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KL Cong leaders want MLA CM post: Siddu, Venu meet as power struggle intensifies gone, but differ over timing

K S SREEJITH @ T'Puram

THE rape allegations against Rahul Mamkootathil have left the Kerala Congress unit divided. Despite mounting pressure, the leadership remains split on the timing of any action against the Palakkad MLA. While senior leaders including V M Sudheeran and K Muraleedharan have called for Rahul's immediate expulsion from the party and his resignation from the assembly, veterans including Ramesh Chennithala say the leadership would take a call after the court's verdict in the case. For its part, the AICC leadership has passed the buck to the state

expulsion. "The issue concerns both legal and political morality," said Sudheeran. "The situation has become serious. Rahul has lost the right to continue in the Congress. He should be expelled. He also has no right to continue as MLA. I hope the leadership will take stern action," he said.

unit. Besides the former

KPCC presidents, senior

leaders Ajay Tharayil and

former MLA Shanimol Us-

man have openly sought Rahul's

Emphasising that it is time for severe action. Muraleedharan said those entrusted with the responsibility of serving people

RAHUL'S BAIL PLEA HEARING ADJOURNED

The Principal Sessions Court in Thiruvananthapuram has posted the anticipatory bail plea of Palakkad MLA Rahul Mamkootathil, who is facing charges of raping a woman and forcing her to undergo an abortion, to Thursday for further hearing. On Wednesday, the hearing was held in a closed room at the request of both sides.

> must act morally. However, Chennithala, two KPCC working presidents and UDF convenor Adoor Prakash argued the court ruling should precede a final decision. "We took disciplinary ac-

complaint was registered against him. Now, the matter is before the court. Let law take its own course. The party will take a decision after the court delivers its verdict,"Chennithala said. Meanwhile, the AICC instructed the state Congress leadership to take appropriate measures in the matter. Deepa Dasmunsi, the AICC general secretary in-charge of Kerala, has briefed the national leadership on the current political situation in the state.

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VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

AMID the ongoing tussle over chief minister's post in Karnataka, AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah shared the stage in Mangaluru on Wednesday during the centenary celebrations of the historic meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Shree Narayana Guru.

Though the two leaders sat beside each other through the two-hour event at Mangalore University, they barely interacted. Sources said they later held a closed-door meeting at the university's Kaveri Guest-



Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah & AICC general secretary KC Venugopal at an event celebrating the meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Narayana Guru in Mangaluru | **EXPRESS**

house. The details of their discussion remain unknown.

Emerging after over an hour, Siddaramaiah told reporters that he did not discuss politics with Venugopal. To questions

on Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's visit to Delhi, he said, "Let him go. Who will object to it?" Asked whether he too is planning to travel to Delhi, he replied that he will go if

invited and that he had received no such communication so far.

It remained unclear how long Venugopal stayed at the guesthouse, as he was not seen exiting before the CM left. He later reportedly departed for Kerala by train.

The event, organised by Mangalore University and Congress MLC BK Hariprasad, was attended by Home Minister G Parameshwara, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar and Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, among others. Deputy CM Shivakumar was not on the list of invitees.

Earlier in the day, when Siddaramaiah arrived at Mangaluru Airport, supporters of both him and Shivakumar raised slogans backing their respective leaders. Congress leader Mithun Rai told reporters that Shivakumar played a key role in bringing the party to power in the state and should become CM immediately.

Reacting to the slogan-shouting, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi said, "There is no use raising such slogans. There is no confusion among us. Everything is clear, and both leaders have already spoken to each

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

THE Telangana government has ordered a Vigilance inquiry into how details of the Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy reached BRS leaders days before the GO was issued, setting off speculation within the administration over the source of the leak.

The HILT Policy was cleared by the state Cabinet on November 18, but the GO was held back for reasons officials have not explained. Before the document was released, BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressed the media on November 21, citing policy details that were still out of the public domain.

His remarks set off a storm within the government, prompting questions over how he obtained them. According to officials, the leak occurred while the draft GO was still under preparation.

PPT slides used in the Cabinet presentation on November 20 are believed to have been circulated outside authorised channels. The GO was eventually issued on November

Sources said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu have asked the chief secretary to identify the source of the leak and recommend action.

Policy leak: Revanth orders probe EC data shows percentage of uncollected SIR forms varies widely between districts

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IT stressed that the list of uncollectable forms along with the reasons such as Absent, Permanently Shifted, Dead or Duplicate will be finalised only after December 11, the last date of the enumeration phase.

The data accessed by *TNI*E, meanwhile, showed that the percentage of forms that remained uncollectable varied widely between districts as of Wednesday, with Ariyalur having the lowest of 4.3% (around 23,000) of its total electors of 5.31 lakh and a whopping 31.78% (12.73 lakh), nearly one out of every three electors, of the total of 40.05 lakh electors in Chennai. The capital district was followed by Chengalpattu where 20.7% (5.78 lakh) of forms remained "uncollectable"

Importantly, the report offered insights into the actual number of enumeration forms digitised and forms that have not been returned, a clarification that has been repeatedly sought by many political parties from the Election Commission of India (ECI). The commission, in its periodic updates, has been highlighting that the total number of enumeration forms distributed and the total number of forms digitised by including all

the "uncollectable" categories also under "digitised". As of Tuesday, TN's numbers stood at 99.45% (6.38 crore) for forms distributed and 94.32% (6.05 crore) for forms "digitised".

However, the report (reflecting data as of Wednesday morning) showed that actual percentage of enumeration forms that have been digitised stood at 82.57% (5.29 crore) while the percentage of uncollectable forms stood at 13.24%, making the total "digitised" as per ECI's definition at 95.81%. An official confirmed that the percentage of forms, captured in the report, did not include uncollectable forms. The official said 82.57%, whose forms have been digitised, meant that their names would find a place in the draft rolls, unless the AEROs or EROs delete them during verification, which the official added was highly unlikely. Another official attributed the high percentage of "shifted" category in Chennai to rapid urbanisation and expansion of the city that could have caused many people to shift houses. The release by CEO's officehighlighted that even if someone got left out in the draft roll, they can make use of the claims and objection period of one month till mid January to get their names included.

TN govt, police insulted HC order, claims petitioner

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MEANWHILE, advocates representing the petitioner insisted that the police comply with Justice Swaminathan's direction and allow the group to ascend the hill, Madurai Police Commissioner Loganathan said Section 144 had been imposed by the Collector due to the "tense situation" and an appeal had been filed in the HC against the single judge's ruling. "Since prohibitory order has been imposed, we cannot allow anyone. I am ready to face any contempt action," Loganathan told reporters. Madurai Collector-cum-District Magistrate K J Praveen Ku-

mar had imposed the prohibitory orders in view of the emergent law and order situation around 8pm.

Tension broke out in the evening after hundreds of cadres from various Hindu outfits attempted to trek up the hill demanding that the Karthigai Deepam be lit at the stone pillar atop the hill, as directed by the HC on Tuesday. However, temple authorities lit the traditional lamp at the Utchi Pillaiyar Temple Mandapam at 6.05 pm, adhering to what they described as existing administrative procedures and security protocols. A scuffle ensued when protesters allegedly pushed barricades in an attempt to break through the police cordon. One police personnel was injured

and rushed to hospital for treatment. As the situation worsened. several cadres staged a sit-in at the temple office on the foothills, insisting that the lamp be lit on the hilltop before the festival concluded. Many continued their agitation late into the night despite repeated police warnings. Additional police forces were deployed across the area to prevent any untoward incident and to en-

sure the safety of pilgrims arriving

for the festival. Police later held talks with representatives of the protesting groups, following which most of the agitators dispersed. BJP leader A Kathali Narasinga Perumal said, "We were reciting prayers hoping the lamp would be lit atop the hill as per the court order. But by 6.05 pm, temple authorities lit the lamp only at the Utchi Pillaiyar Mandapam." Speaking to reporters at the spot, petitioner Ram Ravikumar alleged that the TN government and police had "insulted the court order". A heavy police deployment is in place across Thirupparankundram to maintain law and order.law and order.

EXPRESS READ

14 get double life term for killing man during temple fest in '15

Tenkasi: The Additional District Court in Tenkasi on Wednesday sentenced 14 men, including three history-sheeters to double-life imprisonment in connection with the murder of a 45-year-old man during a temple festival at Kasinathapuram village in 2015. The clash, triggered by a longstanding dispute between two factions of the same community over temple administration, had led to the deceased, Manivel's death. The convicts were identified as Vinayagam (47), Ulaganathan (48), Sivasubramanian (38), Sudalai (29), Subramanian (60), Santhanam (30), Sivan Seit (42), Manickaraj alias Mari (29), Veldurai (43), Karuppaia (57), Ramesh (30), Pandaram (73), Manivel (43) and Kalaivanan (29). They were also fined ₹41,000 on each. Three other accused -Muthukumar, Pitchaiya and Muthuraj, had died during the trial, the police said.

Couple killed as car hits moped near Kovilpatti

Tirunelveli: In a tragic accident, a couple from Alangulam in Tenkasi were killed after a car rammed their moped near Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi, on Wednesday. The deceased were identified as S Kadarkarai (68), and his wife K Valliyammal (50). According to sources, the couple had visited Karuppasamy temple at Velayuthapuram in Kovilpatti and were returning home when a car from behind hit their moped near the Madurai-Tirunelveli NH and both of them died on the spot. The Kovilpatti west police rushed to the spot, retrieved the body and sent it to Kovilpatti GH for postmortem. The driver has been identified as S Abilash of Kanniyakumari. A case has been registered. ENS



TO GREATER HEIGHTS

Navy personnel staged a high-intensity rescue and combat demonstration off Shanghumugham Beach in Thiruvananthapuram, as part of Navy Day celebrations, on Wednesday | BP DEEPU

Sri. S. Prabhu, S/o Subramani, D. No. 1 102 Dhandapani Kovil Street, Keeripatti Attur, Salem - 636 107

Additional Public Prosecutor S Velusamy appeared for victim. ENS

Rs.32,31,750/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only) due as on 27-11-2025

> Rs.30,90,000/-Reserve Price:

Rs.3,09,000/-EMD:

Property is standing in the name of SRI. S. PRABHU. All that part and parcel of land and building in Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Thammampatti Sub Registration District, Attur Taluk, Keeripatti village, Dhandapani kovil street, Door No's. 102 & 102/1 in Natham S. No. 204/1A as per Natham land development scheme S. No. 692/17, Patta No. 407, in this total extent 953 Sq. feet of Land with building to the extent of 696 Sq. ft at ground floor and 696 Sq. ft at first floor., having the boundaries and its extents are as under: North of : land belonging to Ramalingam. South of : House belonging to Venkatachalam. East of : Panchayat road. West of : House belonging to Muthu. Linear measurements: East to West North - 25.5 ft South - 27.5 ft South to North: East - 37 ft West - 34.5 ft Thus, admeasuring 953 Sq. feet of land., and pathway rights therein.

All that piece and parcel of land and Residential building in the name of Mr. R. SASIKUMAR S/O MR. RAJAGOPAL located at Namakkal RD, Mallasamuthiram SRD, Namakkal District

Tiruchengode Taluk, Mallasamuthiram Keelmugam village, Kattabomman Street, S. No. 342/2A, Ward No. 15, Plot No. 1, Patta No. 3705 part 2363.75 Sqft of land along with 1200

Sq. ft House building within the following boundaries: North of - Thirumanimutharu canel South of - Plot No .2 East of - Thirumanimutharu canel West of - Road Extant: East to West

PROPERTY NO 1: All that part and parcel of Land and building in the name of SMT. S. PRABHAVATHI W/o SARAVANAN & SMT. G. KALAISELVI W/o GNANASEKARAN located at Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Dadagapatty SRO, Salem Taluk, Nazhikkalpatty Village, "PERUMAL NAGAR PHASE-I", Old S. No. 61/9A, as per new revenue record;

North - 77 feet South - 75.5 feet South to North East - 32 feet West - 30 feet Thus admeasuring 2363.75 Sq. ft of Land and building constructed with all easement eights and pathway.

Mr. Sasikumar Rajagopal S/o Rajagopal 7/12 North Kattukottal Periyakollapatti Mallasamudram Tiruchengode Namakkai - 637503 Mrs. Dharani Sasikumar W/o Mr. Sasikumar Rajagopal 7/12 North Kattukottai Periyakollapatti Mallasamudram Tiruchengode Namakkal - 637503 Rs.21,08,114.00/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen Only) due as on 27-11-2025

Reserve Price: Rs.36,10,000/-

Rs.3,61,000/-

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PROPERTY 1 PROPERTY 2:

Place : Trichy

Date: 29-11-2025 & 01-12-2025

Reserve Price:

Reserve Price:

Rs.48,96,000/-Rs.50,56,000/-

Rs.4,89,600/-Rs.5,05,600/- S. No. 61/9A1A, as per sub division; S. No. 61/9A1A2, Plot No. 12 East Side Part, to the extent of 1325 Sq. ft. of Land., having following boundaries and linear measurement as under: North of - Plot No. 11 South of - 23 feet wide East - West Road East of - Plot No. 12 West side Land West of - S.No. 61/10 Land Linear Measurements: East - West on Northern side - 26 1/2 ft East - West on Southern side - 26 1/2 ft South - North on Eastern side - 50 ft South - North on Western side - 50 ft Thus admeasuring 1325 Sq. ft of Land and building constructed with all easement rights and pathway. ITEM - 2: All that part and parcel of Land and building in the name of SMT. S. PRABHAVATHI W/o SARAVANAN & SMT. G. KALAISELVI W/o GNANASEKARAN located at Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Dadagapatty SRO, Salem Taluk, Nazhikkalpatty Village, "PERUMAL NAGAR PHASE-I", Old S. No. 61/9A, as per new revenue record; S. No. 61/9A1A, as per sub division; S. No. 61/9A1A2, Plot No.11 East Side Part, to the extent of 927 1/2 Sq. ft. of Land., having following boundaries and linear measurement as under; North of - Ramakrishnan Property South of - Smt. Prabhavathi & Smt. Kalaiselvi Property East of - Plot No.11 West side Mahesh D Chawla Remaining Land West of - Saravanan, Gnanasekaran Property Linear Measurements: East - West on Northern side - 26 1/2 ft East - West on Southern side - 26 1/2 ft South - North on Eastern side -35 ft South - North on Western side - 35 ft Thus admeasuring 927 1/2 Sq.ft of Land and building constructed with all easement rights and pathway. Total Area = ITEM 1 + 2 Total Area = 1325 + 927 1/2 Sq. ft = 2252 1/2 Sq. ft Thus admeasuring 2252 1/2 Sq. ft of Land and building constructed with all easement rights and pathway.

PROPERTY NO. 2: All that part and parcel of land and building in the name of SMT. S. KARTHIKA W/o SELVARAJ located at Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Dadagapatty SRO, Salem Taluk, Nazhikkalpatty Village S. No. 61/10, as per new revenue record; S. No. 61/10C, as per sub division; S. No. 61/10C2, D. No. 6/94-1, to the extent of 2049 Sq. ft of Land., having following boundaries and linear measurement as under; North of - Nallikalpatti Village East - West Panchayat Pathway, Tharisu land South of - Saravanan & Others Property East of - Ramakrishnan Property West of - Saravanan & Others Property Linear Measurements: East - West on Northern side - 62.6 ft East - West on Southern side -63 ft South - North on Eastern side - 28.6 ft South - North on Western side - 37.6 ft Thus admeasuring 2049 Sq. ft of Land and building constructed with all easement rights and pathway.

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