

35 from K'taka stranded in Tibet claim lack of govt aid

'Sent emails to 45 officials seeking support but didn't get response'

GAYATHRI M KURUP & K SINCHANA @ Bengaluru

AS many as 35 people from Karnataka, part of a 70-member tourist group stranded in Tibet, have alleged that the state government have not been adequately responsive in facilitating their evacuation from the disaster struck site.

The group, currently in Nyalam in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), said they have filled the Karnataka government's registration form for stranded persons. According to Krishna, they subsequently received a call asking what assistance they required. "We told them we wanted evacuation, but after that there was no update," he said.

Krishna, a Bengaluru resident travelling with the group, said they contacted several departments and were given multiple numbers to reach out to. They also sent emails to around 45 official addresses seeking assistance, but did not receive a response, he alleged.

This comes as the Karnataka government said the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister are closely monitoring the situation and are in constant touch



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with the MEA and Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi for the rescue and safe return of people from the state.

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) has so far collated details of 28 people from Karnataka stranded or missing in Nepal and the TAR. Four have been confirmed safe, while efforts are underway to trace the remaining 24.

The larger group of 70 tourists includes people from Karnataka, Chennai, Mumbai and New Delhi. They were forced to leave Saga after Chinese authorities reportedly asked them to vacate the area by Friday morning and subsequently reached Nyalam. The group said they encountered landslides at around five locations while travelling towards the Nepal border. They had to cross knee-deep mud and falling de-

bris near Rasuwagadhi and walk nearly four kilometres through difficult terrain.

The tourists are now seeking assistance to reach Kathmandu, particularly with limited flight availability and high fares. Several members of the group are senior citizens, they said, making travel through the affected routes more difficult.

They concluded that they also tried to reach the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Home Affairs and the Indian Embassy in Beijing since the flash floods and landslides disrupted movement along the Nepal-Tibet border. "We are stranded here not knowing when we will be back home and like us many kannadigas and moreover indians are stranded too, some safe, some still missing, depended on our government's action."

Survivors recall last moments of doomed ship

AMARNATH PARIDA @ Jagatsinghpur

IT took just five minutes. To completely vanish from the surface of the sea, taking 22 lives with it.

A week after the tragedy, the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Panama-flagged bulk carrier MV Ocean Winner, around 290 miles off the Paradip coast in the Bay of Bengal, has been unravelled with horrifying details beginning to emerge.

Two Chinese crew members who survived the sinking have now recounted their terrifying ordeal, from the moment the

ship's master raised the alarm to the crew members' desperate attempt save their lives.

The two survivors Pan Tonglai and Chen Jianh were rescued from the sea and brought to Paradip aboard Indian Coast Guard ship Varad on Thursday. They later shared details of the tragedy with representatives of the shipping agency, immigration officials, Coast Guard personnel and Paradip Port Authority officials.

According to the survivors, the master of MV Ocean Winner alerted all 24 crew members at around 10.30 pm on Au-



Pan Tonglai and Chen Jianh, the two survivors rescued from the sea | EXPRESS

gust 22 that the vessel was in severe distress. He instructed them to rush to the upper deck and abandon the ship by jump-

ing into the sea as the vessel began sinking.

The crew was scattered across cabins, work areas and other sections of the vessel at the time. Of the 24 members on board, only 10 managed to reach the upper deck in time. They released the lifeboats and jumped into the sea.

The survivors said their lifeboat managed to land safely in the water.

But eight other crew members were not as fortunate. Their lifeboats were caught in a powerful ocean whirlpool and sucked in by the strong oceanic current.

Bus stand toilet to operate as paid facility

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Virudhunagar

THE newly renovated toilet facility at Virudhunagar new bus stand remains non functional as the municipality has planned to float a tender to operate it as a paid facility.

The Perunthalaivar Kamaraar municipality new bus stand in Virudhunagar, which remained unused for more than 30 years after completion of construction, was opened to the public two years ago to decongest traffic and improve commuter movement. Since becoming operational, the bus stand has evolved into a key transit hub, handling at least 700 buses



Renovated toilet facility at new bus stand remains non-functional | EXPRESS

daily. However, inadequate toilet facilities and insufficient two wheeler parking has caused inconvenience to passengers. Meanwhile, renovation work at the bus stand, including re-vamping the toilet facilities at an estimated cost of over ₹1.34

crore was proposed a year ago. However, the newly renovated toilets have not yet been opened for public use. Officials said the renovated toilet facility was planned to be operated as a paid facility for which a tender would have to be floated. "Considering the needs of commuters and the time involved in the tender process, we have temporarily planned to assign a municipality worker to oversee the facility from next week," they said.

Citing a shortage of funds as the reason for the delay, they said CCTV cameras and high-mast lights had already been procured and added that all the pending works would be completed within a month.

Authority to identify site in Chennai for sports complex

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RECENTLY, environmentalists demanded the government to scrap the project saying that its location close to Pallikarai marshland would cause flooding.

A few weeks ago, SDAT officials visited Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in Gujarat. The purpose of the visit, as per sources, was to see the possibility of creating a similar facility in the state.

The authority will identify suitable site, which will likely be in Chennai, and construct a sports complex.

The foundation stone for the project was laid by the then Chief Minister M K Stalin on February 18 2026.

The original contract was disclosed to exchanges on February 20, 2026 by RPP Infra Projects Limited.

The company, in its submission to National Stock Exchange on Thursday, said it received formal communication from SDAT on August 12, 2026 confirming the work order had been cancelled.

The company said that it had already begun work under the order and incurred significant costs before the cancellation.

SIPCOT PROJECT

Villagers warn of stir amid land acquisition threat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Sivaganga

FARMERS and residents of 12 villages near Sivaganga have opposed the proposed acquisition of around 1,760 acres of agricultural land for setting up a SIPCOT industrial park, warning of a major agitation if the government proceeds with the plan.

At a consultative meeting held in Sivaganga on Friday, farmers and representatives of various political parties decided to first submit a petition to the district collector seeking withdrawal of the proposal. They added that if the demand is not accepted, they will mobilise nearly 10,000 people for a massive protest soon.

The proposed acquisition covers lands in Vembankudi, Madakkottai, Keelakandani, Alangulam, Udayanapuram, Kadukkappallam, Usilangulam, Vellanchi, Kattu Nedungulam, Nadamangalam, Manakkara and Kattanikulam. More than 2,000 people reside in these villages, where agriculture is the primary source of livelihood.

Farmers said over 3,000 acres in the region are under cultivation and claimed that preliminary land-survey work had commenced as part of the proposed acquisition.

The meeting was chaired by DMK Sivagangai town secretary Durai Ananth and attended by functionaries of the DMK, AIADMK, CPI, CPM, Tamilaga Vazhuvirimai Katchi and other organisations, besides representatives of farmers' associations. The farmers said acquisition of their lands would severely affect their livelihood, as several families had depended on the agricultural lands for generations. "If these lands are taken over, our livelihood will be destroyed and we may be forced to leave our native villages," they said.



Thousands, mostly women, gathered at special camp at Melur to lodge complaints over the investment fraud | K SUNDAR

Thousands believed to have been cheated of crores, say police

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PEOPLE were told they could invest in cryptocurrency by paying ₹50,000 under 'FQL scheme' or around ₹1 lakh through the 'VG scheme'. The payment is not made using the link, but by cash in person to the agent. After payment, scammers allegedly credited the investors' accounts with US dollars, which the latter could see by opening the link. Following this, investors were given three online tasks in their links to complete to earn a few additional dollars as commissions. In case an investor wanted to retrieve their money, they had to raise a request, and their agent would pay them in cash. After this, their accounts displayed the balance against the debit.

The individuals were allegedly made to believe that under this copy-trading investment method, they would get twice the money after a certain period. If they continuously invest or invest more, they would be "level-two investors" and receive more interest with higher returns. Level-two investors also performed extra tasks to earn additional dollars, and be eligible for prizes such as bikes, gold jewelry, among others, if they convinced more people to invest. "At least for the last two years, the fraudsters have been operating the scam. The reason many fell into the trap was that the initial investors received their commission, interest, and returns. The newer investors were the ones who could not take any returns, said the investors.

The investment became popular through word of mouth. Eventually, the scam spread to neighbouring Dindigul, and was particularly popular among a particular community, said police. "We are continuously receiving the petitions. We have received at least 500 petitions so far, and it is believed that thousands of people have been cheated of crores of money," added a senior police officer. "After a while, when we attempted to withdraw the money, we were not able to withdraw," said an investor.

Govt HM booked for abetment after Dalit girl ends life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THE Caste-hindu headmistress of a government higher secondary school was booked under abetment charges on Friday, after a 16-year-old Dalit girl died by suicide on August 25 allegedly after she ordered her out of the school for telling her mother not to keep her hands folded during an admission interview. Police identified the deceased student as P Nisanthi (16) of Ambedkar Nagar, Usilampatti. A case of suicide was registered on August 25, but altered to abetment of suicide and the HM Vimala's name was included.

Nisanthi's uncle, P Sangili (52), a share-auto driver, said the incident took place on August 24 when Nisanthi went to the school with her mother, P Thavamani, seeking admission. Vimala inquired about the girl with her previous school. During the con-

versation, Thavamani was listening with folded hands, but Nisanthi tapped them down. The headmistress questioned the action, refused to admit her, passed a casteist remark, and ordered them to leave premises. The next day, Nisanthi died by suicide.

"Nisanthi was upset over the incident, which triggered her to end her life. It happened to our child in this era and it should not happen again in society. We want action against HM," he said. Police said there was no CCTV inside the room and only the girl's arrival and departure could be seen in the footage recorded outside.

"The exact conversation between them was not clear, but the incident prompted her to end her life. Whether SC/ST Act will be invoked will be decided after the inquiry by Usilampatti DSP. As of now, the case has

been converted into one of abetment of suicide," source said. A school education official who held an inquiry with the headmistress stated that she denied the charges and claimed she had spoken casually without any casteist motive. A report has been submitted to the district collector. Nisanthi completed Class 10 at a government school in Thottappanayakanur before joining the first group at a government school in Poochipatti.

However, she did not attend that school as she wanted to pursue nursing group. Later, the family approached a government-aided school in Usilampatti, where they were asked to pay ₹5,000. Unable to afford the amount, they approached the Government Model Higher Secondary School for admission. (To overcome suicidal thoughts, contact TN health department's helpline 104)

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Rc.No.P&M/ Disposal of Sunflower/2025-26 Date: 28.08.2026

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Before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal Madurai R.C.No.35/2021 IN O.A. No.1482/2015 Punjab National Bank, Madurai Branch, No 16 & 17, North Veli Street, Madurai - 625 001. ...Applicant

Vs

1. M. Sujay, S/o. G. Murugan, Proprietor - M/s. S.R. Engineering Works', Door No.27, Shankar Nagar 4th Street, K.Pudur, Madurai - 625 007. And Also: Door No.28, Kannimariamman Kovil Street, K.Pudur, Madurai - 625 007. ... Defendants

2. G. Murugan, S/o. Govindan, Door No.28, Kannimariamman Kovil Street, K.Pudur, Madurai - 625 007.

3. M. Shyla, W/o. G. Murugan, Door No.28, Kannimariamman Kovil Street, K.Pudur, Madurai - 625 007.

4. M.Umarani, W/o. Muthiah, Door No.40/52-A, Anna Nagar, Omsakthi Nagar, Ramakrishnapuram, Coimbatore - 641 046. ... Defendants

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Please take notice of the aforesaid R.C.No.35/2021 in O.A.No. 1482/2015 as filed by the Applicant Bank above name against you to recover the loan amount along with interest and costs thereon. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Tribunal allowed the applicant's case and passed the order against you in the above said O.A.No.1482/2015

Despite the order of this Hon'ble DRT, Madurai the recovery proceedings were initiated by the applicant bank. As per the order of the Recovery Officer-II dt.02.09.2021, a demand notice was issued, which came to be returned with an endorsement "Left". Hence to secure the appearance of you before the Recovery Officer-II this publication is being made

Now the above case stands posted on 27.11.2026 for your appearance. You should appear either in person or through counsel on 27.11.2026 at 10.30 a.m before the Tribunal (BSNL Level-IV building, 1st Floor, CTO Compound, Tallakulam Madurai-625002).

On your non-appearance the application will be decided in your absence in accordance with Law.

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Before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal Madurai R.C.No.28/2026 IN O.A. No. 202/2019 Punjab National Bank, Madurai Branch, No 16 & 17, North Veli Street, Madurai - 625 001. ...Applicant

Vs

1. S.Sakthivel, S/o.Late.Sakkara Thevar, No. 1/66B, Melapatti, Ammapatti Village, Dindigul-624 322.

2. S.Selvarani, W/o.S Sakthivel, No.1/66B, Melapatti, Ammapatti Village, Dindigul - 624 322.

3. K.Raja, Sedapatti, Sukkappatti(P.O) Thadikomban, Dindigul. ... Defendants

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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
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