

Case against loan app in student suicide; faculty denied anticipatory bail

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THE Chakkarakkal police on Friday registered a case against loan app Insta Pay for allegedly harassing first-year BDS student Nithin Raj, who died by suicide on the premises of Kannur Dental College on April 10. Meanwhile, the Thalassery Sessions Court rejected the anticipatory bail pleas of two faculty members — Dr M K Ram and Dr Sangeetha Nambiar — who have been booked for allegedly abetting the suicide. The court also declined to grant them interim protection from arrest. The pleas have been posted for further hearing on April 22.

According to the FIR, Nithin had availed a loan of ₹15,000 through the app at an interest rate exceeding 36%. Police said that a day before his death, persons associated with the app repeatedly contacted him, allegedly threatening and emotionally coercing him to repay the amount with interest.

The case has been registered under BNS Section 308 (extortion), Section 13 of the Kerala Money Lenders Act, 1958, and Sections 9(1) (a) and 9(2) of the Kerala Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest Act, 2012.

Earlier, the Kannur Cyber Police had also registered a case against the app based on a complaint by Latha Sasidharan, an assistant professor at the college, who was allegedly harassed over non-repayment of the loan. Kannur City Police Commissioner Nidhinraj said an analysis of Nithin's call data records revealed that he had taken the loan via an app between December and January. Its operators had also accessed his teacher's phone number and contacted her when he defaulted, he said.

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The police have booked Dr Ram and Dr Sangeetha under BNS Section 108 (abetment of suicide) and Section 3(1)(r) of the SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Public Prosecutor Ajith Kumar opposed their plea for interim relief, arguing that the offences are non-bailable and warrant custodial interrogation. In their petitions, the duo denied any role in Nithin's death and contended that harassment from the loan app could have led to the suicide. Dr Ram claimed he was present in the principal's room on the day of the incident.

Nithin, a native of Puthukulangara in Thiruvananthapuram, was found critically injured after falling from the college building and later succumbed to injuries. His family has alleged that he was subjected to caste-based and colour-based harassment by the two faculty members.

The college management terminated Dr Ram on Thursday following protests by students, including an indefinite boycott of classes, with various student organisations and political parties demanding the immediate arrest of the accused.



Nithin Raj

VACATION TURNS TRAGIC FOR TEACHERS

LP school loses five teachers, cook to Valparai accident. Remaining staff, including peon, had not joined the tour

LAKSHMI ATHIRA @Malappuram

THE silence at GLPS Kuruva is no longer the quiet of a village night. It is the kind that follows an unthinkable loss.

What began as a joyful getaway on a Friday early morning ended in devastating tragedy at Valparai, wiping out nearly the entire teaching strength of the small government school in Malappuram.

Six teachers had set out on the vacation trip. None of them returned. The accident also claimed the life of the school cook. For years, the school had been more than a workplace. It was a close-knit family. Teachers and non-teaching staff marked every vacation with trips together, a tradition born out of deep bonds rather than routine.

The remaining staff at the school are first grade teacher Hasnath, LKG teacher Razina, UKG teacher Yashoda, and peon Gopalan, who did not join the tour.

"We couldn't go on the trip due to family engagements. But they kept sharing photos throughout the journey. Even minutes before the accident, they sent us a video from inside the van," Razina said, showing the clip to reporters as she broke down in tears.

Gopalan recalls the day the group left for the trip with a trembling voice. "They proceeded on Friday morning, all excited. The trip had been planned long before the vacation. This time, four of us could not go due to personal reasons. Now, it is just us who remain," he said.

The loss is not just professional. It is deeply personal. Majeed, who was visually impaired, depended on the support of his wife Ruqiya, a teacher at another school. She would often visit to assist him and, over time, became a part of the school's extended family. Head-



The accident spot at Valparai-Pollachi Ghat Road in Coimbatore | EXPRESS



Some of the deceased school staff in an earlier group photo at Athirappilly waterfall

CM promises help to accident victims

T'Puram: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has directed officials to ensure adequate support and treatment to those injured in the accident.

Education Minister V Sivankutty contacted the office of the Tamil Nadu chief minister. "The state government is taking all possible measures. We have contacted the Tamil Nadu CMO. They have promised to provide all support," he said.

mistress Ajitha, who joined three years ago, never allowed hierarchy to come in between. Ramla, a long-time colleague and Gopalan's neighbour, had shared decades of service and friendship.

"I cannot hold back my emo-

tions. That is how much this accident has broken us," Gopalan said, his voice faltering. "There are about 150 students here. I do not know what I will tell them when they come back."

As news of the tragedy spread, hundreds of residents and parents gathered in front of the school, holding on to fragments of hope even as the reality sank in.

Abdurahiman, a former ward member and vice president of Kuruva panchayat, said the grief runs through the entire community.

"I knew each of them closely. I used to attend almost every event at the school. In this village, the GLP school was never just a building. With most staff members hailing from nearby areas, we were like family," Abdurahiman said. "We are all shattered. Hope no more sad news reaches us."

Three injured shifted to Coimbatore MCH

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According to a member of the school's Parent-Teacher Association, the 13-member group began its trip on Friday morning by visiting the Athirappilly waterfall in Thrissur and then proceeded to Valparai. After sightseeing in Valparai, they were heading towards Pollachi to return to Kerala when the accident occurred between 5.15pm and 5.30pm.

Onlookers alerted the police and tried to rescue those trapped in the vehicle. Fire and rescue services personnel and police officers from Valparai and Pollachi reached the spot and rushed the injured persons to the Government District Headquarters Hospital in Pollachi in ambulances.

On Friday night, three of them, including Sahadeen, were shifted to Coimbatore Medical College Hospital and one to Pollachi Government Hospital. The bodies were shifted to Pollachi GH for a post-mortem, according to officials.

The scenic stretch of the Valparai-Pollachi Ghat Road,

known for its challenging terrain with 40 sharp hairpin bends has witnessed several accidents in the past, especially during summer, when many tourists visit the hill station. Police have appealed to motorists to exercise extreme caution when navigating the Ghat section, particularly while descending.

Coimbatore Collector Pavan Kumar G Giriyananavar, along with officials from the district administration, visited Pollachi GH to check on the injured. "Police from Malappuram and Palakkad have collected details from officials in Coimbatore. A team will be sent to Coimbatore and Pollachi," Kerala State Police Chief Ravada A Chandrasekhar told reporters.

Another member of the school's PTA said, "It was not a tour organised by the school. Teachers and staff went on the trip as it was the vacation period. Some of them had posted photos as WhatsApp status," the PTA member said. Kerala Electricity Minister K Krishnan Kutty visited Pollachi Government Hospital. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences to the families of the victims.



The mangled remains of the vehicle involved in the accident in Coimbatore | EXPRESS

Karnataka MLA, 15 others get life term in 2016 murder case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER minister and Congress MLA from Dharwad constituency, Vinay Kulkarni, along with 15 others, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the 2016 murder of Zilla Panchayat member Yogesh Goudar. Another convict, police inspector Channakeshava B. Tingarikar, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment by the special court on Friday.

On Wednesday, the special court for sitting and former MPs/MLAs had convicted 17 accused on charges of murder, criminal conspiracy, destruction of evidence, and other offences. However, the court acquitted two accused persons, giving them the benefit of the doubt. As many as 21 persons were named in the case, while accused number 1 Basavaraj

and accused number 17 Shivanand Shrishaila Biradar had turned approvers. The court had reserved the quantum of punishment to Friday.

All 17 convicts were brought from Bengaluru Central Prison and produced before special court judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat on Friday afternoon.

The judge sentenced 16 convicts, including Vinay, to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹16 lakh, to be paid as compensation to the children of the deceased Yogesh Goudar.

Meanwhile, the court sentenced Channakeshava Tingarikar, then inspector of Dharwad Sub-Urban Police Station, to seven years in prison and imposed a fine of ₹30,000. Tingarikar was sentenced as charges of corruption against him were proven.



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1.	Mrs. Sobhana Thondayil (Borrower) Mr. Arun T (Co-Borrower) Mr. Akshay Thondayil (Guarantor) Loan Account No. LBPQT00004905829	2 BHK House with Land area 3013 Sq.Ft and Built-up Area of 740 Sq.Ft in 2.8 Ares (7.14 Cents) in Re Survey No.103/25 in Ambalappara Panchayath, Ottapalam Taluk, Palakkad District - 679511. Bounded on the North: Hollow Brick Company, South: Property of Joyapraakash and panchayath Road, East: Property of Yusuf, West: Property of Subaidha	Rs. 25,47,792/- (as on April 06, 2026)	Rs. 12,50,000/-	May 05, 2026 From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	May 12, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
2.	Mr. Varghese (Borrower) Mrs. Bini (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCHV00005984646 and LBTRH00005429150	4 BHK house with Land area 5606 Sq. ft and built-up area 2000 Sq. ft in 5.21 Ares (1.287 Cents) in Re Sy No. 219/11, Thalur Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Pin- 680522. Bounded on the North: Road, South: Private Property, East: Private Property, West: Private Property	Rs. 71,64,587/- (As on April 06, 2026)	Rs. 51,75,000/-	May 05, 2026 From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	May 12, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (assets.matexauctions.com). of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Pvt Ltd The Mortgagees/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May 11, 2026 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidders(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before May 11, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 11, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted to ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before May 11, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable to Cochin. For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9655225532/8129501439. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/h4pds Date : April 18, 2026 Place: Palakkad & Thrissur Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

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Tender Notice No. and Date	E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT-04-2026-27, Dt: 15.04.2026.
Period of Completion	6 Months
Approximate Cost of Work	Rs. 2,45,05,393.23/-
Cost of Tender form	Nil
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 4,90,100/-
Tender Closing Date & Time	11/05/2026 & 11:00
Tender Opening Date & Time	11/05/2026 & 11:30

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1.	Loan Account No. LAP3TRV000152972 Mr/Mrs. VIMALKUMAR V Mr/Mrs. VIJAYAMMA KUTTY Mr/Mrs. SARANYA K Mr/Mrs. VISWANATHAN R Both Are Rio.At: Vimal Bhavanam, Pathiyoor East, Pathiyoor, Pathiyoor Pari, Pathiyoor, Alappuzha, Pathiyoor, Alappuzha, Kerala - 690508 Also At: 9342, Vimal Bhavanam, Pathiyoor, Karthikappally, Alappuzha, Kerala, 690508	22-01-2026	Rs. 20,20,000/- (Rupees Twenty lakhs Thousand Only) as on 22-01-2026 And interest Thereon.	Description Of The Property- Schedule-1 All And Every Parcel Of Property Comprises Of 1.62 Ares Of Land With Building Bearing No 9342 Of Pathiyoor Grama Panchayath In Re Survey No. 821/14(821/14-2) As Per Revenue Record) Old Survey 821(as Per Revenue Records) Resurvey Block Number 21 And Everything In Pathiyoor Village, Karthikappally Taluk, Kareelakulangara Sub District, Alappuzha District As Per The First Schedule Of The Gift Deed No. 1380/1994 Respectively In The Name Of Viswanathan. Description Of The Property- Schedule-2. All And Every Parcel Of Property Comprises Of 6.07 Ares Of Land In Re Survey No. 821/14(821/14-3) As Per Revenue Record) Old Survey 821(as Per Revenue Records) Resurvey Block Number 21 And Everything In Pathiyoor Village, Karthikappally Taluk, Kareelakulangara Sub District, Alappuzha District As Per The Second Schedule Of The Gift Deed No. 1380/1994 Respectively In The Name Of Vijayamma. Boundaries Of The Property As Per Deed: North: Wetland Of Chakkalappilly South: Wet Land Of Kunnel And Property Of Krishnakutty East: Sub Canal; West: Annie Bhavanam, Property Of Babu And Our Wet Land Property. Boundaries Of The Property As Location Sketch: North: Property Of Subhakumari; South: Property Of Kunnel And Property Of Radhakrishnan; East: Pathway; West: Property Of Krishnakutty Padmalayam, Rajendran.	Possession Date: 14-04-2026

Date: 14-04-2026 Place: Alappuzha

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