

HC OKAYS POTENCY TEST WITHOUT CONSENT

Kerala high court: Test of accused in sexual assault cases does not violate Article 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

KERALA High Court has held that a potency test can be conducted on a man, who is accused in a sexual assault case, without his consent and it is not violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The court made it clear that such test is legally permissible. The court issued the order while dismissing the appeal filed by an accused from Thrissur challenging the judgment of the special court for trial of cases relating to atrocities and sexual violence against women and children,

Ernakulam, convicting him under Sections 7 and 8 of the POCSO Act and sentencing him to rigorous imprisonment for three years along with a fine. Another argument raised by the accused was that the conviction is based on the sole uncorroborated testimony of the victim ignoring the safeguard of conviction in sexual offences which would require corroboration through independent witnesses, in the matter of evidence of recovery, forensic corroboration etc. However, the court said that this contention is untenable.



Cong manages to mollify Ramalinga Reddy

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

HUMBLED by the Congress high command, senior party MLA Ramalinga Reddy on Saturday evening withdrew his resignation from the DK Shivakumar cabinet.

Reddy, who represents BTM Layout in the Assembly, had resigned after he was miffed at not getting the Bengaluru development portfolio and instead was allotted the Major and Minor Irrigation ministry. Reddy had further claimed that Shivakumar had promised him the Bengaluru Development portfolio way back in 2023.

Reddy, however, will not get the Bengaluru Development portfolio, and instead Byatarayanapura MLA Krishna Byre Gowda will continue with that portfolio. Reddy can choose from the portfolios remaining with the CM and those that will be distributed during the cabinet expansion.

The total strength of the cabinet, including the CM, is 34. Twenty berths are still vacant. According to informed sources, Reddy, an eight-time MLA, may opt for the higher education portfolio and additionally get a minor portfolio such as endowment. It is not clear as yet whether the change in portfolio will happen immediately or during the cabinet expansion, which is likely after the June 18 elections to four Rajya Sabha and seven MLC seats from Karnataka.

"The CM had said that he will not accept my resignation, which means it is being rejected," Reddy told reporters, confirming that he will no longer fight for the Bengaluru Development portfolio. "After the meeting with the CM last night, and as there was pressure from

AICC and others, I was informed that my resignation has been rejected and will not be accepted at any cost," Reddy added.

On the portfolio that could be allocated to him, Reddy clarified that it will depend on the situation, as he has left the decision to the Congress high command and CM Shivakumar.



Reddy's statement followed a call from Shivakumar, who was at the Kadasiddeshwar Mutt near Tiptur in Tumakuru district on Saturday evening.

As senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had made it clear that the Bengaluru Development portfolio should remain with Byre Gowda, Shivakumar conveyed the same to Reddy, informed sources told The New Sunday Express.

Earlier in the day, AICC General Secretary and Karnataka

in-charge of party affairs, Ran-deep Singh Surjewala, told reporters that the talks he held with Reddy along with KPCC President BK Hariprasad and Byre Gowda at a private hotel were fruitful.

"When you (media) broke the news of Reddy's so-called resignation, DK Shivakumar, BK Hariprasad, Siddaramaiah, and I spoke to him. There was some misunderstanding. He (Reddy) again met Hariprasad, Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, and me. He will continue to work as a loyal soldier and minister of the party," Surjewala said, mocking those celebrating Reddy's resignation.

After submitting his resignation letter to the office of the CM's additional secretary at Vidhana Soudha, Reddy had switched off his mobile phone. After offering prayers at a temple in Tamil Nadu, Reddy returned home.

Chincholi row: Tahsildar seeks joint survey

RAMAKRISHNA BADESHI @ Kalaburgi

A land dispute involving villagers of Karnataka and Telangana has affected the livelihood of the SC/ST community at Shadipur in Chincholi taluk.

The Karnataka government had sanctioned 188 acres of land (Survey No 126 and 127) of Shadipur village to 54 people including SC/ST Community, land holders and ex-servicemen at Shadipur in 2002. They were also given 'Pahani' in their names.

However, neighboring villagers of Umla Naik Thanda belonging to Vikarabad district in Telangana dispute this.

A team of officials including Assistant Commissioner of Sedam Prabhur Reddy (under whose jurisdiction Chincholi taluk falls), Chincholi Tahsildar Subbanna Jamakhandi, Deputy Director of Land Records Mahesh and police officials visited the Shadipur village to demarcate the land on June 3. The villagers of Umla Naik Thanda pelted stones at the officials and told the officials that the land belonged to them.

The villagers of Shadipur told the officials that mining of red soil was illegally taking place in Survey No 126. The team had to return without carrying out their work.

The sources said the Chincholi Tahsildar has written to the Sedam Assistant Commissioner seeking a joint survey of the land in dispute by the officials of revenue, land records and mining departments of Karnataka and Telangana.

EXPRESS READ

Waqf inspector held for bribery in Nalgonda

Hyderabad: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths caught a Waqf inspector in Nalgonda district red-handed while he was accepting a bribe of ₹10,000 on Saturday. The accused, identified as Shaik Mahmood, demanded the bribe from the complainant for showing an official favour of submitting factual report to the Waqf Board CEO regarding registration of Jaame Masjid Abu Bakr Siddiq Raziallahu Anhu, Peddavoora, in Waqf Board records. The tainted official was arrested and produced before the I Additional Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases in Nampally for judicial remand.

Apollo celebrates World Transplant Day

Hyderabad: Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, marked World Transplant Day with a special programme titled "A Key That Opens New Hope - Celebrating the Gift of Life" on Saturday. The event brought together donor families, transplant recipients, healthcare professionals, and dignitaries to raise awareness about organ donation and transplantation. The event was attended by Director General of Police CV Anand; Professor and Head of Nephrology at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Dr Sree Bhushan Raju; Director of Medical Education, Telangana, Dr A Narendra Kumar; and others.

Tirupparankundram Hill case: TN govt to maintain status quo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

REITERATING the state government's stand on the Tirupparankundram hill issue, Minister Nirmal Kumar on Saturday said it was committed to maintaining the peaceful "status quo" that existed over the past several years and would not allow communal forces to exploit the issue for political gains.

Speaking to the media in Madurai, Nirmal Kumar said the situation that existed two years ago, or even 10 years ago, should continue on the hill.

People want a peaceful atmosphere and the government

shares that view. There is no change in the government's policy on this matter, he stated.

Stressing that communal harmony must be protected, the Minister said the government would not permit any religious or communal organisation to use the issue as a political tool.

Commenting on hard disks going missing from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) headquarters, the minister said police were carrying out a detailed investigation and efforts were under way to ascertain what data had been lost and whether it could be recovered.

Don't dispossess farmer from land: HC

T G NAIDU @ Hyderabad

JUSTICE GM Mohiuddin of the Telangana High Court directed revenue authorities not to dispossess a petitioner from agricultural land measuring one acre and 20 guntas in Survey No 244/104 at Pedda Amberpet village, Abdullapurmet mandal in Rangareddy district, except in accordance with law.

The order was passed in a writ petition filed by Pittala Mutyalu, who alleged that authorities were attempting to dispossess him from the assigned agricultural land without issuing notice, while his application seeking an e-passbook under the Bhu Bharathi system remained pending.

The petitioner contended that

he had been in possession and cultivation of the land since 1980 and that his online application for an e-passbook, submitted on January 23, 2026, had not been considered despite a subsequent High Court order dated February 10, 2026, directing authorities to consider his request within 60 days. He further alleged that the government was attempting to allocate the land for the establishment of a traffic police station without adherence to statutory procedures.

Opposing the plea, the Revenue department submitted that Survey No 244 was classified as government land ("Gairan Sarkari") in historical revenue records and that portions of the land had been resumed in 2010 due to violation of assignment

conditions. The government also maintained that the petitioner's name did not appear in revenue records and clarified that the land identified for the proposed Abdullapurmet Traffic Police Station was located in Survey No 244/105, and not Survey No 244/104.

After considering the submissions, the court directed that any resumption or acquisition proceedings concerning the disputed land must be initiated only after a final decision on the petitioner's pending Bhu Bharathi application. The court further mandated the issuance of a proper show-cause notice and an opportunity to be heard before any action is taken, strictly in accordance with applicable legal procedure.

AIADMK exodus: 4 ex-ministers, 7 ex-MLAs join TVK

ENS @ Chennai

IGNORING calls by AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami for cadre to stay together during tough times, over 200 members, including four former ministers and seven ex-MLAs, became the latest batch to abandon ship and join the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) on Saturday.

Former ministers M C Sam-path, Kadambur Raju, Udumalai Radhakrishnan and M R

Sivapathy were among those from the AIADMK who joined the TVK at the latter's party headquarters in Panaiyur.

Former MP A Ilavarasan and ex-MLAs Sundararaj, Rajamuthu, Manraj, Rajavarman, Panneerselvam,

M Murugan and N Siva were other prominent faces from the AIADMK who joined the TVK on Saturday. Former MLAs M S Shanmugam and P Kamaraj

from the DMK also joined the ruling party the same day.

Welcoming the newly inducted members, party leader and Minister for Public

Works Aadhav Arjuna said that a large section of AIADMK workers have now shifted to the TVK. The TVK's victory in the 2026 Assembly election would not have been possible without the support of AIADMK cadre, he added. Mentioning the support ex-

tended by Vijay's fan club members to the AIADMK during the 2011 Assembly election, ex-minister Raju said those joining the TVK were not expecting posts or personal benefits and that they would work for the party's success.

Referring to TVK leader K A Sengottaiyan, Arjuna said the minister had faced criticism from the AIADMK when he was with the latter. His commitment have earned him respect in the TVK, Arjuna added.

Book bombshell: Pinarayi sabotaged VS attempt to return to power in 2011 polls

T'Puram: Dropping a political bomb that could hurt the CPM, a memoir by V S Achuthanandan's former additional secretary Suresh Kumar claims that Pinarayi Vijayan endeavoured to ensure that the VS government did not return to power in 2011. In his new book, 'VS Nu Oppam Ente Dinangal' ('My Days With VS'), the retired IAS officer alleges that Pinarayi, then state secretary of the party, wilfully fielded candidates with little chance of victory in an election in which the LDF went on to win 68 seats. Releasing the book at an event on Saturday, senior Congress leader K Sudhakaran handed a copy to retired High Court Judge B Kemal Pasha. At a meeting following the party's unexpected defeat, Suresh recalled VS telling him: "Vijayan spearheaded the work to hamper the chances of a second VS government. He fielded 13 bad candidates to seats the party had a good chance of winning." VS specifically cited the party's defeat in Manalur to buttress his claim.

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1st Corrigendum

25001/328/2627: In continuation to this office order No.2581, Dated.03.06.2026 and Bid Identification No. CCRWCSBD-Online -15/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.2142, Dtd.11.05.2026, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended	up to Dtd.19.06.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification	Dtd.18.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	on Dtd.20.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.
Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda
OIPR-25001/25182/1/26-27/0033

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice
Tender No: 07/2026-27/KWAPHC/TVLA(RT2)
JJM-5 SWSM: WSS to Mysrapa, Malayalappuzha and Vadasserikara Panchayaths - Design and Construction of 6m dia intake well cum Pumphouse and Raw Water Pumping Main at Maniyar. EMD: Rs. 200000; Tender fee: Rs. 13010; Last Date for submitting Tender: 26-06-2026 02:00pm. Phone: 8547638027
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in; www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-76-2026-27
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
OPERATION-MEDAK CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE No. 01/2026-27 Spec: T-01/26-27 (3rd Extension)
Tender Notice No.03/2026-27 Spec: T-10, 11, 12, 13/26-27
Tender Specification No: T-01/2026-27 of SE/OP/Medak (3rd Extension) for carrying out various Capital works register under USLC in Narasapur Sub Divisions in Medak Divisions & Tender Notice No.3 Tender Spec No: T-10, 11, 12, 13/2026-27 of SE/OP/Medak for various Electrical and Civil works in Medak & Topran Divisions of Medak Circle. Sale of Bids starts from Dtd. 08.06.2026 and ends on Dtd. 13.06.2026 at 15:00hrs. Last date for submission of bids is Dtd. 13.06.2026 at 16:00hrs and opened on Dtd. 13.06.2026 at 16:30 Hrs. Further information can be obtained from website www.tgssouthernpower.org. Phone: 08452-221442 & 8712473342, 8712473334
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Operation Circle: Medak, TGSPDCL
DIPR R.O. No.3730-PP/CL/AdvT/2026-27, Dt: 06/06/2026

CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
TENDER NOTICE
NIT No.08/SE/QBZ/CMC/2026-27 Date: 06.06.2026

No. of works	Estimate Amount	Bid submission start date & time / Bid submission closing date & time	Name & Address Officer Cell No.
4	Rs. 1470.00 Lakhs	08.06.2026 @ 02.30 PM/ 22.06.2026 @ 02.30 PM	Superintending Engineer, Quthbullapur Zone, 7995009077.
2	Rs. 211.00 Lakhs	08.06.2026 @ 02.30 PM/ 15.06.2026 @ 02.30 PM	

For further details can be seen @ <http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in>
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Quthbullapur Zone, CMC.
DIPR R.O. No.3766-PP/CL/AdvT/2026-27, Dt: 06/06/2026

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25001/336/2627: In continuation to this office order No.2572, Dated.03.06.2026 and Bid Identification No. CCRWCSBD-Online -05/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.2093, Dtd.08.05.2026, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended	up to Dtd.24.06.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification	Dtd.23.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	on Dtd.25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.
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1st Corrigendum

25001/333/2627: In continuation to this office order No.2581, Dated.03.06.2026 and Bid Identification No. CCRWCSBD-Online -09/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.2202, Dtd.11.05.2026, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended	up to Dtd.19.06.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification	Dtd.18.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	on Dtd.20.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.
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1st Corrigendum

25001/326/2627: In continuation to this office order No.2572, Dated.03.06.2026 and Bid Identification No. CCRWCSBD-Online -17/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.2321, Dtd.15.05.2026, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended	up to Dtd.24.06.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification	Dtd.23.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	on Dtd.25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later

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Sl. No.	Description of Work & Notice Inviting e-Tender (e-NIT) No.	Date of Publish in Website as well as CPP Portal	Last Date of Bid Submission (ON-LINE)
1.	"Engineering, Procurement and Construction of New Academic Building, Boys and Girls Hostels, Scientific Instrumentation Centre, Expansion of existing Administrative Building, Type-II, Type-IV, and Type-V Residential Quarters, Statutory Officer Houses, Hostel for Research Scholar and other services at Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvananthapuram, Tamil Nadu in EPC Mode - III". [B AND R / HO / 51302 / CUTN / THIRUVANURUR / NIT / CW / 01]	10.06.2026	01.07.2026

The tender shall be available on CPP Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> from 10.06.2026 onwards.
Interested Bidder(s) will have to be enrolled & registered with the Government e-Procurement System; through logging on to <https://eprocure.gov.in>.
Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted in Company's Website: www.bridgeroof.co.in and CPP portal: <https://eprocure.gov.in> only.

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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 & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	M/s. Veda Payment Solutions (Borrower) Mr. Pynda Ravikanth (Guarantor & Mortgagor) Loan Account No. 037005500612	West Godavari District, Bhimavaram Mandal, Bhimavaram Sub-Registry, Chinameeram Grama Panchayathi Area, China Ameeram Village Taluka, R.S.No.110/10, an extent 387.20 sq. yards land with RCC building consisting of ground and first floor bearing D.No.6-156, 6-157 bounded On the North by: Site belongs to Kochherla Ramarao 133.0 ft On the South by: Site belongs to Veju Satyanarayana Raju 133.0 ft On the East by: Site belongs to Sagi Achyutaramaraju 60.0 ft On the West by: Road 60.0 ft	81,78,120/- (Rs. 1,36,00,000/- as on (April 02, 2026))	Rs. 13,60,000/-	15, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	June 29, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (<https://assets.matexauctions.com>) of our auction agency Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notifiers are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by June 25, 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 Ltd 40-1-127,128 and 129 RIBG, 4th floor, Murali chambers, M. G Road, Vijayawada- 520010 on or before June 25, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before June 25, 2026 before 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 Ltd 40-1-127,128 and 129 RIBG, 4th floor, Murali chambers, M. G Road, Vijayawada- 520010 on or before June 25, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of ICICI Bank Limited payable at Vijayawada.
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Place: Hyderabad
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