

**SC upholds
Telangana HC
decision
against free
land to IAMC**

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has refused to intervene in a Telangana High Court judgment which set aside the free-of-cost allotment of land to the International Arbitration & Mediation Centre (IAMC), an institution whose deed was authored by then Chief Justice of India in 2021.

A Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta agreed with the High Court that gratuitous distribution of natural resources was both "unsustainable and contrary to the procedure".

Dismissing the special leave petitions filed by the IAMC against the High Court decision of June 2025, the Supreme Court simply said in a short order "we are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment(s) and order(s) of the High Court".

The Telangana government had argued in the High Court that the IAMC was a public charitable trust created to promote institutional arbitration in India.

Public trust

"Matters involving allotment and distribution of state largesse cannot be done free of cost. Governments shall ensure that they are adequately compensated for parting with natural resources vested in them and held by them in public trust," a Division Bench of the High Court had concluded.

Kerala Assembly resolution seeks MGNREGS restoration

The resolution states that the rights-based approach of the MGNREGS has vanished under the new VB-G RAM G; the State will also have to incur an additional burden of ₹3,500 crore

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Assembly on Thursday passed a resolution demanding that the Union government restore the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) framework by withdrawing the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G).

"VB-G RAM G entails severe financial burden on the States. With its introduction, the rights-based approach that was the essence of the existing (MGNREG) scheme has



The resolution passed by Kerala Assembly on Thursday says that the VB-G RAM G places a major financial burden on the States.

vanished," said the resolution presented by Minister for Local Self-Government M.B. Rajesh. Under the new system, it falls upon the States to provide unemployment wages and compensation for delayed

payment of wages, it said. While the Centre retains the power to decide the share of the States, the latter are held fully responsible for the additional burdens arising from the resolution

said. Under VB-G RAM G, the Centre would set a 'normative allocation,' 40% of which would be borne by the States. The complete responsibility of all working days beyond this allocation has to be borne by the States. It is estimated that Kerala would incur an additional burden of ₹3,500 crore on account of this new condition, the resolution said.

The resolution was passed amid Opposition protests in the House over the Sabarimala gold theft issue.

In Kerala, 40.45 lakh families are part of the MGNREGS, the resolution said.

Kerala leaves two posts of non-Muslims vacant on Waqf Board

K.S. Sudhi
KOCHI

The State government reconstituted the Kerala Waqf Board on Wednesday leaving the two posts reserved for non-Muslims vacant and bringing on board representatives of political significant Muslim sects.

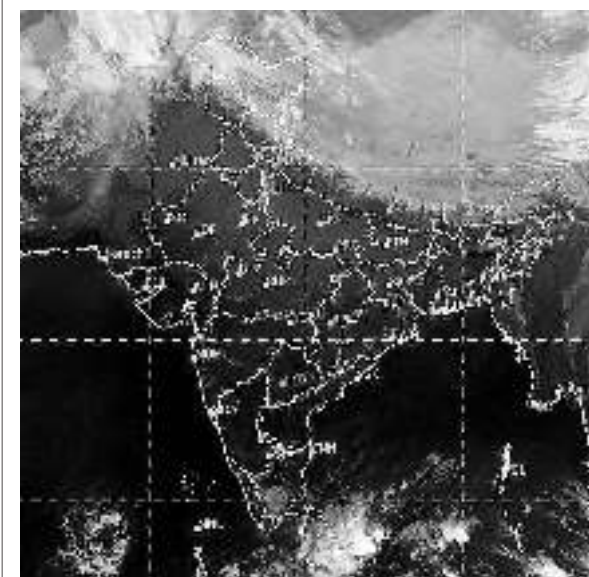
The Communist Party of India (Marxist)-led Left Democratic Front government also retained its confidant, M.K. Sakkeer, as the chairperson of the committee, which was reconstituted after the recent enactment of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act.

The non-Muslims are to be brought on board in the category reserved for a person who has professional experience in business management, social work, finance or revenue, agriculture and development activities and a person who is a member of the Bar Council. The government has indicated in the notification that nominations to the the posts will be made shortly.

The State government reportedly chose to leave the posts reserved for non-Muslims vacant to signal that it is not in a hurry to implement the provisions of the Act that was stiffly opposed by Muslim organisations. The decision is being viewed as an attempt by the government to keep the minority communities in good humour, ahead of the Assembly polls.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Dense fog likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	28.4	13.2	Kozhikode	.....	34.2	24.0
Ahmedabad	30.2	18.6	Kurnool	.....	33.6	19.4
Aizawl	28.0	11.4	Lucknow	.....	23.9	9.5
Allahabad	24.0	10.4	Madurai	.....	32.0	23.1
Bengaluru	29.8	15.7	Mangaluru	.....	34.0	21.3
Bhopal	25.4	13.0	Mumbai	.....	35.1	20.5
Bhubaneswar	31.7	14.5	Mysuru	.....	31.4	16.0
Chandigarh	23.1	7.2	New Delhi	.....	23.9	10.2
Chennai	31.1	21.0	Patna	.....	24.8	14.1
Coimbatore	31.2	20.0	Port Blair	.....	31.0	25.8
Dehradun	25.9	9.0	Puducherry	.....	29.7	20.6
Gangtok	18.6	7.5	Pune	.....	32.2	18.5
Goa	35.4	22.5	Raipur	.....	30.7	18.4
Guwahati	28.5	14.5	Ranchi	.....	26.2	13.0
Hubballi	31.0	16.0	Shillong	.....	18.4	8.0
Hyderabad	29.0	18.6	Shimla	.....	17.4	6.0
Imphal	24.9	8.6	Srinagar	.....	11.2	6.4
Jaipur	25.1	12.2	Thiruvananthapuram	.....	34.7	23.2
Kochi	31.4	24.2	Tiruchi	.....	29.1	21.4
Kohima	18.7	8.8	Vijayawada	.....	30.6	19.7
Kolkata	28.0	15.8	Visakhapatnam	.....	31.0	20.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

CITIES	SO ₂	NO _x	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE	Yesterday
Ahmedabad81	.70	34	.....	160	In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ballabgarh
Bengaluru6	.31	17	.....	122	Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 302
Chennai9	.12	51	.....	96	indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In Lucknow, contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 26
Delhi	11	220	47	.....	278	
Hyderabad5	.10	61	.....	134	
Kolkata10	138	40	.....	205	
Lucknow9	.52	70	.....	114	
Mumbai28	.84	19	.....	112	
Pune7	.73	38	.....	251	
Visakhapatnam6	.52	19	.....	160	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_x: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Laddu 'adulteration' case: A.P. govt. sets up one-man panel to 'fix accountability'

G.V.R. Subba Rao
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has launched a sharp political and moral offensive against the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) over the alleged adulteration of the Tirumala laddu prasadam, terming it a "grave betrayal of devotees' faith" and asserting that no investigative agency has given a clean chit to the previous regime.

Declaring zero tolerance

on matters linked to religious sanctity, the Chief Minister warned that intimidation, misinformation, or political pressure would not deter the government from fixing accountability.

Addressing the media after a meeting of National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders Thursday, Mr. Naidu announced the constitution of a one-man committee to examine the findings of the investigative agencies, and fix accountability.

The sanctity of the pra-



N. Chandrababu Naidu

sadam was compromised during the YSRCP's tenure, he said.

Mr. Naidu alleged that a 2022 warning by the Cen-

tral Food Technological Research Institute regarding possible adulteration of ghee used in laddu preparation was deliberately suppressed by the previous government, allowing the malpractice to continue unchecked.

"The State government has decided to constitute a one-man committee to examine all reports, identify lapses, fix responsibility, and recommend further action, including legal follow-up if required," he said.

TDB aims at tackling pollution in Pampa river ahead of next Sabarimala season

Hiran Unnikrishnan
PATHANAMTHITTA

Stung by criticism over the continuing pollution of the Pampa river, the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) is gearing up for a crackdown on the practice of pilgrims discarding

clothes in the river. The campaign will be rolled out in April across all south Indian States using a multi-pronged strategy involving press conferences, social media blitzes, newspaper and TV coverage, and FM radio alerts.

The details of the cam-

paign will be finalised at a meeting on Friday, originally being convened to evaluate the just-concluded pilgrimage season.

"We will do everything to end this dangerous practice of dumping clothes, a ritual that is not necessary," said K. Jayakumar,

TDB president. While legal action against violators has been ruled out for now, the board plans to deploy volunteers along the riverbanks alongside sanitation staff to ensure enforcement.

The board will also highlight the issue in its upcom-

ing Sabarimala pilgrimage guide, to be published in five languages aiming to put a stop to the ritual by the next season.

An official from the Kerala State Pollution Control Board highlighted the hidden dangers of dumping clothes, particularly syn-

thetic ones, into the Pampa. "These garments release microfibres, dyes, and chemical residues. Since the Pampa is the life-line of at least two central Kerala districts, this contamination quickly enters the food chain," the official said. He added that the ec-

ological stakes are even higher because of the river's proximity to the Periyar Tiger Reserve. In 2015, a High Court Division Bench had declared that throwing clothes into waterbodies near the shrine is a punishable offence under the Water

(Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, which carries imprisonment of up to six years depending on the severity of the pollution. Since then, the High Court has flagged the issue, although no effective action had been taken by TDB until now.

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Registered Office: Grape Garden, No.27, 3rd 'A' Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560095, Karnataka.

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The undersigned as Authorised Officer of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd, has taken possession of the following properties in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that E-Auction of the mortgage properties in the below mentioned account for realization of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

S. No.	Loan Account Number/ Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor	(i) Date of 13-2 Notice & Demand Amount as on (ii) Date of Possession	Present Outstanding Balance	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR
Branch Office: No.1,1/109, Thenkarai, Cumbum Road, Periyakulam, Theni, Tamil Nadu-625601.					
1.	1602210170000134/ 1. Mr.Pandiyarajan 2. Mr.S Govindan, 3. Mrs.Tamilselvi Govindan	(i) 12.02.2025 & ₹ 8,20,774/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Four Only) as on 29.01.2025 (ii) Symbolic Possession 13.05.2025 & Physical Possession 15.07.2025	₹ 10,67,164.36 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Four and paise Thirty Six Only) as on 27.01.2026	₹ 9,75,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only)	₹ 97,500/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Thousand Only)
Property Description/Schedule: All that Part & Parcel of property in Theni District, Periyakulam RD in Theni Sub-Registrar office, in Upparapatti Village and property is on South Eastern Side of Ward No.5- Harijhan Colony in Natham S. No. 252/1A to the sub-divided New Natham S No. 252/8 of 0-00.80 Square Meter as per Natham Settlement Patta by No.4 of house site with the extent of 871.2 Square feet and is bounded on: West: Common land and house of P.Subramani, South: East-West Pathway, North: East-West Pathway, East: Property of R Kundaswamy Pillai. Within which on the said house site is having the measurement of East to West with 8 meters of 26.4 feet and North to South 10 Meters of 33 feet to the total 871.2 Square feet of about 0.02 cents and along with others usual rights thereon. The Property belongs to Mr.S.Govindan i.e. (No.2 among you)					
Branch Office: No.11/109, Cumbum Main Road, Thenkarai, Periyakulam, Theni District, Tamilnadu-625601					
2.	1602210170000026/ 1.Mr.Jayaraman.M 2.Mrs.Revathy.J	(i) 13.07.2021 & ₹ 9,75,915/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 12.07.2021 (ii) Symbolic Possession 09.03.2022 & Physical Possession 24.05.2025	₹ 23,33,635.91 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Five and paise Ninety One Only) as on 27.01.2026	₹ 13,92,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only)	₹ 1,39,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only)
Property Description/Schedule: All that piece and parcel of the property in Theni District, Dindigul Registration District, Vatalagundu Sub-Registration Office, Preiyakulam Taluk, Genguvarpatti Village & Town Panchayat, Ponnaiyadevar Street, in Survey No.223/1 to an extent of 0.98.5 Hectare or 2 Acre 43 Cents divided into various house plots in which Plot No.38 within the following boundaries: North: Plot No.18; East: Plot No.37; West: Plot No.39; South: 15 feet East-West Common Pathway; Within which property measuring East-West 44 feet on the North and South 49 1/2 feet on the West and 50 1/4 feet on the East, totally to an extent of 2194 1/2 Sq. feet of site in which constructed a house building bearing Door No.2.2.14A, in property tax assessment No.2737 and other deposits and other amenities. Sub Division Survey No. 223/1A/1A.					
DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 25.02.2026, from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon					
Last Date for submission of Bid on or before 24.02.2026, Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m			Date & Time of Inspection of the property 23.02.2026 Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m		
For More Details Contact Bank Authorized Officer : Mr.Ramprasad - 95009 96689 / Mr.Tijo Sajan - 78451 92961					
The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".					
The E-Auction will be conducted through Ujjivan Small Finance Bank approved E-auction service provider - M/s.C1 India PVT LTD. Contact person - Mr.Prabhakaran (Mobile No.74182 81709). The intending bidders are advised to visit https://www.bankauctions.com or https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions for the details of the property in the website and for taking part in the bid they should register their names at portal https://www.bankauctions.com and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider M/s. C1 India PVT LTD. Helpline Number's- 72919 18824, 25, 26 support email id- support@bankauctions.com, Auction portal - https://www.bankauctions.com.					
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's / Secured Creditor's website i.e., https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions / https://www.bankauctions.com.					
					Sd/- Authorized Officer Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
Date: 06.02.2026					

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders in Two Stage Tender System from eligible Contractors for the following Works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount Put to Tender EMD Amount
Office of the Chief Engineer (UWP), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWM-VV-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/567/2025-26 Date: 05-02-2026		
1	Work of Providing and Laying of 400 - 1400 mm Dia Sewer Lines at Missing Bits of S4C in Various Locations of Kathirguppe Valley. (2nd Call)	Rs. 202.64 Lakhs Rs. 3.04 Lakhs
For above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: 16-02-2026 upto 17.00 Hours. Technical Bids will be Opened on: 17-02-2026 at 17.30 Hours.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWM-VV-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/565/2025-26 Date: 05-02-2026		
2	Work of Providing and Laying 600 mm Diameter DWC and 1000 mm Diameter RCC NP3 Sewer Pipeline from Gokula Apartment (Surrounding Areas of Nandini Layout) to Ramakrishna Nagar.	Rs. 715.79 Lakhs Rs. 10.74 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWM-VV-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/567/2025-26 Date: 05-02-2026		
3	Work of Providing and Laying 1200 mm RCC NP3 Trunk Sewer Pipeline from 9th Main Road to 35th Main, Jai Maruthi Nagar further Linking to Mailasandra STP.	Rs. 725.67 Lakhs Rs. 10.89 Lakhs
For above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: 07-03-2026 upto 17.30 Hours. Technical Bids will be Opened on: 09-03-2026 at 11.00 Hours. Sd/- Chief Engineer (UWP)		
Office of the Chief Engineer (Central), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(Central)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/106/2025-26 Date: 05-02-2026		
4	Work of Road Restoration for the Tender Work of RCC NP-3 Class Sewer Pipeline UGD Work from 1st 'A' Cross to 2nd Main D'mart Koramangala.	Rs. 150.53 Lakhs Rs. 2.25 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(Central)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/108/2025-26 Date: 05-02-2026		
5	Work of Providing Services to De-silt Sewer Sub-Main / Main Lines through 02 Nos. of Truck Mounted High Capacity Suction and Jetting Machines with Sewage Water Re-cycling System Mounted on 25T GVW BS-IV Truck Chassis for a period of 12 months under EE (WWM)-T Valley Division.	Rs. 255.31 Lakhs Rs. 5.11 Lakhs
For above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: 20-02-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. Bids will be Opened on: 21-02-2026 at 17.00 Hours. Sd/- Chief Engineer (Central)		
The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement Process can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.		
DIPR/CP/Advt/5453/2025-26		

TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Notice for Inviting E-Tender
Roc.No.E1/5846/2025 Date:04.02.2026

- E-Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for Supply, Delivery, Erection, Commissioning and Testing of Shredder machine with conveyor, weigh bridge, Magnetic separator and hydraulic baling press with chain conveyor and auto-tied (5 TPH) with control panel under in 15 CFC (Tied & Untied Grant) 2025-26.
- Total Project Cost Rs.384.18 Lakhs.
- The details of the tender shall be obtained from web portal https://tntenders.gov.in
- The tender documents shall be downloaded from 06.02.2026 to 20.02.2026 through the portal https://tntenders.gov.in
- Pre Bid Meeting will be Held on 12.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M at concerned Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation Office.
- The Last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading/ submission of filled up tender document is upto 3.00 PM on 20.02.2026.
- The received tenders will be opened at 3.30 PM on 20.02.2026 at the Office of Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Municipal Office Road, Tiruppur-641 604.
- The value of each works and the details of Earnest Money Deposit and the Eligibility of bidders are given in the concern work tender document.

Commissioner,
Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Nature of work	Due date
252613 007167	Providing skilled supervisor and unskilled manpower assistance under outsourced category at TNPL Main site.	23.02.2026
252613 007168	Providing skilled manpower (ITI Grades / Khalasi / Waiter) assistance under outsourced category at TNPL Main site.	23.02.2026
252613 007169	Providing skilled manpower (Driver / Equipment Mechanic / Crane Operator) assistance under outsourced category at TNPL Main site.	23.02.2026
252613 007195	Feeding of imported Pulp, CAP Chemicals and Shifting of Machines Clothing in Paper Machines area at TNPL Unit - I.	20.02.2026
252633 000429	Providing skilled manpower assistance under outsourced category at TNPL Cement Plant.	21.02.2026
252633 000430	Providing unskilled manpower assistance under outsourced category at TNPL Cement Plant.	21.02.2026
252613 007286	Procurement of 5,000 MT±5% Office Waste Paper (White Records) in Bale form from Tamilnadu for TNPL Unit - I at Kagithapuram.	12.02.2026
252623 004121	Support Service for Operation and Maintenance in Boilers at TNPL Unit-II, Trichy.	20.02.2026
252623 004125	Horticulture Nursery Maintenance and Production, Maintenance of Landscapes at Factory, Guest House, Colony and School at TNPL Unit-II, Trichy.	20.02.2026
252623 004126	Support Service for Greenbelt and R&D Plantation Development and Maintenance at TNPL Unit-II, Trichy.	20.02.2026

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in tender document at our websites : www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
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