



We are not opposing the SIR exercise. However, we demand that the time limit be extended to six months. This will ensure that no genuine voter is unfairly excluded during the revision process

Kimmane Ratnakar, Congress leader

28 case files go missing from Anekal Court, probe on

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AROUND 28 case files have reportedly gone missing from a court complex in Anekal on the outskirts of Bengaluru, prompting the registration of a theft case and an official investigation.

M Maruswamy, 45, a judicial officer working at the Court of the Principal Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Anekal Town, lodged a complaint at the Anekal police station on Monday.

According to the complaint, the missing records include 11 files from the Court of the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC, five files from the Court of the III Additional Civil Judge and JMFC, and 12 files from the Court of the IV Additional Civil Judge and JMFC. Despite repeated searches by court staff, the files could not be traced. The complainant has sought legal action against those responsible for maintaining the records. Based on the complaint, police have registered a case of theft and launched an investigation.

"Except for court staff, police personnel and advocates, entry to the sections where such documents are kept is strictly prohibited. Access to record rooms is restricted to authorised judicial staff. Members of the public are allowed only inside court halls during hearings. Even prisoners brought to court are permitted entry only during trial proceedings," a police officer said.

DHARMASTHALA CASE

SIT carries out DNA matching of 17 missing persons' family members

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THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged mass burials in Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada has gathered information on families of 17 missing persons. Also, the process of matching their DNA to the human remains recovered in the Banglegudde reserve forest is underway.

SIT had recovered seven human skulls and other remains in 2025 during combing of the Banglegudde area from where a human skull was earlier taken and produced to the court by the complainant — a former sanitation worker who had claimed burying several bodies of victims of rape and murder.

After the recovery of the human remains, it was handed over to the police and cases of Unnatural Death Report were registered at Dharmasthala police station. The human remains were later handed over to the Bengaluru FSL for further analysis. According to forensic experts, all human remains belong to male individuals. SIT has since been gathering details of missing persons registered with the State Crime Records Bureau, District Crime Records Bureau and various police stations in Karnataka, neighbouring Kerala and Telangana, and other states, especially of those who went missing in Dharmasthala. Also, a few persons met the SIT saying that their family members went missing in Dharmasthala. Of the seven human remains



A file photo of SIT officers conducting a search inside Banglegudde forest | EXPRESS

recovered, SIT has reportedly gathered information of two missing persons. One of them has reportedly been identified as 70-year-old UB Ayyappa of T Shettigeri village, Ponnampet taluk, Kodagu district, who had reportedly gone missing seven years ago, as his identity card was found at the site along with the skeletons. The second person has been reportedly identified as Adishesha Narayana of Gubbi, Tumakuru district, who allegedly went missing in 2013. His driving licence was recovered at Banglegudde by SIT.

An officer part of the SIT told The New Indian Express that they have collected blood samples of kin of eight missing persons already and they will match the DNA with human remains recovered at Banglegudde reserve forest. "We have gathered details of the relatives of nine more missing persons whose blood samples will be collected for DNA analysis," the officer said.

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Rare Sun god idol with three faces spotted at Betageri



The idol of Sun god spotted at Betageri near Gadag | EXPRESS

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A historical Surya (Sun) idol dating back to the 12th century with three faces was spotted at Betageri of Gadag district. Earlier, the residents of Gargipet in Betageri thought that the idol was of Lord Brahma and worshipped it. Recently, a team of researchers who were studying about Brahma and Surya statues, visited Betageri and found that this is a rare idol of the Sun god with three heads depicting the morning, noon and evening faces.

This sculpture is made of black mixed blue stone. The Sun god is depicted in a standing position, has four hands and holds a lotus bud. A tall crown is carved on the head. There are garlands on the neck, bhujakirti (shoulder ornaments) and signs of girdle are visible on the waist. The researchers said that the depiction of the Sun god with three faces represents the principle of Martanda Bhairava or Surya-Narayana (the union of Sun, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva) in Indian iconography.

Bheem Benahal, a researcher from Betageri, said, "It is interesting to know that there is a rare Surya idol near our house. More research should be carried out to learn about our history and the information should be passed to the coming generations."

Dr Shwetha Bhasme, a history researcher from Betageri said, "The Puranas describe the morning sun as Brahma, the afternoon sun as Maheshwara (Shiva) and the evening sun as Vishnu. These three faces represent the union of these three powers. It is also a symbol of the past, present and future. Traditionally, these are likely to be Sun god's consorts Usha and Pratyusha. A simple semicircular halo frame is also carved on the back of the idol. There is a protruding hinge at the base of the pedestal, which is designed to allow it to be seated in a groove or hole in the original pedestal. More research on this is going on."

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