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The fire tragedy at #MalviyaNagar, New Delhi, is deeply saddening. Please accept the Kerala Government's heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies. Kerala stands with all efforts to provide relief and solace to those affected by this unfortunate incident.

Shadow of fear: Recent assaults reignite women safety concerns

This apart, many women say they experience stalking and harassment everyday in city

POOR MONITORING

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ABHIRAMI ANIL @Kochi

"NOW I need to act."

This was the thought that crossed Meera Nazer's mind before she approached the security personnel at Vadakkekkotta Metro Station on realising that a man was stalking her. The Kochi-based corporate lawyer had initially ignored the man's presence. But when she got off the train and began walking towards the station exit, she noticed him still following her.

To confirm her suspicion, Meera decided to toy with him. She moved towards the stairs, switched to the lift, and then changed direction again. Every time, the man continued to follow her. The feeling of unease soon gave way to vigilance.

The situation escalated when the man approached her and asked if she would accompany him. Meera immediately approached the security personnel, who, according to her, first sought to know if the man had inappropriately touched her.

There is growing concern about safety in Kochi's public places. The assault of two women who had objected to harassment by a group of men near Chakkaladapadam Road in Kaloor in the early hours of Tuesday has placed the issue back in the limelight. According to police, the victims were approached by men who allegedly made sexually coloured remarks and gestures. When one of them objected and attempted to record the incident, they allegedly assaulted her and smashed her

phone. This came on the heels of another shocking incident in May, when a woman was allegedly sexually assaulted at knife-point near Ernakulam Junction railway station after a three-member gang attacked her male friend. Police arrested two persons and later tracked down the third accused. The case reignited concerns over women's safety in and around transport hubs and poorly monitored public spaces.

These incidents, coupled with everyday experiences of stalking and harassment reported by women, have intensified public scrutiny over safety measures in Kochi.

According to Kochi deputy commissioner Shahansha K S, the police have implemented the several women-centric safety initiatives across the state to ensure a quicker response to incidents associated with harassment and violence.

"We have deployed special night patrols with women officers under the 'Nirbhaya Nisha' project. Dedicated patrol teams are active during night hours, while women police stations conduct additional patrols in their respective jurisdictions. 'Pink Patrol' units operate till night time, and Nirbhaya teams continue surveillance during late-night and early-morning hours. We also have women's self-defence teams, comprising trained personnel who conduct awareness and empowerment programmes. Our focus is not only on responding to crimes but also on preventing them through visible policing and rapid intervention," Shahansha said.

Kaloor attack: Search for main accused intensified

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

POLICE investigating the assault of two young women in Kaloor have intensified the search for prime accused Akbar, who is suspected to have links with criminal gangs in the city.

Of the 10 accused, including eight men and two women, police have so far arrested three: Alvin, Arun and Sabith. The arrested persons, who were working as cleaning staff at the restaurant run by Akbar, were remanded on Wednesday. Officers said efforts have been intensified to track down the remaining seven, including Akbar, a native of Palakkad.

Senior officers said a raid was conducted at Akbar's restaurant on Tuesday as part of the investigation. The incident occurred around 4.30am on Tuesday when the two women, preparing for competitive examinations, reached a tea shop on Chakkaladapadam Road in Kaloor.

Police have invoked non-bailable charges, including offences related to assault and crimes against women. Officers said search operations are continuing and expressed confidence that the remaining accused would be arrested soon.



DANGEROUS WATERS

Youngsters braving rough sea and strong waves for a photoshoot at Valappu beach on Wednesday | T P SOORAJ

13 new underpasses to ease traffic on Angamaly-Walayar stretch of NH544

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Thrissur

THE National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has initiated steps to construct 13 new underpasses at accident-prone locations along the Angamaly-Walayar stretch of NH 544. The project includes four underpasses in Thrissur district and nine in Palakkad district. The construction contract has been awarded to Haryana-based Dhahiwali Build Tech Limited.

According to the NHAI, the new underpasses will make it possible to completely eliminate traffic signal systems at major junctions along the highway. This is expected to reduce vehicle waiting times, improve travel speed, and significantly

lower the risk of accidents.

In Thrissur district, the new underpasses will be constructed at Nadathara, Marathakkar, Puthukkad and Potta Ashramam.

In Palakkad district, underpasses will be built at Aalamaram (Vice Park Junction), Malabar Hotel Junction, Kanjikode, Kuruttikkad, Puthussery, Chandranagar, Kannannur, Chithalippalam and Irattakkulam.

The projects are focused on areas where traffic congestion and accidents are frequently reported. The objective is to ensure safer travel for vehicles moving along the highway as well as those crossing it from local roads.

Officials said that the required land acquisition has been completed at Kunjanampara in Marathakkar and at Nadathara Junction.

As part of the preparatory work, parallel roads are being strengthened and widened. Arrangements are also being made to divert traffic through these roads during construction to minimize disruptions. Meanwhile, the construction of underpasses is already in progress at 11 locations along NH 544. In addition, the construction of a flyover at Koratty is also progressing. The projects are being executed by PSD Construction Company, based in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu.

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Shahansha K S, dy commissioner



36 held in anti-drug crackdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

KOCHI city police on Wednesday arrested 36 persons under the NDPS Act in a large-scale anti-drug operation as part of Operation Toofan.

The police carried out 90 raids across Kochi targeting drug peddlers and users in a crackdown to prevent the spread of narcotics among youngsters and students. Seven extra cases were registered under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, police said.

In a major seizure during the operation, the Kochi city DANSAF team arrested three persons from a flat in Thrikkakara and seized 437.28 g of MDMA. Police also found an Audi car allegedly used by the accused and ₹1 lakh suspected to be proceeds from drug trafficking.

Some of the arrested were Arjun, 30, a native of Palakkad, Ratheesh, 33, from Kasaragod, and Asif, 36, of Kalamassery.

The operation was carried out on the directives of Kochi City Police Commissioner Kalaraj Mahesh Kumar and supervised by DCPs Ashwathi Jiji and Shahansha K S. DANSAF teams led by Narcotic Cell Assistant Commissioner T D Sunilkumar participated.

EXPRESS READ

Eviction row: Govt moves High Court

Kochi: The government has approached the High Court challenging an order of the munsiff court, Perumbavoor, for evicting families living in Malayadamthuru. The special government pleader said the HC had on May 25 granted two weeks to wrap up the proceedings and the case was posted to June 9. However, the munsiff court ordered eviction latest by June 9, which was against the HC order, he said.

INDIAN BANK, Kaloor Branch, 65/618A, Express House, Kaloor, Ph: 0484 2400469. Email: kaloor@indianbank.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Notice of sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) / 9(1) ("Retain whichever is applicable) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 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 property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Kaloor Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.06.2026 for recovery of the amount due as on 03.06.2026 is Rs.28,15,901/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and One Only) with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses hereon from 04.05.2026 due to the Indian Bank, Kaloor Branch, Secured Creditor, from the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mrs Jishna Ramakrishnan (Borrower/Mortgagor), Mullilathil, Kalthi Poyil, Pathiriyad PO, Pinarayi, Kannur 670741. 2) Mr. Santhosh Ramanathan (Guarantor), Arogya Edakkad, Vattekkad Elavancherry, Palakkad 678506. The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property

The extent of 1.62 ares in ReSy No 56/5-2 in block no 32 of Keezhmad Village covered under sale deed No 161/2020 of SRO Aluva along with building bearing No K.P.11/125 of Keezhmad Grama Panchayath, Boundaries: East: Panchayath Road, North: Property owned by Francis, South: Property owned by Justin, West: Property owned by Majeed. (Prior Encumbrance: Nil)

Reserve Price: Rs. 24.50 Lakh	EMD Amount: 2.45 Lakh
Bid incremental amount: Rs. 0.10 Lakh	Property ID No: IDIBKALJIS01

Date and time of e-auction: 24.06.2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Bidders are advised to visit the website (<https://baanknet.com>) of our e-auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. Helpdesk No.8291220220, email ID: support.baanknet@psballiance.com and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. and EMD status, please contact support.baanknet@psballiance.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://baanknet.com> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact Helpdesk No.8291220220

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://baanknet.com>.

Place: Kaloor (Sd/-) Date: 03.06.2026 Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

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4001/120/2627 Regd. Office: OPTCL Tech Tower, Janpath, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-26/2026-27	Bids are invited from manufacturers in two part bidding system for procurement of different size control cables for bay extension work under O&M and project wing. Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 29.06.2026 upto 12:00 Hrs.	Rs. 1,27,12,465/-
SGM-SZ-BAM-03/2026-27	PCC and re-metalling work of 132 KV & 33 KV Switch yards and construction & repairing of retaining wall, and cable trench wall at 132/33 KV Grid Substation Balugaon. Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 23.06.2026 upto 12:00 Hrs.	Rs. 45,48,529/-
SAFETY-123/2025-26/01	Bids are invited from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers in two part bidding system for supply of SAFETY SHOES. Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 29.06.2026 upto 12:45 Hrs.	Rs. 46,20,000/-

Complete set of bidding documents are available at www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL and www.optcl.co.in. OIPR-4001/4011/1/26-27/0016

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REGIONAL OFFICE-ERNAKULAM
2nd Floor, Union Bank Bhavan, MG Road, Ernakulam-682035

NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT ARCHITECT/CONSULTANT FOR INTERIOR FURNISHING OF PREMISES AT UNION BANK OF INDIA, KADAMAKUDY BRANCH

Union Bank of India invites applications in prescribed format for Professional fee bid from Architects/Architectural firms for appointment as Project Architect for interior furnishing of Kadamakudy premises at Ground Floor, St Francis Xavier's Church Building, Pizhala P O, Kadamakudy, Ernakulam. Pin-682027. The approximate carpet area to be furnished is approx. 1413.00 Sq ft. The pre-qualification application forms can be collected from the undersigned at the above address during working hours from 04-06-2026 to 26-06-2026. The application forms are also available during aforesaid period on bank's website at www.unionbankofindia.bank.in and www.sprocure.gov.in. The last date of submission of application is 26-06-2026 at 16:00 hours. The technical bid will be opened on 26-06-2026 at 16:15 hours at the above Regional Office address in presence of applicants/their authorized representatives. The bank reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

REGIONAL HEAD REGIONAL OFFICE, ERNAKULAM

Canara Bank ARM BRANCH 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Building, Chittoor Road, Ernakulam South, Ernakulam - 682016. Ph: 0484-2353072, 2353071. Email: cb2875@canarabank.com

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 Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic/constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 23/06/2026, [Time 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)] for recovery of Rs. 34,03,34,884.25 (Rupees. Thirty Four Crores Three Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Four and Paise Twenty Five Only) due as on 31.07.2025 to the Asset Recovery Management Branch, Ernakulam of Canara Bank from the Borrower M/s Vismaya Silks represented by the Proprietor Mr. C S Sreekanth and the guarantors to the loan Mr. T P Jyothish Kumar, Mrs. Sulochana, Mr. P K Kailasath, Mr. Jnan T K and Mrs. P B Sreekala.

The Reserve Price: Item 1: Rs. 48,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Thousand Only), Item 2: Rs. 11,40,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs and Forty Thousand Only), Item 3: Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Only), Item 4: Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Only), Item 5: Rs. 19,00,000/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Only), and The Earnest Money deposit (EMD): Item 1: Rs. 4,80,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs and Eighty Thousand Only), Item 2: Rs. 1,14,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Fourteen Thousand Only), Item 3: Rs. 1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Eighty Thousand Only), Item 4: Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand Only), Item 5: Rs. 1,90,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Ninety Thousand Only). The Earnest Money shall be deposited on or before 23.06.2026 till 10:00 AM. (Only the bids with minimum 1 incremental offer above reserve price will be accepted).

DETAILS OF PROPERTY:

Item 1 (Property owned by Mr. Jyothish Kumar, as per Sale deed No: 1198/2008): All that part and parcel of the immovable property of 7.38 Ares (18.25 cents) of land made up of 2.83 Ares in Sy No 396/9/6, 2.83 Ares in Sy No 396/9/3/7 and 1.72 Ares in Sy No 396/9/2/8 of North Paravur Village along with a residential building Paravur Taluk in the name of Jyothish Kumar. Boundaries: N: Property of Sidhan, S: Property of Jyothish Kumar, E: Property of Jyothish Kumar, W: Panchayath Road.

Item 2: All that part and parcel of the immovable property of 10.00 cents of land in Sy No 378/4 of North Paravur Village Paravur Taluk in the name of Sulochana Kailasath and Jinan. Boundaries: N: Property of Sulochana, S: Private way, E: Property of Sulochana, W: Property of Sulochana.

Item 3 (Property in the name of Mr. Kailasath as per Sale deed No: 3712/2002): All that part and parcel of the immovable property of 7.469 cents of land in Sy No 378/4 of north Paravur village along with a residential building Paravur taluk in the name of Kailasath. Boundaries: N: Property of Krishnan kutty, S: Property of George, E: Thodu, W: Property of Sulochana and wavy.

Item 4 (Property owned by Mrs. Sulochana as per sale deed No: 2777/1986): All that part and parcel of the immovable property of 21.902 cents in Sy No 378/4 of North Paravur village along with an unfinished residential building Paravur taluk in the name of Sulochana. Boundaries: N: Road, S: Properties of Sulochana, Kailasath and Jinan, E: Property of Narayan Chettiyar and Thodu, W: Road.

Item 5 (Property owned by Mr. Jyothish Kumar as per sale deed no: 8928/2007): All that part and parcel of the immovable property of 16.872 cents in Sy No 396/9/2/7 and 396/9/4 of north Paravur village Paravur Taluk in the name of Jyothish Kumar. Boundaries: N: Property of Jyothish Kumar, S: Property of George Cleetus, E: Property of Ambika, W: Panchayath Road.

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

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The last date for submission of online applications has been extended to 11th June 2026. DIRECTOR

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

[See proviso to rule 6(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/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. Binu Puthukkayal Mathew (Borrower) Mr. Proveen K M (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBPGT00007016880 and TBPGT00007011574	3 BHK House With Land Area 9470 In Built Up Area of 1200 Sq.ft. in 2.43 Ares In Sy No:572/3-4, 2.83 Ares In Sy No 572/2-5, 0.3 Ares In Sy No 570 Jpt52, 3.24 Ares In Sy No: 570(Jpt51). Total of 8.8 Ares (21.75 Cents). Chalakkudy Taluk, Annalloor Village, Thrissur District- 680731. Bounded On The North: Property of Thoppil Janaki South: Private Pathway East: Property of Thoppil Janaki and Private Pathway West: Panchayath Road	Rs. 66,91,581/- (as on May 29, 2026)	Rs. 34,00,000/- to Rs. 3,40,000/-	June 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	June 26, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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 June 25, 2026 before 05:00 PM. 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, Pushpamangalam Estate, Nh Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before June 25, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before June 25, 2026 before 05:00 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 offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, Nh Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before June 25, 2026 before 05:00 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. 9655225532/8129501439. 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 : June 04, 2026 Place: Cochin & Thrissur

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited