

Decide on MLA defections in 3 weeks, T'gana speaker told

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

The Supreme Court served a three-week ultimatum to the Telangana Assembly speaker, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, on the adjudication of disqualification pleas against 10 BRS MLAs, who had defected to the ruling Congress, warning of initiating contempt action if he fails to decide on the issue.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and A G Masih passed the order while hearing a contempt plea by the MLAs.

Justice Karol told senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the speaker, "We request you not to make reels out of it. This is what is happening. Do not do it. What is happening is, it is a new industry." Singhvi said the decision has been taken in one case, while the speaker is on the verge of taking a call in two other cases. The counsel representing the petitioners said the



Gaddam Prasad Kumar

speaker had sought time earlier as well and only a single meeting has so far been held by him in this regard.

Justice Karol said at the previous hearing, the speaker had sought three weeks, but the court had granted him two weeks to see if there was any development.

"We expect the speaker to positively take a decision, fail-

ing which we shall proceed to issue contempt," the bench said. Earlier on January 16, the top court had asked the Telangana speaker to appraise it in two weeks the status of the adjudication case of the disqualification pleas against the BRS MLAs. It had given two weeks to the speaker to file a status report, indicating the steps taken for the adjudication of the disqualification pleas.

On November 17, 2025, the top court had issued a contempt notice against him for not complying with its direction to decide disqualification pleas against the MLAs.

On July 31 last year, the court had directed the speaker to decide the matter in three months, terming the non-compliance of its earlier directions the "grossest kind of contempt", while issuing notices to the speaker and others on the pleas filed by BRS leaders K T Rama Rao, Padi Kaushik Reddy and K O Vivekanand.

Dalit boy flung into burning dump: Panel to probe

P SRINIVASAN @ Tiruppur

THE State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has decided to investigate an incident in which a 13-year-old SC student was flung into a burning garbage pit by two classmates at a government-aided school in Kunnathur in Tiruppur district last month.

Earlier it had requested the Tiruppur District Collector to submit a detailed report by February 27. The Commission which quizzed the boy on Thursday found that students cleaned their

classrooms and burned the garbage every day and he was distressed over it.

KS Kandasamy, Member Secretary of the Commission, in a letter to the Collector pointed out the services of sanitation workers were unavailable at the school. The alleged incident happened on January 30 evening when the garbage was set on fire by students on the school premises. Two classmates allegedly pushed the boy down, held his hands and legs, and threw him into the

burning garbage.

The boy sustained severe burns and is currently receiving treatment at a private hospital in Coimbatore. His parents had claimed that caste-based abuse led to the incident but the police claimed the students were playfully pushing one another. In the course of such play, two students held the injured boy by his hands and

legs and swung him, during which he accidentally lost balance and fell into the burning garbage pit. Meanwhile, the school has issued a notice to a few teachers seeking an explanation.

A senior education department official said, "Since it is a government-aided school, the school correspondent has been instructed to take appropriate action and submit a report. Based on this, the school administration has issued notice to a few teachers seeking an explanation."

Collector Manish Narnaware said, "We have sent our report to the Commission in this regard. Further steps are being taken."



AIADMK man beheaded, juveniles among three held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

AN AIADMK functionary was beheaded by a six-member gang in Samanatham allegedly due to a family dispute on Friday morning. Three persons, including two juveniles, have been arrested.

According to Silaiman police, M Dhannasekarapandian alias Senthil (35) was the union president of AIADMK youth and women's wing in Samanatham. Around 5.30 am, he was attacked and beheaded by the gang at his tea shop on Samanatham Nedungulam Main Road. As news spread, speculation was rife on social media that Senthil was murdered by the gang he questioned for consuming alcohol and

creating a ruckus near the shop. Later in the day, Superintendent of Police B K Arvind told media persons that Senthil was not murdered due to the argument. Further, he said that preliminary investigation revealed that

he was killed due to a dispute allegedly over his wife's extra-marital relationship. Silaiman police shifted Senthil's body to the Government Rajaji Hospital or post-mortem examination.

Three persons have been arrested, and three special teams are formed to nab the other suspects, he added. Sources said two among the three arrested were juveniles. The main suspect Kutty Karthick, who is on the run, was allegedly in a relationship with Senthil's wife Kaviya, sources added.



The victim

DMK bloc secular only if Congress part of it: MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Sivaganga

MINORITIES will accept the DMK-led alliance only if the Congress is a part of it, and only then the alliance can be called a secular alliance, Sivaganga MP Karti Chidambaram said on Friday.

Speaking to reporters, the

MP said the Congress had lost several opportunities to form a coalition government in Tamil Nadu, and therefore the expectation of Congress cadre is not wrong this time.

To a query whether the Congress was still part of the DMK-led alliance, Karti Chidambaram said the question must be put to DMK leaders.

"After DMK leader Kanimozhi held talks with our leader Rahul Gandhi, the DMK is yet to form a committee for seat sharing and other talks. The DMK is delaying formation of the committee, but the Congress has already formed one and is ready for talks. They must form the committee immediately and start talks with Congress," Karti Chidambaram said.



PLAYING WITH FIRE

Artists from Kannur perform a folk dance with fire as part of the International Folk Festival, organised by Kerala Folklore Academy under the Cultural Department, at Police Maidanam-Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram, on Friday | VINCENT PULICKAL

EXPRESS READ

23 kg ganja seized at Chennai airport

Chennai: The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of th Customs seized 23 kg high-grade hydroponic ganja worth ₹23 crore at the Chennai international airport and arrested six youths from Kerala for allegedly smuggling the contraband from Thailand in two separate flights.

Foundation for Mitsubishi plant laid in Sept 2023

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TWO memoranda of understanding for this facility were signed in May 2023 and January 2024. The CM had laid the foundation for the facility in September 2023. The release said the inauguration on Friday stands as a strong example of the state government's sustained efforts to translate the announced projects into operational reality.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, headquartered in Japan, possesses expertise in the manufacture of energy and electric systems, industrial automation, information and communication systems, home appliances, and electrical and electronic equipment. Mitsubishi Electric India Private Limited is a subsidiary of this corporation.

Ministers T R B Rajaa and S M Nasar, Masafumi Ando, Group President, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation; Toshimitsu Ito, Chief Representative, Asia Pacific Region, Mitsubishi Electric Asia Private Limited; Atsushi Takase, Managing Director, Mitsubishi Electric India; Toru Iwakami, General Manager, Shizuoka Works, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation; Toru Onoda, Director and Business Head, Living Environment Division, Mitsubishi Electric India; Muneo Takahashi, Consul General of Japan, were among those present at the event.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
No.6586/PWEE/BRC/DBDR-I25-26 Pudukcherry, dt.06/02/2026
e-TENDERING NOTICE INVITING BID THROUGH RFP
On behalf of the President of India, Bids are invited for 1. N/W : "Appointment of Firm / Agency / Contractor for Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for (1) Construction of Cable stayed bridge at (a) Pondy Marina to Veerampattinam with formation of approach road, (b) Thengaihitthu to Murungapakkam with formation of approach road, (2) Upgradation of existing alignment and formation of road between Uppaliam Road to Ariyankuppam in Pudukcherry Region". Bid Security : Rs.6,00,000/-, Period of Completion: 3 (Three) Months (Including Monsoon Period). Last time & date of submission of tender on (or) before 3.00 PM on 23.02.2026.
For further details please refer the website www.pudutenders.gov.in from 10.00 AM on 07.02.2026.
No.794/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2025-26 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Government of Tamil Nadu KALLAKURICHI MUNICIPALITY Tender Notice
Form of Contract: Item rate (Two cover system) Dated:06.02.2026
Bids are invited by the Commissioner, Kallakurichi Municipality or his authorized person for **Bus Stand Additional Works** in Kallakurichi Municipality at an estimate cost of Rs.300.00 Lakhs under NHMT 2025-26 & Municipal Revenue Fund. The bid documents can be downloaded from the website <https://intenders.gov.in> at free of cost only.
E-submission of tenders will be accepted. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit will be 1% of the value put to tender for a package/Work. Any additional / further details and conditions related to this tender can be had from engineering section of this office on all working days during office hours.
Important dates:
1. Bid document download from 11.02.2026
2. Date and time of Pre bid meeting 13.02.2026 at 11.00 AM
3. Last date and time for downloading bid documents 26.02.2026 at 3.00 PM
4. Last Date and time for submission of bid document (Online submission) 26.02.2026 at 3.00 PM
5. Date and time of opening of the bid 26.02.2026 at 3.30 PM
In the event of specified date for submission of bids is declared a holiday, bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Date of opening of Price bid will be informed after scrutinizing the Technical bid to the eligible bidders.
DIPR.811/Tender/2026 Commissioner, Kallakurichi Municipality

MADURAI CORPORATION TENDER NOTIFICATION
Madurai Corporation invites bids from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works
Name of Work Tender Put Value Rs. (In Lakhs) Incl. GST Bid Submission Date Bid Opening Date
E8 / EST No. 470 / 2025-2026 (NNT) Construction of lifting station well and laying of sewage pumping main line from Thanathavam crematorium to ponmeni MPS in ward 68 Rs. 174.34 From 09.02.2026 To 23.02.2026 4.00 PM
E8 / EST No. 471 / 2025-26 (NNT) Construction of Machine hole & sewer pipeline arrangements at Thanathavam main road in ward 68 Rs. 188.74 From 23.02.2026 3.00 PM
Other Details can be found at <http://www.intenders.gov.in> Website
Contact No: 0452-2540333
DIPR / 791 / Tender / 2026 Commissioner Madurai Corporation

KARAIKAL MUNICIPALITY KARAIKAL
No. 11/ KM/ES/D4/Tender/2025-26 Karaikal the : 06.02.2026
TENDER NOTICE FOR e-Tender
On behalf of the Karaikal Municipal Council, tenders are invited through e-Tendering by the Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality, Karaikal, for the following work from the eligible contractors/firms. Contractors other than those registered with PWD, Pudukcherry should produce documentary evidence in support of their having satisfactorily completed three similar works each of 40% of estimate cost put to tender two works each of 60% of estimate cost put to tender or one work of 80% of estimate cost put to tender in the last Seven years ending previous day of last date of submission of tenders. (Similar work means execution of "Civil Work / Road work". The value of executed works shall be brought to current costing level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 7% per annum; calculated from the date of completion to last date of receipt of application for tenders. The contractor after purchasing the valid key and Digital Signature Certificate can only be able to download the Press Notice, Notice inviting Tender and other related documents and upload the bid document online by verifying the Tender number assigned for each work from www.pudutenders.gov.in
(i) Availability of NIT, BOQ and remittance of EMD from Sl. No. 1 to 6 From 5.00 PM On 11.02.2026
(ii) Closing Date & Time for submission of e-Tender To 11.00 AM On 17.02.2026
(iii) Date & Time of opening of e-tenders. at 11.30 AM On 17.02.2026
The EMD and Tender cost (as noted in column 5 & 7 of the table of Tender Notice) are to be remitted in online mode only.
Please contact e-Procurement cell e-tender help desk for guidance in Phone No. 0413-2220225 & 1800 233 7315 (Toll Free) on working days, Mail ID support-eproc.py@support.gov.in.
Future details may access website : <https://pudutenders.gov.in>.
COMMISSIONER KARAIKAL MUNICIPALITY
No.364/DIP/NKL/ADVT/2026

CHANGE OF NAME
I, EZHIL ARASU PAJOUNUR, son of SAMBANNAN PAJOUNUR, Date of Birth 04.07.1959 and residing at No: 22, 1st Cross Street, Ganesh Nagar, Karaikal-609602, U.T. of Pudukcherry, India shall henceforth be called and known as EZHIL ARASU PAJANOR, son of SAMBANNAN PAJANOR for all the purposes.
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT
Wildlife Division, Chennai - 600 022
Notification No. WLW- 03/ 2026, dated: 04.02.2026.
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu E-Tenders are invited from the Office of the Wildlife Warden, Chennai Wildlife Division, Guindy, Chennai - 600 022. Tamil Nadu Forest Department, invites online tenders for Supply of Animal feed items in Guindy Children's Nature Park at Guindy National Park Range during 2025-2026. Bids submitted online alone shall be considered. Bids in hard copy will not be accepted. For detailed tender notice & more details visit our website www.wildchennai.tn.gov.in, <https://www.forests.tn.gov.in/> and <https://intenders.gov.in>.
Wildlife Warden, (FAC) Chennai Wildlife Division, Chennai.
DIPR/777/TENDER/2026

UJJIYAN SMALL FINANCE BANK
Registered Office: Grape Garden, No.27, 3rd "A" Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560095, Karnataka.
Branch Office: No.74, Annakamakshi Tower, South Street, Ward No.2, Block 38, South Village, Thiruvananthapuram, Tamil Nadu-610001
E-AUCTION NOTICE
E-Auction Notice for Sale under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI Act) 2002, Read with Proviso Rule 6(6) & 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
The undersigned as Authorised Officer of Ujjiyan Small Finance Bank Ltd, has taken possession of the following property 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 property 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.
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
1639210030000002 (i) 13.07.2021 & ₹ 9,75,915/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 23.09.2021 (ii) Symbolic Possession & Physical Possession 14.09.2022 & 14.11.2025 ₹ 11,34,167.85 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Seven and Paise Eighty Five Only) as on 27.01.2026 ₹ 6,76,500/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Only) ₹ 67,650/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Thousand and Fifty Only)
Property Description/Schedule: All that piece and parcel of the property in Nagapattinam Registration District, Thiruvannur Sub-Registration District, Thiruvannur District, Thiruvannur Panchayat Union, Naranamangalam Village comprised in R.S.No.60/15 Manal 100 Sq. meter with RCC Building measuring East to West: Northern side 8-meter, Southern side 14meters, South to North: Eastern side 13.8 mtr, Western side 14 Mtr, total extent of 100 Sq. Mtr, Bounded on: North by Street, East by Subbayan House Plot, West by Samikannu House Plot, South by Pandavayyaru. With land and building and all other appurtenances annexed thereto.
The above property is owned by Mr. T. Shanmugam (No.1 among you).
DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 17.03.2026, from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon
Last Date for submission of Bid on or before 16.03.2026, Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m Date & Time of Inspection of the property 15.03.2026 Between 10.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m
For More Details Contact Bank Authorized Officer Mr.S.Ganavel-98410 17131 / Mr.Tijo Sajjan - 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 Ujjiyan Small Finance Bank approved E-auction service provider - M/s.C1 India PVT LTD. Contact person - Mr. Prabhakaran (Mob: 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 <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 Ujjiyan Small Finance Bank
Date: 07.02.2026, Place: Bengaluru

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)
3rd Floor, Podium Block, VV Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001
NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court, the Special Officer & Competent Authority is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.
The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).
Short description of the Immovable Property
Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. Clear Title: RTC stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority
SI. No. DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 1337/2023) Minimum Bid Price (Rs) EMD (Rs) Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1. All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No. 92/8(92/105) and 92/4(92/106), measuring to an extent of 0.7892 hectares and 0.1618 Hectares respectively which is situated at Mavilayi Desom, Mavilayi Village, Peralasseri Grama Panchayat limits, Kannur Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala bounded by: 1) Sy.No. 92/8(92/105) Bounded by East by: Mud Road, West by :NelleriParamba, North by: Canal, Thodu, Mud Road, South by: No.2 property Sy.No. 92/4(92/106). 2) Sy.No. 92/4(92/106) Bounded by East by: in the possession of Sri. NeyyothRaghavan and others, West by : Nelleriparamb, Nayikalla Vhalparamba, North by:No.1 property Sy.No. 92/8(92/105), South by :NayikallachalParamba. Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tstth7yMo7N66dJx8> Latitude and Longitude : 11°50'22.6"N 75°28'20.4"E
2,61,00,000/- 26,10,000/- 2,61,000/-
Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place Date of Inspection & time Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission Date & Time of E Auction
23rd February 2026, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visvesvariah Tower, Bengaluru-01 25th February 2026 11:00am to 05:00pm 28th February 2026 Before 5pm 02nd March 2026 11 am to 1 pm
For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visvesvariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeuction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 9945515174.
Sd/- Special Officer & Competent Authority (Under KPIDFE -IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru.
Date: 06-02-2026 Place: Bengaluru
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