

HERE are conservation decisions that are taken in comfort, and there are those decided at the edge of history. Similipal's tiger translocation belonged to the second kind. It was not a routine wildlife exercise. It was an intervention undertaken under the shadow of doubt, memory and criticism. The failed Satkosia tiger translocation of 2018 had made skepticism inevitable. Every proposal, permission and movement of a tiger carried the burden of that past. Convincing the Government of India and the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) that Odisha had the capacity, expertise and resolve to attempt another translocation was itself a formidable challenge.

But Similipal could not be allowed to drift silently towards genetic danger. Its celebrated melanistic tigers, admired across the world for their rare beauty, were also carrying a hidden warning. Beneath this wonder lay vulnerability of genetic isolation. Generation after generation, the gene pool had turned inward. The very trait that made them extraordinary also signalled a looming risk of inbreeding and future decline. When the proportion of melanistic tigers reached alarming levels of nearly 40 per cent of the total, the message from science was unmistakable: Without fresh genes, Similipal's tiger population could face long-term genetic weakening, however magnificent it appeared from outside. The population had become distinctive but distinctiveness without genetic exchange can become a trap.

It was in this difficult background that Odisha took a bold decision. The translocation of tigresses Jamuna and Zeenat from the Tadoba-Andhari landscape was not merely an administrative approval or a wildlife operation. It was a deliberate act of genetic rescue. It was a decision to trust science over fear, courage over hesitation and the future over temporary criticism. The translocation programme of 2024 was therefore both bold and necessary. Jamuna and Zeenat were brought from Maharashtra's Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) with a clear objective to introduce fresh genetic material into Similipal and strengthen the long-term future of its tiger population. This was science in action, supported by planning, monitoring and institutional courage.



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How Similipal scripted India's most Remarkable tiger revival

Initially, events appeared to unfold according to plan. Jamuna, the first tigress to be released, soon embarked on extensive exploratory movements across the wider Similipal landscape. She eventually dispersed towards Kuldaha Wildlife Sanctuary through the Similipal-Hadgarh-Kuldaha corridor. Rather than intervene unnecessarily, officials adopted a patient approach, allowing natural dispersal to continue while maintaining constant monitoring. Today, Jamuna remains healthy and active within the greater Similipal landscape, particularly around the Kuldaha region, where she continues her search for a permanent territory and a suitable mate.

It was Zeenat, however, who transformed the conservation programme into a remarkable story of persistence and adaptive management. Soon after her release, she embarked on an extraordinary journey that carried her across forests, villages and administrative boundaries through Jharkhand and later into West Bengal. For weeks, forest departments from three states coordinated efforts to track her movements. Every passing day raised fresh questions. Would she continue moving

indefinitely? Would she come into conflict with local communities? Had the translocation experiment failed? As uncertainty grew, criticism followed. Yet conservation success often demands patience in the face of unpredictability. After an intensive operation, Zeenat was eventually tranquilised and brought back. A larger enclosure was established, observation periods extended, natural prey was introduced and human interference minimised. The focus shifted from relocation to adaptive management, with scientists carefully studying Zeenat's behaviour, hunting ability, stress levels and overall adaptation to her new surroundings. Scientists monitoring the programme concluded that she had retained her wild character despite spending months under managed observation. Gradually, confidence returned. Then came the breakthrough. As Zeenat entered oestrus, a dominant melanistic male tiger known as T-12 began approaching her enclosure. Recognising a rare opportunity, wildlife managers released her back into the wild under carefully monitored conditions. Soon afterwards, mating between the two tigers was recorded. But nature had other programme. No litters were born.

Zeenat has given birth to four cubs. These cubs carry the dominant Tadoba genetic line through their mother and the recessive Similipal melanistic genes of their father, likely male T-37 or T-41. The first chapter of genetic rescue has been written. These cubs are not just four additions to India's tiger numbers. They are living symbols of renewal. They represent the meeting of fresh Tadoba genes with Similipal's rare genetic legacy. They carry the hope that an isolated population can be strengthened before it is too late.

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NEW STUDY

WARMING WINTERS

A threat to India's wheat production

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@ New Delhi

THE rise in both day and night temperatures, particularly during winter, along with more frequent terminal heat stress during reproductive stages, are disrupting the wheat growth cycle across five major wheat-producing states, contributing around 85% of India's total public wheat procurement, reveals a new study.

This disruption is resulting in reduced wheat growth, grain quality and yield stability in country's wheat heartland. The impacts are further intensified by erratic rainfall, humidity and post-harvest losses, especially during harvest and storage periods. Projections consistently indicate major yield declines across the Indo-Gangetic Plain if current trends continue.

The study, titled 'Wheat under stress: Climate change, rising heat, and adaptation pathways in India's major wheat-growing states,' finds that country's wheat heartland - Punjab and Haryana - is heating much faster than other regions, with night-time temperatures rising more rapidly than daytime temperatures. This trend is negatively impacting wheat productivity in the country. Wheat requires a maximum temperature of up to 29°C and a minimum temperature of 8°C in different stages from the vegetative stage to the maturity stage in different states.

India has been visibly experiencing wheat production stress since 2022. In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, both major exporters of wheat, triggering a global food crisis. In the middle of it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans to feed the world as India's wheat outlook was quite positive and it was the world's second-largest producer after China. But soon, the dream of becoming a global exporter was shattered by the early onset of heat waves (Feb-March), which severely impacted India's wheat production.

As a result, India restrict-

ed wheat exports in May 2022. In 2023, the development of El Niño further stressed wheat production and India continued its export restrictions. Over the next two years, India will struggle to cope with the loss due to rising temperatures and their negative impact on wheat production. Finally, riding on above-normal monsoonal rainfall in 2025 which helped retain ample moisture in the soil, the government claimed bumper wheat production. India removed its wheat export restrictions and for the first time in the past four years, crossed its procurement target.

In May 2026, India procured 350 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of wheat against a target of 345 LMT for its public distribution system. However, the threat remained looming. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and global meteorological agencies predicted the strongest El Niño in the past 150 years. Moreover, the IMD has already predicted the possibility of deficient rainfall. Next year, the country may again witness suppressed wheat production due to lower soil moisture and unusually high temperatures.

Rising temperature factor



'Cheetah Chaupals' build buzz ahead of big cats' arrival at VDTR

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

As Madhya Pradesh prepares for arrival of cheetahs at the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (VDTR), the park management has devised an out-of-the-box idea for creating awareness in villages through 'Cheetah Chaupals.'

The campaign aims at familiarising local communities, especially children, with the world's fastest land animal before it reaches VDTR which will be the first tiger reserve to get cheetahs. The evening chaupals, being organised since May 31 in villages located in the core and buffer zones of the reserve, are drawing 50 to 150 children daily. Through documentaries, interactive presentations and question-answer sessions, forest officials are trying to dispel fears surrounding cheetahs and explain how the species could benefit the region. The



outreach initiative has also created a unique connection between Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi and MP's largest tiger reserve. Artisans from Varanasi's Bhullanpur area have crafted colourful cheetah-faced wooden pencils which are being distributed among children attending the chaupals. Forest officials said the chaupals are particularly aimed at addressing concerns among villagers about the possible threat posed by cheetahs. Children attending the sessions are being informed about cheetahs, as well as other wildlife species like tigers, leopards and wolves that already inhabit the reserve. "Children can be the most profound teachers for their families. So, the young ones are not just being handed gifts but shared all information pertaining to cheetahs, other wildlife species, including tigers, leopards and wolves" Singh added.

Cheetah-centric pencils crafted by artisans in Kashi and cheetah-themed face masks sourced from Bhopal are among the most popular gifts among children

80%

Sources associated with the project said around 80 per cent of the infrastructure work for housing cheetahs at VDTR has been completed

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TENDER NOTICE
ADAK invites e-Tender for the supply of

Extruded feed for Murrel	2026 ADAK 854314	1
High Protein Extruded Fish feed	2026 ADAK 854310	1
Pond Development work using Crawler Excavator for Vannameli Farming Project at Govt. Fish Farm, Ayirampthengu.	2026 ADAK 845941	2
GIFT seed	2026 ADAK 854283	1
Pangassius seed	2026 ADAK 854279	1
Murrel seed	2026 ADAK 854264	1
Anabas seed	2026 ADAK 854243	1
Carp Seed	2026 ADAK 828801	5
Medium Protein Extruded Fish feed(Superior quality)	2026 ADAK 849381	2
Vannameli Shrimp Nauplii	2026 ADAK 824860	6
Paddle wheel Aerator and Accessories	2026 ADAK 845916	3

Please refer the e-tender ID mentioned above. Last date of Bid Submission 19/06/2026, 11 AM. Tender form/Terms and conditions may be downloaded from www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. For additional details, please contact at the above address.

Sd/-, Managing Director

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Kochin - 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 of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	M/s Malayalam Motors P Ltd Represented by Directors Shamier Marickar & Naira Marickar (Borrower) Mr. Shamier Marickar and Mrs. Naira Marickar (Co-Applicant) Mr. Shamier Marickar, Mr. Naira Marickar, Mr. Premin Marickar, M/s Malayalam Motors P Ltd and Malayalam Mobikes P Ltd (Mortgagor) Loan Account No. 010251007054, 010251006758 626455005313	All Lands Having A Total Extent of 1/16th Undivided Indivisible Right And Title Over 10.26 Acres In Re Sy No. 448/7-3, 12-2-2, 8-2-2, 13-2-2 & 7-2, Apartment No. 3C, Third Floor, Serene Valley Apartments, Annakkathur Road, Kankonad Village, Kanyanur Taluk, Ernakulam - 682039. Bounded on The: North By: Municipal Road South By: Property of Khadar Kunju East By: Municipal Road West By: Thodu, There Is A Non Encumbrance Available	Rs. 16,41,59,791/- As on May 30, 2026	Property 2 Rs. 53,00,000/-	July 09, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 12:00 PM	July 16, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM
		Property 5, 5.55% Undivided Shares Equivalent To 1.666 Cents In Sy No. 55/1A Adn 1 B, 45/2B, Apartment No. G6, Nalukettu Apartment, Kent Nalukettu Road, Edappally South Village, Kanyanur Taluk, Ernakulam District - 682028. Bounded on The: North By: Property of Villasin Kunjamma South By: 5 M Private Road And Property of Sharadha East By: Property of Villasin Kunjamma, Shamier Marickar And V G Joseph West By: Property of Sarojini Kunjamm	Rs. 5,30,000/-	Property 5 Rs. 39,50,000/-		
				Rs. 3,95,000/-		

The online auction will be conducted on the website (assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency -M/s Matex Solutions Private Limited-. The Mortgagors/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by July 15, 2026, before 05.00 P.M., 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 Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Kochin - 682024 Branch on or before July 15, 2026, by 05.00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before July 15, 2026, by 05.00 P.M. 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 Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Kochin - 682024 Branch on or before July 15, 2026 by 05.00 P.M. 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 number 9655225332/8138023587. 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 : June 06, 2026
Place: Kochin

Authorized Officer,
ICICI Bank Limited

MAHAGENCO Mahatma State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)

EOI No.	Name of Work
CE(C)-II/ KRD/Tech/ EOI-01/2026-27	Dismantling of existing abandoned fouling structures of Unit#6 in the BoP area of 2x660 MW Replacement Project, Koradi. Reg.- Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested parties.

Tender Hard Copy Sale Period : 08.06.2026 to 16.06.2026 upto 17.00 Hrs
Last Date of Submission of Tender Hard Copy: 17.06.2026 upto 17.00 Hrs in the O/o. Chief Engineer (C)-II, MSPGCL, Koradi.

Contact Person: Dy. Chief Engineer (Civil), O/o Chief Engineer (C)-II, M.S.P.G.C.L., Koradi.
Mobile No. :- 7021592902, E-mail :- cgmcivil2@mahagenco.in

For further details visit our :- O/o. Chief Engineer (C)-II, MSPGCL, Koradi Complex, Chhindwara Road, Koradi, Dist. Nagpur-441 111.

Note:- Tender cost is Rs. 3,540.00 (With GST)

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SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditors Canara Bank. The symbolic/constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer, will be sold on 'As is Where is', 'As is What is' and 'Whatever there is' on below mentioned date for recovery of dues from below mentioned Borrowers & Guarantors.

No.1 Name and address of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s): (1) Mr. Ahmed Shanavas Kurukkan, Kurukkan House, Vellyanchery P.O, Edappatta, Malappuram, 679326, also residing at 7171, Ibrahim Ibn Mukhlid-Al Amir Fawaz Al Janoubi Dist, Unit No 13, Jeddah, 22441-3398, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and (2) Ms. Sanamol V, Kurukkan House, Vellyanchery P.O, Edappatta, Malappuram, 679326, also residing at 7171, Ibrahim Ibn Mukhlid-Al Amir Fawaz Al Janoubi Dist, Unit No 13, Jeddah, 22441-3398, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and (3) Ms. Ramath, W/o Ummer K, Kurukkan House, Cheriparamb, Edappatta, Vellyanchery P.O, Malappuram, 679326.

Total Liabilities : Rs. 1,85,50,429/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakh Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine Only as on 26.08.2025 plus unapplied/ further interest, costs, expenses, legal charges and other charges.

Details and full description of the immovable property : (Property owned by Mr. Ahmed Shanavas Kurukkan, document No: No. 1592/2023 dtd 27.04.2023 of Aluva SRO). - All that part and parcel of the property having a total extent of 3.50 Acres along with building/s in Re. Sy. No. 87/3-2 (Old Sy. No. 586/4-2), Re. Sy. Block No. 36 of Aluva East Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District. Boundaries as per title deed: East : Property of Usman, South : Property of Damodaran, West : Property of Aliyar, North : Panchayath Road. CERSAI ID: 400071524193

Reserve Price : Rs. 1,79,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakhs Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 17,90,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)
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No.2 Name and address of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s): (1) Saifudheen M M, Mallyekkara House, Arakkakkadavu Thrikovil Road, Vennala, Ernakulam, Kerala, 682028 and (2) Sulekha Saifudheen, Mallyekkhal H, Opp Anna Properties, Colony Stop, Kunnumpuram Junction, Manjummil Road, Edappally, Ernakulam, Kerala, 683501 and (3) Nazam P M, Parapanarambil House, Deshabhimani Road, Kaloor, Ernakulam, Kerala, 682017.

Total Liabilities : Rs. 45,27,006.27 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand and Six and Paise Twenty Seven Only) as on 31.01.2026 plus unapplied/ further interest, costs, expenses, legal charges and other charges.

Details and full description of the immovable property : (Property in the name of Sri. Saifudheen M M and Mrs. Sulekha Saifudheen as per Document No. 3328/2014) - All that part and parcel of property comprising to an extent of 1.41 Acres of land in Sy. No. 26/10-A in Edappally South Village, along with a residential building thereon in Kanyanur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala. Boundaries-North: Property of Jabbar. South: Thrikovil Road (Corporation Road), East: Property of Kunju Muhammed, West: Property of Joshy.

Reserve Price : Rs. 33,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 3,30,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)
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DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 23.06.2026, 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM.
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited on or before 23.06.2026 upto 10:00 AM
(Only the bids with minimum 1 incremental offer above reserve price will be accepted)

For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank Website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch, Ernakulam (Ph. No. 0484 - 2353072/ 2353071) E-mail: cb2875@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Portal of E-Auction: <https://baanknet.com>

Ernakulam, 30.05.2026 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK