

KL Cong leaders want MLA gone, but differ over timing

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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 unit. Besides the former KPCC presidents, senior leaders Ajay Tharayil and former MLA Shanimol Usman have openly sought Rahul's 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.

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 action against Rahul, even before a 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 Dasmuni, the AICC general secretary in-charge of Kerala, has briefed the national leadership on the current political situation in the state.

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 pro-



testers 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 ensure 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.

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. Additional Public Prosecutor S Velusamy appeared for victim. ENS

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**

13.	<p>Sri. S. Prabhu, S/o Subramani, D. No. 1 102 Dhandapani Kovil Street, Keeripatti Attur, Salem - 636 107</p> <p>Rs.32,31,750/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only) due as on 27-11-2025</p> <p>Reserve Price : Rs.30,90,000/- EMD : Rs.3,09,000/-</p>	<p>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.</p>
14.	<p>Mr. Sasikumar Rajagopal S/o Rajagopal 7/12 North Kattukottai Periyakollapatti Mallasamudram Tiruchengode Namakkal - 637503 Mrs. Dharani Sasikumar W/o Mr. Sasikumar Rajagopal 7/12 North Kattukottai Periyakollapatti Mallasamudram Tiruchengode Namakkal - 637503</p> <p>Rs.21,08,114.00/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen Only) due as on 27-11-2025</p> <p>Reserve Price : Rs.36,10,000/- EMD : Rs.3,61,000/-</p>	<p>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 canal South of - Plot No. 2 East of - Thirumanimutharu canal West of - Road Extant: East to West 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.</p>
15.	<p>M/s. K S Industries, Proprietor: Sri. K. Saravanan, D.No.22, RR Fairlands, Kondalampatty Bye Pass, Salem-636010. Sri.K.Saravanan, S/o Ramasamy Krishnaraj, D.No.22, RR Fairlands, Kondalampatty Bye Pass, Salem -636 010 Smt. S. Prabhavathi, W/o Saravanan, D.No.22, RR Fairlands, Kondalampatty Bye Pass, Salem -636 010 Smt. S. Karthika, W/o Selvaraj, D.No.34/1, RR Fairlands, Kondalampatty Bye Pass, Salem -636 010 Smt. G. Kalaiselvi, W/o Gnanasekaran, D.No:18, RR Fairlands, Kondalampatty Bye Pass, Salem - 636 010</p> <p>Rs.1,27,73,805.21/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Five and Paise Twenty One Only) due as on 27-11-2025</p> <p>PROPERTY 1 : Reserve Price : Rs.48,96,000/- EMD : Rs.4,89,600/-</p> <p>PROPERTY 2 : Reserve Price : Rs.50,56,000/- EMD : Rs.5,05,600/-</p>	<p>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; 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 ½ ft East - West on Southern side - 26 ½ ft South - North on Eastern 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 ½ 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 ½ ft East - West on Southern side - 26 ½ ft South - North on Eastern side - 35 ft South - North on Western side - 35 ft Thus admeasuring 927 ½ Sq.ft of Land and building constructed with all easement rights and pathway. Total Area = ITEM 1 + 2 Total Area = 1325 + 927 ½ Sq. ft = 2252 ½ Sq.ft Thus admeasuring 2252 ½ Sq. ft of Land and building constructed with all easement rights and pathway.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Date & Time of Auction : Date : 24.12.2025 / Time between 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)</p> <p>The Earnest Money Deposit shall be Deposited on or before 23.12.2025 till 4.00 pm</p> <p>Inspection of Date and Time of above properties : Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on any working day between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm</p> <p>For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's Website : www.canarabank.com or may contact above mentioned branches during office hours on any working day.</p> <p>Place : Trichy Date : 29-11-2025 & 01-12-2025</p> <p>Portal of E-Auction : https://baanknet.in</p> <p>- Sd. - Authorised Officer, Canara Bank</p>		