Three killed as car rams scooter

Kochi: At least three youths were killed after a speeding car rammed their scooter from behind near Moozhiyal in Ernakulam. Police said, the car, allegedly driven by a 19-year-old, rammed the scooter, throwing its three occupants onto the road.

Vijay urges PM to release ₹5,110 cr SSA dues to TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

CHIEF Minister C Joseph Vijay on Sunday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure the unconditional release of ₹5,110 crore in central funds pending under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). Sharing the stage with the Prime Minister at IIT Madras, Vijay highlighted the state's pending education funds and urged the union government to clear the amount without imposing conditions.

Vijay said his government aims to make Tamil Nadu a $1.5-trillion economy by 2036 by prioritising innovation, investment, and infrastructure, while ensuring that the benefits of the progress reach every district beyond Chennai. He emphasised the role of states in the country's development, noting that Tamil Nadu has consistently contributed to India's economic, social and cultural progress. "Strong states make a strong India," he added.

The CM's statements came as part of a wider appeal for central support for Tamil Nadu's education, transport and infrastructure projects, as the PM rolled out and laid foundation stones for various development projects worth over ₹13,000 crore across the state on Sunday.

Welcoming the inauguration of the ₹4,900-crore Chennai Metro Phase II stretch (Poonamallee-Vadapalani), Vijay stressed that growth shall not remain confined to the capital's corridor. He urged Modi to accord immediate clearance and funding for Chennai Metro Phase III, which will cover nearly 65 km across three proposed routes -- Chennai Airport to Kilambakkam, Poonamallee to Sunguvarchatram, and Koyambedu to Pattabiram. Calling on the centre to re-evaluate and sanction metro transit networks for Coimbatore and Madurai (TN's key industrial regions), he also pressed for expedited approvals for the cross-border Bommasandra-Hosur metro corridor connecting industrial belts across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Beyond urban transit, Vijay urged the union government to accelerate clearances and funding for the Godavari-Cauvery river-linking initiative to ensure long-term agrarian water security, while pitching for dedicated high-speed rail corridors linking Chennai with Coimbatore and Kanniyakumari.

"Development must reach the last person in society. We look forward to continuous support from the union government to propel Tamil Nadu into the forefront of national growth," said Vijay.



PM Narendra Modi and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay during the launch of development projects in Chennai | ASHWIN PRASATH

KEY DEMANDS

Sanctioning of Chennai Metro Phase III

Tier-II Metro Rail expansion to Coimbatore, Madurai

Inter-state metro line connecting Hosur (TN) with Bommasandra (K'taka)

High-speed rail corridors in Chennai–Kanniyakumari and Chennai–Coimbatore stretches

Taking up linking of Godavari and Cauvery rivers as a national project

El Niño-induced drought triggers mass exodus from Kurnool villages

K MADHU SUDHAKAR @ Kurnool

A severe wave of rural distress triggered by monsoon failure and El Niño-induced drought conditions has sparked mass distress migration across Kurnool district, leaving entire villages deserted as thousands of farming families depart in search of daily-wage livelihoods.

Nearly 10,000 agricultural families have already packed their belongings, and left their native habitations on hired auto-rickshaws, State transport buses, and trains. Local sources estimate that at least another 50,000 families are preparing to abandon their villages soon after the upcoming Dasara festival.

The crisis is particularly acute across the drought-hit western divisions of Adoni, Yemmiganur and Pathikonda, where consecutive crop failures have destroyed agricultural employment, and left small farmers trapped under mounting debts.

Labourers and small landholders across 12 severely affected mandals—including Alur, Pathikonda, Aspari, Nandavaram, Kosigi, Chippagiri, Kowthalam, Yemmiganur, C Belagal, Kodumuru, Adoni and Mantralayam—are migrating en masse to major urban hubs like Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Guntur, Chennai, Bellary, Mumbai and Delhi to seek employment at construction sites, industrial units, and distant agricultural fields.

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> Sources

The present agrarian crisis stems directly from acute rainfall deficit compounded by El Niño phenomenon, as over 80 per cent of Kurnool's agricultural land relies entirely on seasonal rainfall. Farmers who sowed rain-fed crops like cotton, red gram and castor following early showers in June suffered widespread losses when rains completely failed through July and August.

Investing between ₹25,000 and ₹35,000 per acre in land preparation, seeds, and fertilisers, farmers now face estimated losses averaging ₹50,000 per acre. Desperate attempts to save withering crops by drilling borewells to depths of 800 to 1,000 feet yielded inadequate groundwater, further exacerbating the debt trap.

Ironically, the state government included only 15 out of the district's 27 mandals in the early kharif drought notification. Kurnool collector A Siri noted that rainfall deficit reached 56 per cent in July, and 57 per cent in August, explaining that variations under official criteria for vegetation, groundwater, and soil moisture created differing assessment results.

However, farmers and agricultural unions contend that severe drought prevails across all 27 mandals, warning that excluded regions will be denied crucial input subsidies, crop insurance claims, loan rescheduling, interest relief, and subsidised cattle fodder.

Villagers also expressed dissatisfaction over the tardy implementation of VB G RAM G (formerly MGNREGA), alleging that average daily wages of ₹260.38 fall far short of rising living costs. Official figures indicate that out of 4.64 lakh wage seekers holding job cards, only 3.24 lakh are active.



WELCOMING MAA

Dasara Navaratri festivities commence with traditional procession in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam on Sunday | 6 SATYANARAYANA

EXPRESS READ

120 kg ganja worth ₹12 L seized from car in Cuttack

Cuttack: Excise officials on Sunday seized around 120 kg ganja worth ₹12 lakh from a car after chasing the vehicle, near Nuasadak Chhak under Tigiria police limits. The ganja smugglers, however, managed to escape taking advantage of the darkness. Sources said acting on a tip-off about the contraband being smuggled from Tigiria area, a joint team of excise officials from Athagarh and Banki chased the vehicle. However, the ganja smugglers rammed their car into the excise officials' vehicle and sped towards Athagarh. When the excise team followed, the car crashed into a road barrier near Marugotha chhak and came to a halt.

CEMC in Paradip to be developed as centre of excellence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bhubaneswar

THE Coastal Environmental Monitoring Nodal Centre (CEMC) at Paradip will be developed as a Centre of Excellence to strengthen coastal environmental monitoring and research.

This was decided at the 135th Board meeting of the Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) held here at the Lok Seva Bhawan. Presiding over the meeting, chief secretary Anu Garg said the CEMC at Paradip should not just be a laboratory, but also be developed as an integrated centre of science, data and technology for coastal environmental protection.

To strengthen the environmental monitoring infrastructure of the state, proposals for construction of office buildings in Cuttack, Jharsuguda, Koraput, Kalinga Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Keonjhar and Sambalpur and modernisation of the laboratory in Patia were discussed.

Besides, the meeting also discussed establishment of a command and control centre at OSPCB headquarters in Nayapalli to strengthen environmental monitoring and make it more data-driven.

The meeting also discussed expanding water sample collection and monitoring through robotic technology and air monitoring through drones.

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Application invited from qualified professionals having experience as Valuers for movable/immovable assets charged / to be charged to Bank. For application, eligibility criteria, etc., please visit website of SBI **(https://sbi.bank.in) > SBI in the News > Show more > Empanelment of Vendors**. The filled application along with supporting documents should be submitted to the nearest SBI branch on or before **26.10.2026** Those who are already in the Panel of Valuers with empanelment valid till **25.03.2027** should apply afresh.

Place: Chennai
Date: 12.10.2026

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Bid Identification No.91/DFO, RRP-1F/2026-27 Dt.07.10.2026.

8001/373/2627: The DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, RAIRANGPUR FOREST DIVISION, RAIRANGPUR on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids to be received in **ONLINE** mode for the following works from the eligible experienced contractors in similar nature of work, registered with State Govt. & Contractor of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Govt. / Railways.

1.	Nature of work	:-	Construction of E.D.C. Building
2.	No. of work	:-	25 Nos. (Twenty Five)
3.	Period of Completion	:-	03 (Three) Months
4.	Cost of tender	:-	Rs.6000/- (Six Thousand) only
5.	Estimated Cost	:-	Rs.1078453/-
6.	Class of Contractor	:-	"C" & "D" Class
7.	Date & time of availability of tender document	:-	from 17.00 hours of 16.10.2026 to 17.30 hours of 02.11.2026.
8.	Receipt of bid documents	:-	Online Only.
9.	Date & time of opening of technical bid	:-	Dt.03.11.2026 at 11.30 hours onwards in the Office of the undersigned.
10.	Other Documents	:-	(As mentioned in DTCN)
11.	The bidders have to participate in on-line bidding only	:-	Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in, www.odishaforest.in & www.mayurbhanj.nic.in
12.	Name & Address of the O.I.T. (Officer Inviting Tender)	:-	Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Division, At/P.O.-Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, Odisha-757043
13.	Any addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website		
14.	The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any or all Tender without assigning any reason thereof.		

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NOTIFICATION (CORRIGENDUM)

Applications are invited from NMC / MCI recognized MS / MD / DNB / MCh / Diploma Qualified Candidates for Fellowship Programmes in Various Subjects at BMC&RI, Bengaluru for the Academic Year 2026-27.

The Last Date for Submission of Application is 19-10-2026 along with Application Fee of Rs. 4,000/- (for each subject) made on Online Payment to the following Account Director cum Dean, BMCRI, Bengaluru Account No: 32021549335, IFSC Code: SBIN0070242, State Bank of India, TSP Branch, Bengaluru and online Payment Receipt enclosed along with Application form.

The objective type (MCQ) Entrance examination will be conducted on 27-10-2026 at BMC&RI Examination Hall, First Floor near Library Block from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM.

For further information, visit the Institution's Website: https://bmcribengaluru.karnataka.gov.in

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Sub Head: Civil Work including Electrical work, Sanitary & Plumbing, Water Supply, Landscaping, HVAC, Fire-Fighting including Fire Protection, Lift, STP/ ETP, MGPS, MOT and other Allied Works etc.

Date of Availability of Tender Document in Website as well as CPP Portal: 12.10.2026 and Last Date of submission of Bid (On-Line) is 02.11.2026.

Interested Bidder(s) will have to be enrolled & registered with the Government e-Procurement System; through logging on to https://eprocure.gov.in.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted in Company's Website: www.bridgeroof.co.in and CPP portal : https://eprocure.gov.in only

FORM NO. CAA. 2
BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI BENCH I,
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 AND 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATIONS) RULES, 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION BETWEEN KOTHARI SUGARS AND CHEMICALS LIMITED AND KOTHARI PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS

CA (CAA) NO. 72/CHE/2026

KOTHARI SUGARS AND CHEMICALS LIMITED (CIN: L15421TN1960PLC004310)
...APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 1 / TRANSFEROR COMPANY

KOTHARI PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED (CIN: L11101TN1988PLC017347)
... APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 2 / TRANSFEREE COMPANY

Applicant Companies having registered office at
Kothari Building No.115, Nungambakkam High Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 600034.

JOINT NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE MEETINGS OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS AND UNSECURED CREDITORS OF APPLICANT COMPANIES

Notice is hereby given that, in the captioned matters, by an order dated September 30, 2026, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Division Bench (Court I) Chennai ("Tribunal"), has inter alia directed that meetings of the equity shareholders and unsecured creditors of Kothari Sugars and Chemicals Limited (Transferor Company) and Kothari Petrochemicals Limited (Transferee Company) to be convened and held for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving, with or without modification, Scheme of Amalgamation between Kothari Sugars and Chemicals Limited and Kothari Petrochemicals Limited and their respective Shareholders and Creditors ("Scheme"), under Sections 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that separate meetings of the equity shareholders and unsecured creditors of the Applicant Companies will be held through Video Conferencing or Other Audio-Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") on Friday, 13th November, 2026 at the respective times as mentioned hereunder and the said equity shareholders and unsecured creditors are requested to attend.

Class of Meeting	Day & Date	Time (IST)
Equity shareholders of Applicant Company No.1	Friday, 13.11.2026	10.30 A.M.
Unsecured creditors of Applicant Company No.1	Friday, 13.11.2026	11.30 A.M.
Equity shareholders of Applicant Company No.2	Friday, 13.11.2026	02.30 P.M.
Unsecured creditors of Applicant Company No.2	Friday, 13.11.2026	04.30 P.M.

The notice, explanatory statement along with all annexures of the respective meetings have been sent by email to those who have registered their email IDs and a letter containing weblink & QR Code to access the notices, explanatory statement and annexures have been sent by speed post to those who have not registered their email IDs.

The notices of the meetings are available on the websites of the Applicant Company No.1 at https://hdkothariagroup.com/kssc/?q=node/133 and Applicant Company No.2 at https://www.kotharipetrochemicals.com/investors/scheme-of-amalgamation/ and National Stock Exchange Limited at www.nseindia.com and www.evotingindia.com.

The copy of notice of the meetings and Scheme can be obtained free of charge from the respective registered office of Applicant Companies between 10.00 A.M. and 4.00 P.M. (IST). Alternatively, a request for obtaining an electronic/soft copy of the Notice and Scheme may be made by sending an e-mail to secdept@hdkgroup.com.

The business at the respective meetings shall be transacted through voting by electronic means. Equity shareholders as on the cut-off date, 6th Nov 2026, and unsecured creditors as on the cut-off date, 31st July 2026, shall be entitled to attend and vote at their respective meetings. Persons acquiring shares and becoming members after dispatch of the Notice, who are members as on 6th Nov 2026, may obtain login credentials by mailing investor@sameerinda.com, secdept@hdkgroup.com or helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com quoting their DP ID/Client ID.

For aforesaid four meetings, **remote e-voting commences on Tuesday, 10th November 2026 at 9.00 a.m. and ends on Thursday, 12th November 2026 at 5.00 p.m. and shall not be permitted thereafter.**

Eligible shareholders and unsecured creditors attending their respective meetings through VC/OAVM who have not voted remotely may vote electronically during the meetings. Those who have voted remotely may attend but shall not vote again. Detailed participation and voting instructions are in the respective notices.

The Hon'ble Tribunal has appointed **Shri. Badarinath as the Chairperson and Mr. Biswaruo Acharya, as the Scrutinizer for the said meetings. The above-mentioned Scheme of Amalgamation, if approved by the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the tribunal.**

Any query/grievance in relation to e-voting can be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, AVP, (CDSL), A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013, or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call toll free no. 1800 21 09911.

Sd/-
Shri. Badarinath
Chairperson appointed by the Hon'ble NCLT for the Meetings

Date : 10.10.2026
Place : Chennai

IndusInd Bank

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APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IndusInd Bank Limited, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 29-10-2026**, for recovery of **Rs.46,93,32,628.41/- (Rupees Forty Six Crore Ninety Three Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight and Paisa Forty One only) as on 30-09-2026 plus further interest at contractual rate from 01.10.2026,** due to IndusInd Bank Limited, the Secured Creditor, from **M/s Riddhi Agro Industries (Borrower), Nabin Kumar Jain (Partner cum Guarantor), Nishant Kumar Jain (Partner cum Guarantor), Pholi Devi Jain (also known by Phuli Bai Jain) (Guarantor cum Mortgagor), Sarita Jain (Guarantor) and Late Bhikhu Ram Jain (represented through his legal heir(s)).** Reserve price, earnest money deposit and date of inspection of the property are as mentioned below.

Description of the secured asset	Known Encumbrances	Reserve Price	EMD
PROPERTY-1: All that piece and parcel of Land and building situated at Plot No. 2531/4059, Khata No. 852/2594, Ward No. 05, Holding No. 75, Area: 0.094 Acre, (admeasuring 4095 sq. ft.), Dist. - Bolangir, Tahsil - Titlagarh, Mouza - Titlagarh(Ka.), (Kisam- Homestead One), which is butted and bounded: in the North by: Property of Inder Bhoi, in the South by: House of Hanuman Prasad Agarwal, in the East by: House of Tilak Jain, and in the West by: Road. The details/description of property are more particularly mentioned in the Registered Sale Deed No. 1716/1983 dated 03.06.1983 lying in the name of Bhikhuram Jain. ***** Please note that after death of Bhikuram Jain, the property has been transferred in the name of Pholi Devi Jain (also known by Phuli Bai Jain)** **PROPERTY-2:** All that piece and parcel of Land and building situated at Plot No. 2531, Khata No. 852/2584, Area: 0.124 Acre and Plot No. 2555/3711, Area: 0.010 Acre, Total Area 0.134 Acre, Ward No. 05, Dist. - Bolangir, Tahsil - Titlagarh, Mouza Titlagarh, (Kisam- Homestead One), which is butted and bounded: in the North by: Property of B. Jain, in the South by: House of Mahesh Agarwal, in the East by: House of Tilak Chand Jain and Radhashyam Jain, and in the West by: Road. The details/description of property are more particularly mentioned in Registered Sale Deed No. 1627 dated 20.05.1983 and Mutation Order no. 1102 dated 07.11.2013 lying in the name of Bhikuram Jain. ***** Please note that after death of Bhikuram Jain, the property has been transferred in the name of Pholi Devi Jain (also known by Phuli Bai Jain)**	Nil/Not Known to Bank	**Rs.1,42,20,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Two Lakh Twenty Thousand only)**	**Rs.14,22,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand only)**

Date and time of Auction	29-10-2026 (11:30 am till 12:30 pm)
Online Auction Website	https://www.bankeauctions.com
Last date for submission of online bid	28-10-2026 (up to 5:00 pm)
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 50,000/- only
Date and time of inspection of property for intending purchasers	22-10-2026 (11:30 am to 12:30 pm)
Contact details Authorised Officer	Mobile No. 9874438785, Email: rohit.swaroop@indusind.com

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Secured Creditor's website, i.e. **www.indusind.bank.in** or website of the service provider, i.e. **https://www.bankeauctions.com**.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER THE PROVISIONS/RULES OF THE SARFAESI ACT

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Date : 12.10.2026
Place : Titlagarh, Orissa

Sd/- Authorized Officer
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