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Southeast Bengaluru's property market is gaining momentum with rising rental demand, strong IT-led occupancy, improving infrastructure, and affordable pricing compared to central areas, attracting both homebuyers and long-term investors

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Laptop theft racket busted in Electronic City area – Bengaluru police arrested two men linked to series of laptop thefts targeting PG accommodations, recovered 48 stolen laptops worth around ₹40 lakh.

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The Union Civil Aviation Minister said the 150-km airport rule won't apply once existing airports hit capacity, enabling secondary airports like Hosur and promoting capacity-driven aviation planning in high-growth regions.

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Residents of Sampigenagar and Ananthanagar in Electronic City Phase 2 lack basic roads, drainage, and waste services, forcing locals and companies to fund repairs, highlighting civic neglect and infrastructure failure.

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Bengaluru plans a 10.8 km elevated road from Old Madras Road to Electronics City via Silk Board, with DPR prepared by Siddhi Shakti Projects, aiming to ease congestion and cut travel time on Hosur Road.

BMTC INTRODUCES DEDICATED FEEDER BUSES TO DELTA ELECTRONICS BOMMASANDRA METRO STATION



Bengaluru, January 5, 2026:

To improve last-mile connectivity and reduce peak-hour congestion on the Yellow Line corridor, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), in coordination with the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), has introduced four dedicated Metro feeder bus services connecting Anekal Bus Stand with Delta Electronics Bommasandra Metro Station.

The initiative comes in the wake of increased commuter movement following the commencement of Metro operations on the Yellow Line between Rashtriya Vidyalaya Road and Delta Electronics Bommasandra from August 11, 2025. The rise in train frequency has led to higher passenger volumes, particularly along the Anekal-Bommasandra stretch, resulting in congestion during peak hours.

To address this, BMTC has launched feeder buses op-

erating on the route Anekal Bus Stand – Delta Electronics Bommasandra Metro Station, via Chikkahagade Cross, Jigallur and Chandapura. These services will operate throughout the day, covering both peak and non-peak hours, ensuring seamless connectivity for Metro commuters.

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Departure Timings from Delta Electronics Bommasandra Metro Station

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THE COST OF SILOS: WHY INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR TIMELY PUBLIC SERVICES

Lack of coordination and mutual support among governmental departments has emerged as a serious governance challenge, where the ultimate sufferers are the public. The long awaited Kaveri water connection for the residents of Pragathi Nagar is a classic example. After years of effort and constant follow ups by residents, a major portion of the work has been completed. However, minor but crucial works such as inspection and rectification of pipeline leakages are still in progress before the locality receives a permanent water supply.

On the night of 2 January 2026, BWSSB officials were fixing pipeline leakages near Mahavir Trident on Basapura Road. The work continued past midnight, a time chosen precisely to avoid traffic congestion. Unfortunately, at around 12:30 AM on 3 January 2026, the officials were stopped by traffic police cit-

turbance. Despite repeated requests, the machinery was seized and taken to the Electronic City Traffic Police Station and released only at around 10:30 AM the following morning. This incident reflects not malice, but a deeper systemic failure of coordination.

Traffic police aim to ensure congestion free roads, while BWSSB is tasked with providing an essential and fundamental public service water. When departments function in silos, public interest projects suffer delays, inefficiencies, and unnecessary friction. Most households in Pragathi Nagar have already completed formalities, paid deposits, and complied with procedural requirements, yet they are left waiting indefinitely due to administrative disconnect.

It is imperative that under the Greater Bengaluru Authority, a central regulatory mechanism or “coordination knob” be established. Such a body should facilitate interdepartmen-

tal communication, grant unified permissions, and balance regulatory checks between agencies such as the police, BWSSB, PWD, electricity board, and local authorities. A single window coordination system would ensure that public works are executed efficiently, transparently, and within stipulated timelines.

Public infrastructure projects are not departmental favours; they are public necessities. Without structured interdepartmental coordination, governance becomes fragmented, and citizens pay the price. A unified regulatory framework is no longer optional it is essential for responsive and accountable urban administration.



- Shubh Shankar
Advocate

150-km Airport Rule to Be Relaxed After Capacity Saturation, Says Civil Aviation

The Union Civil Aviation Minister has clarified that the 150-kilometre distance rule for airports will not apply once an existing airport reaches full operational capacity. The announcement marks a significant policy shift and opens up new possibilities for the development of secondary airports in high-growth regions across the country.

The clarification strengthens the case for airports such as Hosur, located near Bengaluru South, which has long been considered a viable

alternative to ease pressure on Kempegowda International Airport. With passenger traffic steadily increasing at major metro airports, the move is expected to accelerate planning and approvals for new aviation infrastructure in surrounding regions.

Officials indicated that the approach signals a transition from rigid distance-based norms to a capacity-driven framework, focusing on demand, congestion levels, and regional growth potential.

The objective is to ensure seamless air connectivity while avoiding bottlenecks

at saturated airports.

Industry observers view the decision as a pragmatic step towards modernising India's aviation policy, especially as air travel demand continues to surge post-pandemic. The relaxation is also expected to boost regional development, attract investments, and improve accessibility for passengers.

The policy shift underscores the government's intent to adopt smarter, future-ready aviation planning to support India's expanding aviation ecosystem.

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Gollahalli Road Connecting Neotown Inaugurated in E City

The Gollahalli Road connecting Neotown in Electronics City was formally inaugurated on 7 January 2026 by the Honourable MLA, Shri Shivanna Ji. The inauguration marks an important infrastructure milestone for residents of the rapidly growing Electronics City area, improving connectivity and easing local commuting challenges.

A Road Puja was held as part of the inauguration ceremony, which saw active participation from members of various Residents' Welfare Associations (RWAs). Community

members expressed appreciation for the completion of the long-awaited road and highlighted the need for sustained focus on overall road infrastructure in the region.

During the event, several key road-related issues affecting Electronics City were brought to the MLA's attention. These included concerns related to the condition of internal roads, traffic flow, and the need for upgrades to major arterial routes. Responding to the representations, Shri Shivanna Ji assured residents that a separate meeting

would be scheduled to discuss both main and internal road issues in detail.

RWAs have been urged to come together over the coming weekends and coordinate with local representatives, including Councillor Prakash and Manjunath Reddy, to collectively meet the MLA and follow up on the assurances given. Residents hope that the inauguration will pave the way for further infrastructure improvements across Electronics City, Bengaluru.



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INFRASTRUCTURE PUSH SPARKS REAL ESTATE GROWTH IN SOUTHEAST BENGALURU



Bengaluru:

Southeast Bengaluru's real estate market is undergoing a significant shift, propelled by large-scale infrastructure projects such as the Namma Metro Yellow Line, the upcoming Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC), and the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR). These developments are reshaping residential demand and investment patterns across Electronics City, Bommasandra, Chandapura, Attibele, and KHB Surya City.

Electronics City: The Stable IT Anchor

Electronics City remains the backbone of the corridor, hosting over 200 IT and ITES companies across 794 acres under the governance of ELCITA. As a mature market, average apartment prices stand at ₹7,426 per sq.ft with annual appreciation of 2-3 percent. Rental demand continues to be robust,

with average 2BHK rents at ₹26,450 per month, driven by proximity to major employers such as Infosys, Wipro, TCS, and HCL Technologies.

Bommasandra and Chandapura: Growth Momentum Builds

Bommasandra has emerged as a resurgent residential hub following the operationalisation of the Metro Yellow Line. Average apartment prices have risen to ₹8,156 per sq.ft, recording a year-on-year growth of 19.14 percent. Chandapura, meanwhile, has witnessed rapid transformation, posting a sharp 53.8 percent YoY price growth. Average apartment prices in the area are currently ₹5,750 per sq.ft, reflecting strong investor interest due to affordability and improved connectivity.

Attibele and KHB Surya City: The Value and Future Play

Attibele continues to at-

tract buyers seeking value, with plot prices around ₹4,975 per sq.ft and apartments averaging ₹7,953 per sq.ft, supported by industrial expansion and highway access. KHB Surya City, a 2,400-acre planned township by the Karnataka Housing Board, is being viewed as a long-term bet, with plot prices between ₹3,999 and ₹5,000 per sq.ft and projected annual appreciation of 8-10 percent from 2026 onwards.

Connectivity as the Key Catalyst

The fully elevated 19.15-km Metro Yellow Line has cut travel time between HSR Layout and Electronics City to 19 minutes, while the proposed ₹27,000-crore Bengaluru Business Corridor is expected to further decongest Hosur Road and integrate emerging suburbs.

Source: Market insights and data attributed to analysis shared by @priyaJasTweet4u (X/Twitter).

WHY LIFE INSURANCE IS THE SMARTEST SUCCESSION PLAN FOR ₹10-₹100 CRORES



Succession planning in India has traditionally focused on property, bank balances, mutual funds, and equity. However, with many developed countries already imposing inheritance tax ranging from 20% to 80%, and India having had such a tax in the past, the possibility of its reintroduction cannot be ignored.

When inheritance tax becomes a reality, assets like real estate, bank balances, mutual funds, and shares may attract significant taxation at the time of transfer—turning wealth into a burden for the next generation.

This makes it essential to rethink succession planning—not in terms of how much is accumulated, but how efficiently it is passed on.

► **Life Insurance:**

A Tax-Free Legacy
Under Section 10(10D) of the Income Tax Act, the

death claim from a life insurance policy is 100% tax-free. Unlike most assets, life insurance offers a legally protected route to transfer wealth without income tax implications. Policies taken before any future changes to tax laws are expected to remain protected under grandfathering provisions, making early planning critical.

► **Creating Instant Estate for Heirs**

Life insurance enables individuals to create an instant estate of *₹10 crore to ₹100 crore* without the need to accumulate that capital over a lifetime. With term insurance available up to 100 years of age, it has become a powerful tool for long-term succession and estate planning.

► **Why It Is the Best Asset for Children**

Life insurance provides:

- Complete tax efficiency
- Immediate liquidity

● **No market risk**

● **No legal or probate delays**

At a time of emotional loss, it ensures financial stability without forcing heirs to sell assets or manage tax liabilities.

► **Conclusion**

Succession planning is no longer about hoarding assets—it is about passing freedom, not financial stress. Life insurance, when used strategically, stands out as the most efficient and dependable succession planning tool available today.



- R. Vikram Singh
Vikram Insurance &
Investment Services

BNI ASHOKA - FIRST ANNIVERSARY CSR DRIVE - BASAPURA GOVERNMENT SCHOOL



BNI Ashoka celebrated its 1st anniversary on 7th January 2026 at Bloom Suite, Electronic City, marking the occasion with a meaningful community outreach initiative. The team shared their joy with the students of Basapura Anganwadi School by contributing stationery, water bottles, sweaters, and snacks to support the children's learning and well-being. During the visit, the members interacted with the school's teacher to understand the challenges faced by the institution and

explore ways to provide further support.

The school facilitates education for children from Grade 1-5 with an overall strength of 50-60 students. It was revealed that the school is currently operating out of a rented electrical shop, as the government school infrastructure is unsuitable, especially during the rainy season when the premises get flooded due to water from the roads. As a result, the children lack a safe and conducive learning environment. The school is in urgent



need of renovation and a proper facility to be handed over to the children, enabling them to learn and grow in a secure and supportive setting.

The road on which the school is located has become a major commuting corridor for residents travelling to Electronic City and Hosur Road, resulting in heavy and fast-moving traffic throughout the day. This poses a grave safety risk to schoolchildren, who are forced to navigate this hazardous stretch daily.

The danger is no longer hypothetical—an alarming accident was recently reported at the same school, where a young schoolgirl was struck by a two-wheeler and suffered a serious eye injury. Such incidents highlight the urgent need for immediate intervention.

We urge and request the government officials from the local body to take necessary actions to restore the school back to the children with proper road safety measures installed.

CREATIVE CLASSROOMS AT SHUB INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TURNING LESSONS INTO LIFELONG MEMORIES !



Our school classrooms are not just rooms with desks and boards; they are lively learning hubs where curiosity blooms and young minds shine. Here, education is not forced—it is experienced with joy. Our teachers are the true architects of this transformation, turning every lesson into an adventure.

In Mathematics, numbers come alive through vibrant charts, interactive games and joyful activities. Students don't fear sums anymore; they celebrate them. English classes echo with story-telling, poetry recitations and playful spelling challenges that nurture confi-

dence and fluent expression. EVS lessons are woven with real-world connections. Teachers use models, videos and nature walks to help children understand plants, animals and the importance of cleanliness, making learning meaningful beyond textbooks.

The computer lab is a digital wonderland where students solve puzzles, create art and explore lessons with the click of a mouse. Group tasks and discussions further build teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

Because of these innovative classrooms, our students walk

in with excitement and walk out with knowledge and smiles. At our school, teachers don't just teach lessons—they shape dreams and create memories that last a lifetime.



- Anitha N
Shub International School

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR YOUNG MINDS THE COMPOUND EFFECT

Why Starting Early, Changes Everything? If you are between 15 and 25, you possess something far more powerful than money, the TIME. And time, when combined with investing, creates magic.

No matter what you learn, what strategy or tactic you employ, success comes as the result of the compound effect, says Darren Hardy in his book "The Compound Effect".

In a world that values quick results, the story of the bamboo tree offers a powerful reminder of patience, consistency, and long-term growth.

A farmer once planted a bamboo seed. Every day, he watered it, cared for the soil, and protected the land. Yet, for the first year, nothing appeared above the ground. The second year passed with no visible change.

The third and fourth years were the same. People around him mocked his efforts and questioned his faith in the seed. But the farmer did not stop. In

the fifth year, something extraordinary happened. Within a short span of time, the bamboo plant shot up rapidly, growing several feet tall in just a few weeks. What seemed like sudden success was the result of years of unseen work.

The bamboo tree had not been idle during those earlier years. Beneath the soil, it was developing a strong and extensive root system. Only after building this foundation, it was ready to grow quickly and sustainably. "The Compound Effect"

The second example is of the world-famous investor Warren Buffet. He started his first investment at the age of 11. He made his first million only at the age of 32. It took 21 years. However, in the next 24 years, at the age of 56 he was already a Billionaire. Now, at the age of 94 he is worth \$150 Billion. All that just at the Compounded Annual Growth Rate of around 19%. - "The Compound Effect"

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didn't have time and invested just Rs. 10,000 in Nifty 50 index funds every month for the last 20 years. The CAGR for the last 20 years of Nifty 50 is 15.5%. That would be worth whopping 1.4 Cr now.

"The Compound Effect"

Anything you do, you can keep it small – But keep it consistent. That will create "The Compound Effect"

Albert Einstein has rightly said, Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it... He who doesn't ... pays it.



- Rabnawaz B
Entrepreneur, Trader,
Investor, Investment Coach

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► Prioritize High-Weightage Topics

Focus on Calculus, Coordinate Geometry, Organic Chemistry, and Modern Physics. These topics carry maximum marks.

► Master Concept Clarity

Don't memorize formulas. Understand the logic behind each concept. This builds strong foundations and helps solve tricky questions.

► Practice Previous Year Papers

Solve at least 10 years of JEE Main papers. This

familiarizes you with the exam pattern and recurring question types.

► Attempt Mock Tests Weekly

Take full-length mock tests every week. Analyze mistakes and identify weak areas for improvement.

► Time Management is Critical

Allocate 45 minutes for Mathematics, 45 for Physics, and 45 for Chemistry. Practice solving questions faster without errors.

► Revise Regularly

Spend 2-3 hours daily revising formulas, shortcuts, and important concepts. Create quick revision notes.

► Stay Physically Fit

Exercise for 30 minutes daily. Good sleep (7-8 hours) and healthy diet boost con-

centration and memory.

► Join Study Groups

Discuss difficult topics with peers. Teaching others strengthens your understanding.

“Consistent effort, smart strategy, and positive mindset are your winning formula. Trust your preparation and perform your best on exam day. Best wishes!”



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FROM EXCESS COMPOST TO GROWING COMMUNITIES STONE SOUP'S CIRCULAR ECONOMY PILOT AROUND FOOD WASTE IN E CITY

With composting of wet waste made mandatory under the Solid Waste Management Rules, many apartment communities in Electronic City are now actively segregating and composting their organic waste. While this shift is encouraging, it has also raised a common question — what should be done with excess compost once it is ready?

To address this challenge, Stonesoup Trust has launched the Circular Economy Pilot Around Food Waste in Electronic City. The pilot focuses on managing excess compost in a meaningful and inclusive way, while also tackling another overlooked waste stream — discarded food delivery boxes and containers.

As part of the initiative, Stone Soup works directly with apartment communities to collect excess compost and clean food containers that would otherwise be thrown away. These containers are repurposed as planters, filled with compost, and used to grow vegetables and herbs in community spaces, balconies, schools, and shared areas.

A key feature of the pilot is its people-first approach. Local women from nearby communities are trained and employed to manage the compost, prepare planters, and care for the plants, creating steady livelihoods alongside environmental impact. Volunteers also support the initiative by contributing time, skills, and training.

The pilot is open to communities already composting, as well as those interested in starting. By turning everyday waste into green spaces and food, the initiative demonstrates how simple, local actions can create visible environmental and social change.

Residents or community representatives who wish to participate can reach out at trust.stonesoup.in.

- Rashika Sarkar
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Winter Foods to Avoid for



Winter is a season associated with warm drinks, festive sweets, and comfort foods. While these foods provide warmth and enjoyment, they can also contribute to common dental problems if consumed frequently and without proper care. During winter months, dentists often see a rise in tooth sensitivity, cavities, and oral injuries. Awareness about dietary habits during this season is essential for maintaining good oral health across all age groups.

Foods That May Harm Dental Health in Winter

Hot Beverages

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and other warm drinks are widely consumed during winter. When taken very hot or with added sugar, these beverages can weaken tooth enamel, increase sensitivity, and promote staining and decay over time.

Sticky and Chewy Foods

Toffees, caramels, glazed pastries, and similar sticky foods tend to adhere to the

tooth surface. These residues are difficult to remove and provide a breeding ground for bacteria, significantly increasing the risk of cavities.

High-Sugar Treats

Winter celebrations often lead to increased consumption of sweets, baked goods, and sugary drinks. Excess sugar in the mouth creates an acidic environment that encourages plaque formation, enamel erosion, and gum disease.

Piping Hot Foods

Foods consumed at very high temperatures—such as pizza, burgers, and fried snacks—can cause burns to the tongue, gums, and inner cheeks. Such injuries can lead to pain, delayed healing, and a higher chance of infection.

Why Public Awareness Matters

Dental problems are largely preventable with simple lifestyle changes and timely care. Educating the public about seasonal dietary risks helps reduce the burden of oral diseases and promotes long-term

dental well-being.

Dental Care Tips for Winter

Let hot foods and beverages cool slightly before consumption

Limit sugary and sticky foods; rinse your mouth after eating them

Brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste

Drink enough water to prevent dry mouth

Visit your dentist regularly for preventive check-ups

Maintaining oral health is an important part of overall health. Small, mindful changes in daily habits—especially during winter—can help preserve a healthy smile for life.



- Dr. Neha Murthy
Dental Specialist

Effect of Weight Loss Programs on Oral Health



In recent years, weight loss programs have become an important part of a healthy lifestyle. While they offer many benefits, their effect on oral health is often ignored.

• Dry Mouth:

Low-carb diets, fasting, and intense workouts can reduce saliva flow, leading to dry mouth, bad breath, and higher risk of tooth decay. With proper guidance, adequate hydration and diet planning can prevent this.

• Increased Tooth Sensitivity:

Frequent intake of lemon water, detox drinks, and fruit juices may weaken tooth enamel. Guided timing, moderation, and rinsing the mouth after acidic foods can protect teeth.

• Nutritional Deficiencies:

Rapid weight loss may cause low iron, calcium, vitamin B12, vit C and vitamin D levels, resulting in mouth ulcers and bleeding gums. A well-planned diet and supplements under supervision can prevent deficiencies.

• Skipping Meals:

Irregular meals disturb the natural balance of oral bacteria and increase cavity risk. Structured meal plans help maintain oral and general health.

• Dehydration:

Increased physical activity without enough water worsens dry mouth and gum problems. Proper hydration guidance is essential during weight loss.

• Preventive Care:

Regular dental check-ups,

good oral hygiene, and professional guidance ensure that weight loss is safe for both body and oral health.

Conclusion:

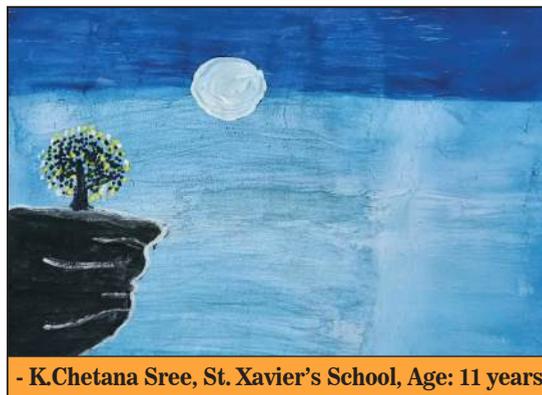
Weight loss is beneficial, and with proper guidance, its negative effects on oral health can be easily prevented, ensuring a healthy body and a confident smile



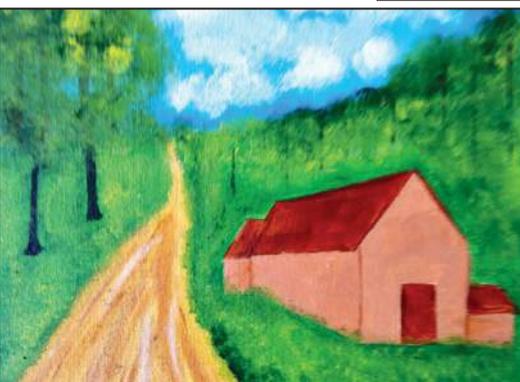
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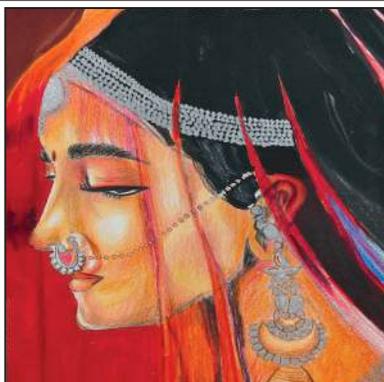
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- Abhinav Pillai,
Vibgyor High - Electronic City,
Age 13 years



- SAUMIKA DASGUPTA,
Vibgyor High School,
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Bharat Run 2026 to Be Held in Electronic City on February 1



Bengaluru: The much-anticipated Bharat Run 2026, a community-focused fitness event, is set to return on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Shri Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Doddanagamangala, Electronic City Phase 2. Organisers have announced that the event will feature a 5-kilometre marathon, aimed at promoting health, wellness, and national spirit among citizens.

Branded as “Back, Bigger & Better,” Bharat Run 2026 is expected to witness strong participation from residents of Electronic City and nearby areas, including IT professionals,

students, families, and fitness enthusiasts. The run is open to both seasoned runners and first-time participants, reinforcing its inclusive and community-driven approach.

Participants will receive finisher medals and event T-shirts, along with access to hydration stations, guided warm-up sessions, and post-run celebrations. The organisers stated that the event is designed not only as a race but as a broader movement encouraging an active lifestyle and collective well-being.

Registrations for the event are currently open, with tickets

available online. The Bharat Run has, over the years, gained recognition as a platform that blends fitness with social awareness, and the 2026 edition aims to further strengthen that message in Bengaluru’s rapidly growing Electronic City region.

Register Link :



A WINNING MOVE FOR YOUNG MINDS CHESS KLUB OPENS IN SINGASANDRA



Singasandra witnessed the grand inauguration of Chess Klub on Sunday, 21st December 2025, marking an important milestone in promoting chess among young enthusiasts. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Mr. Sharan Rao, International Master, Mrs. Isha Sharma, Woman Grandmaster, and Ms. Sahana Kulkarni, COO of Chess Klub.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to the dignitaries, followed by the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Adding a symbolic touch to the occasion, the chief guests were the first to make opening moves on the chessboard, officially setting the game in motion. The traditional lamp-lighting ceremony further marked the formal inauguration of the club.

Addressing the gathering, the

distinguished guests shared valuable insights into the discipline, dedication, and strategic thinking required to excel in chess. They spoke about their personal journeys, from their early days in chess to achieving international recognition, inspiring young players to dream big and pursue excellence. An interactive session followed, where parents’ queries regarding chess training, career prospects, and balancing academics were thoughtfully addressed.

The highlight of the event was the friendly games played between the grandmasters and young chess enthusiasts, creating moments of excitement and motivation. The presence of such accomplished players not only added prestige to the event but also ignited passion and confidence among aspir-

ing chess players.

The inauguration concluded on a high note with participants expressing enthusiasm about the facilities and structured coaching programs offered at Chess Klub. Additionally, parents appreciated the initiative, recognising it as a valuable platform for developing critical thinking, patience, and sportsmanship. With strong leadership and expert guidance, Chess Klub at Singasandra is set to become a hub for chess excellence and a launchpad for future champions.

Centre Director Mr. Shivaprasad told the press that the CHESS KLUB curriculum is very well designed to meet all the levels, ranging from beginners to Grandmaster. - Mrs. Thejeshwini S, Early Childhood Educator, Bengaluru

LIONS CLUBS TO ORGANISE HUNGER DRIVE FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON JANUARY 10

As part of the Hunger Drive Activities Month initiated by Lions International, Lions Clubs under District 317E, Region 2 – Zone 1 are organising a Food Drive aimed at supporting children undergoing post-medical care.

The initiative will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 9.00 am at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Siddapura, Jayanagar 1st Block, Benga-

luru. The drive focuses on the distribution of nutritious food to children, reinforcing Lions International’s commitment to addressing hunger and improving child health.

Multiple Lions Clubs, including LCB Agara, LCB Aikya, LCB Mastermind, and LCB Infinity E-City, are participating in the regional service activity.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Surbhi Bhargava, President of

LCB Infinity E-City, stated that the club has been actively involved in regional hunger drive initiatives and encouraged members to participate in the food distribution programme to make the effort impactful.

The Food Drive is expected to benefit several children and highlights the collective commitment of Lions Clubs towards humanitarian service and community welfare.

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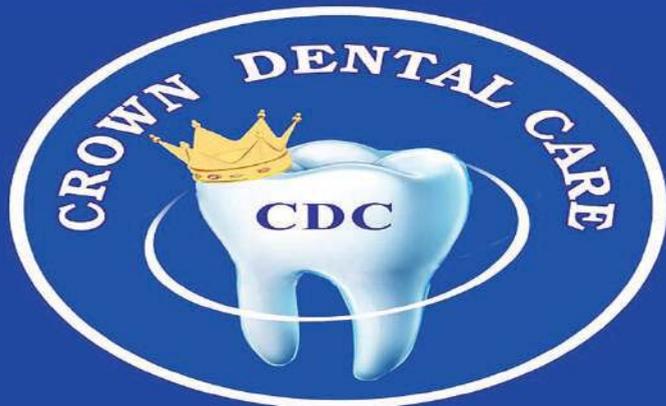
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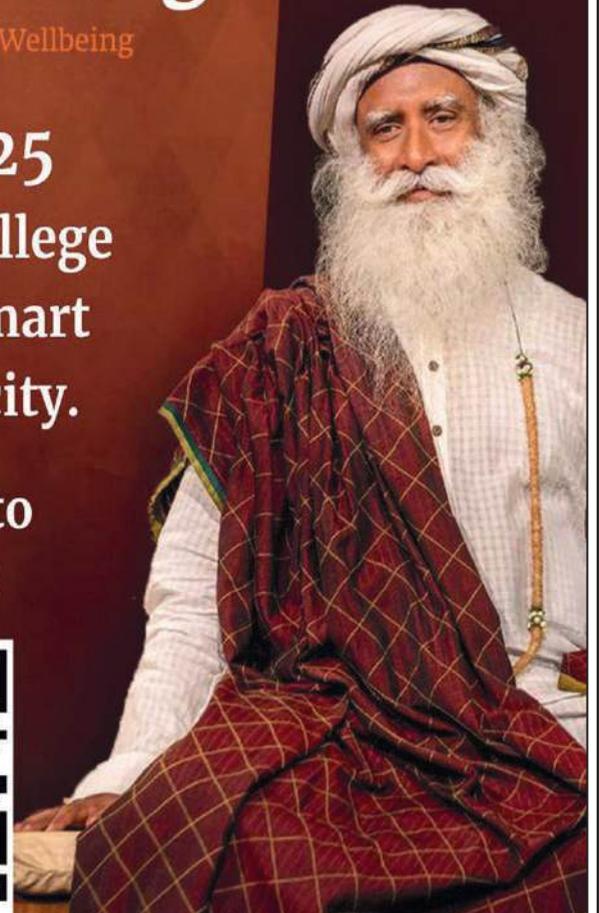
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