

Thiruvananthapuram

A hill of concern



Precarious perch: A view of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology situated atop an earthen mound near the Akkulam Boat Club, located approximately 1.5 km away from the spot where a crack appeared on the road in front of the PRS Lake Villa apartments during the recent rain. Strengthening the earthen embankments on the stretch will help prevent potential natural disasters. JAYAMOHAN A.

Cong. files complaint against Sreelekha

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

K.S. Sabarinadhan, Congress councillor in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, on Thursday filed a police complaint against BJP councillor R. Sreelekha over alleged derogatory remarks against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Referring to Mr. Gandhi's remarks likening the ongoing protests in Delhi demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to a "thandav", Ms. Sreelekha allegedly said the Congress leader was "displaying the restlessness and frenzy when drugs in excess quantities enter the body and not a thandav." She was speaking at a BJP event at Punalur in Kollam district recently.

Mr. Sabarinadhan, who filed a complaint with the District Police Chief (Thiruvananthapuram), said Ms. Sreelekha's comments were an attempt to demean Mr. Gandhi and tarnish his reputation. "Political disagreement does not justify character assassination," he said.

"It is both vile and irresponsible for a former senior police officer to distort the sacred term 'thandavam' by associating it with narcotics. To me, 'thandavam' is a deeply revered expression of Lord Shiva's divinity. Reducing it to a political insult has deeply hurt religious feelings. Since she is also a (State) Vice President of the BJP, the party leadership must clarify whether it endorses these statements," he said.

Apartment residents stage protest alleging denial of amenities by builder

The Hindu Bureau
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Residents of Ladder Capital Hill, Pangappara, on Thursday staged a protest at the office of the Ladder Cooperative Society at Thampanoor alleging denial of essential facilities by the builder.

The protest, by some 80 of the 178 families, including women, living in the apartment, was held to draw attention to the "physical and mental harassment" of the residents by the builder. They raised slogans demanding an end to their ordeal and

The Ladder Owners' Association said the residents were not getting basic amenities such as regular water supply or electricity. "Water was not available even in toilets," the residents said.

A resident who had bought a flat there over a year ago said other flat owners had been suffering longer than him. "Many elderly and seriously ill patients live here. However, the lifts do not function properly."

No maintenance is carried out. Waste management is in a shambles. If a fire breaks out, there is no water to douse it even. "We have been suffering this indignity for years. It is a violation of basic human rights."

The residents said that as per Real Estate Regulatory Authority guidelines, builders have to facilitate formation of residents' association and transfer common area maintenance,



Residents of Ladder Capital Hill apartment complex at Pangappara, staging a protest outside the builder's office in Thampanoor in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

nance, records, corpus funds collected from buyers to the residents' association. However, in Ladder Capital Hill, no assets had been transferred or corpus fund of ₹1.5 lakh collected from each family handed over to the association.

The protesters said such a situation was not seen in any other apartment in the city.

"We are still paying EMIs for the flats bought by us with hard-earned money. But they are still not providing us with any facilities though they had promised to take care of it."

The builders instead were behaving like goons and sending people to threaten them. The association president and treasurer had been "brutally beaten up" a day ago, the protesters alleged.

The flat owners said there was an ongoing case

in this connection with RE-RA. They had filed cases with the Sreekaryam police too. They had approached the City Police Commissioner too to find a permanent solution to the problem.

The protesters said Sreekumar, a manager at Ladder, had told the Thampanoor police who had arrived at the protest site that he had discontinued water supply to the flats. The police then asked the manager to resume supply.

The Ladder representative, when contacted, however alleged that the residents had assaulted maintenance persons sent for work. However, he refused to elaborate on the protesters' allegations.

The Thampanoor station house officer said an understanding on resuming water supply had been reached between the parties.

After earth cave-in, residents of Akkulam flats relocated

Collector had ordered suspension of building construction in a private school compound after earth removal by the school led to collapse of a stretch of road in front of the complex

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

All residents of PRS Lake Villa apartments at Akkulam in Thiruvananthapuram have been shifted out after removal of earth in a private school compound led to collapse of a stretch of the road in the front of the apartment complex.

District Collector Anju K.S., who is also the chairperson of the District Disaster management authority, had on Wednesday issued orders for suspending the construction of a building of Good Shepherd School as well as urgent evacuation of the residents of the apartments.

Of the 58 families living in the apartment, 41 have been shifted to hotels, while the rest have moved in with relatives or others.

The school will bear the expenses of alternative accommodation for the residents.



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dents. Authorities said the school had begun construction of a retaining wall, but the work had not been completed.

Removal of earth from a side without the retaining wall led to the cave-in, barely 4 m from the apartment.

A 50-m stretch of the road in front of the apartment also collapsed.

A structural engineer had visited the site and a technical team comprising representatives from the Public Works, Soil Conservation, and the Mining and Geology departments and the village officer would examine what reinforcement measures needed to be adopted to prevent further movement of soil.

Only then could the residents of the apartment return home.

Unscientific

An investigation had found that the school authorities removed the earth unscientifically, without taking safety precautions or building a retaining wall as per permit stipulations.

The Collector had halted the construction of the school building till any threat to the apartment was fully resolved.

Work on airport terminal expansion begins

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Marking a significant milestone in the transformation of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, the foundation stone for the international terminal expansion under Project Anantha was laid here on Thursday, which marked the beginning of a major step in expanding the airport's capacity and strengthening its infrastructure for the future.

The expansion will increase international passenger-handling capacity from 3.5 million to approximately 11.5 million passengers per annum, alongside enhanced passenger facilities, operational infrastructure and international connectivity.

Project Anantha also marks a significant step towards shaping the next chapter of the airport's growth. Chief Airport Officer P. K. Aju, Airport Authority Officer-in-Charge Mo-

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han Roy and others took part in the ceremony.

With a proposed investment of ₹2,500 crore, the expansion will significantly enhance the airport's operational efficiency and passenger experience along with international passenger-handling capacity.

Spread across approximately 92,552 square metres, the airport's larger transformation project is backed by an approximately ₹8,700 crore investment from Adani Airports, said the airport authorities. The proposed development encompasses terminal expansion and enhancements to landside and airside infrastructure, utilities, safety systems and passenger facilities, paving the way for a modern, future-ready airport.

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Thiruvananthapuram Today
32°C The weather will be little warm. Few spells of moderate rain & thundershowers to occur. Night will be comfortable.

Thiruvananthapuram Tomorrow
33°C Morning will be comfortable. Day will be warm. Night will be comfortable. Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershowers.

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Timings
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
FRIDAY, OCT. 16
☀ RISE 06:10 SET 18:06
🌅 RISE 10:45 SET 22:32
SATURDAY, OCT. 17
☀ RISE 06:10 SET 18:05
🌅 RISE 11:35 SET 23:24
SUNDAY, OCT. 18
☀ RISE 06:10 SET 18:05
🌅 RISE 12:23 SET 00:00



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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

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 proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 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 Constructive/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Kerala State Co-Operative Bank Ltd. (secured creditor), will be sold on behalf of Vade, "As is where is" and "As is what is" Condition for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Kerala State Co-Operative Bank Ltd. from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch: Malayinkeezhu; Loan No. 10564362001156	Reserve Price: Rs. 18,00,000/-	EMD: Rs. 1,80,000/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10542200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001054.
2. Branch: Aruvikkara; Loan No. 102364362001175	Reserve Price: Rs. 15,82,000/-	EMD: Rs. 1,58,200/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10232200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001023.
3. Branch: Vithura; Loan No. 110360357000525	Reserve Price: Rs. 11,00,000/-	EMD: Rs. 1,10,000/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10852200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001085.
4. Branch: Puthenchantha M & E; Loan No. 105764362000097	Reserve Price: Rs. 12,25,000/-	EMD: Rs. 1,22,500/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10852200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001085.
5. Branch: Sreekarthi; Loan No. 108564362000191	Reserve Price: Rs. 25,55,000/-	EMD: Rs. 2,55,500/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10852200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001085.
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8. Branch: Kattakkada M & E; Loan No. 104660357000626	Reserve Price: Rs. 44,00,000/-	EMD: Rs. 4,40,000/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10042200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001004.
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10. Branch: Kattakkada M & E; Loan No. 104660357000626	Reserve Price: Rs. 32,50,000/-	EMD: Rs. 3,25,000/-	Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid: 10042200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK0001004.

Encumbrance of the above said properties: Nil to the Knowledge of Bank. The bidders shall verify with them before submission of Bids.

Date & time of E-Auction: 31-10-2026, Between 11.00 AM & 5.00 PM

Website of E-Auction: <https://www.bankeauctions.com> Date & time of Submission of E.M.D.: 29-10-2026, up to 4.00 PM

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Place: Thiruvananthapuram, Date: 14-10-2026.

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