



120 additional Plus-I batches sanctioned

T'Puram: The government has issued orders sanctioning 120 additional Plus-I batches to address the shortage of higher secondary seats in the Malabar region. The temporary additional batches have been allotted as follows: Palakkad: 30, Malappuram: 60, Kozhikode: 20, and Kasargod: 10. Each batch will admit 60 students, enabling an additional 7,200 students to secure admission in these four districts, the Education Minister's Office said.

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# Cyber cops trace Delhi SIM in ₹3cr cabinet berth scam

Issue pertains to fake calls made in name of Priyanka Gandhi's office

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Kozhikode

A SPECIAL team from the Kozhikode City Cyber Crime Police has reached New Delhi and questioned the owner of a Delhi-registered SIM card linked to the fake WhatsApp calls made in the name of Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi's office. The calls targeted Elathur MLA Vidya Balakrishnan and several Congress MPs, offering them cabinet positions in Kerala in exchange for Rs 3 crore. The investigation is being carried out under the supervision of City Police Commissioner A P Shoukkathali.

A four-member police team has been camping in New Delhi for the past four days to trace the culprit. The team tracked the SIM card used in the fraudulent call and questioned its registered owner, a Delhi resident, for nearly two hours. During questioning, the person claimed they had

not made the calls and said the phone linked to the SIM had been lost.

Unconvinced by the explanation, investigators are analysing mobile tower dump data and technical records to verify the claims. Cyber police are also probing whether the fraudsters created a fake SIM using forged identity documents.

Assistant Commissioner of Cyber Crime, Kozhikode, Pradeep Kumar S M, said the team was continuing its efforts to identify those behind the scam. "The team is camping in Delhi and trying to trace the real culprit. Only after identifying them can we determine whether a larger gang is involved," he said.

The scam surfaced after Vidya Balakrishnan received a WhatsApp call on July 6 from a man identifying himself as "Rajkumar" from Priyanka Gandhi's office. Claiming that a cabinet

shuffle was imminent in Kerala, the caller offered to secure her a ministerial berth for Rs 3 crore.

Growing suspicious, Vidya continued the conversation to gather details before informing her party leadership. She later filed a complaint with the Kozhikode City Cyber Crime Police on July 11, leading to the registration of an FIR.

The investigation later found that similar calls had been made to MPs Dean Kuriakose, Shafi Parambil and M K Raghavan. Following the incidents, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) and Priyanka Gandhi's office conducted an internal inquiry and confirmed that the calls were fraudulent.

Priyanka Gandhi's private secretary, D S Rajkumar, whose identity was impersonated, lodged complaints with the Delhi Police and the Kerala DGP. Cases have been registered in both jurisdictions, and the two police forces are jointly investigating the fraud.

## Pregnant woman with ruptured uterus saved

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Malappuram

A 25-YEAR-old tribal woman from Malappuram whose uterus ruptured and whose unborn baby was trapped between her internal organs due to a delay in reaching the hospital, was saved following an emergency surgery at Nilambur District Hospital.

Gynaecologist Dr Lakshmi Rajmohan performed the surgery on the woman from Cheerakuzhi Unnati in Pallikkuthu, Chungathara on July 20. The baby, delivered safely, is currently on ventilator support in the neonatal intensive care unit of Kozhikode MCH.

As per the doctors, the woman, who had undergone two caesarean sections earlier, went into labour the previous day but could not be taken to a hospital due to unavailability of a vehicle. At 10.40am on July 20, she was brought to Nilambur District Hospital in an autorickshaw. She had no antenatal records and did not know her blood group.

Initially, doctors planned shifting the woman to Manjeri MCH given her condition. However, a detailed examination by the gynaecology team assessed that she was unlikely to survive the journey and required immediate surgery. Superintendent-in-charge Dr N N Pamili was informed and permission was obtained. The emergency surgery began within 30 minutes. The doctors found that the ruptured uterus had displaced the baby into the mother's abdominal cavity, where it was lodged between the intestines and liver. After safely delivering the baby and providing emergency resuscitation, the newborn was shifted in an ICU ambulance to Kozhikode MCH.

The surgery was led by Dr Lakshmi Rajmohan, with support from anaesthesiologists Dr Srikanth and Dr Fazil, paediatrician Dr Mujeeb and obstetrician Dr Aneesa. The operation theatre was prepared by nurses Sudha, Sindhu, Bini, Bindu and Rajani.



## MONSOON LULL

Dark clouds gather over Kozhikode beach without bringing rain. Even as the last week of July begins, rainfall across Kerala remains significantly below normal compared with the corresponding period in previous years | VINCENT PULICKAL

### EXPRESS READ

#### Wayanad to host AvocadoFest 2026, investors meet to boost exotic fruit sector

Sultan Bathery: Sultan Bathery will host AvocadoFest 2026 & Investors Meet Wayanad on July 31 and August 1, bringing together scientists, investors, entrepreneurs and farmers to explore the growing opportunities in India's rapidly expanding exotic fruit sector. Organised by the Wayanad Hills Farmer Producer Company Limited (WHFPC), the event aims to position Wayanad as a leading hub for avocado and other exotic fruits, while promoting investment in cultivation, processing, value addition and exports. The programme will feature national seminars, technical training sessions, an investors' meet, an agricultural exhibition, displays of value-added products and interactive sessions between farmers and scientists. The event is being organised in collaboration with the State Department of Agriculture, Kisan Service Society, Sultan Bathery Municipality, KERA, CABCO, IIHR Bengaluru, CFTRI Mysuru and NIST Thiruvananthapuram. Organisers believe the initiative will strengthen Wayanad's position in the exotic fruit industry while creating new opportunities for farmers, startups and investors.

#### Body of 19-year-old UP native recovered from Vilangad river

Kozhikode: The body of a 19-year-old Uttar Pradesh native, who went missing after being swept away by strong currents while bathing in the Vilangad River, was recovered on Wednesday. Rescue workers found the deceased trapped in a tree near a gas godown in Vilangad following an intensive four-day search operation. Fire and Rescue personnel, residents, and volunteers had been searching along the stretch from Vilangad to Mudikkal Bridge since Sunday. The recovery effort was intensified on Wednesday morning after mobilising additional forces and volunteer teams for search operation.

# Kozhikode city police employees coop society election row leads to HC action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Kozhikode

A BITTER legal and political dispute surrounding the Kozhikode City Police Employees Cooperative Society has escalated following allegations of procedural violations, financial fraud, and contempt of court.

The governing body has initiated legal proceedings in the Kerala High Court against the cooperative department, citing severe irregularities in the publication of the final voters' list for the upcoming society elec-

tions. According to governing body representatives, the final list was not published by the mandated 11am deadline on Tuesday outside the office.

The controversy follows a major decision by Justice P Gopinath of the Kerala HC, who stayed the state government's previous order suspending the society's elected governing body. The court clarified that the Co-operative Societies Act provides no legal authority for the government to suspend an elected board, and directed that the election process proceed unhindered, while ordering board members to cooperate with an ongoing depart-

mental inquiry. Opponents and governing body members contend that the department's failure to adhere to the election schedule, which slate nomination filings to begin on July 28, constitutes deliberate election sabotage and active contempt of judicial directives. These electoral disputes unfold against the backdrop of a major criminal investigation initiated by the Kasaba police into an unprecedented ₹33-lakh loan scam. Following direct intervention from the city police commissioner, an FIR was registered against 13 people, including all 11 directors on the society's board, loan applicant P Bipin and a cooperative department inspector.

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**VEHICLE FOR SALE**

| Sl. No. | VEHICLE DETAILS                         | KM       | Reserve Price Fixed | Available at                                           |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | MARUTICIAZ (2017), REG NO: KL 07CK 9840 | 1,07,308 | Rs.4,00,000/-       | Canara Bank Regional Office, Kozhikode, Ph: 9188403320 |

The vehicle is available for inspection on working days from 23.07.2026 to 18.08.2026 between 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM at our Offices mentioned above. Interested buyers are requested to quote their Offer for the vehicle in the prescribed tender form only. The vehicle will be sold on "As is where is condition".

The necessary application forms may be downloaded from the Bank's Website- <https://www.canarabank.bank.in/tenders>. Last date for submission of Offer document is 19.08.2026 upto 15:00 HRS.

(Sd/-)  
Place: Kozhikode,  
Date : 23.07.2026

Assistant General Manager,  
General Administration Section

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vankarath Towers, Palariavattom Bypass Junction, Emakulam-682024, Ph: 0484-2334730, E-mail: sbi.05182@sbi.co.in

Appendix-IV-A (See Proviso to rule 8 (6))

**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 proviso 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 mortgaged/charged to the State Bank of India Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (Secured Creditor), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis on below mentioned date for recovery of respective dues due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (Secured Creditor) as mentioned below.

Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with PSB Alliance before the close of e-auction. Credit of Pre-Bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in PSB Alliance's Bank account and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last-minute problem.

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1) M/s. Kanchana Agencies, 15466, Kolikkal, Unnikulam P O, Kozhikode-673574, (2) Smt. Sainaba (Proprietrix), W/o. Sri. Abdul Nazar K P, Kurungottupoyil House, Kolikkal, Unnikulam P O, Kozhikode-673574, (3) Sri. Abdul Nazar K P, Kurungottupoyil House, Kolikkal, Unnikulam P O, Kozhikode - 673574, (4) Smt. Maimoona, W/o. Sri. Hamza, Ooruvikundi House, Kolikkal, Kallippara P O, Kozhikode-673574, (5) Sri. Muhammed Ali Vallikkat, Vallikat house, Thalaperumanna, Kuruvampoyil P.O, Kozhikode - 673574

Recovery Amount: Rs. 3,41,46,136.62 as on 20.07.2026

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES:** Property No.1: All parts and parcel of property having an extent of 21.721 Acres of land together with single storied RCC residential building and all other improvements there on in Re Sy No 10/115, in Kedavoor Village, Thamarassery Town Sub Dist., Kozhikode Dist., therein owned by Sri. Abdul Nazar and covered by Release deed no 2056/2012 of Thamarassery Town SRO. Bounded by: East: Property belonging to Kathessa and others; North: Property belonging to Abdul Azees and Abdur Rahiman; West: Property belonging to Abdul Azees and 2 others; South: Property belonging to Molden Kunhi.

Reserve Price: Rs. 43,00,000/- EMD: Rs. 4,30,000/-

Property No.2: All parts and parcel of property having an extent of 56.5 cents of land in Re Sy No 10/1A2 Block No 12 at Kedavoor Village, Thamarassery Town Sub Dist., Kozhikode Dist., owned by Smt. Maimoona and covered by Release deed no 1781/2009 of Thamarassery Town SRO having an extent of 28.745 Acres of land (71 cents) out of which 14.5 cents has been sold. Bounded by: East: Property of Kathessa and Aiyssa; North: Property of Abdul Azees and Abdur Rahiman; West: Property of Aiyssa; South: Road.

Reserve Price: Rs. 25,43,000/- EMD: Rs. 2,54,300/-

Encumbrances: NIL to the knowledge of Bank.

**Date of public E-Auction: 14-08-2026**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in web portal of State Bank of India, the secured creditor "https://sbi.co.in". Details also available at "https://baanknet.com".

Date: 20-07-2026, Place: Emakulam. Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

**General Administration Section**  
Circle Office, Kozhikode  
E-mail: gacokoz@canarabank.com

**TENDER FOR PREMISES HIRING**

Offers are invited under TWO-BID SYSTEM from the owners of commercial space for lease preferably in the Ground floor and ready for occupation with required Power load, for Branch & ATM at the following locations:

| LOCATION      | DISTRICT  | CARPET AREA |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| MAYYIL        | KANNUR    | 1900 sqft   |
| RAMANATTUKARA | KOZHIKODE | 1900 sqft   |

The details are published in the Bank's Website: <https://www.canarabank.bank.in/tenders>. The necessary application forms may be obtained from the respective branches OR downloaded from the Bank's Website. Last date for submission is on 19.08.2026 upto 3.00 P.M. Further, communications, corrigendum, amendments, if any, will be hosted in Bank's website only.

23.07.2026 (Sd/-) Assistant General Manager,  
Circle Office, Kozhikode General Administration Section, Kozhikode

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**SALE CUM E - AUCTION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002**  
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) and 9(1) 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 below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through online web portal <https://baanknet.com> for recovery of below mentioned amount due to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors/ Mortgagors.

Borrowers: 1.Mr.Mahesh Muthuvana, S/o.Mr.Muthuvana Sibadassan, No.4, Usman Khan Street, Chindadripet, Chennai-600 002 2.Mrs.Anupama.T.V, D/o.Mr.Lakshmanan Muthuvana House, Azhiyur Kozhikode, Kerala-673 309

Demand Notice Date: 30.05.2023 / Total dues: as on 22.07.2026 is ₹ 1,35,33,630/- with interest thereon and costs incurred. Possession Notice Date: 21.10.2023

**DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of land and building standing thereon No.38/273-A, Thaliparamba, Desom-Trichambaram in Kannur District Talipammmba Taluk and Comprised in Survey No.23/1A3 and New RS No 23/199 and the land admeasuring to an extant of 02.996 Ares (07.400 Cents), situated within the limits of Kannur District Talipammmba Taluk and Trichambaram Desam And Bounded On the : North By: Property of D.Silva, South By: 4 Metre Municipal Road, East By: Property of Murali, West By: Property of D.Silva within the limits of Kannur District Taliparamba Taluk and Trichambaram Desam.

**RESERVE PRICE ₹ 88,00,000/- EMD ₹ 8,80,000/-**  
Bid Increase Amount ₹ 50,000/- Possession Type: Physical

**DATE & TIME OF AUCTION: 07.08.2026 Time: 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.**  
Last date for submission of EMD is 07.08.2026, 3.30 p.m

Property can be inspected by the prospective bidders on on 03.08.2026 from 10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m.

For downloading further details and terms & conditions, please visit, E-Auction Service Provider: <https://baanknet.com> (OR) Bank's website: <https://www.centralbankofindia.co.in>.

For Inspection of Property and other details, Prospective Bidders may contact Central Bank of India, Mylapore Branch, Mylapore, Chennai, Authorized Officer, Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Chief Manager, Mobile No. 99620 52877 during office hours i.e., 10.00 a.m to 04.00 p.m on working days.

Statutory 15 Days Sale Notice under Rule 8(6) / 9(1) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

The borrowers and Mortgagor/s are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses, before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any will be recovered with interest thereon and cost incurred.

Place: Chennai; Date : 22.07.2026 Authorised Officer, Central Bank of India

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Bid Commencement date: 13.07.2026
- Last Date for Bid Submission: 29.08.2026 (17:00 Hrs IST)
- Bid Document can be downloaded: <https://tender.nprocure.com> <https://www.gidc.gujarat.gov.in/tender>
- Tender ID: 323639

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