

Gold smuggling: I'm innocent, have been falsely implicated, says actor Ranya Rao

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KANNADA actor Ranya Rao, 33, who was arrested at KIA after she was found carrying 14.8 kg of gold bars on March 3, has claimed that she is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case.

In a letter to the Additional Director General (ADG) of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) written on March 6 from Bengaluru Central Prison, Ranya claimed that nothing has been recovered from her and that she has been implicated in the case to protect some other passengers.

Ranya claimed that she was not searched and no mazhar was conducted as stated by investigating officers.

The letter submitted to the DRI through the prison department has been making the rounds a day after the Special Court for Economic Offences dismissed her bail plea. TNSE could not confirm the veracity



Ranya Rao

of the letter. Chief Superintendent of Bengaluru Central Prison K Suresh sent the letter to the DRI on March 7.

In the four-page letter in English, Ranya stated that they (DRI officers) apprehended her from inside the aircraft and from that time till she was produced before the court, she was hit and slapped for about 15 times by the officers whom she can identify. Unable to bear the pressure and torture, she signed around 60 pages of statement and around 40 blank pages. Ranya alleged that DRI officers forced her to starve and

K'TAKA DGP RAO ORDERED TO GO ON LEAVE

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government on Saturday ordered DGP K Ramachandra Rao, Chairman and Managing Director of Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., and step-father of actor Ranya Rao, prime accused in the gold smuggling case, to go on compulsory leave. KV Sharath Chandra, ADGP, Recruitment, has been given concurrent charge of Rao's post with immediate effect.

did not allow her to sleep while in custody. She requested the ADG not to consider her statements recorded after her arrest till she was produced before the court. She mentioned her Under Trial Prisoner (UTP) number as 2198/25

Meanwhile, the court adjourned the hearing of the bail petition of Tarun Konduru Raju, a close associate of Ranya, to Monday. He was arrested by DRI officers on Sunday. Raju's advocates filed the bail petition on Friday and the court asked DRI officers to file objections to it on Saturday.

Agencies investigating the case have reportedly questioned two city-based businessmen, suspecting their involvement in hawala transactions in the gold smuggling case. These two are into gold business and were reportedly sending money to Dubai and receiving gold from there.

During the ED raid on multiple locations in the city on Thursday, the premises of these businessmen were also searched. A person from Hosmane Layout in Chikkamagaluru is also said to have been picked up for questioning.

ISRO successfully conducts hot testing of CE20 cryogenic engine for LVM3-M6 mission

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THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the flight acceptance hot testing of the CE20 cryogenic engine for the sixth operational mission of the LVM3 launch vehicle (LVM3-M6) on Saturday. The test took place at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri. Cryogenic engines undergo hot testing before every mission as part of the flight acceptance process.

Until now, these tests were conducted at the High-Altitude Test (HAT) facility at IPRC, where vacuum conditions are simulated using complex installations, limiting the test duration to 25 seconds. However, in this latest test, the engine was fired for an extended duration of 100 seconds for the first time under non-vacuum conditions using an innovative Noz-



zle Protection System.

This new method significantly reduces the setup time and effort required for flight acceptance testing, enabling faster delivery of cryogenic stages for space missions. The CE20 engine met all test objectives, with performance parameters closely matching predictions throughout the test. The engine will now be integrated into the Cryogenic Upper Stage of the LVM3-M6 launch vehicle, scheduled for liftoff in the second half of 2025.

DEVASWOM BOARD

‘Clarify on display of DYFI flags in temple event’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kollam/T'Puram

THE Travancore Devaswom Board has intervened after revolutionary songs were rendered during the festival at Kadakkal Devi temple, kicked up a row in the state. TDB sought explanation from the temple advisory committee over the controversial music programme. The board also directed vigilance wing to probe into the alleged display of DYFI flags and the performance of songs glorifying the CPM.

“The High Court had banned the display of symbols or flags of political, religious and caste organisations at temples. The TDB is responsible to ensure it. The board takes a strict stand against such incidents,” the board said in a statement. Board president PS Prasanth told media persons that a probe has been ordered and action will be taken on the basis of the report.

Special incentive: 1.30L cane farmers to benefit

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“THIS provides ₹3,500 per MT to benefit 1.30 lakh sugarcane farmers, and ₹297 crore will be allocated for this,” the minister said. Farmers, however, have been demanding ₹5,500 per tonne due to increase in production cost.

The minister said the total area under horticulture crops has reached 16.3 lakh hectares in 2023-24, making horticulture a key driver of agricultural growth in Tamil Nadu.

The initiatives to promote natural/organic farming include: Establishing natural farming clusters, marketing organic and natural farming products, full subsidy for pesticide residue testing to organic farmers, exemption of certification fees for organic farming certification, and setting up Quality Control Laboratories in four places, etc.

The Nutrition Farming Mission aims to boost the income

of farmers and to ensure the availability of nutritious vegetables, fruits, pulses, etc, to consumers. Under this scheme, Fruit Plant Kits with three quick-bearing fruits will be given to nine lakh families while Pulses Kits will be distributed to one lakh households at 75% subsidy.

Under the agriculture mechanisation programme, 5,000 agricultural machinery implements will be distributed in 2,338 villages to benefit 17,000 farmers. Another key announcement is the Hill Farmers Development Scheme for the welfare of 63,000 hill farmers at an outlay of ₹22.80 crore. The minister also said over the past four years, ₹1,631.53 crore has been distributed as relief assistance to 20.84 lakh farmers for the damages caused to agricultural and horticultural crops. Also, ₹5,242 crore has been provided as crop insurance compensation to 30 lakh farmers in past four years.



SURF AND SAIL

A fisherman returns ashore with his catch fish on a boat, while a group of people indulge in surfing as part of their refreshment activities, at Serenity Beach in Thandirayankuppam on Saturday | **SRIRAM R**

Drunk prison warden crashes into SP's car in Vellore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vellore

A prison warden, under the influence of alcohol, crashed his bike into the four-wheeler of Vellore SP Mathivanan. The incident occurred on Friday

night, at the Raja Cinema signal on Anna Salai when the SP's car had come to a halt.

Mathivanan was on his way from his office in Sathuvachari to his bungalow in Velapadi when the accident took place.

The South Police, who were present at the scene, arrested Vijayakumar.

During inquiry, it was revealed that Vijayakumar (37) was a warden employed at the Vellore Central Prison.

Village officer fleeing DVAC jumps into lake with ‘bribe’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Coimbatore

A village administrative officer, fleeing a team of DVAC officials with the bribe amount, jumped into the Perur Periyakulam lake after his bike veered off the road here on Friday night. Though the officials managed to catch the VAO, they were unable to retrieve the money, amounting to ₹3,500, that was thrown into the lake.

The suspect has been identified as M Vetrivel, VAO of Madvarayapuram village near Alandurai. Vetrivel had allegedly collected the money from a cancer patient Marathaal, who had approached him recently for a legal heir certificate after her husband's death. When the Krishnasamy handed over the money to the VAO on Friday, DVAC team led by ADSP Divya, who were hiding nearby, surrounded Vetrivel, sitting on his two-wheeler and caught him red-handed.

Realising that he was trapped, the VAO suddenly escaped in his two-wheeler after pushing a few DVAC officials down to the ground. An official said when they were chasing, Vetrivel jumped into the lake after the bike veered off the road. “A case has been registered against him under two sections of 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act,” an official said.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar, Queens road Bangalore-52.

No.EE/SJN/TEND/18/2024-25 Date: 15.03.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Only through E-Procurement Portal)) TWO COVER SYSTEM

1. The Executive Engineer (Shivaji nagar Division), BBMP, Bangalore on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with BBMP/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka ([viz https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in](https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. 2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **17-03-2025 .3. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours on 24-03-2025** and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines 4. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs)/ EMD amount in Rs.
1	Providing interlocking Cobble Stones for state head quarters of Bharath Scouts and Guides ground Palace road (Phase -I) in Ward No: 117 Vasanth Nagar. Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : 100.00 , EMD : 2,00,000.00 (1,00,000.00 NEFT Remaining 1,00,000.00 Bank Guarantee)
2	Providing interlocking Cobble Stones for state head quarters of Bharath Scouts and Guides ground Palace road (Phase -II) in Ward No: 117 Vasanth Nagar. Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : 100.00 , EMD : 2,00,000.00 (1,00,000.00 NEFT Remaining 1,00,000.00 Bank Guarantee)
3	Construction of Dining Hall and Toilets for State Head Quarters of Bharath Scouts and Guides, Palace Ground in Ward No: 117 Vasanth Nagar. Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : 100.00 , EMD : 2,00,000.00 (1,00,000.00 NEFT Remaining 1,00,000.00 Bank Guarantee)
4	Additional works to Dining hall and toilets for State Head Quarters of Bharath Scouts and Guides, Palace Ground in Ward No: 117 Vasanth Nagar. Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : 100.00 , EMD : 2,00,000.00 (1,00,000.00 NEFT Remaining 1,00,000.00 Bank Guarantee)

Calendar of events :

1) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **21-03-2025 at 12.00Hrs** noon in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, Queens Road, Bangalore-52.

2) Technical Bids will be opened on the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, BBMP, Bangalore on **25-03-2025 at 16.30 hrs.** if possible or next working day.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, BBMP.

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SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, R/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co-borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on 17-04-2025 "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS WHAT IS CONDITION" for recovery of below mentioned amount due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from the following borrowers.

SI.No.1 : Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from
1. Mr.Boobalan, S/o. UTHAYAKUMAR, 2/324, Palayapattu street, Panaiyakudi, Pulavanur, Kadakkam, Mayiladuthurai - 692005. 2. Mrs.Selvi, W/o Boobalan, 2/324, Palayapattu street, Panaiyakudi, Pulavanur, Kadakkam, Mayiladuthurai- 692005

Loan Account No:- SEMYLDRO221275, Claim Amount Due Rs.1,52,291/- as on 21.09.2023 with further interest from 22.09.2023 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.3,31,909.26/- as on 10-03-2025).

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of land and building, comprised in Natham R.S.No. 127, with an extent of 1500 sq.ft., situated at Panaiyakudi village, Mayiladuthurai taluk, Nagapattinam district, bounded on the North : Plot belongs to Mr. Kannan, South : Plot belongs to Mr. Kathiresan, East : Road, West : Plot belongs to Mohan. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Sub Registrar Mayiladuthurai joint I and Registration District of Mayiladuthurai. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary / mamool rights annexed thereto.

Contact Names: Manimaran : 8148643545; Santhosh Shanmugavel : 7448865337

Reserve Price: ₹ 1,50,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 15,000/-

SI.No.2 : Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from
1. Mrs.Keerthika, W/o. Alexpandi, No. 894/2, Sadaiyankadu, Vettaikaraniruppu, Kilyelur, Nagapattinam - 611112. 2. Mr.Alexpandi, S/o Arul Francisrali, No. 894/2, Sadaiyankadu, Vettaikaraniruppu, Kilyelur, Nagapattinam - 611112

Loan Account No:- SEMYPTMO412010, Claim Amount Due Rs.4,20,208/- as on 06.08.2024 with further interest from 07.08.2024 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.5,22,217/- as on 10-03-2025).

Description of the Immovable Property : All that Piece and parcel of land along with newly Constructed Cement sheet house building, Comprised in New S.No. 33/8A, (Old S.No.33/8), measuring with an extent of 0.13.5 Ares (1350Sq.mt), Situated at Kovilpattu Village, Vedaranyam Taluk, Nagapattinam district, Bounded on the (New Sub - Division No.33.8A2) North by : Vijayakumar property, South by : Pirito property, East by : Ganesan property, West by : Vaikkal Or Road, Measurement : 1350Sq.mt Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Thirupudurai and Registration District of Nagapattinam. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary / mamool rights annexed thereto.

Contact Names: Manimaran : 8148643545; Murgan.G : 8838375304

Reserve Price: ₹ 8,14,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 81,400/-

SI.No.3 : Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from
1. Mr.Madhavan, S/o. Ramalingam, No.4/642, Mathakadi Main Road, Thalaignayar, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam 609201. 2. Mrs.Divya, W/o. Madhavan, No.4/642, Mathakadi Main Road, Thalaignayar, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam 609201.

Loan Account No:- SEKRKL0302549, Claim Amount Due Rs.3,40,755/- as on 30.09.2021 with further interest from 01.10.2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.8,89,294.31/- as on 10-03-2025).

Description of the Immovable Property : All that Piece and parcel of land and Building, Comprised in New S.No.279/10' Old S.No.279/10' Part, With an extent of 5802 Sq.ft., Situated at Thalainayaru Village, Mayiladuthurai Taluk, Nagapattinam District, Bounded on the North by : Road, South by : Kudrampoornthishwarar Swamy land, East by : Natham Vacant Land, West by : Kudrampoornthishwarar Swamy Plot. Measurement : 5802 Sq.ft., Situated at within the Sub - Registration District of Seerkali and Registration District of Mayiladuthurai. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary / mamool rights annexed thereto.

Contact Names: Manimaran : 8148643545; Santhosh Shanmugavel : 7448865337

Reserve Price: ₹ 16,25,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 1,62,500/-

DATE OF AUCTION 17-04-2025
For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction sale, please refer to the link provided in www.equitasbank.com&https://www.bankauctions.com

Date : 16-03-2025
Place: Nagapattinam

Authorized Officer,
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SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 04-04-2025 (Friday), 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM
EMD Last Date : On or Before commencement of E-Auction

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical / symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank / Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank / Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Name & addresses of the Borrower / Guarantors account
Borrower : Mr. K. Ezhilarasan, S/o. Mr. Kaliyaperumal, Adakudiyar Thoppu Street, Pillur Village, Nannilam Taluk, Thiruvaur - 609 403. **Guarantors and Mortgagors :** 1. Mr. K. Senthilkumar, S/o. Mr. Kaliyaperumal, Adakudiyar Thoppu Street, Pillur Village, Nannilam Taluk, Thiruvaur - 609 403 and 2. Mrs. E. Subha, W/o. Mr. K. Ezhilarasan, Adakudiyar Thoppu Street, Pillur Village, Nannilam Taluk, Thiruvaur - 609 403.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
Property I : All that part and parcel of Property belongs to Mr. K. Ezhilarasan - Thiruvaur District, Mayiladuthurai Registration District, Peralam Sub-Registration District, Nannilam Taluk, Nannilam Panchayat Union, Keeranur Revenue Village, Keeranur Village Main Road, Sri Devi Garden, Plot No. 18. **Item No. I :** Survey No. 200 (1/200/2), Vacant Plot, Extent 1800 Sq. Ft. (167.22 Sq. Mtr.). Four Boundaries : North of Sri Devi Garden Layout, East of Mr. K. Senthilkumar Manai, West of Plot No. 17 and South of Layout Road. **Property II :** All that part and parcel of Property belongs to Mr. K. Senthilkumar - Thiruvaur District, Mayiladuthurai Registration District, Peralam Sub-Registration District, Nannilam Taluk, Nannilam Panchayat Union, Kaduvangudi Revenue Village, Kaduvangudi Nattar Linekaral Street. **Item No. II :** Survey No. 57/10, Puzai Manai, Extent 0.09 Cent (350 Sq. Mtr.). Four Boundaries : North of Mr. Arunachalam Pillai Kollai, East of Mr. Venkatachalapathi Kollai, West of Mr. Kanagasabai, Mr. Natesa Pillai and others Kollai and South of Nainar Vaikkal. **Property III :** All that part and parcel of Property belongs to Mrs. E. Subha, W/o. Mr. K. Ezhilarasan - Thiruvaur District, Nannilam Taluk, Mayiladuthurai Registration District, Peralam Sub Registration District, Nannilam Panchayat Union, Keeranur Revenue Village, Keeranur Main Road, Sri Devi Garden Plot No. 10. **Item No. III :** Survey No. (R. S. No. 200 as per UDR 200/3), Manai Extent 1956 Sq. Ft. (181.71 Sq. Mt.). Four Boundaries : East of Plot No. 11, West of Plot No. 9, South of Layout Road and North of Vaikkal.

A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	09-11-2021
B) Outstanding Amount : Rs. 20,70,630.71 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty and Seventy One Paisa only) as on 31-01-2025 plus further interest, costs and other charges thereon from 01-02-2025.	
C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	06-04-2022
D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	Symbolic

Details of encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor : Nil

Property I - Reserve Price : Rs. 8,10,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 81,000/-, Bid Increase amount : Rs. 1,00,000/-
Property II - Reserve Price : Rs. 12,70,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,27,000/-, Bid Increase amount : Rs. 1,00,000/-
Property III - Reserve Price : Rs. 51,10,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 5,11,000/-, Bid Increase amount : Rs. 1,00,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS : The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions : 1. The properties are bein sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through E-auction platform provided at the Website <https://www.baanknet.com> on 04-04-2025 (Friday), 10:00AM to 04:00PM. For detailed term and Conditions of the sale, please Refer <https://www.baanknet.com>.

Date : 15-03-2025
Place : Trichy

AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK,
SECURED CREDITOR