

K'taka on hiring spree after order to fill 72,000 posts

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THE Karnataka government has gone on a recruitment spree, issuing a series of job notifications to fill vacancies across various departments, within two weeks of issuing an order to expedite the recruitment of over 72,000 posts in government departments. Over the last two weeks, at least 15 different notifications have been issued to fill thousands of posts. The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has invited on-

line applications for direct recruitment of 320 teaching posts in Morarji Desai, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Indira Gandhi residential schools and pre-university colleges functioning under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS). In another major drive, applications have been invited for 560 land surveyor posts in the Department of Survey, Settlement and Land Records under the Residual Parent Cadre (RPC). The

Revenue Department has also invited applications to fill 505 village administrative officer (VAO) posts, including 67 posts under the Hyderabad-Karnataka Cadre quota. The Karnataka Excise Department has invited applications to fill 1,207 posts of constables and excise sub-inspectors (ESIs). The forest department has invited applications to fill 750 forest observer posts. KEA has already called to fill 3,395 Karnataka po-

lice civil constable posts. The fresh notifications come after the state government initiated measures to accelerate direct recruitment across departments. The responsibility of expediting recruitment to posts in 17 departments has been assigned to Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner Uma Mahadevan. Another additional chief secretary has been entrusted with overseeing and completing direct recruitment

to vacant posts in 34 departments. Government recruitment in Karnataka had been stalled because of litigation in courts over reservation and no recruitment had been done since 2023. The government had also relaxed the age limit by up to five years as there were delays in recruitment since 2019 because of Covid. Around 2.5 lakh posts are vacant in various departments and no major recruitment has been made in the last two years. A senior Congress leader on

anonymity said that in the party election manifesto in 2023, Congress had promised to fill vacant government posts within a year if the party comes to power. "We could not do that for various reasons, including the reservation issue, lack of finances as a large amount was being spent on guarantee schemes and others. We have less than two years in power and there is pressure to fill these posts. There have been flash protests over lack of recruitment," he said.

'Govt colleges not even able to provide enough classrooms'

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"INSTITUTIONS are functioning largely with guest faculty members, and that inevitably affects the quality of education," said TN Government College Teachers' Association general secretary S Suresh.

Retired professor K Srinivasan said government institutions are struggling to keep pace with changing student expectations. "At a time when private colleges are introducing AI-related and other emerging courses, while offering better campus facilities and extracurricular opportunities, many government colleges are unable to provide even adequate classrooms and laboratories. Naturally, students look elsewhere."

Another major factor that the academicians pointed out was the delayed admission schedule followed by government colleges. Private self-financing institutions begin admissions much earlier.

Suresh said, "The admission guidelines are common for government, government-aided, and private colleges. However, government colleges alone adhere rigidly to the prescribed schedule, by which time many students have already secured seats elsewhere."

DCE officials said that they were examining the infrastructure requirements in government colleges. "We are working to improve the infrastructure in government colleges," said an official.

Six arrested for possessing 25kg of ganja

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

COIMBATORE City Police on Saturday arrested six people for possession of ganja at various locations and seized around 25 kg of the contraband. The arrested are A Manickam (23) of Rathinapuri, J Britto (26) of Kannappan Nagar, E Dhanaraj (53) of Sundakamuthur, S Sanuf (28) of Ukkadam, M Abbas (37) of Kuniyamuthur and J Shelton (33) of Devarayapuram on the city outskirts. They were arrested in areas under the jurisdiction of Karumbukadai, Thudiyalur and Kavundampalayam police stations. According to police, based on a tip-off, the Prohibition and Economics Wing visited a spot near a meat shop in Bommanampalayam pirivu in the city and arrested Shelton on Saturday afternoon. Officers seized about 22 kg of ganja and a car from him.

Karumbukadai police arrested Sanuf and Abbas and seized about 2 kg from them. Patrol teams from Kavundampalayam and Thudiyalur arrested Manickam, Britto and Dhanaraj and recovered about 1.5 kg. All six were booked under the NDPS Act and remanded, police said. In another incident, the Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW) of Coimbatore police arrested two youths on Sunday after seizing 21 kg of ganja they had smuggled into the city from Andhra Pradesh in an ambulance. The arrested persons have been as A Manikandan (28) of Peelamedu in Coimbatore and his friend B Veerachinamaruthu (28) of Sivagangai district. According to police sources, Manikandan and ambulance driver Veerachinamaruthu procured ganja from Andhra Pradesh, with a plan to sell them at higher rates in Coimbatore and surrounding areas. Based on information, PEW team apprehended the duo on the Ukkadam-Sungam bypass near Valankulam flyover on Sunday morning. The contraband and the ambulance were seized.



BUSTING MOVES Odissi performance by Guru Ratikant Mohapatra and Srijan Ensemble during Nrutya Rangoli at Chowdiah Memorial hall in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Crew of 2 pvt buses get into quarrel over timings

Coimbatore: The crew members of two private town buses got into an argument of bus timings on Saturday. According to police, the incident took place in the middle of the road, around 8 pm, near Hope College bus stop by the crew of town buses S1 and S9. The argument over bus timings allegedly escalated into assault, which obstructed the movement of vehicles, while the bus passengers were stranded for 30 minutes. Upon information, Peelamedu police detained a driver and conductor from one of the two private buses. The suspects were identified as J Udhaya Kumar (27) of Saibaba Colony and M Madhan (30) of Irugur, and the police filed a case against them. ENS

Kovai cops launch QR-based complaint system 'Nizhal'

Coimbatore: Coimbatore district police on Sunday launched 'Nizhal', a QR code-based complaint-lodging system. Coimbatore Collector Pavankumar G Giriappanavar launched the initiative at the office of SP A Pavan Kumar. According to official sources, 'Nizhal' has been launched to provide emergency help quickly and gather crime information from the public with the help of technology. As part of this, QR codes have been introduced and will be pasted at public places. People can scan the QR code on their mobile phones and share details of illegal activities such as the sale of ganja or harassment of women. These messages will reach the Master Command and Control Centre, which operates 24*7, and police will respond and take action. ENS

I will stand with all beyond caste or religion: Annamalai

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ANNAMALAI said, "When we have the right number of members and the right leaders, this organisation will become a political party. Not now." He added that the conference was not a political rally and the aim was not to create trouble for the newly-formed TVK government. "Some people asked me to speak against the TVK government. The government has come to power in 2026 with the support of 1.68 crore people. Except for Minister KA Sengottaiyan, most of them are first-time MLAs. They will stumble a little. When they stumble, we should lift them up, not push them down. Our organisation has not come to capture power arrogantly," he claimed. Speaking of his departure from BJP, he said there was anger, but it had to be shown re-

sponsibly. Although DMK had raised doubts of him being BJP's B-team, he was firm that he should not speak ill while leaving a party, Annamalai said. Welcoming the HR&CE department's decision to lift the bar on registration of 3085 acres of Inam land in Karur, he said he supported the TVK government's move and was being called anti-Hindu for it. "Though I belong to the Hindu religion, I will stand with all of you as a common person without caste or religious identity," he claimed. Stressing the need to close more liquor shops, he said the organisation will push the government in a healthy manner. He said awareness campaigns against drugs will be held every July; the organisation had a six-month plan to focus on one public issue each month.

Saravanampatti flyover project must not be dropped, local activists urge centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

SOCIAL activists have urged the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to retain the proposed flyover at the Saravanampatti Junction on Sathya-mangalam Road, opposing the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) reported move to replace it with an at-grade junction improvement. In a representation submitted to the ministry, Coimbatore Consumer Cause said the flyover proposal, along with junction improvements, should be implemented in the larger public interest, arguing that an at-grade solution would neither address the growing traffic congestion nor improve road safety at the busy intersection. The organisation pointed out that the MoRTH sanctioned the Saravanampatti flyover on March 9, 2022, at an estimated cost of ₹80.48 crore under the Annual Plan 2021-22. The junction had been identified as a "black spot", warranting a grade separator to reduce

Junction identified as 'black spot' due to accidents

According to the Coimbatore Consumer Cause, the junction had been identified as a "black spot", warranting a grade separator to reduce accidents and improve traffic flow. The organisation said that, with the NHAI now overseeing the road, the flyover should be revived instead of the at-grade junction accidents and improve traffic flow. According to the activists, the project was later delayed as approval from the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) was awaited due to the proposed metro rail corridor along the stretch. During the period, the then National Highways wing of the State Highways Department had proposed an at-grade junction improvement estimated at around ₹12 crore. However, tenders were not floated as the road was to be handed over to the NHAI. The activists claimed that with the metro rail proposal no longer under consideration and the NHAI now overseeing the road, the fly-

ver project should be revived instead of pursuing the at-grade alternative. In the letter, the organisation also recalled that, during a stakeholders' meeting convened by the Coimbatore collector in 2023, objections were raised to the at-grade proposal, following which the flyover proposal was restored. Drawing a comparison with the Thudiyalur-Mettupalayam Road junction on NH-67, the activists alleged that an earlier at-grade improvement carried out there had failed to ease congestion and had become ineffective. The organisation urged the union government to cancel the NHAI's at-grade improvement proposal and proceed with the construction of the Saravanampatti flyover from Ammankulam, along with comprehensive junction improvements at the Kalapatti Road and Thudiyalur Road intersections. It argued that only a grade separator would provide a long-term solution to the increasing traffic volume and ensure the safety of motorists.

'Some sanitation workers who clean city streets even hold M.Com degrees'

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"I do this after sweeping the classrooms and whenever I get free time. If I were given an office assistant's job in the same school, I would be happy to do it," Kan-chana said. The headmaster, however, denied any staff shortage, claiming that everyone performs only the duties assigned to them. While neither the Greater Chennai Corporation nor the workers' association had an estimate of how many sanitation workers are graduates, TNIE spoke to four such workers over the past week - two with B.Sc Computer Science degrees, one with a B.Ed degree, and another with a B.A in Economics. Most had previously worked as office assistants or in food outlets before taking up sanitation work after a family member retired from the same post, allowing them to be considered for the job. "I'm doing this because of my family situation. I tell my two kids to study well and get a good job, unlike me," Vijaya said. Another worker said she chose the job because its fixed working hours allowed her to spend more time with her children. Two sanitation workers TNIE spoke to also said that they had allegedly paid

their respective councillors an undisclosed sum to secure the job. CITU Chennai district general secretary R Loganathan, who works closely with sanitation workers in corporation schools, said the scale of the issue was much bigger than what meets the eye. "Across Chennai, there are likely hundreds of graduates working as sanitation workers. Many choose not to reveal their qualifications out of fear of being judged. We do not have consolidated data on the exact number of graduates working in the sanitation sector," he said. Drawing a parallel with sanitation workers engaged in street cleaning, Loganathan added, "I also work with sanitation workers who clean the city's streets, and some of them hold M.Com degrees. The goal should be to provide jobs that match a candidate's qualifications." GCC Joint Commissioner for Education Karpagam IAS said she was unaware of degree-holding sanitation workers stepping in for teachers. "Our officers regularly go for school inspections; if the HMs and teachers are utilising the sanitation workers for teaching, we would definitely take action," she said. (*Names of the workers were changed to protect their identity)



ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Rayapudi, Amaravati (A.P.)		
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE		
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT FOR HOTELS)		
S.No	NIT No	Name of the Work
1	NIT No. 16/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/32/2026-ED-01, Dt: 13.07.2026	"Allotment of Plot on Conditional Freehold Basis for Development of a 3-Star Hotel at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (Hotel Plot-1)."
2	NIT No. 17/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/32/2026-ED-02 Dt: 13.07.2026	"Allotment of Plot on Conditional Freehold Basis for Development of a 3-Star Hotel at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (Hotel Plot-2)."
3	NIT No. 18/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/32/2026-ED-03 Dt: 13.07.2026	"Allotment of Plot on Conditional Freehold Basis for Development of a 3-Star Hotel at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (Hotel Plot-3)."
4	NIT No. 19/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/32/2026-ED-04 Dt: 13.07.2026	"Allotment of Plot on Conditional Freehold Basis for Development of a 4-Star Hotel at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (Hotel Plot-4)."
5	NIT No. 20/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/32/2026-ED-05 Dt: 13.07.2026	"Allotment of Plot on Conditional Freehold Basis for Development of a 4-Star Hotel at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (Hotel Plot-5)."
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT FOR SCHOOLS)		
6	NIT No. 11/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/46/2026-CCDP, Dated: 13.07.2026	RFP for Selection of institution for setting up of day school at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (School Plot-1)
7	NIT No. 12/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/46/2026-CCDP, Dated: 13.07.2026	RFP for Selection of institution for setting up of day school at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (School Plot-2)
8	NIT No. 13/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/46/2026-CCDP, Dated: 13.07.2026	RFP for Selection of institution for setting up of day school at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (School Plot-3)
9	NIT No. 14/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/46/2026-CCDP, Dated: 13.07.2026	RFP for Selection of institution for setting up of Residential school at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (School Plot-4)
10	NIT No. 15/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/46/2026-CCDP, Dated: 13.07.2026	RFP for Selection of institution for setting up of Residential school at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (School Plot-5)
The Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be downloaded from the Andhra Pradesh e-Procurement Portal from 14.07.2026 onwards. The bid shall remain open for 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication. The last date for submission of bids shall be as specified in the Andhra Pradesh e-Procurement Portal https://approcurement.gov.in/ and www.crda.ap.gov.in . For further details, please visit the Andhra Pradesh e-Procurement Portal and the APCRDA Website. Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Amaravati		

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

Registered office at K.A. Acharyas, V. Palayam, Karadivai Vra, Puliampatti Village, Palladam Taluk, Tirupur-641603, represented by its partner Mr. P. Prabhhu (Partner and Guarantor of M/s Avathaar Industries), Residing at Door No. 5/129, Ganesh Garden, Kadampatti, Sulur, Coimbatore-641401, Mr. M. Jagathesan S/o N. Maruthachalamoorthy (Partner and Guarantor of M/s Avathaar Industries), residing at No. 7/42-30, Kumaran Nagar, Phase-2, Keeranatham, Saravanampatti Post, Coimbatore - 641035, Mrs. K. Padamavathi W/o K.Kandaswamy (Partner and Guarantor and Mortgagor of M/s Avathaar Industries), residing at Door No. 82-4/1B, Samappa Layout, Kendaiyur Village, Chikkladasampalayam Village, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore- 641305

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 provision 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" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

1. Name & address of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Mortgagor/s: M/s AVATHAAR INDUSTRIES (Borrower)	Total Dues : as on 31.05.2026: Rs. 1,44,56,474/- and further costs, charges.	
Detailed description of the immovable property: In Coimbatore Registration District, Mettupalayam Sub-Registration District, Mettupalayam Taluk, Chikkladasampalayam Village, Mettupalayam Town, In Kendayur Patla No. 531 in S.F. No. 272/1, a land measuring Acre 2.82 within this on northern side Acre 1.79 land was divided by house plots and layout approved in C. No. 2516/81, CNR 5L P/R (CN) 137/81 in the Southern Half Share of the Site No. 11 land measuring 1237 ½ Sq. ft. it is within the following boundaries: North Of : Site No.12, South Of : Northern ½ share of Site No. 11 belongs to A. Phelomena, East Of: 30 ft. North South road as per layout plan, West Of: House belonging to Makaliappan in Site No.10. Measuring On: East West on North- 41 ½ feet. East West on South- 41 feet. North South on the West- 30 feet. North South on the East- 30 feet. Within this the land totalling 1237 ½ sq. ft. vacant land and the right of pathway to the property from the layout roads etc., & all other appurtenances thereto. Within the above the house built, Door No. 82/4 (1B). The Door Windows, its frames, Electricity Service Connector, Water Service Connection Etc. Door No. 82/4 (1B). Property Tax Assessment No. 14515, Water Tax Assessment No. 6799, Electricity Service Connection No. 153-008-445. This property is situated within the limits of Mettupalayam Town Panchayat in Mettupalayam Town Old Ward No. 13, New Ward No. 24, in T.S. No. 26, Block No. 46 The property is owned by Mrs. K. Padmavathi W/o Kandasamy, (Latitude: 11.297842 and Longitude: 76.928369) Symbolic Possession		
Reserve Price Rs. 35,00,000/-	EMD Amount Rs. 3,50,000/-	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 50,000/-

2. Name & address of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Mortgagor/s: M/s. INNOVE IMPEX (Borrower), Represented by its partner Mr. P.Prabhhu and Mr. Karthic, No.7/1, Puthuran Thottam, Samundipudurai, Tirupur-641603, Mr. P. PRABHU (Partner and Guarantor and Mortgagor), S/o Mr. Palanisamy, No.24/85, Appachi Nagar Main Road, Tirupur-641607, Mr. P. KARTHIC (Partner and Guarantor and Mortgagor), S/o. Mr. Palanisamy, No.24/85, Appachi Nagar Main Road, Tirupur-641607, Mr. P. PALANISAMY (Guarantor and Mortgagor) (deceased), No.24/85, Appachi Nagar Main Road, Tirupur-641607, Mrs. Poongodi, Legal heir of Mr. Palanisamy, Mr. Karthic, Legal heir of Mr. Palanisamy, Mr. Prabhhu, Legal Heir of Mr. Palanisamy.	Total Dues : as on 31.05.2026: Rs. 1,30,49,880/- and further costs, charges.	
Detailed description of the immovable property: Property No. 1 of Mr. Palanisamy s/o Ponnusamy (Guarantor): As per Doc No. 2168/1979: In Tirupur Registration District, Tirupur Town, Appachi Nagar Extension, in Thotipalayam Village, G.S.No.546 corresponding T.S.No.23/1/2 in this, a layout of house sites has been formed, this as per layout plan, land bearing Site no.8/1 admeasuring 2810 Sq. Ft. situated within the following boundaries: South to- Land owned by Nachimuthu, North to- 30 ft wide East-West Road, West to-40 ft wide South North Road, East to- land bearing site no.7 owned by Palaniannal O. Chinnammal. Amidst this, East West 40 ft on both sides and South North 70 ft on the Eastern side and South North 70 ½ ft on the Western side thus making the above extent of 2810 sq. ft. or 261.049 sq. mtrs of land and right to take water from well and right to use layout roads and mamool roads to reach the property. As per Doc.No.1117/1985: In Tirupur Registration District, Tirupur Town, Appachi Nagar Extension, in Thotipalayam Village, G.S.No.546 corresponding T.S.No.23/1/2 in this, northern extremity 0.61 acre, in this, layout of house sites has been formed, in this, as per the layout plan, Eastern part of land bearing Site no.6 admeasuring 1320 sq.ft. situated within the following boundaries: South to- 30 ft wide East-West Road, West to- 40 ft wide South North Road, North to- Property owned by Thirumathal, East to- Western part of land bearing site no.6 owned by A.K. Subramaniam. Amidst this, East West 40 feet on both sides, South North 36 feet on the western side and South North 30 feet on the Eastern side thus making the above extent 1320 sq. ft. or 122.628 Sq. Mtrs of land and right to take water from well and right to use layout roads and mamool roads to reach the property. The total extent of the above properties are 4130 sq. ft. of land and building constructed thereon bearing Door Nos. 2/95, 6/92A, 4/94, having assessment No. 24025658, 24025656, 24025697, water tap connect No. 24085056, 24085268, and Electricity service connection No. 03-203-001-152 and 03-203-001-813 and all other appurtenances thereto. Symbolic Possession		
Reserve Price Rs. 2,53,75,000/-	EMD Amount Rs. 25,37,500/-	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 1,00,000/-

Property No. 2 of Mr. P. Prabhhu and Mr. P. Karthic (partners and guarantors and mortgagors) as per Doc No. 1450/2004: In Tirupur Registration District, Thotipalayam Sub Registration District, Tirupur Taluk, presently Tirupur North Taluk, Nallathupalayam, Thotipalayam village, in G.S.No. 203/2, the lands measuring 1.13 acres@Rs. 1.55, in this deducting certain extent of lands provided for thadam by vendor Kumarasamy and Ayyasamy, thus the remaining 0.93 acres of land situated within the following boundaries: South to- 37 links East-West Thadam, North to- Nallaru Poramboke, East to- 37 links North-South Thadam, West to- Lands in G.S.No. 203/3, Amidst this, the above said land measuring 0.93 acres in entirely along with regular pathway rights in 37 links East West and North South Thadam and mamool pathways and cart track rights pertaining to the above said lands and all easements and right etc., Physical Possession

Reserve Price Rs. 2,79,00,000/-	EMD Amount Rs. 27,90,000/-	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 1,00,000/-
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