

Female sports trainees found dead in SAI Kollam hostel

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TWO teenage girls undergoing training at the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Kollam centre were found hanging in their hostel room on Thursday morning. The deceased have been identified as Sandra, a native of Kozhikode, and Vaishnavi, 16, of Thiruvananthapuram. Sandra was a Plus Two student, while Vaishnavi was in Class X. According to SAI sources, Sandra was training in athletics, while Vaishnavi was into Kabaddi. The two were found hanging off the hooks of the ceiling fan, which the police suspect was a case of suicide.

The incident came to light when the coaches and fellow trainees found them missing from morning training session. When they went to the room, it was locked from inside. One of the window panes was open and the fellow trainees, who checked through it, found the duo dead. As per the statement given by other trainees, the two were spotted together till the wee hours of Thursday. Police told TNIE that

they recovered two suicide notes from the room. Sandra and Vaishnavi were staying in the same room along with three other girls. However, the two forcefully shifted the trio to another room on Wednesday night.

The police's initial assessment is that the duo took their own lives. The suicide notes addressed to the parents said they were taking the drastic step due to personal reasons. Three of the male friends of the deceased were recently suspended from the centre due to discipline. Sandra and Vaishnavi were afraid that they might also have to face disciplinary action owing to their friendship with the suspended boys. They were afraid that their parents may know about the matter and took their own lives under mental duress, police sources added. "If they had got a single session of counselling, this would not have happened," said an official. Vaishnavi's body was handed over to her family after autopsy, while Sandra's autopsy will be conducted on Friday after the arrival of her parents.

Karnataka MLA booked for using casteist slur

Davanagere: The Davangere police have registered an FIR against Harihar MLA BP Harish on charges of abusing a Dalit farmer with casteist slurs. Based on a complaint by Kantaraj of Kadajji village in Davangere taluk, the police booked the MLA under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. Harish had gone to the village on January 12 to check on reports of illegal silt removal from a lake for use in agriculture. In the complaint, Kantaraj claimed that the MLA's car blocked his tractor when he was transporting silt from the lake. When Kantaraj made repeated requests to let go, they started to abuse him. The MLA too kept shouting at him, the complaint said. "Then some people from our village came and though the MLA, his son and his PA joined them and told them not to lift the soil, they reprimanded me again and abused my caste," Kantaraj said.

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 01.08.2025 calling upon the borrower Mr. Moideen N.B., Slo, Bava, Nellimattathil House, Thrikiriyur PO, Kothamangalam-686692 and Guaritors Mr. Abdulla N.B., Aliyan N.B. and Nasra N.B. to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice dated 01.08.2025 being Rs. 1,01,72,453/- (Rupees One Crore One Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Three only) with future interest, incidental expenses, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

(1) All that part and parcel of 13.21 Ares of land with building in Sy No. 83/12/2-23, 88/15-1 and 83/12-1 at Thrikiriyur Village, Kothamangalam, Ernakulam in the name of Mr. Moideen N.B. **Boundaries**: At the per Location Sketch dated 26.08.2015; **East**: Property of Bakavu & Kottekudy; **West**: Property of Kottekudy Kunjamchandam, North: Property of Kottekudy and Kottekudy Aliyan; **South**: Road.

(2) All that part and parcel of 13.36 Ares of land with residential building in Sy No. 50/82 of Thrikiriyur Village, Kothamangalam, Ernakulam in the name of Moideen N.B. **Boundaries**: At the per Location Sketch dated 01.08.2021; **East**: PVP Canal Bnd Road, West: Property of Manakkad & Pathway, North: Property of Nellimattathil, South: Road.

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Sabarimala ghee scam: Vigilance registers case over irregularities

As per initial findings, around ₹35L was siphoned off from sale of ghee in less than 2 months

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THE Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau has registered a case in connection with the alleged irregularities in the sale of 'Adiya Sisham Ghee' in Sabarimala. S P Mahesh Kumar will monitor the team, while Pathanamthitta Vigilance DySP K B Manoj Kumar will be the investigating officer. Four Vigilance Inspectors will also be part of the team. The High Court had earlier directed the Vigilance to probe the incident after the irregularities regarding the sale of ghee, which is sold as offering to the devotees, came to its attention via the report of the Sabarimala Special Commissioner.

Preliminary findings have revealed that within a short span of less than two months, an amount of approximately ₹35 lakh was siphoned off exclusively from the sale of Adiya Sisham Ghee. The proceeds from this offering form a crucial part of the Travancore Devaswom Board's revenue.

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Spot booking for Sabarimala darshan open till Jan 19

Pathanamthitta: Spot booking counters for Sabarimala darshan will remain operational till January 19 as part of the annual pilgrimage season, enabling devotees to have darshan, officials said. Spot booking facilities are available at Pampa, Nilakkal and Erumeli. Virtual queue booking will also continue till January 19. Darshan of Lord Ayyappa adorned with the thiruvabharanam will be available till January 17, while neyyabhishekam will be performed till January 18. Up to January 18, a total of 50,000 devotees per day will be permitted entry through the virtual queue system, along with 5,000 devotees through spot booking. On January 19, 30,000 devotees will be allowed via the virtual queue and 5,000 through spot booking. The Mandala-Makaravilakku festival will conclude on January 20.

rity officer of the Travancore Devaswom Board disclosed that the sale proceeds of 16,628 packets of ghee sold from the counter situated in the Maramath Building was not remitted to the devaswom account.

The court pointed out that a Palakkad native was entrusted by the Board to fill 'Adiya Sisham Ghee' into packets for sale at various counters. The contractor is paid at the rate of ₹20 per packet for the assigned work. Significantly, the entire infrastructure for packing, which includes the packing machine, packing materials, and the ghee itself, is provided by the Devaswom Board.

There is a steel tank with a capacity of 700 litres into which ghee is filled using a motor. It is the duty of the contractor to fill each packet with 100 millilitres of ghee, which is thereafter sold to devotees at the counters for a sum of ₹100 per packet. Similar packing arrangements are stated to exist for other articles of sale such as turmeric, kumkum, holi ash etc.

The inspection revealed that

ber 17, 2025, to December 26, 2025, the contractor had packed 3,52,050 packets of 100 ml each, and those packets were entrusted to the Temple Special Officer for the purpose of sale. Out of the 3,52,050 packets, about 89,300 packets were sold from the counter in the Maramath Building on various days.

Out of the 89,300 packets, 143 were found damaged, and the total number of packets remaining in the counter as on December 27, 2025, was only 28. After deducting the damaged packets and the balance packets remaining in the counter, the sale proceeds corresponding to 89,129 packets ought to have been remitted to the Devaswom Board. However, the employees in charge of the counter deposited money only in respect of 75,450 packets.

The records thus reveal that the price of 13,679 packets, amounting to ₹13,67,900, has not been remitted. The court had observed that the magnitude of the short remittance, within a limited window of time, is alarming and cannot be brushed aside as an accounting lapse.



Devotees wait to climb the holy steps at Sabarimala on Thursday | SHAJ VETTIPURAM

Devaswom staff held for theft of foreign currency

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mouths unusually filled, leading to a detailed inspection. Vigilance officials said the accused exploited the fact that foreign currencies with special coatings would not get damaged even if concealed inside the mouth.

Malaysian currency was recovered from Gopakumar, while Euro, Canadian and UAE currencies were seized from Sunil. Further searches of their rooms led to the recovery of ₹13,820 in cash, including ₹500, ₹100, ₹20 and ₹10 notes, and a 2g gold locket from Gopakumar's bag. From Sunil Nair's bag, officials recovered ₹25,000 in cash, including fifty ₹500 notes, along with 17 foreign currency notes.

Call to bring back 12 students trapped in Iran amid unrest

ABHILASH CHANDRAN @Kottayam

AS nationwide unrest intensifies in the Islamic Republic of Iran, the escalating crisis has begun to impact Keralees, with reports indicating that 12 MBBS students from various parts of the state are currently trapped in Kerman, Iran. With the escalating civil war set to affect flight services, the parents and guardians of these students, who are pursuing MBBS at Kerman University of Medical Science in Iran have sought the intervention of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to evacuate them safely. Most of these students are in their first and second years of study and are preparing for their annual examinations.

According to Tharish Rahman, guardian of Afnan Sherin Ashraf, who hails from Erattupetta in Kottayam, the students have been instructed to remain at their residences due to the escalating unrest and are unable to communicate with their parents. "Frequent internet shutdowns and commu-

nication blackouts have hindered the students from maintaining regular contact with their families. Although the unrest has not directly affected their area, they are prohibited from leaving their residences due to security restrictions," he said.

In a letter sent to MEA, Indian Embassy in Iran and others, parents pointed out that "the complete disruption of communication has caused extreme anxiety among parents and makes it impossible to assess the real-time safety and condition of the students."

Tharish pointed out that the university authorities have already suspended all academic activities and instructed students to remain indoors. "The college authorities have informed students that they may return home if they wish, as their exams have been postponed to March. Although the students are currently residing in their dormitory in Kerman, the situation on the ground is rapidly deteriorating. Students reported that either agitators or the government conducted trial use of ammunition near their residence," they said.

Teen student's organs give lease of life to five

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AYONA Monson, a Plus Two student of Sacred Heart HSS, Payavoor, Kannur, who was declared brain dead after a fall from her school building, has become the source of new life for five persons across the state.

Doctors at Aster MIMS Hospital, Kannur confirmed the 17-year-old's brain death on Wednesday, after which

her family consented to donate her organs. Her organs, including two kidneys, liver, and corneas, were received by five patients at four hospitals across Kerala. In a first for the state, one of Ayona's kidneys was flown aboard a flight to the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Hospital. The decision to use air transport was taken to overcome

distance between Kannur and the capital city. The organ was transplanted into a 27-year-old woman from Parassala.

Her other kidney was transplanted into a patient at Aster MIMS Hospital, Kozhikode, while her liver went to Meitra Hospital, Kozhikode. The corneas were donated to patients at Thalassery District Hospital.



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