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8-month-old garbage heap inside Subash Park turns safety hazard

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RONNIE KURIAKOSE @Kochi

SUBASH Bose Park, sandwiched between Park Avenue and the backwaters, is reputed to be the most scenic public green space in Kochi. However, of late, its reputation has taken a hit.

For nearly eight months, a heap of waste and debris has been lying unattended within the park premises, covered only with a flimsy green sheet. Visitors, especially those coming with children, are upset by this gross negligence on the part of the officials.

"It's a disturbing sight to see such garbage piled up in a park," said C J Thomas, a resident who frequents the park for his walks.

Another visitor, Vasundara, told *TNIE* that she has specifically asked her daughter not to go to that end, for the heap has also raised safety concerns.

"We are worried about snakes. The past few days, there have been numerous reports of snakebite deaths. Several people have lost their lives. Gar-



The garbage heap inside Subash Bose Park | EXPRESS

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bage lying unattended like this could potentially become a habitat for snakes and rodents."

The concern comes at a time when reports of snakes entering cooler, shaded areas to escape the intense summer heat are on the rise across the state.

The conditions at the park, visitors said, make it an ideal

spot for such reptiles, increasing the risk of straying onto areas where children play.

And with the summer holidays on, a lot of children are frequenting the park during evening hours, Vasundhara said, adding, "The officials should act fast."

Even as it is, snake sightings

are common in the park, regular park-goers said.

"This garbage heap, which has already attracted a lot of rodents, will invariably bring snakes too," Thomas chipped in, just as a giant rat scottered away from beneath a trash bag.

"With so many children playing here every evening, it's worrying," he added.

As to how the garbage came to be piled up here, another visitor has a plausible theory.

"This heap has been here for the past eight months and that timeline coincides with an inauguration that was done here by Public Works and Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas. The garbage is likely from that event and whatever was accumulated from the park surroundings since," he said.

Jayarajan, another visitor who had come with his family, had a pertinent point to make: "If such a mess can go unnoticed in Subash Park, it raises questions about waste management practices elsewhere in the city."



'OVER THE TOP'

A man on a scooter carrying boxes stacked in an unsafe manner during a drizzle at Thoppampady on Tuesday | T P SOORAJ

Police to enforce strict deadlines for DJ parties; events to end by 11 pm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

KOCHI city police on Tuesday reinstated restrictions on DJ parties in bars, stressing that events must end by 11 pm and establishments must close by midnight, in line with existing government orders. The directive was reinforced through a notice issued by the Ernakulam central assistant commissioner on April 28, citing the need to maintain law and order. The notice applies to all bars under the central police subdivision.

"Earlier, clubs were instructed to wind up DJ parties at 11 pm. However, following the extension of liquor serving hours in bars till midnight, and till 3 am for bars in five-star hotels, the parties continued at most places past the allotted deadline (11 pm), partly due to a lack of clarity on rules," he said. A club proprietor said earlier when DJ programmes continued till 12 am, it was difficult to disperse the crowd afterwards. "They would hang around even past 2 am, and sometimes required a police patrol car to zoom this way to see them disbanded. Closing the 'party' early brings a 'resolution' to the night," she highlighted. "This change is definitely not a wrong move. It's only a re-emphasis of existing rules," she added.

the meeting, bar owners were directed to adhere to the 3 am closing time permitted for bars in five-star hotels.

Meanwhile, Disc Jockeys (DJs) that *TNIE* spoke to do not see this purported change as a big deterrent to their business. "If anything, it is only bringing clarity to existing rules," said DJ Arnold, a popular artist.

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Oncologist Dr K Pavithran passes away

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Dr K PAVITHRAN, 63, head of the department of medical oncology at Amrita Hospital, died on Tuesday.

A senior oncologist who served the institution for over two decades, he was widely regarded as a leading figure in cancer care and mentored generations of students. "His profound knowledge, dedication to research and commitment to teaching were exemplary," a hospital release said.

In 2023, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Society of Medical and Paediatric Oncology, among other honours.

He died while undergoing treatment for abdominal ailment. Hospital sources said he continued to attend to patients during his illness.

He is survived by wife Dr See-thalakshmi, head of the department of pathology at Amrita Hospital; daughters Dr Shruthi and Sandra; and son-in-law Dr Vishnu Vazhoor. The cremation will be held at Changanpuzha Crematorium, Edappally, at 10 am on Wednesday.



2 students drown in Periyar Valley Canal



Ajmal Habeeb and Ajsal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

TWO nursing students drowned in the Periyar Valley Canal at Ashamannoor near Perumbavoor, on Tuesday. The deceased are Ajmal Habeeb, of Malappuram, and Ajsal of Kollam — both students of KMP Nursing Institute in Ashamannoor. Another youth, Emil Sunil of Vaikom in Kottayam, was rescued and admitted to Mar Baselios Medical Mission Hospital in Kothamangalam, where he remains in critical condition, said an officer with the Kothamangalam Fire and Rescue Station.

The incident occurred around 11 am when the trio entered the canal for a bath to escape from the intense heat. They were soon caught in the currents and swept away. Local residents initiated rescue efforts and alerted the fire and rescue department. One of the youths was pulled out and rushed to the hospital, while the bodies of the other two were later recovered during a joint operation by fire and rescue personnel from Perumbavoor and Kothamangalam. A Scuba team also participated in the rescue operation, said the officer. The bodies have been shifted to the Perumbavoor Taluk Hospital mortuary and will be handed over to relatives after postmortem examination and legal formalities, he added.

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Court douses neighbour dispute over burning plastic and waste

JOSE K JOSEPH @Kochi

A RECENT judgment by the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Angamali captured a neighbourhood standoff, where the alleged weapon was not just a stick but smoke from burning plastic waste drifting across a disputed boundary.

The case dates back to January 2025, around 7 pm, when the accused neighbour allegedly set fire to plastic and other garbage near a compound wall at the centre of a long-running boundary dispute. According to the complainant, the wall had been constructed in violation of court orders, and the burning of waste had become routine — in morning and evening — sending smoke into his house where his mother-in-law lay bedridden after a stroke. When he objected to this, the situation, he claimed, escalated into verbal abuse, a stick attack and threats.

He told the court that he was beaten with a wooden stick. In the blow, a surgically implanted screw in his hand was damaged and he suffered a serious eye injury. Fear, he said, kept him from seeking treatment that night. He went to the Government Hospital, Angamali, the next day and was referred to Aluva. He eventually filed a private complaint in court.

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ened by his own admission that the issue came to light only after six months. The court found this delay significant. "If such a serious internal injury had occurred, immediate medical attention and documentation would have been expected," it observed, noting the absence of supporting medical records.

Burnt plastic, garbage

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The eye injury claim fared worse. The complainant described a severe injury — a blow beneath the eyelid causing continuous bleeding — yet he did not seek treatment for nearly 16 hours. The court found this version "exaggerated and medically improbable", noting that medical records showed only swelling.

The charge of criminal intimidation also failed. While threats were alleged, the court reiterated that "mere threats, not intended to cause alarm, do not constitute criminal intimidation", finding no evidence of real intent to instil fear.

With only the complainant and his wife as witnesses and no independent corroboration, the court held that the prosecution had not met the standard of proof required in criminal law and acquitted both the accused neighbour and his co-accused.

Lawyers say such disputes are becoming increasingly common. "These are classic tit-for-tat cases," said senior advocate George Thomas, recalling a similar dispute occurred in Ernakulam where one neighbour justified smoke coming from burning waste as a "law of nature", only for the other to douse the fire by throwing water from terrace citing gravity — a "scientific" argument that soon turned into a fight and litigation. "Earlier, people resolved such issues through dialogue. Now they become prestige battles," he said.



ILLUS: SOURAV ROY

EXPRESS READ

2 die in separate road accidents

Kochi: Two bike riders died in separate road accidents in Kochi on Tuesday. The deceased are Ranith Suresh, 30, a resident of Girinagar, and Sebin Stephen, 32, of Konthuruthy. Ranith was riding a two-wheeler when he was allegedly knocked down by a speeding car and run over by a lorry. Sebin was killed after being hit by a lorry in front of the KUFOS campus, Panangad.

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin-682024

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

(See proviso to Rule 8(f))
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 (f) 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. Suneer K A (Borrower) Mrs. Sunitha V A (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. TBCC00006622492 TBCC00006622493	Commercial Building with Land area 1528 Sq. ft, built-up Area 950 Sq.ft in 1.42 Ares (5 Cents) in Re: Sy No. 80/7, Aluva West Village, Aluva Taluk, Aluva Sub-District, Ernakulam District, Pin - 683101. Boundaries on the North: Sold Property of P T Augustine South: Municipality Road East: Property of Jose K Thomas West: Property of Francis Jose	Rs. 52,20,146/- (As on April 22, 2026).	Rs. 54,50,000/- Rs. 5,45,000/-	June 02, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	June 09, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 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 Mortgagees/Notices are given a last chance to pay the full dues with further interest by June 08, 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, Pushpangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before June 08, 2026, before 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before June 08, 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, Pushpangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin-682024 Branch on or before June 08, 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.965525532/8129501439. 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/n4p4s

Date : April 29, 2026
Place: Cochin

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064
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Tender Notice No.: RWF/IS/146/2026-27/02 dttd. 27.04.2026

Tender No. RWFSTPRT_CWS2ndSlab_2526 issued vide Tender Notice No. RWF/IS/146/2026-27/01 dt. 13.04.2026, with due date 30.04.2026 stands cancelled.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

DEED LOST

I, Eldho, residing at Vennala, Manjoor (H) Near EMC, Vennala P.O. hereby inform that the original gift deed executed in my favour in respect of the property in perumbavur village Resurvey No. 8 (old 305-3/1) Thandapur No: 2/861 was lost from my possession while travelling by bus from Palairavom to Ernakulam on Feb 20/26. My document gift deed Perumbavur Sub Reg: 3524/2016. If any person finds or is in possession of the said document, they are requested to return and inform the same to the undersigned or other contacts given below with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing to which I shall proceed to take appropriate steps for obtaining a duplicate/ certified copy of the said document and no claims in respect of the original document shall be entertained thereafter.

Eldho
Manjoor Rajan
Address Manjoor House (Near EMC), Vennala P.O., Contact No. 8089503831
Other contact details : 9497164224, Anil TP

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Divisional Office, Commercial Branch, Thiruvananthapuram-14.
No. V/C. 210/ TH/P/VOL.VI/2026 Dated: 27.04.2026

Notice for inviting application for selection of Halt Agent at Kaduthuruthy, Perunguzhi, Kumaranallur, Edava, Iravipuram, Dhanuvachuram and Vayalar Halt Railway stations.

The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram-14 invites application for selection of Halt Agent at Kaduthuruthy, Perunguzhi, Kumaranallur, Edava, Iravipuram, Dhanuvachuram and Vayalar Halt Railway Stations on Commission basis for a period of five years. The applicant should have minimum qualification of 10th standard pass and should be a permanent resident at the place where the station is located.

Application form can be had from the office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram-14 on all working days (Monday to Friday) between 10.00 Hrs. and 17.00 Hrs from 27.04.2026 to 28.05.2026. Application forms should be submitted along with necessary documents in standard size cover of dimension 11"x 5" superscribed "Application for selection of Halt agent at (Name of the Station) train halt" addressed to Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Southern Railway, Thycud (P.O), Thiruvananthapuram-14 so as to reach on or before 15.30 hrs. on 28.05.2026. Application form can also be downloaded from the website <https://sr.indianrailways.gov.in>. Applications received after the prescribed date and time will not be considered under any circumstances.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
Thiruvananthapuram-14

R1-8068/2015 തീയതി 28.04.2026
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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 01-06-2026 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through Shiram Automal India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e-auction platform <https://gold.samil.in> or e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e-auction platform <https://egold.auctiontiger.net> on 03-06-2026 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e-auction does not completed on 03-06-2026 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

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