FATAL FALL A 50-year-old woodcutter died after falling from a tree near Ariyamangalam on Monday. The deceased was identified as P Manivel from Malaiyappa Nagar

Just 24 TN trans students enrol for UG courses

TANSCHE plans study to spot barriers faced by community in accessing higher education, role of scholarships

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OF the 97,244 students admitted to undergraduate courses in 181 government arts and science colleges in the state in 2026-27, only 24 are transgender persons. The number is low at the postgraduate level as well, with just 12 transgender students among 14,252 admissions. The low enrolment highlights the barriers transgender persons face in accessing higher education.

To understand these challenges and identify solutions, the TN State Council for Higher Education (TANSCHE) will soon conduct a detailed study on the participation of transgender persons in higher education. The study will examine reasons for dropouts, social stigma, financial difficulties and institutional experiences. It will also assess the effectiveness of scholarships, reservation policies, counselling services and campus inclusion practices. Based on the findings, TANSCHE will recommend measures to improve access, enrolment, retention and support for transgender students. "We will examine enrolment patterns, access barriers and support systems," said TANSCHE vice-chairman M P Vijayakumar. The study will involve field interactions with transgender persons and consultations with stakeholders.

In its recent budget, the TN government announced a full scholarship scheme for 50 transgender students pursuing higher education in government colleges and state universities. Each beneficiary will receive ₹2 lakh towards tuition fees and living expenses.

During preliminary research for the scheme, TANSCHE found that many transgender students struggle to enter college, while several who enrol are unable to complete their courses."One major problem identified during the preliminary study was the lack of accommodation. Many transgender students are abandoned by their families and face financial difficulties, social stigma and a lack of transgender-friendly hostels. These challenges force them to drop out," a TANSCHE official said.

The scholarship scheme was designed to cover tuition fees, living costs and medical expenses. However, officials acknowledge that financial assistance alone may not be enough and that educational institutions must also become more inclusive. TANSCHE is awaiting a government order to invite applications for the scheme. Identifying 50 eligible beneficiaries could itself be a challenge, officials said. The council also plans to introduce a mentorship programme to guide transgender students after graduation.

The 2011 Census recorded 22,364 transgender persons in TN. The actual number could have at least doubled in the last 15 years, an activist said. After the recent SIR exercise, out of the state's total electorate of 5.67 crore, the number of transgenders stood at 7,617.

Flat on TN waterbody case: Allot alternative site to owners, says SC

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has upheld the cancellation of a 'ryotwari patta' granted over land recorded as a government water body in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur district. A bench of Justices SVN Bhatti and NV Anjaria, in its judgment delivered on October 16, however, took note of the flat owners' plea and directed the state government to allot a suitable alternative site to the owners of 20 flats before demolishing their apartments.

A 'ryotwari patta' is an official revenue document and land record issued to an individual cultivator (ryot), certifying their right to occupy and cultivate a specific piece of land while paying land tax directly to the government. Justice Bhatti, writing the judgment for the bench, said that because of the orders and revenue records, the flat owners were made to believe that the state government has no interest in the subject land. "Therefore, directing the demolition of flats without examining the hardship of the flat owners and the independent remedies available to them in law against the owner of the land and the developer of the apartments would cause irreparable financial injury and throw the families on the streets. "In the circumstances of the case, to ameliorate the possible hardship and, without committing a breach of Section 14-A of the Tamil Nadu Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, we direct the Chief Secretary, State of Tamil Nadu, and the District Collector, Tiruvallur, to allot a vacant, commensurate site to the owners of the flats represented by the Society, preferably within 6 months from today, and thereafter to undertake the demolition of the constructed area to an extent of 0.22 acres," the bench said.

The verdict dismissed three civil appeals filed by a flat owner and Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank Ltd, challenging the cancellation of the 'patta' and subsequent directions for restoring the land as a water body.

The case concerned a particular survey number at Thirumullaivoyal village, originally recorded in the 1911 resettlement register as "Government Poramboke - Kanakkan Kuttai". The disputed land formed part of a larger extent of 1.68 acres.

The controversy arose after the district revenue officer, Tiruvallur, granted a 'ryotwari patta' for 0.72 acres to P Ramadoss in January 2011.. *PTI*

'Each prosecutor in TN handling nearly three to four courts'

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Prosecutors told TNIE that when a public prosecutor is unavailable, there may be adjournments. "In-charge public prosecutors are deputed in a case if a public prosecutor is not available, but they often lacked continuity and tend to work mechanically," they said.

The shortage has also raised concerns over appointments to Pocso courts. Due to the crippling vacancies, Grade II Assistant Public Prosecutors, who had freshly joined service after clearing the TNPSC exam, are being posted to these courts in violation of Pocso Act that mandates the appointment of only Special Public Prosecutors with at least seven years of experience be the posts, sources said.

Under Section 20 of the BNSS, the Director of Prosecution is responsible for monitoring cases involving offences punishable for 10 years or more, life imprisonment or death, expediting proceedings, and giving opinions on filing appeals. The Deputy Director of Prosecution examines and scrutinises police reports and monitors cases involving offences punishable for seven years or more but less than 10 years to ensure their expeditious disposal. The Assistant Director of Prosecution monitors cases involving offences punishable for less than seven years. Vacancies in these posts affect the discharge of these functions.



R Veeramani

With women constituting around 75% of the workforce, prosecutors said many of them faced additional pressure. "There is no break. The only break we get is when we are travelling," said a woman public prosecutor.

An additional public prosecutor said each prosecutor in the state handled between three and four courts.

"Ideally, one public prosecutor should be assigned to only one court. Many times, courts are in different districts, and we have to visit all of them during the week. Travel drains us physically. Coordination with the police also becomes difficult. If we see them daily, it would be easier," prosecutors said.

"In judicial magistrate courts, there are at least 25 to 30 witnesses a day. As we are already stressed, we are unable to focus and ask quality questions. We are unable to properly connect with victims and witnesses due to the paucity of time. We end up working mechanically," the prosecutor said.

Additional Public Prosecutor, Iden Isan, president of the Tamil Nadu Regular Cadre Public Prosecutors Association, said the new government has begun addressing these long-pending issues.

"We are thankful to them. In our recent interactions with the Law Minister (CTR Nirmal Kumar), he promised to fill all the administrative posts in the directorate and various other public prosecutors' positions at the earliest. The minister also personally promised to carry out a review of all issues concerning the Directorate of Prosecution," he said.

Highlighting the vacancies in deputy director posts, prosecutors said the police submitted more than 10 charge sheets a day for scrutiny, each running to around 100 pages. Deputy Directors also provide legal opinions on charge sheets. Due to the vacancies, public prosecutors are being given additional charges as deputy directors.

"How is it possible for them to read so much and provide legal opinions?" prosecutors asked.

Child rights activists said prosecutors were sometimes unable to appear even in high-profile cases because they had been given additional charges as deputy directors.

A woman public prosecutor, requesting anonymity, said it was difficult to take leave, as either a public prosecutor or an in-charge officer had to be present whenever the court was functioning.

"There are days when many of us work despite being sick. We take a tablet, nap briefly and continue working. Even on leave, we are continuously working on petitions and counter-affidavits. Local police also keep calling us for clarity on legal procedures in law-and-order cases," she said.

K Manivasan, former Home Secretary prior to his recent transfer as Commissioner of Land Administration, told TNIE that the TNPSC was in the process of filling 121 posts, and the number of vacant positions would come down. On the vacant Deputy Director posts, he said there was an HC stay on postings. He added that there was a proposal for 29 additional posts. On infrastructure, he said there was no proposal from the High Court.

When asked about the vacancies, Law Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar told TNIE that they will be filling up the posts.



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People watching guns displayed at an arms exhibition organised by the Madurai Police on Police Martyrs Memorial Day | K K SUNDAR

A double-edged sword for oppn, says DMK MLA

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Several other initiatives were also announced for Dharapuram. For Madurantakam, the announcements include a 20,000-tonne semi-covered paddy warehouse at Athur at a cost of ₹20 crore and a 25-acre state seed farm for ₹10 crore. The government has also proposed setting up six paddy procurement centres at a cost of ₹1.80 crore, constructing a check dam at Athimanam for ₹5 crore, renovating lake sluices at Sembundi for ₹4.50 crore, carrying out desilting and bank-strengthening works at Nelvai for ₹1.30 crore, and constructing a community hall at Thinnalur for ₹70 lakh.

Citing Articles 164(3) and 14 of the Constitution, AIADMK lawyers' wing secretary IS Inbadurai said the CM is bound to ensure equality before the law and equal protection for all. He questioned whether Vijay was governing all 234 constituencies impartially or extending preferential treatment to constituencies where his party had won.



A former DMK minister and sitting MLA described the announcements as a double-edged sword for the opposition. "Although it is kind of luring people to vote for TVK, criticising it would make us look bad, as if we are against the welfare schemes," he said. CPM state secretary P Shanmugam said the government should treat all Assembly constituencies equally. Selectively announcing schemes for two constituencies after winning them was aimed at influencing voters in the five other constituencies where by-elections are due, he alleged.

Dharapuram: Key projects

- Cauvery-based drinking water scheme covering 1,232 rural habitations at ₹1,439 crore
- 2,700 free house-site pattas for the homeless
- 13,000 drinking water connections in Dharapuram, Mulanur and Kundadam

Dharapuram: Key projects

- 20,000-tonne paddy warehouse at Athur at ₹20 crore
- Government Arts and Science College for women at Acharapakkam at ₹20 crore
- Emergency care unit at Madurantakam Government Hospital at ₹10 crore

I haven't done any wrong, says Karthika

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Others arrested include Karthika's husband, Murugu Chandrakumar, NTK state propaganda secretary Isai Mathivanan, Dharapuram constituency in-charge Sanjay Gandhi, and party functionaries Kandasamy, Govindaraj, Surya, Sholavandan and Sheik Basheer.

A senior police officer said the NTK had not been granted permission to campaign in a particular area during the CM's visit. Despite this, the party functionaries allegedly entered the area through which Vijay's convoy was passing and staged a protest. The officer added that the accused had been booked under four sections, including one relating to harassment of a woman, and nine people had been arrested.

The police, according to sources, went to Karthika's house at Peelamedu in Coimbatore at around 5 am on Tuesday and took her and her husband into custody.

Speaking to reporters in Dharapuram, Karthika denied any wrongdoing and condemned the arrest, alleging that the police had prevented NTK candidates and functionaries from campaigning by citing the CM's visits. She also alleged that TVK functionaries accused of crimes against women had been allowed to remain free. I have not done anything wrong. Even criminals are free in society because the people have given power to clowns. Should only the CM campaign on the final day of campaigning?" she asked.

District Superintendent of Police Shristi Singh did not respond to calls from TNIE for her comments.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)] – 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 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), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Equitas small finance Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is basis** for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower (s) Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Assets Dues Reserve Price/E-Auction date & time and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Name & Address of Borrowers/ Mortgagers/ Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties with known encumbrances, if any	Reserve Price: EMD Price Bid Increase Price	Date & Time of E-Auction	Loan / Total Dues
Mr Govindaraj.K C/o Mr.Kunjupillai Mrs Santhi G C/o Mr Govindharaj Both are residing at: No : 21, Kudiyana Street, Kannampadi, Perambur, Needamangalam, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu, 614404.	All The Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building S.No.427/1B With An Extent Of 3767 Sq.Ft. Situated At 49. Vadakaravayal Village, Needamangalam Taluk, Thiruvarur District. (North By)- A/M, Rajagopalasamy Kovil Property, (South By)- A/M, Rajagopalasamy Kovil Property, (East By)- Road, (West By)- A/M, Rajagopalasamy Kovil Property.	Rs.10,55,000/- Rs.1,05,500/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- SEAMMPT0431557 / 200002053506 Claim Amount Due Rs.8,41,312/- as on 12.08.2025 with further interest from 13.08.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.11,74,296/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, Surenthiran 9943995039, Deepan 9942739202				
Mr/Mrs Balaji Rajendran Mr/Mrs Rajendran Mr/Mrs Lalitha Rajendran All are residing at: No.10/2, Velappankadu, Kailavanam pettai Vedaranyam Tk, Vedaranyam Vedaraniam, Agasthiampalli B.O-Tiruchy, Tamil Nadu - 614810	All The Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Comprised In New S.No.309/11A (Old S No.309/11) Measuring With An Extent Of 4842 Sq..Ft., Or 4 Are 50 Sq.Mt Situated At Vedharaniyam Part 1Village, Vedharnaiyam Taluk, Nagapattinam District Bounded On The (North By)- Selvakumar And 4 Others Property (South By)- Natarajan Property (East By)- Road (West By)- Natarasan Property	Rs.5,98,000/- Rs.59,800/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- SEVDRYM0465520 Claim Amount Due Rs.4,26,440/- as on 18.12.2025 with further interest from 19.12.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.5,27,961/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Sathish 9940286237, SELVAKUMAR 8220712913, Chandru 9629121731				
Prakash G, Gunasekaran Kayalvizhi P All are residing at : No 2/139 South Street, Kodangudi Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu, Kodangudi B.O-Tiruchy, Tamil Nadu, 609314.	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building, Comprised In Natham New S.No. 133/7, Old S.No.133,With An Extent Of 1764 Sq.Ft., Situated At Periya Theru, Seridhiyur Village, Mayiladuthurai Thaluk, Nagapattinam District, Bounded On The Registration district - Mayiladuthurai, Registration office -Mayiladuthurai Joint Ii.,North By : Plot Belongs To Mr. Narayanan,South By : Street,East By : Plot Belongs To Mr. Tamilselvan, West By : Plot Belongs To Mr. Thiyagarajan.	Rs.3,88,000/- Rs.38,800/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- 700010450761 Claim Amount Due Rs.4,32,771/- as on 29.09.2025 with further interest from 30.09.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.5,64,296/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Sathish 9940286237, Vijayabaskar 7867937942,				
Mrs Latha T C/o Mr Thangaraj Mr Thangaraja K C/o Mr Kunjithapatham Both are residing at : No.302, Pidari Kovil Street,Tittai,Sirkali, Tittai (Srk), Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu, 609111	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building, Comprised In Punjai S.No.143/2B, With An Extent Of 270 Sq.Mtr., (Or) 2906 Sq.Ft., Situated At Thittai Village, Sirkali Taluk, Nagapattinam District, Bounded On The (North By)- Plot Belongs To Mrs. Malliga (South By)- Plot Belongs To Mr. Kuzhandaivelu (East By)- Ponnambalam Chettiyar Thidal (West By)- Road	Rs.7,63,000/- Rs.76,300/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- SESRKLI0434277 / 600000039499 Claim Amount Due Rs.6,35,261/- as on 14.07.2025 with further interest from 15.07.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.8,81,826/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Sathish 9940286237 , Surya Kumar 8883872366 ,				
Mr/Mrs Anthonydass K C/O Mr/Mrs Kulandhaiyasu Mrs Rani A C/o Mr Aripadhraudayar Both are residing at : No.1/10, Sirupattaakkarai, Sithamalli, Sithamalli, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu, 614705	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building, Comprised In Old.S.No.68/1, New.S.No.68/1Kwith An Extent Of 1227 Sq.Ft., Situated At Sirupattakarai Village, Alangadu Revenue Village, Thiruthuraipoondi Taluk, Thiruvarur District, Bounded On The (North By)- Cement Road (South By)- Property Belongs To Mr.Abdul Rahman (East By)- Property Belongs To Mr.Anthonysamy (West By)- Property Belongs To Mr.Kulandhaiyesu	Rs.2,62,000/- Rs.26,200/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No: SETRPND0278372 Claim Amount Due Rs.2,58,068/- as on 24.06.2025 with further interest from 25.06.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.3,32,087/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Sathish 9940286237, PAVITHRAN 7708695722, Chandru 9629121731				
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For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Sathish 9940286237, PAVITHRAN 7708695722, Chandru 9629121731				
Mr Paneerselvam C/o Mr Vedhaiyan Mrs Lalitha P C/o Mr Panneerselvam Both are residing at : No 3-22 A Main Road Vazhakarai Nagapattinam, Melavazhakarai, Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu, 610204.	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building, Comprised In Old.S.No.135/2C Part, New.S.No. 135/2C1A With An Extent Of 4843 Sq.Ft., Situated At Vazhakkarai Village, Thirukkuvalai Taluk, Naga pattinam District, Bounded On The (North By)- Chandranathi River Bed (South By)- Road (East By)- Property Belongs To Mr.Arulprakash (West By)- Property Belongs To Mr.Veeramani@ Ramadoss	Rs.11,79,000/- Rs.1,17,900/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No: SETRPND0368002 Claim Amount Due Rs.5,49,606/- as on 18.07.2024 with further interest from 19.07.2024 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.8,35,410/- as on 08.10.2026).
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Mrs Amsavalli S C/o Mr Selvam Mr Selvam K C/o Mr Kanagaraj Both are residing at : No : 1/176, Kallar Street, Thenkuvalaveli, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu, 612801.	All The Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Old S.No.268/10, New S.No.268/50 With An Extent Of 2400 Sq.Ft. Situated At Thenkulaveli Village, Valangaiman Taluk, Thiruvarur District. (North By)- Mr.Ramasamy Land, (South By)- Arasu Vacant Land, (East By)- Mr.Narasima Iyyengar Nanjai, (West By)- Street.	Rs.5,96,000/- Rs.59,600/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- SEAMMPT0412995 Claim Amount Due Rs.3,15,649/- as on 08.11.2024 with further interest from 09.11.2024 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.5,12,673/- as on 08.10.2026).
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