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4. Interested bidder shall participate only after mandatorily reading and agreeing the terms and conditions stipulated by the process document. In addition, the interested buyer shall not be allowed to submit a bid if he fails to meet the eligibility criteria set out in Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Date of E-Auction: 04-05-2026

Interested parties may contact the Liquidator for more details,

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The ECR road-widening project was slated for completion by May 2024 | **FILE PIC**

4 years on, only 60% widening of ECR complete

Delay caused by resource mobilisation, land acquisition; Gadkari says work to finish by Aug

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

The four-laning of the 62-km stretch of East Coast Road from Mahabalipuram to Marakkanam has been progressing at a snail's pace for nearly four years. The project, awarded in May 2022 with a stipulated completion period of 24 months (May 2024), has been delayed due to land acquisition issues and other reasons, posing risks to thousands of motorists. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that work on 60% of the project is over and it will be completed by August 31 this year. The total cost is estimated to be ₹2,476.6 crore.

Responding to a query raised by DMK MP A Raja on delays in national highway projects in Tamil Nadu, Gadkari said that about 63.7% of the four-laning work on the 31-km Mahabali-puram-Mugaiyur stretch, costing ₹1,360.5 crore, has been completed.

Similarly, the four-laning of the 31-km Mugaiyur-Marakkanam stretch, taken up at a cost of ₹1,116.1 crore in December 2023, has achieved 56.64% progress and is also targeted

for completion by August. "The delay was due to multiple factors, including land acquisition issues, inadequate resource mobilisation, delays in procuring borrow earth, and additional works arising from scope changes," Gadkari added.

A senior NHAI official said that material procurement issues also contributed to the delays. "The work was further slowed due to land stabilisation challenges, as the highway runs close to coastal areas. Alternative service roads have also been planned at several locations where stabilisation issues have arisen. The curves on the two lane highway were also straightened," the official said.

The project also faced a minor setback in April last year after the National Green Tribunal directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to obtain statutory clearances from the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority and other agencies for widening a 900m stretch of ECR passing through Odiyur Lagoon near Kuvathur. Subsequently, NHAI submitted a compliance report to the tribunal to proceed with the works.

City sizzles at 37.7°C, hottest day this summer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

CHENNAI'S Meenambakkam recorded 37.7°C on Sunday, falling just short of the 100°F mark. So far, this is the hottest day of the summer. The RMC has forecast a gradual rise in maximum temperatures by 2°C-3°C at isolated places over North Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

According to weather bloggers and the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), tempera-

tures are likely to rise further in the coming days, stabilising around 38°C. The normal temperature for the day is 35.3°C, making Sunday's reading 2.4°C above average.

Meenambakkam recorded 35.7°C on Friday and 36.3°C on Saturday, indicating a steady rise. Meanwhile, Nungambakkam registered 33.7°C on Friday, 34.2°C on Saturday, and 34.6°C on Sunday.

“The temperature will increase further in the coming days as there is a possibility of



Watermelons have started to flood the Koyambedu market in Chennai | P JAWAHAR

rain only in the southern parts of Tamil Nadu for now. It is likely to cross 100°F soon,” said independent weather blogger K. Srikanth. No significant change is expected over southern regions. It added that maximum temperatures in Chennai are likely to hover around 37°C-38°C, with minimum temperatures around 27°C-28°C.

Meanwhile, Erode and Karur in Tamil Nadu recorded the first 40°C of the year, while Tiruchy registered its hottest day of the year at 39.7°C.

Doctor dies by suicide due to oppn from kin over choice of life partner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

A 31-year-old female doctor at a private hospital in Potheri died by suicide on Friday night, allegedly following opposition from her brother and relatives over her choice of partner in marriage.

The deceased was identified as K Aarthi, who was working as an anaesthesiologist at the hospital for the past year. She had lost her parents during her college days and was brought up by her elder brother Aravind Kumar, a doctor based in Chengalpattu.

Police sources said Aarthi was in a relationship with a 31-year-old orthopaedic doctor working at a private hospital in

Kodambakkam. When she informed her brother about the relationship, the response was not favourable. Her partner had also delayed talking to his family about the relationship, police said. Meanwhile, her relatives had begun searching for a marriage alliance, which she had reportedly opposed for the last four months.

Following a recent argument, Aarthi moved out of her brother's residence and had been staying at a friend's apartment near Sathya Sai Hospital in Thiruporur.

On the day of the incident, her brother Aravind, along with relatives, visited the hospital and asked her to return home. Police said this reportedly led to an argument.

Later that night, after com-

pleting her duty, Aarthi went into the duty doctor's cabin and locked the room. When a nurse received no response from her, other staff were alerted. She was subsequently found unresponsive inside the room. Despite efforts to revive her, she was declared dead.

The hospital informed her relatives and the Maraimalai Nagar police. The body was sent to Chengalpattu Government Hospital for postmortem and later handed over to the ken. The Maraimalai Nagar police have registered a case under Section 194 of the BNS Act, and further investigation is under way.

(Assistance for those having suicidal thoughts is available on TN's health helpline 104 and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050)



HOPE ABOUNDS

Devotees at Easter Sunday Mass at Santhome Basilica Cathedral, marking the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ | **ASHWIN PRASATH**



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No. : E-299008
Date: 27.03.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites Tender for Supply of following materials:

Tender No	Particulars of Materials proposed to be Procured	Quantity (Nos)
MESCOM/ 2025-26/ IND0157	LT Single Phase Reference Standard Meters	07
	LT Three Phase Reference Standard Meters	05
	HT Reference Standard Meters	03

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www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after **06.04.2026**

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TENDER NOTICE

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SL. NO	TENDER NO.	OPEN TENDER FILE REFERENCE NO.	NAME OF THE WORK.	QUANTITY	DATE & TIME OF TENDER CLOSING
1	2026 471212179- OT07-STAND	MS/C/OT/07/ Stand Activities/ Shell/ 2026-27	WORKS CONTRACT FOR SHELL STAND ACTIVITIES OF DIFFERENT VARIANTS OF SHELLS	368 Shells	27.04.2026 At 15.00 Hrs.
2	2026 471212183- OT10- SWCTW	MS/C/OT/10/ SW/ CTW/ Shell/ 2026-27	COMPLETE TIG WELDING AND GRINDING OF FRAME WORK ON SIDEWALL. INTEGRATION OF SIDEWALL WITH CARLINE ASSEMBLY AND MIG BRAZING ASSEMBLY AND TIG WELDING OF WELDING PARTS ON SIDEWALL FOR DIFFERENT VARIANTS OF LHB AND KOLKATA METRO SIDEWALLS AT ICF/CHENNAI	824 Coach sets	27.04.2026 At 15.00 Hrs.
3	2026 471212180- OT08-SF- LHB	ML/C/OT/08/ S&F/LHB/ 2026-27	ASSEMBLY AND WELDING OF STAND ACTIVITIES & FINISHING ACTIVITIES AND ONLY FINISHING ACTIVITIES OF DIFFERENT VARIANTS OF LHB & DPRS SHELLS IN LHB DIVISION/ICF CHENNAI	647 Shells	22.04.2026 At 15.00 Hrs.

Hardi version of the above advertisement is available in <https://icf.indianrailways.gov.in>

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Open Tender No.	Short Description of the Item	Tender Value (₹)
2026499212184	Works Contract for carrying out 1) Dusting and Vacuum cleaning, 2) Laying of dummy PVC floor sheet, 3) Provision of seat covers, 4) Intensive cleaning before dispatch for Trainset type coaches in ICF/Chennai.	66,16,376.16

Date of tender Closing: 30.04.2026 at 14.45 Hrs/ Opening on 30.04.2026 at 15.00 Hrs Works Contract for carrying out 1) Dusting and Vacuum cleaning, 2) Laying of dummy PVC floor sheet, 3) Provision of seat covers, 4) Intensive cleaning before dispatch for Trainset type coaches in ICF/Chennai.

Hindi Version of the above advertisement is available in <https://icf.indianrailways.gov.in/>

Dy.Chief Mechanical Engineer/Fur-II

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE IN THE MATTER OF
St. John Freight Systems Limited
Under Liquidation, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench
order dated 26-11-2019 (effective from 11-03-2020)

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Expression of interest on or before 30-04-2026.
Date of E-Auction: 04-05-2026

Interested parties may contact the Liquidator for more details.

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.20,80,00/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred and Four Only)** as on 01.04.2026 together with further interest to be charged from 02.04.2026 onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers/guarantors.

No.1.M/s.Brown Barrell Private Limited, No.48/1A, 11, MIN Apartment, New 45, Old No.18, New Boag Road, Thyagarayanagar Chennai - 600017. No.2.Mr.John Britto, S/o.D.M.Karunai Nangunakam Pillai, A-11, MIN Apartment, New 45, Old No.18, New Boag Road, Thyagarayanagar Chennai - 600017. Also, to Mr.John Britto, S/o.D.M.Karunai Nangunakam Pillai, No.6F-5/5, E.T.P.S Camp-1, Madras - 600006. No.3.Mr.Jude Britto, S/o.John Britto, A-11, MIN Apartment, New 45, Old No.18, New Boag Road, Thyagarayanagar Chennai - 600017. Also, to Mr.Jude Britto, S/o.John Britto, No.6F-5/5, E.T.P.S Camp-1, Madras - 600006.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Property Owned By Mr.John Britto

All that piece and parcel of a Residential Flat No.11 in Second Floor, Block No.29, comprised in Old T.S.No.5718/2 (Part), New T.S.No.8892 with an extent of 5 Grounds and Old T.S.No.5787/2 (Part), New T.S.No.8900/1 with an extent of 1 Ground and 440 Sq.ft in all aggregating to 6 Grounds 315 Sq.ft in Thyagarayanagar, Situated at Door No.18, New Door No.45, West Boag Road, T.Nagar, Chennai **Bounded on North by:** T.S.No.8902/2 (No.3 New West Boag Road) and T.S.No.8891/2 (No.2 New West Boag Road), **South by:** T.S.No.8905, **East by:** T.S.No.8906, **West by:** T.S.No.8902/2 (No.3 New West Boag Road) Lying within the Registration District of Chennai-South and Sub-Registration District of T.Nagar.

Reserve Price : **Rs.62,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Only)**

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
16.05.2026	City Union Bank Limited, Chennai Nungambakam Branch, 123, Valluvarkottai High Road, Nungambakam, Chennai - 600034. Telephone No: 04425252070, Cell Nos: 93440232559, 8925968780, 8925964907

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

- (1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself.
- (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., Chennai Nungambakam Branch, 123, Valluvarkottai High Road, Nungambakam, Chennai - 600034.** (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMOD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd."** **on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidders should contact **Telephone No: 04425252070, Cell Nos: 93440232559, 8925968780, 8925964907.** (5) The properties/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "Whatever there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 PM** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be confirmed on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMOD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated therein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues) TDS/GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 04.04.2026

Authorised Officer

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Bla) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamilnadu - 612001, C.IN - L651170190XPL.C001287, Telephone No. 0435 - 2402332, Fax: 0435 - 2431746, www.cityunionbank.com



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APCRDA invites tenders for the following works for which the bids can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **06.04.2026 to 20.04.2026 upto 14:00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid **20.04.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs.** Technical bid opening **20.04.2026 @16:00Hrs.**

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimate Cost
01/MAU61-USI0TT(OTH)/12/2026-HB	Providing BT Hot Mix Road & RCC Drain to the Pantakaluva Road from Srinivasa Nagar Colony (Sai Baba Temple Road) to Salpeta Road Junction at Poranki, Penamalur Constituency	Rs.325.00 Lakhs
02/MAU61-USI0TT(RCW)/3/2026-TT	Providing BT Road from Namburu Kaza RB Road to Chiluvuru (DRPP No. 1170 832) in Pedakakani Mandal	Rs.580.00 Lakhs
03/MAU61-USI0TT(RRW)/6/2026-TT	Improvements to the Amaravati Township main road, Nowluru from puttala road Jr to E-15 road	Rs.850.00 Lakhs

For further details please refer to www.approcurement.gov.in and www.crda.ap.gov.in.

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Amaravati

BJP slammed for bid to influence voters in KL

Cong, CPM workers lay siege to the building where the kits were kept for distribution at Vadanappally in Thrissur

GOPIKA VARRIER @ Thrissur

TENSION prevailed in Vadanappally in Thrissur on Sunday after Congress and CPM workers staged protests accusing the BJP of trying to influence voters by distributing food kits. The BJP has denied the allegations. The protests took place in front of a godown in Vadanappally under the Manalur assembly constituency.

Congress workers led by UDF's Manalur candidate T N Prathapan reached the spot around 11am and demanded action against those involved in the distribution of kits.

At the time, actor and BJP leader Devan was in the adjacent building – believed to be the house of godown owner Praveen – with a BJP SC Morcha leader. The protestors



The items being packed inside the godown at Vadanappally | EXPRESS

laid siege to the building and prevented the duo from leaving. LDF candidate C Raveendranath reached the spot and sought action alleging violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

A large number of Congress

and CPM workers gathered in front of the godown. Several BJP workers also reached the spot and an argument ensued. Election Commission officials arrived at the godown soon and seized the kit. Praveen was detained.

Though Raveendranath left, Prathapan and Congress workers continued protesting at the spot, prompting the police to arrest and remove them. He was released on station bail.

“BJP has been trying to influence voters in Manalur by distributing kits, cash and even alcohol. We got information about it from some people and went there to check. The party used the same appeasement strategy in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This cannot be allowed,” Prathapan told TNIE.

Raveendranath said he lodged his complaint before election officials and they seized the items. “An investigation is on. Let it take its course,” he said.

Devan refuted the allegations and said he was not connected to the incident.

“I was in Vadanappally to attend a BJP family meeting for NDA candidate Aneeshkumar. Since the event got delayed, the leaders here recommended I take a break. This is why I went to Praveen's house. While having tea, we saw Congress workers gathering. There was commotion,” he said.

In a statement, BJP Thrissur city president Justin Jacob criticised the LDF and UDF for spreading false propaganda against BJP.

“Both LDF and UDF are scared about the results as they know BJP will win. This drama is borne out of that fear,” he alleged.

The Election Commission has registered a case in connection with a similar incident reported in Olari in Thrissur constituency a day before.

YOUTH HELD

The Kozhikode police on Sunday arrested a 28-year-old man in connection with the explosion at a house in Kurikkathur on Saturday night that claimed the lives of two persons



Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy and CJI Surya Kant at the foundation stone laying event for construction of Zonal-II buildings at new HC in Rajendranagar | EXPRESS

T'GANA'S NEW HC COMPLEX WILL BE INDIA'S BEST: CJI

T G NAIDU @ Hyderabad

CHIEF Justice of the Supreme Court Surya Kant on Sunday expressed confidence that the upcoming Telangana High Court complex would rank among the most impressive judicial campuses in the country.

He made the remarks after reviewing design plans and scale models while laying the foundation stone for Zone II of the High Court project at Rajendranagar.

The event was attended by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Supreme Court judges PS Narasimha, Ujjal Bhuyan, SV Bhatti, and Alok Aradhe, along with Telangana High Court Chief Justice Aapresh Kumar Singh and several other judges.

Justice Surya Kant emphasised that judicial independence was not limited to constitutional doctrine but was also closely linked to the availability of robust infrastructure. He described the project as a long-term institutional investment designed to serve the judiciary for the next hundred years.

The new campus, spread over 100 acres, is intended to replace the current dispersed and congested court facilities with a unified, modern complex. Reflecting on its origin, he noted that the initiative traced back to the 2009 fire incident at the existing High Court premises. He observed that the project represented nearly two decades of consistent effort, supported by successive governments despite political transitions — an example of rare coordination between the judiciary and executive. He further said that construction of Zone I, which

includes the principal High Court Bhavan, is progressing rapidly, with excavation completed and structural works underway.

The simultaneous launch of Zone II, housing official residences for the Chief Justice and High Court judges, underscores the urgency to meet contemporary judicial needs.

Justice Surya Kant pointed out similar developments in judicial infrastructure across states such as Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and Assam, indicating that governments nationwide were increasingly prioritising the strengthening of court systems. He appreciated the Telangana government for sanctioning ₹2,500 crore for the project and assured

continued financial backing.

Revanth Reddy stated that the state government aimed to complete the entire project by December 2027. He underscored that the legislature, executive, and judiciary operate within a framework of autonomy and mutual respect, which is essential for a healthy democracy.

The chief minister affirmed that his government not only respects court judgments but also values judicial observations and feedback, stressing the importance of cooperation rather than confrontation among democratic institutions.

Describing the proposed complex as a “temple of justice,” he said it would cater to people of all backgrounds and significantly improve upon the facilities available in the existing High Court building, while serving the state's legal needs for the next century.

KL woman trekker traced, survived on water for 4 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madikeri

A WOMAN trekker from Kerala, who had mysteriously gone missing from the Tadiandamol trail in Kodagu, was traced after four days in one of the forest zones of Tadiandamol range on Sunday. Being an experienced trekker, Sharanya, who is 36 years old, survived only on water for four days. She is out of danger and has been shifted to Virajpet Hospital for a general check-up.

Over a hundred people, includ-

ing personnel from the Anti-Naxal Force, reserve police and forest department and also members of the Adiya and Kudiya tribes were involved in the search operation over the last four days.

Sharanya, who hails from Nadapuram in Kozhikode, went missing on April 2 while trekking in Tadiandamol, the highest peak in Kodagu. She was traced around 5.30 pm on Sunday. Members of



Sharanya

the Adiya tribe — Raju, Aiyappa, Subramani and Mani — tracked her inside the sacred grove in Tadiandamol range.

Speaking to the media, Sharanya said that she went without food for three days. “I lost my way while

climbing down. I saw a few people when I was climbing down and when I lost them, I took a left. Then I felt that I saw more people, but got lost completely. I

tried contacting the forest helpline and my colleague from office, but there were no signals on my phone as there was no network,” she added. She explained that she walked till about 6.45 pm on April 2, the day she got lost, and when she found a stream, she decided to rest there. The next day, since the sky was visible, she was on the lookout for drones. On the third day, she got drenched in heavy rain and was cold. She said she was not scared and did not panic, but spent sleepless nights.

AIADMK has become Amit Shah DMK, says Kanimozhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Tiruppur

AIADMK has now become Amit Shah DMK, said DMK deputy general secretary Kanimozhi Karunanidhi in Kangeyam in Tiruppur district, on Sunday. Kanimozhi was campaigning in the Kangayam and Palladam constituencies.

Kanimozhi said, “The upcoming election is a contest between Tamil Nadu and the Hindutva elements in Delhi. People should not forget that this is an election to protect the self-respect and rights of TN.”

Accusing AIADMK general secretary and opposition leader Edappadi K Palaniswami of being a traitor to the state and his own party, Kanimozhi said, “Palaniswami betrayed VK Sasikala, who made him the chief minister. He also betrayed O Palaniswami, who has now joined us. Palaniswami did not oppose the moves implemented by the central government against Tamil Nadu and farmers. He also did not oppose laws against minorities which has severely impacted the livelihoods of rural people.”

DMK Candidate for Kangeyam constituency, Minister M P Saminathan, and others were present.



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Folk artistes participated during the Babu Jagjivan Ram birth anniversary at Vidhna Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Not ‘equitable delimitation’ but demographic coup that undermines federalism: Pinarayi

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Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan also expressed concerns about reports suggesting a proposal for a 50% across-the-board increase in Lok Sabha seats.

“In such a scenario, even if Kerala's representation were to increase to 30 seats, an state like Uttar Pradesh would see its strength jump to 120 or more. This would result in a systematic dilution of the democratic voice of the South,” he said. Vijayan further said that by shifting the balance of power so heavily toward one region, the Union govern-



ment is signalling that the developmental achievements of the South achieved through decades of investment in health and education are now a political liability. “This is not an ‘equitable delimitation’ but a demographic coup that undermines

the fundamental principles of federalism,” he asserted.

Vijayan also urged the Union government to move beyond vague assurances and provide a concrete, constitutional guarantee that no state will suffer a reduction in its relative political influence due to its success in social governance.

“The unity of India depends on the equal respect and power-sharing of all its regions, regardless of their population size. The Prime Minister must ensure that the notion of political parity applies to the rights of states that have led the nation in progress,” he said.

TNPDC contract staff electrocuted to death

Mayiladuthurai: A contract worker employed by the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited died after accidentally coming into contact with a live high-voltage line on Saturday night. According to sources, K Dinakaran (32) was working on electric poles near Memathur when he came into contact with the power line. He was killed since power supply had allegedly not been turned off. He was rushed to Mayiladuthurai Government Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. The Sembanarkoil police registered a case and began an inquiry. Meanwhile, contract workers led by CITU staged a road blockade outside the GH, alleging lack of safety gear and unsafe working conditions for contract workers. They also refused to receive Dinakaran's body and demanded adequate compensation and employment for a family member. ENS

Cong's Melur candidate held AICC secy post for five years

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“HOWEVER, in a last minute move, Viswanathan, who was elected from the Kancheepuram parliamentary constituency (SC) in 2009, approached the party leadership seeking a ticket to contest from Melur. The party high command allocated him the seat after looking at his performance during his tenure as MP” one party source said.

Kharge is said to have considered Viswanathan for the seat, as prominent Congress leader and former home minister P Kakkhan had been elected to the erstwhile Madras State Assembly from Melur (SC) in 1957.

The delay in the announcement was a cause of concern for alliance

leader DMK, as the party's deputy general secretary and Thoothukudi MP Kanimozhi had completed her campaign in Madurai, and DMK president and Chief Minister M K Stalin was campaigning in Madurai on Sunday.

However, sources close to the DMK leadership said, the party did not want to interfere in the Congress's internal issues.

Viswanathan has held the position of AICC secretary from 2009 to 2014, with responsibilities including oversight of Telangana and other states. As an MP, he maintained a Parliamentary attendance of about 87%, participated in about 38 debates and raised 658 questions between 2009 and 2014.

Salem collector Arun Thamburaj takes charge

Salem: The newly appointed District Collector and Election Officer of Salem, A Arun Thamburaj, assumed office on Sunday, following his recent transfer announced by the Election Commission on April 2. He has taken charge from R Brindha Devi to become the 175th collector of Salem district. Prior to this posting, Thamburaj served as the mission director of the NHM in TN. He has also earlier worked as the district collector of Cuddalore and Nagapattinam. ENS

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01/MAU61-USI07T(OTH)/12/2026-HB	Providing BT Hot Mix Road & RCC Drain to the Panikakulva Road from Srinivasa Nagar Colony (Sai Baba Temple Road) to Salipeta Road Junction at Poranki, Penamaluru Constituency	Rs.325.00 Lakhs
02/MAU61-USI07T(RCW)/3/2026-TT	Providing BT Road from Namburu Kaza RB Road to Chiluvuru (DRRP No. 1170 832) in Peddakakani Mandal	Rs.580.00 Lakhs
03/MAU61-USI07T(RRW)/6/2026-TT	Improvements to the Amaravati Township main road, Nowluru from putta road Jn to E-15 road	Rs.850.00 Lakhs

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Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Amaravati.

Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune (MSAMB)

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MSAMB invites e-Tender for Construction of Godown having its storage capacity 1000 MT at Agricultural Produce Market Committee Dondaicha, District Dhule (Maharashtra State) Estimate cost of said work is Rs.132.17 Lakh (GST Extra). For details, please visit www.msamb.com and <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE IN THE MATTER OF St. John Freight Systems Limited
Under Liquidation, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench
order dated 26-11-2019 (effective from 11-03-2020)

Notice is hereby given for the auction of assets of M/S. ST. JOHN FREIGHT SYSTEMS LIMITED on a AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS, WHATEVER IT IS, WHATEVER THERE IS condition on a NON-RECOURSE basis without any warranties and indemnities in respect of the below mentioned assets through the **BAANKNET Portal**.

ITEM NO.1

Particulars	Reserve Price (Amount in Rs.)	EMD (Amount in Rs.)
Land parcel measuring 6.70 Acres located across Amudham Colony and Chengam Nagar Athipattu Village, near Ennore Port, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur, Chennai - 600 120	13,64,26,500	1,36,42,650

ITEM NO.2

Particulars	Reserve Price (Amount in Rs.)	EMD (Amount in Rs.)
Land parcel measuring 0.70 Acres located across Chengam Nagar, KGS Nagar, and Poonkoi Nagar Athipattu Village, near Ennore Port, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur, Chennai - 600 120	1,30,73,850	13,07,385

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- The details of the assets, process and timeline are outlined in the process document. The said E- Auction process document shall be available on the website of e-auction platform on <https://ibbi.baanknet.com/eauction-ibbi/home>. Further all terms and conditions stipulated in the process document shall prevail and be binding on all the parties.
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