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# FILMI INCIDENT Congress Govt Had Shown No Inclination To File Chargesheet Citing communal hatred, govt to pursue porn CD case targeting seer

**Bengaluru:** The state cabinet on Tuesday decided to continue with cases against the seven charged with making a pornographic video allegedly of Ramachandrapura Mutt seer Ragahavendra Bharathi. Authorities of Ramachandrapura Mutt had registered a case in Gokarna in 2010, but it was dropped by the Congress government in November 2015. A chargesheet was not filed against the accused for supposedly filming the incident.

## POLITICS & POLICY

However, the BS Yediyurappa government on Tuesday decided to reopen the case and has given permission to the state police to file a chargesheet against the accused. "Considering the incident appeared to induce communal hatred, tarnished the image of the seer and appears to be hurting national integrity by way of a conspiracy



**FULLY BOOKED:** Chief minister BS Yediyurappa and members of his cabinet release 'Karnataka at a Glance', a book enumerating various state demographics in the financial year 2018-19, on Tuesday

against the seer, the government has decided to pursue the case," said law and parliamentary affairs minister JC Madhuswamy. The minister said all the accused — there are several of them, he said — will face investigation. In other decisions, the cabinet decided to withdraw 51 cases, primarily against farmers, who protested various issues pertaining to Krishna, Mahadayi and Cauvery river water disputes. "These cases

are spread across the state, with as many as 35 booked in Mandya district against Raita Sangha and other farmer organisations. All these cases now stand withdrawn," Madhuswamy said. The government also decided to build a state-of-the-art jail in Bidar to house as many as 1,000 prisoners. "We have allocated Rs 99 crore to construct a secure jail in Bidar. The jail will primarily house those convicted of serious of-

## 15 DAYS CL FOR GOVT SERVANTS

The cabinet on Tuesday approved an increase in casual leave to 15 days for government employees who do not avail fourth Saturdays as off. Law minister JC Madhuswamy said a section of government servants had sought compensatory leaves for not being able to avail fourth Saturdays as off "As a result, the

government has restored of casual leave for only government servants to avail the fourth Saturdays as off," said the minister. For the taking fourth Saturday as off, casual leave was cut. Asked who these government servants are, the minister said they include the police, transport department,

## OTHER CABINET DECISIONS

- Concept note approved for Rs 220cr Shivamogga airport
- New university of Raichur (including Yelburga) to be formed by separating it from Gulbarga University

fences. The premises and barracks will have increased security," the minister said.

**Online RTI application portal**  
In a first, the government has set up an online portal — [www.rtionline.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.rtionline.karnataka.gov.in) — through which citizens can

apply for information under the RTI Act. Citizens can pay the requisite through the portal after the application.

"Any citizen can file RTI applications with 80 departments of the state government through the e-Governance portal," said Suresh Kumar.

The minister said the portal is also the first to comply with Supreme Court directions, which are for the common good of "empowered."