

Party steps in to settle Muneer’s bank dues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kozhikode

THE Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) has cleared the outstanding bank liability of Muslim League leader MK Muneer, averting imminent legal action against his residence in Nadakkavu.

An amount of approximately Rs 49 lakh, owed to the Calicut Town Service Cooperative Bank, has been paid using funds from the party’s state committee account. The move came after growing concern within the party over the possibility of the property being attached due to unpaid dues.

The issue gained urgency after reports surfaced that the bank had initiated proceedings to seize the property if the arrears were not cleared before the March 31 deadline. Senior IUML leaders, including state president Panakkad Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal and national leader PK Kunhalikutty personally reached out to Muneer to assess the situation and ensure timely resolution.

The property at the centre of the issue, ‘Crescent House’ in East Nadakkavu, is not just a private residence but a landmark closely associated with the party’s history. Built by former CM C H Mohammed Koya, Muneer’s father, the house has long served as an informal meeting point for IUML leaders and workers in Kozhikode, giving it deep emotional and political value. Muneer had taken a housing loan of around Rs 70 lakh nearly a decade ago to renovate the house. While a portion of the loan was repaid over time, delays in structured payments led to the dues mounting to nearly Rs 58 lakh.

23 AIADMK seniors in 1st list; seat-sharing reflects limited concessions to BJP

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

THE AIADMK, which is heading the NDA in TN, released the party’s first list of 23 candidates on Wednesday, fielding senior leaders and former ministers and

Bose quit Biennale following sexual harassment charges

KBF chairperson Venu confirms, but declines to elaborate on specifics

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

BOSE Krishnamachari stepped down as president and trustee of the Kochi Biennale Foundation (KBF) in January following sexual harassment allegations against him, with the complaint now under examination by the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). Confirming the development, KBF chairperson Venu V told *TNIE*, “This was one of the reasons behind his resignation.”

However, he declined to elaborate on the specifics, citing the confidential nature of ICC proceedings.

“The complaint has been filed with the ICC. Action will be taken after the inquiry concludes,” he said.

A complaint filed under the POSH Act on December 28, 2025, a copy of which has been reviewed by *TNIE*, alleges that Bose invited the complainant to his apartment in Fort Kochi “without specifying any work-related purpose”. “As this came from my reporting supervisor, I reasonably believed it pertained to official duties and expected colleagues to be present,” the complainant said in the letter.

“Upon entry, I realised one else was present. To my dismay, he locked the door and directed me to sit on the bed, claiming no other seating was available. I sat at a distance. During the interaction, he made sexually coloured remarks, repeatedly held my hands without consent, and touched my face, attempting contact near my lips,” the complaint



alleged. The complainant further stated that despite her repeated attempts to leave, he insisted on a hug. She has termed the acts as sexual harassment under Section 2(n) of the POSH Act, also alleging non-consensual physical advances and behaviour amounting to confinement.

She has said she will submit supporting evidence before the ICC.

Bose, who resigned after serving as the foundation’s head for 15 years, denied the allegations, calling them “misleading, unverified, and taken out of context”.

“I categorically deny any insinuations linking my resignation to unsubstantiated allegations. To the best of my knowledge, there is no complaint pending before any competent authority,” he said.

Bose also alleged that fabricated messages are being circulated to damage his reputation and said he has initiated legal proceedings against those responsible for spreading “false and defamatory material”.

He urged the public and media to refrain from sharing unverified information. The development comes as the Kochi Muziris Biennale approaches its closing ceremony on March 30.

Bose’s appointment as Kochi’s cultural curator under scrutiny

Kochi: With Bose Krishnamachari facing sexual harassment charges, his position as the arts, design, and cultural curator of Kochi has come under scrutiny. He was appointed the curator by Kochi corporation

immediately after the Congress-led UDF came to power at the local body. He was given the charge of transforming Kochi into a ‘creative city’. His appointment was announced by Kochi Mayor V K Minimol on March 12. To a query whether Bose will continue to remain the curator, Minimol said, “These are just

allegations. Let the inquiry into the complaint proceed. Any action will be taken only on a later date after the investigations are over.” She, however, claimed that Venu did not tell her about the ICC inquiry against Bose when she had asked him about the former KBF president’s sudden resignation. “The KBF chairperson had come to invite me to an event being organised by the Biennale. It was around two weeks before we announced Bose’s

appointment as the curator. I had specifically asked him about the reason behind Bose’s sudden resignation. He had assured me that it was due to personal reasons. Shouldn’t he have informed me about the same at the time?” the mayor said.

Panel directs Byju’s to pay ₹9.5 lakh to T’Puram man

M S VIDYANANDAN @T’Puram

THE Thiruvananthapuram District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) has directed edtech major Byju’s to refund Rs 8,52,000 along with Rs 1,00,000 as compensation and Rs 3,000 as costs to a Thiruvananthapuram resident, in a case that involved a fee refund dispute and a serious cyber fraud.

The order came on a complaint filed by Shashikant Saini. His son, a Class IX student, had enrolled in Byju’s online course. Following a meeting with the company’s representative, Saini paid Rs 20,000 as spot registration fee. However, as his son decided to switch to offline classes, Saini requested a cancellation and refund the very next day. But Byju’s did not respond to his multiple emails and phone calls.

After two months, Saini received a call purportedly from Byju’s Bangalore office, directing him to download an application “Rust Desk” from the Play Store and share his bank details to process the refund. Saini did and what followed was a cyber fraud. Rs 8,00,000 was credited to his account, and subsequently, a total of Rs 8,32,000 was debited through multiple transactions.

The case was heard by the DCDRC bench comprising its president P V Jayarajan, members Preetha G Nair and Viju V R. Byju’s accepted the notice from the Commission, but failed to appear before it and hence set ex parte. Advocates Mahesh N G and Sheeba Sivadasan appeared for the complainant.

Helmet drive nets ₹2.7 crore in fines

The police collected ₹2.7 crore in fines from two-wheeler riders for not wearing helmets over the past week. The Traffic and Road Safety Management wing conducted a special drive from March 18 to 24, checking 1.13 lakh two-wheelers and detecting around 51,000 violations.

QUICK READ

AIIMS: Centre seeks time till April 10 to file affidavit

Kochi: The Central Government on Wednesday sought time until April 10 to file an affidavit explaining the criteria applied for prioritising the establishment of AIIMS in different states and to apprise the court of the status of the proposal submitted by Kerala regarding the establishment of AIIMS. The petitioner’s counsel objected to the plea, stating that the Central Government was waiting for the assembly elections in Kerala to conclude before responding. When a batch of petitions pertaining to the establishment of AIIMS came up for hearing, the Central Government counsel submitted that instructions were being awaited from the Ministry of Finance, as it was the end of the financial year. The affidavit is under preparation, and certain information is still awaited, counsel said.

Endogamy rule of Knanaya Christian Church illegal: HC

Kochi: In a significant ruling, the High Court has held that the endogamy requirement in the Knanaya Christian Church, and the practice of excommunicating those who violate it, are illegal. The court pointed out that the teachings of Christ, the divine law, the Bible, and the provisions of canon law do not support the practice of endogamy. Justice S Easwaran held that the practice of endogamy among Knanaya Christians is not an essential religious practice, and that excommunicating members for marrying outside the community violates their fundamental rights under Articles 21 and 25 of the Constitution of India. The court observed: “The Bible (Galatians 3:28) proclaims that ‘there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus’.”

Muthanga custodial torture: Court dismisses govt appeal

T’Puram: The Kalpetta Additional District Judge-II court has dismissed an appeal filed by the state government against the compensation awarded to police custodial torture victim K K Surendran, in connection with the Muthanga Adivasi protest and the subsequent police action during the tenure of the UDF government led by A K Antony. The court has enhanced the compensation awarded by the trial court from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 12.50 lakh. The LDF government had filed the appeal in July 2021 against the trial court verdict. The arrest and custodial violence against K K Surendran, then a senior lecturer at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) and a resident of Kuppadai in Sultan Bathery, had drawn public attention, and the opposition CPM had made it a campaign issue in the assembly elections.

Student dies after falling from train

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruppur

AN 18-YEAR-old college student who sustained injuries while attempting to board a moving train at the Tiruppur railway station on Tuesday succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday. The deceased was V Vedharajan of Kumarananthapuram in Tiruppur. He was a first-year B.Sc IT student at a private college in Coimbatore.

Sources said Vedharajan used to travel to college from Tiruppur to Coimbatore by train every day. On Tuesday morning, Vedharajan allegedly tried to board the Erode-Palakkad passenger train even before it halted but he slipped and fell and got stuck between the train and the platform.

Notice

My client; Mr. Davood K. P, S/o. Pareeth, residing at Kokkadon House, Vengola Kara, Vengola Village, Kunnathunad Taluk, Ernakulam District is the owner of the property having an extent of 8.90 Acres in Re Sy No. 6/15 Part, in Block No. 20, in Old Sy. No. 230/8/1 of Vengola Village together with building therein, by virtue of Release Deed No. 739/2008 of Perumbavoor SRO. The Prior deed of the subject property is Gift deed No. 4340/1985 of Perumbavoor SRO and the 3rd page of the said document has been irreversibly lost from the custody of my client and not retrievable. Now my client is willing to mortgage the subject property owned by him on the strength of Original of Release Deed No. 739/2008 of Perumbavoor SRO and with the certified copy and original (along with other two pages) of Gift deed No. 4340/1985 of Perumbavoor SRO. If anyone has any charge, right, lien, objection or claim whatsoever in the subject property should inform the undersigned in writing with valid documentary proof of such charge, right, lien, objection or claim within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Dated this 26th day of March 2026 Adv. SARITHA VENUGOPAL P V Advocate & Notary Door No.67/2009, Puzhakkarezhathu Building Near CSB Bank Ltd, Kombara, Ernakulam North -682018 Ph:0484-4304016/9745277729



NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/196 - 2025-26

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0613/0326 RFX No 7000039413 [3 rd Call] for Design, Supply, Installation, testing & Commissioning of Station RTU, FRTU/Remote IO module and other allied equipments for the visibility of 132/110/100kV, 250Nos. of MSETCL Sub-Substation to SLDC & ALDC.	Rs. 6343.02	15.04.2026 18:00 Hrs
	25,000.00	15.04.2026 18:15 Hrs

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-VI) CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai Tel. No.: 022-69852712

Email id: cecpa@mahatransco.in, ceaci@mahatransco.in, secpa@mahatransco.in, eeepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp6@mahatransco.in, dyeegrp6@mahatransco.in

For further details visit our website <https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/> Any further amendments/clarifications will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in & <https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/>. Bidders are therefore requested to check these websites for further updates.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (P&C)



GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY
Amruta Vihar, Sambalpur, Odisha-768001

Advt. No. 1377/ GMU, Date 25.03.2026

Invitation of Expression of Interest for engagement of PMC for construction of different buildings at G.M. University, Sambalpur

Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from reputed public sector organization such as State PSU/ Central PSU for engagement as Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Construction and minor repair of different buildings at the G.M. University, Sambalpur. Interested agencies are requested to visit the official website www.gmuniversity.ac.in for details. The last date of receiving of Eoi is 09.04.2026 by 4.00 PM.

N.B.

- Authority reserves the right to reject all or any of the Proposals without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
- Hereafter, any corrigendum/amendment shall be published only on the University Website i.e. www.gmuniversity.ac.in.

Sd/-Registrar



CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746



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PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on 07-02-2026 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was returned by M/s. Orient Associates, Mr. George Iype & Mrs. Sheela George. Hence this.

No.1) M/s. Orient Associates, (Represented by its Partners Mr. George Iype & Mrs. Sheela George Iype), Kolathuparambil Building, Sastri Road, Kottayam - 686001. No.2) Mr. George Iype, S/o. T.IIype, 17 A, Thannickal House, K.M.Varughesa Road, Kottayam - 686001. No.3) Mrs. Sheela George, W/o. George Iype, 17A, Thannickal House, K.M.Varughesa Road, Kottayam - 686001. No.4) Mr. Itty Iype (Also POA Holder of Mr. George Iype & Mrs. Sheela George), S/o. T.IIype, 17 B, Thannickal House, K.M.Varughesa Road, Kottayam - 686001.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub : Loan Account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Kottayam Branch in the Name of M/s. Orient Associates.

The Bank issued Notice under the SARFAESI Act on 07-02-2026 calling upon Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 154120000100446 is Rs.1,34,31,302/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four Lakh Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred and Two only), as on 04-02-2026 with further interest for 154120000100446 at 13.25% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from 05-02-2026 till the date of repayment. The Notice Sent to you by Registered Post have been received by No.4 of you and returned by Nos.1, 2 & 3.

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 154120000100446 is Rs.1,34,31,302/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four Lakh Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred and Two only), with further interest for 154120000100446 at 13.25% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from 05-02-2026 till the date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right / remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. George Iype, S/o. T.IIype)

2 Hecor, 39 Acres, 40 Sq.Mr. of Land Comprised in Old Survey No. 318/1D/1, Re-Survey No. 295/1/2, in Block No. 7 of Edakkunnam Village, Kaniyappally Taluk, Kottayam District. Boundaries : East : Property of Joseph Ilayavara Pallavithukal, South : Property of Managanur, Nedumala Echerikal, West : Property of Nedumalacherial, North : Property of Francis Andrews Company.

Schedule - B (Property Owned by Mr. Itty Iype, S/o. T.IIype)

2 Hecor, 1 Acres, 60 Sq.Mr. (4 Acres, 88.15 Cents) of Land Comprised in (Old Survey - 318/1 D1) Re-Survey No. 295/1-1, in Block No. 7 of Edakkunnam Village, Kaniyappally Taluk, Kottayam District. Boundaries : East : Property of Pallathukkal, Joseph Ity, South : Vangalloor, Noduvai Cherikal, West : Property of Nedumalacherial, North : C/M Francis and Company.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-03-2026 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN
WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
Oio Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

'e'-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranking (approx.)	Bid document download start date
EP No. 177/ CGME/TC/ T3TD-III/ 2025-26. Dtd: 25.03.2026.	Manufacturing, supply, delivery and fixing of GI chainlink mesh, Galvanized steel, barbed wire, RCC poles and RCC boundary stones for providing safety to the boundary of the 2375/ 2200mm dia 'ms pumping mains & gravity mains of kdWSP Phase-I, II & III Detour pipeline alignment land near Konda Mallepally, Godakonda and Ibrahimpatnam under Sub Division-I of Transmission Div-III, Saheb nagar.	Rs. 298.25 Lakhs	26.03.2026 @ 4.00 PM

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on www.eprocurement.gov.in

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.



UNION BANK OF INDIA
KANNAMALI BRANCH
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUB: Locker No. A MA 15 Name of Locker Holder: Jose Mathew K A

Whereas you, the abovesigned Locker holders have committed default in payment of locker fees and contact to the branch despite various notices given by the bank on the registered address with it. You are therefore called upon to contact the branch immediately within 04-05-2026 from the date of this notice and repay the due of the bank immediately. Whereas, you have not cleared the dues and despite diligent and repeated follow up for recovery of dues you are still in default. Consequently, all your rights over the hired locker stands forfeited and Bank was entitled for repossession of the locker allotted to you. Whereas, in exercise of said right of repossession Bank took possession of your said locker and decided to break open the same at your cost and consequences on 04-05-2026 at 10:00 A.M.

You are hereby called upon to pay the dues within 04-05-2026.

Please take notice that in the event of your failure to pay the above costs and take custody of the articles within 04/05/2026 hereon, Bank shall put on sale such the articles or portion of the articles/properties as may seem necessary to satisfy the above dues, costs as well as the cost of sale. Further please take notice that the remaining articles after auction sale, if any shall be kept in safe place at an annual rent double the present rent that you are liable to pay.

Date : 24-03-2026. (Sd/-)Manager, Kannamali Branch.



SOUTHERN RAILWAY
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE No. SR-TVC0SnT(TENDY)3/2026/03
Dated: 24.03.2026

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram - 14 invites e-tenders for the following works:

Sl. No.	Tender No	Name of the works
1	TVC-SNT-SIG-25-26-36	Provision of Aspiration type smoke detector at selected stations in TVC Division
2	TVC-SNT-SIG-25-26-37	Provision of Interlocking arrangements including EOLB with SLB at EIGHT numbers of Non-Interlocked LG gates in Thiruvananthapuram Division

Sl. No.	Cash Value (Approx.) (₹ Ps)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Last Date for Receipt of Tender	Completion Period
1	14423924.63	222100.00	17.04.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs	06 months
2	80176469.33	550900.00	17.04.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs	10 months

Complete details & tender document will be available at www.irps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Thiruvananthapuram