

Antony Raju case: SHO opposes stay on conviction

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About a fortnight after former Minister Antony Raju approached the Kerala High Court seeking a stay on his conviction by a trial court in a case in which he has been charged with tampering with evidence kept in court custody to benefit an Australian national arrested for allegedly possessing drugs, the SHO of the Vanchiyoor police station in Thiruvananthapuram submitted an affidavit before the court that granting such relief in the absence of exceptional circumstances will dilute the finding of guilt recorded by the trial court.

This will also undermine public confidence in the criminal justice system. While serving as a defence lawyer, the petitioner conspired with court staff to tamper with a material object (an underwear worn by the foreign national) kept in the custody of the trial court. He was subsequently convicted for serious offences, including criminal conspiracy and destruction and fabrication of evidence.

The Supreme Court has clearly held that suspension of conviction should not be granted routinely and must be restricted to rare cases, where failure to do so would result in irreversible injustice.

Further, the mere intention or desire of the petitioner to contest an election cannot be treated as an exceptional circumstance, the affidavit said.

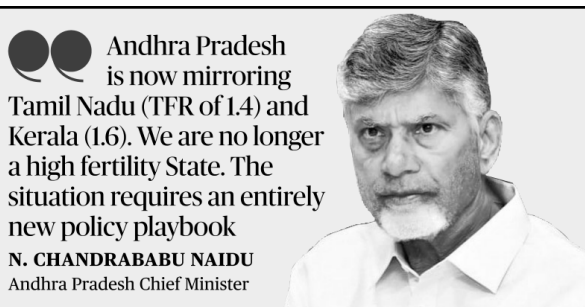
A.P. introduces incentives for families to have 3 children

The policy aims at raising TFR from 1.5 to 2.1; ₹25,000 to be given at time of delivery, and ₹1,000 monthly assistance for five years and free education till age 18; policy will come to effect on April 1

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VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu introduced the Draft Population Management Policy, whose objective is to raise the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) from 1.5 to an optimal level of 2.1, in the Assembly on Thursday, thereby reversing the declining fertility rate and prepare the State for an ageing society by 2047.

To encourage parents to have a third child, he proposed an incentive of ₹25,000, noting that inaction at this stage would cause a lot of problems like in Japan, Italy and South Korea with 1.2, 1.2 and 0.7 TFRs they were facing. The



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new policy had been targeted to be implemented from April 1, 2026.

“Andhra Pradesh is now mirroring Tamil Nadu (TFR of 1.4) and Kerala (1.6). We are no longer a high fertility State. The situation requires an entirely new policy playbook,” Mr. Naidu.

Making a statement on the policy, the Chief Minister observed that the

State’s TFR was well below the replacement level of 2.1, and if the trend continued, nearly 23% of the population would be elderly. If the falling TFR was not stopped, the State would have a shrinking workforce and it would cripple the economy, he observed.

The State, therefore, set the goal to stabilise the

TFR at 2.1 and nearly double women’s participation in labour force to boost the Gross State Domestic Product by 15%.

Mr. Naidu said, as part of the efforts to increase the TFR, the government would give a “Poshana - Shiksha - Suraksha” package for the families having a third child, under which the incentive would be paid at the time of delivery and ₹1,000 monthly assistance for five years and free education to the child up to age 18.

He stated that as on date about 58% of the families (three lakh) had only one child, around 2.17 lakh families had two children, and nearly 62 lakh families had three or more children.

Karnataka CM to present Budget today

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BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will present Karnataka’s Budget for 2026-27 in the Legislative Assembly on Friday at 10.15 a.m., and it is likely to provide thrust on welfare schemes and infrastructure development in Bengaluru as well as backward regions.

Like last year’s Budget, the 2026-27 Budget is expected to project a revenue deficit, as the State is unlikely to achieve the revenue

targets set for 2025-26 owing to various factors. The size of the Budget is expected to touch ₹4.20 lakh crore.

The 14-day session of the legislature will conclude on March 27.

This will be Mr. Siddaramaiah’s 17th Budget, and it is expected to highlight geopolitical tensions and criticise the BJP-led NDA government’s policies, particularly the alleged discrimination in the devolution of funds, the scrapping or dilution of the

MGNREGA, and the loss of revenue to the State following the rationalisation of GST by the Centre.

Regional imbalances

The Budget is expected to refer to the M. Govinda Rao Committee report on regional imbalances in the State and promise funds for the development of backward taluks. The report has identified 172 taluks as backward, with the highest concentration in the Kalaburagi division (42%).

The Chief Minister is likely to announce policy measures for recruitment in the government sector following protests by unemployed youth in Dharwad.

As the ruling Congress appears to be virtually divided over the issue of a possible change of Chief Minister, the Budget session is expected to provide a platform for both camps – Mr. Siddaramaiah’s and his deputy D.K. Shivakumar – to work out their respective political strategies.

MT’s daughter files criminal defamation case against three persons

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Aswathy V. Nair, daughter of late writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair, has filed a criminal defamation case against authors Deedi Damodaran, Echmukutty and publisher A.V. Sreekumar.

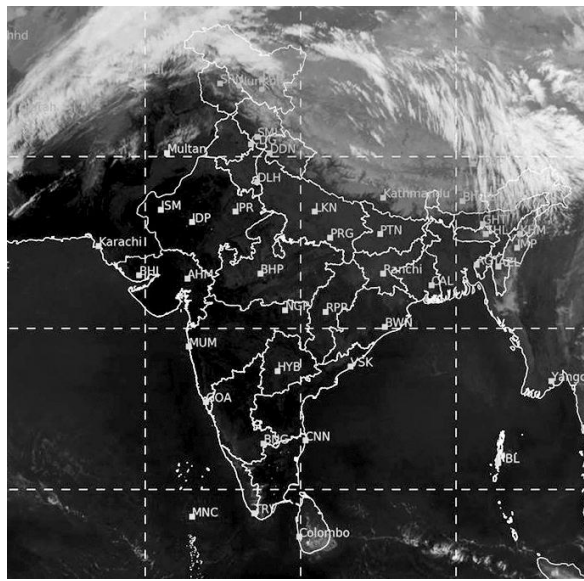
Earlier, Ms. Aswathy and her stepister Sitara Girmie had demanded the book, *Empty Space: Bashpeekruthayude Aaram Viral*, jointly written by Deedi Damodaran and Echmukutty and published by Sreekumar, be withdrawn, as it contained defamatory material about M.T.

Through the book the authors had alleged that M.T. had ill-treated his first wife the late Pramila Nair. Ms. Sitara and Ms. Aswathy through a joint post on social media had written that the book did not conform to facts. They had said that the book, published 26 years after Pramila’s death and a year after M.T.’s death, was part of a foul attempt to achieve defamation and character assassination of their father and their families, and to create a controversy and help with book sales.

In the complaint, filed through advocate M.S. Saji, Ms. Aswathy said that through defamatory and insulting statements, the authors and the publisher of the book caused immense damage to her family and they succeeded in their intention to a great extent.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Hot and humid weather likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Konkarn & Goa and coastal Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala		32.7	18.5	Kozhikode	.....	34.8	25.5
Ahmedabad		37.7	22.5	Kurnool	.....	39.1	22.4
Aizawl		26.8	16.2	Lucknow	.....	32.4	17.4
Allahabad		32.6	15.6	Madurai	.....	37.0	23.1
Bengaluru		33.5	19.5	Mangaluru	.....	32.6	23.9
Bhopal		34.6	15.0	Mumbai	.....	38.9	22.0
Bhubaneswar		36.4	21.6	Mysuru	.....	33.2	16.8
Chandigarh		33.1	16.9	New Delhi	.....	34.3	18.2
Chennai		37.2	22.7	Patna	.....	31.8	20.0
Coimbatore		35.0	20.5	Port Blair	.....	32.0	23.1
Dehradun		31.0	14.6	Puducherry	.....	33.0	22.8
Gangtok		21.8	12.4	Pune	.....	37.6	21.0
Goa		32.8	24.8	Raipur	.....	37.1	20.3
Guwahati		32.7	16.9	Ranchi	.....	30.4	15.0
Hubballi		36.0	18.0	Shillong	.....	21.8	11.2
Hyderabad		36.5	19.7	Shimla	.....	28.0	16.4
Imphal		30.1	11.8	Srinagar	.....	24.7	5.4
Jaipur		35.8	20.2	Thiruvananthapuram	.....	33.9	23.5
Kochi		30.8	25.4	Tiruchir	.....	35.9	23.0
Kohima		22.3	10.5	Vijayawada	.....	37.6	21.8
Kolkata		33.2	19.9	Visakhapatnam	.....	32.3	23.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing						Yesterday	
CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE	In observation made at
Ahmedabad		15	51	22	56	101	4.00 p.m., Byasanagar,
Bengaluru		5	21	38	185	182	Odisha recorded an
Chennai		4	21	—	67	122	overall air quality index
Delhi		47	20	49	156	240	(AQI) score of 302
Hyderabad		19	16	43	74	103	indicating an unhealthy
Kolkata		3	28	48	161	129	level of pollution. In
Lucknow		5	36	47	176	148	contrast, Bhillai,
Mumbai		95	89	—	97	104	Chhattisgarh recorded a
Pune		—	120	42	149	136	healthy AQI score of 29
Visakhapatnam		26	81	17	99	134	

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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Tender No.	Description	Due date
2025060	Clinker from TNPL Cement Plant	16.03.2026

Corrigendum if any will be issued in NIC Portal only. For further details, please visit website : <https://ntenders.gov.in/nicepg/app>

DIPR/1606/Tender/2026 **TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper**

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E-Tender Notice
CMRL invites bids through open tendering on CPP Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>) from eligible firms who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender document under the Single Stage Two Cover (Technical & Financial) system for the work mentioned below:

Tender No: CMRL/CP/TDR-66-CON/2026 "Construction of Property Development Buildings Near Thirumangalam Metro Station along the Viaduct in open land parcels including Civil, Architectural Finishes, Plumbing, E&M, VAC, Lifts and all associated works".

i) Bid Document available from: 11/03/2026
ii) Deadline for Bid submission: 07/04/2026 up-to 15:00 Hrs.
For Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), please visit: www.chennaimetrorail.org.
Any Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only in the CPP Portal and will not be published through newspapers

Sd/-
**For Managing Director
Director (Projects)
Chennai Metro Rail Limited**

DIPR/1611/TENDER/2026

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank
ARMB ERNAKULAM, PNB House, Market Road, Ernakulam 682 011
Phone: 0484-2350477, Email : CS4459@pnb.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision 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 property charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical/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 as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the bank /Secured creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The Auction will be held on : 27.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM			
Name of the Branch : PNB, ARMB, ERNAKULAM			
Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors: M/s NCK Engineering and Contracting Services Pvt Ltd, Behind Marud Special Court, Erannipalam-Caliicut 673006, Sri.Abdul Nawaf (Guarantor) Director –M/s N C K Engineering & Contracting Services Pvt Ltd, S/o Nalamichirakkal Muhammed, Aluvangal House, Kolathara PO Kozhikode 673655, Smt.Sara Sulaiman (Guarantor)-Director –M/s N C K Engineering & Contracting Services Pvt Ltd, Flat No.12 C-Malabar Builders,Jawahar Nagar-Caliicut-673004 & also at: Smt.Sara Sulaiman, 2nd Floor, Karadan Square,Cheroory Nagar Housing Colony, Koombara, Kozhikode, Kerala -673006			
A	Dt. of Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of the SARFESI ACT, 2002	07.05.2018	
B	Outstanding Amount as on 28.02.2026	Rs.1,00,53,033.63 (Rupees One crore fifty three thousand thirty three and paise sixty three Only) with further interest, Cost and charges as applicable	
C	Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002	18.04.2022	
D	Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	Symbolic	

Canara Bank
RECOVERY SECTION, REGIONAL OFFICE, CALICUT, Ph: 0495 2702210, 8281004855

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
Sub: Notice issued under section 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Sir/Madam: You have defaulted in repayment of the loans availed from us and are liable to discharge these debts, which have been classified as Non Performing Assets and remain unpaid despite repeated requests. Notices were sent to you under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, that if you fail to discharge the said debt with future interest and costs within 60 days of the notice, the bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub Section 4 and other applicable provisions of the said Act including enforcement of the security interest created by you in favour of the bank.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors	Description of the Immovable Properties
1.	1. M/s Interior Furnishing Company, D No 45 2538 A1, Hall Road, Near Standard Tile Co, P O Feroke, Cheruvannur, Kozhikode- 673631. 2. Anvar Athiq K V, S/o Aboobacker O, 23/89 N (1440) Kattil (H), Behind RK Mission School, P O Kallai, Calicut -673003, 3. Firoz N P, S/o K P Aboobacker, 15 1823 K P House, P O Parappil, Kozhikode- 673001, 4. Gulnaz T K, W/o Firoz N P, Nadira Manzil, Azchavattom, P O Mankavu, Kozhikode-673006	All that part and parcel of the property to the extent of 5.19 Cents (2.101 Ares) of Land and Residential Building located in Sy No. 80/8 and R Sy No-19-13-356 at Kasaba Village, Kasaba Desom, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode Sub Dist and Kozhikode District owned by Sri. Firoz N P and Smt. Gulnaz T K. Boundaries as per Title Deed: East: Remaining portion in the possession of Ramadas; North: Corporation Road; West: Property in the possession of Gopalan Kutty; South: Remaining portion Paramba.
	Nature of Loan & No. Amount Sanctioned Liability with interest as on date Rate of Interest	MSME Term Loan 2385766000068 Rs. 32,00,000/- Rs. 8,13,685.22 12.10%
	Branch: Chalapuram NPA Date: 26-02-2026 Notice Date: 27-02-2026	
2.	1. Ashraf Alikhan, S/o Alikhan, Thenadankandy House, Cheliya P O, Koyilandy Via, Kozhikode-673306, 2. Imbichamina, Thenadankandy, Chengottukavu, Cheliya, Kozhikode-673306, 3. Rajesh, Kottekandy, Soupanika, Thorayi, Modakkallur, Atholi, Kozhikode-673315	All that part and parcel of property to the extent of 5.46 ares of Land with residential building in Sy No. 49/2 and RSY 62/1B (R S No 62/77 as per thanadapper account 1083) located at Cheliya Desom, Chengottukavu Village, Koyilandy Taluk, Chemanchery Sub Dist, Kozhikode Dist. owned by Ashraf. Boundaries as per deed (15/7/2009): East: Thenadankandy Mammath Kaivasham; North: Panchayathi Nirath; West: Nirle Kaivasham Beeran Kaivashayam; Shihlangat; South: Hameedine Ennaththe thiyiyathi Dhananishchayam kodutha shalam
	Nature of Loan & No. Amount Sanctioned Liability with interest as on date Rate of Interest	CANARA MORTGAGE 164001459541 Rs.43,00,000/- Rs.35,25,397.12 11.05%
	Branch: Kattilpedilika NPA Date: 01-03-2026 Notice Date: 03-03-2026	

Since all the notices detailed above have not been acknowledged, we are constrained to cause this publication. You are hereby called upon under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 to discharge the above mentioned liability within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which the bank will be exercising all or any of the rights under section 13 (4) of the Act. You are also put on notice that as per the terms of Sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets described above. This notice is issued without prejudice to the Banks right to initiate/continue other action or legal proceedings under any other applicable provisions of law. 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.

Place: Kozhikode, Date: 05-03-2026 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-3, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No. DGM-3/BSWML/Tend/23/2025-26 **Date: 05.03.2026**

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

DIPR/CP/6035/Zen/2025-26

Canara Bank, SPECIALIZED ARM BRANCH, KOZHIKODE
Opposite National Hospital, Faura Building, Near Ruchi Bhavan, Mavor Road, Kozhikode-673001, Ph: 9188406941
Email: cb7594@canarabank.com.

SALE NOTICE
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 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 to the Secured Creditors Canara Bank, the Physical/Constructive/Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on below mentioned dates for recovery of dues to Canara Bank from below mentioned borrowers & Guarantors.

No.	Name and address of the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers: Mr. Rajeevan K, S/o Kunhiraman, Pathungarathazhekuni Sreekrishna Kripalayan, Nadapuram, Vadakara, Kozhikode- 673504 and Mr. Surendran P P, S/o Kanaran, Padinhare Pambil Kurichakam, Velom, Kuttidi, Kozhikode - 673508	Total liabilities: Rs.3,06,20,32.14 (Rupees Three Crore Six Lakh Twenty Thousand Thirty Two and Paise Fourteen only) as on 30.09.2025 and further interest and other expenses	Details and full description of the immovable property: All that part and parcel of land with residential building situated in 375.00 cents of land (1.5176 Hectors) in Re Sy No 24/1(As per title deed), 24/21 (As per Re LIS data (Thadapper No - 5722) in Koorchakam Desom, Velom Village, Vadakara Taluk, Kozhikode District in the name of Sri Surendran P P. Boundaries: East: Tar Road; North: Property in possession of Hameed and Moidu and lane; South: Panchayathi Road; West: Mud Road.
	Reserve price: Rs. 2,29,00,000/-	EMD: Rs.22,90,000/-	
No.2	Name and address of the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers: Mr. Surendran K.V, S/o Velayudhan, Kongiyabath House, Kariambady P.O, Meenagandi, Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad - 673591 and Mrs. Sidhila C.S, Kongiyabath House, Kariambady P.O, Meenagandi, Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad - 673591	Total liabilities: Rs. 32,67,524.35 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and Paise Thirty Five only) as on 20.02.2026 and further interest and other expenses	Details and full description of the immovable property: All that part and parcel of land measuring 0.0405 Hectares along with a residential building with all the other improvements thereon situated in Present Re-Survey No. 431/5, Old Survey No. 312/1, Re-Survey No. 431/2, Block No. 20, Thandapper No. 5257, Parakkadi Desom, Parakkadi Village, Sulthan Bathery Taluk, Pulpally Sub-District, Wayanad District in the name of Mr. Surendran K.V. Boundaries: East: Panchayathi Road; North: Property owned by Prath