US BIZMAN FOUND DEAD A 41-year-old American businessman, identified as Michel Brian Lee, a California native, was found dead in his hotel room at Marriott Executive Apartments, Hyderbad on Thursday evening

SC forms panel led by ex-CJI Gavai to examine Megamalai forest rights claims

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday formed a special committee headed by former Chief Justice of India B R Gavai to supervise the eviction and rehabilitation exercise in the protected areas of the Agasthyamalai ecological landscape in Tamil Nadu. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said the committee will examine the Forest Rights Act (FRA) claims in the Megamalai region, part of the Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve.

The committee will be assisted by an officer of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, TN. Justice Gavai can identify a suitable CEC officer to assist him, the top court said. The committee will scrutinise FRA orders and submit its report in a sealed cover. It will supervise expeditious disposal of claims by issuing necessary directions and commence functioning forthwith.

TN will provide all the logistical and administrative assistance, with a Joint Secretary-level nodal officer to coordinate. The apex court held the state responsible for delay in adjudicating claims and gave it 30 days to complete formation of remaining Gram Sabhas. The bench also held that commercial crop cultivation cannot be a forest right and rejected TN's silk cotton claim. It had earlier ordered a time-bound eviction plan for encroachments in Kalakad Mundanthurai, Srivilliputhur-Megamalai and Kanyakumari. The next hearing is on February 1, 2027. Addressing the media on Friday, Law Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar said the court's decision followed the TN government's efforts to present documentary evidence concerning the classification of forest and patta lands, the rights of long-standing residents and the livelihoods of people dependent on minor forest produce.



Former CJI B R Gavai

In all, the Megamalai land rights issue is concerned with the livelihood of around 25,000 families (one lakh people), he added.

Nirmal Kumar said the issue had arisen from a 2009 decision by the then DMK government to declare the area a reserved forest. He alleged that the previous government had failed to distinguish properly between forest land and patta land and had not appealed against a 2022 judgment concerning residents of the area. He said the government would submit the relevant documents and evidence to the committee within the prescribed period to ensure that eligible residents received their rights under the Forest Rights Act and other applicable provisions.

Officials of the Theni administration said they would take action after receiving the SC order copy. Speaking to *TNIE*, Collector V Sivakrishnamurthy said, "We will examine the directions issued by the SC." The formation of the committees and Gram Sabhas is expected to facilitate the examination of claims relating to forest rights and ensure the participation of local communities in the process. Representatives of Megamalai farmers association said they will wait and watch how the district administration implements the apex court's direction before deciding the next course of action.

(With inputs from S Kumaresan @ Chennai, Jeyalaksmi Ramanujam @ Theni)



UNDERCOVER SALE

Vendors operating in the Masi Streets in Madurai covered their stalls with umbrellas and plastic tarpaulins on Friday afternoon to protect the Deepavali goods from rain | K K SUNDAR

'TN govt should conduct probe, take action against those involved in scam'

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COMMENDING Murugan for exposing it, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Friday alleged corruption during the previous DMK regime in procurement of books for the library and called the party a "crowd of corruption." DMK questioned the timing of the CM's statement and asked who authorised the procurement of the books from the fake publishers that had June purchase stamps.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Murugan, who was among the hundreds of government-appointed experts to recommend books on modern literature and literary criticism for the mammoth project, said, "Around 1,800 Tamil books attached to 'Agalvillaku Publications' is placed on two racks on the library's fourth floor. When I searched, it was mentioned that the publishing house was located at Madipakkam in Chennai, but no such publication house was found there."

"In particular, when I saw a 350-page book titled "Naladiyar Vaazhvin Vazhikattu" written by one Surya Balu, it portrayed Naladiyar as a Tamil poet. This was shocking. Naladiyar is actually a collection of verses attributed to a group of Jain Tamil monks whose identities are unknown. There are several such errors and false information in many books, which suggest that they may have been AI-generated," he said.



The writer also flagged the dubious-sounding names of the authors — Vijaya Balu, Vijaya Aathithan, Jothi Saravanan, Jothi Hariharan, and Trisha Vijay to name a few. When he looked up online the International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) printed on the books, there turns out to be no such number.

A 300-page Tamil book usually costs around ₹350, he said. However, these books were priced much higher, with most costing over ₹1,000, while not containing worthwhile information. "When newcomers study these books, they receive incorrect information. Therefore, these books should be removed from there, and the English books should also be checked. A big scam has occurred at the core. The state government should conduct an inquiry and take legal action against those involved in the scam by forming an inquiry commission," he urged.

When *TNIE* visited the library, books titled Naladiyar Vaazhvin Vazhikattu, Tamil Nadu Paarvai, and Madurai Kanchi Oru Ilakkiya Payanam that Murugan had criticised, were not there. Some readers said they searched for these books in the library after the allegations came to light, but could not find them. When inquired, library officials said that they did not remove the books from the racks.

Over 81k ryots obtain IDs to purchase subsidised fertilisers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Virudhunagar

AMONG 94,782 farmers in the district, 81,593 have obtained farmer IDs so far to purchase subsidised fertilisers through the newly introduced Framework for Fertiliser Sale mobile application, which is being rolled out in the district from the first week of November.

The remaining farmers have been urged to complete the registration process and obtain their IDs. Under the new system introduced by the Union Ministry of Agriculture, farmers can download the FFS application from Google Play store and register using their Aadhaar numbers and OTP verification. Farmers with an ID can access their agricultural land details on the app, select the crops they cultivate and choose the corresponding subsidised fertilisers to generate a QR code.

The application will also provide details of fertiliser stocks and sales outlets, enabling farmers to select a preferred outlet and collect fertilisers by scanning the QR code at the Point of Sale (PoS) machine. The facility will also cover farmers cultivating government and temple lands.

Collector appoints panel to inspect stone quarry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

DISTRICT Collector Nishanth Krishna has constituted a special committee led by the DRO to inspect a stone quarry at Kachirayampatti village in Melur taluk following allegations of violations and protests by villagers demanding its closure.

On Friday, the collector appointed a nine-member committee to inspect the quarry and submit a report on the alleged violations. The move comes amid a sit-in protest by residents of Kachirayampatti and nearby areas since November 2, demanding the closure of the quarry, which they alleged was operating in violation of norms and causing damage to their agricultural lands and residential areas.

According to the proceedings, the quarry is located on 3 hectares in Survey No. 697/2, classified as government poramboke land. A quarry lease had been granted to an individual for a period of five years. The villagers alleged that the quarry operator had failed to maintain the mandatory safety distance from nearby patta lands and that quarrying activities, including blasting, posed a threat to their properties and livelihood.

பொது அறிவிப்பு

விருதுநகர் மாவட்டம், திருச்சுழி வட்டம், உண்டுருமிகிடாக்குளம் கிராமம் புல எண் : 168/4 -ல் 0.98.50 ஹெக்டர் பரப்பளவில் மூன்று (3) வருடங்களுக்கு கிராவல் குவாரி நடத்த அனுமதி வழங்கி மாநில சுற்றுச் சூழல் தாக்க மதிப்பீட்டு ஆணையம், தமிழ்நாடு கோப்பு எண் : 14041, Online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/588595/2026EC Identification No. EC26C0108TN5729704N நாள் 05.11.2026 (Website: parivesh.nic.in) சுற்றுச்சூழல் தடையின்மை சான்று வழங்கியுள்ளது என்பதை தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

இப்படிக்கு:
திரு. அ.தியாகராஜ், த/பெ. திரு. அர்த்தநாரி,
கதவு எண் : 32, VMC காலனி, ராபர்ட்சன் ரோடு,
R.S.புரம், கோயம்பத்தூர் தெற்கு,
கோயம்பத்தூர் மாவட்டம்.

NAME CHANGE

I, **NIVETHA D,** legally wedded wife of **Army No JC442145A** Rank **SUB** Name **SIVAKUMAR S,** residing at Main Road, Srinivasa Perumal Nagar, Perumal Goundan Patti - Vill, B.Ammapatti-Po, Bodinayakanur - Tk, Theni-Dist, Tamilnadu, Pin 625 528 have changed my Name **D NIVETHA** to **NIVETHA D.** My Aadhar No is - **5467 2765 8203. - NIVETHA D**

Name Change

I, VAJMAL JUNITHAL H/o Jaleel Mohamed born on 15.03.1969, Native District Sivagangai, residing at D.No 10(1), Arabulane, Ilayangudi-630702 Post & Taluka, Sivaganga Dist. I have changed my name and hereafter be known VAJMAL JUNAITHA

TAMIL NADU MEDICINAL PLANT FARMS & HERBAL MEDICINE CORPORATION LTD.,
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Anna Hospital Campus, Arumbakkam, Chennai-600 106
Phone: 044-26216696 E-mail : tampcolho@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE Ref. No. : 0976/Tam/NA/2025

E-Tenders with two covers system are invited from the eligible bidders for the supply of equipments & lab items to 400 AYUSH Health & Wellness centres under the control of Director of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Department. Eligibility of the tenderer and other conditions are stipulated in the Bid document. Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website **"https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app".** EMD to be paid & the bids to be submitted through e-tender portal only.

DIPR/3458/TENDER/2026 **General Manager**

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
CONSTRUCTION WING, CIRCLE-I, FIRST FLOOR, 'A' BLOCK,
'E' ROAD, KOYAMBEDU, CHENNAI - 600 107

E- TENDER NOTICE Dated :05.11.2026

E-tenders are invited from the Government registered and experienced contractors by the Superintending Engineer, Construction Wing, Circle-I, Koyambedu, Chennai – 107, under Two cover system for the work of "Construction of Additional Shops in between L, M & N block of Vegetable market at Koyambedu Wholesale Market Complex, Koyambedu, Chennai-107".

E-tender Notice No.	:	03/2026-27 dated.05.11.2026
Last date & Time of receipt of tender through online	:	14.12.2026 at 3.00 PM
Downloading the tender document by Free of Cost	:	From 12.11.2026 to 14.12.2026 upto 3.00 pm
For further details visit Website	:	http://tntenders.gov.in /

DIPR/3462/Tender/2026 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER-I** Circle-I, CW, CMDA, Ch-107

AP POWER GENERATION CORPORATION Ltd.,
VS, VIJAYAWADA-520004
(A Govt. of A.P. Undertaking)

ABRIDGE FORM
TENDER ID No.1005797

APGENCO invites open tenders "Design, Engineering, manufacturing, inspection, testing, supply, loading, transportation, unloading, On-site installation & Commissioning of 20 Ton Capacity Rough Terrain Hydraulic mobile crane with 3 section boom 8.0 mtrs to 22.0 mtrs along with spare parts/consumables, standard tool kit and manuals as per latest relevant standards conforming to the technical data for CHP/Dr.MVR.RTPP" through AP e-procurement. **EVC Rs.1,60,00,000/-.**

Schedule available Date & Time : **05.11.2026 - 18:00 Hrs** onwards.
Bid submission closing Date & Time : **19.11.2026 - 13.00 Hrs**
For further details visit : **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

DIPR No.5544PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 06/11/2026

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Registered Office:- Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahamedabad-09., Branch Office:- HDB Financial Services Ltd.No.50, Second Floor, VMR Complex,Vasantha Nagar Bypass Road, Andalpuram, Madurai 625003

E AUCTION SALE NOTICE

(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General) (Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)

The undersigned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd, has taken over Possession of the following property, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1) Bilal Biriyani, No:25, Pallivasal Complex, Batlagundu Road Begambur Dindigul Begampur-624002 Tamil Nadu, **And Also:** Old TS No 124 124/1 Part New TS No 124/2 1 Part, Block No 2 War 5 Natharsha St Begam Village Dindigul Town Nagal Nagar-624003, **2) R Mahamuda Begam,** No:33/36 Natharsha Street Pallapatti Dindigul Begampur-624002 Tamil Nadu. **3) A Rahamathullah,** No:33/36 Natharsha Street Pallapatti Dindigul Begampur-624002 Tamil Nadu. **Loan Account No. 51310183** and linked by Unique Id number. 65207189, **Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.83,64,809.75 + Rs.4,34,582.63 = Rs.87,99,392.38** (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Ninty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninty Two and paise Thirty Eight Only) **as on 30.11.2026,** with further interest/ incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment.

Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor : NIL

Details of Immovable Property Mortgage: Schedule of the Securities-I: All that piece and parcel of property in Dindigul District, Dindigul Registration District,; Nagalnayakkanpatti Sub Registration Office, Dindigul Town, Ward No. 5, Block No. 2, Begampur, Natharsha Street, in Old Town Survey No. 124 in which 1 Acre 1970 Sq. Feet in which Southern Half Portion of 22765 Sq. Feet in which Southern West Corner Portion was excluded, remaining Northern Portion in Town Survey No. 124/1 Part, in New Sub-division Survey No. 124/23 in which 765 Sq. Feet equivalent to 71.10 Sq. Meter of the property within the following boundaries: **North:** Property in New T.S.No. 124/21 Part (Item No. 2 Here in), **East:** Property in New T.S.No. 124/22 belongs to M.V.Sheikmohammed, **West:**Property in New T.S.No. 124/24 belongs to Aayisammal, **South:** Property in New T.S.No. 124/33 Part and 12 Feet Wide East-West Road Within which property measuring. East-West 26 Feet on the North and 23.3/4 Feet on the South, North-South 30 Feet on the East and 31.1/2 Feet on the West totally to an extent of 765 Sq. Feet equivalent to 71.10 Sq. Meter.

Schedule of the Securities-II: All that piece and parcel of the property in Dindigul District, Dindigul Registration District, Nagalnayakkanpatti Sub Registration Office, Dindigul Town, Ward No: 5, Block No. 2, Begampur, Natharsha Street, in Town Survey No. 124 to an extent of 1 Acre 1970 Sq. Feet in which Southern Portion of 14562 Sq. Feet in which Northern Portion was excluded, Western Portion was.excluded, Eastern Portion Now in Town Survey No. 124/1 Part, in New Sub-division in Town Survey No. 124/21 Part in which 647 Sq. Feet of the property within the following boundaries: **North:** Property in New T.S.No. 124/1 Part Property belongs to Rashitha (W/o.S.M.Abdulmalik) and East-West Channel, **East:** East-West Channel and Property in New T.S.No. 124/21 West Part belongs to R.Dhanabalan Property in New T.S.No. 124/21 Part belongs to M.Barisha Begam and North-South Common Lane South E-Mail:- legaldoctors@gmail.com : Property in New T.S.No. 124/23 and (Item No. 1 Herein) and in New T.S.No. 124/24 belongs to Aayisammal Within which West side of 1st Portion of the property measuring, East West 22 Feet on the North and 22 Feet on the South, North-South 24.1/4 Feet on the East and 20.1/4 Feet on the West, totally to an extent of 489.1/2 Sq. Feet, Within Which East Side, South side of 2nd portion of the property measuring, East-West 7.1/2 Feet on the North and 7.1/2 Feet on the South, North South 17.3/4 Feet on the East and 17.3/4 Feet West totally to an extent of 133.3/4 Sq. Feet, Within which North side of 3rd Portion of the property measuring, North South 6.1/2 Feet on the West, Eastern (Cross) 11.3/4 Feet on the East, East-West O Feet on the North and 7.1/2 Feet on the South of the triangle Portion totally to an extent of 24.3/4 Sq. Feet, Thus the 1 to 3 Portions, totally to an extent of 647 Sq. Feet equivalent to 60.14 Sq. Meter. Thus Item Nos. 1 and 2 of the schedule mentioned properties totally to an extent of 1412 Sq. Feet of the property in which constructed a building bearing at Door No. 64/1, Natarsha Street, in Tax Assessment no. 901349 with all fittings and deposits and all other amenities along with all pathway rights. The said property situated at Dindigul Town Limit.

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	EMD Last Date & Time	Auction Date & Time
Rs.70,60,000/-	Rs.7,06,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	07.12.2026 Up to 06:00 p.m	08.12.2026 at 11.00 AM to 12 Noon

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE:

1) The auction sale shall be **"online e-auction"** bidding through website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. **2)** The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: **https://www.bankeauctions.com** (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with **https://www.bankeauctions.com)** through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"HDB Financial Service Limited"** above.After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: https//www.bankeauctions.com) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc.,maycontact **M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail ID : support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries: sales@bankeauctions.com, 7291981129. 3)** The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed. **4)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, HDB Financial Services Ltd.No.50,2nd floor, VMR complex, Andalpuram , Madurai 625003. **5)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favor of **"HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 6pm on the 07.12.2026** of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified. **6)** For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd. No.50,2nd floor, VMR complex, Andalpuram, Madurai 625003. K.Mariyappan (9786684697) A.Ranjithkumar(994375863) & Rajasekar (98941 43049).The Property is sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis. **7)** The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by **11am on the 08.12.2026** of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited. **8)** The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. **9)** The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **10)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. **11)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. **12)** The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Place: Madurai, Date: 06.11.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s. HDB Financial Services Limited

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o. Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04, TG.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No. and Date	Name of Work	Approximate Estimate Contract Value
EP-01/CGM (E)/ PCC-II/Bandlaguda-Reservoirs-IOD/ 2026-27, dated: 03-11-2026	Development of water supply infrastructure Construction of three reservoirs, Laying of MS / DI Inlet, Outlet and Distribution mains in six new colonies situated in Bandlaguda area of Chandrayangutta Assembly Constituency.	Rs.34.79 Crores

(1) The bid documents download starts online on or after: **07-11-2026. (2)** Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned- **Chief General Manager (Engg), Project Construction Circle-II, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. (3)** The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the "ZIP" format preferably. **(4)** Further details can be seen @ **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04, TG.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWSS)
Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department
Jal O Parimal Bhawan, Bhubaneswar -751001

NOTICE

No. 12774/RWSS Date: 04/11/2026

Technical Briefing on Tablet Based In-line Chlorination (ILC) Pilot Project

25001/1470/2627: The Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, Odisha will hold a Technical Briefing on the proposed In-line Chlorination Pilot Project for piped drinking water supply schemes in select districts of Odisha. The briefing will provide an overview of ILC implementation, responsibilities, technical requirements and operational expectations. Interested contractors/vendors, and manufacturers, suppliers and authorised vendors of chlorine tablets, are invited to attend.

Date & Time: 10 November 2026, 4:00 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, O/o the Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, Jal O Parimal Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

Please confirm attendance by 09/11/2026 at cerwssodisha@gmail.com/tpeicrwss@gmail.com, giving your firm's name, one representative and contact details. Written queries may be sent in advance to the same email. Attendance is not mandatory and does not give any right or preference in bidding.

OIPR-25001/25040/1/26-27/0004 Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS (O)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM & EXPLOSIVES SAFETY ORGANISATION (PESO)
(Formerly Department of Explosives)

WARNING

It is brought to the notice of all Public that Government of India vide Notification No. G.S.R. 682(E), dated 05-10-1999 has prohibited the manufacture, sale or use of Fire Crackers generating noise level exceeding 125 dB(A1) including joint fire crackers (garland). The manufacture, sale or use of such fire crackers is illegal and anyone found violating is liable for necessary action under the Statutory Rules.

For safety during Deepavali festival, observe the following precautions:

Do's

- Buy the fireworks, manufactured in compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court directives from the reliable sellers possessing licence.
- Always an adult should supervise the use of fireworks.
- Safety precautions marked on the fireworks should be strictly followed.
- Use a candle or an agarbathi to ignite the fireworks.
- Always keep a bucket of water at hand to extinguish an incipient fire.
- Aerial fireworks should be used in a safe landing zone.
- Dispose off fireworks properly by soaking them in water.

Dont's

- Manufacture, Sale or use of Fireworks generating noise exceeding 125dB(A1) or 145 PK at 4 mtr distance from point to bursting is prohibited. For individual fire crackers constituting the series (joint crackers) the above mentioned limit to be reduced by 5 log 10 (N) dB where N is equal number of crackers joined together.
- Do not burst sound emitting fire crackers between 10 pm to 6 am.
- Never ignite fireworks while holding them. Keep the fireworks at ground level, ignite and walk away.
- Don't light fireworks by keeping them inside any containers.
- Never ignite aerial fireworks where overhead obstructions, viz, trees, leaves, wires, etc. may distracts the trajectory into open air space.
- Never ignite aerial fireworks close to a building, so as to avoid entry of fireworks though the door, window, etc., which may cause fire inside the building.
- Never use fireworks inside the house.
- Do not use fireworks on the public thoroughfare.
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Never re-light a 'dud' firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Do not use spurious / illegal fireworks.
- Do not allow children to use fireworks alone.

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