THREE KILLED Three pilgrims from Nellore district were killed, and 15 others were injured when a private bus carrying devotees on a Kashi Yatra collided with a truck near Aurangabad in Bihar

'Burden of sand price hike being absorbed by builders'

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TAMIL Nadu Stone Quarries, Crusher Units and Lorry Owners Association president K Chinnasamy, however, denied the allegations and said the quarries are selling the materials at prices way lower than the rates fixed by the government.

"Due to higher production and lower demand, we have been selling the products at lower rates. The government has fixed ₹4,000 for per unit of gravel, and ₹5,000 and ₹6,000 for per unit of m-sand and p-sand, respectively, a few years ago. But the prices will increase if the government continues to close down quarries," he warned. He also suggested that the government condone the violations and liberalise the rules.

"TN is the only state where quarrying is allowed only to a certain depth and for a certain quantity," he added. Over the past few days, the Department of Geology and Mining had inspected 431 stone quarries across TN and detected violations in 155 quarries. Following the findings, operations in 67 quarries were temporarily suspended. Further action is being taken to suspend quarrying operations in the remaining 88 quarries, sources said.

W S Habib, president of CREDAI - TN, said the crisis will not only slow down ongoing projects, but it will also lead to job losses. Pointing out that the demand for m-sand and p-sand have gone up due to the ban on river sand mining, Sella Rajamani, president of TN Sand Lorry Owners Federation, opined that the government should end the monopoly of stone quarry owners by allowing river sand mining.

(With inputs from Vivanesh Parthiban in Tiruchy and MS Thanaraj in Madurai)

Closing 717 Tasmac shops will cause loss of ₹8-₹11k-cr/yr: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Dindigul

THE 717 liquor shops which were recently closed down yielded high revenue to the government and more outlets could be shut, stated Minister for Prohibition and Excise K Vignesh in Dindigul on Monday.

Speaking to media persons, the minister mentioned that the liquor sector brings enormous income to the State exchequer.

K Vignesh

"These weren't isolated shops. Each shop had a turnover of ₹5-25 lakh per day. As a result, there would be a revenue loss of ₹8,000-₹11,000 crore every year. After making up the revenue loss to the government from the incomes of other departments, we will be closing more shops in Tamil Nadu," Vignesh said.

The issue of collecting ₹10 extra on each liquor bottle will be resolved in the next Assembly session, he added.

Aside, the Minister expressed disappointment on the condition of the Dindigul town bus stand after an inspection.

"There weren't proper chairs for the public. The condition of the bathroom and restrooms was pathetic. Even the drinking water on the premises was pumped from a Sintex tank, raising suspicion on hygiene. When we buy bottled water, we hesitate to drink the water after three days. But what about the water inside the Sintex tank?" The ministers also claimed the TVK government has changed the entire routine in the administration.

"We have to change from the root," he stated in this context.

'HR&CE activities will be made more devotee-friendly'

DINDIGUL: HR&CE minister S Ramesh stated that the department's functioning over the last five years had been predominantly driven by commercial interests. Speaking to media in Palani, Ramesh said changes will be implemented to make these activities more beneficial to devotees and general public. To a question about Hindu outfits voicing objection to Minister Nirmal Kumar's remarks on Thirupparankundram deepam issue, the minister said, "I am here to make decisions and monitor the working of the HR&CE department. Decisions related to such issues are directly taken by the cabinet and chief minister." Earlier, the minister inspected annadhanam scheme and Panchamirtham production units managed by the HR&CE department. He also inspected the Dhandayudhapani Temple.

8 killed, 6 injured in blast at RINL Vizag Steel Plant

USHA PERI @ Visakhapatnam

IN a ghastly industrial accident, eight workers were killed and six others injured in a major explosion at the Steel Melting Shop-1 (SMS-1) of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, on Monday.

The accident occurred around 4.15 pm while molten steel was being transported within the steelmaking unit. Reports indicate that nearly 150 tonnes of molten steel, heated to about 1,500 degrees Celsius, was being moved through a ladle when a sudden explosion took place, triggering a fire and causing molten metal to spill across the shop floor.

The impact was severe, leaving eight workers dead at the site. Six others sustained serious injuries and were rushed to hospitals in the city for treatment. Hospital sources said four of the injured are stable, while two remain in critical condition. Family members of the critically injured workers said one suffered extensive burn injuries and another sustained severe complications due to heavy smoke inhalation. The deceased include five regular employees of the steel plant — Gonthina Bhanu Kumar, G.V. Appa Rao, M. Krishna Nagu, K. Prabhakar and Gold Kumar and three contract workers.

Injured workers from Visakhaptanam Steel Plant being shifted to hospitals on Monday evening | EXPRESS

Six booked for hurling casteist remarks against female student

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Dindigul

SIX, including a male hostel warden, of a private engineering college have been booked under SC/ST act for allegedly hurling casteist remarks against a female student in the Dindigul district.

According to a police source, a 22-year-old female student had enrolled in a private engineering college in the Dindigul district in 2022. However, after two years, she discontinued the course and dropped out of the girl's hostel facility, which was located inside the college premises. Last week, upon the advice of her parents to pursue the graduation course and clear her arrears, she moved to the girl's hostel to speak with her friends.

She, along with her friends and the girls' hostel in charge, walked to the management department of the college, stating her wish to clear her arrears and requesting books for the purpose. But the college authorities refused to support her. They mentioned that the student did not study properly and allegedly hurled caste slurs. Following the alleged verbal abuse, the girl lodged a complaint with Pattiveeranpatti police station. After the investigation, a case was registered against the six, including the male warden of the college, under SC/ST Act.

EXPRESS READ

Chitra hospital completes 100+ open heart surgeries

VIRUDHUNAGAR: Chitra Hospital's cardiothoracic team completed 100+ open heart surgeries bringing big-city cardiac care to Rajapalayam Dr. Suresh Babu, Managing Director of Chitra Hospital views this milestone as proof of a wider principle that excellence in cardiac care need not be confined to metropolitan hospitals. The cardiothoracic team at Chitra Hospital has carried out Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), Valve Replacement Surgeries, Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) Closures, Bentall Surgery for complex aortic conditions, and removal of Left Atrial Myxoma. Working alongside him are cardiothoracic surgeons Dr. Jahnavi Suvarapu and Dr. Siddharth, cardiac anaesthetists Dr Ramesh and Dr Durai Arasu, intensivist Dr Bindhya and interventional cardiologists Dr Gnanaguru and Dr A B Gopalamurugan.

'Cong's approach weakening parties opposed to BJP'

Continued from page 1: Incidentally, at the INDIA bloc meeting in New Delhi on Monday, VCK and CPM, who are still part of the alliance, expressed their reservation over the approach of the Congress, which, they said, is weakening anti-BJP parties in the respective states. VCK leader Thol Thirumavalavan, who took part in the meeting, said, "In Kerala, WB, and TN, the approach adopted by Congress has weakened the parties that have been the backbone of this alliance, namely TMC, Marxist Communist Party, and DMK. This is not desirable. Congress must review its approach." A fuming CPM MP John Brittas said, "It's been three years since the inception of the INDIA. We all came together to fight the BJP. Congress MP Manickam Tagore said that strengthening Congress would not amount to weakening other parties.

Petition seeks release of funds under Kalaignar Kanavu Illam

MADURAI: A group of differently-abled persons and transgender beneficiaries submitted a petition to District Collector P Akash on Monday, urging the administration to expedite the release of funds under the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam housing scheme. According to petitioners, approval orders were issued three years ago for the construction of houses for 181 beneficiaries from the differently-abled and transgender communities at Thenur on the Madurai-Dindigul Road. They stated that while the first installment of funds had been released for a majority of the beneficiaries, 76 beneficiaries are yet to receive the initial allocation. Further, the second installment of funds has not been released to those whose housing projects had already commenced, they alleged. ENS

Officials booked for criminal conspiracy and cheating

Continued from page 1: The CBI said the above allegation discloses the commission of offences, punishable under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 201 B) and section 120B and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, by the then officials of Tangedco, other public servants, and private persons/contractors. Hence, the central agency has registered a case for criminal conspiracy, cheating and abuse of official position as a public servant.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

Notice Inviting Bid

1. Bid for Purchase of 02 Nos. 500 MVA, 400/220/33 kV Auto Power Transformers against BN -9019002604 and UBN : VPN2627GLOB00639 is invited from interested bidders up to 04:00 PM on 10.07.2026.

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state; and **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl** departmental website.

Superintending Engineer (Contracts-II), Jaipur

Raj.Samwad/C/26/4357 R.R.V.P.N./TR-7606/2026

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY / e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 03/2026-27/KWA/PHC/D3/TVM

O&M - Water Supply Schemes-TWSS 75MLD Amrut WTP-75 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Aruvikkara - Operation and Maintenance for 3 Years - General Civil Work - Pipeline Work. EMD : Rs. 500000;Tender fee : Rs. 16540 + GST; Last Date for submitting Tender : 03-07-2026, 03:00 pm. Phone: 0471-2322303, Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

KWA-JB-GL-6-83-2026-27

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

The Department of Power, Govt. of West Bengal invites application from Indian Nationals to fill up the vacant post of Director (Finance) in West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited, a consistently profit making and professionally managed Government of West Bengal Enterprise, engaged in the business power transmission.

Name of Post: Director (Finance) No. of Post: 1

Pay: Pay in the Pay Band of Rs. 1,56,5000 – Rs. 2,10,800 plus DA, HRA for in-service candidates. Consolidated pay of Rs. 2.30 lakhs per month for non-pensionable candidates and 'Last Pay minus Pension' for pensionable candidates.

Age: Maximum 61 years as on 01.01.2026

Qualification: Chartered Accountant/ Cost Accountant/ MBA (Finance) with 20 years of experience in the relevant field.

Further details, experience required & application format may be downloaded from the website **https://power.wb.gov.in / www.wbsetcl.in**

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9th July, 2026 upto 5.00 PM by email / post / hand.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that, My client, **Mr. B. Thirumalairaj** son of **Dr. D. Balakrishnan,** resident at Plot No. 96, Anna Nagar, Madurai, is the sole & absolute owner of the property known as "Vijay Complex" constructed in a shop plot, measuring **4507 Sq.ft.,** in an approved layout vide **No. 130/83,** comprised in **Survey No. 55/3A** of Thallakulam Village, Madurai North Taluk, Madurai District, bearing Door No. 3/2, Kodikulam 2nd Street, Surya Nagar, Madurai-625 007, **bounded on the : North by:** 30ft wide Road, **East by:** Plot No. 1, **South by :** property in Survey No. 54/2 & the Plot No. 5 and on the **West by:** Alagarkovil Road.

Within these boundaries having its linear measurements of East to West 60ft., on the North, 68½ ft., on the South, North to South 52½ ft., on the West and 60 ft., on the East, in all 4507 Sq.ft., or 10 Cents 151 Sq.ft., of site area & the above said shopping complex named as Vijai Complex, who had purchased the site through a Deed of Sale vide No. 182/1998 of SRO Thallakulam, Madurai.

It has come to the owner's knowledge that certain unauthorised individuals have attempted to lease/licence out the premises and collect financial advances without any legal authority/Power of Attorney/the owner's consent.

The public is hereby cautioned NOT to enter into any agreements, rent, lease, sub-lease or transact in any manner regarding the afore mentioned property with any individual claiming to represent the owner. Any such transactions or agreements made without the direct/written consent of **Mr. B.Thirumalairaj** are completely void, illegal and not binding on the owner.

Anyone dealing with unauthorized persons regarding this property shall do so at their own risk and peril and face severe civil and criminal legal action for criminal trespass and fraud.

Date: 29/5/2026. **(N. Sundaresan) Advocate,**
Place: Madurai **Enrolment No.421/1989**

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE REGARDING POSSESSION OF PROPERTY U/S 13(4) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002.

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's/Mortgagors/Guarantors 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's/Mortgagors/Guarantors 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 **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount and interest thereon.

The Borrower's/Mortgagors/Guarantors 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.

Name of Account / Borrower / Co-Borrower and Address	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
Sl.No.1: Ref No. Agri / 8115 **1. Mr. S. Dhanabalan [Applicant]** S/o. Mr. Susai No. 5, Anumanthagudi, Devakottai, Sivagangai - 630303.	11.03.2026	05.06.2026	**As on 08.03.2026 Rs.14,17,380.80/- (This amount includes interest applied till 08.03.2026)**
Description of the property belongs to Mr. S. Dhanabalan - Schedule : Karikudi Registration District, Devakottai Sub Registration District, Devakottai Sub Registration Office, Sivagangai Revenue District, Karikudi Taluk, Hanumanthakudi Hamlet Village, Hanumantahkudi Revenue Village, Old Natham Survey No. 99/17, New Natham Survey No. 682/7, Hect 0.03.90 ares equivalent to Acres 0.09.63 cents **4194.8 Sq.ft (382.73 Sq.mtr) Measurement of the Property :** Land an extent of Hect 0.03.90 ares equivalent to Acres 0.09.63 cents (4194.8 Sq.ft) (382.73 Sq mtr) with easement rights and pathwat with the following four boundaries North : Oorani, South : Street, East : Plot belonging to Ubagaram and Vacant Natham Plots, West : Natham Plots belonging to Santiago and Selvaraj, within this a terraced residential building bearing Door No. 5. Properties situated at Hanumanthakudi Hamlet and Revenue Village, Karikudi Taluk, Devakottai Sub Registration District, Karikudi Registration District within the limits of Sivaganagai District.			
Sl.No.2: Ref No. HL / 8053 **1. Mr. Bharathy P**, S/o. Mr.Panneer Selvam **2. Mrs.Poovitha B**, W/o. Mr.Bharathy, **Both residing at :** No.2/1953 New Kvs Nagar, Kamarajar Salai, Sahayamatha School Opp, Karaikudi, Sivagangai District - 630001. **Also Residing At:-** No.1/1-195 Kambar Street, Lakshmi Nagar, Alagappapuram, Sivagangai District - 630003. **Property Address:** Plot No.31, New S.No.305/2A1 & 305/3A1A, Chellappa Nagar, Kazhanivasal Village, Sakkottai, Karaikudi Taluk Sivagangai District.	31.01.2026	05.06.2026	**As on 30.01.2026 Rs.40,54,605/- (This amount includes interest applied till 30.01.2026)**
Description of the property belongs to Mr. P. Bharathy : Property is a house site measuring an extent of 2400 Sq.Ft., bearing Plot No.31, Comprised in New S.Nos.305/2A1 & 305/3A1A, bearing New Patta Nos.1057 & 1053, out of a land measuring an extent of 0.84.50 Hectares, Comprised in New S.No.305/2A1, bearing New Patta No.1057 and 3.89.65 Hectares, Comprised in New S.No.305/3A1A, bearing New Patta No.1053, Correlated with Old S.Nos.305/3A1 & 305/2A1, Correlated with Old Revenue S.No.65/47 & 65/43, developed into house sites under the name and style of "CHELLAPPA NAGAR", situated at Kazhanivasal Village, Sakkotai Union, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai District, Sangarapuram Panchayat, within the jurisdiction of Karaikudi Joint-2 Sub Registration District, Karaikudi Registration District and bounded on the North by: Plot No.10, East by : Plot No.32, West by : Plot No.30, South by : East-West Road, Measuring: East-West on the Northern side: 40 Ft; East-West on the Southern side:40 Ft; South-North on the Eastern side: 60 Ft; South-North on the Western side : 60 Ft; totaling an extent of 2400 Sq.Ft., of land and building .			

Date: 05.06.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Chennai **Axis Bank Limited.**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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 account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER (S) / GUARANTOR (S) / MORTGAGOR (S)	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY (OWNER/MORTGAGOR NAME)	Total Dues	Date of e-Auction and Time of E-auction	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD Amount, 3. Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
Mr. S Radhakrishnan S/o Mr. Subbaiyan (Borrower and Mortgagor) (Deceased – Represented by his Legal Heirs) **1. Mrs. R. DHANALAKSHMI (Legal Heir),** W/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan, Door No. 62, Middle Street, Pulikuthi Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District – 625 524. **2. Mr.R.PANDIKUMAR (Legal Heir),** S/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan, Door No. 62, Middle Street, Pulikuthi Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District – 625 524. **3. Mr.R.NITESH KUMAR (Legal Heir),** S/o.Late Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Door No. 62, Middle Street, Pulikuthi Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District – 625 524. **4. Mrs.R.PANDEESWARI (Legal Heir),** D/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan, Door No. 62, Middle Street, Pulikuthi Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District – 625 524. **5. Mrs.R.DHANALAKSHMI (Guarantor),** W/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan, Door No. 62, Middle Street, Pulikuthi Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District – 625 524.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situate thereon at Theni District, Periyakulam Registration District, Chinnamanur Sub Registration District, Pulikuthi Village & Panchayat, Residential House Bearing Door No. 62/W-4, Assessment No. 422, Measuring, East to West 42 feet and South to North 23 ¼ feet, Equals to 976 ½ Sq. ft. with Electric Service Connection No. 77 and with all its amenities and appurtenances and with all its usual pathway rights, wall rights and water out rights, etc. (Natham Survey No. 547/20 (Old No. 96/1)). **Boundaries :** East : South to North Street, West : 3 feet Own Lane & Vitli @ KaruppanChettiar's House, North : East to West Common Lane & House of Krishnasamy Chettiar, South : East to West Street. The property is standing in the name of Mr.S.Radhakrishnan (Deceased and Represented by his Legal Heirs namely). **1.** Mrs. R. Dhanalakshmi W/o Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan; **2.** Mr.R.Pandikumar, S/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan, **3.** Mr.R.Nitesh Kumar, S/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan; **4.** Mrs.Pandeeswari, D/o.Late Mr.S.Radhakrishnan. **Latitude : 9.870818N & Longitude : 77.338566E** **BAANKNET Property ID : BARB602820230010**	**Total Balance outstanding as on 08.06.2026 : Rs.61,57,244/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Four Only)** and further costs, charges.	**07.07.2026** **2.00 PM to 6.00 PM**	**1. Rs.19,10,000/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) **2. Rs.1,91,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety One Thousand Only) **3. Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	**Physical Possession**	**04.07.2026** **10.00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **https://baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on mobile number **9790247824**

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PLACE : MADURAI

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda