

Chemical test proves doubts of pilferage of gold in Sabarimala temple, says court

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THE Kerala High Court on Monday observed that the chemical analysis of the samples collected from Sabarimala prima facie reinforced its doubts that the original gold-clad dwarapalakas and door frames from the temple were replaced.

The court, citing the analysis reports from the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), noted that the original gold-clad plates didn't have nickel and acrylic polymer layers, whereas the layers were present in the subsequently-plated copper plates. This, along with the absence of mercury and compara-



tive thickness of the gold and nickel layers in the latter, clearly indicated a systematic and methodical process behind the execution of the alleged offence (of gold theft), the court said.

It said the reports not only disclose the manner and modus operandi of the alleged tampering and substitution, but also provide critical evidentiary pointers for correlating past

transactions with subsequent activities.

The report, therefore, assumes central importance in the probe as it sheds light on multiple technical and material aspects and furnishes a scientific basis for evaluating transactions undertaken during 2024 and 2025, identifying the chain of decision-making, fixing individual responsibility and criminal liability, and examining the existence of any organised or concerted action amounting to criminal conspiracy. However, the court refrained from disclosing additional technical particulars at this stage, noting the possibility of further arrests and recoveries.

Fishers protest seeking construction of groyne

TIRUNELVELI: Residents of Koothankuzhi fishing village near Kudankulam staged a protest on the seashore on Monday, demanding the construction of a groyne to prevent sea erosion and protect their livelihood. The coastal village is home to around 1,500 families, most of whom depend on fishing for their survival and about 350 country boats operate from the village every day. The fishermen alleged that they have been urging the authorities for over a decade to construct a groyne along the coast to curb erosion. Though a mini groyne



Koothankuzhi residents staged a protest on the seashore on Monday | EXPRESS

bridge was built a few years ago, the protesters said it had failed to serve the purpose. As part of the protest, villagers took out a peaceful rally along the beach in

the morning. Later, representatives submitted a petition to the Tirunelveli district administration seeking urgent intervention.

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Cop cremated sans guard of honour, assn seeks action

THOOTHUKUDI: Tamil Nadu retired police personnel welfare association submitted a petition to CM's cell, condemning the district police for not offering guard of honour for the special sub inspector of Thermal police, who died at hospital days after a road mishap. SSI Subbaiah met with a road accident at Bryant Nagar on January 14, when he was returning home from the station. He was receiving treatment at a private hospital in Tirunelveli. On Monday, he died without responding to medication on Monday. Following postmortem, he was cremated at Thoothukudi corporation cremation ground on the same evening. In the petition, the association's district executive secretary T Raju said the district police did not provide guard of honour to the personnel who died in service. Subbaiah had completed 40 years of service in the police department. When contacted, Thoothukudi Superintendent of Police Silambarasan did not respond.

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DMK governments over the years have built 43 dams across Tamil Nadu, says CM Stalin

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THE project is intended to increase the city's total storage capacity by roughly 15% and meet the growing demands of fast-developing areas.

Highlighting the features of the project, Stalin said the surplus water from a network of 69 lakes in and around the Manamathi area and other minor clusters, which would otherwise drain into the sea, will be diverted to the Mamallan reservoir.

The CM added that the project will also help store fresh water in areas such as Thiruvandanthai, Kookilamedu, Madallapuram, Tirupurur, Thandalam and Palayanur. This will prevent seawater intrusion and improve both groundwater level and quality. As part of the plan, the Buckingham Canal in the region will be restored over a length of 15km, covering an area of 311 acres. This will improve the livelihood of fishermen who depend on brackish water fishing.

Fishermen living in the area will also be issued fishing licences, he said. Stalin noted that Chennai currently depends on Chembarambakkam, Puzhal, Cholavaram and Poondi reservoirs along with the newly-built Thervoy kandigai. With the addition of Mamallan, the city's water storage capacity will improve. It may be noted that Mamallan is expected to be larger than Cholavaram in terms of capacity and will be smaller than the other three reservoirs.

Explaining the reason for naming the reservoir as Mamallan, Stalin said, "The Pallavas ruled the Tondai region with Kancheepuram as their capital from the third to the ninth century CE. During this time, they created 39 lakes, including those at Mahendravadi, Uthiramerur, Thenneri, and Thooosi Mamanur to ensure food and water security through a structured lake administration system".

As the new reservoir is coming up near Mallapuram, which was built by Pallava King

Narasimhavarman popularly known as "Mamalla", it was appropriate to name it the Mamallan reservoir, the CM said.

"Some criticise that we have not contributed much for improving water resources in the state. Former CM M Karunanidhi has done a lot. Till 2011, DMK governments over the years have built 43 dams across the state," he added. Apart from opening the Mettur Dam on time to facilitate agricultural activities, the present DMK government has ensured the desilting of waterbodies in the Cauvery delta region to the tune of ₹459 crore and built 121 check dams, the CM said.

Stalin further said the government is happy to present the Best Water Conservation Award to NGOs playing a key role in ensuring sustainable water resource management.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, ministers, Chengalpattu Collector D Sneha and officials from the Water Resources Department took part.

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Rayapudi, Amaravati - 522 237 (A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 43/ MAU81-USI0TT(RCW)/11/2025-IFR1 Dt.19/01/2026

NAME OF WORK: "Providing CC drains & CC road from Ch.Km 0/0 to Km 0/250, strengthening of BT road from Ch.Km 0/250 to Ch.Km 1/430 on the Mini Bypass Road from GBC road to Narakoduru-Tenali Road in Narakoduru Village, Guntur District"-

Estimate Cost Rs. 1,37,00,000/-

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from 21.01.2026 to 05.02.2026 up to 14.00 Hrs. Due date for submission of Bid 05.02.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs, Technical bid opening 05.02.2026 at 16.00 Hrs. For further details Please refer to www.approcurement.gov.in and www.crda.ap.gov.in.

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Amaravati

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695010
Phone:2722748, 2722238

TENDER NOTICE

Name of Work : Tender for construction of Rehabilitation block as part of Trida's vattiyorkkavu junction development Project.

Agreed pac : 7,20,26,717/-
EMD : Rs.10000/-
Time of Completion : 18 Months
Tender Id : 2006- Trida -828569-1
Security Deposit : 2,00,000/-

Last date of receipt of tender: 07.02.2026 at 11.30 Am
For more details contact TRIDA during office hours or visit.

No.E1 /67/2026/TRIDA
17.01.2026

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER

Government of Tamil Nadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Theni District

e-TENDER NOTICE No.3063/2025/D4 Dated: 19-01-2026 (Short Tender)

Mudalvarin Grama Salaisai Membattu Thittam (MGSMT) - Phase II 2025-2026
Strengthening of roads (5 Nos) at Andipattai and Chinnamanur Blocks @ Theni District (Package wise)

FORM OF CONTRACT: ITEM RATE TWO COVER SYSTEM

1. The e-bid documents can also be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 20.01.2026 to 28.01.2026

2. Important dates

1 Last date and time for online downloading of e-bid documents	28.01.2026 - up to 3.00 P.M
2 Last date and time for Online submission of e-bid Documents	28.01.2026 - up to 3.00 pm
3 Date and Time for online opening of e-bid documents	28.01.2026 - 4.00 pm

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Project Director,
DRDA, Theni

DIPR.28A/Tender/2026

Government of Karnataka
DIRECTORATE OF URBAN LAND TRANSPORT
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER URBAN LAND TRANSPORT
BMTC, TTMC 'B' Block, (Above Bus Stand), 4th Floor, K.H.Road,
Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Ph : 080-22226627 / 6628,
Fax : 080-22226630, E-Mail : dultbangalore@gmail.com, dult@karnataka.gov.in

No: DULT-TECH/2/2020 Date:19.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) invites e-bids from qualified consultants for the services of preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for the Bengaluru, Karnataka. The last date for the receipt of e-bid on the KPPP portal for tender is 20.03.2026, 5.30pm. The bidders may download the tender documents for from <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> web portal. Tender Number is as follows: DULT-2025-26/SE0043

Sd/- Joint Director(Admin)
Directorate of Urban Land Transport
Urban Development Department.

DIPRC/5115/SHIRDI SAI/2025-26

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MALARVILI R**, W/o.Sairam, was born on 08th January 1991 (Birth Place-Thoothukudi, Tamilnadu) residing at No.5A/138, Caldwell Colony, First Street, Thoothukudi - 628008, Thoothukudi district, Tamilnadu State, Shall henceforth be known as, **R MALARVIZHI**.

MALARVILI R
Thoothukudi

NOTICE

I, **RENIMOL. N.R.** Mother of **RELVIN GEORGE ANISH JOSEPH ROY**, Holder of Passport Number **U8824754** do hereby change his name to **RELVINGEORGE Surname ANISH JOSEPH ROY RENIMOL** as per his Aadhaar Number **353853261721** for all purpose. I also undertake to effect the change in his other public documents.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SYED MUHAMMAD SALIH**, S/o.Woondi Kithar Mohamed born on 14th January 1974 (native district: Thoothukudi) residing at : 376, Kuthukal Street, Kayalpatnam, Tiruchendur Taluk, Thoothukudi District - 628204, Shall henceforth be known as, **WOONDI SYED MUHAMMAD SALIH**.

SYED MUHAMMAD SALIH
Kayalpatnam 19th January 2026

KMML The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking),Sankaramangalam,Kollam 691583
Phone : 0476-2651215 to 217, E-Mail :kmml@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, <https://tenders.kerala.gov.in/> or www.kmml.com

Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2026_KMML_825393_1	Establishing technology through pilot study for enrichment of monazite tailings and value addition of monazite upto separation of REEs. Tender submission end date: 03.02.2026
2	2025_KMML_820760_1	Brown field EPC - project for mineral separation plant: corrigendum published for relaxation in Pre-qualification criteria. Tender submission end date 31.01.2026

Chavara 20.01.2026 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

KUZHITHURAI BRANCH, 15-52-1, Bridge Ward, Kuzhithurai-629163
Ph: 04651-260533,
E-mail: kuzhit@bankofbaroda.com

ANNEXURE-A. REDEMPTION NOTICE
Dated: 08-01-2026

Notice under Rule 6(2) and/or Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 To, **Mr. Mebu M** (Borrower), **Latha P** (Co-Borrower), W/o Mebu, 16-139 D1, Alphonsa Street, Thoothoor, Vilavancode, Pin-629176

Re: Notice under Rule 6(2) and/or Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002).

Ref. - 1. Demand Notice dated 09-10-2025 issued u/s 13 (2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.
2. Possession Notice dated 18-12-2025 issued u/s 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act 2002.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda, Branch **Kuzhithurai** address 15-52-1, Bridge Ward, Kuzhithurai-629163, Phone: 04851-260533 being Secured Creditor Bank in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 (hereinafter referred as "Act") read with Rules 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (hereinafter referred as "Rules") issued demand notice dated 09-10-2025 calling upon you being Borrowers (s)/ Mortgagee (s) / Guarantor (s) to repay the amount stated in the said demand notice within 60 days from receipt of said notice.

And whereas you have failed to repay the amount, the undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 4 and/or Rule 6 of the Rules have taken over the Possession of Secured Assets (hereinafter referred as the said properties) more particularly described herein below Schedule.

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Bank as mentioned in above Possession Notice. Your attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Therefore you are requested to pay the dues as mentioned in possession notice along with applicable interest, cost, charges & expenses within 30 days from receipt of this notice and redeem the secured asset as mentioned below. In case you fail to pay the above mentioned dues & redeem the secured asset within 30 days from receipt of this notice, Bank will be constrained to sell the secured asset through public e-Auction by publication of e-Auction Sale notice. The date, time of e-auction and Reserve Price of the property shall be informed to you separately.

SCHEDULE OF SECURED ASSETS/PROPERTIES

Description of the Immovable Properties: Equitable Mortgage of 2.20 acres of land and building located at Old survey No: 1600B. Resurvey No: 322/2A-2A1 of Ezhudasam C Village, Kilivoyar Taluk, Kanyakumari District.

Date of Possession: 18-12-2025 Type of Possession (Symbolic/Physical): Symbolic

Date of Publication of Possession Notice (For Immovable property only): 21-12-2025

Yours faithfully,
(Ramakrishnan H) Chief Manager & Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

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CSB Bank Public Notice on AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrowers in specific and interested bidders, in general, are hereby informed that on account of non-repayment of the Banks due by the borrowers as under despite the payment notice and recall/auction notice issued by the Bank, the gold ornaments pledged with the bank security by the respective borrowers for the loan availed by them will be sold in public auction on "as is where is" and "non-recourse" basis through e-auction portal <https://gold.saml.in> on 28th January 2026 at 10.30 AM. The auction may be adjourned to any other later date at the discretion of the bank upon publication of the same in the Bank's notice board. The borrowers are hereby further inform that the gold ornaments will be disposed of by private sale if the public auction is not successful and if there is a further balance to be recovered thereafter, legal action will be initiated against the borrower for recovery of the balance amounts due to the bank. In case of defaulted borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.

S. No.	Account Name	Client ID	No. of Acc.	Bal. Outstanding as on 18/01/2026	Weight (grams)
NAGERCOIL					
1	Gnanaiah Swamyannathan	3407538	001	40,312.00	7.20
2	Saralam Finance	4237605	001	99,66,049.74	3,373.20
MARTHANDAM					
3	Vinokumar Sivasubramanyam	3990424	008	4,23,072.00	72.10
TIRUNELVELI					
4	Durkesh Kannan	7793268	005	9,92,031.40	149.80
5	Nambikanu	5004469	001	35,596.00	5.90
6	Rakesh R.	8177018	003	16,77,055.00	228.10
THUCKALAY					
7	Ravi Kolappan	7725674	011	4,41,302.00	74.88
MELAPAYLAM					
8	Siluvai Porvinnar	7434678	001	90,634.50	15.70
9	Thangaraj	7328391	001	2,96,905.00	40.10
10	Vinayagammoorthy S	7951682	001	13,58,271.00	183.50
COLACHEL					
11	Godwin S S	7350990	001	4,35,901.00	61.80
TIRUNELVELI TOWN					
12	Abdul Japper	10065820	001	3,32,658.00	39.20
13	Prasanna Rajamani	7366184	001	4,90,322.00	56.00
KOVIPLATTI					
14	Gopi	8327500	003	22,27,541.41	315.10
TENKASI					
15	Ajeekshan Babu	8210310	001	1,16,361.00	21.60
16	Bhuvaneshwari	8315567	002	11,32,495.00	133.20
17	Esakkiraj Esaikki	4494517	014	19,29,005.00	333.70
18	Karthick	8353088	001	6,08,748.00	84.40
19	Pazhaniammal	4508006	001	2,32,062.75	39.95

For more details/account wise information borrowers/interested bidders may contact respective branches and for participating in the auction, please visit/login to the e-auction portal <https://gold.saml.in>

TAMIL NADU | 20.01.2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer, CSB Bank

Public Notice or Sale Auction

The Hon'ble Principal District Court, Tirunelveli ordered sale of the schedule mentioned property in **E.P.59/2023** filed by Union Bank of India, Palayamkottai Branch against **M/s.Arumugam Pillai Book Centre 1.M/s.Arumugam Pillai Book Centre Partners: Mr.A.Jeganathan, J.Sivagami And J.Arumugam** 1/25/14 Tiruchendur Road, North Bazaar, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli - 627002. **2.Mr.A.Jeganathan, S/o.Arumugam Pillai** No 25 North Uchimakali Amman Kovil Street, Palayamkottai Taluk, Tirunelveli -627002. **3.Mrs.Sivagami(Partner)W/o.** Mr.Jeganathan, No.25 North Uchimakali Amman Kovil Street, Palayamkottai Taluk, Tirunelveli -627002. **4.Mr.Arumugam (Partner)** S/o.A.Jeganathan, 26-3 North Uchimakali Amman Kovil Street, Palayamkottai Taluk, Tirunelveli -627002. The schedule property mentioned hereunder will be listed and put for auction to be held on **23.01.2026 at 4 P.M.** Interested buyers may participate in the auction which will be conducted by Principal District and Session Court at Tirunelveli District Court Campus, Tirunelveli.

Schedule of the property

Tirunelveli Registration District, Tirunelveli Joint 1 Sub Registrar saragam previously Tirunelveli Municipal ward no.22,now Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation ward no.7, Mele Veera ragavapuram village Meenachirupam Kuruguhurai road South wing Town survey ward no.10, Block 8, Town survey no.730 part land measuring East to west 5 feet, North to south 4 feet and southern side second measurement East to west 13 feet North to south Western side 42 feet, Eastern side 43 feet totally 552.5 sq feet totally 572.5 sq feet in house constructed assased as door no.5 and 5A western part ground floor and first floor building and electricity connection water connection and regular rights within boundaries:
North : T.S.729/1 East west street
East : T.S.730 part House land common wall mentioned in second schedule belongs to 2nd person
South : T.S.732 House belongs to Narayana pillai
West : T.S.730 part Avudaiyappa thevar house land and norther side T.S.729/1 East west street.
Place : Palayamkottai,
Date : 19.01.2026

Union Bank of India
Palayamkottai Branch

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
GeM Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai- 625016 for and behalf of The President of India invites Online tenders in Two packet system from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to be enrolled in the GeM portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

1. Name of the work	Outcome based comprehensive cleaning contract at Kovilpatti, Virudhunagar, Tenkasi, Sengottai and Rajapalayam Railway stations and Railway colonies for a period of 1095 days
2. GeM Bid No.	GEM/2026/B/7113156 Dt: 14.01.2026
3. Place of work	Kovilpatti, Virudhunagar, Tenkasi, Sengottai and Rajapalayam – MDU Division
4. Value of the work	Rs. 6,96,49,703 (Including GST & Other taxes)
5. Tender closing date	04.02.2026 20:00 hrs

Break up for each schedule values are as follows.

Sl. No.	Schedule	Total Value for 1095 Days in Rs.
1	Maintenance of cleanliness at Kovilpatti railway station and colony for a period of 1095 days	1,43,97,717
2	Removal and disposal of rubbish from Kovilpatti railway station and colony premises to corporation dumping yard or authorized recyclers by motor vehicle	10,31,800
3	Maintenance of cleanliness at Virudhunagar railway station and colony for a period of 1095 days	1,95,61,686
4	Removal and disposal of rubbish from Virudhunagar railway station and colony premises to corporation dumping yard or authorized recyclers by motor vehicle	17,18,200
5	Maintenance of cleanliness at Tenkasi railway station and colony for a period of 1095 days	98,13,747
6	Removal and disposal of rubbish from Tenkasi railway station and colony premises to corporation dumping yard or authorized recyclers by motor vehicle	3,45,400
7	Maintenance of cleanliness at Sengottai railway station and colony for a period of 1095 days	1,13,45,927
8	Removal and disposal of rubbish from Sengottai railway station and colony premises to corporation dumping yard or authorized recyclers by motor vehicle	13,77,200
9	Maintenance of cleanliness at Rajapalayam railway station and colony for a period of 1095 days	97,14,828
10	Removal and disposal of rubbish from Rajapalayam railway station and colony premises to corporation dumping yard or authorized recyclers by motor vehicle	3,43,200
Total cost in Rs		6,96,49,703

Further details are available in the detailed tender notice on website www.Gem.gov.in
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