

# Nesting spotted at three beaches; forest dept plans sea turtle hatchery

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THE sandy shorelines of the state capital are set for yet another turtle hatching season, with Olive Ridley hatchlings emerging across three key beaches. This year, turtles have laid eggs at six different sites across three major beaches - Poonthura, Vettucaud and Shankumukham.



An Olive Ridley turtle hatchling released to the sea at Poonthura beach | EXPRESS

Each nesting site is estimated to contain over 100 eggs, taking the total number of eggs this season to around 600. For the past four years, the forest department has been collaborating with NGOs to ensure the conservation and protection of sea turtle eggs from poachers, predators and coastal erosion. Ajith Shankumukham, a fisherman and marine conservationist associated with Operation TerraGuard, an NGO working in marine conservation, said that a hatchling from one of the nests was released

into the sea on Monday.

"A batch of eggs is expected to hatch tomorrow, and the hatchlings will be released by evening. We have been guarding the sites round the clock with the help of volunteers. Around 15 volunteers are involved in the efforts," he said.

According to forest authorities, obtaining an exact count of eggs is not always possible, as nests are left undisturbed where conditions are safe. At

vulnerable locations, eggs are carefully relocated to temporarily protected nests set up by volunteers. Poonthura has three nesting sites, followed by two at Shankumukham and one at Vettucaud.

With the seasonal arrival of Olive Ridley turtles for nesting becoming a regular phenomenon along the capital's coastline, the forest department is planning to establish a centralised sea turtle hatchery in the

district to strengthen conservation efforts.

"We are preparing a district-level conservation plan for sea turtles, and a centralised hatchery is part of the proposal. The facility will be set up near the nesting beaches without disrupting fishing activities. It will help protect and incubate eggs collected from unsafe locations. Similar hatcheries are already operational in other coastal districts," said a senior official with the forest department.

With an incubation period of around 45 days, more hatchlings are expected in the coming days, said an official. However, conservationists remain cautious due to extreme weather conditions.

"The eggs are highly sensitive to temperature variations. Excessive heat or sudden drops in temperature can affect their development," the official said.



## IN SAFE HANDS

Carrying her child, a mother tries to make her way through a rain-soaked roadblock set up by Mahila Morcha activists outside Vattiyoorkavu police station on Tuesday, against police action over clashes in Malamukal in Thiruvananthapuram | B P DEEPU

## Civic crises: LDF demands council meeting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

THE LDF-led opposition of the corporation has demanded an urgent council meeting alleging governance failure by the administration.

LDF parliamentary party leader S P Deepak, in a press release, alleged that the ruling front has failed to address even basic civic needs of the capital and is focusing on controversies and other conflicts that are disrupting the lives of citizens.

"We have raised our demand for an urgent meeting to discuss issues, including waste management, drinking water shortage, streetlight maintenance, and rising social tensions in the city," Deepak said.

He alleged that instead of focusing on development, the leadership is trying to create divisions around places of worship and politicising religious sentiments, disrupting the city's communal harmony.

## 14 govt officers received kickbacks for aiding illegal soil mining, finds vigilance

T'Puram: The vigilance and anti-corruption bureau has detected widespread irregularities in connection with the issuing of passes and permits for mining soil during raids on Monday that targeted the geology and mining department offices and local bodies. A vigilance statement said that 14 government staff of the geology department and local bodies were found to have received ₹4.69 lakh in total as kickbacks via payment apps. The raids were held in 360 places as well as sites where soil has been removed illegally.

## Admissions open for courses at ICTAK

T'Puram: The ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK), supported by the government, has invited applications for its industry readiness programmes. ICTAK offers a range of certification programmes, including Data Science and Analytics, Full Stack Development with Generative AI Integration, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Cyber Security, and SDET (Quality Assurance Specialist). For details, contact +91 75 940 51437 or 47 127 00811, email info@ictkerala.org, or visit the official website https://ictkerala.org

## OBITUARY



### Fr Daniel Kuzhithadathil

T'Puram: Fr Daniel Kuzhithadathil, former principal of Mar Ivanios College, passed away on Tuesday. The funeral will be held at St Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Ullanloor, Pathanamthitta, at 2 pm on Friday. He joined Mar Ivanios College on December 1, 1983, as a faculty member in the Syriac department. He also was warden of St Thomas Hostel for 22 years and as college bursar from 1997 to 2000. During his tenure as principal, the college secured an 'A' grade from NAAC in its second accreditation cycle.

## Admissions for PhD open at BRIC-RGCB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

The Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (BRIC-RGCB), under the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, has announced admissions to its PhD programme beginning in August across various domains of biotechnology.

Candidates with a post-graduate degree with at least 60% or a four-year bachelor's degree with a minimum of 75% (or equivalent in the UGC 10-point scale) in Life, Agricultural, Environmental, Veterinary, Pharmaceutical, Medical Sciences or allied subjects are eligible to apply. Applicants must also hold a valid Junior Research Fellowship from UGC, CSIR, ICMR, or DBT, tenable for five years. The deadline for submitting applications is May 10. For details, visit the official website.

## Honey trap: 19-year-old, accomplice held for robbing & assaulting youth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman and her friend have been arrested for allegedly honey-trapping, assaulting, and robbing a youth they befriended through Instagram in Sreekrayam.

The accused have been identified as Soorya, 19, a native of Chellamangalam in Sreekrayam, and her friend Kailas, 20, a resident of Pappanamcode estate. The victim is a native of Thachappally in Keezhthonnakkal. According to the police, Soorya had established contact with the victim via Instagram and lured him to

### Robbed of over ₹10k

The accused allegedly snatched the victim's mobile phone and forced him to transfer ₹10,000 from his bank account to their account. He was also coerced into sending ₹2,500 to another phone number

Pangappara on April 18. When the youth reached the location as instructed, he was allegedly forced onto a scooter by Soorya's friends who were waiting there.

The victim was then taken to a secluded pond area near Sangeetha Nagar, close to the Pangappara Health Centre, where he was physically assaulted. He was re-

portedly struck on the head with a beer bottle following which he suffered injuries.

The accused allegedly snatched the victim's mobile phone and forced him to transfer ₹10,000 from his bank account using the SBI YONO app to their account. He was also coerced into sending ₹2,500 to another mobile phone number. After the assault and robbery, the accused abandoned the victim and fled from the place, the complaint said.

The arrests were made following a probe by the Sreekrayam police based on the victim's complaint. The accused were later produced before a court and remanded.

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**CORRIGENDUM** Dated : 21.04.2026

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For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website <https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html> and tender free view at <https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro>

Group Head, CMG

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- निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड करने हेतु अंतिम तिथि / Last date for downloading the tender document: 03.05.2026 (SI No 1 & 2)
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"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

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I have lost the Sale Deed bearing No. 1021/2019 of the Ochira Sub Registrar Office, relating to my property measuring 2 Ares and 83 sq. meters, comprised in Resurvey Block No. 3, Survey No. 252/2017/1-2 of Ochira Village. If anyone has any objection to the sale or encumbrance of the said property using the certified copy of the said document, they are requested to inform me or the concerned authorities in writing within 7 days from today.

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

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