PARI VETTAI "Pari Vettai" of the Bhagavati Amman Temple in Kanniyakumari was held at Mahadhanapuram, as part of the Navratri festival. Police offered the ceremonial guard of honour to the temple idol

Only 24 transgenders join UG courses in TN

Poor enrolment for PG courses too; State body to identify barriers in a bid to improve their access to campuses

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ONLY 24 transgenders were among the 97,244 students admitted to undergraduate courses in 181 government arts and science colleges in Tamil Nadu in 2026-27 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.

SC upholds repeal of patta for waterbody

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 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 survey number at Thirumullaivoyal village, originally recorded in the 1911 resettlement register as "Government Poramboke - Kanakkan Kuttai". *PTI*

AIADMK flags largesse to seats won by TVK

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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 and a 25-acre state seed farm. 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. CPI state secretary M Veerapandiyan said there was nothing wrong with announcing welfare schemes, but doing so with an eye on garnering votes was wrong.

(*With inputs from Prabhakar Tamilarasu*)

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

Madurantakam: 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





Devotees gather at the Mutharamman Temple during the Dussehra festival at Kulasekarapattinam | V KARTHIKALAGU

Thousands witness Soorasamharam



THOOTHUKUDI: A sea of devotees has arrived in Kulasekarapattinam village to witness the Soorasamharam, the climax event of the Dussehra festival, to be held in the early hours of Wednesday. The temple authorities have made elaborate arrangements for the event held annually on the Kulasekarapattinam beach. Devotees from across Tamil Nadu and outside have descended on the nondescript village. A heavy police bandobast involving 4,000 personnel has been set up in the coastal village. Police have installed over 100 CCTV cameras and four drone cameras to ensure safety and security. About 12 lakh devotees had converged here last year. *(Soorasamharam commemorates the victory of Lord Murugan over demon king Soorapadman. Here it refers to Mahishasura)*

Candidate violated ban on campaigning: Police

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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. 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.

Adjournments inevitable when PP is unavailable

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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.

EXPRESS READ

Two killed as bike rear-ends tipper truck

THOOTHUKUDI: Two bikers were killed on the spot as their vehicle hit a tipper lorry from behind on the Thoothukudi-Tiruchendur road in the late hours of Monday. The deceased were M Thangesh Bharathi (26) of Thermal Nagar and I Karthick (24) of Muthaiyapuram. The accident occurred at Muthaiyapuram. It is said the bike was ridden at high speed. The Muthaiyapuram police shifted the bodies to Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital. ENS

Jail inmates fight, two wardens injured

TIRUNELVELI: Two jail wardens were reportedly injured while attempting to prevent a fight among inmates in the fifth block of the Palayamkottai Central Prison on Tuesday. Sources identified the injured wardens as Manikandan and Kasi. The city police have begun an inquiry but did not reveal the identities of the accused inmates till evening. "The accused inmates quarrelled with an orderly who was supplying meals, alleging that they had not been given sufficient curry. The quarrel escalated into a fight, during which the accused inmates attacked the meal supplier.The wardens were also attacked by the accused when thet went to the block to control the situation. Both Manikandan and Kasi were taken to the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital," sources added. ENS

18 goats killed in lightning strike

TIRUNELVELI: Eighteen goats of a traditional herder of Paruthipadu village near Nanguneri were killed in a lightning strike on Monday. E Thalavai had taken his goats for grazing when the lightning struck. Thalavai told media persons that he relied only on goat-rearing to support his family and that the State government should him with suitable compensation. Meanwhile, three cows were killed after an unidentified vehicle hit them on Tuesday in Cheranmahadevi. ENS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PATHAMUTHU** D/o.MOHAMED THAMBY (native district: Thoothukudi), Date of Birth 05/05/1952 residing at, No 364, Kuthukkal street, Kayalpatnam, Thoothukudi dist - 628204. shall henceforth be known as **FATHIMUTHU.**

PATHAMUTHU

CHANGE OF NAME

MOHAMED GULAM SYED SALIHA BANU Born on 30/11/2003 (Native district : Tirunelveli) Residing at No: 103A, Sayan Tharagan Street, Melapalayam - 627005 Palayamkottai Thaluk,Tamilnadu, shall henceforth be known as **SANTHU MOHAMED GULAM SYED SALIHA BANU**

MOHAMED GULAM SYED SALIHA BANU

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(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

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

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I have owned the land admeasuring 6.250 Cents equivalent to 253 Square Meter in Re-Survey K2/9-22-1, Now as per sub division Town Survey No.K9-67, Corresponding to Old Survey No.126 of Nagercoil South Village Previously Nagercoil Village, vide Settlement deed No.2135/2025 of Kanyakumari Joint-1 Sub registry executed by my father **Mr.S.Thiyagarajan.** Parent document of the above said Settlement deed, i.e., Original Sale Deed No.1272/1994 of Kanyakumari Joint-I Sub registry executed by **Mrs.B.Prabavathi** in favour of **Mrs.R.Lakshmi** have lost at the time of took xerox near Nagercoil Anna Bus Stand on **17.10.2026.** I gave a document missing complaint to Kottar police station on **17.10.2026.** Now I have decided to offer my property to create an equitable mortgage for obtaining a loan from State Bank of India, Siruthozhil, Nagercoil Branch, Code No.70011. If anyone have occurred the above said original document, handover the same to me in the address stated below. Further any objection raised by anyone within a period of 15 days from today.
by, **Mr.T.Arjun Singh, S/o.Mr.S.Thiyagarajan,** Door No.71C5A/10A, Parkroad, Keezharamanputhoor, Nagercoil, Nagercoil South Village, Agasteeswaram Taluk, Kanyakumari District, **Cell: 7598365293.**

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Nagercoil Branch : No. 773/B, First Floor, Rajeswari Complex, M.S Road, Vadasery, Nagercoil - 629 001, (TN).

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub–section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable property	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1.	**(Combine Loan Code No.: 21100000766 Nagercoil Branch) Rajesh N** (Borrower) **Thankam N** (Co-Borrower)	All That Part And Parcel Of Property Measuring An Extent Of 2.445-Cents Of Land Comprised In R.S No: 367/11C1 Of Vilathurai Village, Vilavancode Taluk, Kanyakumari District And **Bounded On The, East :** Property Belonged To Sahadevan, **West :** Property Belonged To Francis, **North :** North Pathway, **South :** Road	23-Oct-25 ₹ 16,70,120.00	16-Oct-26

Place : Nagercoil | Date : 21.10.2026 Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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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
Selvam R **Petchiyammal S** **Both are residing at :** 46419, Maravar Street, Tharnaraiselvi, itteri, Alwaneri, Tamil Nadu, 627354	All The Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Comprised In Plot No.101, Ayan Punjai S.Nos. 48/4,48/5,48/14 &48/15 With An Extent Of 1446.375 Sq.Ft Equal To 134.37 Sq.Mtr Situated At Door No. 2/22A, Anantham Nagar Phase -1, Itteri Village, Palayamkottai Taluk, Tirunelveli District.	Rs.6,98,000/- Rs.69,800/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- 700009552878 Claim Amount Due Rs.5,26,997/- as on 24.06.2025 with further interest from 25.06.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.7,32,828/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, Surender 7305232117, Saravana Kumar 9361834297				
Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi C/O Mr Sadhu 23 223 Punnakalavilai Veedu,Kaliyal, Arumani Via, KK Dist, Tamil Nadu, 629151 **Mr Sathu C/O Mr Chinnakan** 8 15 D Vandipilankalavilai Nagacode, Vandalicode post, KK Dist, Tamil Nadu, 629161	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Bearing Door No.17/82F Of Kadayal Town Panchayat With E.B Service Connection No.07187005358, Comprised In Old Sy.No.2744/25B 14 Correlated To Re.Sy.No.689/8B, Now Sub-Divided As Re.Sy.No.689/8B1A With An Extent Of 2178 Sq.Ft. Equivalent To 5 Cents, Which Is Equal To 202.35 Sq.Mtr. Of Land Situated At Kaliyal (Now Bifurcated As Kadayal) Village,	Rs.18,47,000/- Rs.1,84,700/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No: EMFMARTM0059095 Claim Amount Due Rs.18,13,385/- as on 19.05.2025 with further interest from 20.05.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.21,76,479/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, John Roy 9003695322, Saravana Kumar 9361834297				
Arun, Anisharani **Both are residing at :** 3-96-1Melepanachakuzhi, Mecode, Malayadi (Ct), Tamil Nadu, 629153	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Comprised In, Re Sy.No: 4/15 With An Extent Of 2613.36 Sq.Feet, Which Is Situated At Vilavancode Village, Vilavancode Taluk, Kanniyakumari District. (North By)- Pathway (South By)- Property Of Akhil (East By)-2 Feet Pathway (West By)- 4 Feet Common Pathway	Rs.16,44,000/- Rs.1,64,400/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No: SEMARTM0468637 Claim Amount Due Rs.16,56,947/- as on 16.07.2025 with further interest from 17.07.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.21,22,634/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, John Roy 9003695322, Saravana Kumar 9361834297				
Mr/Mrs. Chelliah Sathiya Nesan Mr/Mrs. Thangam Ganapathi **Both are residing at :** 21 Samuga Rengaiyan Kattalai, Palayapettai, Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, 627008	All The Piece And Parcel Of Land Along With Building Comprised In T.S.Ward No.8, Block No.21, T.S.Nos. 2476/2A, 2477/2, 2478/2 & 2479/2 With An Extent Of 443.26 Sq.Ft Equal To 41.18 Sq.Mtr Situated At Plot No.21, Sardharpuram North Street, Palayapettai, Samoogarangaiyan Kattalai Village, Tiru nelveli Taluk, Tirunelveli District (North By)- 4.50 Mtr Road (South By)- Plot No.30 (East By)- Plot No.20 (West By)- Plot No.22	Rs.12,41,000/- Rs.1,24,100/- Rs.10,000/-	26.11.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- 700010073775 Claim Amount Due Rs.4,42,438.28/- as on 29.10.2025 with further interest from 30.10.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.5,37,744/- as on 08.10.2026).
For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Ajith Kumar 8190005434, Surender 7305232117, Saravana Kumar 9361834297				

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

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