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No ethanol link to sugar price: Govt

- The government on Friday rejected claims that diversion of sugar for ethanol production was driving a sharp rise in its price | P11
- It instead blamed the industry for jacking up prices despite the country having sufficient stock to meet domestic demand
- The Centre has asked States to take action against hoarding and black marketing of sugar
- It is also considering reducing the stock that dealers can hold

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After 6-hr Rahul sit-in, FIR filed on use of pellet guns

Rahul: First step towards justice; BJP calls protest diversionary ploy

PREETHA NAIR & NITIN RAWAT @ New Delhi

DELHI Police on Friday registered a first information report (FIR) over pellet injuries suffered by a 19-year-old student during the July 20 Jantar Mantar protest after a nearly six-hour dharna by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at Parliament Street police station demanding action in the case.

The day saw high drama with Rahul first accompanying injured student Sahil Lochab to Mandir Marg police station, and later moving to Parliament Street police station after his demand for an FIR was not accepted. While Rahul refused to budge until the FIR was registered, he was joined by several Congress leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi, Salman Khurshid, Jairam Ramesh and many others.

"This is the first step towards justice and a case has been registered," Rahul said after the



Rahul Gandhi at Parliament Street police station on Friday | PARVEEN NEGI

FIR was lodged, asserting that he would continue to fight for justice for Lochab and other students injured during the Jantar Mantar protests. Police said a case was filed under Sections 118(1), relating to voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means, and 125, concerning acts endangering life, of the BNS.

Lochab had suffered pellet injuries in his eye and abdomen in police action during the CJP-led march to Parliament

CJP team bashed up

CJP co-convenor Ashutosh Ranka and party volunteers were allegedly assaulted on Friday while travelling to inspect a dilapidated government school in Jalpur's Bagru Assembly constituency. Ranka described the attack as pre-planned, and demanded the arrest of the culprits within 48 hours | P12

demanding the resignation of then education minister Dharma Pradhan on July 20.

Rahul alleged that police officers at the station were willing to register the case but had been stopped. Earlier, after talks with DCP Sachin Sharma failed, Rahul began his sit-in and showed Lochab's medical reports to prove his point.

Union minister J P Nadda and other BJP leaders called the Congress protest as "diversionary" politics.

Revantth cancels US leg of trip after govt denies political nod

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

TELANGANA Chief Minister A Revantth Reddy's proposed visit to the United States was denied political clearance as the programme was "not considered appropriate to the office he holds and the stated purpose of the visit", the External Affairs Ministry (MEA) said on Friday.

The clarification came hours after the Telangana Chief Minister's Office (CMO) announced that Reddy had been forced to cancel the US leg of his ongoing foreign tour after the Centre declined permission for the visit.

"Let me say that the visit of chief ministers, as indeed of other dignitaries, are assessed by the Ministry of External Affairs in order to accord political clearance," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "The programme proposed, in such cases, should be appropriate to the office held and the purpose of the visit. In this particular case, that was not so in respect of US... clearance was denied."

Reddy is currently in London as part of his "Telangana Rising" tour. He was scheduled to travel to the US from August 23, with planned engagements in Boston and New York aimed at exploring partnerships between Telangana and leading American educational institutions.

Reddy's office said he would now return to Hyderabad from London instead of proceeding to the US. "The CM will return from London to Hyderabad on August 23 instead of leaving for Boston, NY," the statement said. According to the Telangana government, it had sought the Centre's nod for the UK and US visits in accordance with "policy and protocol", but clearance was granted only for the UK leg.

Reddy had said the proposed US visit was aimed at exploring the possibility of bringing leading American universities and educational institutions to Telangana. Despite the cancellation, Reddy instructed state officials accompanying his delegation to proceed with the planned US engagements and pursue deals with institutions including Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University and Virginia Tech.



We should all think beyond politics when it comes to nation building and future of the youth... only purpose of visit was to bring the best institutions to India

Revantth Reddy, CM

Not sans precedence

The denial of clearance is not without precedent. The External Affairs ministry in the recent past declined political clearance for foreign visits by chief ministers, including Arvind Kejriwal and Mamata Banerjee while they were serving as chief ministers of Delhi and West Bengal, respectively



China stake ease draws ₹5K cr FDI proposals

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

WITHIN months of relaxing rules for investments involving Chinese beneficial ownership, India has received 29 foreign direct investment (FDI) proposals worth ₹4,895.65 crore as of August 20 across various sectors, including information technology, artificial intelligence, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, data centres and transport services, the government said on Friday.

Rules were relaxed in March to ease investment procedures with up to 10% beneficial ownership by Chinese investors. The change in rules aimed at providing greater certainty to foreign investors and reducing the time required to complete investment transactions.

Investments have also been proposed from various other jurisdictions, including Mauritius, the United States, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Luxembourg and Cayman Islands.

Under the revised framework, investors are required to report relevant information to the government but do not need prior approval, provided they comply with sectoral caps, entry routes and other applicable conditions.

Udhayanidhi dares Vijay to open 'corruption files'

Chennai: Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Friday dared the CM to open the three files on his table, which Vijay claimed have proof of corruption in the previous DMK regime, and take action on them | P4

Actor 'Sowcar' Janaki passes away at 94

Chennai: Veteran actor 'Sowcar' Janaki, one of Indian cinema's most revered actors known for her roles across South Indian languages, passed away in Chennai on Friday due to age-related ailments. She was 94 | P7

Min: CM committed to LS seat freeze demand

Chennai: Minister Aadhav Arjuna on Friday asserted in the Assembly that the state government and the CM are committed to the stance on seeking freezing of Lok Sabha seats at 543 for 25 years | P4

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Govt to establish 17 more Pocso courts across TN

Of the total, 14 special courts will be set up in 13 districts with high pendency of cases

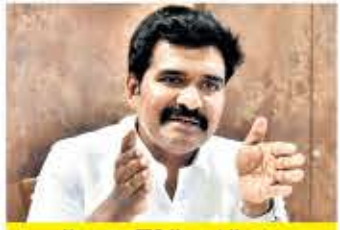
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

MINISTER for Energy and Law CTR Nirmal Kumar announced in the Assembly on Friday that the state government will establish three new special courts for the exclusive trial of Pocso cases, in addition to 14 additional special courts in districts with high pendency of cases, bringing the total number of new Pocso courts to 17.

The move assumes significance as TN police, in a recent submission before the High Court, said that 18,518 Pocso cases were pending trial, with 10,202 pending for over a year. It noted that 20 districts lacked sanctioned special courts exclusively for Pocso cases.

The 14 additional courts will come up in Chengalpattu, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Kallakurichi, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Salem, Tiruvallur, and Tirunelveli, besides two in Madurai, at a total cost of ₹25.3 crore. The three new Pocso courts in Ariyalur, Perambalur, and Pudukkottai will cost ₹5.41 crore.

Three Special Courts will be established in Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, and Vellore, and another in Chennai, for the exclusive trial of NDPS Act cases at



Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar

₹6.73 crore. An SC/ST (PoA) Act Special Court will come up in Erode at ₹1.93 crore.

An Additional District Court will be established at Perundurai, while subordinate courts will come up at Sholinghur, Natham, and Gummidipoondi. A Motor Accident Claims Tribunal will be set up at Gingee, while combined court complexes will be built at Nilakottai and Pappireddipatti. Elevators will be installed in 23 existing court buildings at ₹16.28 crore.

The government will constitute a State Advisory Board on crimes against women and children and psychotropic drug abuse. An AI-powered Legal Repository Portal will provide public access to state laws, bills, ordinances, and gazettes. LLM courses will be introduced at four government law colleges from 2026-27. "A new Government Law College will also come up in Madurai," Nirmal Kumar said.

Assistance for kin of murder victims doubled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state government has doubled the compensation provided under the Tamil Nadu Victim Compensation Fund Rules, 2009, citing prevailing economic conditions and rehabilitation needs. The compensation for death or murder has been raised from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh, while assistance for grievous and simple injuries has been increased to ₹40,000 and ₹20,000, respectively.

Announcing the measures in the Assembly on Friday, Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar said a new 500-inmate district jail would be established in Tiruvallur at a cost of ₹48.76 crore, in order to decongest Puzhal Central Prison. A 50-bed Integrated Mental Health Care Centre would be set up at Vellore Central Prison at ₹3.63 crore, while an ITI would be established inside Chennai Central Prison-I at ₹8 crore for vocational training of inmates.

The government would deploy 18 additional doctors and 29 nurses across prisons and appoint part-time psychologists in 13 district jails. Uniform allowances for prison personnel are to be raised on a par with the police personnel. Other measures include 400 AI-based CCTV cameras, de-addiction centres in seven district jails, and prison kitchen modernisation at ₹21 crore. Canteen purchase limits for prisoners would be doubled. "The timely disbursal of fund is key. After a decade, the hike in the number of courts is a welcome move," said Advocate K R Raja.

Target set to store 4% of green energy generated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state government has set energy storage targets for each year, with a goal to store 4% of total renewable energy generated in 2029-30, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the union government, Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar told the Assembly on Friday. The state has plans to achieve a total energy storage capacity of 2,500 MWh by the end of 2027.

During the discussion on demands for grants for the energy department, the minister said, "The integration of renewable energy into the grid requires frequent ramping up and ramping down of conventional thermal generation. This poses operational challenges and places additional stress on the grid."

Energy Storage Systems (ESS) would allow the state to integrate renewable energy



TN plans to achieve total energy storage capacity of 2,500 MWh by 2027 | FILE PICTURE

into the grid and manage fluctuations in both power demand and generation, he said.

According to the policy tabled in the Assembly, the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) targets are aimed at ensuring grid stability, optimising the use of renewable power and supporting TN's transition towards a cleaner energy.

As part of the efforts to

strengthen grid reliability and facilitate large-scale renewable energy integration, the Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) has initiated the establishment of 1,000 MWh (500 MW x two hours) of standalone BESS under the State Component of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). The projects are being implemented on a Build-Own-Operate (BOO)

basis. Six BESS installations, with a combined capacity of 500 MW/1,000 MWh, are planned at TANTRANSCO substations in Thennampatty, Anuppankulam, Ottapidaram, Vellalaviduthi, Kayathar and Karaikudi. The projects are targeted for commissioning by December 2026.

In addition, TNGECL is implementing another 1,500 MWh (375 MW x 4 hours) of standalone BESS with financial support from the Power System Development Fund, for which 11 TANTRANSCO substations have been identified. The installations will be established at Thappagundu, Thatchankurichi, Palladam, Alagarkoil, Kamudhi, Karamadai, Anaikadavu, Thiruvavur, Othakalmandapam, Thuvakudy, and N Subaiahapuram. These projects are scheduled to be commissioned by September 2027.

Why no V-Cs in 14 univs, court seeks TN's response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THE Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court recently sought a response from the state government on the reasons for not filling the posts of vice-chancellors in nearly 14 universities in the state, along with the steps taken by the present administration to fill the posts.

Justice B Pugalendhi issued the direction while hearing a petition filed by A Velanganni Joseph against the appointment of S Muthiah as registrar (in-charge) of Madurai Kamaraj University (MKU).

Joseph contended that Muthiah does not possess the required qualification. He wanted the court to direct Muthiah to show cause under what authority he continues to hold the post.

However, a senior counsel representing MKU argued that Muthiah is acting only as a registrar in-charge temporarily

He possessed all the required qualifications and was appointed by a competent authority, he added.

He further informed that a notification was issued for the appointment of a regular registrar on June 2, based on which applications have been received, and the process of appointing a regular registrar is underway.

During the hearing, counsels from both sides informed the judge that there are no Vice-Chancellors in almost 14 universities in Tamil Nadu and that most of the universities are now administered by the registrars in-charge, with all the decisions being taken by the Convenor Committee.

Hearing this, the judge said that though he was not inclined to entertain the above petition, he expected a response from the Principal Secretary of the Higher Education Department on the non-appointment of V-Cs and issued the above direction. The matter was adjourned for three weeks.

HC stays TN law allowing felling of rosewood trees

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

THE Madras High Court has temporarily stayed a G.O issued by the state accepting the recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for repealing the Tamil Nadu Rosewood Trees (Conservation) Act, 1994.

A division bench of justices N Sathish Kumar and K Rajasekar passed the orders on a petition filed by Dr T Murugavel, an environmental activist. The bench, in a recent order, said, "The reasons for recommending for repeal of the TN Rosewood (Conservation) Act defy logic for the simple reason that the original Act itself indicates rosewood is a rare species endemic to southern India and almost impossible to regenerate except by natural growth."

It ordered the G.O shall be kept in abeyance and said the authorities shall not grant permission for felling or removal of rosewood trees in any private land.

The G.O was issued by the Environment, Climate

Change and Forests department on June 9, 2025. Senior counsel T Mohan, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the G.O, "issued with vested interest", enables uncontrolled removal of rosewood on patta lands.

79 Illegal resorts sealed

The Nilgiris district administration informed the Madras High Court on Friday that 79 illegal resorts in the district have been sealed and 62 more are temporarily closed as part of an ongoing crackdown.

The submission was made in a status report filed by Nilgiris District Revenue Officer S Vasuki before the bench on Friday. Vasuki said 943 establishments have been identified in the district and notices have been issued to them.

Prosopis juliflora

On lax implementation of its earlier orders on removal of seemal karuvellam, the bench directed collectors to release ₹5 crore each from the district mineral funds for the same.

EXPRESS READ

Withdraw Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, CPI urges centre

Chennai: The CPI on Friday urged the centre to withdraw the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026, alleging that it would weaken the rights of states and assist companies in exploiting natural resources. The party further urged the state government to strongly oppose the amendment. CPI state secretary M Veerapandian claimed that the amendment was part of a larger move to take away powers given to states by the Constitution. ENS

Plea against Udhaya's poll victory: HC directs petitioner to file reply

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Friday directed a petitioner who challenged Udhayanidhi Stalin's election victory in 2026 to file a reply to the latter's plea to dismiss the case. Justice G Arul Murugan granted two weeks' time for the petitioner, P Milany, to file a counter-affidavit, and adjourned the hearing. Milany, who had unsuccessfully contested from the Chepauk-Triplicane Assembly constituency, filed the election petition seeking to declare Udhayanidhi's victory as null and void. ENS

THAIMAMAN THANGA MOTHIRAM THITTAM

One-paisa bid wins Joyalukkas 70% of state govt's ₹755-crore gold ring contract

C SHIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

JEWELLERY retailer Joyalukkas — by quoting 1 paisa towards service charge for every 4.41,667 one-gram, 22-carat gold rings — turned out to be the lowest bidder among 11 key jewellers who participated in the tender for supplying gold rings to the government under the "Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam". The contract's overall value is estimated to be ₹755 crore, as per sources.

As the surprisingly low bid

prices made rounds on social media, leading to debates and political reactions on the nature of the tender process, the state health department issued a release on Friday night, stating that the contract has been awarded in 70:30 ratio to Joyalukkas and Kalyan Jewellers, the only other bidder that agreed to match the price.

According to the health department, Joyalukkas quoted the lowest price of ₹0.01 per ring, excluding the prevailing price of one gram of gold but in-

cluding all other additional charges such as making charges, insurance, transportation and BIS hallmarking.

"In accordance with the provisions of the TN Transparency in Tenders Act and Rules, the other 10 participating companies were asked whether they were willing to match the lowest bidder's price. Only Kalyan Jewellers agreed to match the price quoted by the lowest bidder," the release stated.

"The first phase will cover the distribution of 1,28,499 gold



Kalyan Jewellers get 30% of the order for matching the bid | REPRESENTATIVE PIC

rings required for four months, from June onwards, to eligible beneficiaries," the statement said. The second lowest bid was by GRT Jewellers (₹410.97), followed by Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers (₹822.97). "The quoted amount was submitted as per the pricing structure and terms prescribed in the tender," Joyalukkas told TNIE.

Joyalukkas, in a statement, described its quote as a deliberate low-margin commitment to the welfare programme rather than a pursuit of commercial

return. Its chairman and managing director Joy Alukkas framed the win as an opportunity to support a scheme that reaches "thousands of families" across the state.

Implemented by the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) from September 15, the scheme gives a ring to every baby born in a government hospital from June 22.

Each ring must carry the state emblem and a portrait of the CM. If a batch of rings fails test-

ing, TNMSC can trigger a mandatory buyback at the higher of the original price or the prevailing benchmark rate, on top of liquidated damages capped at 10% of contract value.

Meanwhile, AIADMK IT wing on 'X' said the Joyalukkas bid price raises eyebrows and alleged that CM Vijay was the brand ambassador for Joyalukkas's sister concern, Jos Alukkas. Former MLA Ezhilan Nagathan (DMK) said the TNMSC, known for procurement of quality medicines, has lost its pride with procurement of gold.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHS

22nd August: Welcome to Virgo Season! Every year has a moment when the party winds down, the chairs get folded and somebody reaches for a clipboard. Welcome to Virgo season. It's the opening of the school year and the starting place for summer's biggest dreams. A Capricorn moon gathers everyone around the morning meeting. Assignments are handed out, calendars are opened, coffee is poured and the real work begins.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's not every day you get to start with the fun part. It's like eating ice cream for breakfast. When you launch into the party you're excited about, you'll steer with an enthusiasm that keeps gaining momentum into next week.

TAURUS (Apr 20 - May 20)

You resonate with the most down-to-earth aspects of the new season. You're all about the work, and people trust you because of this. You'll keep falling into fortunate circumstances involving more pay than you ask for.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You've many talents, but you're now becoming aware of the one that's going to get the most play this season. When you narrow your focus, you make an impact. You add to your portfolio. You build on your reputation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Some of the most frustrating relationships you've known have been the source of your favorite memories. So you know that solid ties are worth working on, and in the season ahead, you'll do what it takes.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)

When your solar season comes to a close, it can feel a bit like driving home from the party. Maybe you don't want it to be over, but you must admit you're relaxed. And there's something fun about anticipating the next chapter.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

You're already feeling the potential. It's like you found the "easy" button of life. The others are finally picking up what you've been throwing down for months now. No more having to explain the assignment. Full cooperation is coming.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23)

You're favored to get what you want today. Whether your ambition, picture the end result before you get into it. When you know "this" looks like you'll avoid wasting time polishing what's already perfectly lovely.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You probably won't be able to keep your ambitions a secret anymore because it would be like leaving blueprints in a secret when you're already building the house. Everyone who drives by sees what you're up to, and they'll be both impressed and envious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

You're coming out of a season of cutting back on the extras, the travel, the expansion so you can make good on your recent promises. No new orders because all the fun will be in fulfilling the ones that are already on your ticket.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

To prepare for the weeks ahead, keep a "To Do" list. You can look back in awe of how much actually happened. It would seem almost unbelievable without the evidence in your own handwriting.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Here's a habit that will hold you in good stead in the season ahead. End every week by throwing something away: an old file, a broken tool or a forgotten obligation... because your sweetest progress will have as much to do with subtraction as addition.

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Your unusual brilliance will shine even brighter when you put your planning time on the schedule. The season ahead shows you plainly: problems with nothing but a notebook, coffee and some sweet blocks of uninterrupted thinking time.

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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Nose to nose perhaps and ready (2,4A)
- Audible fault in circuitry (4)
- Is inclined to stop in the back street (5)
- Chicken and fish a problem in the kitchen (9)
- Having no worries about being negligent (8)
- Prepared to fight (3-2)
- Slips by the Spanish church features (7)
- Made ends meet sailor-fashion? (7)
- Running away for security reasons (7)
- A new car coat? (7)
- Identification of Lincoln in 50-50 split (5)
- Caution had Simon dithering (8)
- It brings down the tone when depressed (4,5)
- Brief description of different trees (5)
- Ordinary appeal for help and love (2-2)
- Sort of lady who ate to go before (4,3,3)

DOWN

- Decides to stop for a change (4)
- A vain fool in futile guise (2,2,5)
- Some golden suet pudding to follow (5)
- Watching examiners marking correctly (7)
- Dispenses with apologies (7)
- A bit on the side? (5)
- Happiest time for those not attending night classes? (10)
- Comes to grips with the opposition (8)
- They provide simple remedies (10)
- Where many enjoy the pleasures of the slippery path (3,5)
- Means to get at the drink (9)
- Foreign nobleman enraged by exchange of letters (7)
- Sounded very low but a doctor is ruled out (7)
- Uses Polish enthusiasts? (5)
- Make a score (5)
- Extremely inventive signalman (4)

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

EHMET
AYEHN
RSNKHI
BROREB

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWARE RIGID VENDOR BOUGHT
Answer: Being a completely normal 1, 3, 5, etc. comes with - ODD BEHAVIOR

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Ladies, 5 Bow, 8 Treatment, 9 RM, 10 Mean, 12 Admission, 14 Regain, 15 Stand, 17 Surrender, 19 Debt, 21 Ski, 22 Xanadu, 24 Skit, 25 On a diet

DOWN: 1 Tiam, 2 Doe, 3 Doh, 4 Shady, 5 Entree, 6 Barcade, 7 Wilkies, 8 Argentia, 9 Highlight, 14 Resists, 16 Edward, 19 Local, 20 Coma, 21 Sage

7,302 children out of schools in city

Corpn plans door-to-door campaign in all 200 wards to facilitate children's re-enrolment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

THE city corporation has identified 7,302 children who are out of school and has launched a coordinated exercise to facilitate their re-enrolment by August 31, and ensure they continue their education. The officials said the initiative aims to ensure that no child is left behind in the education system.

A senior corporation official engaged in the exercise told *TNIE* that often family disputes, illness affecting children or parents, the need to care for siblings, lack of parental support, single-parent families, migration, seasonal migration, financial difficulties and poverty are among the major reasons for children dropping out. "If a child has dropped out because of financial difficulties, such as when parents are ill and the child has had to work, we will identify the family and

explore ways to provide financial support," the official added.

Families may be linked with self help group revolving funds under the TN Women Development department or may facilitate employment opportunities for parents through nearby private companies.

A coordination meeting on the identification and re-enrolment of out-of-school children was inaugurated by GCC Commissioner GS Sameeran at Ripon Buildings on Thursday. The 96 community organisers were trained during the meeting to undertake field-level follow-up, interact with families, provide counselling, coordinate

with schools and monitor children's attendance after re-enrolment.

Sameeran told *TNIE*, "Now we are concentrating on a already dropped out children. A larger survey is required for identifying high-risk children, which will be done after this exercise is over."

Earlier this year, a survey was conducted by school education department through door-to-door visits by Block Resource Teacher Educators (BRTes), teachers and special educators in vulnerable and sensitive areas across 10 blocks of Chennai district. The areas covered include Thiruvanniyur Kuppam in Adyar, Ezhil Nagar and Kannagi Nagar in Alandur, Varadharajapuram

and Lakshmiapuram in Ambattur, TP Chathiram and Bricklin Road in Anna Nagar, Kasimedu in Royapuram, MGR Nagar Housing Board in Kodambakkam, Rama Street in Teynampet, AIR Nagar and Tsunami Quarters in Thiruvotiyur, Pulianthope and Otteri in Thiru-Vi-Ka Nagar, and Vyasaripadi and Kalyanapuram in Tondiarpet.

Nearly 1,200 children were identified and admitted to schools and around 130 potential dropouts were also identified and regularised in the schools concerned, the officials said.

As a continuation of the survey, the data from EMIS of the school education department showed nearly 7,302 children were out of school. Now, the corporation has planned to conduct the door-to-door exercise in all 200 wards with the help of 96 community organisers and ensure all these students are enrolled back to school.

OMR residents say Mamallan reservoir could worsen floods

CHENNAI: More than 50 organisations, including residential welfare associations from Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR), along with over 1,100 citizens, have petitioned Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay seeking the scrapping of the proposed Mamallan Reservoir project, alleging it could worsen flooding and damage ecologically sensitive wetlands. The residents said they are being offered the project under the pretext of meeting OMR's drinking water needs, as the area continues to depend on private water tankers. They alleged the reservoir would encroach upon the Kovalam-Nemmeli salt marsh and threaten a habitat supporting more than 200 resident and migratory bird species.

"An ecologically destructive project that increases flood risk and affects livelihood cannot be called sustainable water planning," said Sholinganallur resident Bhuvana Raj.

Harsha Koda, co-founder of the Federation of OMR Residents' Associations, said residential areas in OMR lie between the Pallikarai and Nemmeli wetland systems and warned that the project could aggravate the region's climate vulnerability. *ENS*

Blood stains in auto help crack murder case

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THE blood stains found inside an autorickshaw during a routine vehicle check helped the police to bring a murder of an autorickshaw driver, Mahesh (27), to light, and arrest three perpetrators at Kundrathur on Friday morning.

The suspects were identified as Harikrishnan, Venkatesan and Mahesh. Thirumudiyavakkam police said all the three were drunk during their arrest. During questioning, they reportedly confessed to the murder. Police said Harikrishnan had a quarrel with the victim Mahesh while

they were drinking together some time ago. On Thursday night, he invited Mahesh for a drink and attacked him with a sickle. The suspects then hit the victim Mahesh with a stone, killing him. The auto was seized, and further probe is under way.

In another incident, K Praveen Kumar (23), who was hacked at Kelambakkam five days ago by the relatives and friends of a girl with whom he was allegedly in a relationship, died on Friday. He was hacked on Sunday night, while he was talking with his friends near his

house at Thaiyur. Following Praveen's death at the hospital on Friday morning, the case was altered to murder.

In a separate incident, the parents and relatives of a 17-year-old class 12 student who died after collapsing while playing football at his school in T Nagar two months ago staged a road blockade on Friday. They alleged delay from the part of the police in acting against the school management. The protest disrupted traffic, following which Mambalam police detained over 30 protesters and later let them go in the evening.



Motorists drive during heavy rain at Chetpet on Friday evening | ASHWIN PRASATH

Decomposed body of student found in hostel

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THE decomposed body of a third-year ECE student was found in her room at the hostel of a private university in Enathur near Kancheepuram on Thursday evening. Suspecting suicide due to personal reasons, the police said the girl could have died earlier this week.

The Kancheepuram Taluk police identified the deceased as Nikitha (19), a native of Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh. Her father is working in the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams in Tirupati and her mother a homemaker.

The police said Nikitha, who was staying in a single room, had not come out of for two days. After a foul smell started emanating from the room, the hostel authorities broke open the door and found her dead inside.

Following the incident, fellow students staged a protest

outside the college, prompting the police to deploy personnel on the premises. The students demanded a swift and thorough probe into her death. Senior district police officers visited the spot and assured them that necessary action would be taken.

The police said a preliminary inquiry revealed Nikitha was in a relationship with a man from her native town. For the past few days, the two have been arguing with each other, police said. Frustrated over this, the girl could have killed herself, they added.

On Friday afternoon, the body was handed over to her parents after a postmortem at a government hospital in Kancheepuram. Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding her death.

(Assistance for those having suicidal thoughts is available on TN's health helpline 104 and Sneh's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050)

13-year-old girl dies by suicide in Pallavaram

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A 13-year-old schoolgirl died by suicide at her apartment complex on Radial Road in Pallavaram on Wednesday evening. The police suspect that personal issue could be the reason behind the girl's extreme step.

The deceased was identified as N Kshibijham, a class 8 student at a private school in the locality. Her father is a chartered accountant and her mother a homemaker. She has a 9-year-old younger sister.

Police suspect after coming home from school, an argument broke out between Kshibijha and her mother on Wednesday. This could have led to the girl's decision, the police said. They said the girl left the house after telling her mother that she would come back after keeping her shoes on the stand outside the house. Soon after, other residents alerted the mother that her daughter was found unconscious on the ground floor. She was rushed to Tambaram Government Hospital, but she died on the way.

Police have sent her body for a post-mortem examination. A case has been registered and police are examining CCTV footage from the apartment to ascertain the circumstances that led to her death.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE
(Notice Pursuant to Section 91 and 108 of The Companies Act, 2013)

Notice is hereby given that the 75th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The South India Hotels and Restaurants Association (SIHRA) will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. at Tulip Hall, Feathers-A Radha Hotel, 4/129, Mount Poonamallee Road, Manappakkam, Chennai - 600089. Notice of the AGM has been dispatched to all the Members to their registered mailing/email address appearing in the Register of Members of the Association as on August 21, 2026. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the 'Act') and the Rules framed thereunder, the Register of Members will remain closed from Tuesday, September 1, 2026 to Saturday, September 12, 2026 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ascertaining the Members who are eligible to cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting or through ballot at the AGM venue. The Association, pursuant to Section 108 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 and the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India is providing the members with the facility to cast their vote through remote e-voting with regard to the businesses to be transacted, as per the notice of the 75th AGM.

The Association has fixed August 31, 2026 as the cut-off date for ascertaining the Members who are entitled to cast their vote either by remote e-voting or ballot voting at the AGM Venue. The necessary USER ID & PASSWORD were sent to the Members email-id / postal address available with the Association along with the Notice of the 75th AGM. Person becoming Members of the Association after dispatch of the Notice of the AGM but before the Cut-off date i.e. August 31, 2026, may obtain the USER ID and password by sending a request to e-voting@cdsindia.com or contact the Secretariat of the Association at the address mentioned in the AGM Notice. A member can opt for only one mode of voting i.e., either through remote e-voting or by voting at the venue of AGM. If a Member cast votes by both modes, voting done through remote e-voting shall prevail. Members who have not cast their votes through remote e-voting and who are attending the AGM have an option to exercise his/her voting through a ballot form at the AGM venue. The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

The e-voting window shall commence on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 9:00 am, and shall be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026 and the Members are requested to cast their vote through the web-link <https://www.evoting.cdsindia.com> by using their User ID and Password. Members will not be able to cast their vote electronically beyond the said date and time, and the e-voting module shall be disabled for voting by CDCL.

The Annual Report including Notice of the AGM is also available on the Association's website www.sihra.in. In case of any queries or issues in relation to e-voting, Members may refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions", (FAQs) and e-voting User Manual under Downloads section of CDCL's e-voting website <https://www.evoting.cdsindia.com> or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdsindia.com

Members entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, may vote in person or by proxy / authorised representative, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form / authorisation duly signed by the person entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, are deposited at the Registered Office of the Association, not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee
For SOUTH INDIA HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS ASSOCIATION
Date: August 21, 2026
Place: Chennai
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HONY. SECRETARY

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION
Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has published Employment Notification for various posts in Vadiapudi Project of Mechanical Department for initial period of one year on fixed term Contract basis through Walk-in-interview. Details are as under:
Employment Notification No.CO/P-R/14C/2026, dated 14.08.2026

Name of post	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total No. of Posts	Date of Walk in Interview
Assistant Financial Advisor	1	0	0	0	0	1	03.09.2026
Section Officer	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Project Manager / Material	1	0	0	0	0	1	04.09.2026

Candidates may see the details of notification, eligibility criteria, etc. on the KRCL's website www.konkanrailway.com at the link → Recruitment → Current Notification and apply accordingly

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Directorate General of Health Service
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (Drugs Section)

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2. For further details please visit CDSCO website <https://cdsco.gov.in>.

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No change in TN's stand on demand to freeze LS seats at 543: Minister

Aadhav Arjuna clarifies after opposition alleges softening of stance on delimitation issue

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MINISTER Aadhav Arjuna on Friday asserted in the Assembly that the state government and Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay remain firmly committed to its stance on freezing Lok Sabha seats at 543 for the next 25 years, backed by legislation. He said this was the position reflected in the resolution adopted by the Assembly on August 12. "We don't want fair delimitation. What we want is — freeze delimitation," he added.

The minister stated that he was clarifying the government's stance amid a "misinformation campaign" that it has softened its position on delimitation following Vijay's speech at the Southern Zonal Council meeting, chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Mahabalipuram on Thursday.

Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin said while the Assembly resolution called for retaining the cap on Lok Sabha seats, the chief minister's speech at the Southern Zonal



Minister Aadhav Arjuna speaking during a discussion on delimitation in Assembly on Friday | EXPRESS

We don't want fair delimitation. What we want is freeze delimitation. I am clarifying the government's stance amid a misinformation campaign

PWD and Sports Minister Aadhav Arjuna

Council meeting did not convey this position. Law Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar said he had clarified the government's stance immediately after the meeting. Reiterating the DMK's stand, Udhayanidhi said the Lok Sabha should continue to have 543 seats. If the number of

seats is to be increased, Tamil Nadu's existing 7.18% share of representation should not be reduced and instead should be increased, he said.

Responding to it, Aadhav alleged that the DMK had opposed a 50% increase in LS seats before the Assembly elec-

tions but appeared to be changing its position now. If the BJP-led union government introduced a legislation to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats by 50%, all 39 MPs from Tamil Nadu should oppose it unitedly without staging a walkout, Arjuna said. Such an increase would amount to a "betrayal of Tamil Nadu" and "mortgaging Tamil Nadu", he added.

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami said his party's position was that Tamil Nadu's existing 7.18% share of Lok Sabha representation should not be reduced in any delimitation exercise. BJP MLA Bojarajan, however, said delimitation could benefit Tamil Nadu. If the number of Lok Sabha seats increased by 50%, the state's representation could rise from the present 39 to 59, he said. PMK MLA Ganeshkumar said delimitation could provide TN with additional seats if its existing proportional share was protected. He questioned why the Congress has gone from demanding "fair delimitation" to opposing delimitation altogether.



Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin said considering the economic situation, vehicles should be given to only those who need it | P JAWAHAR

'None of DMK MLAs will accept govt car'

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LEADER of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Friday said none of the 59 DMK MLAs will accept new cars, which the government offered to all legislators for constituency-related work. "DMK members do not need government cars. Considering the economic situation (of the state), cars should be provided to those who are facing difficulties. The vehicles should be given (to MLAs) after looking at the assets value mentioned in the election affidavit," Udhayanidhi said in the Assembly.

"From the day the government assumed office, the allegation has been that the treasury is empty. The DMK's stand is that cars are not needed. Let them buy cars for those who need them," he added. Minister Aadhav Arjuna, however, defended the move, saying it was intended to help MLAs meet people in their constituencies.

"This is not luxury. The intention is that MLAs should meet the people," he said, point-

ing to the CPI MLAs. The minister also clarified that TVK legislators who already owned cars would not seek government vehicles.

During the debate, CPI MLA T Ramachandran said his party was against the provision of cars. PMK MLA A Ganeshkumar said government vehicles should be provided only to legislators who were economically disadvantaged. It may be recalled that Ganeshkumar — a two-time MLA — had earlier asked if the cars were only for first-time MLAs. He even wholeheartedly thanked the CM after the Speaker informed the House that it was for everyone.

The discussion also saw a sharp exchange over government accommodation for the Leader of the Opposition. Aadhav Arjuna questioned whether Udhayanidhi, who has multiple houses, would forgo a government bungalow. Responding to this, DMK senior leader and MLA KN Nehru said the Leader of Opposition was entitled to government accommodation as he holds a ministerial rank post.



'Consecration done for 4,614 shrines under DMK govt'

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FORMER HR and CE Minister P K Sekarbabu on Friday said that during the previous DMK regime, consecration was done for a whopping 4,641 temples. Participating in the discussion on the demands for grants for the department, Sekarbabu said the TVK government has announced that 3,000 temples would be consecrated during the next five years. He described this as a setback to the consecration works.

Countering, HR&CE Minister S Ramesh said the DMK regime had announced that 2,491 temples would be renovated using general funds and plans were laid. But of the total estimated cost, ₹392 crore is yet to be paid.

Sekarbabu said that 352 temples had been identified for renovation, with the government allocating ₹425 crore between 2022-23 and 2025-26 and receiving another ₹135 crore from donors.

Thus, 352 temples were taken up for renovation at a total cost of ₹560 crore, and consecration ceremonies had been held in around 90 temples that are more than 1,000 years old.



40K acres of temple land transferred to private entities in the past: Ramesh

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HR&CE Minister S Ramesh on Friday alleged that in the past, 40,245 acres of temple lands had been transferred to private individuals through patta transfers, and recovering these lands was a major task before the TVK government.

Responding to discussions in the assembly during the demand for grants for his department, Ramesh said around 33,949 acres had been erroneously transferred to private individuals while computerised Chitta records were being prepared, and the TVK government was taking steps to recover them. He added that, over the past 100 days, the government had pursued appeals to recover approximately 464 acres of temple lands as part of its efforts to retrieve and protect temple properties.

Ramesh said approximately ₹108 crore in outstanding temple revenue has been recovered by the TVK government. A further ₹2,000 crore in revenue remains outstanding, and all necessary steps are being taken to recover this amount and bring it into the government's coffers as well.

Announcing a series of measures for the renovation and development of temples across the state, he said restoration of 64 temples that are more than 1,000 years old will be taken up at a cost of ₹125 crore.



HR&CE Minister S Ramesh called on Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay at the secretariat on Friday | x

The minister said that as part of efforts to restore dilapidated temples, restoration works in 152 temples will be carried out at an estimated cost of ₹35 crore. Renovation of 75 completely dilapidated temples and 75 partially dilapidated temples will be taken up at ₹85 crore. He also announced a series of initiatives to preserve Tamil

₹125 crore

The minister said 64 temples, with more than 1,000 years of history, will be restored at a cost of ₹125 crore. He also announced a series of initiatives to preserve Tamil Nadu's folk traditions

Nadu's temple heritage and folk traditions, including an annual Village Deities Cultural Festival featuring folk arts, traditional theatre and drama. A heritage temple tour will be organised for 2,000 devotees to highlight the history, inscriptions, architecture, sculptures and paintings of important temples.

Special worship and community feasts will be held at major temples on July 15 to mark the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister K Kamaraj, while the Elephant Welfare Camp at Thekkampatti will be revived with ₹3 crore in government funding. Besides, 108 rare devotional Tamil books as well as English translations of temple histories will be published.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON TEMPLE FUNDS

Chennai: BJP MLA M Bhojarajan said temples had been built in the past not only for worship but also to support the livelihood of people living around them. He suggested that the government prepare a separate financial statement for temples, showing their income and how the funds are being used. ENS

Assembly time being wasted on unrelated subjects, says Premalatha

Chennai: DMK general secretary Premalatha Vijayakant has criticised the conduct of Assembly proceedings, saying important public issues are being pushed aside by discussions on unrelated subjects. Speaking to reporters outside the

Assembly, she said six demands for grants were listed for the day, but only two had been taken up even by 2 pm. She said nearly 75 minutes had been spent discussing delimitation, while members had little time to raise constituency-level issues. ENS

Shanmugam praises EPS for 7.5% medical quota for govt students

Chennai: Former Minister Cve Shanmugam, who has been at odds with AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, on Friday praised the former CM for providing 7.5% reservation for government-school students in medical admissions. During a discussion in the Assembly, Shanmugam claimed that the then governor imposed a condition, saying that if the state accepted the 10% EWS reservation, he would immediately give his assent to quota Bill. "But our CM (Palaniswami) issued a G.O invoking Article 162 for providing 7.5% quota to medical students," he said. ENS



A total of 1,008 women participating in Sumangali Pooja as part of Varalakshmi Vratam at Nelliappur Temple in Tirunelveli on Friday | V KARTHIK ALAGU

DMK likely to expand district units to 110 in major organisational overhaul

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU
@Chennai

THE DMK is likely to announce a major restructuring of its organisational units, with the party expected to increase the number of district units from the existing strength of 78 to around 110, placing one district secretary in charge of two to three Assembly constituencies, party sources said.

The announcement is likely to be made at the party's executive committee meeting on Saturday, amid growing demands within the organisation for the conduct of elections to various party posts and a revamp of the existing structure.

The proposed expansion of district units is part of a broader exercise being considered by the party leadership following the loss in the

2026 Assembly elections. Under the proposed arrangement, district secretaries would have jurisdiction over fewer Assembly constituencies, with the objective of making the party's organisational structure more manageable and strengthening its presence at the constituency level. Sources said the delay in announcing the new district secretaries was also linked to a review of the functioning of ministers and district secretaries during the previous DMK government.

A report prepared by party seniors as well DMK's strategy firm PEN is learnt to have been submitted to DMK president MK Stalin, detailing the performance of former ministers and district secretaries and the level of dissatisfaction among party functionaries in several districts. "The report has recom-

mended changes in several districts, citing data and feedback on the functioning of incumbents," sources privy to the report said. As part of the restructuring exercise, the party's reorganisation committee has reportedly suggested moving senior district secretaries aged above 70 to state or zonal-level responsibilities. It has also proposed limiting the jurisdiction of district secretaries to a minimum of two and a maximum of three Assembly constituencies. Another source close to the party leadership said that another proposal under consideration was to appoint youth wing functionaries as district secretaries.

Party sources also said a senior leader in the rank of deputy general secretary had also suggested conducting organisational elections from the branch level to the party headquarters.

House's digital dilemma: Expunged remarks go viral

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu Assembly's decision to telecast its proceedings live marks a step towards transparency, but it has brought a pertinent question into focus — whether the practice of expunging remarks remains effective in the age of social media.

Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Friday pointed out that although the Speaker had been expunging remarks, portions of it were being converted into "reels" and circulated online. Speaker JCD Prabhakar assured the House that circulation of expunged remarks or videos brought to his notice would be referred to the Privileges Committee.

The Speaker's ruling can determine the official record, but cannot easily erase something already in the public domain. The Parliament, too, has grappled with television channels re-telecasting portions subsequently expunged. For decades,



Students arrive to watch the Assembly session live on Friday | P JAWAHAR

expunction served a clear purpose. Defamatory, indecent, unparliamentary or undignified expressions could be removed from the official record to protect the dignity and orderly functioning of the House. It was never primarily intended to erase a remark from public memory; rather, it determined the authoritative legislative record. Before live telecasts, an expunged remark could largely disappear from the official record and had limited circulation. Ever since the entire proceedings of the House started being telecast live, clips of

these remarks appear on YouTube, X, Instagram and WhatsApp within minutes. Even if removed from the official transcript or archived video, copies exist across platforms.

Expunction stems from the Westminster tradition that influenced India. The principle was that legislators should enjoy freedom to speak inside the House, subject to parliamentary rules and the Chair. In India, Article 105(2) of the Constitution protects MPs from court proceedings in respect of anything said or any vote given in

Parliament. Expunction therefore operates as an internal disciplinary mechanism: legislators have freedom of speech within the House, subject to its rules and the authority of the Chair. Significantly, the Madras High Court had anticipated this difficulty. While hearing a petition filed by DMK founder Vijayakanth in 2015 seeking live telecast of Assembly proceedings, the court, on January 23, 2024, suggested a 30-minute deferred telecast to allow time for removing remarks ordered to be expunged.

In 2025, the Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker announced plans involving AI-enabled cameras and mechanisms to identify or filter objectionable comments before certain material is made public. It also planned to provide MLAs with clips of their speeches for public use. Until then, expunction in the age of live broadcasting and social media becomes merely a mechanism for correcting the official record.



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E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Ref: RO/SAR/SN/103/2026-27

Date: 19.08.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

To Borrowers : 1.Mr.Murthy G.V.S.N., S/o.Mr.G.Rajeswara Rao, residing at Flat No. S- 1, Cherish Castle, 2nd Floor, No. 26/F, Kaveri Street, Saligramam, Chennai, Tamilnadu- 600 093, **Also at** No. 34/8, DG Villa, A Block, 2nd Floor, Ramakrishna Street, Gandhi Nagar, Saligramam, Chennai- 600 093 and **2. Mrs. Sirisha G.**, residing at Flat No. S-1, Cherish Castle, 2nd Floor, No. 26/F, Kaveri Street, Saligramam, Chennai, Tamilnadu- 600 093, **Also at:** No.53A, Ward No. 119, Pillayar Koil Street, T.Nagar, Chennai- 600 017 **Also at:** No. 34/8, DG Villa, A Block, 2nd Floor, Ramakrishna Street, Gandhi Nagar, Saligramam, Chennai- 600 093.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the **South Indian Bank Ltd, Chennai Anna Nagar Branch** (Secured Creditor), the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on **11.09.2026** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.50,05,579.56 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine and Paisa Fifty Six Only)** as on **18.08.2026**, with future interest, costs and expenses etc, thereon due to **The South Indian Bank Limited, Chennai Anna Nagar Branch** (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s).

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Description of property	All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.S2 in second floor of the building known as "Rajeswari Homes" in Sri Metha Nagar, having built up area of about 1650 Sq.Ft (inclusive of common area), together with undivided share of land admeasuring 595 Sq.ft. (UDS) in the undivided share of land admeasuring 4075 Sq.ft. out of total land admeasuring 5137 Sq.ft bearing Plot No.A1, along with right to use common facilities, amenities, and all other easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Sy.No.50/1, 50/2, old patta no.346, 623, New patta No.6682, as per patta New Sy.no.50/3 & 50/4 of Kundrathur Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District and owned by Mr.G.V.S.N. Murthy, more fully described in Sale Deed No.15622/2014 dated 08.10.2014 of SRO Kundrathur and bounded on the, North by : Metha Nagar plots, East by : Metha Nagar plots, South by : Plot No.A2 & 16 feet wide private passage, West by : Metha Nagar Plots.
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Bid Increment amount	Rs.50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)
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City Case Officer details: Name: **R. Nani Kumar**, Mobile No: **9150414086**

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (See Proviso to Rule 8 (6))

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BORROWERS NAME & ADDRESS : 1.) Smt. Supriya Lalith Kumar W/o E. Lalit Kumar 2.) Mr. E. Lalit Kumar S/o Govindaraj Ekambaram both are residing at No. 2A, 2nd Cross street 2nd main road, Moogambikai Nagar, Nerukundram - Chennai-600 107 also at No. 11, 1st street, Azhagambal Nagar, 1st main road, Nerukundram Chennai - 600107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 67.00,665.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Six Hundred and Sixty Five only) as on **13.08.2026** with future interest, costs, etc.,

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Name of the title Holder: **Mrs. Supriya Lalithkumar & Mr. E. Lalithkumar SCHEDULE - 'A' (TOTAL PROPERTY)** All that Piece and Parcel of Vacant Land Measuring 13952 Square Feet (Planning permit and Building Plan Approval issued by the Maraimalai Nagar Municipality vide B.A.No. 213/2015 & D.Dis No. 2123/14/A1 dated 27.05.2015 & Approved by the Town Planning Authority, chengalpattu vide approval No.3421/14 dated 10.10.2014) in old Survey No.526A/1C, as per Patta No. 2440 in New Survey No. 526A/1C2 situated at Thirukkatchur Village, **Bounded on the:** North by : S.No. 526A/1A1 Part, 526 A/13 to 16 Part South by : S.No. 526A/1D East by : S.No. 526A/12 Part and 526 A/18 Part West by : S.No. 526 A/1C. The above property is situated within the Maraimalai Nagar Municipality Limits and within the Registration District of Chengalpattu and Registration Sub-District of Joint II Chengalpattu. **SCHEDULE - 'B' (PROPERTY ALLOTTED TO THE DEVELOPER)** 448 Square feet, of undivided share of land out of 13952 Square feet, in the property described in Schedule 'A' above. **SCHEDULE - 'C' (FLAT TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE PARTY - FLAT-A-3)** Flat A-3, on the First Floor with Super-Built-Up Area of 1161 Sq.ft. (inclusive of common area) together with one Car Parking allotted in the Ground floor (vide B.A.No. 213/2015 & D.Dis No. 2123/14/A1 dated 27.05.2015 Approved by the Town planning authority, Chengalpattu vide approval No. 3421/14 dated 10.10.2014) (Covered under **Saled Deed Doc.No.8659** Dated: 15.07.2019 Construction Agreement Doc.No. 8657 dated 15.07.2019).

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 36,50,000/- EMD ₹ 3,65,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 25,000/-

Date and Time of Inspection of Properties: 22.09.2026, between 1.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 29.09.2026 Time: 11.00 AM With auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed

Encumbrances known to the Bank, if any : NIL

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website www.sbi.co.in & <https://banknet.com>

Date : 20.08.2026
Place : Chennai

State Bank Of India
 Stressed Assets Recovery Branch - II
 No.44, 1st Floor, Eldams Road, Teynampet, Chennai - 600018.
 Email: sbi.70674@sbi.co.in

Authorised Officer's Details Name: Name: **Shri. Kailash Chandra Meena**; Mobile No: **8699009584**

City Case Officer details: Name: **R. Nani Kumar**, Mobile No: **9150414086**

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BORROWERS NAME & ADDRESS : Mr. B. Sridhar S/o Mr. Balaraman D Address-1 : No. 501, F3, Kamalajayam Apartments Varatharajapuram MTH Road, Ambattur, Chennai - 600053 Address-2: Plot No. 46, Thirunelkandam Nagar 5th Street, Puzhal Village, Madhavaram Taluk Chennai - 600066 Address-3: Flat No. S1, 2nd floor, Plot No. 49, Chakrapani Nagar, Gerugambakkam Chennai - 600128 Address-4: Shree Balaji Enterprises No. 5, 1st Cross Street, Trusturapuram, Kodambakkam Chennai - 600024.

Outstanding Amount : Rs.1,29,51,938.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) as on **17.08.2026** with future interest, costs, etc.,

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PROPERTY : 1 Name of the title Holder: **Mr. B. Sridhar** Schedule of Property: **SCHEDULE -A** All that piece and parcel of the Plot No. 49, measuring an extent of 1920 sq.ft comprised in S.No. 36, in Patta No. 2577, in the layout known as Chakrapani Nagar situated in Gerugambakkam Village, Kundrathur Panchayat Union, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kanchipuram District bounded on the: North by - Land belonging to Mr. Srinivasan South by - Plot No. 50 belonging to C. Radha East by - 24 Feet Road West by - Plot No. 51 Measuring on the : North to South on the Eastern side - 35 ft. Western side - 29 ft East to West on the Northern side - 60 ft Southern side- 60 ft in all measuring 1920 Sq.ft vacant land or thereabouts. **SCHEDULE-B** The proportionate undivided share of 463 Sq.ft., with all Common Rights title interest including the right to use the same in common in and out of 1920 Sq.ft. together with residential flat No. S-1, having plinth area measuring about 967 Sq.ft. inclusive of common area in the ground floor and one car parking in stilt floor area, together with all the fixtures and fittings, electrical installation, TNB service connection along with the security deposit and all the amenities in Flat No. S-1 situated at Plot No. 49, comprised in Survey No. 36 Patta No. 2577, as per patta Surety No. 36/20, situated in Known as "chakrapani Nagar" of Gerugambakkam Village, in Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, within the registration district of south Chennai and sub registration district of pammal. (covered under **Sale Deed Doc.No. 707 of 2016** dated 04th Feb. 2016)

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 43,60,000/- EMD ₹ 4,36,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 25,000/-

PROPERTY : 2 Name of the title Holder: **Mr. B. Sridhar** All that piece and parcel of house site land and building bearing of Plot No.46 and 47 measuring an extent of 3630 Sq.ft, comprised in survey Nos.391, 392 & 395 as per Patta No.2133 new Survey Nos.391/22, 392/12 and 395/4 situated in No.52, Puzhal Village, Madhavaram Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Ambattur Vattam forming in the layout of 'Thirunelkandam Nagar part 2' in Plot No.46 measuring an extent of 1815 Sq.ft, in which already sold out 600 Sq.ft the remaining measurement of 1215 Sq.ft (or) 112.87 Sq.m along with constructed building thereon together with Electricity, Bathroom and Room well, and within the Registration District of North Chennai and sub-Registration District of Redhills bounded on the: **Item :1** North by : 24 Feet wide Road South by : Plot No.67 East by : Plot No.45 West by : Plot No.46 owned by Mr.Kannadasanan property in item 1. Measuring: North by : 13 Feet East by : 13 Feet East by : 55 Feet West by : 55 Feet In all totaling of 715 Sq.ft **Item :2** North by : Part of the Plot No.46 owned by Mr.Kannadasanan South by : Plot No.67 East by : Plot No.46 in item No.1 West by : Plot No.47 Measuring: North by : 20 Feet South by : 20 Feet East by : 25 Feet West by : 25 Feet In all totaling an extent of 500 Sq.ft Total of 1215 Sq.ft. (or) 112.87 Sq.m of Item 1 & 2 of land with building, (covered under **Sale Deed Doc. No.4083 of 2016** dated 12.05.2016)

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 44,50,000/- EMD ₹ 5,45,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

Date and Time of Inspection of Properties: 10.09.2026, between 1.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 17.09.2026 Time: 11.00 AM With auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed

Encumbrances known to the Bank, if any : NIL

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website www.bank.sbi & <https://banknet.com>

Date : 20.08.2026
Place : Chennai

AUTHORISED OFFICER
State Bank of India, SARB-II, Chennai

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623, Registered Office: W - 4/ 638A, Manappuram House, P.o. Valapad, Thrissur - 680 567, Kerala, India

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/09/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

CHENNAI, ALANDUR MKN ROAD, 0116620810021220, AMBEDKAR NAGAR CHENNAI, 0113010720000109, 0095, AMINJIKARAI, 0120540720000098, ANNANAGAR CHENNAI, 0100220720000132, 9623, ASHOK NAGAR, 0124730710025187, 5255, AYANAVARAM, 0101120710769346, BRICKILIN ROAD PURASAWALKAM, 0131250810020279, BROADWAY, 0119720820000114, CHROMEPEET, 0121220810027638, 7643, 7866, ENNORE CHENNAI, 0109340710083873, GOLDEN GEORGE NAGAR, 0118880710015583, KANNADASAN NAGAR CHENNAI, 0107740810057191, 0272, KASTURBANAGARADAYAR, 0101470810745779, 5780, KONYAMBEDU, 0107490720000173, 1367, KRISHNAMOORTHY NAGAR, 0116260820000276, M.R NAGAR CHENNAI, 0102340810780388, 0460, MADHAVARAM HIGH ROAD PERAMBUR, 0101790710757517, MANGADU, 0109970810051054, METHA NAGAR, 0106860710031535, MOULIVAKKAM, 0109290710043264, 0398, MYLAPOOR, 0109640810036904, NAZARATHPETTAI BRANCH, 0117980820000364, NORTH PARK STREET AMBATTUR OT, 0101130710774885, PADI, 0107180710044481, 4523, PARRY'S CORNER, 0110880810011309, PATTALAM, 0116900710048434, PERAMBUR, 0115070710028064, POWER HOUSE KODAMBAKKAM, 0121960810017521, RADHANAGAR CHROMEPEET, 0105620710039221, 9241, 9112, 9216, SAIDAPET, 0106900810039129, SAILAGRAM, 0109470810025333, TAMBARAM, 0100740810056934, TARAMANI CHENNAI, 012200720000140, 0144, TH ROAD KALADIPEET, 0102230810776087, THIRUNENDRAVUR, 0121910710052706, THOUSAND LIGHT, 0109630810020412, WEST MAMBALAM, 0108540710028172, 8107, KANATHUR, 0120480710028399, CUDDALORE, CUDDALORE OLD TOWN, 0125800710050560, 0431, JIN ROAD VIRUDHACHALAM, 0105730710097298, NELLIKUPPAM CUDDALORE, 0115080710087821, 7408, 7452, PANRUTI, 0124560710041258, 1089, 1086, 1091, 1102, 1123, 0328, 0327, 0328, SOUTH CAR STREET CHIDAMBARAM, 0119810710042155, 1994, 1996, 0342, 0346, VADALUR, 0125950710038763, 0365, 8709, 8731, 0375, VIRUDHACHALAM, 0123580810067747, KALLAKURICHI, CHINNA SALEM VILLUPURAM, 0121180710058499, THIRUKOVILLUR, 0127508710055374, 5379, 5380, ULUNTHURPETTAI VILLUPURAM, 0121320810060163, WEST STREET THIRUKOVILLUR, 0103780820000445, 0453, KANCHIPURAM, BUS STAND JUNCTION MADURANTHAKAM, 0128410710029292, 9208, 9216, 0416, GUDUVANCHERY, 0114730710034896, KARAPAKKAM, 0114900710019391, 9241, KOVILAMBAKKAM, 0115107710032438, MADHURANTHAKAM, 0124460810020138, MELMARAVATHUR BRANCH, 0118280710032799, 2694, 0288, 0291, NANGANALLORE, 0104810710043148, PALLIKARANAI, 011180710044146, 4323, SINGAPERUMAL KOIL, 0129040720000102, SRIPERUMBUDUR, 0110120810033633, TK NAMBI STREET KANCHEEPURAM, 0120090820000172, 0183, ULLAGARAM, 0107570810019397, UTHIRAMERUR, 0122480720000216, 0231, THIRUVALLUR, CHITTOOR ROAD TIRUTTANI, 0129310710026092, KAIKEN KUPPAM, 0127990710018542, 8424, 0112, MANAVALAN NAGAR CHENNAI, 0114850710038850, MOGAPPAIR, 0118690710043304, 3339, 3429, 3423, 0163, N.M ROAD AVADI, 0124840710027177, 7206, THIRUVALLUR, C V NAIDU ROAD , THIRUVALLUR, 0129630810019300, KATTUPPAKKAM, 0110190810031822, MADHURAVOYAL MARKET, 0107970820000125, PALLIPATTU, 0130670710020745, PATTABIRAM CHENNAI, 0114870710053708, 3712, 3790, PONNERI CHENNAI, 0109440710038833, 8837, PUZHAI CHENNAI, 0112240810049265, THIRUVOTTIYUR, 0107380720000332, VILLUPURAM, NEHRU STREET TINDIVANAM, 0104170710779048, 8998, THIRUVANNAMALAI ROAD GINGEE, 0104260710080110, 0268, PONDICHERRY, MG ROAD PONDICHERRY, 0110800820000121, NELLITHOPPE PONDICHERRY, 0103250810781206, 1237.

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of NEFT/RTGS on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact. 9072607147.

Authorised Officer

For Manappuram Finance Ltd

HDB Financial Services Ltd.

Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-08.

Regional Offices: Ground Floor, Zenith House, Opposite Race Course, Mahalakshmi, Mumbai-34. Tel: 022-39586300, Fax: 022-39586666. Branch Office: HDB Financial Services Ltd. Old No.64, New No: 84 'A' Block, MNO Complex, HDB Towers 1st floor, Greams road, Chennai- 600006

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General)

(Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)

The undersigned Authorized Officer of **HDB Financial Services Ltd.** has taken over Symbolic Possession of the following property under Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

1) **Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant:** 1. **Aqua Fresh**, No.4, 2nd Street, Sali Colony, Egmore, Chennai-600008, Tamil Nadu, And **Also At:** Door No.109/36, Madras Thiruvallur High Road, Villivakkam, Chennai-600049, 2. **Sridharan**, G.No.4, 2nd Street, Sali Colony, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600008. 3. **Dhanalakshmi S**, No.36, MTH Road, Villivakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600049. 4. **Sridharan**, G.No.66, G1, Vgn Plantina, Ambiga Nagar, Ayayakkam, Chennai-600077, Tamil Nadu. **Loan A/c Nos.** 1750566, 1751780 linked by Unique ID Number 3197111. **Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.10,829,257.82/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven and Eight Five Paise Only)** as on **21/08/2026** with further interest/ incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment.

Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: — NIL

Details of Immovable Properties: SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES I: All that Piece and Parcel of the property at land measuring 1599 Sq.ft with Building Bearing Door No. 109/36, Property Tax Receipt No.6188(dtd. 2192/New), Electricity connection No. 77-16-71, Chennai Corporation Assessment No.2192000013, MTH Road, Comprised in S.No.248 at Villivakkam Village, Chennai-600049.Situated within the sub Registration District of Villivakkam and Registration District of Chennai Central. **Boundaries:** North by: TNHB Land, South by: MTH Road, East by: TNHB Land, West by: Mr. Thiruganeshbandham Chetty Vakaiapur Property, Measuring: East to West Both sides : 41 feet, North to South Both Sides: 39 feet, Totally 1599 Sq.ft., of land house Electricity connection including Sewer Connection.

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.2,16,68,800/-	Rs.21,86,980/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	23-09-2026 at 11 A.M. to 12 Noon	22-09-2026 up to 04:00 P.M.

2) **Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant:** 1) **Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant:** 1. **Amur Polymers**, No.54, Annam Kali Street, Athipet, Kuppam, Chennai-600058. 2. **Amur Son**, No.2702, Ponniamman Nagar, Gokaly Road, Ayayambakkam, Madhavaram, Chennai-600102. 3. **Amur Son**, No.85, Ponniamman Nagar, Ayayambakkam, Chennai-600102. 4. **T. T. T. Designs Private Limited (Loan Account Number 2056414)**, AA-47/1, 2nd Floor, 2nd Street, 11th Main Road, Anna Nagar, Chennai-600040. 5. **Baby S**, No.525, Jayaram Nagar, ICF Employees Colony, Ayayakkam, Chennai-600077. 6. **Sekar A M (Deceased Through Legal Heir)**, A) **Baby S (Legal Heir)**, No.525, Jayaram Nagar, ICF Employees Colony, Ayayakkam, Chennai-600077. B) **Dhishath Hassan S (Legal Heir)**, No.525, Jayaram Nagar, Ayayakkam, Ambattur Estate, Chennai-600077. C) **Mrs. Rajesha S (Legal Heir)**, No.525, Jayaram Nagar, Ayayakkam, Ambattur Estate, Chennai-600077. D) **Dhishath Hassan S**, No.525, Jayaram Nagar, Ayayakkam, Ambattur Estate, Chennai-600077. 7. **Amur Polymers**, Old Door No.525/New Door No.14, Plot No. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6, Janakiamman Street, Jayaram Nagar, ICF Colony, Chennai - 600077. **Loan Account Nos. 1205411 & 2056414** linked by Unique ID number 1043595. **Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,07,68,886.82/- (Rupees Two Crores Seven Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Six and Eight Two Paise Only)** as on **21/08/2026** with further interest/ incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment.

Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: — NIL

Details of Immovable Properties: SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES I: All the piece and parcel of the Land and Building thereon, Land Measuring 9600 Sq.ft., bearing Plot Nos. 1,2,5 & 6 Comprised in S.Nos.1301,1302,1291/18, and 1282 at Ayayakkam Village, Ambattur Taluk, within the Registration District of North Chennai, Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Ambattur admeasuring 9600 Sq.ft., and recorded in the name of S.Baby; Registration document; at Serial No.1032, on dated 29.01.2016 with the office of Sub-Registration Chennai. **Boundaries:** North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: Plot Nos. 3 and 7, East by: 24 Feet Road, West by: 24 Feet Road, Property Area, 960

'Sowcar' Janaki passes away at 94

Padma Shri awardee, who had acted in over 400 films, died due to age-related ailments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

VETERAN actor 'Sowcar' Janaki, known for her performances in various films across South Indian languages, passed away in Chennai on Friday due to age-related ailments. She was 94.

One of Indian cinema's most revered actors with more than 400 titles across languages to her credit, 'Sowcar' Janaki made an impressive acting debut in the 1950 Telugu film *Shavukaru*, directed by LV Prasad. It was this film that earned Janaki the moniker of 'Sowcar', which remained her identity for over 70 years.

Janaki was also known for her repeated collaboration with many popular filmmakers of various eras. She is most popular for her roles in films directed by K Balachander, including *Neerkumtzi* (1965), *Bama Vi-*

jayam (1967), *Edhir Neechal* (1968), *Kavya Thalaivi* (1970), and *Thillu Mullu* (1981). Although Balachander's films starring Janaki, such as *Iru Kodugal*, earned her the title of 'Tragedy Queen', their collaborations were particularly notable for showcasing her wit, eccentricity and intelligence. Her performance in *Pudhiya Paravai* continues to be considered one of the finest by an actor of that era. She also made evergreen films with directors like Bhimsingh and AP Nagarajan. Besides Tamil and Telugu, she starred in Malayalam, Hindi, and Kannada films.

She was also known for her 'Midas Touch', as she was part of the initial films of actors like Kamal Haasan, Sridevi, N T Rama Rao, Waheeda Rehman, and even Vijay Deverakonda, who became superstars in their own right.

A recipient of the 1969 Ka-



'SOWCAR' JANAKI
1931-2026

Jaimamani award, she was also honoured with the Padma Shri in 2022. She won multiple state awards for her film performances, including the Tamil Nadu State Film Honorary Award-MGR Award (1990), Tamil Nadu State Film Award for Best Actress (1970), Andhra Pradesh's Nandi Awards for Best Supporting Actress in 1987

and 2007, Karnataka's Rajyotsava Award (2015), and Tamil Nadu's Puratchi Thalaivi Dr J Jayalalithaa Special Kalaimamani Award (2020).

Her last appearance in Tamil came in director R Kannan's 2020 film *Biskoth*. In Telugu, she made her final appearance in 2023's *Anni Manchi Sakunmule*, directed by B V Nandini Reddy and co-starring Santosh Sobhan and Malvika Nair.

Reminiscing about working with Janaki as a child artist in *Parthali Pasi Theerum*, actor-politician Kamal Haasan wrote, "She was the mother, I the child. Sowcar Janaki is an irreplaceable actor of the south film industry. She was also the go-to actor of my mentor K Balachander." Actor Chiranjeevi said, "She breathed life into diverse roles and earned an indelible place in the hearts of audiences." Her last rites will be held on Saturday.

AT GUDALUR'S O VALLEY

Man killed in 'tiger attack' in Nilgiris, 2nd death in Aug

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

A 51-year-old man was killed in a suspected tiger attack at O Valley Forest in the Gudalur Division of the Nilgiris on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as K Ravikumar of Lauriston in the O Valley Forest Range. He was employed as a labourer in a coffee estate at 4-Division, Lauriston.

On Friday morning, while working in the plantation near his residence, a tiger suddenly emerged from the coffee bushes and attacked him.

His body was discovered around 2 pm approximately 200 metres from his home by local residents. The tiger had mauled and partially consumed his hand, right shoulder and chest, sources said.

The incident sparked anger

among residents of O Valley, who staged a road blockade at Lauriston, demanding that the forest department capture the tiger.

The protest continued through the evening. District Forest Officer P Devaraj and other forest officials held discussions with the demonstrators, but the blockade was not lifted until late Friday night.

R Ranjith, coordinator of O Valley Makkaliyakkam, said this was the second consecutive death caused by a tiger attack in the area.

On August 9, another man was killed and his body partially eaten by a tiger.

Following the fatalities, the principal chief conservator of forests has been approached for permission to instal cages and capture the tiger suspected to be responsible for the attacks.

SC setback for Maran as phone exchange case order set aside

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

IN a setback to DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran, the Supreme Court on Friday set aside an order of the Madras High Court which directed the trial court to summon the union telecom secretary as a court witness in the decade-old illegal telephone exchange case against him.

A bench of Justices K V Viswanathan and Arun Palli passed the order on a plea filed by the CBI challenging the March 25 HC order. "We permit the respondent to have the option to summon the telecom secretary as a defence witness," the bench said.

The CBI alleged that he got over 700 high-end lines installed for being used for brother Kalanithi's Sun TV Network.

Two from TN named for Nat'l Teachers' Award

Chennai: A total of two teachers from Tamil Nadu and one from Puducherry are among the 48 selected from across the country for the National Teachers' Award 2026 by the Department of School Education and Literacy. The awardees are: Amutha J of PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No 2 in Madurai; Ganesh of Viduthalai Veerar Sreenivasan Government High School in Mettupalayam, Puducherry; and Thanga Raj M of Panchayat Union Primary School in Pulianipatti, Erode district.

Singapore-bound flight grounded in Tiruchy

Tiruchy: A Singapore-bound IndiGo Air that departed from the Tiruchy International airport was grounded on Friday night after developing a technical snag. The aircraft circled for nearly two hours before landing safely. The IndiGo flight, carrying 127 passengers and crew, departed from Tiruchy airport at 6.45 pm. Shortly after taking off, the pilots detected the snag. The pilots informed the airport control room and grounded the aircraft around 9 pm at the airport. Passengers were accommodated at the airport's waiting room. Arrangements were made for passengers who wished to travel on an alternative flight.

EXPRESS READ



Akshaya Thanga Maligai, a jewellery brand from the house of Kalyan Jewellers, on Friday opened its first showroom at North Usman Road in T Nagar, Brand ambassador and actor Sivakarthikeyan, and Kalyan Jewellers India Limited MD T S Kalyanaraman were present | EXPRESS

Saveetha University tops Shanghai rankings

Chennai: Saveetha University emerged No 1 among private and government institutions in the country and secured a position in the 501-600 global ranking band in the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2026. Chancellor Dr N M Veerayan said the recognition was a testament to the university's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and impactful research.



Central Bank of India, Chennai Region, on Friday conducted a Mega Retail Credit Outreach Program in Egmore. N Balachandran, regional head, Chennai, and Ramesh S, deputy zonal head, zonal office, Chennai, were present alongside chief guest P Mahadevan, general manager, Central Office | EXPRESS

CPM seeks chief secy's ouster over student stir curbs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Salem

CPM state secretary P Shanmugam on Friday demanded the removal of Chief Secretary M Sai Kumar, holding him responsible for directions aimed at preventing Left and democratic student organisations from participating in protests, and simultaneously urged the state government to reconsider its decision to provide cars to all MLAs, arguing that government funds should not be spent on vehicles for legislators who already own cars. He said the government could instead provide loan assistance to legislators who genuinely require vehicles and announced a statewide protest on Saturday demanding action against the chief secretary.

Speaking to reporters in Salem after leading a party protest against the privatisation of the city's 24/7 drinking water supply project, Shanmugam alleged that the higher education department's circular directing government arts and science colleges to coordinate with the police and other officials to prevent students from participating in protests organised by Left parties and democratic organisations was an attempt to suppress Left organisations and restrict students' democratic rights. He demanded the withdrawal of the circular and added the chief secretary should take responsibility.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Yerra Rama Mohan Rao, Aged 79, Resident of M/s. Stree Seva Mandir have lost the following original documents, pertaining to the property totally measuring an extent of 7 Acres and 86 Cents, Patta No.347, in survey numbers 195/18, 195/1C, 195/1D, 195/1F, 195/3, 195/4, 195/6 (part), 195/6B, 195/7, 195/5, 195/2, 195/1E, 195/1A, 190/1, 194, 196, 197, Situated at Village No.78, Poonthandalam Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kanchipuram District, within the Sub Registration District of Tambaram and Registration District of Chennai South, within the limits of Kundrathur Panchayat Union and Poonthandalam Panchayat Board.

1. Sale Deed dt.18.01.2006, registered as document No.275/2006, in the office of Sub Registrar, Tambaram - Executed by Mr.S.Sundara Babu Raja, Mr.S.City Babu Raja & Mr.C.Srinivasan all represented by their Power Agent Mr.K.M.Swamikannu to M/s. Saphagiri Educational Trust.

2. Exchange Deed dt.29.12.2006, registered as document No.1876/2007, in the office of Sub Registrar, Tambaram - Executed between M/s. Stree Seva Mandir and M/s. Saphagiri Educational Trust.

3. Rectification Deed dt.30.11.2007, registered as document No.1748/2008, in the office of Sub Registrar, Tambaram - Executed by M/s. Stree Seva Mandir and M/s. Saphagiri Educational Trust.

As my client is the President of the Stree Seva Mandir Association, he held all the aforementioned original documents in his custody at the office located at No. 54, Kalaignar Karunanidhi Road, Kaveriranganagar, Saligramam - 600 093. Since the ground floor required cleaning, he relocated all the documents kept there to the upper floor. Upon verifying all the documents on 03.07.2026, he discovered that the specific documents listed above were missing and initiated a search for them from that date. Despite repeated attempts to locate them, he has been unable to find those documents to date.

Therefore, if any body found or in possession of the above said documents may be pleased to hand over the same to the person under signed. Anyone who misused or intended to misuse the above documents with ulterior motives will be prosecuted, if already anybody could have been misused the same will not be binding on my client.

C.RAVI, Advocate,
10/2, Somasundaram Street, T.Nagar,
Chennai-17. Ph: 98401 27494

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
511	SE / P&A / MTPS	Cast Basalt lined MS pipes 406 mm OD

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangeco.gov.in, www.intenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in DIPR/2640/Tender/2026

TELANGANA STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.

Regd. Office: 6-3-655/1/A, C S Bhavan, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500082.

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

RFP Notice No.: TGSCSCL/PROC/VLTS/2026/01 Dated:21.08.2026

Online bids are invited from eligible Service Providers for the Selection of an Agency for Integration of GPS devices installed on Paddy Transporting Vehicles with a Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS), for Real-Time Tracking, Integration with the State Procurement Portal (OPMS), on an SLA-linked per-trip basis for 3 (three) years (01.10.2026 to 30.09.2029). Selection shall be based on the quoted Base Per-Trip Rate. Detailed RFP documents (Scope of Work, Pre-qualification Criteria, SLA Terms, and Proforma) can be downloaded from the GeM Portal: www.gem.gov.in. Contact: 7995050700 / 9704534627 / 9281423637 Sd/- E-mail : hporcurement.tgscscl@gmail.com VC & Managing Director, DIPR R.O.No.450-PP/C-AGENCY/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 21-08-2026 TGSCSCL

INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DIVISION KRISHI ANUSANDHAN BHAVAN II, PUSA NEW DELHI 110 012

NETAJI SUBHAS - ICAR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) invites applications from Indian as well as overseas nationals having Master's degree in Agriculture and Allied Sciences for the Netaji Subhas-ICAR International Fellowships (NS-ICARIFs) for the year 2026. The NS-ICARIFs are available for pursuing doctoral degree in agriculture and allied sciences in the identified priority areas, to the (i) Indian candidates for study abroad in the identified overseas Universities / Institutions having strong research and teaching capabilities and (ii) to overseas candidates for study in the Indian Agricultural Universities (AUs) in the ICAR-AUs system. Thirty (30) fellowships for duration of three years will be available.

Detailed guidelines, priority areas of study and application proforma are available on ICAR website www.icar.org.in. The application should be submitted by September 25, 2026, to ADG (HRD) at adg.hrd.applications@gmail.com, mentioning the "Application for NSIF: Name of Applicant and contact number" in the subject line of the email.

Last date for submission of the application is September 25, 2026. CBC 01304/11/0002/2627

ARAKKONAM MUNICIPALITY
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
Roc No.864/2024/E1 Dated: 17.08.2026
1. Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for 15th CFC Tied Grant Scheme 2022-2023 and 2024-2025 following work in Arakkonam Municipality.

Sr. order.	பணியின் விவரம்	மதிப்பீடு (ரூ. இலட்சத்தில்)
1	Construction of 5.00 LL Capacity OHT at Kurinjil Nagar in Ward No.8	126.00

2. The details of tender can be obtained from web portal: <https://tntenders.gov.in>
3. The tender document can be downloaded from 17.08.2026 to 08.09.2026 from the e-tendering Website <https://tntenders.gov.in>
4. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M at Arakkonam Municipality.
5. The last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading/submission of filled up tender is up to 3.00 P.M on 08.09.2026
6. The tender will be opened through online at 3.30 P.M on 08.09.2026 at the office of Arakkonam Municipality.
7. The details of Earnest Money Deposit and the eligibility of bidders can be had from tender document.
DIPR/2637/Tender/2025 Commissioner, Arakkonam Municipality

Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA)
(Deptt. of Additional Sources of Energy, Govt of U.P.)
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010
TeleFax : 0522-2720779, 2720829, Mobile No : 9415609006
Website : www.upneda.org.in, E-Mail : ho_ajay@rediffmail.com

Notice Inviting Tender
UPNEDA invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through e-tender Portal for Supply, erection, testing and commissioning including comprehensive warranty maintenance for 5 years of Solar Power Plant under Capex Mode at various Government buildings in the State of Uttar Pradesh as per specification given in Scope of Work of Bid Document.

S. No.	Description	Capacity	Estimated Cost including GST (Rs)
ON GRID SOLAR ROOFTOP POWER PLANT			
1	1KW to 10 KW	5 MW	Rs 26.32 Crore
2	11KW to 100 KW	5 MW	Rs 25.07 Crore
3	101KW to 500 KW	1 MW	Rs 4.07 Crore
OFF GRID SOLAR POWER PLANT			
4	1KW to 10 KW	1 MW	Rs 10.14 Crore
5	11KW to 50 KW	1 MW	Rs 9.47 Crore
6	51KW to 75 KW	0.5 MW	Rs 4.64 Crore
HYBRID SOLAR POWER PLANT			
7	1KW to 10 KW	1 MW	Rs 10.34 Crore
8	11KW to 50 KW	1 MW	Rs 9.62 Crore
9	51KW to 75 KW	0.5 MW	Rs 4.70 Crore

The work completion time for all the above work is 4 (four) month from the date of issuance of work order. The Bid document is available at e-tender Portal from 22.08.2026 interested bidders may view, download the Bid document, seek clarification and submit their Bid through e-tender Portal (<https://tender.up.nic.in>) upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:

(a)	Availability of tender document on e-tender Portal	From : 22.08.2026
(b)	Bid submission end date & Time	On: 15.09.2026 upto 6:00 pm
(c)	Pre Bid Meeting	On: 27.08.2026 at 12:30 pm
(d)	Online technical Bid Opening date & time	On: 16.09.2026 at 11:30 am
(e)	Financial Bid Opening date & time (Only of technically qualified bidders)	Shall be intimated later
(f)	Venue of opening of technical & financial Bids	UPNEDA Head Office, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

Director, Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Director UPNEDA will be final and binding.

हमारा प्रण ऊर्जा संरक्षण
Director, UPNEDA

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED
OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha
CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omcltd.in

Short Notice
For Sale of High Carbon Ferrochrome (HCFC)
30001/80/2627: The Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. intends to sell various grades of High Carbon Ferrochrome (HCFC) produced at Ferro chrome plant, OMC Ltd. situated at Jajpur Road in jajpur District of Odisha through National e-auction. The e-auction will be conducted by MSTC Ltd. on dt.29.08.2026 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM.
For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e www.mstccommerce.com.
OIPR- 30001/30005/1/26-27/0068 Sd/- Chief General Manager (S&M)

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Centralised Retail Asset Management Cell (CRAMC)
No. 157, 3rd Floor, SB Annex Building, Annasalai Chennai - 600 002.
Phone: 044-2854 0016, 044-2854 0017, E-Mail : rweramc.hoche@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE under Rule - 8(1) (for immovable Property)
Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Residential / Permanent/CBS/KYC Address (Borrower): Ms. Sindhuja.E (Borrower) D/o Elango, No 2/10 Vinayagapuram, 3rd Street, Tondiarpet, Chennai - 600081. Office Address (Borrower): Designation : Customer Service Representative EMP No : 1038544, Groupson shared Services Pvt.Ltd. DLF SEZ IT park Block 3, 1st and 4th floor, 1/24 Svali Garden Manappakkam, Ramapuram, Poonamallee Road, Chennai- 600 089. Property Address (Borrower): Flat No D724 7th Floor Vijay Raja's VRX 360, Zamin Korattur, Poonamallee Taluk, Poonamallee, Thiruvallur - 600 124.

SBI Housing Term Loan A/c No: 40327126902 & Suraksha A/c No: 40377490757 in the Name of Ms Sindhuja Elango at our Selayiur Chennai Branch (07948) linked with HLC Tambaram (61039), Demand Notice Date: 10.06.2026 as per demand Notice Amount: Rs.20,16,916/-, as on 10.06.2026, Date of Possession: 19.08.2026, Total Amount Due: Rs.20,47,391/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety One Only) as on 17.08.2026 and further interest from 18.08.2026 and costs etc., thereon.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: Property owned by: Ms. Sindhuja.E, H/L A/C NO: 40327126902 & Suraksha A/c No: 40377490757.
SCHEDULE -A: All that piece and parcel of land situated at Korattur Village, Poonamallee Taluk, Thiruvallur District, comprised in Old S.No.64/1 part as per patta No.4244 subdivided as New S.No.64/1A1-2Acres 43.72 Cents, S.No. 64/2A-4 Cents, S.No. 64/2B- 48 Cents, S.No. 64/7C- 39 Cents, S.No. 64/8A1-71.84 Cents, S.No. 64/8A2- 50 Cents, S.No. 64/8B-43 Cents, Old S.No. 72/1 part as per patta No.4233 Subdivided as New S.No. 72/1B-60 Cents, measuring the total extent of 5Acres 59.56 Cents (or) 2,43,744 Sqft. Approved by the CMDA, vide building plan sanction letter No C3(NJ)21575/2018 Dated 11.11.2020 Planning permission approval No C1PP/MSB/38 (A to K) 2020, Dated 11.11.2020, Local body building approved No.P.S.M.B.2/2020-2021 Dated 28-12-2020, Planning permit approved No 13240/2020 Dated 21/10/2020 and LR No P.S.M.B.3592/2020 /aj3, Dated 21-12-2020 situated within the SRO of Avadi.

SCHEDULE-B: Property hereby conveyed land only): 87.32 Sq.ft undivided share of land forming part of schedule 'A' property.
SCHEDULE -C: (Description of apartment): Flat No D724 (7th Floor) in the project named as "Vijay Raja's 360", measuring an extent of 424.5Sqft. Super built-up area for the Schedule-B and the Flat bounded on the North by: Corridor, South by: Flat No D725, East By: Flat No D 723, West By: Corridor.

Date : 19.08.2026
Place : Chennai
AUTHORIZED OFFICER
STATE BANK OF INDIA, CRAMC, CHENNAI

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai - 600058

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
(See proviso to Rule 8(6))
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Syed Anwar Gudsudan (Borrower) Mrs. Shajith Begam Syed Anwar (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCE00006457506 TBCE00006445969	New Door No.69, Old Door No.27, Flat No. A @ Ground Floor, Block A, A.S.G. Constructions, Avvai Nagar Main Road, Thiruvannamur, Chennai- 600041, Residential Flat 8 Commercial Shop, Super Built-up Area 1300 Sq.ft., UDS 1737 Sq.ft.,	Rs. 91,09,266/- As on (August 16, 2026)	Rs. 1,15,00,000/- To Rs. 11,50,000/-	September 01, 2026 From 11:30 AM To 12:30 PM	September 16, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM
2.	Mr. Gnanasekaran (Borrower) Varadharajapuram Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kanchipuram - 600048, Residential Flat 3BHK, Super Built-up Area 1228 Sq.ft., UDS 506 Sq.ft.,	Flat No. G1, Ground Floor, Ashtalakshmi Nagar Extension -II, Varadharajapuram Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kanchipuram - 600048, Residential Flat 3BHK, Super Built-up Area 1228 Sq.ft., UDS 506 Sq.ft.,	Rs. 97,77,066/- As on (August 16, 2026)	Rs. 40,00,000/- To Rs. 4,00,000/-	September 02, 2026 From 11:30 AM To 12:30 PM	September 16, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM
3.	Mr. Premkumar (Borrower) Mrs. Priyanka (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCE00006554552 LBCE00006300159	Flat No. 205, Second Floor, Block No. O, "Kg Centre Point", Mevalurkuppam - B, Palanur Village, Poonamallee Taluk, Tiruvallur District -600056, Residential Flat Super Built-up area 915 Sq.ft., UDS 441 Sq.ft.,	Rs. 56,48,170/- as on (August 16, 2026)	Rs. 34,00,000/- To Rs. 3,40,000/-	September 05, 2026 From 11:30 AM To 12:30 PM	September 16, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM
4.	Mr. M Sekar (Borrower) Mrs. Nagalakshmi S (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCE00004907483, LBCE00005039660	Flat No: B2/S1, Second Floor, "AR Paradise -I", Plot No.23, "Christ Colony-Abdul Kalam Road" Kovilpathagai Village, Avadi Taluk, Tiruvallur District- 600056 Residential Flat 2BHK, Built-up area 935 Sq.ft., UDS 455 Sq.ft.,	Rs. 78,86,614/- As on (August 16, 2026)	Rs. 26,00,000/- To Rs. 2,60,000/-	August 28, 2026 From 11:30 AM To 12:30 PM	September 16, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM

The online auction will take place on the website (URL Link: <https://BidDeal.in>) of e-auction agency M/s. ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgages/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till September 15, 2026 before 05.00 PM failing which, these secured assets will be sold as per schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai-600058 on or before September 15, 2026 before 03.00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before September 15, 2026 before 05.00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai-600058 on or before September 15, 2026 before 05.00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at "Chennai". For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 7550214251. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: August 22, 2026
Place: Chennai
Authorized Officer, ICICI Bank Limited

RANGARAJAPURAM BRANCH
No.25, 1st Street, Nagarajana Nagar,
Rangarajapuram, Kodambakkam, Chennai - 600024.
Phone : 044 24848574/2480 2070

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is", "Without Recourse" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s : M/s. Frames & Tales Studio rep by its Proprietor Mr.M.Udaya Kumar. Firm Address : No.1004,16th Cross Street, G Block, Anna Nagar West, Chennai-600040 and Mr.M.Udaya Kumar S/o Murali Proprietor of M/s Frames & Tales Studio R/o No.43, 2nd Main Road, South Jaganathan Nagar, Villivakkam, Chennai-600049.

Total Dues : Rs. 24,04,208.52/- as on 15.08.2026 together with further interest thereon from **16.08.2026** at the contractual rate plus incidental expenses, cost, charges incurred to be incurred till date of payment.

Physical Possession

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any: All the piece and parcel of the vacant House Site measuring an extent of 1653+300 = 1953 Sq.ft, Plot No.46(East Portion) out of 3247Sq.Ft comprised in Survey No.36/4 situated at Meenathur Village, Approval No. DTCP No. 2608/2004, "SUN CITY PHASE-1", Thiruvallur taluk and Thiruvallur District. Bounded by: On the North : Plot no 47, On the South : Plot no 45 & Remaining portion of plot No.46 belongs to kokila. Measuring on 1653Sq.Ft. East to West on the Northern Side - 52 Feet 6 inches, East to West on the Southern Side - 52 Feet. North to South on the Eastern Side - 32 Feet. North to South on the Western Side - 31 Feet. Measuring on 300 Sft. East to West on the Northern Side - 50 Feet. East to West on the Southern Side - 50 Feet. North to South on the Eastern Side - 0 Feet. North to South on the Western Side - 0 Feet. In all measuring 1653+300 = 1953 Sq.ft, vacant site within the Registration district of previously Kancheepuram at present Thiruvallur and Sub registration District of Manavalanagar. CERSAI : 400063233349. Property ID : BARVJRAPUFrames2026

Reserve Price : Rs. 17,50,000/- EMD Amount : Rs. 1,75,000/- Bid Increase Amount : Rs.10,000/-

Property Inspection Date & Time : 02.09.2026 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM Date & Time of E-auction : 08.09.2026 02.00 P.M to 06.00 P.M

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on 77801 08321, 91339 04397

Place : Chennai; Date : 18.08.2026 **AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA**

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
Corporate Office : Office Nos. 501 & 503, 5th Floor, Lightbridge, Sakthi Vihar Road, Andher East, Mumbai Suburban District, Maharashtra - 400072.
Chennai Branch: Chola Mall 3rd Floor Unit No.305, New Door No.11 and 11A, New Property Tax Door No.1750, Old Door No.1150, Block No.140, Sir Theyyagariya Road, T Nagar, Village, Guindy Taluk, Chennai: 600017, TN.

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act), exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower/Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1	(Loan Code : 19710000309 Chennai Branch) Arathi Suresh (Borrower), Suresh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	10-Aug-26 ₹ 25,76,067/-	A Schedule Property: All That Piece Of Parcel Of Housing Plot With The Constructed Building Bearing Plot No.119, In Madurai Swamy Madam Scheme, Situated At Door No.3, Jabeem Nagar 2nd Street, Chennai - 600 011, Comprised In Town Survey No.23, Block No.25 Sembiam Village, Purasawakkam-Perambur Taluk, Chennai District, Measuring To An Extent Of 63.0 Square Meters (68 Sq.Ft), And Bounded On The North By: Plot No.118, South By: Plot No.120, East By: Jabeem Nagar 2nd Street, West By: Private Party Land, Measuring East To West On The Northern Side - 9.5 M, East To West On The Southern Side - 9.1 M, North To South On The Eastern Side - 7.0 M, North To South On The Western Side - 6.6 M, In All Measuring An Extent Of 63.0 Sq. Meters Within The Limits Of Chennai Corporation And Situated Within The Sub-Registration District Of Sembiam And Registration District Of Chennai North. "B" Schedule Property: All That Piece Of Parcel Of Housing Plot With The Constructed Building In The Being The Southern Half Portion In The "A" Schedule Property Bearing Plot No.119 Part, In Madurai Swamy Madam Scheme, Situated At Door No.3 Part, Jabeem Nagar 2nd Street, Chennai - 600 011, Comprised In Town Survey No.23 Part, Block No.25 Sembiam Village, Purasawakkam-Perambur Taluk, Chennai District, Measuring To An Extent Of 339 Square Feet, And Bounded On The East: Jabeem Nagar 2nd Street West: Private Party Land, North: Northern Half Portion Allotted To Tmt Mallika, South Plot No.120, Door No.2

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Chennai | Date : 22.08.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು
ಅನ್ವಯದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 16/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-08-2026

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಹಿರ್ಣಿ : 3054-03-337-0-05-200 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿಗಳ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 3054-04-337-1-10-200 ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 5054-80-190-0-01-132 ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ - ಬಂಡವಾಳ ವೆಚ್ಚ (ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳು) & (ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳು), ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು 18 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಸಿ ಮೋಟರ್ಸ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ನುಗ್ಗಿದುದರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅರ್ಹವಾ ನಿವಾಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ (Standard Tender Document KW -1, 2 & 4 ರಂತೆ) ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ನುಗ್ಗಿದುದರಿಂದ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 3ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ನುಗ್ಗಿಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 12.99 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 150.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಕೆಪಿಸಿ ಮೋಟರ್ಸ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ 18 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಇ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 38698, 38700, 37261 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 37251 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 39263 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27-08-2026, ಇ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 39001, 38665 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28-08-2026, ಇ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 39705, 39992, 39708, 39711, 39717, 39725, 39760, 39761 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29-08-2026, ಇ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 40400, 38464, 38623 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-08-2026ರಂದು) ಸಂದ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೆಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
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Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
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Authorised Official's Details: Name: Shri. Parthasaradhi C - Ph : 9444719444 / 044-28881034
CITY CASE OFFICER Name: K Anupama - Ph: 6369672894 / 044-28881053

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 17.09.2026 for recovery of Rs. 59,18,842/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two only) as on 16.08.2026 due to the State Bank of India, SARB, Chennai.

Borrowers Name & Address : Mr. E Radha Krishnan, S/o. Mr. Eswar Raj, & Mr. E. Naresw Kumar, S/o. Mr. Eswar Raj, Residential Address: 1) HIG 540 Dhuleya Castle, 5th Street New Colony, TNHB Phase 3, Ayyappakkam, Ambattur, Thiruvallur, Tamilnadu. PIN - 600 053. Residential Address: 2) No.85, Gangai Salai, ICF Colony, Ambattur, Chennai - 600 058. Property Address: Plot No. 61, Flat No. F3, 1st & 2nd Floor (Duplex), Easwari Street, Thirumullaivoyal Village, Chennai. PIN - 600 109. Office Address: Mr. E Radha Krishnan, S/o. Mr. Eswar Raj, Ivange Total Solutions Kotak Bank, No.185 2nd Floor Anna Salai, Mount Road, Chennai. PIN - 600 008. Mr. E Naresw Kumar, S/o Eswar Raj, CMA GGM Shared Service Centre P Ltd, No.32 A & B Amit IT Park, 8th Floor, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Ambattur, Thiruvallur. PIN - 600 058.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: PRIMARY SECURITIES: SCHEDULE -A: All that piece and parcel of housing plot bearing Plot No.81 land measuring 2320 Sq. ft., comprised in Survey Nos. 698/1 Part, vide Avadi Town Survey Filed Register as per Patta No. 2142, Ward No. D, Block No. 74, T. S. No. 2/4, property situated at "SRIDEVI VAISHNAVI NAGAR "N STREET" presently "EASWARI STREET" of THIRUMULLAIVOYAL Villages, Avadi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, within the registration district of North- Chennai, Sub-Registration District of Ambattur and bounded on the North By - Plot No. 73 South By - 20 Feet Road East By - Plot No. 80 West By - Plot No. 82 And Measuring Northern Side: 40 Feet Southern Side: 40 Feet Eastern Side: 59 Feet Western Side: 57 Feet Land measuring 2320 Sq. ft. SCHEDULE -B 4/71 Sq. ft., Undivided share out of schedule "A" mentioned property. SCHEDULE -C Flat measuring 1150 Sq. ft., including common area, situated in the 1" and 2" Floor (Duplex), bearing Flat No. "F3" in the Apartment name is "Aravind's RIVERA". With One Cover Car Parking, Latitude: 13.123194N, Longitude: 80.124657E.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 54,00,000/- EMD ₹ 5,40,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 10,000/-

Date & Time of Inspection Properties: Date: 02.09.2026 Time: 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM Date: 06.09.2026 Time: 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 17.09.2026 Time: 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM With auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed

Interested bidder may deposit pre-bid EMD with BAANKNET.COM before the closing of E-Auction
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link <https://baanknet.com/eauction>
Place: Chennai Date: 18.08.2026 **AUTHORISED OFFICER, State Bank of India, SARB, Chennai**

IndusInd Bank No. 34, Old No. 115/116, 2nd Floor G.R.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600017, Tamil Nadu, India

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION OF GOLD
It is hereby informed that the below mentioned borrowers & other availed gold loan facility from IndusInd Bank Limited. Due to failure in repayment of the Loan and breach of the terms & condition of the agreement. The Gold pledged against this loan is now scheduled for an open public auction. The respective auction proceed / bid amount will be credited to their/borrowers respective Loan account(s) and Linked Loan Accounts.
The Gold pledged will be auctioned on an "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" basis. Interested bidders intending to participate in the auction shall visit the branch.
The auction will be conducted in the above mentioned branch address.

Account No.	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No	Net Weight	Branch address
704001418887	Ashok Kumar K	Kilpauk	9640896491	17.8	Ground Floor New No Gold No 5 Belfour Road Kilpauk Chennai - 600010
704001446057	Ganesh	N M Road	7904925128	35.6	Ground Floor, " Priyan Plaza", #78, Nelson Manickam Road, Chennai- 000 029, Tamil Nadu
704001457435/ 704001446774/ 704001443674	Kumaraguru	Chinnmaya Nagar	7200584812	200.4	Ground Floor, Dr.KSV Tower, New No.30, Kaliyamm Koil Street, Jyppanna Nagar, Chinnmaya Nagar - Koyembedur Chennai 62.
704000992939	Saran Govardhana Rao	T Nagar	9694996390	7.5	5/6 Old No.3/2 Sweethambar, Bazullah Road, T Nagar, Chennai - 600 017
704001468936/ 704001485971	Sasikumar V	Rajaji Salai	9790755256	65.6	J.C. House, Ground Floor, Main Building, No.72, Rajaji Salai, Opp to Beach Station, Parnys Chennai - 600001

The Authorized officer reserves the right at their sole discretion to amend or vary any of the terms and condition of sale.
Date of auction is 25.08.2026 from 10.00 AM onwards
The Borrowers retain the option to repay the full loan outstanding before the commencement of the auction. In doing so they may reclaim the pledged gold as per the terms and conditions of IndusInd Bank Ltd.,
GST Number is Mandatory for participation in Auction
Date: 22.08.2026 / Place : Chennai Sd/-, Authorized Signatory, IndusInd Bank Ltd

RANGARAJAPURAM BRANCH
No.25, 1st Street, Nagarajana Nagar,
Rangarajapuram, Kodambakkam, Chennai - 600024
Phone : 044 24802070

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is", and "without Recourse" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s : Borrower : 1) M/s Pencil Prints, Represented by its Prop: Lakshmi Devi P, New No.22, New Street, West Mambalam, Chennai-33. 2) Mrs.Lakshmi Devi W/o C.Parvathi Krishnan, Proprietor of M/s Pencil Prints, C/o. Mrs.Lakshmi Devi W/o. Mr. C. Parvathi Krishnan, Legal heirs of Mr.C.Parvathi Krishnan (Guarantor), C/o. Mrs.Lakshmi Devi, 4) Ms. P. Durga Saraswathy, Legal Heirs of Mr. C. Parvathi Krishnan (Guarantor), C/o. Mrs.Lakshmi Devi, 5) Mr. P. Chockalingam Legal heirs of Mr.C.Parvathi Krishnan (Guarantor), C/o. Mrs.Lakshmi Devi (2 to 5 Address) Old No.15, New No.22 New Street, West Mambalam, Chennai-600033.

Total Dues : Rs.40,75,714.67 as on 15.08.2026 with further interest thereon from **16.08.2026** at the contractual rate plus incidental expenses, cost, charges incurred to be incurred till date of payment.

Physical Possession

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any: Property : SCHEDULE - A: All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands of an extent of 2 Acres and 12 cents comprised in Survey Number 36/3A, an extent of 1 Acre and 48 cents in Survey Number 36/4A and an extent of 80 cents in survey No.36/4B aggregating to a total extent of 4.40Acres/inclusive of the land measuring an extent of 42 cents in Survey number 36/3A towards CSR handed over to the Executive officer, Thiruppur Town Panchayat, Kancheepuram District & another extent of 11 cents or 0.04.5 Hectares in Survey No.36/3A reserved for handing over to government for IT express Road) situated in N.60, Kalavakkam Village, Thiruppur Panchayat, Kanchipuram District and situated within the Sub registration district of Thiruppur. Bounded on: North by : S.No.33/1, 2, 3 & 5, South by : Panchayat Road, East by : S.No.37, 11 & Old Mahabalipuram Main Road West by : S.No.36/1, 2A, 2B. SCHEDULE - B : All that piece and parcel of residential flat measuring 1040 Sq.Feet (including common areas) and measuring 369 Sq.Feet undivided share in 4 Acres 40 Cents, Residential Flat No.3011 in the 3rd floor in Block-A in the building known as "Pushpaduram" at Kalavakkam situate in S.No.36/3A, S.No.36/4A & S.No.36/4B Kalavakkam Village, Thiruppur Panchayat, Thiruppur Taluk, Kancheepuram District Situated within the Sub Registration District of Thiruppur and registration district of Kancheepuram Sub seed No.2412/13 dated 25/02/2013, Modtl No.6295/2018 dated 03/09/2018 Property ID : BARVJRAPU2026001

Reserve Price : Rs. 31,00,000/- EMD Amount : Rs. 3,10,000/- Bid Increase Amount : Rs.10,000/-

Property Inspection Date & Time : 03.09.2026 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM Date & Time of E-auction : 08.09.2026 02.00 p.m to 06.00 p.m

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 77801 08321, 91339 04397.

Place : Chennai; Date : 18.08.2026 **AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA**

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank SPECIALIZED ARM BRANCH II CHENNAI [7901]
No 9 & 10, Sir Thyagaraya Road, Thyagaraya Nagar, Chennai - 17
Mobile: 9740145622
Email : cb7901@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 10.09.2026, Time: 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) for recovery of bank's dues from the following Borrowers / Guarantors.

Branch: G.P. Road Branch : Borrower Name & Address: 1) Mr. Ramesh S Proprietor No.1/371, South Avenue Road Muthamizh Nagar Chennai-600118. 2) Mrs. Gowri R Guarantor W/o S Ramesh 64, 2nd Street Gandhi Nagar Vyasaradi, Chennai-600039.

Outstanding Amount: Rs.3,92,19,438.92/- due as on 20/08/2026 with future interest from thereon

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Name of Title Holder: Property Owned by S Ramesh: (1) All that piece and parcel of Vacant Land, measuring extent of 11532 sqft., in Kamaraj Salai, Madura Periyasekkadu, Comprised in Survey No 3/1, Re Survey No. 3/1A, Patta No.R.P.T.No.5653/2011, as per patta Ward-A, Block No.35, T.S.No.2 Planning Permit No 3/8216/2013, 3/8258/2013, 3/0820/2013, 3/10830/2013, Building Permit No.3/00869/2013, 3/5868/2013, 3/5866/2013, 3/8428/2013 of MADHAVARAM VILLAGE, Madhavaram Taluk, Thiruvallur District, within the Limits of Chennai Corporation, and bounded on the North by - Kamaraj Salai, South by - Property of 2nd Item, East by - Property belongs to Mrs. G. Rukmani Ammal West by - 8 Feet Common Path And Mr. Dhanasekar Building Admeasuring East to West on Northern Side - 94 Feet East to West on Southern Side - 92 Feet North to South on Eastern Side - 122 Feet North to South on Western Side - 126 Feet in all admeasuring an extent of 11532 sqft., situate within the Registration District of Chennai North and Sub-Registration District of Madhavaram. (2) All that piece and parcel of Vacant Land, measuring extent of 11284 sqft., in Kamaraj Salai, Madura Periyasekkadu, Comprised in Survey No 3/1, Re Survey No. 3/1A, Patta No. R.P.T.No.5653/2011, as per patta Ward-A, Block No.35, T.S.No.2 Planning Permit No 3/8216/2013, 3/8258/2013, 3/0820/2013, 3/10830/2013, Building Permit No.3/00869/2013, 3/5868/2013, 3/5866/2013, 3/8428/2013 of MADHAVARAM VILLAGE, Madhavaram Taluk, Thiruvallur District, now in Chennai District, within the Limits of Chennai Corporation, and bounded on the North by - Property belongs to Mr.G.Dhanasekar South by - Guri Daimil, East by - Property belongs to Mrs. G. Rukmani Ammal West by - 8 Feet Common Path And Mr. Dhanasekar Building Admeasuring East to West on Northern Side - 92 Feet East to West on Southern Side - 90 Feet North to South on Eastern Side - 122 Feet North to South on Western Side - 126 Feet (in all admeasuring an extent of 11284 sqft., Total extent of Land under ITEM-1 and ITEM-2 in Schedule-A is 22816 Sqft., 4440 Sqft. UDS, commercial space in Ground Floor and Flats named as Rajalakshmi Luxury Apartments having super built up area of 9800 Sq.ft (Including Common area) comprised in S.No.3/1, S.No.3/1A, T.S.No.2, Block No.35 situated within the Registration District of Chennai North and Sub-Registration District of Madhavaram.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 4,31,00,000/- EMD ₹ 43,10,000/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-

Name of Title Holder: Property Owned by R Gowri: 1) 312 Sqft Undivided Share out of 22816 Sqft., Situated at Flat No F2, in the first floor, Block -A and Flat Named as RAJALAKSHMI LUXURY APARTMENTS of the building to be constructed in the Schedule 'A' mentioned Property having a super build up area of 1040 Sq.ft., Comprised in S.No.3/1, S.No.3/1A, T.S.No.2, Block No. 35, at MADHAVARAM VILLAGE, Madhavaram Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Now in Chennai District, Within limits of Chennai of Corporation, and within Registration District of Chennai North and Sub Registration District of Madhavaram. 2) 312 Sqft Undivided Share out of 22816 Sqft., Situated at Flat No F3, in the first floor, Block -B and Flat Named as RAJALAKSHMI LUXURY APARTMENTS of the building to be constructed in the Schedule 'A' mentioned Property having a super build up area of 1040 Sq.ft., Comprised in S.No.3/1, S.No.3/1A, T.S.No.2, Block No. 35, at MADHAVARAM VILLAGE, Madhavaram Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Now in Chennai 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IF I HAVE SEEN FURTHER THAN OTHERS, IT IS BY STANDING UPON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS > ISAAC NEWTON

JURY OUT ON PROSPECT OF ALL THREE ECONOMIC ENGINES FIRING IN 2026-27

NDIA's real GDP growth for the first quarter of the current fiscal year is projected to exceed consensus estimates. While the RBI estimates Q1 growth at 7 percent, private forecasters peg it higher at 7-8 percent. This optimism is driven by near-term trackers showing resilient private consumption, healthy exports, robust tax collections and strong output in both manufacturing and services. Full-year fiscal growth could approach 7 percent, exceeding the central bank's 6.7 percent estimate despite the triple shock of soaring oil prices, shifting US tariffs and heightened geopolitical uncertainties. Despite these headwinds and the possibility of erratic rainfall, the broader economy should remain resilient. Nevertheless, a few analysts expect 2026-27 growth to moderate towards 6 percent, with a sharp slowdown in the second half. Economic momentum is likely to be affected by food and fuel inflation, the potential impact of El Niño on agricultural output and softening private consumption.

As it is, rating agency ICRA pointed to signs that services sector growth slackened in Q1 alongside industry. It further noted that the business sentiment of services companies weakened in the quarter, with optimism dipping to the lowest in five years amid headwinds blowing in from the West Asia crisis and persistent wage cost pressures. In contrast, SBI Research was upbeat about domestic consumption, government capital expenditure and, importantly, industrial and services activity flashing green. Official data slated to be released on August 31 will confirm how the two key engines of the economy fared during the quarter.

Much also depends on how global oil prices behave. Currently most of the inflation and growth estimates are based on the assumption that India's crude oil import basket will likely average \$80-90 a barrel in 2026-27. But if the precarious situation around the Persian Gulf goes out of hand and oil prices firm up beyond \$90, it can potentially revise the growth forecasts downwards and inflation estimates upwards. Likewise, trade war uncertainties continue to dampen sentiment. While merchandise exports are holding up well, thanks to bilateral trade pacts with Asian and Western economies, US tariff shocks—like the recent 100-200 percent levies on Indian pharmaceutical exports—could drag growth potential overnight. Lastly, while headline economic activity may appear robust, ensuring broad-based growth requires all three economic engines—agriculture, industry, and services—to put their shoulders to the wheel.

RETHINK DEATH SENTENCE IN EXECUTION REVIEW

THE Supreme Court has again upheld hanging as a valid method of executing a death sentence. It also said the method can be reconsidered if evidence of an alternative emerges, while allowing the Centre to explore faster, less painful and dignified methods. The petition was about the manner of execution. But changing the method does not change the nature of punishment. Whether a person is hanged or killed by another method, the result is the same. It is retributive, not reformative, justice. The question cannot be reduced to how much pain an execution causes or how long it takes. It should be whether the State should continue to take the life of a person it has convicted.

India's judicial record shows why the punishment remains contested. Currently, 574 prisoners are on death row, the highest number since 2016. From 2016 to 2025, sessions courts handed 1,310 death sentences. High courts confirmed 70, commuted 411 to life terms and acquitted 285. Project 39A data says only about one in 20 death sentences between 2000 and 2015 were upheld on appeal. The overwhelming majority did not survive higher judicial scrutiny.

The bigger concern is that death cannot be reversed. In *Manoj vs Madhya Pradesh* (2022), the Supreme Court laid down mandatory protocols to prevent death sentences from being imposed without proper consideration of mitigating circumstances, a convict's mental state, background and capacity for reform. If the justice system requires such careful examination before imposing the death penalty, the risk of irreversible misstep is clear.

The recent Muzaffarnagar episode adds another reason for caution. A trial court judge gave 22 death sentences in 10 cases over four months, raising concerns about judicial temperament and how trial courts respond to pressure in cases involving heinous crimes and strong public pressure.

Abolishing the death penalty does not make the criminal justice system pacifist. Serious and atrocious crimes can still be punished with life imprisonment, including without remission where the law permits. The State does not have to take a life to punish a convict. Moreover, the plain truth is that an innocent person executed cannot be brought back. The Supreme Court has left the question of the method of execution open to future evidence. The country should use this moment to discuss the larger issue of whether India needs capital punishment at all.

QUICK TAKE

BAD BUTTERFLY EFFECT

IFA, the football overlord in a freefall on popularity charts since the World Cup, has finally taken action on the ugly fracas the tournament ended with. On Friday, it handed out bans and fines to three Argentina players and one official for on-pitch scuffles. Leandro Paredes, who shoved a Spanish player to the ground after the final, earned the harshest sentence of a 10-match ban and a €76,000 fine. The nation's football association was fined €94,000 and directed to spend €85,500 on anti-racism projects. But the damage is done. As Premier League prepared to restart this weekend, the league's refereeing head warned of a global fallout from Fifa's baffling decision to allow US forward Folarin Balogun to play despite a World Cup red card.

GIVING and taking offence is a large part of Indian public life, and it has a legal history. The Indian Penal Code's Section 295A, which criminalises acts intended to outrage religious feelings, was drafted in 1927 after a quarrel over a scurrilous pamphlet. Rather than containing communal conflict, it supplied the vocabulary for conducting it: complainants learned to say their feelings had been wounded, and in saying so produced the feeling. The law educated its subjects in outrage, and that education has mostly served reactionary ends.

Which makes the seven-week sit-in at Jantar Mantar worth examining, because the insult in question found no such channel.

On May 15, the Chief Justice of India likened unemployed young people to cockroaches and parasites attacking institutions through social media activism and litigation. He reframed it later, but he had disclosed what everyone recognised as the oldest law of society: that the strong may scorn the weak.

Within a day, a post on X asked what would happen if all the cockroaches came together. By nightfall, there was a website and a set of handles. Ten weeks later, the Union education minister had resigned—an act without precedent in this government's 12 years. Those mobilised were the educated unemployed, who had no identity to defend or temple to protect.

Politics ordinarily begins with a demand, when people discover that their claims converge on the same authority. This protest was sparked by an insult, which is a different thing—and the difference is where the interest lies.

The insult disclosed a structure of feeling one might call anti-social, since it ridiculed young people for doing no more than trying to make their way by the means available. Once, the majority were denied education by the rules of caste. Today they are educated and unemployed, and mocked from the Bench for it, as though society bore no responsibility for them. Such a negative form of sociality is what caste has always practised.

Hierarchy of this kind works by shaming, without ever stating itself. A young man told to wait outside, served tea in a separate glass, asked his surname before his marks are handed over: none of it can be lodged anywhere. Its efficiency lies in becoming a property of the sufferer: a sense of one's own place, carried about and even defended.

This is the psychic life of power. In Judith Butler's phrase, subordination does not merely constrain a person, it

Though the term 'dimagi Naxal' searches for a doctrine, the phenomenon is demographic. The CJP marks the withdrawal of an audience that grew up with the BJP in power

SPARKED WITH INSULT, POKED WITH INNUENDO, REPLIED WITH MOCKERY

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forms one. It is through such unrecorded daily traffic that caste is maintained. Ambedkar put it at its sharpest in *Annihilation of Caste*: the missionary religions had been cruel, forcing their truths on the unwilling; the Hindu had been mean, keeping others in darkness rather than share an inheritance, and meanness is worse than cruelty.

It is meanness one hears in the name "cockroach": not the wish to destroy, but the refusal to admit. The law defines the act of discrimination but not the attitude, and attitudes shift only when what may be said in public shifts. Which is what a remark from the Bench does and a remark in a corridor cannot: it is dated, attributable, replayable and can therefore be answered.

The old order has not given way; it has relocated. Within months of the 2012 Supreme Court judgement upholding the Right to Education Act, a Dalit

organisation in Bengaluru alleged that quota children at a city school had had tufts of hair cut off so that they could be told apart at a glance. The mark of distinction, once carried in a name, had been reissued as a haircut.

Exclusion migrates from the prohibition to the procedure. The gate is open and the threshold is technical: the entrance test, the admissions portal, the merit scale. Nobody now says that you may not enter. It is said that you did not qualify. Meanness has acquired a technique, and the technique claims neutrality.

But no technique is neutral in that way. Each displaces those already in place and sets fresh conditions of access, the points at which strangers meet and at which a claim is registered or refused. Whoever shapes those conditions shapes the politics that follows.

Consider our recent mobilisations in this light. The Anna Hazare agitation of

FUTURE BELONGS TO FIFTH ESTATE

PRATIK KANJILAL

For years, the author has been speaking easy to a surprisingly tolerant public

SPEAKEASY

of the Buddha. Its cascading effects are now influencing all of Indian politics.

Looking back, so many of India's great transformations—and transformative legislations—owe to cockroaches past. Environmental movements have changed how we think of the commons, and given it a central place in policymaking.

Sunderlal Bahuguna and Chandi Prasad Bhatt's Chipko movement led to a 15-year ban on felling trees in the Himalayas. Medha Patkar, Baba Amte and others who opposed big dams highlighted the crisis of mass displacement. Advocate M C Mehta sued the government repeatedly to contain industrial pollution. Anil Agarwal and Sunita Narain launched dedicated



While the four traditional Estates of society hem and haw, the Fifth Estate—which includes honest administrators, farmers' unions, advocacy collectives and digital activists—is buzzing. It's a long line that can be traced back to Sunderlal Bahuguna and Chandi Prasad Bhatt's Chipko movement

for the environment. Together, such people have done more for public health—the eventual goal of environmental action—than the 20 environment ministers so far. Tree-felling makes banner headlines today because of their work.

In 2005, a cluster of movements led to the Right to Information Act and the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The Right to Food campaign secured the National Food Security Act in 2013.

2011 was not so much covered by the media as co-produced with them, where the image was the destination and the yield modest—less in the end than that of the Right to Information Act, won by a rural movement with no fanfare. The *kisan andolan* of 2020-21 inverted the arrangement. Denied the national channels, the farmers created their own, sat on the highways for 15 months and got the laws repealed.

The cockroaches learned from both. Television gave the Jantar Mantar sit-in little, so the students filmed it themselves. And when mobile internet was throttled on July 20 and 16 Delhi metro stations shut, footage of the lathi-charge that sent some 150 to hospital surfaced anyways, hours late and twice as damaging. They treat the old media as weather, to be navigated rather than courted.

Hence the difficulty with the phrase used from the Red Fort on August 15. "Dimagi Naxal" asks us to look for a mind behind the disturbance: a doctrine, a cadre, a foreign hand. But there is no doctrine here: marchers carried the tricolour and the Constitution, not party flags.

Nor will this pass with the monsoon: it is demographic. The ILO's 2024 count found the young making up 83 percent of India's unemployed, and graduates nine times likelier to be jobless than those who cannot read. The CJP's following on Instagram is twice the ruling party's, and the parents are inside the movement, having mortgaged themselves for the coaching fees.

A generation that has grown up with the BJP in power since it was in high school has answered not by falling into line, but with carnival and mockery. The CJP is a withdrawal of the audience, and for a politics that runs on being watched there is no more serious loss.

Ambedkar told the Constituent Assembly in 1949 that we were entering a life of contradictions: equality in politics, inequality in social and economic life. Those who suffer the inequality, he warned, would one day blow up the political democracy the Assembly had so laboriously built. The cockroaches are blowing nothing up. They are announcing that the times have changed, and that they have nothing to lose by moving with them.

In the same speech, Ambedkar named the danger on the other side. Bhakti in religion, he said, might be a road to the salvation of the soul, but in politics hero-worship "is a sure road to degradation and to eventual dictatorship". A generation that has stopped worshipping has taken the first step back off that road.

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Educate, organise

Ref: *NTA reforms* (Aug 21). Though it started as a students-led protest, it became a sweeping mass movement. Solidarity shook the conscience of both governments and educationists. Knowledge as an achievement, which remained dormant on paper for years, is now becoming a reality. **Ramesh Kumar Kalra, Lucknow**

Kubrick's rubric

Ref: *Violence on screens* (Aug 21). In Kubrick's time, the big screen was a film's final destination, making bans effective. Today, a theatrical release embargo doesn't stop demand through digital streaming services and piracy. The digital age has made it difficult for censorship to erase cinema from public consciousness. **Narayanan Kiz humundayur, Thiruvir**

Swadeshi AI

Ref: *AI sovereignty* (Aug 21). Excessive dependence on foreign technological transfers risk linguistic or social bias, threaten privacy and sometimes make decisions that may harm people. India should not simply trust AI systems based on the claims made by technology companies. They should be independently tested, evaluated and routinely audited. **Knadeejathu Swafeedah, Kannur**

Madras moment

Ref: *Judge who got away with murder* (Aug 21). The column is a disturbing reminder that justice cannot have two faces—one for the powerful and another for the powerless. A position of authority must never become a shield against accountability. Justice must be fearless, impartial and uncompromising. **Nandana S Kumar, email**

Freedom spirit

Ref: *Stand on 'Vande Mataram'* (Aug 21). The controversy is nothing short of a tragedy. What once united millions under the banner of freedom is now entangled in divisive politics. During colonial rule, every Indian sang it with pride; hesitation today feels like a betrayal of that very spirit. Congress appears intent on fragmenting its legacy. **Arvind Tapkire, Mumbai**

Watery muddle

Ref: *Shah moots linking* (Aug 21). Linking the rivers may appear attractive, but the vast geographic, ecological and political complexities make the project highly challenging. Water security is better served by basin-level conservation, efficient irrigation and consensus-based management. **NR Nagarajan, Vinudhunagar**

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'Space startups must help ease of living'

PM Modi urges companies to explore new applications for their technologies and focus on solutions to help people

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged space startups to explore applications of space technology in agriculture, livestock management, dairy, the environment and other areas affecting people's daily lives. Interacting with CEOs and founders of 20 space startups ahead of National Space Day, observed on August 23, Modi also encouraged them to engage with Atal Tinkering Labs, spark curiosity among schoolchildren and inspire the next generation to join the space sector.

Sharing details of the meeting on X, Modi said India's private space ecosystem could become "a major force for India and for the world". He described the participants as the "Yuva Urja" of India's space sector and praised their courage in entering a demanding new domain, taking risks, trusting the reform process and remaining consistent in their efforts.

He said India had achieved significant progress in space in recent years and that the startups had made insightful presentations on their work. The founders and CEOs, he added, appreciated the government's space reforms and the support they had received to expand their businesses.

Modi assured them that the government would continue supporting the private space sector as it builds India's capabilities for the future. He said India could offer the world a strong, innovative and commercially viable model in space.



Rockets, reusable semi-cryogenic launch vehicles

The startups represented a wide range of activities, including rockets, reusable semi-cryogenic launch vehicles, avionics, satellites, propulsion systems, space and defence intelligence, space debris removal, and AI-powered hyperlocal weather and climate intelligence.

The Prime Minister also said India's space sector could become a magnet for global talent, companies and investment. He stressed the need for greater collaboration between space companies and sectors involved in social development.

During the interaction, Modi said the confidence shown by the private space sector had strengthened the vision behind opening the sector to private participation. He urged companies to explore new applications for their technologies and focus on solutions that make people's lives easier.

He suggested that companies working on space debris removal collaborate with environmental organisations to scale up their technologies. Space technology companies working in agriculture, he said, should partner with agricultural universities and govern-

ment departments to help farmers make better-informed decisions and maximise output. Modi also called for an ecosystem in which, when the world thinks of space, it looks towards India.

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According to a PMO statement, the participants said their teams were highly motivated and working with determination to achieve ambitious goals in the space sector.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Skyroot Aerospace, Agnikul Cosmos, Pixxel, Dhruva Space, GalaxEye, PierSight, among others.

SECYS TOLD TO ENGAGE SENIOR CITIZENS IN ITIs

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THE Centre is considering engaging eligible senior citizens as mentors at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) on an honorarium basis, along the lines of the Professor of Practice approach under the National Education Policy. It is also exploring whether final-year engineering students can volunteer at ITIs for two to three months to share advanced technical knowledge.

The proposals emerged during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with secretaries of concerned departments on July 26. The government is also examining a review of ITI syllabi to align them with changing industry requirements, emerging technologies and future employment opportunities. It may also explore degree opportunities for ITI diploma holders to improve employability and upskilling.

Another proposal is to engage agricultural university students in relevant government schemes nationwide. One possible initiative is installing solar panels along agricultural field boundaries.

The meeting also discussed making Viksit Bharat@2047 a people's movement through wider public participation and youth programmes in universities and colleges. The government is considering skill development at school level by integrating skilling courses into the curriculum.

The prime minister also stressed a broader role for government secretaries, asking them to act in public interest and work collectively across departmental boundaries. They were urged to take initiative on issues including Swachhata, Swadeshi, deregulation, criminalisation, rather than defend narrow departmental interests.



Public Interest

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MEA: 22 Indian sailors hijacked by pirates off Somalia, Yemen safe

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

TWENTY-two Indian seafarers are among the crew of two commercial vessels hijacked by armed pirates in separate incidents off Somalia and the Gulf of Aden, triggering diplomatic efforts by India to secure their safety and welfare.

The Indian Embassy in Kenya said it has taken up the matter with authorities in Somalia and stressed that the safety of the Indian crew remains a priority.

"We have taken up the matter of Indian seafarers onboard vessels MT Siblu (Eritrea flagged) and MV Lutuf (Cameroon flagged) with the concerned authorities in Somalia," the embassy said in a statement. "It is understood that there are reportedly 16 Indian seafarers onboard MT Siblu and 6 Indian seafarers onboard MV Lutuf. All Indian seafarers are reportedly safe. We attach the highest importance to the safety and welfare of the Indian seafaring community."

The first incident involved the Cameroon-flagged MV Lutuf, which was carrying 10 crew members, including six Indians. The vessel was hijacked on August 17 off Somalia's Puntland coast. Eight armed pirates, reportedly carrying AK-47-type weapons, boarded the vessel using two skiffs and subsequently took control of the ship. The vessel



was seized about three-and-a-half nautical miles off Maraya in Puntland's Eyl district before being taken towards Somalia's Nugaal coast.

The crew initially took refuge in the ship's citadel, a secured area designed to protect crew members during pirate attacks, but the pirates subsequently gained access. The crew included six Indians, along with Turkish, Georgian and Serbian nationals.

Two Serbian nationals were serving as security personnel.

The second incident involved the Eritrea-flagged oil-products tanker MT Siblu 1, also known as the Seammul. The vessel, carrying 20 crew members, including 16 Indians, issued a distress call on August 20 in the Gulf of Aden after armed men boarded it and forced it to alter course towards Somalia. Six armed pirates were reportedly aboard the tanker when it was brought under their control.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India was closely monitoring the situation.

India-US troops to train in 2 theatres

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THE Indian and US armies will next month put troops through the Rajasthan desert and the Himalayan heights in a single edition of their annual Yudh Abhyas exercise, a two-theatre format being attempted for the first time. The 22nd edition begins in the first week of September at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges near Bikaner before moving to Auli in Uttarakhand, roughly 95km from the Line of Actual Control with China, sources said.

"The two-phase format is meant to expose the troops to fundamentally different operational conditions, combining open manoeuvre space and long-range fires of the western deserts with altitude, terrain and logistical constraints of the Himalayas," a source said.

The Mahajan phase is expected to focus heavily on long-range and precision fires, with India likely to deploy Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers and K9 Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers. The US Army is learnt to be bringing its High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS), to the exercise.



Sources said that the AH-64E Apache attack helicopters are also slated to participate, bringing Hellfire missiles, 70mm rockets and their 30mm chain guns into the exercise's fire-support architecture.

The exercise will then shift to Auli, at an altitude of around 2,500 metres and roughly 95 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The focus there will be on high-altitude warfare, air mobility, infantry manoeuvres and logistics.

The Army is expected to operate M777 ultra-light howitzers during the mountain phase, including their employment from positions accessible by helicopter. The guns can be underslung and transported by Chinook heavy-lift helicopters into ter-

rain where tracked artillery systems can't easily operate.

The US-origin M777 proved their mettle during Operation Sindoor and has become an important component of the Army's mountain firepower, particularly because of its relatively low weight and ability to be rapidly deployed in difficult terrain.

"A major component across both phases will be counter-unmanned aerial systems operations, covering the detection and classification of small drones, electronic warfare measures such as jamming and spoofing, and hard-kill interception. The exercise will also include the offensive use of loitering munitions and intelligence, surveillance and recon-

naissance platforms," the source said.

At Auli, the exercise will also test acclimatisation procedures, high-altitude logistics and infantry manoeuvres in terrain similar to that where the Indian Army has maintained a substantial deployment since the military stand-off with China began in eastern Ladakh in May 2020.

Yudh Abhyas began in 2004 as a platoon-level exercise focused on peacekeeping operations and has since expanded considerably in scope and complexity. The exercise has generally alternated between India and the US, with field training initially centred on peacekeeping, counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism, while command-post exercises focused on mission planning and coordination for UN-led operations.

The exercise has since evolved, incorporating mountain warfare, electronic warfare, unmanned systems and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. The countries now conduct more bilateral and multilateral military exercises with each other than with any other partner.

Prez house issues notice on B'desh PM rehearsal, then withdraws it

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

RASHTRAPATI Bhavan on Friday withdrew a press release announcing the cancellation of Saturday's Change of Guard ceremony shortly after saying the weekly event would be suspended to accommodate a full rehearsal for the ceremonial welcome of Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman.

A fresh press release issued by the President's Secretariat said the earlier announcement had been withdrawn. "The press release issued on the subject 'No Change of Guard Ceremony this Saturday', which was issued on August 21, 2026, stands withdrawn," Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

The earlier release had stated that the weekly ceremony at the Forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan would not be held on August 22 because of preparations for the proposed ceremonial welcome for Rahman. "The Change of Guard Ceremony at the Forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan will not take place this Saturday (August 22 due to the full rehearsal for the ceremonial welcome of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh," the withdrawn communication said.



Slim chances of visit

Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir said the possibility of Rahman attending the BRICS summit remained uncertain. He said the likelihood of the visit "remained slim" unless an atmosphere based on "mutual trust" was created.

nial welcome of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh," the withdrawn communication said.

The withdrawal comes amid uncertainty over Rahman's proposed visit to New Delhi, either for bilateral engagements or in connection with the upcoming BRICS summit, against the backdrop of strains in India-Bangladesh ties Relations

Centre rubbishes ethanol connection to sugar price rise, tightens stock limits

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THE government on Thursday rejected claims that the recent rise in sugar prices is linked to the diversion of sugar for ethanol production, attributing the increase instead to lower-than-expected domestic production, higher demand ahead of the festive season, weather-related crop damage, tightening global supplies and hoarding.

According to a government release, sugar prices rose from ₹48.18 per kg on July 20 to ₹55.70 per kg on August 20, prompting the government to step up measures to ensure adequate availability and contain further price increases.

"It is incorrect to attribute the recent increase in sugar prices to diversion of sugar for ethanol production," an official release said. It pointed out that the share of sugar diverted for ethanol has actually declined from around 12% in 2022-23 to around 9% in 2025-26. Nearly three-fourths of ethanol pro-



Adequate stocks left

Sugar production during the current season is estimated at around 306 LMT, significantly below the initial estimate of around 343 LMT. The government said adequate stocks are available to meet domestic demand. The government also defended ethanol programme, saying it has helped address the problem of surplus sugar production and strengthened the finances of sugar mills.

duced in the country now comes from grains, it said.

Sugar production during the current season is estimated at around 306 LMT, significantly below the initial estimate of around 343 LMT by sugarcane-growing states. The government attributed the shortfall to diseases such as red rot and top borer in sugarcane, besides waterlogging caused by rainfall.

Despite the lower production, the government said adequate stocks are available to meet do-

mestic demand until the new crushing season begins in October. The global sugar deficit for 2026-27 is estimated at around 33 LMT, while international sugar prices have climbed from \$474 per tonne on June 30 to \$552 per tonne on August 20, an increase of more than 16% in less than two months.

The government also defended the ethanol programme, saying it has helped address the structural problem of surplus sugar production.

Finally, free at 105 in 48-year-old murder case

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

BORN in 1920, Rasik Chandra Mondal can now live as a free man, with the Supreme Court making his bail order in a 1988 murder case final on Friday. He has been serving the life sentence in the case since 1994, but was out on interim bail.

While giving relief to the 105-year-old, CJI Surya Kant said, "He will not be taken back in custody even if the life sentence is not over." The apex court bench, led by Kant and comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, said that it was closing the case giving consideration to the petitioner's age and waiving the remaining sentence, if any. The bench noted that Mondal suffered from age-related health issues and, therefore, it took a humanitarian approach in the case to waive off his remaining jail sentence.

Mondal, a native of Malda in West Bengal, was convicted in 1994 when he was 68 and was in jail until the top court granted him bail on November 29, 2024.



"As an interim measure, we direct that the petitioner, Rasik Chandra Mondal, be released on interim bail/parole during the pendency of the present writ petition, on terms and conditions to be fixed by the trial court," the court had said in that order.

Before the top court passed the order, it had earlier in July 9, this year, said that the petitioner is stated to be more than 105 years old. Though he has been convicted under Section 302 (Murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860, it has been submitted by counsel for the pe-

Brother's killing

Rasik Chandra Mondal, born in 1920, was convicted in a murder case in 1994. As per prosecution, on Nov 1988, the victim, Suresh, who is also the convict's brother, was shot dead in his home. On the basis of his widow's complaint, police arrested a few villagers, including Rasik and Jiten Mondal. A trial court in 1994 found both guilty and awarded them life term. Later in 2024, the SC granted Mondal interim relief.

tioner that he is totally incapacitated. Advocate JPDhanda, appeared for convict.

In 2018, the Calcutta High Court had dismissed Mondal's appeal against conviction in the murder case. He later approached the Supreme Court, which also dismissed his plea. In 2020, Mondal, then aged 99, had filed a plea seeking premature release on the grounds of his advanced age and age-related ailments. The Supreme Court had issued notice to the West Bengal government in the matter in May 2021.

Sohrabuddin's brother challenges acquittal verdict

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AN appeal has been filed in the Supreme Court by Nayabuddin Shaikh—younger brother of deceased Sohrabuddin Shaikh—challenging the Bombay High Court order acquitting 22 accused including 21 policemen in the alleged 2005 fake encounter case involving the Gujarat gangster (Sohrabuddin Shaikh) his wife Kausar Bi and aide Tulsiram Prajapati.

The petition filed by Nayabuddin challenged the May 7, 2026, order of the Bombay high court which, while acquitting the accused, said that the prosecution had failed to establish the case. On May 7, the HC observed it finds no ground to interfere with the trial court judgment acquitting the accused and added that the case is based on circumstantial evidence.

'Samrat bigger danger for BJP'

Bihar govt has started talking about jobs and edu after Bankipur bypoll, says Prashant Kishor

SAMRAT Choudhary is a disaster for Bihar, but a bigger disaster for the BJP and the NDA," says Prashant Kishor, Jan Suraj Party (JSP) founder, after taking oath as a member of the Legislative Assembly. He made his electoral debut by winning the recent Bankipur bypoll, a result that jolted the BJP. In an interview with Ramashankar, Kishor talks about his party's future plans, challenges and, importantly, the meaning of his victory. Excerpts:



in Bihar. This is good for the people as well as the state.

What will be the impact of the Bankipur bypoll result on state politics?
There will definitely be a major impact. In fact, the impact is already visible, as the government's agenda has also changed after JSP's victory. The government has now started talking about quality education, jobs and investment. Earlier, the chief minister used to talk only about crime, criminals, half-encounters and so on.

You have been consistently attacking CM Samrat Choudhary. Why are you against him?
Samrat Choudhary does not deserve to hold the post of CM due to his shady background. If he continues in the post, it will be a disaster for the state and an even bigger disaster for BJP and NDA. Even BJP workers aren't ready to accept him.



What message has your victory sent across Bihar?
People from all castes and religions voted for my party in the bypoll. The myth that people of Bihar vote only along caste and communal lines was demolished. It shows how the voting pattern is undergoing a change

There is a common perception that the BJP had other choices for the post of CM, but Nitish Kumar insisted on Samrat as his successor...
It is not true. The BJP is misleading people by spreading rumours that Nitish backed Samrat as the CM. Samrat was the BJP's pick. The BJP wanted to

satisfy the JD(U) rank and file by creating a false impression.

Your plans for Bihar?
Our first priority is to keep pressure on the BJP central leadership to replace the present CM and give the post to a "deserving" person. I always question his credentials and capability. People are aware of his 'chaal, charitra and chehra'. Bihar can prosper under the leadership of a better CM. Our party's focus will remain on the state's speedy growth and stopping the migration of youth by creating job opportunities. We want to ensure quality education in government schools and improve healthcare.

Will you be able to make Bankipur a role model for others to emulate?
I will try to fulfil all our promises, such as full ration, quality education and employment. Our party will shift children from government schools to private ones and cover the expenses. In addition to pre-poll promises, we have pledged to give 10,000 jobs to educated youth in the private sector.

Based on the Bankipur results, can we say that you have been able to communicate with people better this time?
I contacted people from all sections of society during the campaign. I repeatedly told the vot-

ers that this election would not change the government or have any impact on the Opposition, but it would clearly send a message to the top leadership of the 'double-engine government'. I asked them to vote for the sake of the future of their children, which touched their hearts, and they voted for us.

Can you explain your 'dark vote' theory?
People voted fearlessly, not caring whether the BJP or the RJD would win the election, this time. In other elections, the RJD would try to get votes from people by invoking the fear of the BJP. The BJP threatened people that 'jungle raj' would return if votes were cast for Lahu's party. Circumstances favoured us as voters wanted to elect the 'right' candidate.

What about Gen-Z protests?
The government should take serious note of Gen-Z protests. Though I don't personally know the students representing the Cockroach Janta Party, Sonam Wangchuk proved how his 35-day fast could rattle the Modi government. The influence of social media cannot be undermined either; a generation that grew up with WhatsApp and Facebook made Modi PM, but now we've the Instagram generation, and I doubt whether the BJP would be able to handle it. The voice of discontentment cannot be suppressed.

Peace in Manipur as inter-state bus services resume after 3 years

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

PUBLIC transport services on Manipur's Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati route, suspended for over three years due to ethnic violence, resumed on Friday. The government in the ethnically partitioned state had for long made efforts to resume public transport services to restore peace and normalcy. The services remained suspended since the eruption of ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis on May 3, 2023.

Altogether 125 passengers travelled on the route in two buses and five wingers on Friday. The buses were en route to Guwahati, while the wingers travelled to places in Nagaland. According to latest reports, the vehicles entered Nagaland's Kohima district after crossing Manipur's Kuki-majority Kangpokpi and Naga-majority Senapati districts.

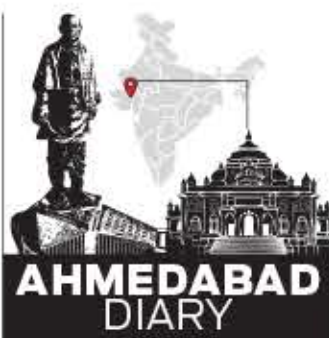
National Highways 2 (Manipur-Nagaland road) and 37 are Manipur's lifeline. National Highway 2 is preferred by commuters as well as transporters, as it is a shorter route. Movement along National Highway 37, which enters Manipur from southern Assam's Barak Valley, is often affected due to disruptions and extortion demands by



myriad organisations. During a visit to Kangpokpi on August 8, CM Yumnam Khemchand Singh had announced the immediate reopening of national highways for free movement of people from all communities in the state.

In March last year, the Centre's attempt to restore free movement on all roads in the state met with angry protests, with a mob attacking a bus of Manipur State Transport in Kangpokpi. A protestor was killed while several others were injured during clashes.

"The resumption of this service is an important step towards restoring normal life and strengthening connectivity. It has been widely appreciated by the public, with people welcoming the restoration of this crucial inter-state link," a Manipur government statement said.



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Cong for major overhaul ahead of Assembly polls

With the Assembly elections nearing, the Congress high command has reportedly prepared a renewed strategy to revive its prospects in the state. Sources said election strategist Sunil Kanungo, who played a key role in Congress victories in Karnataka and Telangana, has been assigned responsibility for shaping the party's Gujarat poll plan. The party is expected to undertake a major organisational restructuring by August end, replacing inactive office-bearers with younger leaders drawn from the grassroots. Around 50 prospective candidates will be shortlisted and assigned a clear electoral roadmap well in advance.



BJP adds new chapter to workers' study material

Gujarat BJP's organisational reshuffle has brought a new lesson into party study classes. Gen-Z connect, social media and the art of counter-narrative. Sources said a recent Saurashtra session focused on everything from Instagram reels to shaping the online narrative, with workers being told that meetings and rallies alone will no longer suffice. The exercise also focused on countering criticism of the BJP government by highlighting alleged shortcomings in the Congress era on paper leaks, education, health and roads. But the biggest talking point was "attendance". Sources said explanations have been sought from leaders who skipped classes.

'Kankotri' qulp gets political chuckle

Former Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel's congratulatory post for three newly appointed BJP national office-bearers sparked a political chuckle. When asked why Ahmedabad's Rohan Gupta was missing from the list, Patel's reply was blunt: "I don't know him." He added, "You should not go to anyone's wedding without a kankotri (wedding card). I have never met him." Four Gujarat leaders Varsha Doshi, Hemang Joshi, Jagdish Patel and Gupta have joined the BJP's national team. Gupta, a former Congress digital campaigner, joined BJP in April 2024 after quitting the Congress. Patel's "kankotri" qulp has now become the talking point.

TREATMENT

Gujarat senior doc slaps junior woman colleague

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A confrontation inside the emergency ward of PDU Civil Hospital has snowballed into a major disciplinary and police action after a senior doctor allegedly assaulted, abused and threatened a 26-year-old female resident doctor during a dispute over the treatment of a critically ill patient.

The incident, which took place during the resident doctor's emergency ward duty on the evening of August 20, triggered anger among junior doctors and led to a late-night protest at the hospital. The agitation was called off after a complaint was registered against Dr Ashwin Ramani at Pradyumanagar Police Station, following which the resident doctors resumed duty.

The police action intensified on August 21, when Dr Ramani was detained in connection with the complaint.

Gujarat Health Minister Praful Panseria said the government was treating the allegations seriously.

For now, police probe, CCTV footage and the hospital's internal disciplinary proceedings are expected to fix responsibility in the alleged assault case.

Ranka assaulted during visit to school in Jaipur, smells BJP conspiracy

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

COCKROACH Janata Party (CJP) co-convenor Ashutosh Ranka and party volunteers were allegedly assaulted on Friday while travelling to inspect a dilapidated government school in Jaipur's Bagru Assembly constituency. Ranka claimed that one volunteer suffered a fractured arm in the attack near Rampura Kanwar-pura village.

Ranka alleged that those involved were BJP workers. A purported video shows a group confronting the CJP team, with "Jai Shri Ram" slogans audible in the background.

The CJP team had planned to visit government schools in Rampura Kanwar-pura and Bhatta Wala on Vatika Road to assess their infrastructure and facilities. Ranka had earlier alleged that the Rampura school's main building had become unsafe, forcing students to study in a shed about 50 metres away.

According to the CJP, a group gathered near the village and blocked the road after Ranka announced the visit on social media. The party alleged that its members were assaulted when they reached the area.

Ranka demanded the arrest



of those involved within 48 hours and the withdrawal of the Education Department's order regulating outsiders' entry into government schools, warning of an agitation demanding Education Minister Madan Dilawar's resignation.

CJP founder Abhijit Deepke also warned that if the government failed to address the demands raised by party workers, he would come to Jaipur and join the protest.

Dilawar appealed to political organisations not to turn schools into "political arenas". LOP Tikaram Jolly condemned the violence in the assembly, while Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra held the BJP responsible.

BJP ministers Avinash Gehlot and Jawahar Singh Bedham accused the CJP of politicising the issue.

JMM workers clash with protesters over Soren effigy

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

A clash broke out between protesting students and JMM workers in Ranchi as students marched towards Albert Ekka Chowk to burn an effigy of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Students alleged the government had misled them into ending their earlier stir by promising to address their demands.

Similar incidents took place in Hazaribagh and Giridih, where students sought to burn Soren's effigies. Protesters alleged they were chased and beaten with bamboo sticks. They said JMM workers fled with the effigies, but students snatched them back.

The students said JMM workers attacked and misbehaved with girls, leading to a scuffle. They alleged the workers were trying to divert their protest. "These agents of CM Hemant Soren attacked girls in the march and had a scuffle with them," JPSC-JSSC leader Ravindra Paswan alleged.

Chaos prevailed at Albert Ekka Chowk as police intervened as both sides clashed. Police said the clash occurred after students diverted from their allocated route.

"Had they not diverted from the allocated route, it would not have happened," a police officer



er said, requesting anonymity. The march proceeded following the intervention.

On Thursday, the JPSC-JSSC platform announced plans to burn Soren's effigies across 24 districts after the Jharkhand High Court stayed the notification cancelling the 11th to 13th JPSC Civil Services examinations and the Food Safety Officer examination.

"The way the state government has deceived the students, we will give it a befitting reply. We now understand the intention behind misleading us into ending our protest," Paswan said. He said assurances that prompted students to call off their agitation had not produced action. "We will fight with full determination. We will not back down," the Manch said.

Leader of Opposition Babul Marandi said the government was using sticks to stop protests.

Order to cancel another exam stayed by HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand High Court has stayed the state government's order to cancel the JSSC-CGL and CDPO examinations. This order brings significant relief to the candidates selected through the exams.

The government's decision to cancel the examination had jeopardized their appointments and employment; however, the court's stay has now provided them with temporary relief.

After the cancellation of examination, candidates selected through the JSSC-CGL exam approached the High Court to challenge this decision.

"Today, the court of Justice Deepak Roshan stayed the government order with respect to the JPSC-CGL and CDPO examinations," said petitioner's lawyer, Amritansh Vats.

The selected candidates maintained that they took the exam under the prescribed selection process and succeeded. The next hearing is scheduled for September 15.

Data-driven infra: Sai govt signs 2 MoUs to strengthen PM GatiShakti

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN a major step toward building a data-driven infrastructure and logistics ecosystem, the Chhattisgarh government signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to integrate advanced geospatial technology and real-time logistics analytics into state governance, giving a fresh push to its PM GatiShakti architecture.

The pacts with the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N) and National Logistics Data Services Ltd. (NLDSL) were formalised during the regional PM GatiShakti & LEADS 2025 Dissemination Workshop in Raipur, organised jointly by Chhattisgarh's Department of Commerce & Industries and the central DPIIT. The high-level summit brought together senior officials from seven



states—Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra, Goa and Uttar Pradesh, with Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand to showcase spatial planning benchmarks.

Chhattisgarh's progress under PM GatiShakti emerged as one of the key highlights. The state has already integrated over 35 departments onto the platform, mapping 41 mandal and more than 600 additional data layers while rolling out 45 practical use cases and 30 custom analytical tools.

"PM GatiShakti is strength-

ening data-driven decision-making in Chhattisgarh, enabling us to plan infrastructure more effectively, identify connectivity and logistics gaps, and support better-aligned industrial development. This is helping create stronger conditions for investment and sustainable economic growth," said Vishnu Deo Sai, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister.

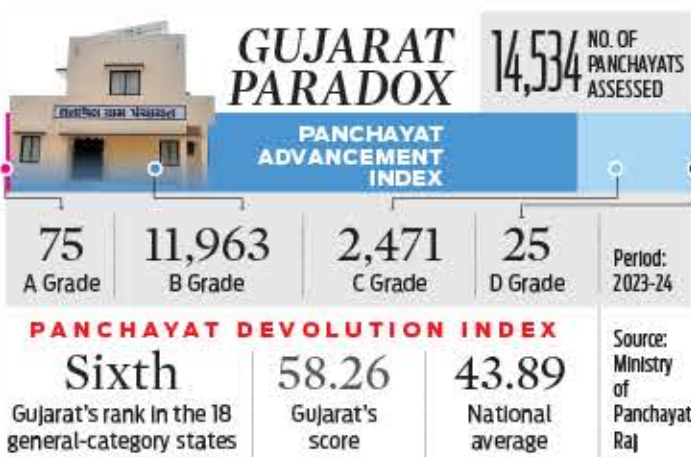
The state's geo-intelligence framework is delivering measurable public and economic benefits across multiple sectors. GIS-based identification of road black spots is helping target interventions that can prevent accidents and save lives. Similar data-led approaches are being used to identify villages without adequate banking access and optimise bus routes under MMGBY. More than 80 projects have been supported under the Annual Action Plan.

Performance appraisal of 82% panchayats poor

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THE grassroots governance in Gujarat presents a contradiction. It ranks sixth among 18 general-category states in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj's Panchayat Devolution Index with a score of 58.26, with the national average at 43.89. However, its performance is uneven on six aspects of decentralisation.

Gujarat has bagged the first place under the functionaries head with a score of 90.94 and is placed at the third position under capacity building with a score of 83.96. However, under the finances head, it is at the 14th spot (41.63) and the 12th position under the accountability head (47.90). The data point to a paradox: the state has built administrative capacity, but financial devolution, functional autonomy and accountability remain weak links. Its high performance under the functionaries and capacity building



heads indicates a strong institutional workforce and training ecosystem.

At the gram panchayat level, the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) shows that 82.3% of Gujarat's 14,534 panchayats are in B-grade. Of the 14,534 gram panchayats assessed in 2023-24, as many as 11,963 were graded at the B level. Another 2,471 were in the C-grade, while 25

were in the D-grade. Only 75 Panchayats achieved A-grade and none secured A+. The distribution means that while Gujarat has very few panchayats at the bottom, it has an overwhelmingly large middle band and an extremely small pool of top performers.

The Centre's Devolution Index is based on an assessment covering 2013-14 to 2021-22, while

the PAI data relates to 2023-24. According to data tabled by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in the Lok Sabha, Gujarat trained 1,16,682 participants under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) between 2022-23 and July 10, 2026. Yet against 109 approved Panchayat Learning Centres, not a single one has been developed in Gujarat. However, the training data reinforces Gujarat's capacity-building strength, although the annual figures are uneven. The state recorded 40,020 participants in thematic training in 2024-25, compared with 32 in 2023-24 and 266 in 2025-26.

Gujarat has just one functional State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRCs), but no functional District Panchayat Resource Centres (DPRCs) and no Block Panchayat Resource Centres (BPRCs) under the RGSA. Nationally, the Centre has sanctioned 28 functional SPRCs, 447 DPRCs and 2,844 BPRCs across states and Union territories.

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2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) Mr. T R S Balakrishnan, (Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgage), H. No.4/14A, 1st Street, Bakthavatchalam Nagar, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020. Also at: Flat No.T-1, 3rd Floor, Allegra Apartment, Sri Balaji Nagar West, Potheri - 603 203, Village Kattangulathur (Chengalpattu Taluk & District), Tamilnadu. (2) Mrs. S. Sindhu, (Co-borrower), H. No.4/14A, 1st Street, Bakthavatchalam Nagar, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020. [Branch Name : Indian Bank, Mogapair East Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)]. AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 19.08.2026 : Rs.77,54,012/- (Rupees Seventy seven lakhs fifty four thousand and twelve only) with further interest from 20.08.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Area : Buildup area 1320 Sq. ft. (Carpet area 1060 Sq. ft.) along with UDS 495 Sq. ft. out of 4127 Sq. ft. Flat No.T-1, 3rd Floor, C Plot No.20, Allegra Apartment, Sri Balaji Nagar West, Potheri, Survey No.3/1A5, Village Kattankulathur, Taluk Chengalpattu, Sub Registrar Dist Chengalpattu Joint II. Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Physical.		
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.66.50 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.50,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB7492369588 EMD : Rs.6.65 Lakhs
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3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) M/s. J K FOUNDATION, (Borrower), Proprietrix : Mrs. S. Akshaya, New No.20 (Old No.114), Flat No.2, T.P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005, Tamilnadu. (2) Mrs. S. Akshaya, (Proprietrix/ Mortgage), W/o. Suresh Krishnaswamy, Flat No.7, Old No.118, New No.8, 3rd Floor, T. P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005, Tamilnadu. (3) Mr. Suresh Krishnaswamy, (Guarantor), S/o. Krishnaswamy, Flat No.7, Old No.119, New No.8, 3rd Floor, T. P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005, Tamilnadu. [Branch Name : Indian Bank, Padi Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)]. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANKS AS ON 19.08.2026 : Rs.8,73,86,411/- (Rupees Eight crore seventy three lakhs eighty six thousand four hundred and eleven only) with further interest from 20.08.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Property 1 : An extent of 1/8 UDS share of land an extent of 1477 Sq. ft. with built up area of 520 Sq. ft. including common area, Flat No.114/2, Ground Floor, presently known as Flat No.G2, situated at Old Door No.84 and then No.103 and present Door No.114, Thulasiga Perumal Koil Street (also known as T.P. Koil Street), Triplicane, Chennai, comprised in R.S. No.1899 and as per Patta New R.S. No.1899/2, O.S.No. 2042, C.C. No.267 in Block No.36 of Triplicane Village, Mylapore-Triplicane Taluk, Chennai District within the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub Registration District of Triplicane belonging to No.2 of you. Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Symbolic.		
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.70.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.10,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB6965745353A EMD : Rs.7.00 Lakhs
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Property 2 : An extent of 1/8 UDS share of land an extent of 1477 Sq. ft. with built up area of 860 Sq. ft. including common area, Flat No.114/3, 1st Floor, situated at Old Door No.84 and then No.103 and present Door No.114, Thulasiga Perumal Koil Street (also known as T.P. Koil Street), Triplicane, Chennai, comprised in R.S. No.1899 and as per Patta New R.S. No.1899/2, O.S.No.2042, C.C. No.267 in Block No.36 of Triplicane Village, Mylapore-Triplicane Taluk, Chennai District within the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub Registration District of Triplicane belonging to No.2 of you. Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Symbolic.		
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.113.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.10,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB6965745353B EMD : Rs.11.30 Lakhs
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Property 3 : An extent of 644 Sq. ft. UDS out of total extent of land 2179 Sq. ft. as per document (1853 Sq. ft. as per Patta) with built up area of 1543 Sq. ft. including common area and two covered car parks, Flat No.7, 3rd Floor, situated at Old Door No.88 and then No.108 and Present Door No.119, and Present Door No.8, Thulasiga Perumal Koil Street (also known as T.P. Koil Street), Triplicane, Chennai, comprised in R.S. No.1895, O.S.No. 2039, C.C. No.6704 in Block No.36 of Triplicane Village, Mylapore-Triplicane Taluk, Chennai District within the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub Registration District of Triplicane belonging to No.3 of you. Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Symbolic.		
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.209.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.10,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB6965745353C EMD : Rs.20.90 Lakhs
BANK WEBSITE 	E-AUCTION WEBSITE 	SALE NOTICE
PROPERTY LOCATION 	PROPERTY PHOTO 1 	PROPERTY PHOTO 2
4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) Mr. Aryan Williams, (Borrower/Mortgage), No.1, 1st Floor, Laxman Street, Thiyyagaraya Nagar, Chennai - 600 017. Also at: Flat No.210, 2nd Floor, Block No.2, "Aadinath Aura Apartments", Vignesh Nagar Extension, Zamin Pallavaram, Chennai - 600 117. (2) Mrs. Saritha Johnson, (Guarantor), No.1, 1st Floor, Laxman Street, Thiyyagaraya Nagar, Chennai - 600 017. [Branch Name		

 बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda	Regional Stressed Asset Recovery Branch (RSARB), Chennai Rural Region, No. 123, Dugri Towers, RL Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 018 Phone: 044-2885 5428, E-mail: sarcm@bankofbaroda.com
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)	
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)	
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 03.10.2025 calling upon the Borrowers Mr. K. Tawakkal Mohammed, Flat No. E, Sastha Apartment, Radha Nagar Layout, Nandivaram Village, Chengalpattu-603202. Also at : Door No: 301, 3rd Floor Prince Village, Phase 1 A1 Block, Tondiarpet, Chennai-600081 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs 65,41,696/- (Rupees Sixty five Lakhs forty one thousand six hundred ninety six only) as on 03.10.2025 together with further interest from 03.10.2025 at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.	
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 21st day of August of the year 2026.	
The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of Rs 70,66,085.67- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Sixty Six thousand Eighty Five and paise Sixty Seven only) as on 21.08.2026 together with further interest from 15.08.2026 at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.	
The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.	
Description of the Immovable Properties: Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Plot No: 117 , measuring an extent of 2600 sq. ft. situated in the "RADHA NAGAR" layout comprised in Old Sy No: 212/2 part, as per Patta No.6366, New Sy No: 212/109 situated in No 6, Nandivaram Village, Velur Taluk, Chengalpattu District lying within Registration District of Tambaram and in the Registration District of Guduvanchery and bounded on the North by - Plot No: 114, South by - Road, East by - Plot No. 118, West by- Plot No. 116.	
SCHEDULE OF APARTMENT: Flat No. E in Second Floor measuring 1160 sq ft (including common area) of the apartment named as 'Sastha Apartment' constructed in the schedule 'A' together with 366 sq ft UDS of land for total extent of 2600 sq ft of the schedule 'A'.	
* As per letter dated 28.07.2026, BOB:SARCM:08/17/2026, We withdrawl the previous Symbolic possession dated 20.12.2025.	
Date: 21.08.2026 Place: Chennai	Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY					
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT					
AUCTION PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER- 2026					
NOTICE No : 09 / 2026					
e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.					
Sl No	e-Auction conducted by	Date of auction for the month of for September 2026			Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	02/09/26	15/09/26	28/09/26	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.irps.gov.in Website
2	CSSD/GOC	03/09/26	16/09/26	24/09/26	
3	SSD/PTJ	04/09/26	11/09/26	21/09/26	
4	MAS	09/09/26	16/09/26	23/09/26	
5	SA	04/09/26	11/09/26	21/09/26	
6	TVC	08/09/26	18/09/26	29/09/26	
7	PGT	03/09/26	10/09/26	22/09/26	
8	TPJ	07/09/26	17/09/26	25/09/26	
9	MDU	07/09/26	17/09/26	25/09/26	



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E-Auction Sale Notice

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM I Branch**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **18.09.2026 (Time 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M.)** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) for recovery of **Rs. 82,44,880.38 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and paise Thirty Eight only)** due as on **31.07.2026** with further interest and other incidental charges thereon incurred by the bank to the Asset Recovery Management Branch-I, Chennai of Canara Bank from **Mr. Rajkumar M, 18/32-B, Selva Vinayagar Kolai Street, Balakrishna Nagar, Tirunivorthy, Chennai - 600019** and also at Flat No.1A, First Floor, Temple Bells Apartments, Ayyappa Nagar, Thiruvarkud, Chennai- 600077.

Description of the Property : Possession Status : Symbolic. Property in the name of **Mr. Rajkumar M (CERSAI ID: 400056243600)** Part-A: All that piece and parcel of property situated at Ayyappa Nagar (Ayyappa Madam Salai) land measuring an extent of **13076 Sq.Ft** comprised in Survey No 203/15, 203/15A & 203/15B, Thiruvarkud Village, Ponnammallee Taluk, (earlier Siperumbur Taluk), Tirunavalli District, within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub-Registration District of Kunrathur and the same is **Bounded on the North** by: property owned by Ms.Devijaganathan, Ms.Narayana Giriija, Ms.Muniyammal, Mr.Ravi & Mr.Natarajan, South by: Land belonging to Ayyappaswamy Temple Land & N.No.203/7, East by: Property owned by Mr.Lawrence and Mr.Muthu, West by: Ayyappa Nagar Now Ayyappa Salai.

PART-B: 644 Sq.Ft. Undivided Share Of Land out of **13076 Sq.Ft.** Part "A" Property together with Flat measuring and extent **1367 Sq.Ft.** (Including Common Area), Residential Flat Bearing **Flat No 1A, in the First Floor** in the Apartment known as "**Temple Bells Apartments**" Together with all common rights and covered Car Parking.

Reserve Price: Rs.54,68,000/-	EMD Price : Rs.46,80,00/-	Bid Increase Amount : Rs.50,000/-
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Date and Time of e-Auction

18.09.2026 at 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM

(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Date and Time of inspection of Property

16.09.2026 between 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Last Date of Submission of EMD : EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNETT)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **17/09/2026 till 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact **Canara Bank, Asset Recovery Management Branch - I, Chennai (Ph. No. 044 - 2849 8339 / 2849 6900)** E-mail: cb2361@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day or Details of Auction Service provider : **Banknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd).** (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8219222020 / 9892219848/8160250551, Email: support.banknet@psballiance.com / support.banknetnet@procure247.com).

Portal of E-Auction:https:// banknet.com

For the properties which are in symbolic possession of the bank, the Auction purchaser has to comply with the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard terms and condition of the sale.

1. The bidder is purchasing the property in Symbolic Possession at his/own risk and responsibility. 2. Bank will not be responsible or duly bound for handing over of physical possession. 3. Successful Auction Purchaser will not be entitled to claim any interest, in any case of return of money. 4. Successful Auction Purchaser has to submit the Declaration cum undertaking confirming the above terms and conditions (1 to 3) immediately after e-Auction. 5. Subsequent to sale if successful bidder fails to submit Declaration cum Undertaking, the bid EMD amount will be forfeited.

Date : 17.08.2026

Place: Chennai

Authorised Officer

Canara Bank



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— the national bank of india (a subsidiary) —

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Royapettah High Road, PNB Tower's, 2nd Floor,
Chennai-600 014. Email: cochennai@pnb.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

I Auction Sale Notice by Sale of Immovable Assets under the Supervision and Regulation of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Measures, 2002 and with reference to Rule 80(a) of the Securitisation and Enforcement Measures, 2002.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 24.09.2026 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned in the table below. The property is situated at Mullikothkur Village Item 1 Bearing Grama Natham Old Survey No. 1131/ New Survey No. 274/25 to an extent of 758 Sq. ft. out of 11625 Sq. ft. as per Patta New Survey No. 274/25 Bounded on the North By: Common passage, South by: House belongs to Pazhani Muthialayar, East by: Item I property to an extent of 240 Sq. ft., West by: 25 feet common passage, measuring East to west on the Northern side: 37 feet 6 inches, East to west on the Southern side: 27 feet 4 inches, North to south on the Northern side: 20 feet 6 inches, North to south on the Western side: 20 feet 3 inches. Item II Bearing Grama Natham Old Survey No 1131/ New Survey No 274/25 to an extent of 240 Sq. ft. out of 11625 Sq. ft. as per Patta New Survey No. 274/25 Bounded on the North By: Common passage, South by: House belongs to Pazhani Muthialayar, East by: Item III property to an extent of 2570 Sq. ft., West by: Item I property to an extent of 758 Sq. ft., measuring East to west on the Northern side: 9 feet 6 inches, East to west on the Southern side: 9 feet 6 inches, North to south on the Eastern side: 25 feet, North to south on the Western side: 25 feet. Item III Bearing Grama Natham Old Survey No 1131/ New Survey No 274/25 to an extent of 2570 Sq. ft. out of 11625 Sq. ft. as per Patta New Survey No. 274/25 Bounded on the North By: Common passage, South by: Plot belongs to Natarajan Vagayara, East by: Item IV property to an extent of 330 Sq. ft., West by: Item I property to an extent of 240 Sq. ft., measuring East to west on the Northern side: 58 feet 4 inches, East to west on the Southern side: 58 feet 4 inches, North to south on the Eastern side: 44 feet, North to south on the Western side: 44 feet. Item IV Bearing Grama Natham Old Survey No 1131/ New Survey No 274/25 Bounded on the North By: Common passage, South by: Plot belongs to Natarajan Vagayara, East by: Plot belongs to Arunathapillai, West by: Item I property to an extent of 2570 Sq. ft., measuring East to west on the Northern side: 9 feet, East to west on the Southern side: 6 feet, North to south on the Eastern side: 44 feet, North to south on the Western side: 44 feet. Totally measuring to an extent of 3999 Sq. ft. out of 11625 Sq. ft. situated at Mullikothkur, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Kanchipuram District situated within the Sub registration district of Thirukazhukundram and Registration district of Chengalpattu.

RESERVE PRICE	₹ 25,10,00,00/-	EMD	₹ 2,61,00,00/-	BD INCREASE AMOUNT	₹ 25,00,00/-
Dt. of Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002: 10.02.2026	Possession Date U/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002: 05.02.2026				
Outstanding Amount: ₹ 14.15, 842 Lakhs to an amount of ₹ 31.27 Lakhs with other charges	Nature of possession (symbolic) & further interests (charge) with effect from 01.08.2026 less reservation, if any				
				Constructive Symbols	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 2. The particulars of Secured Assets mentioned in the Schedule herinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 3. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website: <https://baanet.com> on 24.09.2026 @ 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM. 4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://baanet.com> and www.pnbindia.in.

Date: 21.08.2026
Place: Chennai

Authorized Officer,
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E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Ref: RO/SARV/SN/94/2026-27
Date: 18.08.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

To Borrowers: 1) Mr. Abuthul Shameed E, S/o Ibrahim Rawther, and 2) Mrs. A. Mehrarj, W/o. Mr. Abuthul Shameed, both are residing at Flat No. F1, First Floor, Venisha Flats, Plot No. 6, Gandhi Nagar, 1st Cross Street, Kalikuppam, Ambattur, Chennai - 600 053 and Also at- No. 92, South Sivan Koil Street, Kodambakkam, Chennai 600 024

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the **South Indian Bank Ltd, Chennai Mount Road Branch** (Secured Creditor), the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on **08.09.2026** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.58,36,273.01 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three and Paise One Only)** as on **17.08.2026**, with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to **The South Indian Bank Limited, Chennai Mount Road Branch** (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s).

Name of Property Owner	Mr. E. Abuthul Shameed
Description of property	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. F-1 in First Floor of the project called "Venisha Flats" (Building under construction) admeasuring 916 sq.ft of built up area inclusive of common area and one car parking together with 433 sq.ft of UDS of land out of total extent of 2754 sq.ft bearing Plot No.6 comprised in S.No. 757/1, T. S.No. 68/3, Block No.9, Ward-E, Gandhi Nagar, 1st Cross Street, Kalikuppam, Korattur Village, Ambattur Taluk, Tiruvallur District together with all other appurtenant rights and improvements thereon in the name of Mr. E. Abuthul Shameed morefully described in the schedule to Construction Agreement No. 1443/2017 dated 22.03.2017 of SRO Villivakkam and Sale Deed no. 1444/2017 dated 04.04.2017 of SRO Villivakkam and the land Bound by: North: Plot No.7 & 16 feet wide road, South; Vacant plots in S.No.757/2, East: Plot No.5, West: S.No. 757/1 part.
Nature of possession	Physical Possession
Reserve Price	Rs. 12,12,400/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.1,21,240/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only) EMD shall be deposited on or before 07.09.2026 till 05.00 P.M.
Bid Increment amount	Rs.50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)
Date and time of E-auction	08.09.2026 at 2.00 P. M. to 01.00 P. M. (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nil

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of The South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com. Details also available at <https://bankauctions.in>

For any further information and for inspection of property, the intended bidders may contact the Authorised Officer or **The South Indian Bank Ltd, Chennai Mount Road Branch** during working hours or may contact **Mr. Gnanaprakash. S, Mobile No. 97917 47678** at the South Indian Bank Ltd., Regional Office, Chennai.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LTD.

Date : 18.08.2026 / Place : Chennai

El Nino set to be strongest in over a century, warns UK

Head of forecasting at British Met Office says 'never seen an El Nino signal this intense'

LONDON

THIS year's El Nino weather pattern will be the biggest in over a century and could make 2027 the hottest year globally, Britain's national weather agency predicted Friday.

An El Nino weather event happens when warming sea surface temperatures in the tropical eastern Pacific trigger worldwide changes in winds, atmospheric pressure and rainfall, as well as higher global temperatures overall.

Adam Scaife, head of long-range forecasting at the weather agency, told the BBC: "We are expecting the biggest El Nino for over a century, peaking at something over three degrees — that is unheard of in modern climate records."

This means Pacific water would heat up more than 3C above the norm in the coming months. El Nino occurs when water temperatures rise at least 0.5C above the baseline. While it is part of a natural cycle, scientists agree climate change increases its impacts.

A record El Nino would be "adding to the stresses of climate change" following a summer of heatwaves across Europe, the Met Office said.

Temperatures in the Pacific region are currently running about 2.6C above a rolling 30-year average, according to the Climate Brink dashboard based



People pass through a water mist machine in Bucharest, Romania | AP

on data from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The dashboard also aggregates forecasts that put El Nino on course to peak at a 3.9C anomaly this November — well above a 3C anomaly detected in 2015. "We should be clear that this is an unprecedented event," British scientist Scaife said in a Met Office blog.

If the forecast is accurate, then 2026 "will far exceed our recent experience of El Nino and its worldwide climate influences", said the physicist. "I have never seen an El Nino signal this intense in our forecasts," he added, with even a 2C rise considered a "really big event".

El Nino typically results in drier conditions across south-east Asia, Australia, southern Africa, and northern Brazil, and wetter conditions in the Horn of Africa, the southern US, Peru and Ecuador. AFP

Time to end months-long war, says Iran president

TEHRAN

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Friday it was time to end the months-long West Asia war with the United States because Tehran appeared to be in a stronger position than Washington.

Talks between the decades-old foes remain on hold, with both sides in the war started by the US and Israel in February locked in a stalemate.

Tehran is keeping the key Strait of Hormuz partially shut and Washington is persisting with a naval counter-blockade of Iran. "It is better that we

bring the war to an end now as we are in a position of power and dignity," Pezeshkian said in a meeting with doctors.

"The whole world acknowledges our victory and emphasises that America has attacked our schools, hospitals and infrastructure in violation of all regulations and is hated around the world."

Pezeshkian also defended a memorandum of understanding agreed with the US in June aimed at ending the war, claiming it did not signal a defeat for Tehran. "They cannot find even a single clause in this agreement that indicates capitula-



Children enjoying a water fountain at a park in Tehran, Iran on Thursday | AP

tion. All the commitments concern the other side," he said.

His remarks come weeks after Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei said he had approved the deal to end the war. Hardline lawmakers in Iran's parliament have also criticised the government over the deal, accusing it of giving concessions to the US.

According to US media, the American navy has been organising and protecting secret convoys of tankers through the southern sector of the Strait of Hormuz enabling between five and 10 million barrels a day of oil to be exported. AFP

Gulf countries deport over 20,000 Pakistanis

LAHORE

OVER 20,000 Pakistani nationals were deported from Gulf countries, mostly from Saudi Arabia and the UAE, in recent months due to security concerns and multiple reasons, amid the ongoing conflict between Iran and the US, according to official data.

According to the Narcotics Control Ministry data, presented before the National Assembly on Thursday, several Pakistanis were also reportedly detained or deported for filming or uploading videos and material relating to Iranian attacks in their cities.

The Pakistani nationals were deported between March 1 and July 13 from the Gulf Cooperation Council, comprising six countries — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, the ministry said. The deportations were executed due to security concerns, overstaying, illegal entry, begging, drug-related offences, refusal of asylum claims and forged or improper documentation.

As many as 4,628 absconders were deported, besides 1,294 jailed, 968 blacklisted, 1,155 deportation cases about lost passports. PTI

Sword attack at Swedish school, 3 injured

STOCKHOLM

AT least three people were wounded on Friday after an attacker with a sword entered a high school in central Sweden, a healthcare official told AFP.

"Two people are seriously wounded," Jonas Cederberg, health care director in Vastmanland county in central Sweden, told AFP, adding that another person whose injuries had not yet been ascertained was on the way to hospital. According to police, they received reports of the attack just after 2:00 pm (1200 GMT).

The municipality did not specify

the number of wounded but said in a statement that police were still searching the school and that several other schools in the area had been locked down.

A news conference was initially scheduled for 5:00 pm but the municipality announced it was being postponed as "a rescue operation" in response to the incident was still ongoing. The motive for the attack was not immediately clear. *Aftonbladet* newspaper reported that at least two people had been wounded and that a person wielding a machete had been shot in the leg by police.

Public broadcaster SVT said am-

bulances, police cars and a police helicopter were outside the school — which has 447 students — in the small city of about 12,000 inhabitants. In May, the municipality announced that students at Brinellskolan had been sent home following a threat to the school. Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson told AFP in a written statement that "a serious incident has taken place today at a school in Fagersta, just after the summer holidays."

"There are reports of people being injured. We do not yet know what lies behind the attack, but we do know that the police are working extremely intensively," Kristersson said. AFP

EXPRESS READ

Court orders Harry, others to pay £9.5mn to Daily Mail

London: A UK court ordered Prince Harry and six others Friday to pay an initial £9.5 million after they lost their long-running privacy case against the publisher of British tabloid the Daily Mail. The High Court said the prince and six other high-profile figures, who last month lost their unlawful information gathering and privacy invasion claims against Associated Newspapers Limited, must make the payment in a week.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
ARULMIGU MARIAMMAN TEMPLE, IRUKKANGUDI, SATTUR TALUK, VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT

RC.No.1048/2025/A1 Date: 20.08.2026

Virudhunagar District, Sattur Taluk, Iruckkangudi, Assistant Commissioner / Executive Officer of Arulmigu Mariamman Temple invites e-tender for the following works. The e-tender documents are available from 27.08.2026 to 10.09.2026 upto 5.45 Pm and it can be downloaded from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost. The e-tender documents to be uploaded through online on (or) before 11.09.2026 at 11.00 Am. Received tenders will be opened on 11.09.2026 at 3.30 Pm through Online. Important documents and tender documents are to be downloaded from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Value of work	EMD Rs.	Period of Completion
1	Kamalam Painting Works to the inner and outer prakarams (Tnd call)	84,77,642/-	53,000/-	6 Months
2	Gravelling open Ground in Temple Premises	87,45,913/-	54,000/-	3 Months

Contractors Qualification : Registered, live - qualified contractors of Tamilnadu Government Departments / State Government undertakings (Class IV and Above).

Assistant Commissioner/ Executive Officer: Iruckkangudi, 20.08.2026. Chairman, Board of Hereditary Trustees. And Hereditary Trustees

DIP/R/2635/Tender/2026

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR

E-mail ID: cebuidings_orissa@yahoo.co.in,
cebuidings@rediffmail.com, Tel. - (0674)- 2391523
File No-B-IV-H(ALMC)-22/2023(Pl-V) Lr. No. 30830 Bhubaneswar, the 20th August, 2026
34001/682/2627

Invitation for Bids
Bid Identification No.: CE-Bldg-I-31/2026-27

- The E.I.C. (Civil), (I/c) Chief Engineer, Buildings-I, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the works, (1) "Construction of Govt. College of Nursing (G-1) and Hostel Building (G-3) at Baripada, Dist. Mayurbhanj", (2) "Construction of Govt. College of Nursing at Baleswar", (3) "Construction of Govt. College of Nursing at Jajpur", (4) "Construction of Block Level Stadium (With Indoor Hall) in Kuarnunda Block under Sundargada District" & (5) "Construction of Block Level Stadium (With Indoor Hall) in Gununda Block under Sundargada District" as detailed below.
- Nature of work : Building Work
- No. of work : 05 Nos.
- Bid Cost. : ₹10,000/-
- Class of Contractor : A/ Special
- Availability of Bid Docu- : From dt.01.09.2026 to 17.00 Hours of dt.17.09.2026.
- Dates of Opening of Bid : Dt.18.09.2026 at 11.30 A.M.
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in said website only.

Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief (Civil),
OIPR- 34001/34117/1/26-27/0064 (I/c) Chief Engineer, Buildings-I, Odisha

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL : +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV (Rule 8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18.10.2025 calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors 1. PRAKASH D. 2. VADIVEL D. 3. SATHYABAMA D to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1,950,107.60/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Seven and Sixty Paise Only) as on 31.07.2026, with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 17th day of AUG 2026.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of Rs. 1,950,107.60/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Seven and Sixty Paise Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immoveable Properties

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Western Portion Of Land And Building In Plot No. 92, Situated At Umayalapuram Arul Estate, Umayalapuram Village, Sriperumbudur Tk, Kancheepuram Dt., Admeasuring 2400 Sq. Ft Of Land Comprised In Survey Nos. 23/2 And 23/3, Survey No. 23/3b, Within The Sub-registration District Of Sungavachattaram, Registration District Of Chengalpattu, And: Bounded By: North By: Plot No. 91 South By: Plot No. 93 East By: Plot No. 71 West By: 40 Feet Road

Measuring: On The Northern Side: 60 Feet On The Southern Side: 60 Feet On The Eastern Side: 40 Feet On The Western Side: 40 Feet

Date: 17-08-2026
Place: TAMIL NADU
Loan Account No : 35527264

Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

WESTERN RAILWAY				
Material Management Department				
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY				
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/48/2026 Date 21.08.2026				
S.N.	Tender No	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
388	23263380	Poly Ring (Donuts)	32313 Nos	21-Sep-26
389	30263041	Battery storage unit (Ni-Cd Battery)	54 Nos	21-Sep-26
390	07265077	Electric Point Machine IRS type 143mm	121 Nos	21-Sep-26
391	22266272B	Set of Twin beam LED head light for conventional Electric Locomotive	198 Set	21-Sep-26
392	07261330A	Maintenance free VRLA Batteries set of 48V-200AH	154 Set	18-Sep-26
393	09255063B	Complete Air Compressor	9 Nos	18-Sep-26
394	15261240	Brake gear bushes for BMBC coaches	80391 Nos	17-Sep-26
395	15260683	Brake gear bush	146139 Nos	17-Sep-26
396	15260608A	UIC type rubber vestibule arrangement	348 Nos	16-Sep-26
397	26261017B	Running Contract of One year for supply of i) NCR GRSP for RT - 4218 ii) NCR GRSP for RT - 4219 iii) NCR GRSP for RT - 4220	9765 Set	15-Sep-26
398	26267013C	Running Contract for One year for Supply of i) Nylon Cord Reinforced GRSP RT-4865 ii) Nylon Cord Reinforced GRSP RT-4966 iii) Nylon Cord Reinforced GRSP RT-4967	4017 Set	15-Sep-26
399	09262081	Traction motor speed sensor	38 Nos	7-Sep-26

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.irps.gov.in and www.indianrailways.gov.in. 6515

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SPECIALIZED ARM II BRANCH (07901) CHENNAI

DEMAND NOTICE (SECTION 13(2) TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

To,

- M/s. Wintexx Agencies, No.103, Kaveri Nagar, 2nd Street, Railway Border Road, Saidapet Chennai-600015
- M/s Wintexx Silver water Solutions, No.103, Kaveri Nagar, 2nd Street, Railway Border Road, Saidapet Chennai-600015
- M/s Wintexx Associates, No.103, Kaveri Nagar, 2nd Street, Railway Border Road, Saidapet Chennai-600015
- Mr. Ghouse Basha A, Door No.3/515 A, Plot No.39, Senthamil Nagar, Chithalapakam, Chennai-600073.
- Mrs.Seerajunisha, Door No.3/515 A, Plot No.39, Senthamil Nagar, Chithalapakam, Chennai-600073.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Specialized ARM II Chennai Branch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

(i) That Mr. Ghouse Basha A, (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") and M/s Wintexx Agencies represented by its Proprietor Mr. Ghouse Basha A has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreements in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

(ii) That M/s Wintexx Silver Water Solutions and M/s Wintexx Associates, (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") represented by its Proprietor Mrs. Seerajunisha G has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreements in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

You, Mrs. Seerajunisha G (hereinafter referred to as the Guarantor for Credit facilities availed by Wintexx Agencies and Mr. Ghouse Basha) has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of Rs.55,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs only) (Account Number 60361400000086 and 60057830000024) with interest thereon.

You, Mr. Ghouse Basha A (hereinafter referred to as the Guarantor for Credit facilities availed by Wintexx Silver Water Solutions and Wintexx Associates) has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) (Account Number 60361400000014 and 60361400000052) with interest thereon.

You (The person mentioned in Schedule B) are also entered into agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on 23.06.2019. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of Rs. 2,18,75,292.90/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Ninety only) as on 11.08.2026, with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Demand Notice had also been issued to you by Courier / Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

This notice is issued in supersession of the earlier issued demand notice for the property mortgaged as per Schedule - B. Hence, all consequential measures/ actions initiated pursuant thereto, stands withdrawn / treated as withdrawn, without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate fresh action under the SARFAESI act.

SCHEDULE - A
A. [Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower - Wintexx Agencies and Ghouse Basha A]

Sl.No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	60361400000086	Overdraft	19/07/2014	Rs. 20,00,000/-
2	60057830000024	Mortgage Loan	27/12/2014	Rs. 35,00,000/-

B. [Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower - Wintexx Silver Water Solutions and Wintexx Associates]

Sl.No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	60361400000014	Overdraft	25/03/2013	Rs. 10,00,000/-
2	60361400000052	Overdraft	06/01/2014	Rs. 10,00,000/-

SCHEDULE - B: Description of the Immoveable Property

Property in the name of Mr. Ghouse Basha A: All that piece and parcel of the land and building bearing Plot No. 39, First Street, Senthamil Nagar, measuring to an extent of 2380 Sq.ft., of land, Comprised in S. No. 20/1, Patta No. 741, New Survey No. 20/1A1A1X, situated at No. 182, Sithalapakam Village Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram district Boundaries: North By: Plot No 30 South By: 30 Feet Road East By: Plot No 38 West By: Plot No 40 Admeasuring: North to South-70 Feet both sides & East to West-34 Feet on both sides Situated within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Selaiyur.

SCHEDULE - C: [Details of liability as on 31.07.2026]

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan / Limit	Liability With Interest as on Date	Rate of Interest
1	60361400000086	Overdraft	Rs. 2,28,93,625.68	12.85%+2%
2	60057830000024	Mortgage Loan	Rs. 66,44,027.98	11.85%+2%
3	60361400000014	Overdraft	Rs. 29,49,367.57	11.75% +2%
4	60361400000052	Overdraft	Rs. 28,38,606.77	11.75%+2%

Place: Chennai / Date : 11.08.2026 Authorised Officer / Canara Bank

Canara Bank
No. 9 & 10, Sir Thyagaraya Road, Thyagaraya Nagar, Chennai - 17
Mobile: 9740145622
Email: cb7901@canarabank.com

SPECIALIZED ARM II BRANCH (07901) CHENNAI

DEMAND NOTICE (SECTION 13(2) TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

To,

- M/s Hexacora Life Sciences No. 412, TICEL Bio Park 4th Floor, CSIR Road, Taramani, Chennai -600113
- Mr. Aegan V S/o Vetri Narayanan No 222/59 Village Street, Vandanaa Hospital Tiruvottiyur, Chennai -600019
- Mr. Deepak J S/o Jambu Kumar No 79 Wall Tax Road 3rd Floor, Near SBI Bank, Chennai-600003
- Mrs. Parimala C W/o Chandrasekar V Old Door No. 16, New Door No. 19 Marudheeswarar Nagar Thiruvanniyur Chennai-600041
- Mr. Ramkumar C S/o Chandrasekar V (Legal heir of Guarantor/Mortgagor) Old Door No. 16, New Door No. 19 Marudheeswarar Nagar Thiruvanniyur Chennai-600041
- Mrs. Archana C D/o Chandrasekar V (Legal heir of Guarantor/Mortgagor) Old Door No. 16, New Door No. 19 Marudheeswarar Nagar Thiruvanniyur Chennai-600041
- Mrs. Sandhya C D/o Chandrasekar V (Legal heir of Guarantor/Mortgagor) Old Door No. 16, New Door No. 19 Marudheeswarar Nagar Thiruvanniyur Chennai-600041
- Mrs. Suguna P W/o Palani New Door No.16, Old Door No. 17, New Door No. 33 Bajaj Kovil Main Road Choolaimedu Chennai-600094
- Mr. Sudhakar P S/o Palani New Door No.16, Old Door No. 17, New Door No. 33 Bajaj Kovil Main Road Choolaimedu Chennai-600094
- Mr. Prabhakar P S/o Palani New Door No.16, Old Door No. 17, New Door No. 33 Bajaj Kovil Main Road Choolaimedu Chennai-600094
- Mr. Baskar P S/o Palani New Door No.16, Old Door No. 17, New Door No. 33 Bajaj Kovil Main Road Choolaimedu Chennai-600094

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Specialized ARM II Chennai Branch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That M/s Hexacora Life Sciences represented by its Partners Mr. AEGAN V and Mr. DEEPAK J (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrowers") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreements in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

You Mrs. Parimala C, Mrs. Suguna P, Mr. Sudhakar P, Mr. Prabhakar P and Mr. Baskar P (Guarantor/Mortgagor) has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities with interest thereon and provided the securities to the bank, as per Schedule B.

You Mrs. Parimala C, Mrs. Suguna P, Mr. Sudhakar P, Mr. Prabhakar P and Mr. Baskar P (Guarantor/Mortgagor) are also entered into agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

You are aware that Late Mr. Chandrasekar V (Guarantor/Mortgagor) has executed Guarantee and provided the securities to the bank for the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower, the particulars of which are detailed in Schedule "B" hereunder. The Guarantor has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to our bank by the Borrower for credit facilities with interest thereon. We observe that the Guarantor/Mortgagor Mr. Chandrasekar V is deceased.

You, Mr. Ramkumar C, Mrs. Archana C, Mrs. Sandhya C, are aware that after the death of the guarantor/mortgagor Mr. Chandrasekar V, as his/her legal heir, you are liable for the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to our bank by the Borrower for credit facilities.

It is brought to your attention by means of this notice that the Guarantor/Mortgagor has failed to keep up with the terms of the Loan Agreement and the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular and even after repeated requests by the Borrower's/Guarantor's/legal heir/s had failed to clear the liabilities. As a result of this the Bank is now compelled to classify the debt as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on 10/04/2024.

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on 10.04.2024. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of Rs. 2,18,75,292.90/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Ninety only) as on 11.08.2026, with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Demand Notice had also been issued to you by Courier / Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

It is hereby stated that the earlier Demand Notice dated 15/04/2024 and Possession Notice dated 19/07/2024 and all its connected proceedings hereby stands withdrawn, without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate fresh action under the SARFAESI act.

SCHEDULE - A</

New mobile mfg scheme targets 'original' designs, localisation

Companies with ₹10,000 crore turnover in FY26 to be eligible for ₹62,500-cr incentive scheme

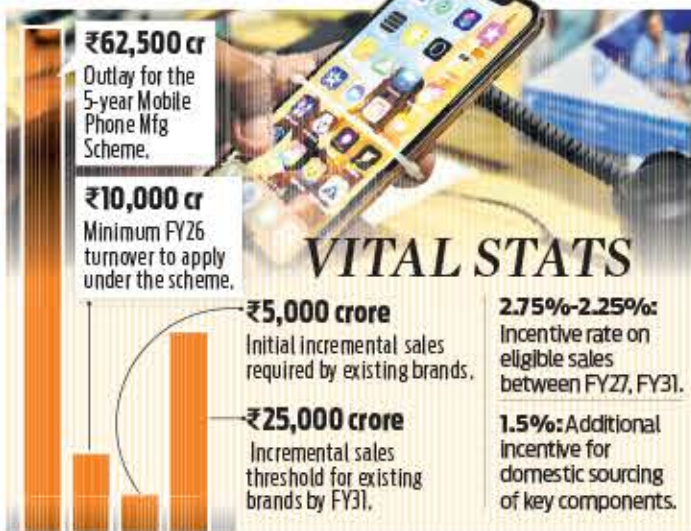
RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

MOBILE phone manufacturers, including electronics manufacturing services (EMS) companies, with a turnover of at least ₹10,000 crore in FY26 will be eligible to apply under the government's ₹62,500-crore Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS), Ashwini Vaishnav, the Minister for Electronics and Information Technology said on Friday.

Releasing the detailed guidelines for the five-year scheme, Vaishnav said the programme aims to boost mobile phone production, deepen India's component manufacturing ecosystem and create globally competitive Indian smartphone brands.

Under the scheme, existing mobile brands will have to achieve incremental annual sales of ₹5,000 crore over their FY26 turnover to qualify for incentives. The threshold will rise progressively to Rs 10,000 crore in FY28, ₹15,000 crore in FY29, ₹20,000 crore in FY30 and ₹25,000 crore in FY31.

New brands will become eligible for incentives only after achieving annual sales of ₹10,000 crore, according to the guidelines. The incentive will be calculated on eligible sales at 2.75% in FY27 and FY28, 2.5% in FY29 and FY30, and 2.25% in



FY31. The scheme also provides an additional incentive of up to 1.5% for domestic sourcing of key components, including display modules, camera modules, battery cells, USB cables and chargers. Companies must localise these components in at least 25% of their mobile phone production to claim the full benefit of the scheme.

For Indian brands, the government has earmarked a 5% base incentive, along with an additional 3% for companies that develop Indian-owned designs and intellectual property through domestic R&D.

Vaishnav said the government has identified three potential Indian players that could launch globally competitive smartphones within the next 10 to 14 months, though he declined to name them. He said companies seeking incentives for Indian brands would have to demonstrate that their designs are original.

"We are going to be very particular and meticulous in evaluating that. The design has to be your own design. It cannot simply be a copycat design," he said. The government said the new scheme builds on the success of



Ashwini Vaishnav, IT Minister

the first production-linked incentive (PLI) programme, which raised domestic value addition in mobile manufacturing from 15% to 23%, attracted around \$14 billion in investments, increased the number of major component and EMS companies from about 10 to over 40, and integrated more than 135 Tier-2 and Tier-3 suppliers into global value chains. Between 2014-15 and 2025-26, electronics production grew sevenfold, electronics exports 11-fold, mobile phone production 33-fold and mobile phone exports 166-fold. India is now the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer by volume, with 99.2% of mobile phones used in the country manufactured domestically.

The MPMS aims to generate ₹39 lakh crore in cumulative mobile phone production, ₹15 lakh crore in exports and 60,000 additional direct jobs over its five-year tenure.

FUNDING CHANNELS

ICICI Bank doubles overseas borrowing limit to \$5 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE board of ICICI Bank has doubled the lender's overseas borrowing limit to \$5 billion, giving it greater flexibility to raise funds through multiple debt instruments. The bank has already raised \$2 billion in foreign-currency debt since July, taking total overseas debt raised by Indian banks since June to \$10 billion.

In an exchange filing on Friday, the second-largest private sector lender of the country said the board approval would allow it to raise funds in overseas markets through instruments including bonds, notes and offshore certificates of deposit. The bank did not disclose the timing, tranche sizes, maturities or pricing of any proposed issuance.

The move comes as Indian banks increasingly tap overseas debt markets following the special windows opened by the Reserve Bank of India to attract foreign-currency inflows.

ICICI Bank has led the fund-raising with \$2.05 billion raised in two tranches in July and August. HDFC Bank followed with \$1.75 billion raised in August, its largest overseas debt issue since the 2008 global financial crisis. The issue comprised a \$500-million three-year tranche



FOREIGN FUNDS

- 1 Indian banks have raised \$10 bn foreign debt
- 2 ICICI Bank has led the fundraising with \$2.05 bn
- 3 HDFC Bank followed with \$1.75 bn raised in August

and a \$1.25-billion five-year tranche, carrying coupons of 5.16% and 5.40%, respectively.

Other lenders that have recently accessed overseas debt markets include IDFC First Bank, which raised \$600 million; Kotak Mahindra Bank (\$650 million); Bank of Baroda (\$700 million); Yes Bank (\$500 million); its first such issue since its AT1 bond crisis; State Bank of India (\$500 million); Indian Bank (\$400 million through a four-year foreign-currency loan from Commerzbank and CTBC Bank); and Axis Bank (\$300 million).

Govt clears 1,800-km LPG pipeline network across six states

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a major push to strengthen India's LPG supply chain and reduce the movement of cooking gas by road, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorised three LPG pipeline projects spanning around 1,800 km across six states, with an estimated investment of about ₹7,000 crore.

The projects, to be developed by GAIL (India), will traverse Telangana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Goa. The three pipelines are the 556-km Cherlapally-Nagpur pipeline, 611-km Jhansi-Sitarganj pipeline and the 633-km Shikrapur-Goa-Hubli pipeline.

Once completed, the PNGRB-authorised common-carrier LPG pipeline network is expected to expand from around 7,700 km to 9,500 km, an increase of nearly 23.5%. The expansion assumes significance as India imports a substantial share of its LPG, with imported supplies arriving largely at coastal locations before being transported to bottling plants and consumption centres across the country.

ENERGY SECURITY

- 1 The projects will be developed by GAIL (India)
- 2 The pipeline will cover six states including UP, Maha

Forex reserves surge \$10 billion to \$717 billion

Gold reserves rise by \$2 billion

The value of RBI's gold reserves rose by \$2 billion to \$111 billion during the August 14 week from \$109 billion. In terms of volume, gold reserves of the central bank remained at 880 tonnes

\$57 billion inflows under special scheme

The RBI said last Friday that it had received nearly \$57 billion in inflows under a special Dollar-Rupee swap scheme as of August 13, led by more than \$50 billion in NRI forex deposits

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

INDIA'S foreign exchange reserves rose by \$9.9 billion to \$716.907 billion in the week ended August 14, the highest level in about six months, aided by sustained dollar inflows under the special swap window launched by the Reserve Bank of India to shore up the country's balance of payments.

The near \$10-billion increase was led by a \$7.2-billion rise in foreign currency assets, while the value of the RBI's 880-tonne gold holdings increased by \$2.679 billion.

In the previous week ended August 7, the reserves had jumped by nearly \$14 billion to



\$707,002 billion. The forex kitty has risen for seven consecutive weeks, gaining about \$50 billion during the period. It is now within striking distance of the record high of \$728.5 billion reached in the last week of February.

The latest accretion has been supported by measures an-

nounced by the RBI on June 5 to attract dollar inflows, including discounted hedging facilities for overseas borrowings by state-run companies and banks and a free-of-cost hedging facility for banks raising overseas forex deposits.

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in inflows under these measures as of August 13, led by more than \$50 billion in forex deposits. The scale of inflows prompted the central bank to advance the closure of the deposit hedging facility by a month to August 31. The value of gold reserves rose to \$111 billion during the week from \$109 billion. Special drawing rights declined by \$5 million to \$19 billion, while the reserve position with the IMF increased by \$5 million to \$5 billion.

Changes in foreign currency assets, expressed in dollar terms, also reflect the appreciation or depreciation of currencies such as the euro, pound and yen held in the reserves.

SATELLITE COMMUNICATION STARLINK TO CONNECT LEAST SERVED RURAL INDIA: ELON MUSK

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

ELON Musk on Friday said Starlink would help improve connectivity in India's underserved rural areas, as the satellite broadband provider awaits final approvals to launch commercial services in the country.

Musk, whose company has secured a licence to provide satellite broadband services in India but is still awaiting spectrum allocation and other regulatory clearances, was responding to a post on X that highlighted that 11,256 of India's listed villages still lacked 4G coverage as of May 2026. "Starlink would help the least served in India, especially in rural areas," Musk wrote on X.

Starlink has already secured a licence to offer satellite broadband services in India and has established



ground infrastructure to meet regulatory and enforcement requirements.

India has also issued licences to Bharti Group-backed Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio-SES Space Technology Ltd. All the companies are awaiting spectrum allocation before rolling out services. Earlier, Lauren Dreyer, Vice President of Starlink's business operations, had said the company remains committed to India and is working with the government to bring Starlink's services to the country.

Religare open offer row: SAT rejects Danny Gaekwad's competing bid

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has dismissed Digvijay Laxhamsinh Gaekwad, popularly known as Danny Gaekwad, against a SEBI order rejecting his plea for more time to mount a competing open offer for Religare Enterprises (REL) at a higher price than the Burman group's offer. The tribunal held that takeover regulations do not permit such extensions. Gaekwad, a Vadodra-born real estate and hospitality entrepreneur based in Florida, had sought to challenge

the Burman group's takeover bid for REL. He proposed an open offer at ₹275 a share, compared to the Burmans' ₹235 offer, and sought to acquire a 55% stake, against the Burmans' proposed 26%.

Rejecting his plea on Friday, SAT said Regulation 11 of the takeover regulations does not provide SEBI with general powers to relax statutory timelines. It said the provision allows an acquirer to seek exemption from the open-offer requirement but does not permit relaxation of timelines in an on-

going open offer. "Appellant's option to take over the target company is not closed and he can always choose to initiate the process, at any time," the tribunal said, adding that Gaekwad could still initiate a fresh takeover bid under the takeover regulations.

SEBI had argued that allowing the plea would lead to a never-ending process and render the takeover framework ineffective. SAT held that statutory takeover timelines cannot be relaxed to accommodate a delayed competing offer and that Gaekwad was required to comply with the timelines.



NEW AGE JOBS

'AI, data & cloud drive 60% of India's IT hiring'

PADMINI DHURVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S IT hiring market is shifting towards experienced workers with skills in artificial intelligence, data, cloud and cybersecurity, as companies reduce their reliance on entry-level recruitment, Kapil Joshi, CEO of IT Staffing at Quess Corp, told TNIE.

Emerging technology skills now account for 58-60% of technology hiring, up from 30-32% three years ago. At the same time, the share of hiring for workers with zero to four years of experience has fallen from 20% to 15% over the past two years.

Joshi said 54-55% of total hiring is now among workers with 4-12 years of experience. Com-



panies are increasingly seeking candidates who can be immediately deployed, billed and productive from day one.

The shift has widened the gap between demand and supply of skilled workers. Joshi said the demand-supply gap for AI and data roles is 36-40%, while cloud and cybersecurity roles face a 30-32% gap. In the latter case, he

said, only about seven candidates are available for every 10 open positions.

Traditional technology roles, including testing, L1 and L2 support, quality analysis and some development jobs, are seeing their share of demand squeeze as companies step up hiring for AI, data, cloud, cybersecurity and platform engineering.

The shift is also reshaping the staffing market, with IT staffing moving from its earlier focus on workers with zero to four years of experience towards the four-to-eight-year segment. Contract hiring, too, is increasingly skewed towards experienced workers.

Within AI, agentic AI is seeing the fastest growth. Joshi said roles related to agentic AI have grown by 200% over the past year, resulting in about three times the demand compared with last year. Other emerging roles include AI risk and governance, ethical AI, LLM evaluation, AI evaluation, observability and explainability. The shift is also changing how companies assess candidates.



SINGAPORE

MTI LIFTS 2026 GROWTH FORECAST TO 4.5-5.5%

Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) raised its 2026 GDP growth forecast to 4.5-5.5% from 2.0-4.0% after final data showed the economy grew 5.9% year-on-year in the second quarter. The final print was higher than the 5.7% advance estimate. MTI said the impact of the Middle East war had been less severe than feared, while the global AI investment boom had exceeded expectations. Enterprise Singapore separately raised its forecast for non-oil domestic exports growth to 14-16% from 3-5%, citing sustained AI-related demand. The upgrades came despite inflationary pressures that prompted the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to tighten policy in July. Headline inflation stood at 1.6% in June, while the central bank expects inflation to rise and remain elevated through the first half of 2027.

INDONESIA

BI HOLDS RATES AT 5.75% IN DEBTS' FIRST MEETING

Bank Indonesia kept its BI-Rate unchanged at 5.75% after its August 18-19 policy meeting, leaving the deposit facility rate at 4.75% and the lending facility rate at 6.50%. It was the first policy decision under Acting Governor Destry Damayanti following Perry Warjiyo's abrupt exit in late July. All but one of 35 economists surveyed by Bloomberg had expected the central bank to hold rates. BI has already raised rates by 100 basis points this year to support the rupiah. July inflation was 2.98%, within BI's 2.5% ±1 percentage-point target range, while the rupiah has fallen about 7% against the dollar this year. BI retained its 2026 growth forecast at 4.9-5.7%, below President Prabowo Subianto's 6% expectation and his target of 8% growth by 2029.

VIETNAM

GROWTH ACCELERATES, BUT TRADE BALANCE FLIPS

Vietnam's GDP grew 8.39% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2026, up from an upwardly revised 7.94% in the first quarter, taking first-half growth to 8.18%. Industry and construction expanded 10.51%, services grew 7.87% and agriculture 4.06%. Exports of goods and services increased 20.18%, but imports rose faster at 26.44%. As a result, Vietnam recorded an estimated first-half trade deficit of \$16.65 billion, compared with a \$7.6 billion surplus a year earlier, subject to reconciliation by Vietnam Customs. Inflation eased to 4.69% in June from 5.6% in May, remaining close to the 4.5% target. The World Bank reclassified Vietnam as an upper-middle-income economy effective July 1, while Hanoi is targeting growth of more than 10% this year.

PHILIPPINES

BSP RATE DECISION ON AUG 27 SPLITS MARKET VIEW

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) last raised its reverse repurchase rate by 25 bps to 4.75% on June 18. Its central forecasts put average inflation at 6.4% in 2026 and 4.5% in 2027, citing higher oil prices and a weaker peso. ING expects another 25-basis-point hike at the August 27 meeting despite moderating headline inflation, citing a recovery in Brent crude prices, food supply risks and announced wage increases.

Water mgmt a key infra issue: WB Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

SKILLING the workforce in water management and plumbing technology is critical to ensuring water security and the successful installation, operation and maintenance of India's water infrastructure, West Bengal Higher Education, Technical Education and Training

and Skill Development Minister Jagannath Chattopadhyay said on Friday.

Addressing the WMPSC Industry Conclave 2026 on "Roadmap of Skilling towards Viksit Bharat", organised by the Water Management & Plumbing Skill Council (WMPSC), Chattopadhyay highlighted the often-under-recognised role of skilled

water and plumbing technicians in ensuring safe water supply. "Skilling this workforce is not simply a human resource issue. It is a water security issue. It is a public health issue. It is an infrastructure issue," he said.

The minister urged stakeholders to transform plumbers and water technicians from informal workers into skilled professionals.





SEASON BEST FOR NEERAJ

With less than a month to go for Asian Games, multiple Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra improved on his season-best mark by throwing 88.05m to finish second at the Lausanne Diamond League. Sri Lanka's Ramesh Pathiraja, who won a CWG gold, finished first with a 88.14m throw. Anderson Peters was third (86.69m).

Asiad-bound wrestler Mukul provisionally suspended

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

AHEAD of the 2026 Asian Games in Japan, scheduled to begin on September 19, India received another big doping jolt as a medal potential in wrestling tested positive for a stimulant (Mephentermine). The wrestler has since been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). The freestyle wrestler in question, Mukul Dahiya, competes in the 86kg weight category and won a silver med-

al in the 2026 Asian Championships. He is currently attending an exposure-cum-training camp in Yerevan, Armenia along with Asian Games-bound freestyle wrestlers. Given the situation, India will go unrepresented in the weight category now. Interestingly, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is unaware of the development. A few days ago, another selected wrestler Deepanshu (Greco-Roman, 130kg) was provision-

ally suspended by the NADA for failing an out-of-competition dope test. The WFI named him in the long list but replaced him with Ronak Dahiya, who lost to Deepanshu in the selection trials on May 31. However, the final list has been sent by the WFI to the IOA and a replacement looks impossible. The NADA list has been accessed by this daily. "Usually, we get the intima-

Midfielder Leandro Paredes and several Argentina players have received bans and fines for their part in clashes with Spain players at the World Cup final, FIFA said on Friday. Argentina have also been ordered to play their next two home matches behind closed doors, though one match of that sanction is suspended. Paredes will be banned for 10 matches.

GAYATRI'S JOLLY RISE AT WORLDS

Doubles pair overcomes Chinese duo of Jia Yi Fan and Zhang Shuxian to confirm medal; SatChi ousted

ANMOL GURUNG @New Delhi

THEIR celebrations said it all. Doubles specialists Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly just couldn't hold back their emotions after engineering one of the biggest victories of their careers. Treesa fell to her knees and pumped her fists with pure joy. Gayatri was teary-eyed while hugging her teammate. Even the generally-strict taskmaster, Pullela Gopichand, was seen smiling as they went to hug him one after another. They had just pulled off the impossible, beating Jia Yi Fan and Zhang Shuxian of China to ensure India ended up with a bronze at the very least in the ongoing BWF World Championships here.

The Worlds has witnessed quite a few upsets so far and this was another case of an underdog rising to the occasion. The victory clearly meant the world to both. Injuries had stalled their progress over the years and the World No 39 combo, who were ranked as high as No 9 once upon a time, had largely been in the shadows for some time.

But Friday belonged to them. It was just the result that the crowd, who were cheering for Indians throughout the contest, were hoping for. Having processed their emotions to a degree, they just couldn't stop smiling throughout the course of interaction. "After the match, it was really difficult to control the emotions but we are now okay. We were processing that. We're happy that we got



Gayatri Gopichand (R) & Treesa Jolly in action during the quarterfinals | HARVEEN NEGI

this win and we're now in the semifinals," Treesa, who has come a long way since her humble beginnings in Kerala, said.

Fifteen years ago, India's medal streak at the World Championships had been set in motion by the women's doubles pair of Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa. After PV Sindhu and Ayush Shetty's exits on Thursday, India were in serious danger of missing out on a medal this time. It was fitting that Treesa and Gayatri managed to keep that streak going.

Up against the formidable pair, they were in an uncomfortable position after the opening game, which the Indians lost.

Even in the second game, they were playing the chasing game but the match completely turned on its head after the mid stages. The Indians played with more purpose and forced the Chinese pair to make unforced errors. Four straight points to-

wards the end quelled any hopes of a fightback from the Chinese pair. During those tense moments, Gayatri revealed that they were looking to stay calm.

"Today (Friday) was a tough match. We were down, trailing... and the second game was also very tricky. We told each other to stay calm. That's what we're going to do tomorrow as well. We just want to go to court and give our 100 per cent. We just want to enjoy it as we did today," Gayatri said.

The Indians had momentum on their side and after a relatively slow start, they walked away with the third essay to reach the promised land. **Results (select):** MS: TC Choubi A Farhan 21-15, 21-15; K Narasika bt A Antonen 21-19, 21-15; A Lanier bt K Vidskam 19-21, 21-16, 21-16; V Lal bt R Gernie 21-19, 21-18; WS: An SY bt Y Han 21-19, 21-12; A Yamaguchi bt M Li 21-17, 21-10; WD: Gayatri/Treesa bt Jia/Zhang 16-21, 21-15, 21-18; Liu/Tian bt T Yueng/Yeung 21-14, 21-17; MD: Liang/Weng bt Satwik/Chirag 21-18, 21-9; Soh/Chia bt Lin/Hu 21-11, 21-17.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

'Both had baggage, that's why they were emotional'

ANMOL GURUNG @New Delhi

DOUBLES coach B Sumeeth Reddy, along with national chief coach Pullela Gopichand, were witness to Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly's significant performance from up close. The victory on Friday naturally meant as much to them.

Along with the duo, who confirmed a medal for India in the ongoing Worlds, the coaches have been through a lot in recent months and it was naturally an emotional hour for everyone. "When emotions fall in, no words could normalise things. They're still very emotional. It takes probably a day for things to digest," Sumeeth told reporters.

The former doubles shuttler felt both Treesa and Gayatri have had to deal with plenty of pressure over the years. "Both of them have their own baggage, starting with Gaya (Gayatri) being Gopi sir's daughter. Everyone would say silver spoon and all of that. With this, she would also be relieved that she's a Worlds medallist. That would be a huge medal in her career," Sumeeth, who was the first Indian men's doubles player to represent the country in the Olympics alongside Manu Attri, said. "Treesa was also very hungry since the start of



Coach Sumeeth Reddy explained the dynamics of the doubles' pair | EXPRESS

her career. She wanted to prove a point that she's not playing tournaments just to compete. She always wanted to be the star of Indian badminton. This again is a big achievement in her kitty. That was one of the reasons why she was very emotional."

He felt Treesa's aggressive game and Gayatri's cool approach inside the court complimented their game. Despite being yin and yang, they are able to get the best out of each other. "We have two different players, Treesa being the player who's always charging at the opponents while Gaya being the calm one. You need to deal with them differently. We obviously encourage Treesa to just calm a little bit when she is becoming too aggressive or smashing too often. At the same time, we need to encourage Gaya to be a little bit aggressive," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Dutch too good for India women

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

WHEN INDIA and the Netherlands walked out for the anthems in a sun-kissed Wagener Stadium in Amstelveen, you may have been forgiven for thinking something was up with your eyes. The hosts were lining up in blue while India came out wearing saffron. But that actually happened.

However, that was the only unexpected thing to occur before or during the match. The Dutch women's hockey team, one of the most storied and decorated sides across all sports in the world over the 21st century, kept their date with destiny with a comfortable 2-0 win. Netherlands, whose last loss at the World Cup came in 2010, were a slick attacking machine but their profligacy cost them in front of goal as they spurned a number of chances when well placed to score, either from set pieces or via open play. That profligacy, though, has allowed the Indian team an opportunity to still make the semifinals of the quadrennial event. Remember, the last they finished fourth had come in 1974. When coach Sjoerd Marjine was interviewed before this second phase Pool match, he said they had nothing to lose.

A few minutes into the game, one would have feared for the women's team as they had already conceded from a penalty corner. But Salima Tete & Co are made up stern tough. The missed chances notwithstanding, India's set-up was clear. Aim to frustrate their opponents, and break at pace whenever they get the opportunity. And as long as the match stayed at 1-0, they were always in with a chance of engineering the mother of all upsets. They almost levelled the game minutes after half-time when they pounced on the loose ball following an unsuccessful Dutch penalty corner. The women in saffron broke at pace and ventured deep into opposition territory with the hosts chasing the ball in desperation. The chance, though, came to not; it was one of several close chances Marjine's charges had managed but the execution let them down.

You don't give a side like Netherlands chances like that and they went up the other end to double the advantage, from another penalty corner. In the terraces, the local Dutch fans, who were clad in Orange, were dancing but it was the team in blue that had scored the goal (yep, it made for some confusing viewing). India kept at it but they were also firm at the back, knowing full well that this Pool could still be decided by goal difference.

Full story: newindianexpress.com



Dutch fans turned up in orange, the new colour of India jersey on Friday | HI

Crunch match

In the first of two must-win clashes, the men's team come up against hosts the Netherlands on Saturday. A look...

Harmanpreet in roaring form

Harmanpreet Singh wanted to make up for a disappointing 2023 and he's delivering on that promise. He has found his range as his drag-flicks have found the target. He needs to be on top of his game again if India are to best the hosts.

Retain ball & maintain shape

India's game have generally been very chaotic at the World Cup, there has been an element of basketball to their games. It's why they have conceded a lot of chances. They will need to hold structural integrity as well as retain the ball against the Dutch.

3 Netherlands have conceded only three goals (India have conceded eight)

6 India have scored six from penalty corners, the leaders so far

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M Shahruxh Khan celebrates his fifty in Chennai on Friday | ASWIN IN PRASATH

Trichy march into play-offs

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

A CAPTAIN'S innings of 59 n.o from just 18 balls by M Shahruxh Khan and leggie Jhathavedh Subramanayan's 4/12 came in handy for Vida Kovai Kings to beat Dindigul Dragons by 85 runs (DLS Method) in rain-marred TNPL match on Friday. In the second match, Trichy Grand Cholas beat Chepauk Super Gillies by 14 runs to enter the playoffs.

Earlier, with the game was reduced to 16 overs, Shahruxh Khan played aggressively to post a challenging total. In reply, Dindigul could only manage 93, going down to Kovai. **Brief scores:** Kovai 17/3 in 16 ovs (Shahruxh Khan 59 n.o); bt Dindigul 93 in 13.2 ovs (Jhathavedh 54/12); Trichy 19/7 in 20 ovs (Sanjay Y 54; M Silambarasan 3/43) bt Chepauk 17/6 in 20 ovs (K Aashik 75).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

POINTS TABLE*

Team	P	W	Pts	NRR
Trichy (O)	7	5	10	0.09
Kovai	7	4	8	1.63
Nellai	6	4	8	0.45
Tiruppur	6	4	8	0.39
Madurai	6	4	8	0.02
Chepauk	7	3	6	0.13
Dindigul	7	2	4	-0.76
Salem	6	0	6	-2.37

*Till Friday

Chance for Gill to step up as a batter

GOMESH S @Chennai

BEING an Indian Test captain is a tough job. One look at the list of players who held the responsibility as full-time skipper in this century will say as much. Shubman Gill, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, MS Dhoni, Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar... you get the drift.

Every one of them has had their share of ups and downs. There were varied reasons why they were handed the job but more often than not, it has been because they were the best batter in the team at the time. Sometimes it works out great as in the case of Kohli. And sometimes, it doesn't like Tendulkar who resigned before



Ganguly took over. Rohit was handed the Test captaincy after taking over in other two formats, predominantly because of his leadership and tactical nous in the IPL. Gill, on the other hand, was looked at as India's best batting talent when he was named the skipper following his predecessor's retirement last year. And immediately, he announced his arrival with the bat in England. Since then, he has shown signs of growth as captain and leader, quietly making this team his own. And with the bat, he averages 73.33 as captain, amassing 1100 runs in 10 Tests. But the thing about being a Test captain is that running alone is not enough. Results are paramount. Gill got injured in Kolkata and India lost 0-2 to South

Africa. Which is why, the Sri Lanka tour held significance for Gill the batter. Though India won the Test in Galle, the skipper's returns—16 and 8—would not have made him happy.

Former national selector Saba Karim believes Gill is very much aware of his role as a batter. "Hugely important for a young captain, more so if he is a batter to keep working on his primary skill which is batting. If you notice his performance, once he became a captain, has grown many fold. It goes to show that he still believes that for him to keep scoring runs on a consistent basis is important for his team's success and also for his growth," Karim told this daily in an interaction facilitated by Sony Sports Network. **India vs SL, 2nd Test; Live on Sony Sports Network**

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Squash: Willstrop India's foreign coach for Asiad

ENS @Chennai

FORMER World Number 1 from England James Willstrop will be the Indian squash team's foreign coach for the upcoming Asian Games in Japan, sources in the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) confirmed on Friday. It is learnt that he will set foot here on September 17 and leave for Japan with the team from here, then.

Gurveer, Rathika in final

Gurveer Singh and Rathika Seelan entered the final of their respective categories at the Southern slam here on Friday. **Results (select):** Gurveer Singh bt Arhant KS 8-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-7; Rathika Seelan bt Nirupama Dubey 12-10, 12-10, 4-11, 11-9.

Coaches' programme my legacy in Indian athletics: Radhakrishnan

INDRANEEL DAS @Bhubaneswar

BARRING one or two athletes, the cafeteria was almost empty. Radhakrishnan Nair was sitting quietly on one of the tables, looking solemn and grave on a warm Friday morning. It had been quite a journey for the chief coach of the athletics national team. Nair has been part of the coaching establishment for over three decades in various capacities—from a coach to deputy chief to chief. In the last 34 years of marriage, he said he could visit say 30 to 40 days a year initially and later, when he became the coach he hardly could visit the family. "Sometimes I didn't even know where my children were studying but

they are all well settled now," he said with a heavy heart as he bid adieu to his most passionate vocation—coaching. "If you calculate the number of years since my marriage in 1998, it would be around five-six years in total I would have been at home," he said.

"This is my last international competition at home," Nair said as his eyes seemed to give away his sadness within. The World Athletics Continental Tour Silver 2026 here on Saturday would be his last international competition at home. His career as chief national coach will end in September just before the Asian Games. Technically, the date is

on September 30. After exchanging pleasantries, he reluctantly agreed to speak about his career, the high points of his life and what could be his lasting legacy in Indian athletics. And his coaching programme that led to the introduction of thousands of coaches into the athletics firmament tops it all. "There is a dearth of coaches in India, and this will be a small contribution," he said. In a freewheeling chat, he spoke about how he could help in changing coaching landscape of the country. The decision to give up

the post was not easy but the pressure of being a national coach was slowly taking a toll on his health. He said the Athletics Federation of India has been a great support and they would want him to continue with his coaching programme. *Excerpts:*

On his legacy

Athletics is developing in the country. Recent results show it is looking up. But it is not my credit alone. It is planning, execution of those plans in a proper way with the support of the government. And to develop athletics, we need to de-

velop our coaches. We have very few coaches even now. Among them, there are very few competent coaches. A lot of structure has been created by the government like Khelo India but when you look at the number of coaches in athletics, there are hardly 130 or 140 coaches. When we discussed development globally, the first thing we did was to contact World Athletics, and they have fully supported and cooperated. We started the WA Level One coaches' education program in 2018. The credit has to go to the AFI.

On need for more coaches I started a coaches education course to develop coaches at district level. This is very impor-

tant because every district needs at least five to six coaches who can just attract children to athletics. Who can scout and train. We will require say in about 700 districts about 3500-4000 coaches. We call it a pre Level 1 AFI coaching that is totally online, six days. Anyone can participate. There is no prerequisite qualification required. Anyone interested in coaching, whether it is a parent or a veteran athlete or a physical education teacher, for anyone who is passionate about coaching. That we started in 2020 during Covid year. Response was very good. As of now, we have produced more than three thousand coaches but we need more.

Full story: newindianexpress.com



Chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair



JAMUN DISTRIBUTION MAP IN WESTER GHATS

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Nilgiris

THE journey to one of Tamil Nadu's remotest forests begins where most roads end.

A four-wheel vehicle took us till Parsons Valley and from there, we went on a bike to the Western Catchment Area. The last stretch had to be covered on foot, trekking through steep slopes at elevations above 2,000 metre.

After hours of travel in bone-crushing cold, mist and strong winds, we finally reached the hill slopes where hundreds of Nilgiri wild jamun (*Syzygium calophyllifolium*) grow.

But there was something missing.

I could not find even one ripened Nilgiri wild jamun, although the fruiting season has almost come to a close. We searched hundreds of trees. Forget about fruiting, we did not see even the flowering. Stunted budding was noticed in just a few trees.

For a tree that the IUCN Red List has already classified as Endangered, the absence was difficult to ignore.

The 2023 IUCN assessment estimates that there are fewer than 700 mature individuals of *Syzygium calophyllifolium* left in the wild, spread across just 13 subpopulations in five montane landscapes. The population is declining. The Nilgiri and Agasthyamalai landscapes together account for 72% of the species' population, making the high-altitude forests of the Nilgiris particularly important for its survival.

The IUCN assessment says the species is chiefly found in montane evergreen forests, generally between 1,000 metre and 2,300 metre, and has an estimated area of occupancy of just 56 sq km. It records a continuing decline in mature individuals as well as in the area, extent and quality of its habitat. So this was not merely the absence of fruit. It was the silence of an ecological event that simply never happened or observed so far. Whether this is a cyclical phenomenon or whether something more serious is at play remains a question.

Is it linked to warmer years, El Nino years or poor monsoon? Incidentally, 2026 is one of the warmest years and a super El Nino is currently taking shape. The area also experienced unprecedented ground frost before the fruiting season. Could that have affected the trees? Could changing weather conditions have affected pollinators? And if the flowering and fruiting cycle is disrupted repeatedly, what happens to the animals that depend upon the tree? The IUCN itself lists February to May as the species' flowering and fruiting period. Phenology - the timing of flowering, fruiting and other recurring biological events - is increasingly recognised as a sensitive indicator of environmental change. Scientists say



Did the Nilgiri wild jamun fail to flower because this was simply its natural resting year or are the trees beginning to lose synchrony with the climate and the pollinators that sustain them?

WHERE DID THE 'ENDANGERED' Nilgiri wild jamun DISAPPEAR?



Nilgiri Tahr feeding on wild jamun trees in summer



(L-R) K Manigandan and B Subbaiyan

plant reproductive cycles are influenced by environmental cues and are often synchronised with pollinators and seed dispersers.

M G Ganesan, former director of Project Nilgiri Tahr and current deputy director of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, says Mukurthi National Park is a prime habitat for Tamil Nadu's state animal Nilgiri Tahr.

"One of the two metapopulations of Nilgiri Tahr is in Western Catchment Area and this landscape that primarily consists of montane shola forests is very fragile. Nilgiri wild jamun is an indicator species of ecological health and found only in this ancient shola landscape. Every year, it is customary for me to visit there and relish eating the fruit, but this year I haven't seen a single tree with the fruits. This is not confined to western catchment alone,

but observed in the entire Nilgiris landscape."

Climate clock falls out of sync

For anti-poaching watcher G Arun Kumar, who has worked in the Western Catchment Area for the last 10 years, the absence of flowering this year is striking. He said there was no flowering and felt that the poor monsoon, high winds and heavy misty conditions could have a direct correlation with the failure. "Climate change is affecting the forest," he said, pointing to the changing conditions being experienced in the high-altitude landscape. But scientists caution that one year's failure cannot automatically be attributed to climate change.

Anita Varghese, director (biodiversity), Keystone Foundation, said many trees that produce fruits in abundance, such as amla and

Syzygium calophyllifolium



A tree already in trouble



Estimated mature individuals: Fewer than 700

Population trend: Declining

Where it grows: Montane shola evergreen forests of South India and Sri Lanka, chiefly at 1,000-2,300 m elevation. The Nilgiri and Agasthyamalai landscapes together hold 72% of the population.

Flowering & fruiting: February-May, according to the IUCN assessment.

mango, have a resting period after mass flowering and fruiting. Nilgiris wild jamun could also show such a phenomenon.

"That could be the phenomenon," she said, while stressing that the trees need to be observed again next year. If the failure repeats, climate stress could become a stronger possibility particularly because this year had poor rainfall. Anita said the relationship between climate and flowering can also involve a time lag. A drought or rainfall deficit in one year may affect flowering in the following year. "This year's drought will reflect on next year's flowering," she said. That makes the next flowering season particularly important. Anita also stressed the need for regular monitoring because phenological changes can be subtle but important indicators of climate change. She noted that changes of even a couple of weeks in the timing of flowering can have ecological consequences.

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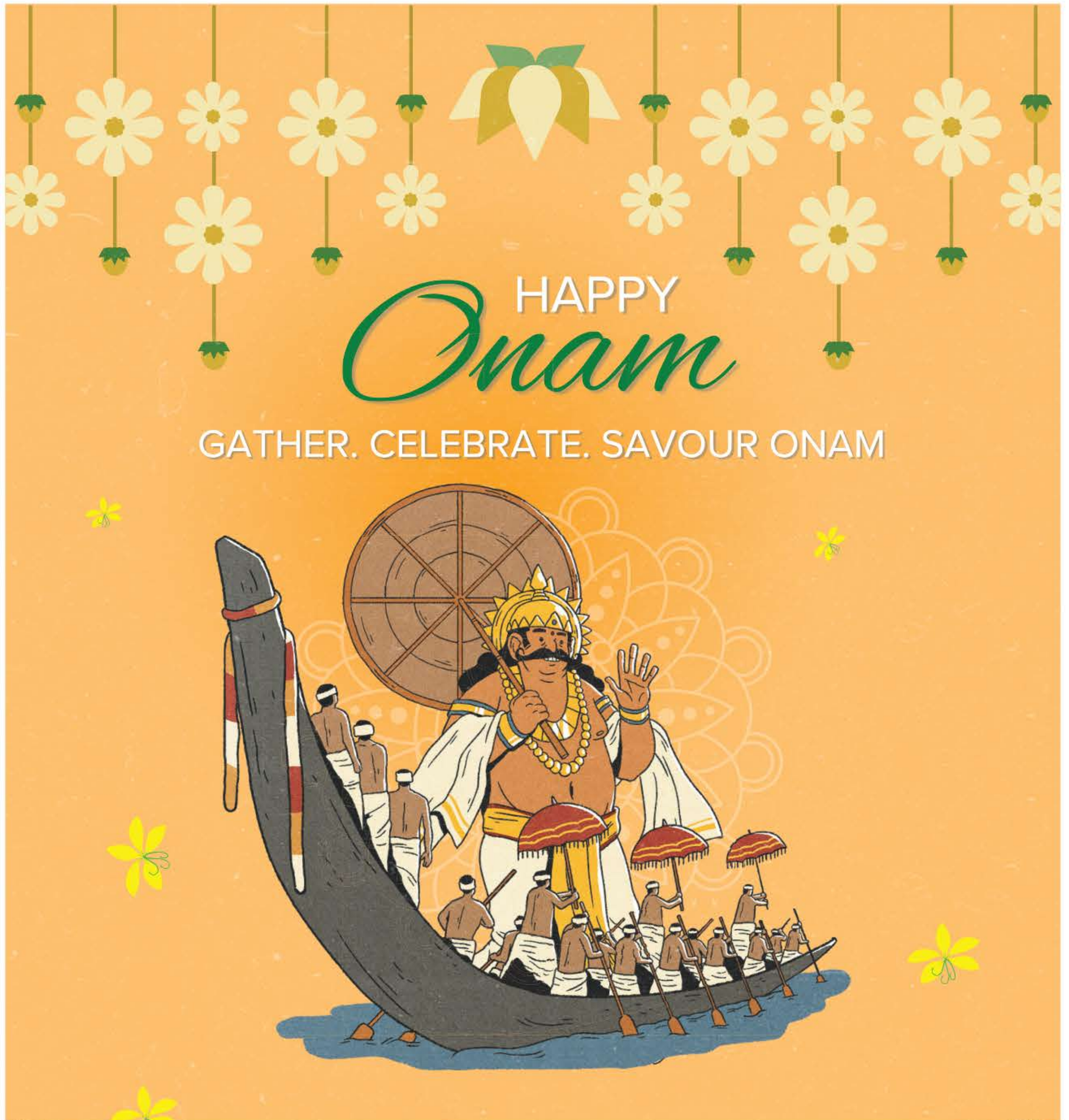
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(Hindi)

Police officers Jay Bakshi and Sandhya pursue elusive criminal Raj Solanki, only to face shocking personal connections that complicate duty trust and the line between justice and emotion.

Cast: Akshay Kumar, Suniel Shetty, Disha Patani, Anil Kapoor
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FOREIGN

BLOOD SACRIFICE (Swedish, series)

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V-SITS

V-sits engage the abdominal muscles while challenging balance and stability. Sit with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor. Lean back slightly while keeping your spine straight, then lift your feet off the floor. Extend your arms forward and hold the position while keeping your core engaged. For more intensity, gradually straighten your legs. Hold for 20-30 seconds and repeat two to three times.

REVERSE CRUNCHES

Lie on your back with your arms beside you and knees bent. Lift your feet so your thighs are perpendicular to the floor. Engage your core and slowly bring your knees towards your chest while lifting your hips slightly from the mat. Lower yourself with control rather than using momentum. Aim for 12-15 repetitions.

BICYCLE CRUNCHES

Lie on your back with your hands lightly behind your head and your legs lifted. Bring your right elbow towards your left knee while extending the opposite leg. Switch sides in a controlled pedalling motion. Keep your lower back close to the floor and avoid pulling on your neck. Perform 20-30 repetitions.

ALLIGATOR CRAWL

Start in a forearm plank with your elbows below your shoulders. Keep your hips low and your core engaged. Move forward by stepping your right forearm and left foot together, then alternate sides. Continue for 30-45 seconds while keeping your torso stable.

BODY SAW

Begin in a forearm plank with your feet on sliders or a towel. Slowly shift your body backwards towards your heels and then return to the starting position. Keep your spine neutral and your core tight. Perform 10-12 controlled repetitions.



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Mariam Jasmine's painting depicts her childhood homeland, where her soul and fondest memories still remain.

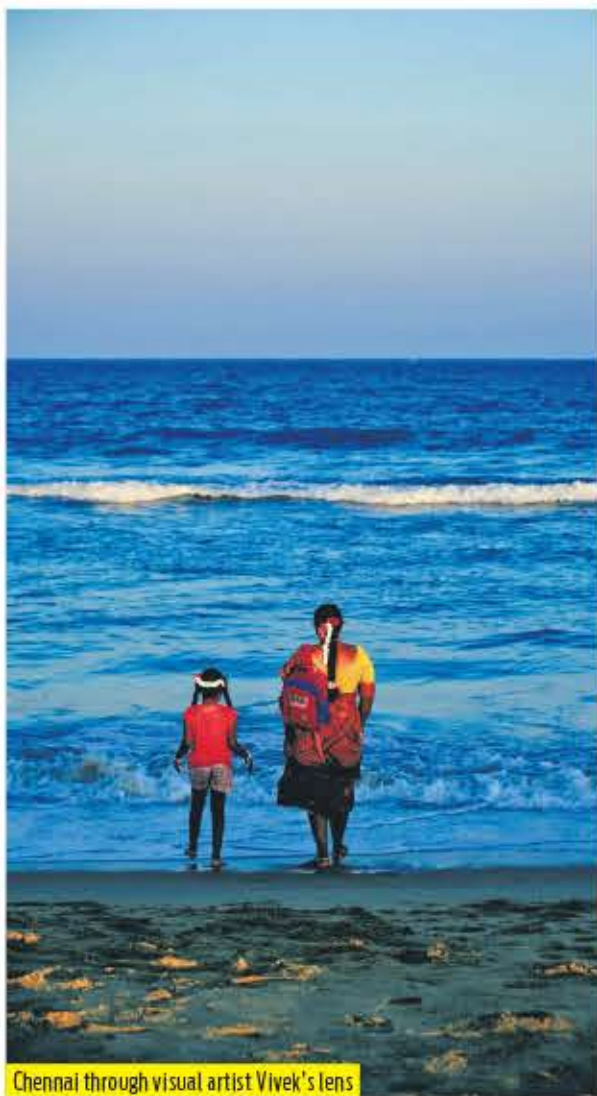


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WHEN: Today

WHERE: CPART Centre, Alwarpet



Chennai through visual artist Vivek's lens

ANUSREE PV

THE vastness of the city can be intimidating at first, but as one spends days, it grows on them like a money plant that is potted in the first month of a long sojourn.

Lugging a mixed bag swollen with uncertainty, joy of novelty, and freedom of anonymity, people once came here as strangers. And then on, the city has been witnessing them take tiny steps and build scaffoldings of life. Chennai has seen herself become the main character in their worlds. The sketches of the oldest buildings, snapshots of the leanest lanes, stories of migrated people — in them all there are parts of the city that artists carry fondly. These people who came to Chennai to carve out an independent career, speak about how it has held them in the most unimaginable ways.

Documenting lives

Vivek Mariappan, who came to Chennai from Erode, began his search for what was not accessible in his hometown — “a much larger creative and professional environment”. He first arrived here in 2009 to pursue Visual Communication, but most of the learning happened outside his college.

This visual artist's photographic practice revolved around “built environments, how people inhabit spaces, how they change, and how memories become attached to them”. Vivek speaks of his first serious body of work, which also reminds him of one of the toughest times of his life. It was 2018. He was selected to participate in a workshop named ‘Hometown’, which was for the natives of Chennai, conducted by two German photographers. He recalls writing a project proposal which stated that he wasn't a native but the city nourished him each day. “My project was about documenting kitchens across the city, looking at different social classes, and trying to map Chennai through its kitchens,” Vivek recounts.

This work, he says, “travelled to Sweden and China and was published in Denmark. That project laid the foundation for almost everything I've been able to do since.” Emphasising that the city continues to pat him on his back even when the strongest storm sweeps over him, he says, “At one of my lowest points, the city gave me a reason to go out and create something.”

On days when he didn't have shoots, Eldams Road became a spot where Vivek would discuss photography and life with writers, assistants working with photographers, and assistant directors, who used to hang out there. One of the best gifts the city gave him was time. “I've spent years photographing and simply moving around the city.” Without even him noticing, “some of these observations became bodies of work”.

Yukesh first came to Chennai in 2015, as part of his internship at a production house, while he was pursuing his journalism course in Coimbatore. And ever since he moved here after his post-graduation, the city has been nurturing his penchant for script writing and filmmaking. When the ambitious industry towers over his peace, he says, “The loud sounds at Kamala Cinemas calm me.” And then a bike

ride till early morning is an ingrained habit for Yukesh and his friends who share his interests. “That's when we discuss movie ideas.” Admiring the solace, he says, “At night, when there is no one around, Chennai is a beauty! It is full of stories.” Yukesh, who has been observing the nuances of ordinary lives and interpersonal relationships, says Chennai is an integral part of his first movie, which is in its nascent stage of production. He says, “As someone who comes from a small town like Pollachi, Chennai has set me free to enjoy every bit of life.”

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Musicians Sreeraj and Lakshmi

A CREATOR'S CITY

On Madras Day, as the city completes its 387th year, young and creative minds of today, who own self-made worlds, narrate how *namma ooru* has always held them and never left their side



Nia Zera with artists who've inspired her

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 Nia Zera, artist and writer

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She almost instinctively knew that Chennai would be a home for her art. At the age of 27, she left her job as a clinical pharmacist. She began creating design textbooks for the students who wanted to get into design schools. From teaching art and design for government school students, to becoming an art mediator at Lalit Kala Akademi, and then a gallery manager at one of the oldest art galleries, Artworld Sarala's Art Centre, today, Fatima's career is burgeoning around art.

Nia Zera, who also grew up amid “mixed cultures” in Munnar, moved to Chennai to pursue her PhD in film studies. She then moved out to work with prestigious organisations, but eventually parted ways with those compromising jobs. It was then that she decided to return to the city with the companions she had always confided in — her books, artworks, movies, and writings. The artistic world isn't utopia. While Nia admires that Chennai brims with talent, she doesn't dismiss the fact that the principle of “divide and rule” discreetly governs art too. An elite art circle can find multiple ways to market their art, while numerous masterpieces are pushed outside our

visibility, she notes.

While this disheartens her, she finds her own silver lining that lightens her creative world. What makes Chennai special for Nia is the people. She mentions veteran actor and artist Sivakumar; screenwriter and actor K Manikandan; educationalist Prema Revathi; artists Natarajan Gangadharan, S Venkat, Balasubramaniam Kuppuswamy, Vijay Pichumani; and writer-director Dinakara Sivalingam, among others, with whom she discussed art and life at length. They are the ones who have widened the canvas of her perspectives.

The city allows her a space to learn, not to fit in, not to belong, just to be herself. “I can be political and romantic at the same time. I can be angry about something one day and write about tenderness the next day. Fluidity is important for me”.

Building a safe space

Sreeraj Sahajan, who grappled with intense stage fright as a kid, knew tactics to keep his talent a secret. But without even realising, he outgrew his world and kept returning to music. He recalls his entry in Chennai from Kochi as a participant in a musical reality show. The next step was mentoring the participants. It was in 2018, when he came to study the craft, that he built his musical career. Among the fondest memories, he recalls staying with a bunch of musicians and creating a space that became a seedbed of ideas.

Chennai, he says, is a hub of recordings and creations. The city had given him ample opportunities — “to sing, to record, to do live performances.” It was almost during this phase of exploration that his partner Lakshmi Ennappaadam, a musician from Kochi, came up with an idea of starting a music school here. The idea of such a space stemmed from Lakshmi's childhood experience. She says, “I had a strict upbringing as a child. I would be constantly cautious during practice sessions that my sound wouldn't go out of the room. My father was not in favour of me pursuing music.” She wanted a space where young musicians could just come in and feel free to rehearse without any

judgements.

Revisiting the memories where she felt unsafe with her own mentors, she says, “I also wanted to create a safe space for young girls.” Lakshmi also recalls the days when financial constraints shackled the couple, but their dream school paid off.

For Sreeraj, the in-built studio in the music school became a quiet haven for background scoring, mixing, vocal tuning, and song releases. Lakshmi, who has stepped out of the city for future endeavours, says, “Chennai is a city that helped me transform into an adult.” The city has always surprised her because whenever the chosen career feels pointless, Chennai opens doors for her. Looking forward for a comeback, she says, “Chennai has decided to feed me again.”

The sea captivates

Creation is never a straight road; it's like the tides, low and high, and the lows are inevitable. Chennai's coastline has seen it all. Laughter and loneliness, grief and joy, love and aches, confessions, calmness, and chaos.

Whenever Fatima feels a tinge of crisis creep into the cracks of her room, she rushes to the beach with a sketchbook. “I have a crazy connection with the beach.”

Vivek's bond with the sea has been perpetually new. “Looking at the sea has never stopped amazing me.” The sprinting pace of the city can be overwhelming, but he navigates in his own way. “I couldn't always keep up with the pace and lifestyle of the city, so in some ways, I ended up going in the opposite direction. That's also when I became more interested in shooting film and working with analogue processes. My entire photographic process became slower and more mindful.”

Chennai certainly is an oxymoron — a busy, quiet, loud, quaint city — a perfect mix for creative minds that yearn for both silence and stimulation.



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THE biggest grouse with Indian parenting is its giant leap from babying children to suddenly treating them like adults as the wedding bells begin ringing. This dereliction leads to treating marriage like a 'responsibility camp', hoping it will instantly transform someone into a family-ready person. This perhaps is the biggest curse of arranged marriages. Debut director Raja Karuppasamy's *Modha Rathri* turns this very idea into a joy ride, as the nuptial night of an unlikely couple becomes a substitute for the date nights they never had.

Modha Rathri begins with a temple priest (Chetan) cursing Marudhanayagam's (Rishikanth) impending wedding. You wonder whether it is the priest's curse that makes Marudhanayagam the suitor to Muthuselvi (Anishma Anilkumar) in the first place. Arranged marriages operate in weird ways, bringing together two disparate individuals. However, love tries to jostle its way into this marriage made under strange circumstances.

The decision to take the proceedings in a slow and gradual manner helped the film greatly. Although debutant Raja Karuppasamy's strategy of a shaky start puts you off in the first

half, what followed that start was bonkers. Despite him purposeful dumbing-down scenes to make the dramatic surge look extraordinary, the second half is still enjoyable. The team of *Modha Rathri* can be proud of doing a great job with comedy, as almost every character fronts a fun moment and no one gets a raw deal.

Be it the idiosyncrasies of the *Chithappa* character, played by Bagavathi Perumal, and his pairing with Abdool Lee's character, a stretch involving the women from the families of both the bride and groom, or even a furniture shop team driving around in circles, seldom do you find lines or ideas that don't work. Raja can also be credited with the soft launch of the now-non-existent comedy tracks. As the wedding drama and lead-up to the nuptial night demand your undistracted attention, a hilarious side track involving a group of friends is still equally enjoyable.

Also a delight to watch was the neat setup and payoff structure amid the chaotic, dramatic scenes that unfold in the second half. Introducing multiple subplots is always risky, as it may lead writers to grasp at straws to give them a hurried end when the main plots grow tense. However, the makers have succeeded in overcoming this hurdle too. These subplots enjoy structures and complica-



Director: Raja Karuppasamy

Casts: Rishikanth, Anishma Anilkumar, Raja Karuppasamy, Abdool Lee, Chetan, Bagavathi Perumal

MODHA RATHRI

tions, of course, in a lighter manner, of their own. Also, since Indian and Tamil weddings are closely tied to prestige, status, class, and caste, *Modha Rathri* doesn't shy away from its messaging. The messaging against caste discrimination too takes the form of a setup and payoff. Thankfully, the message is pointed and not

preachy.

Also seminal to Indian weddings are the secret talks, fake smiles, last-minute fixes, and a lot of lies. The effortlessness with which the marriage party on both sides switches from panicking to behaving normally may remind you of the wedding scenes in your own family, and the actors feel like extensions of your relatives.

Rishikanth and Anishma fit the roles of Marudhu and Muthu aptly. The hesitation with which she speaks to Marudhu, followed by the outburst that leads her to reveal her family's controlling behaviour, makes for a good attempt at understanding a character who, until then, had been little more than a grumpy girl unwilling to go through with the marriage. Special mention to Chetan, Abdool Lee and Bucks, who were on a roll throughout the film.

Where the film falters is in its length and its lack of clarity about who Marudhu and Muthu are. The last-act reveal, along with the convergence of the subplots and the main plot, raises some foundational questions that inadvertently vindicate the bride's family for opposing their daughter's love. They are presented as though they have been up to some mischief all along, which complicates the film's earlier framing of their opposition as merely casteist. Similarly, given that

both the bride's and groom's families are caste-conscious, it feels like a stretch for Muthu's family to be so secretive about her past, as its revelation would not necessarily have brought them the kind of 'shame' the film suggests. You can understand the nuance of caste operating through class and status as well, but the film does not sufficiently establish that distinction. The hushedness surrounding a same-caste love affair feels somewhat atypical of the way caste operates in the real world. While it felt that Raja did a commendable job handling the flashbacks, the final reveal makes one wonder whether more detail was needed in those moments.

The brilliance of *Modha Rathri* is that none of these negatives are strong enough to overpower the positives and pull the film in the opposite direction. Debutant Raja Karuppasamy shows strong signs of a filmmaker with control over his craft very early on. With the help of performances and neatly designed set-ups and pay-offs, he has managed to make a film with warmth, humour and chaos surrounding a wedding, while also recognising the concomitant social baggage. Nevertheless, *Modha Rathri*, replete with love, laughs and chaos, gives courtship a chance in a hurried arranged marriage, finding a tiny room for two people to get smitten.

Mindfully magnetic, multi-sensory mythos

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THE *Insidious* franchise, like its sister franchise, *The Conjuring*, saw its rise during the mid-2000s boom of horror films. While *The Conjuring* was in the religious and Southern Gothic styles, which risk being limiting in terms of world-building, the *Insidious* franchise's purely imaginative world freed it to innovate. But after dealing with a few missteps in previous editions, the latest entrant in the *Insidious* franchise, Jacob Chase's *Insidious: Out of the Further*, cuts back on a lot of bells and whistles to deliver a focused story bolstered by wonderful performances.

Right from the first moment, the sense of purpose with every action is justified, including for moments not within the horror mythology. A small swivel of the camera to distract the audience from a dark space in the frame, only to set up a jumpy payoff, sets the mood for the rest of the film. As the film's title suggests, the demons within *The Further* are finding a way to escape into the real world to haunt, hunt, and kill. They find their guide (read hostage) in Gemma (Amelia Eve), a dental hygienist who is a Courier, someone who can transport things in and out of *The Further* at will. Though Gemma is just going through her day treating patients, efficient filmmaking techniques make regular jobs look like horror movies. These moments consistently maintain the film's eeriness. Production designer Nick Bassett creates tryphobic spaces that cinematographer Dave Garbett uses for convoluted angles, including shots from inside a dental patient's mouth or from the surface of a grapefruit.

The work of the technical crew reaches beyond those moments. The abstract nature of *The Further* also means Gemma has to explore it at a key moment in the story. The switch from the real world scenes to *The Further* is seamless, thanks to the attention to detail by the team. For example, while Garbett uses minimal lighting to really drive home the claustrophobic nature of a *Backrooms*-esque sequence within a pillow fort, editor Gregory Plotkin and composer Joseph Bishara work in tandem to maintain an audience's focus and heightened mood. Plotkin also works wonderfully in the



Director: Jacob Chase

Casts: Amelia Eve, Brandon Perea, Sam Spruell, Lin Shaye

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art of misdirects by cutting a scene at the right moment, startling the audience with an unexpected transition. Props to Bishara for using even the smallest of tools at his disposal, like sleep-assistance trance music.

Chase, along with co-writer David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick, does not keep adding to the world of *Insidious: The Red Door* just to maintain expectations. But even with age-old tricks, these new additions work well. One of them is the fact that Gemma is a Courier. Keeping up with the *Insidious* tradition, this is treated as an extra burden to bear. Gemma also realises the consequences of the burden, with the story showing her transformation as it becomes too heavy to bear. Amelia Eve acts out that transformation with finesse, showing minute changes across every phase with ease. On the other hand, Sam Spruell, as the evil Cyrus, is portrayed with distorted framing, but Spruell still brings a 'beyond normal' physicality, maintaining the unnatural calm coupled with the psychotic outlook that came with Cyrus' story.

Insidious: Out of the Further suffers from a case of misplaced dialogues. We are forced to accept a level of realism from its characters, only to be jolted by a line that takes the audience out of the film. While there are many great writing moments, the film's rushed final act leaves many characters with a blunt ending. Nevertheless, *Insidious: Out of the Further* is a worthy entry in a franchise that balances expectations with nostalgia and horror.

RATING
3/5



Gandhari gets premiere date

WITH production concluding for Netflix's *Gandhari* in March last year, the Taapsee Pannu-starrer is finally set for an OTT premiere on September 3. Also starring Ishwak Singh in the lead, the revenge drama is directed by Devashish Makhija, who is known for films like *Bhonsle* (2018) and *Joram* (2023).

The film is written by Kanika Dhillon, who is also producing it under her banner, Katha Pictures. The supporting cast includes Chhaya Kadam, Swastika Mukherjee, Mita Vashisht, and Jatin Sarna. Taapsee was seen earlier this year in Anubhav Singh-directed *Assi*, which received critical acclaim but struggled at the box office.

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

ON the day of her wedding, Pavi (Saane Megghana) gets hit by a wave of epiphany. Why does the bride have to uproot her entire world and move in with the groom? Why can't the groom move in with his in-laws? Anxious about this monumental lifestyle change and gripped by panic, Pavi runs back home and refuses to conform to gender norms. And now the stage is set for a wacky role-reversal where her husband Elan (Elan), in an attempt to woo her back, moves in with Pavi and her family.

Pyaar Prema Kalyanam has all the right ingredients to discuss a misogynistic social convention while also providing enough moments for a light-hearted relationship/family drama. Tamil cinema is no stranger to lighthearted films that also critique the conventions plaguing our family structure. Filmmakers like K Bhagyaraj, V Sekhar, Visu, and Pandiarajan have built entire careers off of such films. But in order to carry the duality of social commentary and light-hearted family drama, the central characters, despite their



RATING
2/5

Director: Elan

Casts: Elan, Saane Megghana, Radhika Sarathkumar, MS Bhaskar

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Tries too hard to be social media content

need to reflect the effervescence of the genre, have to feel like real individuals with complexity and depth. Pavi and Elan feel like caricatures, like someone's vague idea of how 'cute movie couples' should behave. There is a defiant plasticity to the characters, an issue which gets intensified with the film's outdated attempts to be relatable to a contemporary audience.

With an almost pitiable desperation the film tries to pander with memes and references that are severely outdated. At one crucial scene, the film almost hands you over the meme template and asks you to edit it in your head. Pavi challenges Elan to move in with her during a call that is being live streamed, and in the background, the famous interview scene from

DAVE BAUTISTA TO PLAY KRATOS

THE makers of the series adaptation of the God of War games have found their Kratos in Dave Bautista. The cast confirmation comes after weeks of speculation about Bautista's involvement in the series in its main role. The actor replaces Ryan Hurst after Hurst hurt his bicep, which necessitated surgery. To avoid a delay in production, the makers have now chosen Bautista.

The series also stars Max Parker as Heimdall, Man-



dy Patinkin as Odin, Ólafur Darri Ólafsson as Thor, Alastair Duncan as Mimir, Ed Skrein as Baldur, and Jeff Gulkas and Danny Woodburn as siblings Sindri and Brok.



Mudhalvan plays out. Its not enough that they frequently cut to the visuals on the TV, every character recreates the scene, and reference the *Mudhalvan* dialogues as well.

In another instance, we are forced to watch the characters doomscroll through painfully unfunny memes and social media comments about what is going on inside the film. *Pyaar Prema Kalyanam* belongs to a new class of films that are simply too embarrassed to be a film and ironically think it's cool to be social media 'content' instead. In those few moments when Elan isn't trying to be 'bubbly' and 'likeable' he shows traces of a competent actor. If only he could shed the rigid idea of the star he wants to be and surrenders to the actor he is clearly capable of being. Saane somehow provides both a groundedness and exoticism to her character. The actor's attempts to dub in her own voice is commendable but she adds to the recent unfortunate trend in Tamil cinema where we are expected to believe that the female lead is a Chennai-born girl-next-door but then she clearly speaks Tamil with a

heavy accent that every other character in the film is somehow oblivious to. The most memorable presence in the film are Radhika Sarathkumar and MS Bhaskar, who power through bland dialogues with the sheer weight of their experiences.

What could have been an interesting commentary on a social custom, gets reduced to a plot device. There is a template 'misogynist husband' character played by Yogi Babu, a template third act heart-to-heart conversation scene where Elango Kumaravel spells out the theme of the film, and there's also plenty of 'bothsidesism' that reflects the film's lack of interest in its own core theme. There is no way to prove this but several scenes feel like they were written by AI. The scary thing is that the makers, with their evident corporate sensibilities and the vigour with which they embrace artificiality, might take this as a compliment. *Pyaar Prema Kalyanam* takes an interesting theme, marries it to a wholesome genre, and gets way too enthusiastic about turning it into a corporatised, formulaic, social media content, and thereby loses its way and our interest.