INBRIEF



K. Karunakaran's daughter leaves BJP, rejoins Congress

Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of former Keralam Chief Minister and Congress stalwart K. Karunakaran, has quit the Bharatiya Janata Party, barely three years after crossing over from the Congress, admitting that joining the saffron party was a mistake that she wishes to correct. She joined the BJP on March 7, 2024. Ms. Venugopal confirmed her resignation on Thursday, saying she had taken the decision to leave the Congress without understanding the BJP's ideology.

Kerala court quashes FIR against Minister in assets case

The Kerala High Court has quashed an FIR pertaining to an assets case against IUML leader and Minister for Local Self-Government K.M. Shaji. He was accused of amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income between 2011 and 2020. The Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau had filed the FIR under the Prevention of Corruption Act, on a complaint that Mr. Shaji had built a house using money whose source is yet to be ascertained.

Kidnapped toddler rescued within 12 hours in Hyderabad

A 44-year-old woman was arrested by the police in Hyderabad on charges of kidnapping a two-and-half year old girl from her residence in Ameenpur on Wednesday. The child was rescued safely within 12 hours. The girl's mother lodged a complaint stating that her younger daughter went missing around 12.30 p.m. Following the complaint, police formed five special teams from three police stations along with a Special Operations Team to trace the child.

Court acquits CPI(M) leaders in 2012 Kannur murder case

CBI court convicts 13 accused and acquits 18, including CPI(M)'s Jayarajan and Rajesh, in IUML activist Ariyil Shukkoor's murder case; it strikes down conspiracy charges against the accused

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A Special CBI Court in Keralam on Thursday convicted 13 accused and acquitted 18, including CPI(M) leaders P. Jayarajan and T.V. Rajesh, in the case related to the murder of Ariyil Shukkoor, an Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) activist, in Kannur in 2012.

Judge P. Sabarinathan sentenced seven convicts to life imprisonment, while the other six were sentenced to two years in prison and granted bail.

The Special CBI court in Ernakulam struck down the conspiracy charges against all the accused, including Mr. Jayarajan and Mr. Rajesh

Shukkoor, 21, a native of Ariyil, near Taliparamba, was killed by a group of assailants at Keezhara on February 20, 2012. The murder was allegedly committed in retaliation for an attack on Mr. Jayarajan and Mr. Rajesh during their visit to tension-hit Ariyil earlier that morning. Shukkoor and four other youth, who had taken refuge in a house at Keezhara, were allegedly forced to leave the premises after a group of CPI(M) workers intimidated the houseowners.

The police said their captors verified their identities with party workers. Three of them were released. Shukkoor and Zakaria were then taken to a nearby field and stabbed. Zakaria, who sustained stab injuries, managed to escape.



T.V. Rajesh and P. Jayarajan after their acquittal by the CBI Special Court in Ernakulam on Thursday. THULASI KAKKAT

A political plot, says acquitted leader Jayarajan

P. Jayarajan alleged on Thursday that the Ariyil Shukkoor case was a political hatchet job orchestrated by the then ruling United Democratic Front and the Indian Union Muslim League leadership to target the CPI(M).

Investigators had alleged that Mr. Jayarajan and Mr. Rajesh had prior knowledge of the Shukkoor murder conspiracy, allegedly hatched at Taliparamba Co-operative Hospital, where they had been admitted on February 20 following an attack on Mr. Jayarajan's convoy allegedly by IUML workers earlier that day.

Chennai techie dies after assault in Delhi

Lavpreet Kaur
NEW DELHI

A 28-year-old IT employee who travelled nearly 2,000 kilometres to Delhi to meet a YouTuber and social media influencer died after allegedly being assaulted by her family members when he tried to enter her house in east Delhi's Madhu Vihar, police sources said on Thursday.

The deceased, identified as Abhinav, was a native of eastern Uttar Pradesh and worked with an IT company in Chennai. He died of his injuries on November 14.

The incident took place on November 7, when Abhinav allegedly tried to enter the woman's house by jumping over its boundary wall, triggering a confrontation with her family members and neighbours. He was then beaten up during the altercation and sustained grievous injuries.

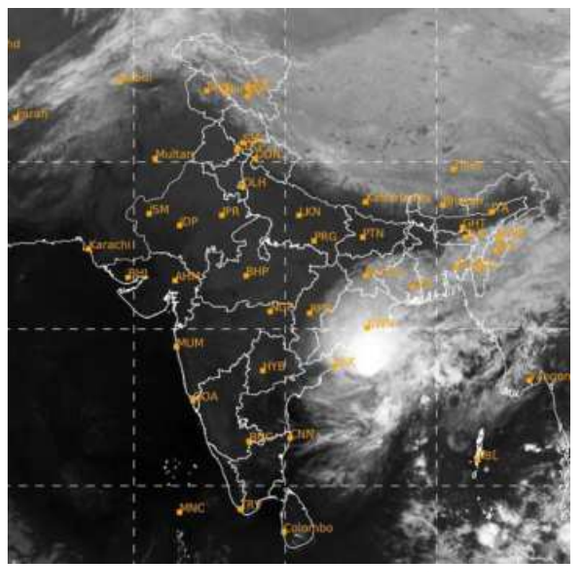
The investigation revealed that Abhinav had come in contact with the woman through Instagram.

According to police sources, Abhinav had travelled to Delhi around two months earlier and met the woman. "The influencer thought he was a fan and agreed to meet him. However, he had developed feelings for her. On learning that she was due to get married later this year, he travelled to Delhi again on November 7 and tried to enter her house by jumping over the boundary wall," a police source said.

The woman's father and a neighbour, who were seen assaulting Abhinav in the CCTV footage, have been arrested and are currently in judicial custody.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and coastal Andhra Pradesh. Dense fog likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.6	25.6	22.6	Kurnool	—	32.6	19.6
Ahmedabad	—	31.4	21.8	Lucknow	—	28.0	13.0
Aizawl	2	23.8	17.1	Madurai	—	36.0	21.6
Bengaluru	—	29.1	16.1	Mangaluru	—	34.1	21.6
Bhopal	—	26.2	9.9	Mumbai	—	33.6	22.6
Bhubaneswar	7	21.4	19.2	Mysuru	—	31.8	15.0
Chandigarh	—	27.9	10.4	New Delhi	—	28.1	10.6
Chennai	—	32.6	23.8	Patna	—	28.8	16.7
Coimbatore	—	32.6	19.5	Port Blair	27.3	29.9	23.6
Dehradun	—	26.5	11.4	Prayagraj	—	28.6	13.6
Gangtok	—	21.5	11.1	Puducherry	—	33.4	21.8
Goa	—	34.5	21.2	Pune	—	30.8	14.0
Guwahati	—	27.4	16.4	Raipur	—	28.4	15.9
Hubballi	—	31.0	14.0	Ranchi	—	26.0	12.1
Hyderabad	—	30.0	17.9	Shillong	—	20.7	12.4
Imphal	1	18.5	16.1	Shimla	—	21.5	10.0
Jaipur	—	27.9	13.7	Srinagar	—	16.8	-0.2
Kochi	—	31.8	26.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.0	24.7
Kohima	—	16.5	13.6	Tiruchirappalli	—	34.3	21.0
Kolkata	1	22.4	21.5	Vijayawada	—	31.0	20.0
Kozhikode	—	36.5	25.4	Visakhapatnam	—	28.7	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.63	..60	49	 89	...136	.....
Bengaluru	.14	..44	55	... 151	...171	.....
Chennai	.18	..17	54	... 187	...153	.....
Delhi	.28	..52	70	... 361	...287	.....
Hyderabad	...4	9	37	... 117	...108	.....
Kolkata	...8	..54	19	 81	93	.....
Lucknow	...8	..30	49	... 207	...138	.....
Mumbai	.18	..58	36	... 138	...121	.....
Pune	.25	..96	46	... 205	...246	.....
Visakhapatnam	.19	..35	49	... 105	...120	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hisar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 311 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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PROCLAMATION OF SALE-cum-E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(See Rule 52(2) of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961)
R.P. No. 82 of 2014 in OA No. 136 of 2009

Whereas a Recovery Certificate dated **11.07.2014** was issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam, under sub-section (22) of section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 in **O.A. No. 136/2009** between **Bank of India, SME Branch, 2nd Floor, Founta Plaza, Dabagardens, Visakhapatnam Versus M/s. Eswari Organics & others** and forwarded the same for execution.

2. Whereas the execution proceedings were initiated in **R.P No. 82/2014** for recovery of **Rs.57,17,506/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and Six Only)** covered by Recovery Certificate with interest, costs, etc. specified therein from the following Certificate Debtors:-

(CD-1) M/s Eswari Organics, Rep. by its Managing Partner Sri. Ch.L.N. Murthy, E-26, Pedagantyada, Visakhapatnam.
(CD-2) Sri. Ch.L.N. Murthy, S/o Sri. Appala Naidu, R/o 4-57-24, Uma Maheswari Complex, Narasimha Nagar, Visakhapatnam.
(CD-3) Sri. Konathala Venata Ramana, R/o 14-28-1, Neelakantarao Vaari Street, Anakapalle District.
(CD-4) Padmavathi Hand Made Paper & Board Industries, Rep. by its Prop. Sri. Battula Yugandhar, S/o Naga Bhushan, Business, R/o 39-4-12/7, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam.

3. And whereas, the due is a sum of **Rs.4,69,85,018/-** (interest calculated upto **30.09.2026**) as on **30.09.2026** plus future interest, costs and expenses incurred/to be incurred in the Recovery Proceeding till realization.

4. Therefore, the undersigned ordered for Sale of the Schedule properties of Certificate Debtors mentioned hereunder in satisfaction of Recovery Certificate by adopting **"online e-Auction Sale"** through the website **https://baanknet.com** of the Service Provider. The details of the Date of Auction, Last date for submission of Bid form, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit, Bid Increase Amount and Time of Auction are mentioned hereunder against each Item/Schedule of property:

Last Date for Bids: 21.12.2026 (4.00 PM) Date of Auction: 23.12.2026

Schedule	Extent of the Property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Bid Increase Amount	Time of Auction *
Schedule Property "C"	A Shed No.E-26 size of 60'*30' constructed on a Plot area of an extent of 1490.31 Sq.yrds or 1245.90 Sq.mtrs.	Rs. 2,51,68,000/-	Rs. 25,16,800/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	11.00 AM to 12.00 PM

* Time of Auction - with an auto extension clause of 5 minutes each i.e. e-auction end time will be extended by 5 minutes each, if bid is made before closure of the auction.

5. At the sale, the public are invited to participate in "**online e-auction**" through the website **https://baanknet.com** of the service provider. In case of any objections with respect to the auction shall file the same before the undersigned within 30 days from the date of this notice.The address details of Service Provider are: **https://baanknet.com, Contact No.82912 20220, E-mail Id: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.**

6. The intending participants/bidders are advised to go through the website **https://baanknet.com** for detailed terms and conditions of e-auction sale and are also required to contact the Service Provider for online registration, user ID, Password, help, procedure, online training about e-auction etc.,for submitting their Bid Forms and for taking part in e-auction sale proceedings.

7. The intending participants shall deposit EMD amount by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **Account No.861890200000033, Name of the Account: E Auction EMD Collection Account, Bank & Branch: Bank of India, Visakhapatnam SME (Siripuram) Branch IFSC Code: BKID0008618** and submit the Bid Forms online with requisite details viz. proof of deposit of EMD, PAN Card, Address & ID Proof on or before the last date mentioned in the above table, and also send hard copy of Bid Form duly filled in along with self-attested copies of above documents by Registered Post/Speed Post/ Courier to the undersigned so as to reach on or before **22.12.2026 by 4.00 PM**. Postal delays are not entertained.

8. The intending participants are also advised to **contact Sri. Bade Hemanth Kumar, Branch Manager (Contact No. 98667 64436, 0891-2502102 & 2504830), E-mail: sme.visakhapatnam@bankofindia.co.in** for queries, inspection of schedule properties, perusal of copies of title deeds and latest encumbrance certificates to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves about the title of property under auction sale. **Branch Head of the Bank will hand over the property and related title deed documents to the successful bidder in whose favour the Sale will be confirmed by the undersigned.**

SPECIFICATION OF SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
SCHEDULE PROPERTY - 'C'

(Property covered by Registered Sale Deed bearing Document No. 79/2000 dated 07.01.2000 belongs to 4th Defendant i.e A Padmavathi Hand Made Paper & Board Industries. Rep. by its Prop. Sri. Battula Yugandhar)

Visakhapatnam District, Gajuwaka Sub-Registry, Pedagantyada Village & Mandal, Auto Nagar Industrial Estate, covered by Survey Nos. 156 & 158 (Part), **Shed No. E-26, in an extent of 1490.31 Sq.yrds or 1245.90 Sq.mtrs together with 1800 Sq.ft** within limits of Gajuwaka Municipality and **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.146, **West:** Shed No. E-27, **North:** Plot No.148, **South:** 60 Feet Wide Road.

(Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Visakhapatnam on the 03rd November 2026)
Sd/- (Avasarala Anil) Recovery Officer,
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam

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For detailed advertisement and information regarding qualification, experience and other details kindly visit Website https//wrd.punjab.gov.in/en/cat/recruitment.

Note:- The Applicants who applied earlier in lieu of the advertisement dated 20.11.2025 and 18.02.2026 for said post those applicants need not to apply again.

Dated, Chandigarh
19.11.2026
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Tender Doc no: MTCIL/TENDER/ EPC-OPGW/005
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Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MTCIL) is inviting requests for proposals from interested bidders for Supply & Erection of 96F/144F OPGW cable for 132kV to 400kV Transmission.
Interested bidders may obtain the bid documents in person/ by courier / post by sending request letter at above mentioned address and a Bid document fee of Rs 10,000/- through DD/online Mode in favor of "Maharashtra Transmission Communication Infrastructure Ltd "payable at Mumbai on or before 1st Dec 2026, 16.00 Hrs.

Scope of Work,

Supply & Erection of 96F/144F OPGW cable the activities in the scope of Contractor shall include but not limited to Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, survey, planning, safety, Testing at manufacturer's works, Type testing, Factory acceptance testing, Seaworthy/ roadworthy packing, Loading, Transportation & Insurances including transit insurance, supply delivery management, delivery at site, unloading, handling, storage, inventory management (through its own stores), liaisoning with MSETCL and during execution transmission utility (MSETCL) conveyance (Dedicated Vehicle) to site & drop back and with any local authorities, OPGW Drum schedule & BOQ release, Live-Line installation & where necessary offline installation, supervision of erection/installation, jointing, splicing, termination (FODP to FODP including approach cable installation), end to end testing, training, material reconciliation and demonstration for acceptance, return of replaced earth wire to MSETCL respective stores with weighing slip, testing and commissioning of all lines, earthing, tower strengthening, follow QHSE norms and documentation of the entire project of OPGW.

Qty. in Km	Date of Pre-bid Conference	Last date of seeking clarifications	Last date of Bid Submission
Total- 600 Km Phase 1- 300, Phase-2 -remaining 300 subjects to successful completion of phase 1 and required approval	03rd Dec 2026 16.00 Hrs.	07th Dec 2026 18.00 Hrs.	23rd Dec 2026 16.00 Hrs.

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Market Info

A Business Initiative

RINL LAUNCHED HR CONNECT MOBILE APP



Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, launched its innovative mobile application, "HR Connect", in the august presence of the CMD, Directors and CVO of RINL, as part of its efforts to strengthen employee welfare through digital technology. The app provides employees with a convenient platform to report concerns relating to welfare facilities and maintenance requirements across the plant by scanning a QR code and registering their complaints. Through its user-friendly interface, employees can select the concerned department, workplace or area, and nature of the issue from predefined options. Complaints relating to civil maintenance, drinking water facilities, water coolers and other welfare provisions are automatically routed to the concerned departments for necessary action, with the HR Department monitoring their resolution. The app also features dedicated dashboards to track complaints, review progress, obtain feedback and monitor the status of issues. It further provides easy access to HR procedures and prescribed formats. Developed in-house with the support of RINL's IT & ERP Department, HR Connect reflects the organisation's commitment to digital solutions and employee engagement. The initiative complements periodic joint physical inspections conducted by various departments to improve welfare facilities and shop-floor maintenance. Through this initiative, RINL aims to strengthen employee-administration communication, facilitate faster resolution of workplace concerns and promote a responsive, employee-centric work environment.

CANARA BANK TO ORGANISE CUSTOMER OUTREACH AND LOAN MELA



On the occasion of Canara Bank's Foundation Day, the Kakinada Regional Office of Canara Bank is organising a Customer Outreach Programme/Loan Mela on 21st November 2026, at its Regional Office in Kakinada. The programme aims to create awareness among bank customers about various banking services, loan facilities, government welfare schemes, digital banking services and innovative financial products offered by the bank. The initiative is intended to further strengthen the relationship between the bank and its customers, understand their financial requirements and provide suitable banking solutions. It also aims to make banking services more accessible to the public. In a statement, Ganesh R., Assistant General Manager of Canara Bank's Kakinada Regional Office, said that the programme would provide an opportunity for customers to learn about the bank's services and financial facilities. He appealed to customers and members of the public to make the best use of this opportunity and participate in the programme.

UNION BANK OF INDIA CELEBRATED 108th FOUNDATION DAY



Union Bank of India celebrated its 108th Foundation Day in Visakhapatnam on 11th November 2026, marking over a century of banking excellence. The commemorative event was held at Gadiraju Palace under the leadership of Smt. Sonalika, Zonal Head, Shri S. Jayaraju, DGM, and Shri J. Simhachalam, Regional Head, Visakhapatnam, in the presence of employees, customers and other stakeholders. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Sonalika highlighted the Bank's journey of trust, progress and innovation, urging employees to uphold its commitment to customer service and the concept of "U before I". The Bank's employees also contributed Rs. 11.17 crore towards the National Defence Fund. As part of the celebrations, the Bank launched several digital banking products and services, including digitised corporate salary accounts, digital loans against PPF, UPI Global, online locker facilities and enhanced internet banking services. The Bank also inaugurated 108 new branches across India, including 25 in the North Eastern Region, and contributed Rs. 13.72 crore towards CSR activities. The celebration reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to customer-centric services, financial inclusion, innovation and sustainable growth.

SIR: 1,635 voters reappear on rolls with same EPIC numbers

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

At least 1,635 people across Bengaluru who were listed for deletion from the electoral rolls during the special intensive revision (SIR) on the grounds that they were absent, had shifted, were dead or had duplicate entries – categories collectively referred to as ASDD – are in the final roll with the same Electors' Photo Identity Card (EPIC) numbers they held before the revision.

Many of them are now listed as voters in constituencies different from those in which they were originally enrolled.

During the SIR, people who were found to be absent, shifted, dead, or to have duplicate entries were placed on the ASDD list for deletion because their enumeration forms were not returned. To get their names back on the rolls, they had to apply afresh through Form 6 as "new voters."

Under the ECI's Manual on Electoral Rolls, anyone who ceases to be enrolled and applies again through Form 6 must be allotted a new EPIC number.

Revanth says he will never act against State's interests

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Rejecting the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) allegations that he was releasing Telangana's water to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said he was a "son of Telangana, born and brought up on its soil", and would remain committed to protecting its interests.

He was addressing a public meeting at Siddipet after launching the Indiramma Kutumba Jeevita Bima (Family Life Insurance Scheme) providing coverage of ₹5 lakh each to one crore families in the State. The scheme would be beneficial to different sections of society, right from the workers engaged under the rural employment guarantee scheme.