

'Trump is a dictator, Modi his slave'

AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge accuses PM of yielding to pressure from US over oil purchase

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AICC president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Sunday launched a sharp attack on Donald Trump and Narendra Modi, alleging that "Trump is a dictator and Modi is his slave".

Speaking at a foundation-stone laying ceremony for development projects worth over ₹1,060 crore in the Chittapur constituency of Kalaburagi district, Kharge criticised the Centre's foreign policy and accused the Prime Minister of yielding to pressure from the US.

Referring to India's oil purchases from Russia, Kharge claimed that the US had permitted such imports only for a month and alleged that Modi was acting in accordance with Washington's directions.

Commenting on the ongoing conflict in West Asia, he said that during the tenure of Jawaharlal Nehru, India had pursued the policy of Non-Alignment Movement, which, he



Mallikarjun Kharge and Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar at the foundation-stone laying ceremony for development projects in Kalaburagi | EXPRESS

said, had helped maintain global peace. "But what is Modi doing now? After he went to Israel, it bombed Iran. Iran's leader Khamenei was assassinated. If the leader of a country is assassinated, will that country be at peace? Will it be possible for the world to be at peace?" Kharge asked, adding that Modi's friendship with Trump had placed India in a difficult position.

He further alleged that files

related to Jeffrey Epstein contained information about individuals who had visited the disgraced financier and claimed that Trump was withholding them to pressure Modi.

Defending the record of the Indian National Congress, Kharge said that although the party had governed the country for decades, it had always protected India's interests. "No other country imposed conditions on India when Congress

was in power," he said.

Accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party of focusing only on criticism, Kharge said its leaders frequently target Congress figures including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, himself, Priyank Kharge, Siddaramaiah and D. K. Shivakumar.

He also highlighted development works undertaken during Congress governments, stating that projects such as the Gadag-Wadi railway line, roads and highways were initiated during the party's tenure.

Referring to the implementation of Article 371J granting special status to the Kalyana Karnataka region, Kharge said the provision had helped students from the area access opportunities in higher education. He added that the then Union Home Minister LK Advani had not responded to the demand earlier.

Expressing pride in his son and Chittapur MLA, Priyank Kharge, he said the legislator had been raising issues concerning people across the country.

Exact cause of youth's death will be known only after autopsy: Sources

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HE added that his son was speaking to family members even on Saturday and demanded stringent action against the policemen responsible for the brutal attack. "The police could have left my son alive by just breaking his leg with stones instead of killing him," said the inconsolable father.

Sources from GRH, where his body is kept, said the exact cause of the death would be known only after a postmortem.

Separate protests led by family members continued in Manamadurai and in front of the GRH in Madurai demanding action against policemen, a case under the SC/ST Act, compensation for the family, and a government job for a family member.

Akash was one of the two suspects (the other being R Guna (23) from the same locality) who assaulted P Jeyakumar (37) of Jeeva Nagar in Manamadurai and his friend R Alagar (40) of Aathanoor at 10.30 pm on March 5 near Zion Nagar in Manamadurai with machetes over a petty quarrel. The victims, who work at a chicken shop and a hotel, respectively, sustained injuries and were admitted to the GSMCH for treatment. CCTV footage of the attack later surfaced on social media. Akash was remanded by a court in connection with the case and was under treatment. Henri Tiphagne, advisor of the Joint Action Against Custodial Torture - Tamil Nadu (JAAC-TN) condemned the police in a video statement. Akash's case is the 26th such death in police custody, he said. The postmortem must be conducted following all due procedures and guidelines, Tiphagne said.

DALIT FARMER ATTACKED WITH SICKLE BY FOUR OBC PERSONS IN NELLAI

TIRUNELVELI: A 65-year-old Scheduled Caste farmer was allegedly attacked with a sickle by a group of four persons belonging to different Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities near Cheranmahadevi on Sunday evening. The police have launched a search to trace the suspects. Sources said, U Murugan (65), a resident of Udhayamarthandapuram village near South Ariyanayagipuram panchayat, had gone to bathe in the Thambarbarani River. During this time, a few persons from the same locality reportedly picked a quarrel with him. After finishing his bath, Murugan was walking back home when the four men allegedly intercepted him and attacked him with a sickle, leaving him with a deep cut on his left shoulder. The assailants fled the spot soon after the attack. Murugan, who sustained serious injuries, was rescued by local residents and taken to the Government Hospital in Cheranmahadevi. After being administered first aid, he was referred to the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital for further treatment. The Cheranmahadevi police have registered a case and are searching for suspects. ENS

Three held near Salem in money extortion bid

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THREE persons were arrested in connection with the extortion of money from migrant labourers at Sankagiri in Salem district.

According to the police, the complainant, M Saharudeen (25), a native of West Bengal, recently returned from a foreign country and was searching for a job. He decided to travel with two persons from his native, Jasmudeen and Najmal, who were heading to Thrissur in Kerala for work.

The three boarded the Thiruvananthapuram Express and when the train neared Palakkad, an unidentified person approached them, gave them a

visiting card with a phone number and asked them to contact him for job opportunities. Believing it to be genuine, they called the number and were asked to come to Sankagiri.

Following the instructions, the trio reached Sankagiri where they were picked

up in a car and taken to an isolated room several kilometres from the town. A group of men allegedly locked them inside a room and assaulted them with wooden logs while demanding money from their families. The gang demanded ₹30,000 from each of them.

After Jasmudeen and Najmal sent the money, they were released. Saharudeen's family later sent the amount, after which the accused allegedly dropped him along the Salem-Coimbatore National Highway late on Friday night and fled.

Saharudeen subsequently lodged a complaint with Sankagiri police.

Based on the complaint, police conducted a search and arrested three persons — M Somasundaram (34) and R Koushik Kumar (28) from Tiruchengode in Namakkal district, and G Ilaiyraj (35) of Erode district. The accused were remanded in judicial custody. Police said efforts are on to trace two more persons.

<p>1. Smt. M. Pothumani, W/o Late M. Manickam, 3/221, Kottaimedu, Nedunkulam Village, Edappadi Tk, Salem - 637 102 2. Late Sri Manickam M, (Deceased) S/o Malaiyappan, 3/211, Kottaimedu, Nedunkulam Village, Edappadi Tk, Salem-637102 Represented by his Legal Heirs: A) Smt. M. Pothumani, (Wife of Late M.Manickam) W/o Late M. Manickam, 3/221, Kottaimedu, Nedunkulam Village, Edappadi Tk, Salem - 637 102 B) Smt. M. Kanniyammal, (Mother of Late Sri.M.Manickam) W/o Malaiyappan, 5/224A, Thambagoundanur Village, Nedungulam Po, Edappadi Tk, Salem - 637107 C) Smt. M. Gowsalya, (Daughter of Late Sri.M.Manickam) D/o Late Manickam M, 5/224A, Thambagoundanur Village, Nedungulam Po, Edappadi Tk, Salem - 637107 D) Smt. M. Sindhuja, (Daughter of Late Sri.M.Manickam) D/o.Late Manickam M, 5/224A, Thambagoundanur Village, Nedungulam Po, Edappadi Tk, Salem - 637107 Rs.47,78,161/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred and Sixty One Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.26,00,000/- EMD : Rs.2,60,000/-</p>	<p>All that piece and parcel of land and buildings in the name of Smt. M. POTHUMANI W/o Late Sri. M. MANICKAM situated at Salem District, Salem (West) REGISTRATION DISTRICT, EDAPPADY SUB-Registration District, Edappadi Taluk, Nedunkulam Village, Survey No. 230/1A, Punja Acre 5.57, Cess/Assessment Rs. 12.53, as per UDR Survey; Survey No. 230/1A1 Punja Hect. 1.00.00, i.e., Acre 2.47, Cess/Assessment Rs.5.56 (Patta No. 629), in these PART OF LAND to the extent of Acre 1.34 1/2 were plotted into house sites / plots in which PLOT NO.5 having the boundaries and extents are as under; NORTH of - South - North 16 feet wide, East-West Road. WEST of - Plot No.6 belonging to Narayanan. SOUTH of - South-North 16 feet wide, East-West Road. EAST of - Plot No.4 of remaining land. In between the above, the linear measurements; East West on Northern side - 27'3" feet. East West on Southern side - 27'3" feet. South-North on Eastern side - 50 feet. South-North on Western side - 50 feet. Thus, admeasuring 1362 1/2 sq. feet of land & Building along with rights to use and/or take cattle, cart and vehicle through the pathways left therein and all pathway rights and easement rights as prescribed in the Sale Deed dated 20.09.2012 (Doc. No. 3880/2012) and its parent title deeds.</p>
<p>1. Late Sri. M. Prabaharan, S/o Muthusamy, D. No. 3/107, West Street Manjini Village Town, Attur Tk, Salem - 636 141. 2. Mrs. P. Sharmila, W/o Late Prabaharan, D. No. 3/107, West Street Manjini Village Town, Attur Tk, Salem - 636 141. 3. Mrs. M. Esuari, W/o Muthusamy, D.No. 3/107, West Street, Manjini Village Town, Attur Tk, Salem - 636 141. 4. Miss. P. Ragavi, D/o Late.Prabaharan D. No. 3/107, West Street Manjini Village Town, Attur Tk, Salem - 636 141. 5. Sri. P. Divagar, S/o. Late.prabaharan, D.No. 3/107, West Street, Manjini Village Town, Attur Tk, Salem - 636 141 Rs.47,70,952/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.25,97,000/- EMD : Rs.2,59,700/-</p>	<p>All that part and parcel of land and buildings in the name of Late Sri. M. Prabaharan S/o Muthusamy situated at Salem District, Salem (EAST) Registration District, Attur Sub Registration District, Attur Taluk, Manjini Village, Mela Veethi, West street, Door No. 3/107, Natham Survey No. 157/2, As per Natham land development scheme S. No. 319/6 (Part), Patta No. 374, to the extent of 1476 sq. ft of land having the following boundaries and extents are as under; North of - East - West common Street. West of - House belonging to M.Prakash. South of - House belonging to Rangan. East of - House belonging to Dhanabakkiam Linear Measurements: East to West on North - 41 ft East to West on South - 41 ft South to North on East - 36 ft South to North on West - 36 ft Thus admeasuring 1476 sq. feet of land & Building with all easement rights attached thereto.</p>
<p>Sri P Subiramani S/o Pachamuthu D No 37 Vannakattur Sankari Sundamettur Post Salem 637102 Rs.53,38,545/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Five Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.25,26,000/- EMD : Rs.2,52,600/-</p>	<p>All that part and parcel of land and building in the name of SRI. P. SUBIRAMANI S/O PACHAMUTHU Located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Magudanchavadi Sub Registration District, Sankagiri Taluk, Puthur Village, Patta No. 1321, Survey No. 99/38, Punja Hect. 0.52.5, cess/Assessment Rs.2.91 in this land to the extent of 0.06% cent (2834 Sq. ft) of Land., having the boundaries and measurements are as under; South of - Land of Mohan and East - West common pathway North of - Land of Venkatchalam East of - Land of Chinnadurai & common pathway West of - S.No.99/7B Linear Measurements: East - West on Northern Side - 27.6 Meter East - West on Southern Side - 27.2 Meter South - North on Eastern Side - 9.8 Meter South - North on Western Side - 9.8 Meter Thus admeasuring to the extent of 0.06 1/2 cent (2834 Sq. feet) of Land and Building., along with rights to use and /or take cattle, cart and vehicle through the roads/pathways left therein and all pathway rights and easement rights as prescribed in the RELEASE DEED dated 21.04.2016 (Document No. 1983/2016) and its parent title deeds and the property is situated within the limit of Magudanchavadi Panchayat Union.</p>
<p>Sri R.Soundappan, S/o.Ramanathan, D.No.4/365, Indhira Nagar, Vembadithalam, Salem - 637 504 Smt.Manjula Soundappan, W/o Soundappan, D. No. 4/365, Indhira Nagar, Vembadithalam, Salem - 637504. Rs.41,59,840/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.22,05,000/- EMD : Rs.2,20,500/-</p>	<p>All that part and parcel of land and Building in the name of Sri R.Soundappan S/o. S.Ramanathan located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Magudanchavadi Sub Registration District, Sankari Taluk, Naduvanerri Village, Sivaya Nagara, Plot No.21 & 22, Survey No. 207/1 (Part), Patta No. 1680, to the extent of 2000 Sq. ft of Land having following boundaries and linear measurements as under; North of - 20 feet wide East-West common Road South of - Plot Nos.19 & 20 East of - Plot No. 23 West of - Land bearing S.No.210 Linear Measurements: East to West on North - 50.5 ft East to West on South - 49.5 ft South to North on East - 40 ft South to North on West - 40 ft Thus admeasuring 2000 Sq. ft of Land and building with all easement rights attached</p>
<p>Smt. M. Sudha, W/o. G.Muthuraj, D.No.8/195, North Street, Anayampatty, Gangavalli, Salem - 636105. Rs.30,06,755/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.22,00,000/- EMD : Rs.2,20,000/-</p>	<p>All that part and parcel of land and building in the name of Smt. M.Sudha, W/o. G.Muthuraj located at Salem District, Salem East RD, Gangavalli SRD, Gangavalli Taluk, Anaiampatty Village (pudhur), Natham S.No.121 as per Natham Land development scheme S. No. 394/11 & 394/12, Patta No. 156, to the extent of 828.50 sq. ft (747.25 + 82.25) of land having following boundaries and measurements. Boundaries for 828.5 sq.ft of land : North of : House belonging to Chelliamal and Mani, South of : East - West street, East of : House belonging to Selvamani and Chelliamal, West of : Land belonging to Periyasamy. Linear measurements : ITEM - 1: East to West on North - 24.5 feet, East to West on South - 24.5 feet, South to North on East - 30.5 feet, South to North on West - 30.5 feet, Total area is 747.25 sq. feet. ITEM - 2: East to West on North - 12.5 feet, East to West on South - 12.5 feet, South to North on East - 6.5 feet, South to North on West - 6.5 feet, Total area is 81.25 sq. feet. Total Area of Item 1 + 2 = 747.25 + 81.25 sq. ft. Thus admeasuring 828.50 sq. feet of land.</p>
<p>Smt. D. Nandhini, W/o Durai, D.No.569, Bommiyampatti, Omalur Taluk, Salem - 636 351 Rs.31,65,814/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.20,76,000/- EMD : Rs.2,07,600/-</p>	<p>All that part and parcel of Land & Building in the name of SMT. D. NANDHINI W/O DURAI located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Omalur Sub Registration District, Omalur Taluk, Kadaiyampatti North Village, S.No.223/2, Punja Hect.2.22.5, Cess/Assessment Rs.12.38, Now as per Sub Division; Patta No.1484, S.No.223/2A, Punja Hect.0.55.0, Cess/Assessment Rs.3.10, which was plotted in house sites/Plots, name and style of V.N. NAGAR regarding the Plot No.3 to the extent of 1200 sq. ft. of Land, having the boundaries and extent are as under : East of - Plot No.4 West of - Plot No.2 North of - 20 feet wide Layout Road South of - Land of Rajendiran Linear Measurements: East - West on Northern side - 30 ft East - West on Southern Side - 30 ft South - North on Eastern side - 40 ft South - North on Western side - 40 ft Thus admeasuring to the extent of 1200 sq. ft. of Land and building and rights to use and/or take cattle, cart and vehicle through the pathways left therein and all pathway rights and easement rights as prescribed in the SALE DEED dated 27.08.2014 (Doc. No. 6491/2014) and its parent title deeds and the property is situated within the limits of Bommiyampatti Panchayat and Kadaiyampatti Union.</p>
<p>Smt. Jaya P, W/o. Palanisamy, No.181/1, Gopinathapuram, Sakkarachettipatti, Omalur, Salem - 636305. Sri. C.Palanisamy, S/o. Chinnu, No.3/85B, Gopinathapuram, Sakkarachettipatti, Omalur, Salem - 636305. Rs.43,38,191/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety One Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.20,28,000/- EMD : Rs.2,02,800/-</p>	<p>Property is standing in the name of SMT. JAYA P. All that piece and parcel of land & Building in Salem District, Salem West Regn. Dist., Omalur Sub-regn. Dist., Omalur Taluk, Gopinathapuram Village, S.No.62/3, punja Acre 9.61 as per Resurvey, S.No.73/1, punja Hect 2.13.0, as per Sub division resurvey Patta No.375, Survey No.73/1A to the extent of 1961 Sq.Feet (out of Hect 0.81.0) in this Part of land and building constructed thereon, having the boundaries and extent are as under; South of : Land allotted to Anbalagan, North of : Land of Kaaliyappan, West of : Common Pathway, East of : Land allotted to Anbalagan, In between the above, the linear measurements; East-west on both northern & Southern sides : 37 feet, South-North on both Eastern & Western sides : 53 feet. Thus, admeasuring 1961 Sqft of land along with RCC terrace building bearing D.No.4/181 and its doors, windows, fixtures, fittings, electricity service connection (S.C.No.1426) water tap connection and rights to use and /or take cattle, cart and vehicle through the pathways left therein and all pathway rights and easement rights as prescribed in the Gift settlement Deed dated 11.05.2016 (Doc.No. 3171/2016) and its parent title deeds.</p>
<p>1. Sri.S.Sivaraj, S/o Sithan, D. No.2/70, Malankadu, Kalparapatti, Salem-637504. 2. Sri.S.Mani, S/o Sithan, D. No. 2/70, Malankadu, Kalparapatti, Salem-637504. Rs.35,73,288/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Eight Only) due as on 01-03-2026 Reserve Price : Rs.14,00,000/- EMD : Rs.1,40,000/-</p>	<p>All that part and parcel of Land in the name of SRI. S. MANI S/O SITHAN located at Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Veerapandi Sub Registration District, Salem South Taluk, Kalparapatti Village, Patta No. 223, Survey No. 43/15, Punja hect 0.08.0, cess/assessment Rs.0.62, in this part of land to the extent of 0.04 1/2 cent (1962 sq. ft) of vacant house site, having the boundaries and extent are as under; Boundaries: North of - Remaining land of Sithan in S. No. 43/15 South of - Common pathway East of - Land of Perumayee West of - Other property of Sithan in S. No. 43/14A Measurements: East - West on Northern side - 30 ft East - West on Southern side - 30 ft South - North on Eastern side - 65 1/4 ft South - North on Western side - 65 1/2 ft Thus, admeasuring 1962 Sq. ft of vacant House site., and rights to use and/or take cattle, cart and vehicle through the pathways left therein and all pathway rights and easement rights as prescribed in the GIFT Settlement Deed dated 22.08.2019 (Doc No. 2581/2019) and its parent title deeds, and the property situated at Kalparapatti Village Panchayat and Veerapandi union. Now as per SubDivision: the aforesaid Survey No.43/15 was sub divided into Survey No.43/15A</p>
<p>1. M/s. MKRS Blue Metals, Proprietor: Sri. M.Ramesh, S/o. Murugan, D.No.8/145, Moolakadu, Mettur Dam, Salem - 636 452. 2. Sri. M.Ramesh, S/o. Murugan, D.No.4/97, Achankadu, Moolakadu, Mettur Dam, Salem - 636 452. 3. Sri. M.Sankar, S/o. Murugan, D.No.4/97, Achankadu, Moolakadu, Mettur Dam, Salem - 636 452. 4. Smt. Ranjitham D, W/o. Dhanapal, D.No.9/1-311, Guruvakadu, Pudhusampalli, Veerakkalpudur, Mettur Dam, Salem - 636 403. Rs.32,84,046/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Eighty Four Forty Six only) due as on 01-03-2026 PROPERTY-1 : Reserve Price : Rs.2,12,000/- EMD : Rs.21,200/- PROPERTY-2 : Reserve Price : Rs.50,70,000/- EMD : Rs.5,07,000/-</p>	<p>PROPERTY-1: All that part and parcel of land and building in the name of SRI. M. RAMESH S/O MURUGAN & SRI. M. SANKAR S/O MURUGAN located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Mettur Sub Registration District, Mettur Taluk, Moolakadu village, in Survey No. 64/2 as per Sub-division 64/2B, Patta No. 455, in this total extent 0.50 Acre of Land., having the boundaries and its extents are as under; Boundaries : North of Land belonging to S.Sivaraman, South of Remaining Land belonging to S.Murugan, East of Land belonging to Andavar Crusher, West of Land belonging to S.Sivaraman. Thus, admeasuring 0.50 Acre of land., and mamool pathway rights therein. PROPERTY-2: All that part and parcel of land and building in the name of SMT. D. RANJITHAM W/O DHANAPAL located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Mettur Sub Registration District, Mettur Taluk, Veerakkalpudur village, Puthusamballi, Kuruvakadu, Indira Nagar, Door No. 9/1-311, Survey No. 191/2 as per Natham land development scheme S. No. 329/12, Patta No. 661, in this total extent 1303.50 Sq. ft of Land., having the boundaries and its extents are as under; Boundaries: North of 8 feet street. South of Land belonging to S.Mariyappan, East of Land belonging to Sengodan, West of 16 feet street. Linear measurements : South to North on the East: 33 ft, South to North on the West: 33 ft, East to West on the North: 39.5 ft, East to West on the South: 39.5 ft. Thus, admeasuring 1303.5 sq. feet of land., with RCC terraced building and Electric water connection and mamool pathway rights therein.</p>

Date & Time of Auction : Date : 25.03.2026 / Time between 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) The Earnest Money Deposit shall be Deposited on or before 24.03.2026 till 5.00 pm

Inspection of Date and Time of above properties : Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on any working day between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's Website : www.canarabank.com of may contact above mentioned branches during office hours on any working day.

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