executive Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "September witnessed continued customer interest across segments, supported by our focus on quality, durability and reliability. As we enter the festive season, we remain committed to strengthening customer engagement and working closely with our dealer partners to deliver enhanced mobility experiences and address evolving customer needs."

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AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with proviso to rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s),Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) indicated that the below-described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd., hereinafter known as ACHFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ACHFL, being the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As Is Where Is," "As Is What Is," and "Whatever There Is" basis on 10/11/2026 (Tuesday)** between **11:30 AM to 4:30 PM** for recovery of the below-mentioned amount with future interest, cost and charges thereon due to ACHFL from the Borrower(s),Co- Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as below mentioned.

Sr No.	Name of borrower(s) /co-borrower(s) & guarantor(s) loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Amount & Date	Outstanding dues to be recovered (secured debt)	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date(s) & time of opening tender(s)	Possession type
1.	Manjunath P S (Borrower) VINUTHA A T (Co-Borrower) A/c No. 1172010300039	Rs. 18,13,725/- 11-June-2024	Rs. 22,55,739.00/- NPA Date : 03-May-2026	Rs. 36,82,800/- / Rs. 3,68,280/-	10 Nov. 2026 (Saturday) From (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No 70, Assessment No 55/5, Situated at Lakshmipura Village, Presently comes under CMC Limits, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka, Bangalore-562122, Measuring East to west 20 feet and North to south 30 feet, in all measuring 600 Square feet, together with all the Appurtenances, Whatsoever whether undemeath or above the surface, Measuring East to West : 20-0 (Twenty) Feet, North to South : 30-0 (Thirty) Feet, Totally Measuring 600 sq.feet. East : Site No 56 West : Other Property South : Road North : Other Property					
2.	MANJAPPA P (Borrower) SHAKUNTHALA (Co-Borrower) A/c No. 1192020100210	Rs. 1,75,193/- 7-April-2026	Rs. 2,09,904.00/- NPA Date : 31-March-2026	Rs. 15,23,610/- / Rs. 1,52,361/-	10 Nov. 2026 (Saturday) From (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset : All that piece and parcel of House No 87, Assessment No 5822/5822-87-160/5822, PID No 3-4-539-87, measuring 6.096 X 9.144018 Mts i.e 55.7418 Sq Mts, Situated at Y.Nagappa Ashraya badavane, J Divison, Harihar East : House No 88 West : House No 86 South : House No 118 North :Road					
3.	A K BASAVARAJAPPA (Borrower) A K GEETHAMMA (Co-Borrower) A/c No. 1192020100224	Rs. 6,05,971/- 7-April-2026	Rs. 6,97,008.00/- NPA Date : 31-March-2026	Rs. 26,47,890/- / Rs. 2,64,789/-	10 Nov. 2026 (Saturday) From (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset : Property No 219/23/2, E Swathu No 151200501800120007, measuring 9.14 X 15.24 Mts i.e 139.35 Sq Mts, Situated at Hotyapur Village, Rampur Gram Panchayath, Honnali East : Panchayath Road West : Garden of Mahadevappa South : House of Lakshmamma North : Vacant property of Manjamma					
4.	Venkataravana Ramappa (Borrower) Lalitha Narayanaswami (Co-Borrower) A/c No. S117202000097	Rs. 7,98,109/- 8-May-2026	Rs. 8,98,181.00/- NPA Date : 01-May-2026	Rs. 11,30,895/- / Rs. 1,13,089.5/-	10 Nov. 2026 (Saturday) From (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.153 E-Khatha No.151901101000620010, Situated at Diguvamorampalli Village, Kodipalli Grama Panchayath, Rayalpadu Hobli Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolara District, measuring East to West 11.277600000000001 Meters and North to South 8.5344 Meters, Building 96.25 meters in all measuring 96.25 Square Meters East : Road West : Property belongs to Venkataravanappa South : Property belongs to Ravanamma North : Road					
5.	Vishakanta P (Borrower) Madevi V (Co-Borrower) A/c No. S118202000196	Rs. 6,40,523/- 8-May-2026	Rs. 6,81,491.00/- NPA Date : 01-May-2026	Rs. 17,70,097.00/- / Rs. 1,77,009.75/-	10 Nov. 2026 (Saturday) From (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset : The property admeasuring an extent of 92.94 Sq.Mtr comprised in Property No(s).298/1, Assessment No.285/186/186/2, Bearing PID No.152200428135020003, ShettiNayakanahalli Village, Mysore Taluk, Mysuru District within the Sub-Registration District. East : Road West : Anganavadi Building and House of Madamma W/o Sannaiah South : Private Property North : Private Property					
6.	Motebennuru Nagaraja (Borrower) Motebenur Shruthi (Co-Borrower) A/c No. 1192020100256	Rs. 8,56,201/- 4-June-2026	Rs. 9,48,358.00/- NPA Date : 29-May-2026	Rs. 20,54,592/- / Rs. 2,05,459.2/-	10 Nov. 2026 (Saturday) From (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset : All that piece abd parcel of Property No 2169/24, E Swathu No 151200401100120203, measuring 12.192 X 9.144 Mts, 111.48 Sq Mts, Situated at Halavagalu Village, Halavagalu Gram Panchayath, Harapanahalli. East : Site No 23 West : Site No 25 South : Road North : House of Gadgil Raviyappa					

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The detailed terms and conditions of the above auction are available on website https://altumcredo.co.in/pdf-viewer.php?file=TERMS%20AND%20CONDITIONS%20FOR%20AUCTION.pdf and should be treated as the part of this auction publication

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Place: Karnataka

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