POST OF THE DAY

V D Satheesan @vdsatheesan

Deeply saddened by the tragic blast at a firework unit in #Thrissur that claimed six precious lives. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for strength and solace for all those affected.

'No battery' shocker adds new turn to e-auto fiasco

Moving them requires help from B'luru-based energy services firm

RONNIE KURIAKOSE @ Kochi

YET another perplexing revelation has surfaced regarding the e-autorickshaw fiasco on Kaloor metro station premises.

While it is true that the unavailability of the promised funds forced members of the Ernakulam District Autorickshaw Drivers Co-operative Society to leave their e-autorickshaws parked on the KMRL property, moving these vehicles now requires assistance from a Bengaluru-based energy services firm, *TNIE* has learnt.

Why? These e-autorickshaws are without batteries.

Binu Varghese, an officer-bearer of the society, confirmed the same. "The nearly 30 autorickshaws now parked at the Kaloor metro station do not have batteries. These vehicles are of the swappable-battery model. They could be taken out, and a new fully charged battery could be put in its place. This meant no downtime for the drivers," he said.

However, after noticing that the e-autorickshaws were non-operational for a long time, the company SunMobility took them back, Binu clarified. "It has been about a year now since this development," he added.

OWNERSHIP IN QUESTION

- An officer-bearer of the Ernakulam District Autorickshaw Drivers Co-operative Society said the company SunMobility took the batteries back as the e-autos were non-operational for a long time
- The move has raised question — to whom do these vehicles really belong if, even after purchase, the energy supplier reclaims the batteries?

Prolonged periods of inactivity may hamper a battery's life. Therefore, it makes sense that the company took them. However, the incident does raise yet another set of questions. To whom do these vehicles really belong if, even after purchase, the energy supplier reclaims the batteries? And whether this was factored into the project's paperwork.

Though *TNIE* reached out to SunMobility, the firm was not available for comment.

"Following KMRL's directive to have the e-autorickshaws removed from their premises, the society has written to the company to see the batteries returned. It is expected that they will do so in an urgent manner," Binu clarified, adding, "We can only move the autorickshaws after the batteries are fixed."

But even if the batteries do come, the fact remains that for the e-autorickshaws to run as intended, the designated government funds have to be unlocked.

WEATHER CONTRAST

An elderly man shields himself from the blazing sun with a tuft of leaves while waiting for a bus near the new Varapuzha bridge (R) A pedestrian walking with umbrella near TDM Road during the summer rain that lashed the city on Tuesday evening | PICS: A SANESH

Kasaragod man nabbed with 62 kg ganja

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

A MAN transporting 62kg of ganja, allegedly intended for supply, was arrested on Tuesday in Angamaly. The accused, Haneef, a native of Uliyathadukka in Kasaragod, was nabbed by a special squad of the Ernakulam Rural DANSAF along with the Angamali police.

The action followed a confidential tip-off received by district police chief K S Sudarshan that a large quantity of ganja was being smuggled from Odisha to Kottayam. Acting on the intelligence, a DANSAF team led by narcotic cell DYSP J Umesh Kumar and Aluva DYSP Babukuttan tracked the vehicle and intercepted it at Angamali TB Junction.

During inspection, the police recovered the contraband concealed in 31 packets inside a specially fabricated compartment beneath the rear seat of the car. The accused was taken into custody, officials said.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that Haneef had travelled to Odisha to procure the narcotics from a trafficking network and was transporting them through interior routes to evade checks. This is the largest ganja seizure reported in the rural district this year, and investigation is under way," an officer with the squad added.

Elderly man loses ₹1.2 crore in online share trading scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

AN elderly man was allegedly defrauded of ₹1.20 crore in an online trading scam in Kochi. The victim, a native of Mavelikkara currently residing in Vazhakkala, was duped by fraudsters who promised high returns through an online share trading platform.

Based on his complaint, a case has been registered for cheating and criminal breach of trust under the BNS, along with relevant sections of the Information Technology Act, said a police source.

The complaint said the scammers contacted the victim through social media, promising high returns and later introduced him to an online trading platform resembling a forex broker platform named FBS Markets Inc.

Believing their claims, he transferred a total of ₹1.2 crore from his bank accounts and his wife's account between October and March 2026. He approached the police after the accused neither returned the invested amount nor provided any profits, said the official.

Police issue public notice to identify two bodies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

NEARLY a month after a decomposed body was found in an abandoned building near the Ernakulam South railway station, Kochi city police have issued a public notice seeking help to identify the deceased. The case relates to the recovery of the body of a man — largely skeletal remains — on March 20.

"We have not yet received any concrete evidence to confirm the identity of the victim. The probe is progressing on the suspicion that the deceased could be a man who went missing from the area around the same time," an officer said.

The police suspect that a laptop and a mobile phone recovered from the spot are stolen gadgets, raising the possibility that the deceased could be a thief who had gone off the radar. However, an autopsy is yet to be conducted, the officer said.

Meanwhile, the Ernakulam rural police have also issued a notice seeking assistance to identify a man who was found dead in a well on a private property on the Aluva Sub Jail Road on April 10. The police said the deceased is presumed to be aged between 35 to 40 with a height of 161 cm, and the body is kept at the Kalamassery Medical College after an autopsy. The preliminary investigation suggests there was no foul play involved, with drowning indicated as the cause of death.

5-year-old boy drowns in canal during school trip

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

A FIVE-year-old boy drowned in a water-filled canal during a school trip to an amusement park in Kizhakkambalam, on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Muhammed Adam, son of Muhammed Nazeer and Ameera, natives of Chengalam in Kottayam. The incident occurred after lunch, when teachers were gathering students around 1 pm and noticed the child missing. He was later found in a nearby water-filled canal within the park premises, said a source with the Ernakulam rural police.

Students and staff of 'Beyond Born,' an early education centre in Palarivattom had arrived at Lions Jungle Park in Kadambrayar, Pazhanganad, for a school excursion earlier in the day.

After activities in the park, teachers began assembling the children for lunch, when Adam was found missing. Following an alert, personnel from Thadiyittaparamba police station reached the spot and launched a search, during which the child was located in the canal. He was rushed to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead, said the official.

"Despite being a vacation period, the school had organised the pre-scheduled day excursion for the children. Preliminary findings suggest several irregularities and safety violations in the functioning of the amusement park. A detailed investigation, including a probe into the unnatural death, has been launched," said an officer with the Thadiyittaparamba police.

FRANTIC SEARCH AMID SUSPECTED KIDNAPPING

As the boy struggled for his life, teachers and staff of the pre-school, along with park employees, were frantically searching the premises under the belief that he had been abducted. "When Adam was found missing, teachers asked the other children about his whereabouts, and one of them said he had been taken away in a car. This created panic, and the police were initially alerted about a suspected kidnapping," said a top source with the rural police. On reaching the spot, police launched a search for the alleged suspect and vehicle based on the initial information. Simultaneously, a team led by sub-inspector Sajeev M G conducted a detailed search across the park premises, during which the child was found in a canal-like structure used for boating, said the officer. Around 30 students were part of the excursion. The boy's father is employed abroad, and he was living with his mother at her residence, the officer added.

EXPRESS READ

'Declare Sree Sankara Jayanti as state festival'

Kochi: "Declare Sree Sankara Jayanti as a state festival," Governor Rajendra Arlekar said on Tuesday. He was inaugurating the Sree Sankara Jayanti celebrations at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit at Kalady. He said, Sree Sankaracharya is the great guru who introduced Kerala to the world and is a priceless treasure of the state. "Adi Sankara's Jayanti should be celebrated by the whole world. Kerala contributed Sankara to the world. Sree Sankaracharya is the pride of Keralites. By making Sankara Jayanti a state festival, every Keralite can be proud," he added. Adi Sankara tried to establish Dharma by uplifting Sanatana Dharma, he said.

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POSSESSION NOTICE RULE 8(1) (For immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/here under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

1 **Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: 1) Mr. Vineetha,** Varikkattuparambil, Thirunarayana Puram, Theppadamkara Parappuram PO, Kanjoor Ernakulam Kerala 683575, **2) Mrs. Rajesh T S,** Varikkattuparambil Thirunarayana Puram, Theppadamkara, Parappuram PO, Kanjoor Ernakulam Kerala 683575

Due Amount: Rs. 6,50,818 /- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen Only) being the amount due as on 21-Jan-2026 together with further unapplied interest at contractual rate of interest, and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

Description of Properties: Property 1: All that piece and parcel of land with all other improvements therein having an extent of 2.03 Ares lies in Re Sy block No. 29 , Re-Survey No. 89/13 (Old Sy. No. 206 /1) situated at Kizhakkumbhagamm Village, Aluva Taluk, Sreemoolanagaram Sub District, Ernakulam District and all other appurtenances/structures and rights thereto more fully described under Schedule of the Deed No .726 / 2011 & 1398/2011 of Sreemoolanagaram SRO. **Boundaries: East:** Property of Sivan, **North:** Palace Road, **West:** Road, **South:** Property of Kuttappan

Demand Notice Date: 21.01.2026 **Possession Notice Date: 18.04.2026**

2 **Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: 1) Mr. Vishnu Ashok,** C/o Kumaran K, Mannamparambu Rayamangalam P O, Ernakulam 683545, **2) Soorya Kala ,** C/o Kumaran K Mannamparambu Rayamangalam P O, Ernakulam - 683545 also at Mr. Vishnu Ashok Malekudy (H) Aimury (PO), Koovappady, Ernakulam - 683544, Soorya Kala, Malekudy (H) Aimury (PO), Koovappady, Ernakulam-683544

Due Amount: Rs. 23,20,444/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Four Only) being the amount due as on 17.12.2025 together with further contractual rate of interest thereon till the date of payment and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

Description of Properties: Property 1: All piece and parcel of land with all other improvements /building /appurtenances therein having an extent of 1.95 Ares, Old Survey No.418/7A,418/7B, Re Sy No.235/13/2/6, Asamannoor Village situated at Kunnathunadu Taluk, and Ernakulam District and all other appurtenances and rights thereto more fully described under Kurupampady SRO. **Boundaries: East:** Property of Basil Joy, Tintu K Johnson, **North:** Property of Aneesh Vijay and 12 feet wide way, West: Property of Sindhu P V, **South:** Padam

Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025 **Possession Notice Date: 18.04.2026**

Place : Kochi
Date : 18.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

Corrigendum

"In the NIT published on 21.04.2026 vide TR No. 7507, the words "Superintending Engineer (Civil), Bikaner" shall be read as "Superintending Engineer (Contracts-I), Jaipur".

Superintending Engineer (Contracts- I), Jaipur

Raj.Samwad/C/26/1191

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NOTICE TO BORROWER

(Under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 of The SARFAESI Act, 2002)

To, Miss. Karthika Shibu, Euttumal House, Mulavukad, Kochi, Ernakulam - 682504, also at: 1 Marine Road, Eastbourne, BN227AU, United Kingdom, also at: C/o Edu and Joe Ltd, Burlington Place, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN214BA, United Kingdom, **Mrs. Nisha C R**, Euttumal House, Mulavukad, Kochi, Ernakulam - 682504.

Dear Sir/s,

Re: Credit facilities with our Pullazhi Branch – 11420600013480 and 11420600013481

(1) We refer to our letter No. Pullaz/Adv/Retail – 00002997999, 0003001689 dated 30.11.2024 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanctions you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit	Rate of Interest	O/s as on (inclusive of interest up to 12.04.2026)
Baroda Housing Loan	Rs. 1,20,00,000/-	8.50%	**Rs. 1,21,32,791.44**
Baroda Suvidha Personal Loan	Rs.13,22,000/-	9.25%	**Rs. 13,22,540.41**
		Total	**Rs. 1,34,55,331.85**

Security Agreement with brief description of securities: Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property having an extent of 3.34 Ares of land in Re.Sy. No. 15/2-3 with House No. 18/137 A of Adat Grama Panchayath Located at Puranattukkara Village, Thrissur Taluk with all other improvements and right appurtenant thereto belonging to Ms. Karthika Shibu vide Sale Deed No. 2868/1 dated 03.12.2024 of Ayyanthole SRO. **Boundaries: East:** Property of A V Sebastian; **South:** 3.5 M Private Road; **North:** Property of St. Sebastian Church; **West:** Property of Aloor Lilly.

(2) In the letter of acknowledgement of debt dated ..... you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs ..... as on ..... The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest up to date and other charges debited to account as per bank norms.

(3) As you are aware, you have made defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstanding as on 10.01.2026. You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/ which have fallen due to payment on 10.01.2026 and thereafter.

(4) Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **10.04.2026** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. Despite our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

(5) Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs. 1,34,55,331.85 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One and Eighty Five Paisa Only)** Plus Unapplied interest and charges from 12.04.2026 as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that byfailing to make payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

(6) Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.

(7) We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

(8) We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

(9) Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Place : Pullazhi
Date : 13.04.2026

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This 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, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Raji A R (Borrower) Mr. Sunil Kumar (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account no. LBCOC00004980552/ LBCOC00004979570	3 BHK House with land area 1302 built up area of 780 in 1.21 Ares (3 Cents) in Survey No 155/1-2, in Alangad Village, Paravur Taluk, Ernakulam District - 683511. Bounded on the North: Property of Dineshan South: Private Pathway East: Property of Charlotte and Michael West: My own Balance Property	Rs. 19,30,035/- (As on April 13, 2026)	Rs. 16,75,000/- / Rs.1,67,500/-	May 21, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 02:00 PM	May 28, 2026, from 11:30 AM to 12.30 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-assets.matexauctions.com). of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Pvt Ltd The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May 27, 2026, before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin – 682024 Branch on or before May 27, 2026, before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 27, 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 at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin-682024 Branch on or before May 27, 2026, before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at 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.8129501439/9655225532.

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/n4p4s

Date : April 22, 2026
Place: Cochin

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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दिनांक/Dated : 21-04-2026

ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। On behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works.

1. एपीईपी, आलुवा के 100सी में खराब जीआइ शीट रूफिंग को यूबीसी शीट रूफिंग से प्रतिस्थापित करना तथा विविध एपी भंडारण भवनों में विविध रिसाव सुधार कार्य / Replacing damaged GI sheet roofing with UPVC sheet roofing in 100C and miscellaneous leak rectification works in various AP storage buildings at APEP, Aluva. **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C03/01/2026-27 Dated 17.04.2026, PAC: ₹/Rs. 10.93 लाख/Lakhs**

निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड करने हेतु अंतिम तिथि / Last date for downloading the tender document: 27.04.2026 (Sl No 1)

2. एक वर्ष के लिए एपीईपी, आलुवा, वीएसएससी में चिनाई, नलसानी, संरचनात्मक इस्पात ऐलुमिनियम संविरचन और पेइन्टिंग कार्य हेतु वार्षिक अनुरक्षण संविदा / Annual maintenance contract for masonary, plumbing, structural steel, aluminium fabrication & painting works at APEP, ALUVA, VSSC for one year. **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C03/02/2026-27 Dated 21.04.2026, PAC: ₹/Rs. 17.81 लाख/Lakhs**

निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड करने हेतु अंतिम तिथि / Last date for downloading the tender document: 03.05.2026 (Sl No 2)

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