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Justice SA Dharmadhikari's call to 'Indianise' legal education by invoking Manusmriti and other religious texts reflects a regressive turn from constitutional morality to Brahmanical revivalism. Reducing structural inequalities to a crisis of 'cultural roots' obscures material realities of caste, class, and access to justice.

# Residents on banks of the Kallada face water crisis

People fear more may be forced to leave if issue remains unaddressed

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RESIDENTS in the Kallada riverbank areas, who have been facing a water crisis, say the situation has turned severe over the past few weeks, with several households grappling with an acute shortage of potable water. Many are now relying on distant sources or irregular tanker supplies to meet their needs.

In a stark reflection of the worsening water crisis in the Kallada river basin, a family residing along the riverbank in Kulakkada has been forced to abandon their home and move to a rented house in search of drinking water. The family, which had depended on nearby wells and the river for its daily needs, found it impossible to continue as water sources in the area dried up completely. With wells running dry and no reliable piped water supply, even basic household activities became a daily struggle.

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A resident of Kulakkada

Though the area lies close to the Kallada river, local residents point out that declining water levels and reduced inflow have rendered traditional sources unusable. The prolonged dry spell and weak summer rains have further aggravated the crisis.

Another resident of Kulakkada said, "We receive drinking water twice a week from the panchayat. Though the water authority has put pipelines in the area, water supply is not

regular. Earlier we used to depend on the Kallada river for bathing and washing. But due to an improper construction of a building near the river, the water flow was affected, due to the force of which two pits were formed. If there were facilities for washing and bathing like before, it would be a great relief."

Despite repeated complaints from residents, a permanent solution remains elusive. Plans to improve water supply infrastructure, including new pipelines, are yet to take off due to procedural delays, sources said.

With summer intensifying, residents fear more families may be forced to leave their homes if immediate measures are not taken to address the crisis.

# Burglary at wholesale shop, probe on

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KOLLAM East police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into a burglary that occurred at a wholesale shop selling perfumes and dry fruits at Chamakkada in Kollam on Sunday night.

According to police sources, the thieves broke open the premises and gained entry into the office. CCTV visuals show two masked men inside the office during the time of the incident. They broke open cupboards and storage units using tools and made away with the cash kept inside.

The incident came to light when employees reached the office in the morning and found that the premises had been ransacked. They immediately alerted the police.

The police have launched a search for the accused using CCTV footage from the establishment and nearby areas.



## OUT WITH THE DIRT

Accumulated sludge and waste dredged out from the Amayizhanchan Canal along the Pazhavangadi stretch in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday as part of the corporation's pre-monsoon cleaning drive | B P DEEPU

# Youth Cong stages protest at KSEB office over undeclared load shedding

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IN PROTEST against the undeclared load shedding in the state, Youth Congress workers staged a demonstration at the KSEB office in Olayil on Monday, carrying traditional hand fans, mats and palm-leaf umbrellas.

Protesters accused the government of misleading the public by claiming that Kerala had been free of load shedding for the past 10 years, while imposing power

cuts unofficially. Inaugurating the protest, Youth Congress state vice-president Vishnu Sunil Pandalam alleged that the Oommen Chandylead UDF government had implemented power grid projects and entered into long-term power purchase agreements, which helped eliminate load shedding in the state.

He further alleged that the LDF government failed to introduce new systems or bring in adequate power generation projects to meet future demand.

He also claimed that long-term power purchase agreements signed during the UDF regime at lower rates were scrapped, forcing the state to procure electricity at higher costs, thereby burdening consumers.

Accusing the government of adopting anti-people policies, Vishnu said that despite imposing widespread load shedding, uninterrupted power supply was being ensured at KSEB offices.

The protest was later called off following discussions with the police.

## EXPRESS READ

### KSRTC bus, car collision: 10 injured

Kollam: A total of 10 people were injured in a collision between a KSRTC bus and a car at Vanchipetti near Ayur in Kollam on Monday. Three people who were inside the car are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Kottarakkara. Seven passengers in the bus also suffered injuries, but their condition is not critical. According to reports, the bus, which was travelling from Ayur to Kottarakkara, allegedly overtook other vehicles and rammed into the car coming from the opposite direction. The car was heading from Kottarakkara to Kilimanoor at the time of the accident. Following the accident, traffic on the MC Road was disrupted for a while.

### Student suffers sunburn

P'thitta: A college student suffered sunburn amid rising heat in Pathanamthitta town on Monday. Amala Prem, a native of Kallarakkadavu, suffered the burn around 11 am while arriving on a two-wheeler at the State Bank of India branch in town. The intense sunlight caused burns on her left arm. She was given first aid at Pathanamthitta General Hospital and later discharged.

### 23-yr-old dies by suicide

Kollam: A 23-year-old fashion designing student was found hanging from the window frame of her bedroom at Kanjirathumoodu on Monday. The deceased is Vaishnavi. Police sources said a link to a failed relationship is being probed. The body was shifted to Paripally Medical College Hospital for a postmortem examination and later handed over to relatives.

# Python found in house for 3 days; family on edge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Pathanamthitta

A FAMILY at Elakollur in Koni is living in fear after pythons were found in and around their house for the third day.

Residents said a baby python was first spotted on the house verandah on day one. On the second day, another was found in the sit-out area. On Monday, yet another python was seen in the courtyard, heightening anxiety among the family members.

Local residents intervened and caught the snake before handing it over to forest officials. The repeated sightings have left the family, which includes an elderly member and an infant, deeply concerned.

However, the incident has also triggered criticism, as local residents captured the snake on their own before the arrival of the rescue team. Forest department officials cautioned against handling snakes directly, stressing that such actions pose serious risks to human life.

Officials said people should immediately inform the department and wait for trained personnel. However, residents said the rescue team reached only hours after being informed, forcing them to act on their own as children were present in the house. Forest authorities have urged the public to remain cautious and avoid direct contact with wild animals under any circumstances.

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