



POST OF THE DAY



V D Satheesan @vdsatheesan
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Workcationing in Fort Kochi? DTPC plans lounge to boost experience

Tourist centre's facilities include cloakrooms, high-speed internet, co-working spaces & cabins

ANNA JOSE @ Kochi

WITH the aim of enhancing the experience of holidaymakers, the tourism department has proposed setting up a travel lounge at Veli Ground, a recreational and community space in Fort Kochi.

"The aim is to set up a facility that would assist short- and long-term tourists. We have many backpackers who visit Fort Kochi. And those seeking the space to store their luggage after checking out of hotels or while visiting destinations nearby can use the facility. This will also be a space to relax and unwind," said Lijo Joseph, secretary of the Ernakulam District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC).

Besides cloakrooms, the tourist centre will have high-speed internet, co-working spaces, cabins, and meeting rooms, making it a suitable space for travellers who need a professional environment to



Veli ground in Fort Kochi where the tourism centre is set to be constructed by the tourism department | TP SOORAJ

work or hold meetings. According to Benedict Fernandes, chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Committee and Veli division councillor, the facility will improve services provided to tourists in the city. "Fort Kochi is a place that attracts tourists from across the world and the country. Setting up such a centre would help improve the

experience of travellers. Moreover, there are now many who arrive on workcation who require better internet facilities and working spaces," he said. DTPC is finalising the detailed project report.

"The total budget will be confirmed once the report is ready," Lijo said. "The centre is expected to boast a reading

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room and other facilities. Nearly `3 crore has been tentatively allocated for the project. Final decisions regarding design and funding are expected in the coming weeks," Benedict stressed.

The facility will also have high-quality amenities, including a cafe, a toilet complex including disabled-friendly restrooms, a lounge, and a tourist facilitation centre. Once completed, it is expected to improve the infrastructure for tourists in Fort Kochi, offering them convenience, connectivity, and comfort.

Police initiative to integrate drug users into mainstream

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

KOCHI police commissioner Putta Vimaladitya on Saturday announced the expansion of the anti-drug initiative 'Project Udayam', introducing a provision for conditional immunity from prosecution for drug users who voluntarily seek de-addiction treatment. The initiative seeks to make full use of the provisions of the NDPS Act under Section 64 (A) to bring drug users into the mainstream of society.

Speaking to reporters, Vimaladitya said, "Under this initiative, we try to see them as someone in need of support, rather than as criminals. We want to try to bring them into the mainstream. We have already started the initiative in Kalamassery and Mattancherry police limits. At least five such users already came forward under the initiative." Most of those who came forward were very young, under the age of 25, he said.



The captains of the eight participating countries with the trophy at the Ernakulam Press Club ahead of the curtain-raiser of the Women's Blind Football World Cup organised by the Indian Blind Football Federation | EXPRESS

Women's Blind Football World Cup kicks off today; India to play Brazil

MANISHA V C S @Kochi

FOOTBALL is a game of keen observation, acute perception, and brisk and agile movements — which require keen senses. But what when sight is no longer part of the picture? Welcome to the world of blind football.

In this five-a-side format, the completely blind outfield players, wearing blackout eye masks, depend on the heightened state of their other senses — including crisp consciousness and sharp listening ability — to control the ball and make their moves. The balls used are specially designed with bells or other sound-making devices, allowing players to respond and react to movements.

Football had been a part of blind sports since 1999. In India, football for the blind was introduced in 2013. The rapid strides that the country has made in the sport will be evident when Kochi hosts the second edition of the IBSA Women's Blind Football World Championship from today.

The matches will be played at the United Sports Centre, Kakkannad where top teams including Argentina, Brazil, England, Poland, Turkey, Japan, Canada and hosts India will compete for the top prize.

The inaugural edition of the tournament, conducted by the International Blind Football Federation (IBFF) in association with the International Blind Sports Association (IBSA) was held in Birmingham, UK, where Argentina

emerged champions. India finished fourth.

Driven by passion

"We may be blind in the eyes, but not in our minds, and that's what pushes us forward in platforms like these," said Nirma Thakarda, the Indian captain who hails from a small town near Ahmedabad in Gujarat. Nirma was introduced to the game at the age of 25. But she rose quickly through the ranks — going on to lead the national team at 28.

In the opening match, India will take on Brazil at 7pm.

For Canada's Hilary Scanlon blind football was a way of getting back to the game. An avid footballer who lost her vision around 10 years ago, it was a meeting with Canadian team coach Matt Greenwood in 2016 that helped her realise her dream. "All that I wanted to do was not to leave my passion for my disability and this sport gives us the space for the purpose," the 30-year-old said.

Blind football features teams of eight players, including three substitutes. The goalkeeper is the only 'sighted' person on the pitch.

Blind football in India is guided by Sunil P Mathew, scouting director of IBFF and head coach of both men's and women's teams in India. Currently, there are 700 male footballers across 24 states and more than 200 female players from 13 states being trained in the game.

Vaduthala-Perandoor bridge gets technical nod, work to begin soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE project to build a bridge across the Perandoor Canal to connect Vaduthala and Perandoor received technical sanction from the state government. The works department will be supervising the construction, and the tender proceedings for the project have also begun.

The project was proposed in 2016 and the land acquisition was completed in 2023. "The completion of the Vaduthala-Perandoor bridge will be a relief to the city's transport system. This bridge will become an easy way to connect Pachalam-Vaduthala areas with Perandoor and will help reduce traffic congestion in Ernakulam city," said T J Vinod, MLA. The project also got administrative sanction of ₹34.24 crore,

SPECIFICATIONS

Length: **153.60 metres**

Width: **11 metres**

Footpaths on both sides

Carriage way: **7.50 metres**

including ₹10 crore for land acquisition.

"As per the revised alignment, 34 cents of land has been acquired on the Perandoor side and 55 cents on the Vaduthala side. All necessary clearances for the construction of the bridge, including the clearance certificate under the Coastal Management Act, have already been received. The construction of the bridge will begin after a contractor is selected through the tender proceedings," he added.

2 youngsters killed after bike crashes into metro pillar at Chambakkara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

TWO youngsters died after their motorcycle rammed a metro pillar near Chambakkara Market in the early hours of Saturday. The deceased were identified as Sooraj K S, 24, a native of Muttar in Alappuzha, and Swetha Ashok, 25, of Pazhuvil in Thrissur. The accident occurred around 12.45am when the rider lost control of the motorcycle and crashed into Metro Pillar No 953, said a personnel with the Maradu police station.

Sooraj was employed at an eatery in Kakkannad, while Swetha worked at a store in Forum Mall. Sooraj had gone to pick up Swetha from the mall on Friday night and the duo were on their way back to Swetha's accommodation in Kakkannad when the incident took place. Both youngsters were thrown onto the road from



Swetha



Sooraj

the impact of the crash, leaving them seriously injured. Though they were rushed to Welcare Hospital, Vytilla, doctors declared them dead on arrival.

"Preliminary investigation suggests that the possibility of the motorcycle colliding with another vehicle is very low. It

appears to be a case of self-accident, likely caused by over-speeding or failure to negotiate a curve," said Rajesh R, station house officer at the Maradu police station. The bodies were handed over to their relatives after the inquest and post-mortem examination at the government hospital, he added.

A roommate of Sooraj, who requested anonymity, said, "We were staying together at a paying guest accommodation in Kakkannad. He had gone out to pick up his friend, who was working an evening shift. The accident happened on their way back."

Man injured in road accident succumbs to injuries

Kochi: A 54-year-old man who suffered serious injuries in a road accident near Nucleus Mall on Friday evening, succumbed to his injuries on Saturday. Bhagyanath, a resident of Maradu, died while undergoing treatment at VPS Lakeshore Hospital. The accident occurred around 6.20 pm, involved a two-wheeler and a car. Bhagyanath is the brother of Maradu municipal councillor Sobha.

EXPRESS READ

Subhash Park a model for state in public space management: Min

Kochi: Minister for Tourism and Public Works P A Mohamed Riyas, on Saturday, said that Subhash Bose Park is a model for the state in public space management. "The government's policy is to make our public facilities disabled friendly. But the truth is that there are many places that fail to implement it properly. Subhash Bose Park has a high-quality disabled friendly toilet system and baby care facilities," he said. He was inaugurating the renovated toilet complex and the nature-based wastewater treatment at the park.

Differently abled woman molested

Kochi: A man sexually harassed a differently abled woman at her house in Kalamassery while her mother was away. The accused has been identified as Kaliyamoorthi Kannu, a native of Sankarapuram in Tamil Nadu, who is engaged in cleaning services in the city. The accused went to the victim's house on Friday evening to inquire about payment for cleaning work undertaken jointly by him and the victim's mother, said an officer with the city police. When the accused arrived, the victim's mother was not at home. The wheelchair-bound victim told the man to come later. However, the accused trespassed into the house, where he sexually harassed her, said the officer.

REHABILITATION PLANTATIONS LIMITED

E Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited from experienced and financially sound contractors having valid registration with Kerala State Public Works Department/CPWD/ KSEB/KWA or other public sector undertakings for the following work with 1% of the PAC as EMD and 2% of PAC as security deposit.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	PAC (incl. GST)	EMD Rs	Time of Completion	Cost of Tender Form Rs
1	Repair & Maintenance of Registered Office Building including painting	1763000	17630	3 Months	3120

Tender ID: 2025_RPL_802227_1
No RPL/E/609/Vol-I/ 2025/1445 dtd 25.09.2025
D3/725/2025/I&PRD Sd/-, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur
Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Biju Varghese/ Salla Biju- AI Hai UI Building Material Striding Lipo Box 2705 Pc 112 Lillinois Ruwi- 111/ LBCC00004880949	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All The Parts And Parcels In Property Sy No. 363/10A2, Block No. 5, Re Sy No. 18/16/3, 18/16/6, Parakkadavu Village, Parakkadavu Panchayath, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam Dist (Admeasuring An Area of 8.70 Acres North: Property of Shajan South: Road East: Road West: Property of Cicily	August 20, 2025 Rs. 55,25,112.01/-	04-07-2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: October 04, 2025
Place: Kochi

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: Grape Garden, No.27, 3rd "A" Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 5600095, Karnataka.
Branch Office: No.87/2926(1), Ground Floor, Vithayathil Building, Old Railway Station Road, Komba, Ernakulam, 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 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.

Loan Account Number / Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor	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
11932101700000056	(i) 12.11.2024 & ₹ 11,99,237/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) as on 10.11.2024	₹ 14,75,540.82 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred and Forty and paise Eighty Two Only) as on 02.09.2025	₹ 4,36,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Only)	₹ 43,600/- (Rupees Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only)

Property Description/Schedule: All that Part & Parcel of the property admeasuring 2.59 ares in Re Sy.No. 189/11 (Old Sy No 286/23/2) Block No. 12, in Perungula Village, Mavelikkara Taluk, Alappuzha District Boundaries East : Property of Palathara, South : Property of Janardhanan, West : Property of Rajesh, North : Property of Thilakaraj and Usha and private Road.

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 14.11.2025, from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon

Last Date for submission of Bid on or before 13.11.2025, Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m

Date & Time of Inspection of the property 12.11.2025 Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m

For More Details Contact Bank Authorized Officer :
Mr. Adithya - 95435 91627/ Mr. Tijo - 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 (Mobile No.74182 81709). The intending bidders are advised to visit <https://www.bankauctions.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.bankauctions.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- 72919 18824, 25, 26 support email id:- support@bankauctions.com, Auction portal - <https://www.bankauctions.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.bankauctions.com>

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
Date : 05.10.2025

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - NOTIFICATION

Engagement of Programmers on Contract Basis

Notification No. KSEB/CE/IT/CU/245/2024-AE3/Contract Prg/dated 23.09.2025.
KSEB, invites online application from qualified candidates for engagement as Programmers on contract basis in its IT Wing for various e-Governance and IT projects.

Total Vacancies : 12
Last Date for submission of applications : 18.10.2025
Mode of Application : Online only at www.kseb.in
Ref : PR/MC/LF364 /E-tender/2025

BANK OF INDIA, MOOTHAKUNNAM BRANCH

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Ph. 0484-2482320.
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Ret: BOI/MTKN/25-26/RB/13.2/30T-35
Date: 20-09-2025

DEMAND NOTICE

(1). M/s. Paravoor Engineers, Near Kallarakkal Temple, Peruvaram, North Paravur, Ernakulam-683513. (2). Mr. Sarun. K. S. Sankaran, Proprietor: M/s. Paravoor Engineers, Kollerithara House, Edavanakkad. P.O., Ernakulam-682504.

Notice U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

1. At the request made by you, the Bank through its branch office at Moothakunnam situated at Ernakulam District has granted to you a credit facility aggregating to amount of **Rs. 30.00 Lakhs (Rupees Thirty Lakhs only)**. We give hereunder details of the credit facilities granted by us and the outstanding dues there under as on the date of this notice.

Nature of Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Outstanding Dues
Cash Credit 856030110000015	Rs. 30.00 Lakhs	Rs. 28,94,185.32 (Rupees Twenty eight lakhs ninety four thousand one hundred eighty five and Paise thirty two only) (Contractual Dues upto 19-09-2025) with further interest thereon @ 5.00% above RBLR presently 13.35% from 20-09-2025 with monthly rests

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following assets/securities (particulars of properties/assets charged to Bank):
DETAILS OF PROPERTY: Equitable mortgage of 2.02 Acres of land with commercial building in the name of Mr. Sarun. K.S. situated in Sy. No. 1301/1-5-9 of Kottuvally Village, Paravur Taluk, Ernakulam District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Ammuthy Amma; South: Kallarakkal Temple; East: Property of Ammuthy Amma; West: Paravur - Varapuzha NH 68 Road

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank under the said credit facilities, we have classified your account as Non-Performing Asset with effect from 01-09-2025 in accordance with the directions/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank sum **Rs. 28,94,185.32 (Rupees Twenty eight lakhs ninety four thousand one hundred eighty five and Paise thirty two only)** (Contractual Dues upto 19-09-2025) with further interest thereon @ 5.00% above RBLR presently 13.35% from 20-09-2025 with monthly rests in cash credit along with other charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks, as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank u/s 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against secured assets mentioned above.

5. While we call upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Banks together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of Secured assets will be available to the mortgagee only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of secured assets.

6. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payments of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from 20-09-2025 till the date of actual realization.

7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realized in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you and your other Assets including by filing legal/recovery actions before Debts Recovery Tribunal/ Courts for recovery of balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.

8. Please take note that as per Sub-Section (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, license, gift mortgage or otherwise.

9. The undersigned is a duly Authorized Officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.

10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Bank.

Place: Ernakulam. Sd/- Chief Manager, Authorized Officer, Bank of India, Ernakulam Zone.