

Kannur jail slashes water bill through conservation

Bill significantly dropped to ₹9.7L in 2025-26 from ₹55.4L in 2023-24

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THE Central Prison & Correctional Home, Kannur, has achieved a major turnaround in its efforts to cut down water expenses, with officials successfully bringing down the institution's water charges.

The mission to reduce water consumption and minimise unnecessary expenditure began around two years ago as part of a focused initiative inside the prison administration. What started as an effort to control rising utility costs has now produced remarkable results.

During the 2023-24 financial year, the prison had recorded a massive water bill of ₹55.4 lakh. In the following year, 2024-25, the amount was brought down significantly to ₹26.9 lakh marking a major reduction in expenses within a single year. The efforts continued with even greater effectiveness in 2025-26, when the water bill dropped further to just ₹9.7 lakh.

"We were able to reduce the water charges through a coordinated effort of both inmates and officials. We made inmates water volunteers and also conducted awareness of careful



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The prison has intensified its water conservation efforts by reviving natural water sources

within its 92-acre compound. A total of 22 wells and two ponds inside the prison campus currently serve as the main water sources. Several wells that had long remained neglected and covered by thick vegetation were cleaned and restored. Each of the wells was revived with the help of rainwater harvesting measures.

As part of the project, all wells were cleaned and deepened to improve their storage capacity. Recharge systems were also connected to every well to collect maximum rainwater and channel it underground for groundwater replenishment.

To strengthen the initiative further, a major recharge facility is being constructed in association with the groundwater department at a cost of ₹7 lakhs.

The structure, measuring 10m in length, 5m in width, and 3m in depth, is expected to significantly enhance groundwater recharge within the prison campus. Rainwater gutters were constructed near each block by the inmates, who also take responsibility for their maintenance.

MARTYR FUND Posters urging action appear in Payyanur

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TRIGGERING fresh political discussions, posters raising allegations over the misappropriation of the Dhanraj martyr fund surfaced in several parts of the Payyanur on Wednesday. The posters, which appeared at different public locations within the municipality, openly questioned the handling of the fund and demanded action against those involved with it. One of the main slogans on the posters stated the party should respect public sentiment and take strict action against those responsible for the misuse of the fund. It also demanded that the complete details of the financial transactions connected be made public.

"The party should consider people's sentiments. Those who misappropriated the martyr fund should be removed from the party. The transaction details should be shared with the public," the posters read.

However, shortly after it surfaced, some of the posters were removed from various locations.

Thunderstorm causes widespread damage across Kasaragod district

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A SUDDEN thunderstorm caused widespread damage in Kasaragod district on Tuesday. Heavy lightning and thunder accompanied by the torrential downpour lasted an hour on Tuesday evening. The IMD has issued a yellow alert to Kasaragod on Thursday warning the possibility of isolated heavy rainfall.

During the thunderstorm, a tiled house belonging to Meenakshi at Kasaba Kadappuram was struck by lightning and the refrigerator unit inside the house caught on fire. When the blaze started spreading to other parts of the house, the family informed the fire and rescue



The car that was damaged when an uprooted tree fell on it in Maniyampara, Badiyadukka, on Tuesday evening

services. The Kasaragod fire and rescue services team led by senior fire and rescue officer Sunny Immanuel rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control. Officials said that several electrical appliances and

household items were destroyed in the fire. However, Meenakshi ran out of the house and escaped without any injuries.

Meanwhile, a doctor escaped miraculously when an uprooted tree fell over his moving car. Dr Vishnu Prasad from Perla, who runs a clinic at Seethangoli, was on his way to Ukkinada when it started raining heavily. The rain accompanied by strong wind uprooted a massive tree on the roadside and it fell on Vishnu's car. Local people who witnessed the accident rushed to his aid. Fortunately, the car structure held on till the local people pulled him out of the car. He escaped unhurt in the accident though the car was severely damaged.

Teacher dies in hornet attack

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A SCHOOL teacher, who was going to retire in two weeks, died after being stung by hornets while clearing the bushes at his property in Panathady in Kasaragod on Wednesday. The deceased is P Vijayakumar, 56, from Chamundikunnu.

He was a high school English teacher at Government Higher

Secondary School, Balanthode in Panathady. The incident happened at his farmland at Thumbodi. The workers he had hired for clearing the bushes hit a hornet's nest.

Vijayakumar collapsed after being stung multiple times, while the workers managed to flee. They later rushed him to a private hospital at Bandadukka, but the doctors declared him as brought dead.

Corp halts illegal road construction at Nadal

Kannur: The Kannur corporation on Tuesday halted an alleged unauthorised road construction project at Nadal after complaints emerged that a fake public works department board had been placed at the site to mislead the public. The work had reportedly begun after clearing mangroves in the area, triggering concerns.

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