

INBRIEF



DMK covered up POCSO case against Veeramani, says Vijay

TVK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Friday accused the DMK of covering up the POCSO Act case against Gem Granites owner R. Veeramani when the party was in power. At a campaign meeting for the Madurantakam (SC) Assembly byelection near the Attur toll plaza, , he asked former Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to “reveal what deal had taken place behind the scenes” and criticised the AIADMK, too, for its “silence”, asking if it had an “understanding” with the DMK even on this issue.

Karnataka plans to launch adventure tourism initiative

With the aim of providing sports enthusiasts a platform to participate in adventure sports while exploring various tourism destinations, the Karnataka Tourism Department will launch ‘Active Karnataka - Run, Ride, Surf and Explore’ on September 27 on the occasion of World Tourism Day. The Tourism department will enter into an agreement with leading sports event organisers and connect them with nearby tourism destinations.

ED summons Telangana MLA in money-laundering probe

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Telangana’s Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi for questioning in its money-laundering probe into Sahiti Infratec Ventures India Private Limited (SIVIPL). Around ₹2.1 crore from the company was allegedly found to have been routed through the MLA’s bank accounts. The ED issued summons asking Mr. Gandhi to appear before the agency on Monday.

Stalin hits back at Vijay, accuses him of surrendering to BJP

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

DMK president M.K. Stalin on Friday questioned how many times Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay had spoken against the BJP and how many protests his TVK had organised against the national party. The former Chief Minister accused Mr. Vijay of “doing a revolution against BJP by being silent”, which he described as “surrender”.

In a post on X, Mr. Stalin said: “Mr. Vijay says he has stopped acting in films but continues to act before the people. I watched your dialogue delivery at today’s shooting in Madurantakam. I have a few questions for you.”

‘Buying MLAs’

The DMK leader asked: “Without any sense of embarrassment, how can you say the TVK is a pure force and the DMK is an evil force, while keeping Maragatham Kumaravel, whom you bought over from the AIADMK and fielded as your party’s candidate, by your side? Is buying MLAs of the NDA even before the indelible ink on people’s fingers faded what you call a pure force?” He sought to

know if Mr. Vijay had seen the reception TVK candidates were receiving from people. “Are you really unaware that people are chasing them away, asking how much money they took from the TVK?”

Responding to Mr. Vijay’s remarks that the DMK and the BJP are one and the same, he asked whether people did not know who had rushed in the Assembly to demand that remarks against the BJP made by a Minister (TVK ally) be expunged from the Assembly records.

He also accused Mr. Vijay of falsely claiming that DMK members were speaking in a derogatory manner about women and asked him to look at the track record of his own “virtual abusers.” “You shouted in a high pitch that I should open up on the Gem Veeramani case. Did you come without updating your script? I have already explained the matter in detail. You are the one who has not watched television or read the newspapers. I am only repeating what you said in the Assembly about the Opposition. You would have known only if you had read the newspaper,” Mr. Stalin said.

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
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No: BMTCC/OSP/STR/SDS/ 567 /2026-27 Date: 25.09.2026

e-Auction Notice

Scrap Vehicles available at BMTCC will be sold through RVSF e-Auction to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking). The e-Auction schedule is as under: **Scrapped Vehicles with RVSF, Date of e-Auction: 12.10.2026.** The interested bidders may log on to **www.mstcecommerce.com** for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C Ltd., at below mentioned address for needful clarification.

Address: M/s. M.S.T.C.LTD., No.19/5,19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560 052. Contact phone Nos: **080-22260054, 22266417, 22287356**
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Consumer case backlog in Keralam rises by 76%

Status report submitted by amicus curiae before Supreme Court reveals that backlog before district commissions in the State is nearly twice that of Karnataka and over six times that of T.N.

Sarath Babu George
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Keralam’s consumer dispute redressal system is grappling with a mounting backlog, with 26,668 cases pending before the State and district consumer commissions, according to a status report submitted by the amicus curiae before the Supreme Court.

The report, filed recently in connection with a suo moto case concerning vacancies and inadequate infrastructure in consumer commissions in each State, reveals that the backlog before Keralam’s district commissions has surged by nearly 76% since De-

cember 2023, and was nearly twice that of Karnataka and more than six times that of Tamil Nadu.

Of the total pending cases in Keralam, 22,270 were before district consumer commissions and 4,398 before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, as of July 31.

The backlog before the district commissions rose from 12,691 at the end of 2023 to 16,877 in December 2024 and 20,437 in December 2025, before reaching 22,270 in July this year. During the first seven months of 2026, the district commissions received 6,016 cases but disposed of only 3,931.

Meanwhile, the State

commission reported a reduction in its backlog from 4,505 cases at the end of 2025 to 4,398 by July 31, 2026. It disposed of 675 cases against 571 fresh filings within seven months this year.

The report also reveals that one of the cases pending before the Kerala State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission dates back to December 11, 1995, making it one of the oldest pending consumer disputes in the country.

Female representation

The report also highlights that two of the four sanctioned vacancies in the Kerala State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commis-

sion remain unfilled.

The findings also raise concerns about women’s representation in the State commission. Citing the Consumer Justice Report, 2026, the amicus curiae observed that Keralam was among three States that did not have even one woman serving as a member or president.

The report also identified Keralam among the States where video-conferencing facilities were unavailable in district consumer commissions.

At the State commission level, however, Keralam reported 5,180 cases heard through video-conferencing between January and July 2026.

EC rejects BJP MLA’s plea to scrutinise 2,598 votes in Karnataka constituency

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Election Commission of India (EC) officials in charge of the special intensive revision (SIR) have rejected BJP leader and MLA Abhay Patil’s demand for scrutiny and deletion of around 2,598 votes in Karnataka’s Belagavi North constituency.

M. Karthik, Belagavi City Corporation Commissioner and the Electoral

Registration Officer (ERO) has replied to the MLA’s letter, saying that there was no legal provision for bulk scrutiny or deletion of votes under the SIR process. He, however, clarified that Booth Level Agents (BLAs) could file objections to the inclusion of doubtful electors through the Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

In a letter dated September 19, Mr. Patil had alleged that BLAs from his constituency had identified over

2,598 suspected bogus voters. He had submitted details of the suspected voters, along with their part numbers and booth numbers, and sought scrutiny of their entries.

B.K. Hariprasad, MLC and KPCC president, had objected to Mr. Patil’s move, arguing that the MLA had no locus standi to write to SIR officials seeking bulk deletion of voters. He alleged that the MLA was targeting Muslim vo-

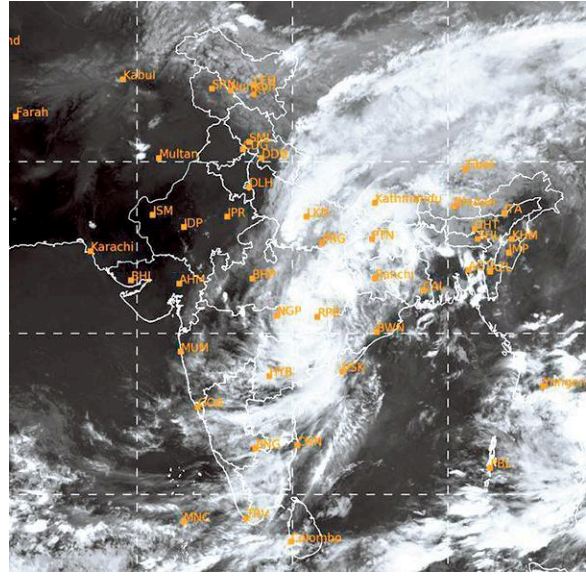
ters to further his prospects in the next election.

Speaking to reporters in Belagavi on Friday, Mr. Patil said he had not sought bulk deletion of voters.

“I have not asked for deletion of the names of any elector. I am only asking SIR officers to look into allegations of inclusion of bogus voters, scrutinise Forms 6 and 7 submitted by suspect voters and delete their names if found false...,” he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Keralam and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	
Agartala		35.0		25.7	Kurnool		33.6	
Ahmedabad		34.3		26.2	Lucknow	15.2	23.5	22.0
Aizawl	5.7	32.5	20.6	Madurai	.....	35.0	24.0	
Bengaluru	.....	27.9	20.9	Mangaluru	52.8	29.2	23.0	
Bhopal	.....	30.2	20.9	Mumbai	.....	32.0	27.0	
Bhubaneswar	41.5	28.9	25.0	Mysuru	.....	29.0	20.0	
Chandigarh	.....	32.0	26.0	New Delhi	.....	33.0	24.0	
Chennai	.....	37.2	28.4	Patna	.....	39.8	27.3	
Coimbatore	.....	31.6	23.0	Port Blair	.....	12	30.7	
Dehradun	5.4	29.9	21.9	Prayagraj	.....	31.8	25.4	
Gangtok	46.4	15.9	13.9	Puducherry	.....	36.4	27.8	
Goa	4.4	32.0	23.0	Pune	.....	32.0	24.0	
Guwahati	.....	33.7	25.1	Raipur	.....	77.3	26.0	
Hubballi	.....	30.0	22.0	Ranchi	.....	41	23.9	
Hyderabad	.....	31.5	24.6	Shillong	.....	24.8	17.5	
Imphal	.....	31.3	19.8	Shimla	.....	24.8	17.0	
Jaipur	.....	31.6	23.8	Srinagar	.....	27.9	12.0	
Kochi	3.6	31.0	26.6	Thiruvananthapuram	0.8	31.0	25.2	
Kohima	.....	29.0	16.6	Tiruchirappalli	.....	36.1	26.0	
Kolkata	32.7	31.7	26.5	Vijayawada	.....	73	32.4	
Kozhikode	1.4	31.8	25.4	Visakhapatnam	24.1	31.0	25.0	

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE	Yesterday	
Ahmedabad		27	.....	26	33	.....	105	.....
Bengaluru		24	.....	22	27	.....	23	.....
Chennai			10	25	.....	57	.....	102
Delhi			9	37	42	.....	45	.....
Hyderabad		13	.....	24	53	.....	49	.....
Kolkata			6	30	37	.....	34	.....
Lucknow			3	17	30	.....	34	.....
Mumbai			29	.....	9	25	.....	51
Pune			15	24	50	.....	63	.....
Visakhapatnam		18	.....	34	20	.....	50	.....

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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RECRUITMENT NOTICE

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (DERC) invites applications to fill the following key leadership & administrative positions through **Deputation Basis** only:

S. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Pay Level (7th CPC)	Pay Scale
1	Secretary	01	Level-14	₹1,44,200–2,18,200
2	Executive Director (Tariff)	01	Level-14	₹1,44,200–2,18,200
3	Executive Director (Engg.)	01	Level-14	₹1,44,200–2,18,200
4	Executive Director (Law)	01	Level-14	₹1,44,200–2,18,200
5	Joint Director (Tariff –Finance)	01	Level-13	₹1,23,100–2,15,900
6	Joint Director (Law)	01	Level-13	₹1,23,100–2,15,900
7	Dy. Director (Tariff – Economics)	01	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
8	Dy. Director (Tariff) –Accounts & Finance Analysis	01	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
9	Dy. Director (Law)	01	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
10	Joint Secretary	01	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
11	Dy. Director (Consumer Assistance)	01	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
12	Principal Private Secretary	02	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
13	Dy. Director (Info – Tech)	01	Level-11	₹67,700–2,08,700
14	Asstt. Director (Info –Tech)	02	Level-10	₹56100 -177500
15	Assistant Account Officer	01	Level-8	₹47600-151100
16	Personnel Officer	01	Level-8	₹47600-151100

For further details, such as eligibility, qualifications, experience and other terms & conditions of appointment including compensation, facilities etc. please refer to DERC website link <https://www.derc.gov.in/regulations/management-and-development-human-resources-regulations> and for submitting the application <https://www.derc.gov.in/app/home/openings>

The last date for submission of application is 26.10.2026. For any query/clarification please contact:

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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(b) 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 properties 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" and "Whatever there is" for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s: **1.M/s Texas IT Solutions**, Kannakeril Building, SA Road, Kadavantara, Kochi-682020, **2.Mr. Thomas Paul**, 29/969, B1, Panakuzhy House, NH BYPEASS, Vytilla P O Ernakulam-682019, **3.Mr. Thomas Paul**, Panakuzhy House, Muttuchira, P O Vaikom, Kottayam-686613

Total Dues: **Rs. 70,22,236.43 (Rupees Seventy LakhsTwenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six and FortyThree Paise)** as on 24.09.2026 plus interest and charges thereon from 25.09.2026.

Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any:
1. Equitable mortgage of 40.47 ares of dry land in SY No. 954/1 Muttuchira village, Kaduthuruthy Grama Panchayath, Vaikom Taluk, Kottayam District in the name of Mr.Thomas Paul. **Bounded by:** North: Property of Kanivelli Mathai; East: Property of Kanivelli Jose; **South:** Property of Ammadathil Kochu; **West:** Property of Ammadathil Sreedharan.
2. Equitable mortgage of 58 square meters (1.442 cents) of land in SY No 954/1-5 Muttuchira village, Kaduthuruthy grama panchayath, Vaikom Taluk, Kottayam District in the name of Mr.Thomas Paul. **Bounded by:** North: Remaining properties of Damodaran Iyayath; East: Property of Thomas Paul; **South:** Property of Ammadathil Ilath Sreedharan; **West:** Panchayath Road.

Reserve Price: **Rs.1,00,80,667/-** EMD: **Rs.10,08,067/-** Bid Increase Amount. **Rs.10,000/-**

Inspection of the property on 27-10-2026 between 10.00 a.m - 5.00 p.m

Date & Time of E auction: **28.10.2026 - 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**

Status of Possession: **Physical Possession**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction.htm> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.com>. Prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Tel No: **0484-2315334**, Mobile No. **9446899886**.

Date : 25.09.2026 (Sd/-) Chief Manager& Authorised Officer,
Place: Ernakulam Bank of Baroda

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
Mahadevapura / K.R. Pura Zone,
Vengaihan Lake ECO Park, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru-560036.

No: SAD(H)STENDER/201/2026-27 Date: 25-09-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Mahadevapura / K.R. Pura Zone), BECC, Bengaluru (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites Tenders (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Development of Parks.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-3)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Beautification and Landscape Development, with Borewell Drilling and Other Civil Works in A. Narayanapura Bande Park (West Side) in Ward No. 20, K.R. Pura Constituency. Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (in Rs.): 1,50,00,000/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,25,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from **28-09-2026**. 2) Last Date for Queries: **03-10-2026**. 3) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **03-10-2026**. 4) Date of Tender Closing: **06-10-2026**. 5) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **08-10-2026**. 6) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Approval of Technical Bid**. Further details can be had from the above office.

**Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
Mahadevapura / K.R. Pura Zone, BECC.**