

Preliminary audit flags discrepancies in accounts of Samridhi

Mayor refrains from disclosing specifics citing that the audit is yet to be completed; Indira Canteen set to open alongside the Corporation's zonal office at Edappally

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Amid allegations by the Left Democratic Front (LDF) of an attempt to undermine Samridhi@Kochi, a preliminary audit of the budget eatery's accounts initiated by the United Democratic Front (UDF)-led council seems to have indicated discrepancies.

Mayor V.K. Minimol confirmed as much, though she refrained from disclosing specifics citing that the audit was yet to be completed.

Since assuming charge last year, the UDF council, while acknowledging the brand value and originality of the Samridhi project, has consistently accused the previous administration of obfuscating its accounts, leaving unclear whether the venture has been operating at a profit or loss. The LDF, which launched the initiative during its tenure, has countered the allegation by dubbing it as a deliberate ploy to promote Indira Canteen at the expense of Samridhi.

"The preliminary audit of Samridhi's accounts has pointed to discrepancies.



People having lunch at the Kochi Coporation's Samridhi restaurant. FILE PHOTO

We will place the final audited report before the council for approval. It is evident that Samridhi cannot continue to operate the way it is now. We will have to devise an operating system in line with the auditors' recommendations. At the same time, we wish to reiterate that there is no attempt to sabotage Samrid-

hi, but rather to make it an independent premium entity," Ms. Minimol said.

‘Not against auditing’
LDF Parliamentary Party leader V.A. Sreejith maintained that the Opposition was not against auditing Samridhi's accounts, though he doubted the project was running at a

loss given its corporate social responsibility (CSR) backing. "Let them bring the audited accounts before the council. But the question remains, why would the UDF open a canteen under Samridhi at its headquarters before the audit if it was so suspicious of the project?" he asked.

Meanwhile, the pilot Indira Canteen is set to open alongside the Corporation's zonal office at Edappally, followed by another at an old canteen buidling in Mattancherry.

The plan is to establish canteens across zonal offices, serving three meals a day at ₹10 each for breakfast and dinner, and ₹30 for lunch.

The Corporation has earmarked ₹50 lakh for the scheme, which, like Samridhi, will be funded through CSR initiatives.

"Like the breakfast scheme in schools, food for Indira Canteen will be sourced from Samridhi's central kitchen, thereby adding to its revenue stream. We also plan to expand the kitchen's capacity to meet the increased demand," Ms. Minimol added.

Amphitheatre, amenities centre to be opened at SSUS

The Hindu Bureau
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Minister for Higher Education R. Bindu will inaugurate multiple projects at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (SSUS) on Saturday.

They include a student amenities centre, amphitheatre, and art gallery on the main campus at Kalady.

The student amenities centre was constructed at a cost of ₹4.6 crore. The centre has office space, cafeteria and recreational facilities for students, according to the varsity authorities.

The facility was set up utilising the Plan fund.

The amphitheatre has been designed to hold various art events, including theatre and dance performances. It was set up under the corporate social responsibility scheme of Cochin International Airport Limited, they said.

The art gallery will be open to students and faculty members to display their creative works. They can hold art exhibitions at the venue.

The aim is to offer a unique art space for creative minds, according to the authorities. The Minister will also inaugurate the newly introduced integrated teacher education programme on the occasion.

ED files complaints in court against sea cucumber poaching

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The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kochi Zonal Office, has filed prosecution complaints before the Special Court for PMLA Cases, Kavaratti in Lakshadweep, against four persons in two separate cases relating to the alleged illegal hunting, possession, and attempted trade of protected sea cucumbers in 2018 and 2020.

Both complaints were filed under Sections 44 read with 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).

The first case was regis-

tered against T.P. Mukbeel, 51, of Agatti in Lakshadweep, under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, for illegal hunting, possession, and attempted trade of sea cucumbers, which are Schedule-I species accorded the highest level of protection, equivalent to flagship species such as tigers. The Agatti police had seized 52 dried sea cucumbers, weighing 8.42 kg, from the terrace of the accused's house on November 2, 2018.

The specimens were scientifically identified by the Zoological Survey of India and the CMFRI as protected species under

Schedule-I of the Act. Sea cucumbers are highly valued in international markets, particularly in East and Southeast Asia, as a delicacy and traditional medicine product. Their illegal trade remains a serious concern in Lakshadweep due to high demand and black-market prices.

In the second case, Salmanul Faris Theeku Keelapura, Irfanudheen Uriyoda, and Ramesh Khan N.P. alias Ramees Neliyampura were booked in connection with the seizure of 219 sea cucumbers at the western lagoon of Suheli Cheri-yakara Island on January 11, 2020.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) - NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Dy. Commissioner (Mechanical), BMC invites tenders through e-Procurement in conformity with terms and conditions of the tender document in Two Bid System (Part-I): General & Technical Bid and Part II: Financial Bid /Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this tender document for **"Mechanical Sweeping and Allied Cleaning of Select Road Stretches under Package-II of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation for a period of three years"**. Each bid should be submitted online through the website https:// tendersodisha.gov.in by eligible bidders. The bidders should have necessary portal enrolment (Digital Signature Certificate) under e-procurement process of Govt. of Odisha in required class/category. For queries, if any on this tender document, intending bidders may contact Dy. Commissioner (Mechanical) /Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)/ Executive Engineer (Sanitation), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.
Indicative design and technical specification in Clause-6 (Minimum Technical Specification of Mechanical Road Sweeper) of the bid document.

1.Schedule of Events:

S.No.	Description	Critical Dates
1	Period of availability of tender document for bidding	From 03.03.2026 (Time-11:00 AM) to Dt.23.03.2026 (Time 4.00 PM)
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	Dt. 06.03.2026 Time 12.00 Noon
3	Submission of Pre-bid queries by bidders to email id: dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in	Dt.07.03.2026 Up to 5.00 PM
4	Last date and time for submission of proposal on online mode	Dt. 23.03.2026 (4.00 PM)
5	Date & Time of opening of Proposal	Dt.23.03.2026 (4.30 PM)

2. Other details can be seen in the bidding document available in website tendersodisha.gov.in (for view, download and bidding) and in BMC Website www.bmc.gov.in (for view and download only).

3. All amendments, Clarifications, time extension etc. will be uploaded in the website only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.

4. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof subject to the limitations prescribed by Central Vigilance Commission.

By Order of Commissioner, BMC
Dy. Commissioner (Mechanical), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
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Researchers, industry urged to focus on seaweed sector

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Minister of State for Fisheries George Kurian has urged researchers and the business community to focus on the seaweed sector for fully harnessing the opportunities offered by the blue economy.

The global seaweed production has crossed 35 million tonnes, while India's contribution remains below 1%, highlighting the vast untapped potential for growth, he said in his inaugural address at the international seaweed symposium held at the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (Kufos) here.

He noted that India's seaweed sector was growing at nearly 9% annually, emphasising the importance of expansion in farming, value addition, and industrial participation. With around 97% of global seaweed production concentrated in Asia, he underlined the need for India to strengthen its position in the emerging marine bio-resource sector, according to a release.

Kufos Vice-Chancellor A. Biju Kumar presided over the function.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non-refundable) in the form of e-Payment through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. The Bidder shall submit the bid through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Estimated amount Rs.in lakhs	EMD (in Rupees)
1	Loading and Transportation of LVP/SUP/MLP Generated in Bengaluru Central City Corporation area to cement industries	499.50	7,49,250/-
2	Loading and Transportation of LVP/SUP/MLP Generated in Bengaluru East City Corporation area to cement industries	499.50	7,49,250/-
3	Loading and Transportation of LVP/SUP/MLP Generated in Bengaluru West City Corporation area to cement industries	499.50	7,49,250/-
4	Loading and Transportation of LVP/SUP/MLP Generated in Bengaluru North City Corporation area to cement industries	499.50	7,49,250/-
5	Loading and Transportation of LVP/SUP/MLP Generated in Bengaluru South City Corporation area to cement industries	499.50	7,49,250/-

Stipulated Period of Service Contract : 06 Months

CALENDER OF EVENTS: 1. Last date to upload pre-bid queries : **10.03.2026 upto 15.00 Hrs** in KPP Portal 2. Date of Pre bid meeting: **11.03.2026 at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager-2 (Tech), BSWML, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560052. 3. Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: **16.03.2026 before 16:00 hours**. 4. The Technical Bid opening date in KPP Portal: **17.03.2026 after 16:30 hours**. 5. Date of opening of Financial bids to be notified of technically qualified bidders . Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the KPP Portal only.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML

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The auction will be held on 27.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

SL. No.	Name of the Branch, Name of the Account Name & addresses of the Borrower / Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	(A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 (B) Out standing Amount (C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 (D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/ Constructive.	(A) Reserve Price of (B) EMD (C) Bid Increase Amount
1	PNB, ARMB Ernakulam Mr. Remesh K G, S/o Devaki, 5/5F Sravanam, Trinity High Grove, Karimakkad Road, Thrikkakara P O, Ernakulam-682021. Also residing at Mr. Remesh K G, Kallungal House, Potta P O, Thrissur-680722	All that part and parcel of 1/113 undivided & indivisible right title & interest in the 35.10 Ares of land property in Syno.595/11A, 595/11B, Re Sy.No.366/5, Block No.8 of Vazhakkala Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam together with absolute right over apartment no D1 bearing door no.VI/997-A5 of Thrikkakara Municipality having a super built up area of 1125.40 Sq.ft	A) 13(2)-06.12.2021 B) Outstanding Amount as on 28.02.2026 - Rs.64,51,246.58 (Rupees Sixty four lakh fifty one thousand two hundred forty six and paise fifty eight only) with further interest, Cost and charges as applicable. C) Possession Notice - 03.08.2024 D) Physical Possession	a) Rs. 41,00,000/- (Rupees Forty one lakh only) b) Rs. 4,10,000/- (Rupees Four lakh ten thousand only) c) Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)
2	PNB, ARMB Ernakulam Mr. Fr. Biju Mathai & Ms. Jyothi Ann John, Residing at Kavadan House, Chooramudy, Kombanadu P O, Mudakuzha, Perumbavoor-683546.	All that part and parcel of property consisting of 1.42 Ares of land with residential building in Re Sy.No.21 (Old Sy no.264/7A/2), Block No.73, Perumbavoor Village, Iringole Kara, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District belonging to Ms. Jyothi Ann John. Boundaries: North: Municipal Road, South: Balance property, East: Property of Kuttappan, West: Concrete road.	A) 13(2)-28.06.2021 B) Outstanding Amount as on 28.02.2026 - Rs.31,89,904.82 (Rupees Thirty one lakh eighty nine thousand nine hundred four and paise eighty two only) with further interest, Cost and charges as applicable. C) Possession Notice - 12.11.2021 (Symbolic) D) Physical Possession	a) Rs. 23,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty three lakh only) b) Rs. 2,30,000/- (Rupees Two lakh thirty thousand only) c) Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)

Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors: **Sl No.1:** Revenue attachment OS no-150/2020 IA no-2/2020 petition filed by Mr. Sainudeen P A, Mr. Arunkumar P J, Puthenprackal, Ayarkunnam Revenue attachment dated - 22.11.2022. **Sl No.2:** No such information known to the best of the knowledge of Authorized officer. The bidders are requested to do their own due diligence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 2. **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above 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. 4. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at anytime without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. 5. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. 6. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://Baanknet.com> on 27.03.2026 from 11.00AM to 5.00PM. 7. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://Baanknet.com> and www.pnb.bank.in.
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