

Sabarimala gold plate row: VHP files theft complaint

‘Police must investigate the role of Devaswom Board and officials’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Sabarimala Karma Samithi (SKS) has lodged a police complaint alleging that the loss of gold cladding at the hill shrine amounts to theft, criminal breach of trust and organised looting.

In the complaint lodged with the Sannidhanam police, Samithi general convenor SJR Kumar said the police should register a criminal case and investigate the role of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), its officials, Smart Creations, Chennai, and the people who received the stolen goods. Vishva Hindu Parishad state general secretary Anil Vilayil has also filed a similar complaint with the Sannidhanam police.

“It is well evidenced that gold cladding was done at the temple under the sponsorship of

Vijay Mallya in 1999. However, the devaswom board handed over the gold-cladded copper plates to Unnikrishnan Potti for repair in violation of the established norms. Now, it has come to light that there was a reduction of 4.541 kg from the original weight of 42.800 kg when the claddings were returned to the temple,” said the complaint.

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CUTTACK

DCP among six hurt in clash at idol immersion

CUTTACK: Six people, including Deputy Commissioner of Police Rishikesh Khillari, were injured after a clash broke out between two groups during a Durga Puja idol immersion procession in Odisha’s Cuttack in the early hours of Saturday, police said.

The incident happened near Hatipokhari in the Daraghabazar area around 2 am, when the procession was heading to Debigara on the banks of the Kathajodi river, they said.

Locals objected to high-decibel music being played in the procession, leading to a confrontation. It soon escalated with both groups hurling stones and glass bottles at each other, prompting the police to baton charge the crowd to bring the situation under control, they added.

Fresh tension flared when another procession reached the area. Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) were called in to tackle the situation, and the immersion processions resumed around 6 am amid heavy security, police said. Vehicles with a total of 50 idols of various community Durga Pujas in the city remained stuck because of the incident for about four hours, they said. Khilari was injured in the clashes, but his condition is stated to be stable, an official said. One person with critical injuries was admitted to the SCB Medical College and Hospital, he said. PTI



CM Pinarayi Vijayan presenting a memento to Dadasaheb Phalke awardee Mohanlal at the ‘Malayalam Vanolam Lal Salm’ event on Saturday. Ministers Saji Cheriyan, V Sivankutty and filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan are seen | VINCENT PULICKAL

PRIDE OF KERALA

Over-centralisation stifling state-level innovation, says ex-IAS official Shetty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thanjavur

SEVERAL welfare schemes that are now implemented nationally were first pioneered by states, but excessive centralisation and rigid centrally sponsored programmes are curbing state-level innovation, said retired IAS officer and High-level committee member on Union-state relations K Ashok Vardhan Shetty.

Speaking on the theme, ‘Make India Great Again through Social Justice, Scientific Temper and State Autonomy’ at the Social Justice Seminar organised by Nallur Mutram in Thanjavur

on Saturday, Shetty cited examples of the noon meal programme, old-age pensions, and rural employment guarantee initiatives that began as state-driven efforts.

“The noon meal scheme was first introduced by the Justice Party in TN, later strengthened by K Kamaraj, and expanded by former chief minister M G Ramachandran. Similarly, old age pension and reservations for the disabled were first launched by the state government. The Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was pioneered by Maharashtra. These were later

adopted at the national level,” he said.

Arguing that “a strong Union cannot be built by weakening the states,” Shetty likened Centre-State relations to the warp and weft of a fabric.

He also criticised the erosion of federalism through the dominance of a single national party and the “high command culture” of imposing Chief Ministers and reservations for from party headquarters. He pointed out that in most federal countries, the Upper House ensures equal representation for states while the Lower House reflects population strength.



HYDRAA carried out a demolition drive in Kondapur on Saturday | EXPRESS

HYDRAA reclaims ₹3.6K cr worth of T’gana govt land

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

THE Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) reclaimed 36 acres of prime government land valued at approximately ₹3,600 crore at Bikshapathi Nagar in Kondapur, Serilingampally mandal, by removing unauthorised structures early on Saturday amid heavy police deployment. The operation was carried out following a directive from the high court.

The land, situated near the Kondapur RTA office under Survey No 59, had been under illegal occupation for several years. Denying that they had encroached upon the land, lo-

cal residents claimed they had been living there for several years and that the government had distributed pattas to them. A heated argument ensued between HYDRAA teams and the occupants, who attempted to obstruct JCBs from carrying out the demolitions. However, the local police foiled the resistance and cleared the way for the demolition of temporary sheds and small commercial establishments that had sprung up in the encroached area.

After completing the operation, HYDRAA fenced off the recovered property and installed signboards clearly marking it as government land to prevent future encroachments.

ANIMAL MOVEMENT AFFECTED

Tourists warned not to enter Kinnakorai village via forest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

KINNAKORAI, a small village surrounded by forests near Kundha in the Nilgiris district, is trending unexpectedly as a tourist destination, courtesy videos on social media. However, forest department officials are faced with a problem as several tourists, especially from Kerala, are venturing into the forest illegally as they travel to Kinnakorai to savour its beauty and enjoy its salubrious climate.

Tourists coming on two-wheelers and in cars are hindering the free movement of wild animals, said officials. The tourist flow continues despite imposition of fines against tourists straying into the forests.

The number of tourists spurts during the extended weekends as during the latest Pooja festival. Ninety percent of those penalised this year were Kerala natives as it is on the interstate border. Three tourists from the Thrissur district were fined ₹2,000 each on Friday, said forest depart-

ment officials.

“Except locals, no other people should visit here since the village is nestled in the forest. There are frequent movements of gaur, sloth bears, leopards and spotted deer,” stated Kundha Forest Range officer R Selvakumar.

The forest starts on both sides of the road. Awareness boards in the village mention that entry is restricted. There is no route to reach Kerala via Kinnakorai but tourists intend to return through the same village, he added.

“We are imposing a fine as per the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882. Our investigation revealed tourists are arriving after watching videos about the village on YouTube, Instagram, etc,” Selvakumar said.

“Kinnakorai is located 6,000 feet above sea level. It is not a tourist place like other places in the Nilgiris. Though there have been no human-animal conflicts, we are taking precautionary steps. We will take stringent action against tourists visiting the place,” he added.



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Facing 60 caste survey questions, DKS ‘uncomfortable’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE delayed Socio-Economic and Educational survey, or caste survey, in Bengaluru began with a “drama” as enumerators conducting the survey treated Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar like a common man and posed all 60 questions, making him “uncomfortable”.

The enumerators, along with senior officers of the Backward Classes Department, KV Rajendra, Commissioner, Bengaluru West City Corporation, and Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner for Revenue, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), arrived at the DCM’s Sadashivnagar residence on Saturday, where his family was present.

The DCM, who started fielding the questions patiently, felt that certain posers were too ‘personal’. “Is there a need to ask about cattle, poultry, tractor, court cases and diseases? Make it simple. Social and economical information is enough. People will get exhausted. I only lost patience. Will the public be patient in answering all the questions,” Shivakumar re-



Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar taking part in the socio-economic and educational survey at his Sadashivnagar residence on Saturday | EXPRESS

acted. He later instructed the secretary concerned, Tulasi Maddineni, to reduce the number of questions. He advised the enumerators in the city to be sensible, as people lose patience about queries on sheep, poultry and jewellery they own.

“They (enumerators) also asked me such questions. I may have them (cattle and hens) at my village. People in rural areas may give details with patience, but city residents may

lose it,” he remarked. He also felt the process was too long as it took over an hour to complete the survey of his family, while enumerators are expected to spend 20 minutes per household. He, however, appealed to the public, saying, “To provide justice to the next generation of all societies, participate in the survey and provide the necessary information.”

Asked if there were too many questions and they should have been simplified, he said, “I saw

these questions only today. They should have been simplified.”

On some personal questions, he said, “The court has said you cannot be forced to answer these questions. It is up to the people to answer and they have the freedom to say such questions do not apply to them. I told the surveyors to be sensitive while conducting the survey in Bengaluru.”

On many people refusing to participate in the survey, he said, “It is our duty to explain. We will do it.”

As there were technical glitches and other practical problems during the survey, he said, “The social welfare department will fix them. That is their responsibility. We will also allow people to participate in the survey online. Enumerators should provide that information too.”

On BJP’s allegation that providing information in the survey will lead to conversion, he chose to ignore the question.

He had a final advice for enumerators: “No matter if the survey gets delayed, but gather accurate information.”

EPS’ campaign rallies rescheduled

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POLICE officials said that all the four venues are along state or national highways, making them ineligible under the court’s directive.

Meanwhile, the AIADMK has rescheduled the rallies, with EPS expected to campaign in Thiruchengode and Komarapalayam on October 8, and in Namakkal and Paramathi Velur on October 9. EPS is currently on a statewide “Makkalai Kaappom, Thamizhagathai Meetpom” campaign to reach out to voters across Tamil Nadu ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. He had already conducted campaign events in Rasipuram and Senthamangalam on September 19, covering two of the six constituencies in Namakkal.

Guv reserved Bill for Prez consideration

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IT may be noted that a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court last month reserved its opinion on the reference made by the President on questions relating to the grant of assent to Bills. The Presidential Reference was made soon after the Supreme Court delivered the judgment laying down timelines for the President and Governor to grant assent to Bills in a petition filed by Tamil Nadu. The Kalaingar University Bill, 2025, passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly earlier this year, was cleared by the Assembly and sent to RN Ravi for assent following Cabinet approval. However, the governor reserved it for the President’s consideration.

Hyd student shot dead in US; T’gana CM promises help to bring back body

HYDERABAD: An Indian student from Hyderabad was killed in the US when unidentified assailants opened fire at him at a gas station, his family said here on Saturday. Pole Chandrashekar was shot dead by the miscreants on Friday night in Dallas, they said, urging the government to help in repatriation of his mortal remains.

Chandrashekar, who completed his BDS in Hyderabad, had gone to US two years ago to pursue an MS. He completed the degree six months ago and was looking for a job, his brother Damodar told reporters. To support himself, Chandrashekar was working part time at the gas station.

Expressing grief, CM A Revanth Reddy conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family. Assuring support to the family of the deceased, he said his government would extend all cooperation to bring back the body. BRS MLA T Harish Rao

said he and other party leaders visited the bereaved family here and offered condolences. It is tragic that Chandrashekar, a Dalit student from L B Nagar here, died in the shooting incident, he said in a post on X. Harish Rao, nephew of BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao, urged the Telangana government to take steps to bring back the body. In January, a 26-year-old student from Telangana, living in Connecticut, was allegedly shot dead by unidentified persons, while another man from Ranga Reddy district was found dead with bullet wounds in the US. PTI



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I, MADONA PRIYANTHI VICTORIA, D/o.Bastian Victoria, was born on 22nd September 1980, (Birth Place-Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu) residing at No.34/C, Manal Street, Thoothukudi-628001, Thoothukudi District, Tamil Nadu State, shall henceforth be known as, MADONA PRIYANTHI BASTIAN VICTORIA. MADONA PRIYANTHI VICTORIA Thoothukudi, 04.10.2025

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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
164925025005000037 1. Mr. Vignesh Mookkandi 2.Mr. Krishnan M 3. Mrs. Selvi	(i) 15.03.2025 & ₹ 4,99,231/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-One Only) as on 03.03.2025 ii) Physical Possession - 11.08.2025	₹ 5,68,822.29 (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two and Paise Twenty Nine Only) as on 02.09.2025	₹ 3,13,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Only)	₹ 31,300/- (Rupees Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Only)

Property Description/Schedule: Item No.1: All that Part & Parcel of situated at Cheranmahadevi Registration District, Cheranmahadevi, Joint II Sub- Registrar Office, Cheranmahadevi Village limit at 1st Ward in South 4th Street, Old Natham Survey No. 186/1 (Part) and as per New Natham Survey No. 1586/6, measuring to an extent of 831.25 Square feet equivalent to 77.22 Square Meter, admeasuring East to West: at the Northern Side 25 feet, Southern Side 25 feet and South to North: on Eastern Side 34 feet and Western Side: 32.25 feet of vacant land bounded on: North: House of Magesh, South: House of Murugan, East: Land of Murugan, West- Land of Krishnan and Item No. II property.

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

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