POST OF THE DAY

Congress Kerala @INCKerala

Adani Bhakts who defend the destruction of Great Nicobar project calling the sea as India's strait of Hormuz are clueless about where Nicobar is. Adani needs to hire a better social media agency.

Schools find it difficult to ensure fitness protocol; CS to chair meet

Clearances from KSEB, fire & rescue, health, local self government, forest and MVD must

ASWIN ASOK KUMAR @T'Puram

MOVES to make corrections from the past lapses appear to have faced concerns of practicality, as authorities of various schools have reported difficulty in the new fitness certification process. Unlike in the previous years, the schools will now have to obtain clearances from multiple bodies, including KSEB, fire & rescue, health, local self government, forest, and MVD, according to a circular issued by the health department in November 2025. However, with schools set to reopen within a month, many institutions are finding it difficult to get the paperwork done. With the concerns reaching the top brass of administration, chief secretary A Jayatilak will soon convene a meeting with the secretaries of the departments concerned to address the issue.

"This is the first time that schools are getting such a circular. While earlier we had to contact the local body authorities and obtain the fitness certificate after inspections, school officials will have to contact agencies concerned, ensure their visit to schools, collect their approvals and hand them over to the local bodies. All of this needs to be completed before June, making it a tedious project," a school principal told *TNIE*.

However, officials from the general education department said that many headmasters have shared the same opinion. "The new process is an ideal one for sure, but a time-consuming and thereby an impractical one. Schools are trying their best to get all these clearances done, as the funding for teachers' salaries will only be provided for those with fitness certificates," department sources said. While the current fitness certification system only looks for structurally stable buildings that can withstand harsh climates, which will be vetted by the local bodies concerned, the education department also issues guidelines that are to be monitored by the school PTA. "The spirit of everything mandated by the health department is already there in these guidelines. But the formal process is what makes it complicated for schools," the source added.

Tough task ahead

- KSEB has been asked to ensure that no exposed electric posts are placed near the schools.
- The fire & rescue department will verify the installation of functional fire extinguishers in schools and that teachers and students are trained to use them.

Apart from the usual process, the education department has also issued a School Safety Manual, which encompasses more aspects, including protection from drug abuse and sexual harassment.

The new norms issued by the health department include a clearance from the forest department that snake entry points have been eliminated, and rodent control and waste management measures have been implemented. The department also needs to verify that contacts of snake handlers are displayed in the school, and the staff are familiarised with the SARPA app.

KSEB has been asked to ensure that no exposed electric posts are placed near the schools. The engineering wing of the local self-government department will ensure that all buildings of the schools are structurally stable and that all overgrown, dangerous trees have been pruned or removed. Notably, a report by the local self-government department had found in September 2025 that 1,157 schools in the state had unfit buildings, of which 875 were government and 262 aided schools.

The MVD authorities will also ensure that all school vehicles are certified by the authorities. The fire & rescue department will verify the installation of functional fire extinguishers in schools and that teachers and students are trained to use them.

Court rejects plea seeking postal ballots to voters on election duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE KERALA High Court on Thursday rejected the plea of the Joint Council of State Service Organisation, Kerala NGO Union, and others seeking a directive to the Election Commission to allow election duty officers who have not yet received postal ballots to cast their votes before May 4, the counting day.

Justice K V Jayakumar held that "interference of the court at this advanced stage of the electoral process, by way of an interim order, is not warranted.

"The interim orders sought for are declined." The petitioners argued that a total of 20,411 officers on election duty were deprived of their right to vote due to the non-availability of postal ballots at the designated vote facilitation centres.

Deepu Lal Mohan, counsel for the Election Commission, opposed the plea and submitted that postal ballots are currently stored in the strong room as per the prescribed procedure.

Those strong rooms will remain sealed until the commencement of counting at 8 am on May 4, and hence any attempt to reopen, access or alter the status of postal ballot prior to the counting would directly compromise the sanctity, secrecy and irrevocability of the electoral process.

Marine fish landing in the state touches 6.24L tonnes

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

PELAGIC fish dominated the catch with a 54% share, followed by demersal resources, crustaceans, and molluscs.

Kerala's marine fish catch stood at 6.24 lakh tonnes in 2025, accounting for around 17% of India's total marine fish production. Threadfin breams and cephalopods landings registered a significant growth of 27% and 16%, respectively, in the state. However, there was a decline in the landing of penaeid shrimps and ribbon fish. Oil sardine, Indian mackerel, anchovies, threadfin breams and penaeid shrimps were the top five resources landed in Kerala in 2025.

Ernakulam district contributed the highest share (29%) of catch followed by Kollam (25%) and Kozhikode (18%). Among landing centres, Neendakara in Kollam emerged as the top contributor with around 70,000 tonnes, followed by Munambam with 64,000 tonnes.

"Favourable environmental conditions played a crucial role in supporting the revival of small pelagic fish stocks during the period. This ecological advantage was further reinforced by regulated fishing pressure, leading to the necessary time and space for recovery", said Grinson George.

Marine fish landings generated an estimated income of ₹69,254 crore at the landing centres across the country, and ₹97,702 crore at the retail level, indicating strong market demand. The income at landing centres rose by 10.45% while the revenue at retail level rose by 8.43%.

In Kerala, the total value at the landing centre level was estimated at ₹12,665 (up 17.8%) and ₹16,681 (up 11.1%) at the retail centre level. National marketing efficiency improved to 70.88%, with Kerala recording the highest marketing efficiency (72.83%). Heads of research divisions J Jayasankar, Shoba Joe Kizhakudan, K S Sobhana, Josileen Jose, V V R Suresh and Krupesha Sharma were present at the press briefing.

FISH LANDING STATISTICS

India's marine fish production

2025	2024	2023
35.7 lakh tonnes	34.7 lakh tonnes	35.3 lakh tonnes

India revenue at fish landing centre: **₹69,254 crore**

Retail level: **₹97,702 crore**

Kerala revenue at landing centre: **₹12,665 crore**

Retail level: **₹16,681 crore**

Highest contributor among landing centres in Kerala

Neendakara: **70,000** tonnes

Munambam: **64,000** tonnes

Kerala records highest marketing efficiency of **72.83%**

National average: **70.88%**

Film chamber tightens ICC norms on sets

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Kerala Film Chamber of Commerce has decided to strengthen Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) in all film shooting locations. As part of the move, the Chamber has directed that ICCs submit detailed minutes of the events and happenings to it before the film certification process to ensure safe and accountable working environments on all sets.

Speaking at a press conference held in Kochi on Thursday, Suresh Kumar, the president of the Kerala Film Chamber, said that film projects that do not submit the minutes report will not be permitted to seek film certification. "There should be an announcement about the constitution of the IC and its members on shooting locations. The persons concerned should ensure that the crew are aware of the committee. They should also be urged to report any incidents of harassment, he said, directing the internal committee to intervene in issues on shooting sets and prepare a detailed report.

Minister orders statewide safety audit after hospital wall collapse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A DAY after seven people were killed in the compound wall collapse at Bowring Hospital in Bengaluru, Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr. Sharanprakash R Patil on Thursday ordered a safety audit of all government hospital buildings and compound walls across Karnataka.

Visiting the accident site, the minister reviewed the situation with officials and medical officers and directed them to submit a detailed structural assessment report. He said an inquiry into the incident is underway under the supervision of the Public Works Department (PWD) chief engineer, and further action will be taken based on the findings.

Patil said an expert team would inspect hospital infrastructure across the state, including major government hospitals in Bengaluru, to identify structural risks and prevent similar incidents.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced compensation of 5 lakh each for the families of those who died in the tragedy. The minister also instructed doctors to ensure proper treatment for the injured and said the government would take all precautionary measures to strengthen safety in public hospitals.

EXPRESS READ

2 Kottayam sisters working in US found dead in Kanyakumari sea

Kanyakumari: Two sisters from Kerala were found dead in the sea at Vavathurai in Kanyakumari on Thursday. The two, who had been working in the US, came to Kanyakumari as tourists on April 26. As the duo did not return to the hotel they were put up, their family made a missing complaint to the Kanyakumari police. On Thursday noon, Kanyakumari Marine Police found their bodies near the groynes in the Vavathurai area. The police retrieved the bodies and sent them to Kanyakumari Government Medical College and Hospital for postmortem examination. According to police sources, the postmortem would be held on Friday. The deceased were identified as Ani Philip, 34, and Meera Philip, 31, from Kottayam, Kerala. They had come to Kerala on a vacation trip to visit tourist places.

Official apathy: Man consumes poison at govt office

Rudrayya Amminabavimath being shifted to an ambulance in Belagavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

UPSET over the delay in clearing his application for land conversion, a man allegedly attempted suicide at the regional commissioner's office here on Thursday by drinking poison.

Rudrayya Amminabavimath, 50, a resident of Ranebennur in Haveri district, was rushed to Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS) Hospital by some staff at the commissioner's office.

According to sources, Rudrayya applied for conversion of his two acres of land several months ago. Earlier, he submitted an application at the Haveri deputy commissioner's office. But the officials there reportedly informed him that the land conversion process could not be initiated because of some technical issues.

After this, Rudrayya approached the officials at the regional commissioner's office, seeking their intervention in the matter. Though he visited the office several times, his application was not cleared.

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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**

MAHAGENCO Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Specification No. CE(C)-III/CSTPS/RFX. No. 3000067516/2026-27.
Name of work:- Enhancement of the life of Thermal Power Plant by strengthening the structural steel and Epoxy coating treatment to unit 3 & 4 CSTPS, Chandrapur.

Estimated Cost:- Rs.8,48,75,627/-(Excluding GST)	**Time Limit:-** 12 Months
Sale Date:- 01.05.2026 at **11.00** Hrs. to **21.05.2026** upto **17.00** Hrs.	**Tender Fee:-** Rs. 5,000/- + GST
Date of Submission:-22.05.2026 up to **15.00** Hrs.	**EMD:-** Rs. 8,48,800/-

Contact person- Executive Engineer (C), O/o. Chief Engineer (Civil) -III, M.S.P.G. Co. Ltd., Mumbai. **Mob.No.** 9594974772, E-MAIL ID:- **cgmcivil3@mahagenco.in**

For further details visit our Website https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in
Agencies are requested to register themselves for this and future E-Tenders.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ – ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08262–220936, E-Mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:44/2025–26/2ನೇ ಕರೆ/261 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.04.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರುರವರು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ **ನ.ರಾ.ಪುರ** ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 75.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ Standard Tender Document KW-3 ರಂತೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.04.2026 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.05.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07–05–2026ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11–05–2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website ನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

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/TD/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 tenderers 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 free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro
Group Head, CMG

UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: Grape Garden, No.27, 3rd "A" Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 5600095, Karnataka.
Branch Office: No.67/2926(1), Ground Floor, Vithayathil Building, Old Railway Station Road, Ernakulam - North, Kerala-682018

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(6) & 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

The undersigned as Authorised Officer of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd, has taken possession of the following property 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 property 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.

Loan Account Number / Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor	(i) Date of 13-2 Notice & Demand Amount as on (ii) Date of Possession	Present Outstanding Balance	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR
1193210170000046 1. Mr.Sureshkumar V. B 2. Mrs.Jayasree	(I) 07.10.2024 & ₹ 8,97,544/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Four Only) **as on 23.09.2024** ii) Symbolic Possession 20.01.2025 Physical Possession 25.02.2026	₹ 12,87,250/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only) **as on 10.04.2026**	₹ **10,86,000/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Only)	₹ **1,08,600/-** (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand Six Hundred Only)

Property Description/Schedule: All that Piece & Parcel of the property **admeasuring to an extent of 1.21 Ares** in Re. Sy 222/13/50 Ares in Re Sy 222/13/45 (Total 2.42 Ares), **Muthukulam Village, Karthikappilly Taluk, Alappuzha District** with Residential Building bearing No.153C/13 of Muthukulam Gram Panchayat. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Property of Reghu, North: Road, South: Road.

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 10.06.2026 from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Last Date for submission of Bid	Date & Time of Inspection of the property
on or before **09.06.2026** Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m	**08.06.2026** Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m

For More Details Contact Bank Authorized Officer Mr.Adithya - 95435 91627 & 9666 66963 / Mr.Tijo Sajan – 78451 92961

The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

The E-Auction will be conducted through Ujjivan Small Finance Bank approved E-auction service provider - M/s.C1 India PVT LTD. Contact person – Mr.Prabhakaran (Mob: 74182 81709). The intending bidders are advised to visit https://www.bankeauctions.com or https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions for the details of the property in the website and for taking part in the bid they should register their names at portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider **M/s. C1 India PVT LTD, Helpline Number's - 72919 18824, 25, 26 support email id:- support@bankeauctions.com, Auction portal - https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's / Secured Creditor's website i.e.,
https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions / https://www.bankeauctions.com

Date: 01.05.2026, Place: Bengaluru
Sd/-
Authorized Officer, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Syndicate
ARM BRANCH 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Building Chittoor Road, Ernakulam South, Ernakulam - 682016. Ph: 0484-2353072,2353071 Email: cb2875@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **symbolic/ constructive** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on **25/05/2026** [Time 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)] for recovery of **Rs. 86,94,546.16** (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Six & Paise Sixteen only) due as on 28.02.2026 plus further interest thereon along with other charges due to the Asset Recovery Management Branch, Ernakulam of Canara Bank from the borrowers **M/s Aayan Jewels.**

The Reserve price of **ITEM NO.1 : Rs. 32,40,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Only), **ITEM NO. 2 : Rs. 28,80,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only) and The Earnest Money deposit (EMD) **ITEM NO.1: Rs. 3,24,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Only), **ITEM NO. 2 : Rs.2,88,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Only). The Earnest Money shall be deposited on or before **25.05.2026** till 10.00 AM. (Only the bids with minimum 1 incremental offer above reserve price will be accepted)

DETAILS OF PROPERTY

Item 1 (Property in the name of Mr. Mathew K A covered by Deed 237/1/2019 of Mulanthuruthy SRO) - All that part and parcel of land having an extent of 4.05 Ares of land in Re Sy No. 156/1-3-2 (Old Sy No.262/1) Re Sy Block No. 23 of Mulanthuruthy Village Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District with boundaries hereunder; North: Property sold by Leela, South: Property sold by Leela, East: Property of Unni, West: Private road.
(As per Encumbrance certificate subsequent to mortgage with the bank, there is an entry of attachment on 18.12.2023 as "Directorate of Enforcement Govt of India. F.NO.ECIR/KCZO/03/2018/4207")

Item 2 (Property in the name of Mrs. Lisiamma Mathew covered by Deed 2498/2014 of Mulanthuruthy SRO) - All that part and parcel of land having an extent of 4.68 Ares of landin Re Sy No. 114/6-2 (Old Sy No.205/2) Re Sy Block No. 23 of Mulanthuruthy Village Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District with **boundaries** hereunder; North: Remaining Property, South: Property of Aryan Moos, East: Property of Karthik, West: Property of Divakaran.
(As per Encumbrance certificate subsequent to mortgage with the bank, there is an entry of attachment on 18.12.2023 as "Directorate of Enforcement Govt of India. F.NO.ECIR/KCZO/03/2018/4207" & on 24.10.2025 as "Directorate of Enforcement Govt of India, F.NO.ECIR/KCZO/03/2018/3548,KOCHI)

For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link **"E-Auction"** provided in Canara Bank Website**(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact **Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch,** Ernakulam **(Ph. No. 0484 – 2353072 / 2353071)** E-mail: **cb2875@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day.

Portal of E-Auction: https://baanknet.com

Ernakulam, 30.04.2026 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK