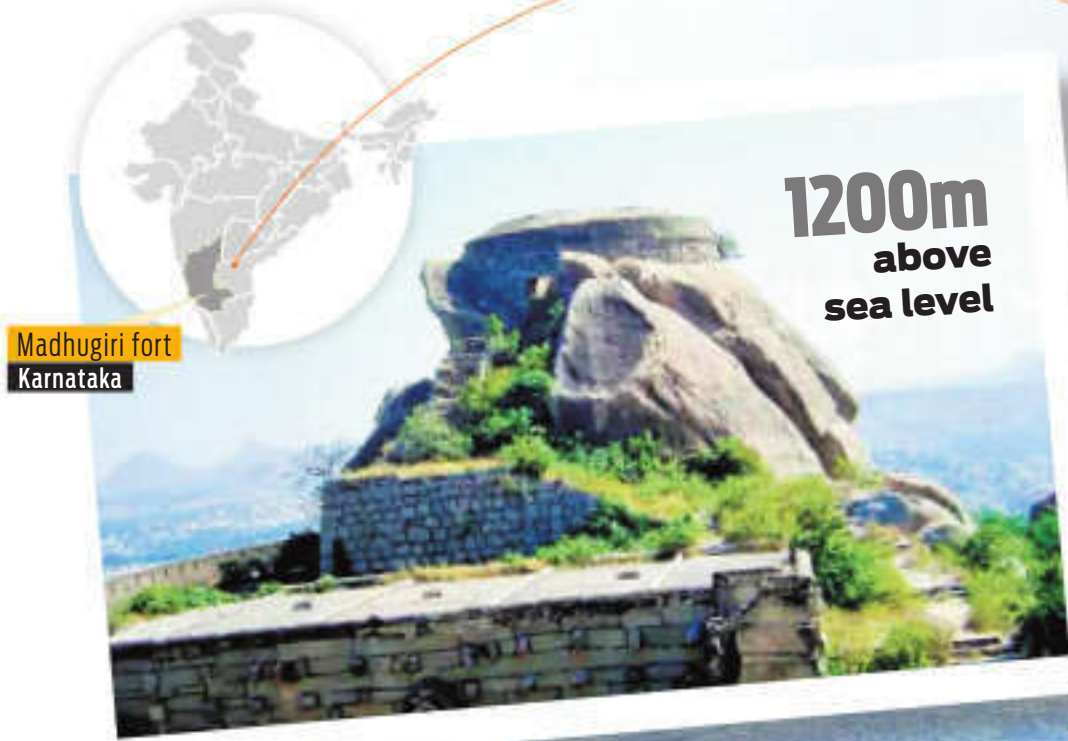


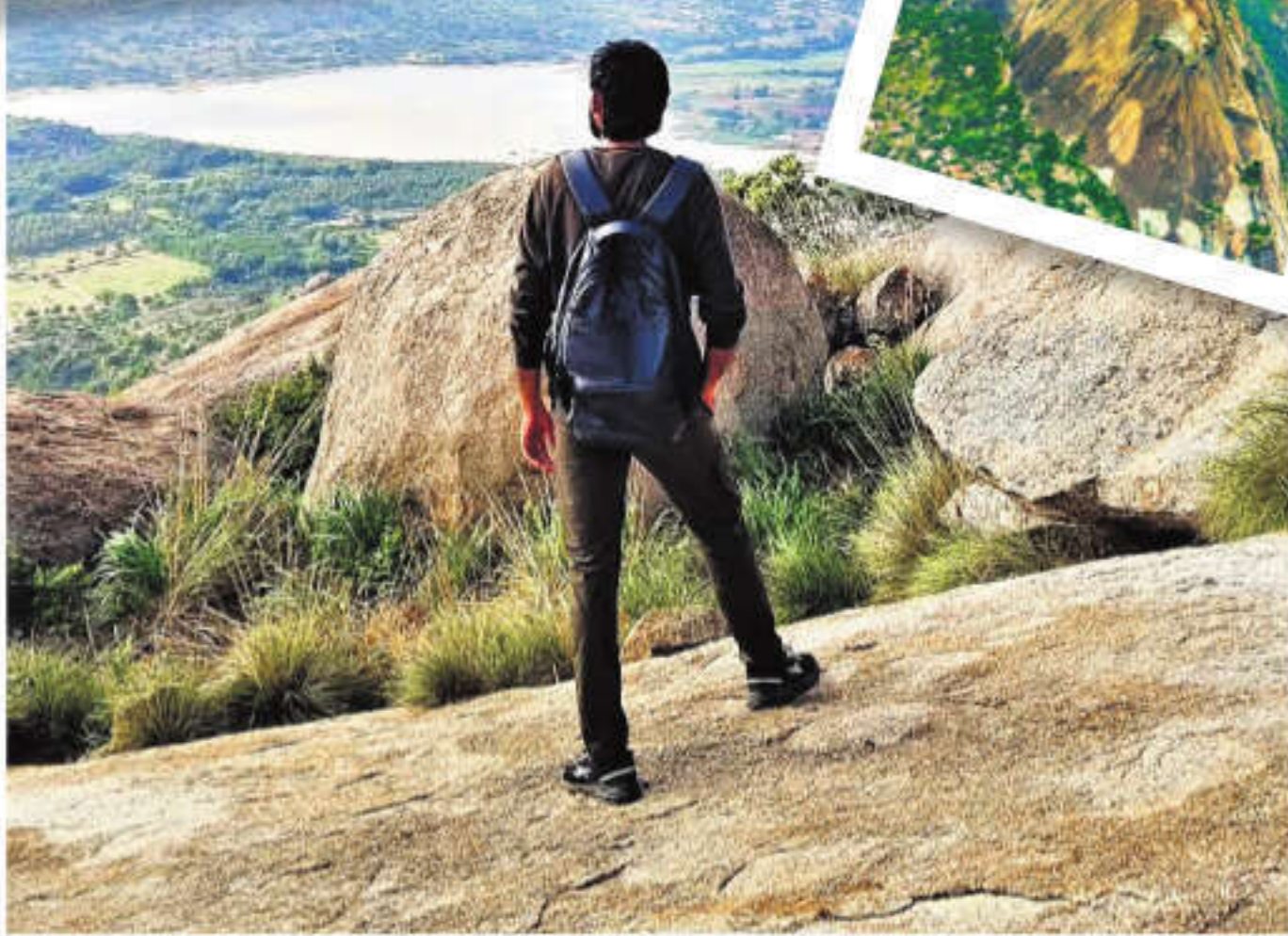
The Madhugiri detour

1200m
above
sea level

NAMADA CHILUME

Where legend
meets the forest

Tucked inside the green Devarayanadurga forest landscape, *Namada Chilume* is a natural spring steeped in *Ramayana* lore. According to local belief, Lord Rama needed water to apply a *nama* or *tilak* to his forehead. When none was available, he shot an arrow into the rock, creating the spring. Today, cool water emerges through a small opening in the granite. The surrounding forest adds to the tranquility, with a deer enclosure and medicinal plant section maintained by the *Karnataka Forest Department*.



ANSHUMAN U SHASTRY

THE weather forecast had promised a typically overcast Wednesday with little more than a stray drizzle. A grey sky was hardly a reason to stay indoors, so we set out for a day of high-altitude history and monolithic landscapes, beginning with *Namada Chilume* before taking on the fort at Madhugiri and ending at Sira in Tumakuru.

Instead of taking the usual turn towards Dabaspete from the Bengaluru-Tumakuru highway, we continued towards Tumakuru, adding about 10 km to the journey and stopped for breakfast at Siddaganga Hotel on Belagumba Road. A plate of steaming *idli* and a masala *vada* later, we were back on the road towards SH94.

The route took us through the green Devarayanadurga forest landscape, a refreshing change from the highway *Namada Chilume*, a natural spring traditionally associated with Lord Rama, lies within this forested region and is also recognised as a nearby attraction by *Karnataka Tourism*.

We reached at around 8am, paid the ₹20 entry fee and walked towards the spring. The *Karnataka Forest Department* maintains the area, including a deer enclosure and a medicinal plant section. The spring emerges from a small opening in the rock and is associated with a local *Ramayana* legend. According to the belief, Rama needed water to apply a *nama* to his forehead and shot an arrow into the rock when none was available, creating the spring. The name *Namada Chilume* refers to this association with the *tilak* or *nama*.



Thatte Idli

We took a sip of the cool spring water before wandering around the enclosure. Deer moved quietly beneath the trees, making the stop feel far removed from the bustle of Bengaluru. It was a calm beginning to a day that would soon become considerably more strenuous.

About 40 km away, Madhugiri rose sharply from the surrounding plains. The hill is regarded as Asia's second-largest monolithic rock and reaches about 1,200 metres above sea level. The fort was built during the Vijayanagara period and was later fortified by Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan.

The climb began gently but soon turned into a scramble up the exposed granite. Instead of conventional steps, sections of the route use carved footholds and iron railings. On a sunny day, the rock would have made the ascent much harder, but the cloud cover kept the temperature comfortable and a steady breeze followed us upwards.

As we climbed through successive gateways, the remains of bastions, fort walls and water tanks appeared at different levels. At the top, we sat for a few minutes with the Tumakuru countryside spread below us. We spent a little over four hours on the fort including breaks.

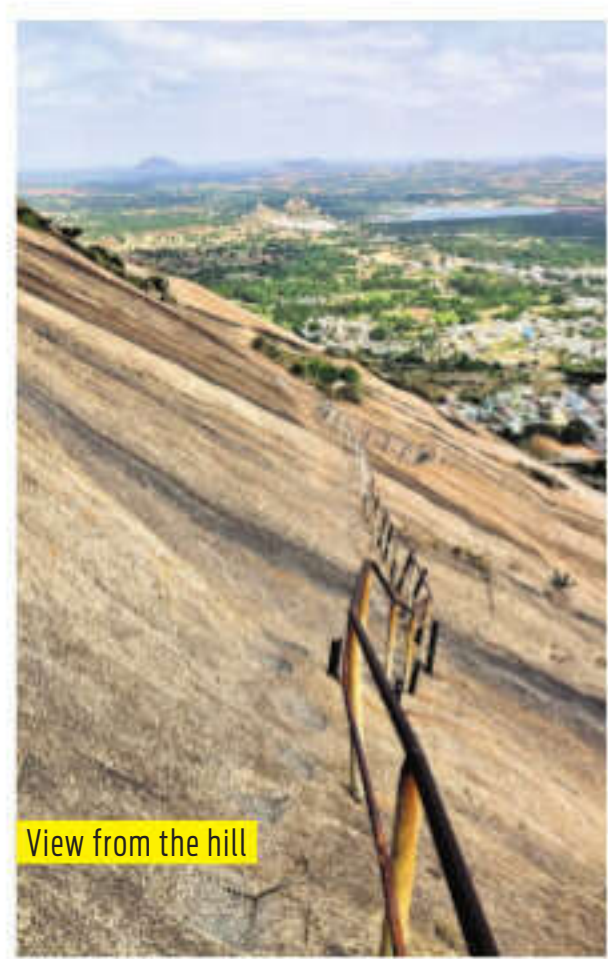
After lunch at Shanti Sagar near Madhugiri bus stand, we rode another 35 km to Sira. The landscape flattened out and the character of the fort changed completely. Sira Fort traces its origins to Kasturi Rangappa Nayaka, a Vijayanagara-era ruler and the town later became the capital of the Mughal province of Sira. We walked along its weathered ramparts, gateways and moat, imagining Sira as the important administrative and trading centre it once was. By the time we left, the sky had turned orange over Tumakuru. What had begun as a grey Wednesday had made for a full day of springs, forests, rock faces and forgotten forts.



Spotted Deer



Kote Kodandarama Swamy Temple



View from the hill

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
M 264	CE / MM	Procurement of 11 KV AB Switch with Polymer PT Insulators
M 265	CE / MM	Procurement of 22 KV AB Switch with Polymer PT Insulators

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/3062/Tender/2026

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd.
(A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur-302005, India
Phone No: 0141-228066, 228064 Website: www.rmsh.health.rajasthan.gov.in
CIN:U24232RJ2011SGC035067, E-mail: edprms@rajasthan.gov.in

Ref. No. : F.02 (460)/RMSCL/PROCUREMENT/DRUG/NIB-22/2026-27 Dated : 06/10/2026

Corrigendum-I in NIB-22/2026-27

In Reference to NIB No. F.02 (460)/RMSCL/PROCUREMENT/DRUG/NIB-22/2026-27/5202 Dated: - 30.09.2026 UBN No. MSC2627GLOB00064 Corrigendum-I is issued for Deletion of items from bid. All details may be seen on <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> in <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> & <https://www.rmsh.health.rajasthan.gov.in>.

Director (Proc.)
RMSCL, Jaipur

TAMIL NADU SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(An Undertaking of the Government of Tamil Nadu)
A-28, Thiru-Vi-Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-32.
Telephone No.044-2250 1632, FAX No.044-2250 0411

e-TENDER NOTICE
Rc. No. TANSI/676/2026-PA

No.	Item	Description
1	Procurement of Best Quality of Teakwood of various sizes and Thickness	
2	Procurement of 0.6mm Balancing Laminated Sheet and 0.6mm Flexible Laminated of various colours and different shades of size: 8'x4', as per IS:2046:1995	
3	Procurement of CR Sheet Various Sizes and thickness as per IS 513	

REFER THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE FOR DOWNLOAD TENDER DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION: www.tntenders.gov.in

Additional Chief Secretary /
Chairman and Managing Director

DIPR/3031/Tender/2026

KERALA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD, TRIVANDRUM

RE-TENDER
INVITING RE-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ref: Website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in for details

Tender ID : Cutlery : 2026_KTDC_871726_1
Crockery : 2026_KTDC_871730_1
Glassware : 2026_KTDC_871736_1

The Managing Director, Kerala Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Mascot Square, PB No 5424, Thiruvananthapuram 695 033
Phone No. 0471 - 2721243. website : www.ktdc.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA
e-mail - serwsb2003@yahoo.com

Letter No. 5981 Date: 05.10.2026

1st Corrigendum

25001/1277/2627: In continuation to this office Bid Identification NO.CCERWCSBD-Online-34/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.5168, Dtd.07.09.2026, partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

Sl No	Item	Time Schedule as per original NCB	Time Schedule as per Corrigendum notice
1	Availability of Tender online for bidding	10.09.2026 at 11.00AM to 07.10.2026 up to 5.00 Pm	Extended up to 30.10.2026 5.00 Pm
2	Date and Time of seeking tender clarification if any	06.10.2026 up to 2.00 PM	29.10.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3	Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	08.10.2026 at 11.00 AM	31.10.2026 at 11.00 AM
4	Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
RW Circle, Sunabeda

OIPR- 25001/25182/1/26-27/0075

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भारतीय तेल ताड़ अनुसंधान संस्थान
ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research
अनुसंधान केन्द्र, पालोड, पच्छा (P.O.),
Research Centre, Palode, Pacha (P.O.),
तिरुवनन्तपुरम- 695562, केरल, भारत
Thiruvananthapuram - 695562, Kerala, India

F.No.431/2022 Dated: 06/10/2026

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

A walk-in interview will be held on 16/10/2026 at 10:00 AM at ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIPR), Research Centre, Palode, Pacha P.O., Trivandrum, Kerala for Senior Research Fellow (1 No.). For further details, please visit our website: <https://iiopr.org.in/en/opportunities>

Sd/- (Scientist-In-Charge)

e-mail: eepphpt@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BHABANIPATANA
Parmanandpur, Railway Station Road, Bhabanipatana, Dist: Kalahandi, PIN - 766002
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Identification No. SEPHD-BHPT - 41 of 2026-27 / Dt. 03.10.2026

13001/2091/2627 e-Procurement Notice

01 Name of the Work	: 1 No Work.
02 Type of Bid	: Double Bid System
03 Estimated Cost	: Rs. 218.47 lakhs
04 Period of Completion	: 06 (Six) Calendar Months
05 Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of dt.09.10.2026 to 5.00 PM of 23.10.2026
06 Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 23.10.2026
07 Date & Time of opening of technical bids	: At 11.30 AM of 26.10.2026
08 Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhabanipatana, Railway Station Road, At/Post- Parmanandpur, 766002, Dist- Kalahandi.

Further details can be seen from the website <http://tenders.or.nic.in> or www.tendersissa.gov.in

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer,
P.H. Division, Bhabanipatana

OIPR- 13001/13059/1/26-27/0008

Canara Bank ARM BRANCH 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Building Chittoor Road, Ernakulam South, Ernakulam - 682016. PH: 0484-2353072, 2353071 Email: cb2875@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic/constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 27/10/2026, [Time 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)] for recovery of Rs. 62,95,590.14 (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety and Paise Fourteen Only) due as on 10.09.2026 plus further interest thereon along with and other charges due to the Asset Recovery Management Branch, Ernakulam of Canara Bank from 1. Mr. Sebastian PM (Borrower), S/o Michael, Pankootathil House, Edampadam, PIN 683517, 2. Mr. Michael Antony (Co-Borrower), S/o Sebastian PM, Pankootathil House, Edampadam, PIN 683517. The Reserve price will be Rs. 34,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Only), and The Earnest Money deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 3,40,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs and Forty Thousand Only). The Earnest Money shall be deposited on or before 27.10.2026 by 10:00 AM. (Only the bids with minimum 1 incremental offer above reserve price will be accepted).

DETAILS OF PROPERTY:

(Property in the name of Mr. Sebastian P M, Covered by Document No. 884/2017 of Alangard SRO)

All that part and parcel of the immovable property comprising of an extent of 1.72 Acres of Land in Sy No: 300/7-9-2 along with a Residential Building, Door No:9/437B, situated at Varapuzha Village, Paravur Taluk, Ernakulam District. **Boundaries** : N: 3.30 meter Width Road, S: Property of Francis Fernandez, E: Property of Antony DeCruz, W: Property of Benny.

For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank Website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch, Ernakulam (Ph. No. 0484 - 2353072 / 2353071) E-mail: cb2875@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Portal of E-Auction: <https://baanknet.com>

Ernakulam, 03.10.2026 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK

HDB Financial Services Ltd
Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 09.
Branch Office: HDB Financial Services Ltd, 2nd Floor, The Art Of Living Tower, 13 Cross Road, SBT Avenue, Near Passport Office, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi - Kerala --682036 Kerala.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002)

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[A] S. No.	[B] Account No. and Name of Borrower, Co-Borrower, Mortgagors	[C] Total Outstanding Amount	[D] Descriptions of the property/Properties	[E] Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit Bid Increment Amount (In Rs.)	[F] Auction Date and Time EMD Submission Last Date	[G] Possession Type
1	Account No. 50173092, 1) ACP Marines, ACP Marines 2/239, Azheekaparambil, Pallipattur, Munambam Ernakulam Alwaye-683515 Kerala, And Also, An Extent Of 09.27.04.05 Acres in Re S.No.59/32/2 And 05.22 Acres in Re S.No.59/3/3 In S.No.44/8 Bid No.22/39, Kuzhupilly Alwaye-683515, 2) Dilina Cletius, Azheekaparambil Munambam, Pallipattur Pallipattur, Ernakulam Alwaye-683515 Kerala, 3) Viju A P Azheekaparambil, Munambam Pallipattur, Pallipattur Ernakulam Alwaye-683515 Kerala.	Rs.20129474.3/- (Rupees Two Crore One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred & Seventy Four Paise Thirty Only) as of 11.08.2025 with further interest/ incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment.	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property An extent of 09.27 Acres made up of 04.05 Acres in Re.S.No.59/32-2 and 05.22 Acres in Re.S.No.59/3/3 in old S.No.44/8 together with building No.2/39 Situated at Kuzhupilly Village, Kochi Taluk lying in Sub Registration District of Kuzhupilly and in the Registration District of Ernakulam The Property is bounded by North: Private Road, South: Property of Adima Swami, East: PWD Road, West: Private Road.	Rs. 1,95,31,575/- Rs.19,53,157/- Rs.1,00,000/-	28/10/2026 at 11 a.m. to 12 Noon, 27/10/2026 up to 06:00 p.m	Possession

1. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Trainings/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact 1) M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Mr. Dharani Krishna, Plot no-68, 3rd Floor, Sec-44, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003. E-mail ID: support@bankeauc-tions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 91-7291981124/25/26. Sales Enquiries : sales@bankeauc-tions.com, 7291981129. , For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: Deepu (8261218728) Navin A Surendran (7034913265) & Umeshkumar (9645098666).
2. The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, M/S HDB Financial Services Ltd, 2nd Floor, The Art Of Living Tower, 13 Cross Road, SBT Avenue, Near Passport Office, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi - Kerala --682036 Kerala.

Date: 07/10/2026, Place: Trivandrum Sd/- Authorized Officer, M/s.HDB Financial Services Limited

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Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities	Details of Immovable Properties	Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).
1) M/s. Nest Sales Corporation, 807, Near Union Bank of India, AM Road, Perumbavoor, Perumbavoor P.O. Ernakulam - 683542.	Rs. 9,30,47,009.73/- (Rupees Nine Crores Thirty Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand and Nine and Seventy Three Paise Only) as on 30.09.2026 along with further interest and other incidental charges there to incurred by the Bank	Property in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No. 4803/2013 of SRO Perumbavoor. All that part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of 9.13 Acres (4.78 Acres in Re Sy No.137/16-3 and 4.35 Acres in Re Sy No.137/29-2, inclusive of Private Way) of Land in Re Sy No. Block No.23 at Marampally Village and other improvements thereon situated at Kunthathund Taluk Ernakulam District in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No.4803/2013 of Perumbavoor SRO. Boundaries as per Location Sketch: East: Panchayath Road, South: Property of Musthafa and Private Road, West: Properties of Pareeth, Veeras, Veena Lakshmi, North: Private Road and property of Veena Lakshmi V	Reserve Price Rs. 62,20,000/- EMD Rs. 6,22,000/-
2) Mr. Basheer Ahmed, Mangalathu, Nedumthodu, Mudichol, Vengola, Ernakulam-683547.	Rs. 11,04,36,030.10/- (Rupees Eleven Crores Four Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand and Thirty and Ten Paise Only) (Rs. 9,53,43,121.07 for OCC and GECL Account of M/s Nest Sales Corporation due as on 30.09.2026 and Rs. 1,50,92,909.03 for Housing Loan Account of Mr. Basheer Ahmed due as on 30/09/2026) along with further interest and other incidental charges there to incurred by the Bank.	Property in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No. 498/2018 of SRO Kothamangalam. All that part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of 24.28 Acres of Land in Sy No. 263/13/1 at Erampall Village, along with building and other improvements thereon situated at Kothamangalam Taluk Ernakulam District in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No.498/2018 of Kothamangalam SRO. Boundaries as per title deed: East: Road, South: Government UP School, West: Property of Chandran, North: Property of Molait Am and others.	Reserve Price Rs. 1,72,00,000/- EMD Rs. 17,20,000/-
3) Mr. Shamshe T M, S/o Mythen, Thekkumakattil, Velloorkunnam, Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam-686673.	Rs. 9,53,43,121.07/- (Rupees Nine Crores Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty One and Seven Paise Only) as on 30.09.2026 along with further interest and other incidental charges there to incurred by the Bank.	Property 1: Property in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No. 1051/2017 of SRO Kurupampadi. All that part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of 10.89 Acres (10.59 Acres in Re Sy No.38/3-2 and 0.30 Acres in Re Sy No.38/1/1) of Land in Re Sy No. Block No.15 at Asamannor Village and other improvements thereon situated at Kunthathund Taluk Ernakulam District in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No. 1051/2017 of Kurupampadi SRO. Boundaries as per title deed: East: Property of Mages, South: Mud Way and Property of Shams, West: Property of Puthankandathil, North: A.M Road, Property 2: Property in the name of Mr. Shams T M and Ms. Kabera Shams covered by Document No.498/2018 of Kothamangalam SRO. All that part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of 11.91 Acres (4.45 Acres in Re Sy No.931/2B and 7.46 Acres in Re Sy No.931/2A) of Land in Velloorkunnam Village along with residential building and other improvements thereon situated at Muvattupuzha Taluk Ernakulam District in the name of Mr. Shams T M and Ms. Kabera Shams covered by Document No.271/2008 of Muvattupuzha SRO. Boundaries as per title deed: East: Road, South: Property of Muhammed, West: Properties of Nazeer and Muhammed, North: Properties of Nazeer and Muhammed	Property 1 Reserve Price Rs. 1,19,00,000/- EMD Rs. 11,90,000/-
4) Ms. Kabera Shamshe, Thekkumakattil, Kavumkara, Vazhippally, Narappu Road, Velloorkunnam, Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam-686673.	Rs. 9,53,43,121.07/- (Rupees Nine Crores Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty One and Seven Paise Only) as on 30.09.2026 along with further interest and other incidental charges there to incurred by the Bank.	Property 2: Property in the name of Mr. Shams T M and Ms. Kabera Shams covered by Document No.5091/2011 of Muvattupuzha SRO. Boundaries as per title deed: East: Property of Shams & Kabera Shams, South: Property of Thottathikudiyil Yahiya, West: Remaining property of Jias Basheer, North: Remaining property of Jias Basheer	Property 2 Reserve Price Rs. 2,22,00,000/- EMD Rs. 22,20,000/-
5) Mr. Aravindakshan I R, S/o Raman, Ithathuparambil House, Marikutipadam, Thirissur 680699	Rs. 9,53,43,121.07/- (Rupees Nine Crores Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty One and Seven Paise Only) as on 30.09.2026 along with further interest and other incidental charges there to incurred by the Bank.	Property 3: Property in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No. 3498/2009 of SRO Perumbavoor. All that part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of 5.35 Acres (3.15 Acres in Re Sy No.137/3-2 and 2.20 Acres in Re Sy No.137/172-1) of Land in Re Sy No. Block No.21 at Vengola Village along with building and other improvements thereon situated at Kunthathund Taluk Ernakulam District in the name of Mr. Basheer Ahmed covered by Document No.3498/2009 of Perumbavoor SRO. Boundaries as per title deed: East: Property of Aji, South: Way, West: Property of Jameela, North: Way	Property 3 Reserve Price Rs. 96,30,000/- EMD Rs. 9,63,000/-

Date & Time of E-Auction : 27.10.2026 Time: 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 27.10.2026 at 10.00 am. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) Only the bids with minimum 1 incremental offer above reserve price will be accepted

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Portal of E-Auction: <https://baanknet.com>

Place: Ernakulam Date : 05.10.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK