CLOSING AT 8 PM Nineteen Tasmac liquor shops in Gudalur, Pandalur and Kundah taluks in Nilgiris will now close at 8 pm after staff raised safety concerns about frequent human-wildlife conflicts

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

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

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. *(Read the full report at newindianexpress.com)*

No RTGS due to bank leave, doctor aspirants in a fix

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

ASPIRING doctors who cleared NEET said they could pay the additional deposit to participate in the Tentative Stray Vacancy round of counselling for admission to MBBS & BDS courses due to consecutive bank holidays.

According to norms prescribed by the Directorate of Medical Education and Research, under the State Health and Family Welfare Department, a candidate has to pay through the online mode additional security deposit of ₹5 lakh for MBBS and ₹2 lakh for BDS to participate in the stray round of counselling or subsequent rounds (If any). Since transactions for such huge amounts cannot be made through debit & credit cards. netbanking, candidates have to visit a bank branch for Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTEGS) transfer. As banks were closed for Navaratri till Tuesday, several candidates said they could not make the payment.

With the payment deadline ends at 5pm on October 21.

candidates fear they might miss out on an opportunity to secure admission despite being able to pay the amount. The results are to be announced on October 22.

Speaking to TNIE, M Mithra (name changed) an aspirant said "Even if we register for net banking raising the transaction limit, it will take 24 hours to take effect."

Another aspirant S Siva (name changed) said he too faced a similar problem, and could not take bank's helps due to holidays. "Transferring such huge sum online is possible only by visiting a bank branch. With consecutive holidays, we could not do RTGS," he said, adding authorities must extend the deadline, allowing all eligible candidates sufficient time to complete the payment and choice-filling process. A senior official in the Directorate of Medical Education said the issue would be looked into.

Madurantakam to get new paddy warehouse

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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.



CM Joseph Vijay

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 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.



EYE ON TARGET

A child looks through the lens of a gun displayed at an arms exhibition organised by Madurai police to mark Police Martyrs Memorial Day | K K SUNDAR

YouTuber kills self, cops probe cyberbullying angle

CHENNAI: A 27-year-old finance YouTuber died by suicide at a villa near Muthukadu on Monday night, months after his Insta page and YouTube channel with 1.5 million followers were blocked. Police are probing whether online harassment following recent allegations that he was offering financial advice and investment-related services without SEBI registration may have contributed to his death. The deceased, V Harish of Puducherry, ran the YouTube channel 'Finance with Harish'. He rented a villa near Muthukadu a few months ago to run the channel and met clients with his team's assistance. ENS

Karthika slams police over arrest, says she has not done anything wrong

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Others arrested include Karthika's husband, Murugu Chandrakumar, NTK state propaganda secretary Isai Mathivanan, Dharapuram constituency incharge 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.

"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.

EXPRESS READ



Theni Melapettai Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai(TMHNU) Matriculation Higher Secondary School celebrated its 50th Annual Sports Day recently in the presence of members of the school management and other dignitaries | EXPRESS

Farmers oppose plans for SIPCOT park

VIRUDHUNAGAR: The south district farmers association has urged the state government to drop its plan to establish a SIPCOT industrial park at Minnaranjampatti in Vakkanangundu and also cancel permissions granted for an ethanol manufacturing plant at Alangulam in Kariapatti, and granite quarries near Thandiyanenthal in Thonugal and Gundaru. Resolutions to this effect were passed in the association's meeting recently. The members opposed the projects citing their potential impact on agriculture, water resources and public health. They warned of protest if the demands are not addressed. ENS

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

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PROSECUTORS told *TNIE* that when a public prosecutor is unavailable, there may be adjournments. "Incharge public prosecutors are dProsecutors told *TNIE* that when a public prosecutor is unavailable, there may be adjournments. "Incharge public prosecutors are deputed in a case if a public prosecutor is not available, but they often lack 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 as an advocate, sources said.

Under Section 20 of the BNSS, the Director of Prosecution is responsible for monitoring cases involving offences punishable with imprisonment 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 with imprisonment for seven years or more but less than 10 years to ensure their expeditious disposal.

(Read the full report at newindianexpress.com)

CHANGE OF NAME

My Son, **N.Periyandavar Jhibu,** Son of Thiru. V.Nagarajan, Born on 20th October 2004 (Native District : Theni), residing at No. 1/26, Keezha Odai Theru, Andipatti, Theni - 625 512, shall henceforth be known as **N. JIBHU.**

N.CHITRA (Mother)

Theni, 11th June 2018.

Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd.
CIN: U45203MH2002SGC136979

TENDER NOTICE – 2nd Call

MADC invites bids for "Tender for Allotment of Advertising Rights on Leave & License basis outside Terminal Building at Amravati Airport – 2nd Call.

The detailed tender document can be downloaded from the website **www.mahatenders.gov.in** from **21/10/2026, 04:00 PM**

Sd/-
Vice Chairman and Managing Director

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Ratnagiri, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, E-tender is invited from Experienced Contractors for "Protection of Optical Fiber Cable and Quad Cable in between ROHA to UKSHI section and Replacement of Defective Signalling Cable at Kalambani (KLBN) & Khed (KHED) station under Divisional Signal and Telecom Engineer (DSTE/Chiplun) Jurisdiction in Ratnagiri Region of Konkan Railway". **Tender Notice No.: KR-RN-SG-T-06-2026-27 dtd 20.10.2026, Estimated Cost of work:** ₹ 61.75/- Lakhs Excl GST, **EMD amount :** ₹ 1,23,500/-, **Last date & time for submission of bids:** 10.11.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. For further details please visit : www.ireps.gov.in

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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
Arumugam S Jeyanthi A Both are residing at : 4/98Sengamalapatti, Thiruthangalsivakasi, Alamarathupatti, Thiruthangal, Tamil Nadu, 626130	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Comprised In Natham S.No.35/2 Now New Natham S.No.164/33 With An Extent Of 800 Sq.Ft And Situated At Vadi Village And Sivakasi Taluk And Virudhunagar District And Bounded With The Sattur Sub Registrar Office And Registration District Of Virudhunagar.	Rs.5,38,000/- Rs.53,800/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- 700009630357 Claim Amount Due Rs.5,95,157/- as on 19.08.2025 with further interest from 20.08.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.7,82,578/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, Ayyappan M 9003761275, Senthilkumar.R 9524547033				
Mr Sundararaj V C/O Mr Vellaisamy Mrs Murugalakshmi S C/O Mr Sundararaj Both are residing at : No 60 B GST Road, Tirupparan kundram, Thiruparankundram, Madurai, Tamilnadu, 625005	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building, Bearing Plot No.10, (South Side) Comprised In S.No.1/1, & S.No.1/37, With An Extent Of 520 Sq.Ft., Which Is Situated At "Bamban Nagar", Sakthiganapathi Street, Melanedukulam, Village, Madurai South Taluk, Madurai District.	Rs.4,41,000/- Rs.44,100/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No: SETIRNR0418881 Claim Amount Due Rs.4,99,856/- as on 23.08.2024 with further interest from 24.08.2024 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.7,77,095/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, Atharsh Raj 9530034555, Senthilkumar.R 9524547033				

The intending purchaser/ bidder is required to submit amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of NEFT/RTGS/DD in the account of "Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd" Account No- 200000807725 and IFSC code- ESFB0001001 Bhaaggyam Galleria New No. 18 , Bazzulla Road, T-Nagar, Chennai-600 017, drawn on any nationalized or scheduled bank on or before date: 25.11.2026

For details for terms & conditions of E-Auction sale please refer to the link provided in www.equitas.bank.in & https://www.bankeauctions.com

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Pallathur Branch

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1). M/s. Sri Ariyanayaki Traders (Borrower/Proprietorship Firm) Prop: Mr.S.Sekar, No.2/3/44, Sorkavasal Street, Narayanapuram, Pallathur - 630107. **Proprietor's Residential Address: Mr.S.Sekar, Proprietor of M/s. Sri Ariyanayaki Traders**, 28C, Sorkavasal Street, Narayanapuram, Pallathur Village, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai Dist.- 630107. 2). Mr.S.Sekar(Guarantor), S/o.Sivaprakasam, 28C, Sorkavasal 1st Street, Narayanapuram,Pallathur Village, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai Dist.- 630107

3).Mr.K Sivaprakasam(Guarantor/Mortgager),S/o. Mr.Karuppiah, 28C, Sorkavasal 1st Street, Narayanapuram, Pallathur Village, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai Dist.- 630107. **4).Mrs.S.Selvakumari (Guarantor/Mortgager), W/o.Mr. Sivaprakasam**, 28C,Sorkavasal 1st Street, Narayanapuram, Pallathur Village, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai Dist.- 630107

Apart from the above, the 2ndof you Mr.S.Sekar who is the sole proprietor of M/.s. Sri Ariyanayaki Traders availed Housing Loan: 7466206831 jointly with Mrs.M.Saranyawith our Pallathur branch. The outstanding dues payable for the said facility as on **16.10.2026 amounts toRs. 22,56,661/- (Rupees Twenty TwoLakhs Fifty SixThousand SixHundred andSixty OneOnly)** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from **17.10.2026.**

Detailed description of the Property	**Property 1: (Dry Land):** Vacant land located at Karaikudi Registration District, Karaikudi Joint-1 Sub Registrar Office, S No 233/8, Patta No 49, Pallathur Village & Group, Pallathur Town Panchayat, Sakkattai Union, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivaganga District to an extent of 0.20.0 Hectares (i.e., 50 Cents) belongs to Mr. S Selvakumari, W/o. Mr. Sivaprakasam. **Four Boundaries:** North: Punjai Land S.No 233/9, South: Punjai Land S.No 233/7, East: Punjai Lands S.No 233/11 & S.No. 233/12, West: North South Cart Road **Property 2: (Industrial/Residential Land)** Vacant land located at Karaikudi Registration District, Karaikudi Joint-1 Sub Registrar Office, Old G R S No 84/5, New G R S No 84/5A, G R Patta No 891, Sorkkavasal 3rd street, Pallathur Village, Old Ward No 8, New ward No 2, Pallathur Town Panchayat, Sakkottai Union, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivaganga District to an extent of 29.00 Cents (i.e., 12632.40 Sq.Ft) belongs to Mr. Sivaprakasam, S/o.Mr. Karuppaiah. **Four Boundaries:** North: East West Street, South: Land belongs to Subramanian, East: Moodumedai Street, West: North South Sorkkavasal 3rd Street.
Encumbrances on property if any	**NIL**
Reserve Price	**Property 1: Rs. 54,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Only) Property 2: Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only)**
EMD Amount	**Property 1: Rs. 5,40,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs and Forty Thousand Only) Property 2: Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Only)**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand for each Property)**
Date and time of e-auction at the platform of e-auction Service Provider https://baanknet.com	**06.11.2026, 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM**
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For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://baanknet.com** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, Contact No. **8291220220.**

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