

Free student bus pass to increase RTC burden

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

FREE PASSES APPROVED

Meanwhile, the state government on Thursday issued an order giving in-principle approval to provide free bus passes to all school and college students on buses operated by the state's four transport corporations — KSRTC, BMTCL, NWRKTC and KKRTC. The Transport Department will issue detailed guidelines, eligibility criteria and implementation modalities separately before the scheme is rolled out.

THE state government's decision to extend free bus passes to students across the state is expected to impact the finances of the state's four road transport corporations, which currently earn revenue from nearly seven lakh paying student pass holders every year. However, students are set to benefit from the announcement.

According to a senior KSRTC official, around nine lakh student passes are issued annually across the four transport corporations. Of these, about seven lakh students pay for the passes, while the remaining belong to Scheduled Caste and Sched-

uled Tribe categories who already receive free travel benefits.

"On average, a student pass costs around Rs 1,000 per year. With the new announcement, revenue from these seven lakh paying students will no longer reach the corporations," the official told TNIE.

Data from the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL) shows that during 2025-26, a total of 1.78 lakh student passes were issued. Of these, 1.41 lakh were issued to students from the general category, around 31,000 to SC students and nearly 5,000 to ST

students.

The decision to provide free bus passes to all school and college students is expected to significantly reduce the financial burden on families, particularly those from low and middle-income households. By eliminating annual transportation costs, the scheme is likely to improve access to education, encourage regular attendance, reduce dropout rates and ensure that students from rural and urban areas can travel to educational institutions without worrying about commuting expenses. The government said the initiative has

been introduced with the objective of supporting students' education and making learning more accessible across the state.

The announcement comes at a time when the transport corporations are already grappling with financial stress arising from the Shakti scheme, which provides free bus travel to women. Since the launch of the Shakti scheme on June 11, 2023, the four corporations have spent approximately Rs 17,000 crore towards implementation. While the state government has reimbursed about Rs 13,000 crore, pending dues stand at around Rs 4,000 crore as of February 28, 2026.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates the Women-Led Agro-Processing Centre and Farmers' Training and Common Facility Centre at Baddepalli in Yadgir district on Thursday | EXPRESS

Nirmala inaugurates unit to empower farmers

RAMKRISHNA BADESHEI @ Kalaburagi

UNION Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has urged National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to facilitate wider market access for the Farmers' Training and Common Facility Centre (FT-CFC) through e-commerce and quick-commerce platforms. She also requested the Yadgir district administration to extend all necessary support to ensure that the platform achieves its full potential.

The Union minister, who inaugurated the Women-Led Agro-Processing Centre and the FT-CFC at Baddepalli in Yadgir district on Thursday, said it is the fifth such centre established under a series of farmer-centric initiatives aimed at strengthening agricultural value chains across the Kalyana Karnataka region.

The centre has been established by NABARD, leveraging the minister's MPLAD funds, to promote value addition, reduce post-harvest losses, improve market access and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers.

A distinctive feature of the project is that it is being managed by Baddepalli Women Farmers Producer Company Limited, an FPO comprising 727 women members, making it

the first women-led agro-processing facility in the region. The centre is expected to serve as a model for women-led rural enterprises by enabling women farmers to participate across the agricultural value chain — from production and processing to branding and marketing.

The minister said she is delighted to inaugurate this agro-processing centre entirely operated by women. Yadgir, one of Karnataka's youngest districts, continues to face developmental challenges, including low female literacy and multidimensional poverty. Initiatives such as this will help improve incomes, generate employment opportunities and enhance the overall quality of life in the district.

Agriculture is the backbone of Yadgir's economy, with nearly 75% of the district's land used for agricultural cultivation. The district produces around 22,500 metric tonnes of groundnuts annually. This facility will enable farmers to convert raw produce into value-added products such as roasted and salted peanuts, peanut butter, groundnut oil and de-oiled cake, thereby improving returns to producers.

NABARD Chairman Dr Shaji KV said the Yadgir Training-cum-Processing Centre represents a scalable model for farmer-led value addition and women's entrepreneurship.

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35/1	M/s. Sai Ragava City	1 13	Harohalli Village Boundary Road Singayya Kanahalli Annamkera Village Boundary
35/2	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 6	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/14 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/13 & 35/12 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/14 and 35/12
35/4	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 16	Harohalli Village Boundary Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/17 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/13 & 35/12 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/5 & 35/18
35/5	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 10	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/18 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/4 & 35/17 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/8 & 35/19
35/6	Sai Yelahanka Development Private Limited	0 8	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/19 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/5 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/7
35/7	Mr. Bache Gowda (Son of Mr. Patalappa)	0 18	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/15 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/6 & 35/19 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/8 & 35/20
35/8	Mr. A R Prakash (S/o Late Ramaiah)	0 12	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/20 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/7 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/9 & 35/22
35/9	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 8 1/4	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/22 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/8 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 36
35/10	Mr. K. C. M. Gowda (S/o Mr. K. Channappa) Mr. Gopalagowda (S/o Mr. Anjanappa)	0 11	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/16 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/22 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/21 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 36
35/11	Mr. Devaraja (S/o. Mr. Jayaram) Mr. Venkateswamy (S/o. Munishamappa) Mr. Narayanappa (S/o. Mr. Munishamappa) Mr. Nagaraju (S/o. Mr. Nanjundappa)	0 18	Harohalli Village Boundary Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/19 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/18 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/15
35/12	a) Mrs. Sudharsani (wife of Late Chandrappa) and her children b) Mrs. Soemya c) Mr. Kirankumar Gowda (S/o. Anasayamma (wife of Late Narayanappa) and her daughters e) Mrs. N.C Kavitha f) Mrs. N.C Savitha g) Mrs. N.C Sunitha	0 22	Harohalli Village Boundary Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/14 & 35/13 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/1 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/4
35/13	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 6	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/12 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/3 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/14 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/4 & 35/17
35/14	Mr. Somashekar (S/o. Mr. Gangappa) Mr. Hanumantharayappa (S/o. Mr. Gangappa)	0 6	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/12 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/2 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/1 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/13
35/15	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 18	Harohalli Village Boundary Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/7 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/11 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/20 & 35/21
35/16	Shivashankar Shetty (S/o. Mr. C.A. Patnaiah)	0 6	Harohalli Village Boundary Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/10 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 36
35/17	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 6	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/4 Road Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/3 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/5
35/18	Mr. Rohit Tiwari (S/o. Mr. Ranganath Tiwari)	0 10	Harohalli Village Boundary Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/5 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/4 Land bearing Sy. Nos. 35/11
35/19	Mrs. Kanthamma (wife of Mr. Nagaiah)	0 8	Land bearing Sy. No. 35/11 Land bearing Sy. No. 35/6 Land bearing Sy. No. 35/7
35/20	M/s. Sai Ragava City	0 12	Land bearing Sy. No. 35/21 Land bearing Sy. No. 35/8 Land bearing Sy. No. 35/22 & 35/10
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Wait for Lakshadweep jetty to get longer

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

A project to develop a dedicated jetty for Lakshadweep with allied infrastructure for cargo and cruise terminal under the Union government's Sagarmala scheme at Old Mangalore Port will be delayed further as it has been de-sanctioned though it was approved four years ago.

Officials of the Department of Ports and Inland Water Transport (under the Karnataka Maritime Board) said that due to the delay in its implementation at Old Mangalore Port (North Wharf) and the delay in obtaining environmental clearance, the project has been de-sanctioned by the Sagarmala Cell under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

Lakshadweep depends on shipping services for its day-to-day needs. Due to its geographic isolation, foodgrains and construction materials are supplied from the mainland. Four cargo ships and three passenger vessels are operated for residents' requirements. "At present, vessels headed to Lakshadweep face serious berthing delays at ports and they are forced to wait in queues to load/unload cargo. The delay af-



fects timely supply of essential commodities. To reduce the delay and improve transport efficiency, the Lakshadweep Authority has requested a dedicated berth at Old Mangalore Port and the Ministry of Shipping has given approval under the Sagarmala scheme. Dedicated berths support faster berthing and smooth cargo movement. They also ensure reliable supply of essential goods to residents of the islands and improve overall service quality for Lakshadweep vessels," Shashidhara, assistant executive engineer, Department of Ports and Inland Water Transport, told TNIE.

The Rs 65-crore project was approved in 2022. It provides for a

303-metre berth for cargo handling and a 76-metre berth for passenger terminal.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Maritime Board has submitted a proposal to MoPSW to re-sanction the project. "Though we managed to get CRZ clearance, the project execution got delayed due to the delay in granting environment clearance. A meeting of the State-Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) was held on Saturday on environmental clearance and we are waiting for the proceedings. In the meantime, we have requested MoPSW to re-sanction the project as the environmental clearance process is underway," Shashidhara said.

EXPRESS READ SW monsoon arrives, yellow & orange alert issued

Bengaluru: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued yellow and orange alert for rain for most parts of Karnataka for the next two days owing to the onset of southwest monsoon over Kerala and Karnataka on June 4. The IMD has forecast heavy rain, coupled with thundershowers and gusty winds, over most parts of Karnataka. IMD-Bengaluru director in-charge, N Puvirasan, said that the southwest monsoon has further advanced to parts of Arabian Sea, entire Lakshadweep, Kerala, Mahe, parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Comorin area and Bay of Bengal on June 4. He said that conditions are favourable for further advancement of the monsoon during the next 2-3 days and it will cover the entire Arabian Sea, parts of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, more areas in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and the Bay of Bengal. According to data, there is an upper air cyclonic circulation over Goa adjoining east central Arabian Sea. There is also a trough over Marathwada to central Arabian Sea across Konkarn and Goa. There is also an upper air circulation over south Telangana and adjoining Coastal Andhra Pradesh and another over north Andaman Sea. The IMD had earlier forecast that the monsoon would hit Kerala either on May 26 or 27.

Task force seeks national conservation policy for Western Ghats' conservation

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Western Ghats (WG) Conservation Task Force Committee has proposed a national policy for the conservation of the UNESCO World Heritage landscape in Karnataka and other states.

The committee penned a letter to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, government of Karnataka and states through which the Ghats spread across 1600km -- Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat. However, about 75 per cent of the mountain mass is in Karnataka.

Experts working on the protection of the Sahyadri range have repeatedly pointed to fragmentation of the landscape, not just because of mega linear projects, but also commercial developments, particularly the rising number of resorts and homestays in and around the Ghats. "Though this looks small, a close

analysis has found it to be a major problem. Plots of various dimensions are being converted into resorts and homestays, some are legal and some are not. There is a need to have a policy involving all six states for protection of the landscape, hence a national policy has been proposed," said Mohammed Tabrez Alam Shariff, committee chairman. He said there are no guidelines on how many homestays and resorts can come up. The policy will ensure that checks and balances are in place. In Karnataka, a large number has mushroomed in Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu and surrounding areas. Large plots of land are being sliced into smaller plots and sold for the construction of villas or independent houses which are being leased, sub-leased or rented out. These may look small on the ground, but are breaking the landscape and contributing to man-animal conflict also, he said. State forest officials and the

Task Force Committee said there is no consolidated number of how many hotels, resorts and homestays are in and around forest patches and the Western Ghats.

The committee aims to start work on the policy from September 2026, complete it by January 2027 and submit it to the ministry. The members are holding meetings with officials from the other states, and drawing up the report. Karnataka was the first state to conduct a carrying capacity study on the Ghats. It will also be the first state to initiate such a study for the entire landscape.

ENVIRONMENT DAY TODAY World Environment Day is observed on June 5 every year. It was started in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly during the Stockholm Conference, with the aim to create awareness on environmental protection. The theme for the year 2026 is 'Inspired by Nature, For Climate, For Our Future'.

Gadag man dishes out treat on DK Shi's feat

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

A follower of Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who runs an egg rice joint in Ramenahalli of Mundargi taluk, served a non-veg meal to the whole village on Wednesday night.

Ningaraj Nimbannavar, who spent Rs 45,000 to serve the food, had earlier promised to his friends and villagers that he would distribute free meals once DK Shivakumar took oath as the chief minister.

On Wednesday night, Nimbannavar prepared chicken, mutton and egg rice for the villagers. He said he has been a fan of DK Shivakumar since his childhood, and he is happy to see him as the CM. He used to take his friends with him to attend the election campaigns whenever Shivakumar visited Gadag, Haveri, Dharwad and surrounding districts.

When Shivakumar became the deputy CM, Nimbannavar distributed sweets at his village.

Dhanesh Ranatur, a resident of Ramenahalli who attended Nimbannavar's treat, said, "Ningaraj is a fan of DKS and he has invited all of us after Shivakumar became the chief minister. Many villagers attended the dinner programme. He prepared chicken, mutton and egg rice. Ningaraj is not a rich man. He earns less, but his respect for his leader is amazing. Many villagers appreciated his gesture."

Nimbannavar said, "I am one of the big fans of DK Shivakumar. I have been waiting for this moment."

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