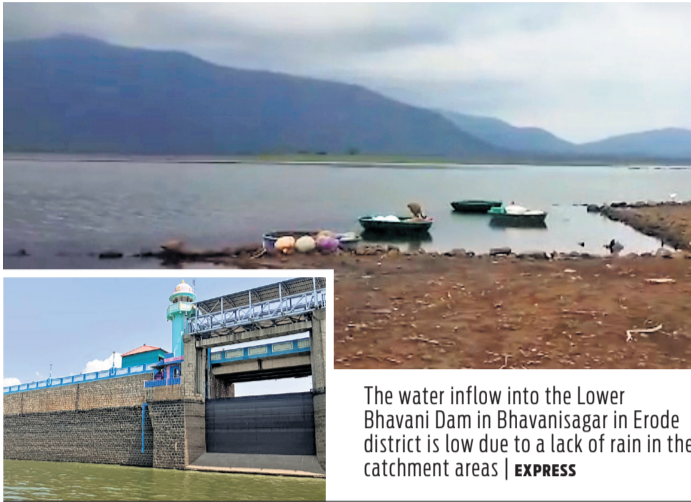


Water level dips in Bhavani, Amaravathi dams

Current reserves in dams are sufficient to meet the drinking water requirements for the summer, states WRD

P SRINIVASAN @Erode/Tiruppur

THE water level in the Lower Bhavani Dam has dropped to 8.2 tmc with a continuous decline in water inflow and the release of water for irrigation.



The water inflow into the Lower Bhavani Dam in Bhavanisagar in Erode district is low due to a lack of rain in the catchment areas | EXPRESS

Lakhs of people and farmers in Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Erode districts rely on Bhavani River for drinking water and irrigation needs.

ter storage in the dam has dropped to 8.2 tmc (63.10 feet) against the full level of 32.8 tmc (105 ft).

A senior WRD official said, "Water can be released for irrigation until the dam's water storage drops to 4 tmc. Then, 2.5 tmc will be allocated for drinking water requirements, and 1.5 tmc will be accounted for as

FALL IN SMALLER DAMS TOO

Water levels have also declined in other small dams in Erode district. On Wednesday, the water storage level was in Gunderpallam Dam was 56.2 mcf, 74.7 mcf in Perumpallam Dam and 47.8 mcf in Varattupallam Dam.

Rain is forecast in the catchment areas on May 1 and 2. Also, the monsoon is likely to start in a month

A WRD official

May and in Tamil Nadu by the beginning of June. A water crisis is likely to arise only if the rains are delayed."

A senior TWAD Board official said, "For Erode district, the Bhavani and Cauvery are the major sources of drinking water. There is no shortage of drinking water so far. But we can't predict what May will be like."

In Tiruppur, water level in the Amaravathi Dam is very low, standing at 203.68 mcf (21 ft) against the full level of 4047 mcf (90 ft). About 110 drinking water schemes rely on Amaravathi River. "The water level in the dam is currently low. Consequently, there has been no release of water from the dam. However, we recently released water for drinking purposes. It has raised the groundwater level. That will help the water projects for up to a month. By then, the monsoon will start," a senior official of WRD of Tiruppur said.

(*tmc = thousand million cubic feet)



Governor Rajendra V Arlekar hands over a prize to a student at the Lawrence School at Lovedale near Ooty on Thursday | EXPRESS

Broaden scope of goals, Guv exhorts students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

RAJENDRA Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, on Thursday called upon students to dedicate their knowledge to the development of the state and the nation.

Speaking at the 168th Founder's Day of Lawrence School at Lovedale near Ooty, he challenged the common perception of success, and urged students to expand their horizons beyond personal gain.

While high marks and "getting settled" are common ambitions, those should not be the ultimate purpose of life. The true achievement is becoming a good human being who is useful to society, the Governor stated. He reminded students that they are the future architects

of India. "While parents provide life, it is the teachers who provide the tools for a successful and meaningful life. Hence, the students should maintain the highest level of respect for their educators and the school management," he added.

Arlekar presided over the prize distribution ceremony, personally handing over shields, trophies, and certificates to students for their exceptional achievements in academic, sporting, and co-curricular fields.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the most coveted award: The Best House Award. Nilgiri House was declared the Inter-House Overall Winner, clinching the championship shield for their consistent excellence.

Youth wing functionary of MDMK resigns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Erode

AN MDMK youth wing officer-bearer announced his resignation in protest against the use of the word 'begging' by the party's principal secretary Durai Vaiko during a speech.

In a resignation letter addressed to the general secretary of the party, L Somasundaram stated that he had always served the party with honour and pride, strictly upholding the core principles of self-respect and honour. He expressed disappointment that party responsibilities in electoral politics were being referred to as 'begging' by the party. "I was crushed when I heard the word 'begging'. Corporate political language like 'begging' and 'whipping' had no place in a party born in the land of Periyar, the father of the self-respect movement," he said.

'Invoke Goondas Act against those who attacked forest dept staff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

THE Tamil Nadu Forest Staff Association has sought charges under the Goondas Act against the two youths who were arrested for attacking the temporary staff of the forest department during a recent protest in the O-Valley Estate. The Association made an appeal to the Nilgiris District Collector in this regard.

The incident happened during a protest over the death of a 45-year-old man, T Kalaiselvan, in a wild elephant attack on the night of April 25. Kalaiselvan was a resident of Fourth Division in the O-Valley Estate. The staff of the forest department came under attack as they arrived to take Kalaiselvan's body for postmortem.

Forest Guard Viswanathan and Anti-Poaching Watchers (APWs) Lokesh, Rajkumar,

Maadhan, Rajesh, and Rapid Response Team (RRT) members Gopi and Christopher were attacked by the protesters. Moreover, they broke the windshields of two forest department vehicles, said Association members. "The staff are working dedicatedly round the clock to mitigate the human-



elephant conflict. However, the protesters attacked recklessly. The staff who were on duty could not have survived if police personnel had not intervened and rescued them. The police rescued the staff and made them to sit in the vehicle, which prevented the protesters from attacking them further," said G Sudeer Kumar, Secretary of the Association (Gudalur-Mudumalai Branch). Its President John Peter said that working in such a high human-wild animal conflict zone (Gudalur division) is challenging for the staff and that there is no assurance for their lives. "To prevent such incidents, the District Collector should recommend the Superintendent of Police, Nilgiris district, to register the Goondas Act against those arrested," he demanded.

EXPRESS READ

Shoranur-Coimbatore train to be cancelled

Coimbatore: Due to track maintenance works, the Coimbatore-Shoranur passenger train (No.56603) will be partially cancelled between Palakkad and Shoranur on May 2. The train which is scheduled to leave Coimbatore Junction at 4.25 pm will not run from Palakkad Junction to Shoranur Junction. Also, the Shoranur-Coimbatore passenger train (No.56604), scheduled to leave Shoranur Junction at 08.20 am, will be fully cancelled on May 3. ENS

Man booked for duping medical student

Coimbatore: A 33-year-old man was booked for cheating a medical student of ₹9.25 lakh under the guise of getting him a fee concession. The accused is M Selvakumar of Chettipalayam Road in Coimbatore. The complainant was filed by the student's father. ENS

21 labourers injured as van topples near Thalavadi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

NEARLY 21 farm labourers suffered injuries when the goods vehicle they were travelling in met with an accident near Mallankuzhi village near Thalavadi in Erode district on Thursday.

Police say the injured were rushed to the primary health centre at Thalavadi and a government hospital at Chamarajanagar in Mysuru. Locals claimed over hundred farm workers from Thalavadi and surrounding villages travel daily to work in estate plantations in Paiyanapuram area,

along the Tamil Nadu-Karnataka border. Around 9 am on Thursday, around 21 workers left for the farm in Paiyanapuram in a goods van from Mallankuzhi and Kurubarakunte.

While the vehicle neared Mallankuzhi, the driver allegedly lost control at a curve and the van toppled. The Thalavadi police have registered a case and are investigating. Transporting farm workers in goods vehicles remains common in the hilly areas of Thalavadi and Hasanur despite safety concerns raised by authorities, say police.

PUBLIC NOTICE: I am instructed by my client Mr. N. Kamatchi S/o. Nagasamy, residing at Door No.15 Chatram Street, Udumalpet Town, Tiruppur District to hereby inform to the General Public that my client had missed / lost the Original Registered Sale deed Document No.1802/1992 dated 11-05-1992 registered at Sub Registrar Office, Udumalpet on 13-04-2026 while he obtaining legal opinion from Advocate Office which is situated at Katcheri Street Udumalpet Town, Tiruppur District inspite of efforts taken by my client, he is unable to traced out the Original Registered Sale deed. If anyone finds the said document, please contact me or my client and hand over the same.

Government of India Department of Space ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu- 627 133, India CORRIGENDUM Dated : 30.04.2026 In continuation of the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the work 'Construction of Cable Terminal Room for Principal Test Stand (PTS) at IPRC, Mahendragiri. [Civil, PH, Electrical & AC works]. (No.: IPRC/CMG/TTD/e-07/MW/CMP-01/2026-27 dated: 08.04.2026) (Estimated cost: 448.33 Lakhs) is extended up to 12.05.2026. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenders may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender tree view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro Group Head, CMG

ICAR-CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR COTTON RESEARCH (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) Regional Station, Coimbatore-641 003 WALK-IN-INTERVIEW Walk-In-Interview is scheduled for the selection of temporary position of Young Professional-I on 8th May 2026. For details please visit our website www.cicr.org.in

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED AVINASHI BRANCH : No:292/6, Post Office Street, Coimbatore Main Road, Avinashi - 641654 POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited 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 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 09.01.2026 calling upon Borrower: Mr.Vadivelu.S, S/o.Mr.Selvamuthu, No.17/65, Valluvar Street, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Also at, K-2046, Palangarai, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society, Avinashilingampalayam, Pazhankarai Post, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Also at, S.F.No.47/12, Site No.43, Sri Vetri Nagar, Karumapalayam, Vettuvapalayam, Sevvur Road, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Co-Borrowers: 1.Mrs.Parameswari, W/o.Mr.Vadivelu S, No.17/65, Valluvar Street, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Also at, M/s.Sris Fashion Designers, No.17/65, Valluvar Street, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Also at, S.F.No.47/12, Site No.43, Sri Vetri Nagar, Karumapalayam, Vettuvapalayam, Sevvur Road, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Also at, S.F.No.47/12, Site No.43, Sri Vetri Nagar, Karumapalayam, Vettuvapalayam, Sevvur Road, Avinashi, Tiruppur-641 654 Also at, M/s.NSC Spinning Mills Pvt Ltd, S.F.No.326, Chevur to Nambiyur Road, Pappankulam Post, Opp. Power House, Chevur, Tiruppur-641 655 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide Loan Account No. 2091860000300 being ₹ 11,41,882/- with further interest from 05.01.2026 onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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NAME CHANGE I, P.SENTHILPRAVEEN, S/o. PRABHAKARAN, DOB : 10.07.1977, Birth Place : Dharmapuri, Residing at No-1, Thirunagar 1st Street Extn, Sundakkamuthur Road, Selvapuram, Coimbatore - 26, I have changed my father's name PRABHAKAR and PRABAKARAN to PRABHAKARAN. P.SENTHILPRAVEEN

NAME CHANGE I, MURUGESAN KARTHIK, aged 44, S/o Arunachalam Murugesan, holder of Indian passport no AI840538 (old passport N9130924) issued at Dubai on 03/02/2026, permanent resident of Old No 14, New No 235, Cheran Colony, Thudiyalur, Coimbatore, Pin 641034, Tamil Nadu and presently residing at 4/931, Uthukuli Road, Vijayapuri, Erode, Tamil Nadu, do hereby rearrangement of name from MURUGESAN KARTHIK to KARTHICK MURUGESAN and both are one and same person

UJJIWAN SMALL FINANCE BANK Registered Office: Grape Garden, No.27, 3rd "A" Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560095, Karnataka. Branch Office: SF.No.117, Door No.168 [3/2], UKPN Complex, Palani Road, Udumalapaipettai, Tamil Nadu - 642 126 E-AUCTION NOTICE E-Auction Notice for Sale under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI Act) 2002, Read with Proviso Rule 8(i) & 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The undersigned as Authorised Officer of Ujjiwan Small Finance Bank Ltd, has taken possession of the following properties in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that E-Auction of the mortgage properties in the below mentioned account for realization of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Muthoot MCred Limited (Formerly known as Muthoot Mini Financiers Ltd.) Registered Office: 65/623-K, Muthoot Royal Towers, Kaloor, Kochi, Kerala - 682017 www.muthootmcred.com 0484-2912100 auction@muthootmcred.com GOLD AUCTION NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the public and borrowers that gold ornaments pledged against loans in the below-mentioned branches will be auctioned due to non-repayment of dues despite repeated reminders.

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