**POST OF THE DAY**

**K C Venugopal** @kcvenugopalmp

Within a month of assuming office, the UDF has rolled out its 1st Indira Guarantee! The widely awaited Priyadarshini Free Bus Scheme is now in force! Women across Kerala will be able to travel for free on KSRTC buses and save thousands of rupees every month! We believe in pro-people welfare and always deliver on our promises - be it in Karnataka, Telangana or now in Kerala!

# Shut for a year, Priyadarshini Park stirs to life with renovation work

## Park maintained by Cochin Port Authority at Willingdon Island getting makeover worth ₹33L

**RONNIE KURIAKOSE** @Kochi

PRIYADARSHINI Park on Willingdon Island, once a favourite evening retreat for families from across Kochi, is set to reopen with a new look after remaining shut for over a year.

The park, maintained by the Cochin Port Authority, had gradually fallen into disuse after the Covid pandemic. Though minor renovation work was carried out once, locals say the space never regained its former vibrancy.

"For many families in Fort Kochi and Mattancherry, especially those with children, the Priyadarshini Park, which was only a short hop on the boat away, was the preferred destination to spend their evenings," said Padmakumari T, the councillor of Island North.

"On weekends, the place was abuzz with the laughter of children," she recalled, adding, "Sadly, that's not to be heard for a while. The park has remained closed for over a year now."

Though poor maintenance, which left the space overrun with weeds, making even a quiet stroll impossible, is widely believed to have prompted the authorities to close the facility, Priyadarshini also hints that poor oversight had led to youngsters misusing the space.

"The park is, as you know, located within a sensitive port zone. Of late, the space had become a hangout spot for youngsters and couples, even during late hours. This likely created concerns, forcing authorities to close the park," said Vipin Dev, who works at a nearby shipping and logistics firm.

Renovation work progressing at Priyadarshini Park | JYOTHISH KRISHNAN

The prolonged closure has had a detrimental effect on the residents and local businesses. If anything, it deprived them of one of the few public leisure spaces on the island, where visitors could unwind amid the calm surroundings away from the bustle of the city.

> **In a tribute to the island's maritime heritage, we have also planned to deck up and display Dorothy, the historic boat associated with engineer Sir Robert Bristow, who played a key role in the creation of Willingdon Island**
>
> An official with Cochin Port

Nazer M, who's been running a tea shop near the park for the past 35 years, is one of the most affected by the facility remaining closed. "Earlier, I've had customers well late into the night. They would come with families, spend their evenings at the park, and, on their return, would stop at my shop for tea and snacks. All that's gone now. I've lost a lot of business and hardly break even now," he said, midway into closing his shop. It was not even 6 pm.

"I often stopped at the park on my way home after work. The serene space and the generally quiet atmosphere of the island provided an ideal ambience to unwind after a hectic day. The facility remaining closed is a big setback," said Jerome M, a local commuter.

However, the park won't be shut for long. According to Cochin Port officials, a comprehensive renovation project, costing ₹32.97 lakh, is currently under way. The work, which commenced on May 1 following preliminary preparations in late April, is expected to be completed within three months.

"The revamped park will feature a dedicated yoga platform, improved lawns, fresh landscaping, and a variety of ornamental plants. In a tribute to the island's maritime heritage, we have also planned to deck up and display Dorothy, the historic boat associated with harbour engineer Sir Robert Bristow, who played a key role in the creation of Willingdon Island," said a port official.

Anchors and boilers from old vessels will also be installed as heritage exhibits, he added.

*TNIE* has learned that a portion of the project's ₹32.97 lakh cost has also been earmarked for maintenance of the park over the next two years. "We have tasked the work of renovation and regular maintenance of the facility to a third party," the official said.

Though monsoon showers have temporarily slowed the work's progress, the port official said that work is expected to gather pace next week and that the park could be ready for visitors by August. Learning of the news, councillor Padmakumari said, "We are hopeful that Priyadarshini Park will once again become the vibrant space it was known to be."

## THROUGH PUPPY EYES

A girl carrying her puppy in a dog carrier while enjoying the waterfront at Mattancherry on Monday. There is a growing trend of pet-friendly outings across the city | T P SOORAJ

## EXPRESS READ

### Student drowns at Kuzhuppilly beach

Kochi: A Class 10 student was swept away by strong tides while swimming in Kuzhuppilly beach in Ernakulam on Sunday evening. The deceased is Athul, 15, a resident of Ponnurunni. According to police, the incident occurred around 6.15pm on Sunday when Athul entered the sea for a swim but was carried away. Subsequently, a search operation was launched and his body was recovered on Monday morning.

### Unidentified man found dead on railway track

Kochi: An unidentified man, aged between 30 and 40 years, was found dead on a railway track in Chengamanad on Monday morning. According to police, the deceased is suspected to have been hit by a train at around 4.30am. Local residents spotted the body and alerted the police. Personnel from the Nedumbassery police station reached the spot, recovered the body and shifted it for postmortem examination. A case has been registered, and efforts are under way to ascertain the identity of the deceased.

### EPFO Kochi to host PMVBRY event on June 19

Kochi: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Kochi & Lakshadweep Region, is organising a Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) Programme in Kochi on June 19 as part of a nationwide event to be virtually addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the presence of Union Minister of Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje. The programme, scheduled at the Town Hall, Ernakulam North, will bring together public representatives, employers, employees, media representatives and other stakeholders. The event will include honouring beneficiary employers and employees under the scheme.

# Be vigilant against leptospirosis, health dept urges public

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Kochi

GIVEN the high risk of leptospirosis infection during the monsoon season, the Ernakulam district health department on Monday urged people to remain cautious and adopt preventive measures.

In an official statement, District Medical Officer Shahirsha warned that direct contact with contaminated soil and stagnant water can lead to infection.

"The bacteria that cause leptospirosis, commonly found in soil and muddy water, can enter the body through cuts, abrasions, cracked skin, insect bites, and through soft areas of the skin. Therefore, when entering muddy areas or waterlogged places, people should take personal protective measures to avoid direct contact. Use gloves, waterproof footwear, and rain boots," Dr Shahirsha said. The district has reported as many as 10 confirmed and nine suspected cases of leptospirosis in the first 13 days of June.

**Precautions against disease**

- Wash hands and feet thoroughly with soap and water
- Cover wounds on hands and feet with waterproof bandages to prevent contact with soil and water
- People whose occupations involve regular contact with soil or stagnant water, and those living in waterlogged areas, should take prophylactic medication for leptospirosis as advised by health workers
- Children should not be allowed to play in muddy water. Ensure that they wash their hands and feet with soap after returning from school or after spending time outdoors

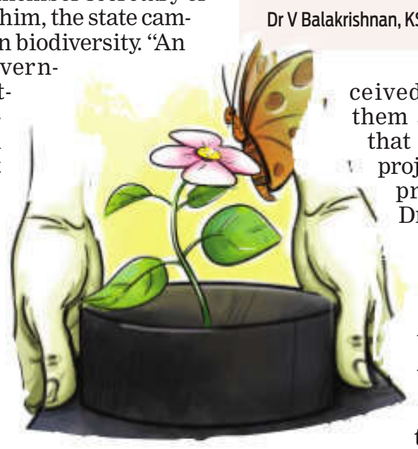
"Severe fatigue, pain in the calf muscles, headache, fever, and back pain may be symptoms of leptospirosis. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek treatment immediately. People who have been exposed to soil or stagnant water contaminated with the bacteria should inform about such exposure," he said, adding that self-medication and other medicines should not be taken without a doctor's advice.

# Biodiversity catalogue on anvil in state campuses

**ANU KURUVILLA** @Kochi

EXPERTS have long established that climate and biodiversity are interconnected. Hence, it becomes very important to preserve the biodiversity of a place. A fact that Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) has been trying to instil among the people. As part of the initiative to upgrade the People Biodiversity Register, the board has launched a project to catalogue the flora and fauna across the state's various campuses.

"The Campus Biodiversity Register (CBR) aims at not only getting the school, college and university students to learn about the flora and fauna found on their campuses, but also cataloguing them and working towards conserving them," said Dr V Balakrishnan, member secretary of KSBB. According to him, the state campuses are very rich in biodiversity. "An example is the Government College, Chittur, in Palakkad district. During a green audit conducted at the college as part of the NAAC accreditation procedure, it was found that the campus had a very rich biodiversity. There are other campuses too that are rich in biodiversity," he added.



But what does CBR comprise? He said, "A CBR is a systematic, documented inventory of the flora, fauna, and microorganisms found within an educational institution's grounds. It serves as an essential baseline tool for environmental education, ecological conservation, and tracking green-space management." The board has invited applications from educational institutions wanting to take part in the initiative. According to him, applications have been pouring in since the initiative was launched. "Once the applications are received, we will scrutinise them and identify the ones that can be included in the project. The board will also provide training," said Dr Balakrishnan.

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The board will provide financial aid to the educational institutions implementing the initiative, he added. According to the member secretary, the CBR is an initiative that is the phase II of the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR). "PBR was a comprehensive grassroots document that recorded local flora, fauna, and associated traditional knowledge. Spearheaded by the KSBB and local Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs), Kerala became the first Indian state to complete these registers across all 1,034 of its local governing bodies," he added. It has been pointed out that if a campus is found to have a vibrant biodiversity, then the board will take over the responsibility of conserving it as per the Biodiversity Act.


**UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK**

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**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 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.

| S. No. | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Branch Office: No.678/1,2,679/2, Chembunkkavu Village, (Opp) Sun Tower, East Fort Thrissur, Kerala-680005** | | | | | |
| 1. | 1616210180000001<br>1.Mr.Thomas V J<br>2.Mr.Nithin Thomas<br>3.Mrs. Bindu T S | (i) 07.10.2021 & ₹ 13,75,836/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six Only) **as on 04.10.2021**<br>(ii) Symbolic Possession 04.02.2023<br>Physical Possession 06.02.2025 | ₹ 25,30,901.84 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and One and paise Eighty Four Only) as on 15.05.2026 | ₹ 9,59,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Only) | ₹ 95,900/- (Rupees Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only) |
| **Schedule of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property **measuring 1.21 Ares (2.99 Cents/1301.96 Sq., ft,) of property** comprised in Re.Sy.No.203/6P (Old Sy.361) of **Anjoor Village, Thrissur Taluk** and bounded on: East – Vazhi, West – Property of Madhavan, North – Property of Lorence, South – Property of Suresh Thus **measuring an extent of 1301.96 sq. ft., of land in the name of Bindu** together with building having No.VI/294, Land Tax Receipt No.0398964, Building Tax Exemption Certificate No.B2-/6175/19 and with all other appurtenances with easementary rights annexed thereto. | | | | | |
| **Branch Office: Ground Floor, Chendamangalam, opp. Cee Cee Tower, North Paravur, Kerala 683513** | | | | | |
| 2. | 1603210180000002<br>1.Mr. Shanmsudeen V P<br>2.Mrs. Noorjahan<br>3.Mr. Ajmal V S | (i) 21.05.2022 & ₹ 13,77,274/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Four Only)**as on 19.05.2022**<br>(ii) Symbolic Possession 04.02.2023<br>Physical Possession 06.02.2025 | ₹ 21,82,322.36 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Two and Paise Thirty Six Only) **as on 15.05.2026** | ₹ 15,75,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Only) | ₹ 1,57,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only) |
| **Schedule of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of the **property situated in 2.91 Ares at S.No. 188/13 (Old S.No. 211), Block No.5, Edavanakkad Village, Kochi Taluk, Ernakulam District.** Boundaries as per Location Sketch: East – Road, North – Property of Faizal, West – Road, South – Property of Mujeeb; In the Midst above said land. | | | | | |
| **Branch Office:** No.67/2926 (1) Ground Floor, Vithayathil Building, Old Railway Station Road, Ernakulam North, Kerala-682018 | | | | | |
| 3. | 1193210170000041<br>1. Mr.Rajappan N<br>2. Mr.Gokulraj | (i) 27.05.2024 & ₹ 16,09,377/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) **as on 22.05.2024 /**<br>(ii) Symbolic Possession 04.10.2024<br>Physical Possession 24.02.2025 | ₹ 22,11,062.73 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Elevan Thousand Sixty Two and Paise Seventy Three Only) **as on 15.05.2026** | ₹ 22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakh Only) | ₹ 2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) |

**Schedule of the Property:** All that Part & Parcel of the property bearing **admeasuring 8.45 Ares situated at** Re Survey Nos: 347/12, 17,20,21/1 in **Aimanam Village, Kottayam Taluk, Kottayam District** along with **Residential Building bearing No.12/14 of Aimanam Grama Panchayat,** Boundaries as per Location Sketch: East: Property of Vaduthala Maliyil Krishnakutty, Vaduthala Thankappan, North: Property of Jomy, South: Road, West: property of Jomy and Kollapillil Vijayamma.

**DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 04.07.2026 From 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon**

| Last Date for submission of Bid | Date & Time of Inspection of the Properties |
|---|---|
| on or before 03.07.2026 Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m | 02.07.2026 Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m |

For More Details Contact Bank Authorized Officer: Sl.Nos.1 & 2: Mr.Adithya - 95435 91627/ Mr. Tijo Sajan – 78451 92961
Sl.No.3: Mr.Ramaprasath - 95009 96689 / 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 Ltd approved E-auction service provider - M/s.C1 India PVT LTD. Contact person – Mr. Prabhakaran (Mobile No. 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 properties 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.**

Sd/-

Date : 16.06.2026 Authorized Officer, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd



**इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank** इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

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Building No.66/6600, Malankara Centre, Opp. Shenoys Theatre, M G Road, Ernakulam-682035, Ph: 0484 – 2355073

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

**Notice of sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, **M G Road branch**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **06-07-2026** for recovery of **Rs. 27,85,669/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Nine Only)** as on 14-06-2026 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 15-06-2026 due to the **Indian Bank, M G Road Branch**, Secured Creditor, from **(1) Mr. S Francis,** 3/420B, Palathinkal House, Nivedhyam Apartments, Nr. Chamakkad LP School, MLA Road, Panangad, Ernakulam, 682506, **(2) Mrs. Jetsy Francis,** Nr. Chamakkad LP School, MLA Road, Panangad, Ernakulam, 682506. The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

**Detailed Description of the Property:** 1/6th undivided share on 4.22 Ares of land (Undivided share is 1.75 Cents of land) in Resurvey No. 111/4-2 in Block no 16, in Kumbalam Village Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, together with a Flat bearing No.420/B, having 97.09 Sq.mtr. builtup area, in the name of Mr.Francis and Mrs.Jetsy Francis. **Boundaries: East:** Property of Padmini & Others; **North:** Private Road; **West:** Property of Pankajaksha Menon, **South:** Property of Padmini & Others; (Prior Encumbrance : Nil as per Bank's record)

| Reserve Price: **Rs.28.76 Lakh** | EMD Amount: **Rs.3.00 Lakh** |
|---|---|
| Property ID No: IDIBMGECO01 | BID Incremental Amount : **Rs. 25,000/-** |

**Date and Time of e-auction: 06-07-2026, 11 AM to 4 PM**

Bidders are advised to visit the website **(https://baanknet.com)** of our e auction service provider **PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.** to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance, please call PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd Helpdesk No 8291220220, email ID:- **support.baanknet@psballiance.com** and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd and EMD status, please contact support.baanknet@psballiance.com.
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions, please visit: **https://baanknet.com** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact **Helpdesk No. 8291220220.**
Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://baanknet.com**

**Place: Ernakulam, Date: 15-06-2026** (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, Indian Bank



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**GOLD AUCTION CUM BID INVITATION NOTICE**

The below mentioned **Borrower Premitha** has failed to repay the loan and redeemed the pledged gold ornaments within the stipulated time in spite of several reminders.
The Gold Ornaments pledged by the below listed Borrowers will be sold in **Public auction at our Branch Premises** No.12/31D, Ground Floor, St. Mary's Church Building, Thoppumpady, Palluruthy, Kochi-682006, Ernakulam, Kerala **on 23.07.2026 from 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.** The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason whatsoever. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day, the same will follow the subsequent days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased, all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/legal heir. The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the pledged gold ornaments will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

| Name of the Borrower | Name of the Branch of the Bank | Description of the Gold Ornaments Pledged | Approximate Gross weight (in gms.) | Approximate Value (INR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Premitha | 1194-Palluruthy - Kochi | Chain, Bangles | 17.8 | ₹ 2,34,074/- |

Interested parties may visit the above-mentioned Branch address of the Bank with their PAN Card along with a recent passport size photograph, valid photo identity proof and address proof, on the auction date as per time indicated above.
For further details and terms and conditions of sale, the intending bidders is requested to visit our Bank website **https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions** and may also contact our **Branch at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. <UJJ86827,** S.No.12/31D, Ground Floor, St. Mary's Church Building, Thoppumpady, Palluruthy, Kochi-682 006, Ernakulam, Kerala. **Vinod S - 88485 03911.**

**Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale**

**1.** The intending bidders should submit their bids/quotation in the prescribed form in closed cover along with his/her ID proof, address proof. **2.** Bids/ quotation not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The bids/ quotation along with ID proof & address poof shall be submitted **at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** - No.12/31D, Ground Floor, St. Mary's Church Building, Thoppumpady, Palluruthy, Kochi-682006, Ernakulam, Kerala **latest by 23.07.2026, from 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.** Bank has every right to reject or accept the quotation. **3.** The sealed bids /quotation will be opened by the official who presides over the Auction Sale process, in the presence of the available bidders. **from 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m on 23.07.2026. 4.** After opening the bids, the intending bidders may be given opportunity, at the discretion of the official who presides over the Auction Sale process, to have intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer price. The incremental amount will be decided by the official who presides over the Auction Sale process, and his/her decision shall be final. **5.** The participating bidder who bids for the highest amount will be declared as successful bidder by the official who presides over the Auction Sale process. **6.** The successful bidder shall deposit complete Sale Price (viz., the price at which he/she bids the gold ornament) within 3 (Three) working days of completion of the auction sale, in Cash (up to permissible limit) or by Demand Draft, In case of default by the successful bidder in depositing the amount of Sale Price in the above manner, the aggregate of amounts deposited by him/her till then shall be forfeited without any notice and the gold ornaments shall be put for re-auction or sale in any other mode as deemed fit by the Bank. In such case the successful bidder shall forfeit all claims in regard to the gold ornaments or to any part of the sum for which it may be sold subsequently. **7.** The successful bidder shall have to get released immediately after payment of complete Sale Price from the Bank the gold ornaments which are bid by him/her, at his/her costs and responsibility. He/she shall also bear the applicable statutory dues/taxes/charges that is required to be paid in order to get the gold ornaments. The successful bidder shall have to execute requisite acknowledgement letter in favour of the Bank. **8.** The official who presides over the Auction Sale process has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **9.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **10.** The gold ornaments are put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**

**Date: 16.06.2026** Sd/- Authorised Officer, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd