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I have been spending New Year day every year in an SC/ST colony for past 16 years and listening to their problems, and finding solutions in my capacity. This new year 2024 was spent in Njarakkatt SC colony in Kozhikode district of Kerala.

# Min Nitin Gadkari to officially open Munnar-Bodimettu NH tomorrow

### 42-km stretch was completed spending Rs 380.76 cr; he will also inaugurate Cheruthoni bridge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ldukki

UNION Minister for Road and Transport Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate the newly constructed Munnar-Bodimettu stretch of Kochi-Dhanushkodi National Highway on Friday at a public function to be held in Munnar at 2.15pm.

Although the inauguration of the highway was scheduled to be held on October 12, last year, the programme was adjourned later.

Apart from the highway, the minister will also inaugurate the newly built Cheruthoni bridge in Idukki.

The construction work of the new bridge in Cheruthoni had begun after the old bridge was damaged in the 2018 flood, caused as a result of the opening of Idukki dam.

Though a proposal to build a new bridge was submitted before the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, it was rejected due to high cost estimate.

Later in 2019, when Dean Kuriaakose was elected to Parliament, a new proposal was submitted before the ministry, following which administrative sanction of Rs 23.83 crore to build the bridge was received in 2020.

Nitin Gadkari had inaugurated the construction work of the bridge through video conferencing in October, 2020.

After the inauguration of the construction work in 2020, completing the bridge in a time-bound manner within three years was an achievement for the district, said Idukki MP Dean Kuriaakose. "Although the work of the Munnar-Bodimettu National Highway had begun in 2017, the authorities had to overcome many hurdles until the work was completed in 2023. The inauguration of the bridge and the highway at the same time are great achievements with regard to the development of Idukki district," he said. According to him, the 42-km stretch of the Munnar-Bodimettu National Highway was completed spending Rs 380.76 crore.



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Dean Kuriaakose, MP from Idukki



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A migrant worker without any safety gear prepares to axe the branches of a tree near Sri Siva Subrahmanya Swayambhoo Temple in Vyttila, Kochi | A SANESEH

# Arrangements for State School Kalolsavam in final stages 33.71 lakh pilgrims visited Sabarimala till January 3

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kollam

THE gold cup for the State School Kalolsavam champions made its way to Kollam on Wednesday. The gold cup was brought from Kozhikode, the reigning champions, in a procession from there to Kollam, commencing on Tuesday.

Education Minister V Sivankutty welcomed the procession and received the trophy at Enathu Village, located on the Kollam-Pathanamthitta

border. Finance Minister K N Balagopal, Animal Welfare Minister J Chinchu Rani, MLA M Mukesh, Kodikunnil Suresh, MP, teachers, students, and others were present.

As the excitement builds, final preparations for the upcoming festivities are under way. A total of 2,475 boys will be accommodated in 14 schools, while 2,250 girls will be lodged in nine schools. To ensure the seamless movement of contestants between venues, twenty-



The gold cup

five autorickshaws will be providing free transportation services starting January 4, operating between 8 am and 8 pm. Help desks have been established at the station and bus stand to assist contestants.

The construction of the stage and pandal for the festival has been completed, with seating arrangements for more than 10,000 spectators at the main venue. KSRTC buses and 'Grama Vandis' sponsored by the Kollam Corporation are offering free services for contestants, picking them up from the railway station and bus stands. Essential amenities such as drinking water and first-aid facilities have been organised at each venue, complemented by the services of a medical team from private hospitals. Ambulance services will also be readily available at the venues. To ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, a dedicated 24-hour police helpline has been made operational.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Pathanamthitta

AS many as 33,71,695 pilgrims visited Sabarimala temple during the Mandalam-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season till 5 pm on January 3.

According to TDB officials, the hill shrine has been witnessing a heavy rush after the temple was reopened for Makaravilakku on December 30.

After the reopening, as many as 3,83,268 devotees visited the temple so far. As per the details shared by the emergency operation centre, over one lakh devotees each reached the temple on January 1 and January 2.

On January 1, as many as 1,01,789 pilgrims reached the temple. On the second day of this month, as many as 1,00,372 devotees visited the temple. On January 3, till 5 pm, 59,143 pilgrims climbed the hill shrine.

On January 2, as many as 19,912 pilgrims reached the



temple through Karimala forest trekking path. As many as 3,291 people reached Sannidhanam through Sathram- Pulmedu-Sabarimala forest trekking path.

As the number of pilgrims trekking through the traditional forest paths increased, the forest department has made arrangements to ensure their safety.

Last year, over 50 lakh devotees visited the hill shrine during the entire Mandalam-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season. This year's Makaravilakku is on January 15.

## EXPRESS READ

### Nat'l youth seminar on Jan 31, Feb 1

Pathanamthitta: Kerala State Youth Commission is organising a two-day national youth seminar on January 31 and February 1 in Thiruvananthapuram. The topic of the seminar is 'Youth Empowerment, Mental Resilience, Happiness: Challenges and Possibilities.' Interested people between the ages of 18 and 40 can take part in the seminar. Applications should be submitted along with biodata and photographs by January 15.

### Rubber Board to provide advice on disease control measures of rubber

Kottayam: Farmers can contact the Rubber Board call centre to get advice on diseases that affect rubber during the winter season and its control measures. Edwin Prem E, senior scientist at the Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII), will answer the queries in this regard from 10am to 1pm on Friday. The call centre number is 0481-2576622.

### ONGC Petro additions Limited

35, Nutan Bharat Co-operative Housing Society Limited, R.C. Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodra-390007, Gujarat, India. NOTICE INVITING TENDER ONGC Petro additions Limited (OPAL) invites tender (in two bid system) for Hiring a contractor with required resources to run the Industrial Canteen and Pantry services at designated locations in Dahaj Plant. Important Dates: Tender Sale Period from 04.01.2024, 0900 HRS to 15.02.2024, 1400 HRS: Due Date for Query Submission is 18.01.2024; Pre-Bid Meeting on 25.01.2024 at ONGC Petro additions Limited, Plot No. Z/1 & Z/83, Dahaj, Taluka: Vagra, Dist: Bharuch-392130, Gujarat, India. The other details of the tender are available on ONGC Petro additions Ltd.'s official website www.opal.in as well as on the MSTC portal https://www.mstc.commerce.com/eproc. Please note that this is an e-tender and submission of the bid is to be made ONLY through the MSTC portal.

## 7 held for hunting porcupine, consuming meat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ldukki

A TOTAL of seven persons, including employees of a private cardroom estate in Santhanpara, were arrested by the forest officials for hunting porcupine and consuming its meat, on Wednesday.

The arrested are the estate manager Beena, a resident of Peermade; Irshadh, Rasool Khan

and Asamudheen, all Thiruvananthapuram residents; Varghese of Santhanpara; Manoj of Peermade and Ramesh Kumar of Thiruvalla.

As per the forest officials, the estate employees had hunted porcupine for the Thiruvananthapuram natives who came there as visitors. They later cooked its meat and consumed. "However while returning, the visitors car-



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NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that Copakurama Panicker, resident Chirakkal (I), Perumam P.O., Pin-686102, Changanassery Village, Changanassery Taluk, Kottayam District is the owner of 12.74 Ares in Old Sy No. 2494/A, R.S. Block No. 7, Re. Sy No. 98/19 in Komalapuram Village, Ambalapuzha Taluk, Alappuzha District by virtue of the Sale Deed No. 338/1982 registered in Book No. 1, Volume 590, Pages from 249 to 253 of Alappuzha SRO. The original purchase certificate and corrected certificate had been irretrievably lost from our custody. Any person having objections to the sale or any transaction in respect of the aforementioned land should inform their concerns to the concerned Sub-Registrar's Office or to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Date: 30.12.2023 PH: 8089355518

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CELL SCIENCE, (NCCS) PUNE. (An Autonomous Institution of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.) Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Pune - 411007. Advt.No.:NCCS/PMC/P-07/2023. SUB: WALK-IN-INTERVIEWS FOR PROJECT POSITIONS UNDER EXTRA MURAL PROJECTS. Interested Candidates are requested to attend the Walk-in-Interviews for different positions to be filled purely on temporary basis at NCCS under extra mural projects.

Central Coalfields Limited (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited) NOTICE. All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. www.coalindia.in / respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, www.centralcoalfields.in). CIL e-procurement portal https://coalindiatenders.nic.in and Central Public Procurement Portal https://eprocure.gov.in in addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal https://gem.gov.in

FEDERAL BANK YOUR PERFECT BANKING PARTNER. Branch Konni. Branch Shifting Intimation. Customers are hereby informed that our branch at Konni will be shifted to "Roy Mannikkol's Zion, Main Road, Mammoor, Konni" shortly. As part of shifting, safe deposit lockers will also be shifted to the new premises. Customers may take steps to remove fragile items from the lockers, if any, before 08/02/2024. Kindly contact the branch for further details. Place: Konni Date: 04.01.2024 For Federal Bank Limited Branch Head

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India. REGIONAL OFFICE, AMALA TOWERS, 3rd FLOOR, ADICHIRA, KOTTAYAM-686016 Ph: 0481-2587119, 2587335. email id: rh.kottayam@unionbankofindia.bank. PREMISES REQUIRED ON LEASE- UZHAWOR BRANCH PREMISES. Bank requires a well-constructed commercial premises measuring 1200 sq ft ± 10% (1080-1320sq ft) carpet area in ready possession/under construction (which will be completed within 2 months) at Uzhavor, Kottayam Dist with adequate parking place preferably on ground floor. Prospective vendors holding ownership or power to negotiate on behalf of owners may collect the technical bid & price bid formats from Union Bank of India, Regional Office, 3rd floor, Amala Towers, Adichira, Kottayam- 686016, during office hours from 04.01.2024 or download from the website www.unionbankofindia.co.in & eprocure.gov.in and should submit their technical bid and price bid offers in separate sealed covers supercribing technical bid / price bid on or before 25.01.2024 by 4.00 PM. The technical bid will be opened on 29.01.2024 at 11 A.M. on above address in the presence of vendor/their representatives. Bank reserves its right to accept or reject the offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever. 03.01.2024 Assistant General Manager

KERALA STATE CO-OPERATIVE BANK REGIONAL OFFICE, ALAPPUZZHA Alappuzha-688001, PH: 0477-2251682, 683, 684, E-mail: alpro@keralabank.co.in, alprorecovery@keralabank.co.in. E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. Notice of e-auction sale (through online) of property held by the bank under rule 8(6) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The following listed properties are taken by the Authorized officer of the Bank under the Act 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 07-02-2024.

ALAPPUZZHA BRANCH PH:0477-2251532, 2251942, 2252474 E-mail: alapuzha@indianbank.co.in. APPENDIX - IV (Rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable properties) Where as, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization 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 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 11/10/2023 calling upon the borrower/s (1) Mr. Manoj Kumar S/o Thankappan Kalaracke, Santhanapuram Alappuzha-688003, (2) Deepanukaran, Deepanukara Sadanam Sanathanapuram SO Alappuzha Kerala-688003, (3) Ajjikumar R, Puthuval Kuruvapatam, Chira, Kalaracke Sanathanapuram PO Paravoor, Sanathanapuram SO Alappuzha-688003, (4) Anoop, Deepanukara Sadanam Sanathanapuram SO Alappuzha Kerala-688003 With our Alappuzha Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being viz Rs 44,08,595/- (Rupees Forty four lakhs eight thousand five hundred ninety five only) within 90 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this 02nd day of January of the year 2024. The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of being Rs. 45,39,732/- (Rupees forty five lakhs thirty nine thousand seven hundred thirty two only) and interest thereon. We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(3) of the SARFESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (1) Extant of 93 Sq Mtr in re sy 121/5-2 and 59 Sq Mtr in re Sy 121/4 total of 1.52 ares of land in Paravur village, Ambalapuzha Taluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala belonging to Mr. Manoj Kumar. Boundaries: East: Property of Thankappan; South: Property of Ouseph Kurian; West: Property of Ouseph Kurian; North: Thodu. (2) Extant of 3.16 ares of land and building in Re Sy 133/11/3 in Paravur Village, Ambalapuzha Taluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala belonging to Mr. Deepanukaran. Boundaries: East: Pallathurthy village. South: Property of Rajeev. West: Nilam Of rajappan, North: Property of Manoharan Date: 02-01-2024, Place: Alappuzha Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

AXIS BANK LIMITED Retail Assets Center Kochi, Axis Bank Ltd, 5th Floor, Chicago Plaza, Rajaji Road, Kochi-682 035 Controlling office: Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025. E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor from the website www.unionbankofindia.co.in & eprocure.gov.in and should be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 20-01-2024 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM (with unlimited extensions of minutes each at web portal https://www.bankauctions.com e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned below for recovery of below mentioned dues along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization) due to the secured creditor from below mentioned borrower/s/Guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit are mentioned here under. Last date for submission of tender is 19-01-2024, 10:4 PM. Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s): Mr. Rajeev T.P and Mrs. Sharmila Kumari Rajeev Due Amount: Rs.1,68,47,385/- (due as on 29/12/2023) along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. A/c No. LPR05101888352 Location / Details of the Immovable Property/ Secured Assets possessed and put for sale: All that pieces and parcel of land with building having a total extent of 23.35 Ares in which, 15.80 Ares lies in Re Survey No. 24/19 (Old Survey Number 150A, 151, 217, 150C/1) in Block No. 20 and extent of 7.55 Ares in Re Survey No. 23/13 in Block No. 20 in Keerikkadu Village Karthikappally Taluk, Kareekulamangara Sub District of Alappuzha District and all other appurtenances and rights thereto mortality described Under Sale Deed No. 1183/03 of Kareekulamangara Sub Registrar Office. Boundaries as per Location Sketch No. 128/114 of Keerikkadu Village Dated 13.08.14. East : Property of Chetysn Devasdas, West : Property of Kalambalathil, North : property of Prasmanan ; South : Road Reserve Price: Rs.1,19,70,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.11,97,000/- Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank: Court/Revenue Attachment/DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL ERNAKULAM, IA NO 4/2020, OA NO 6/2020, Court/Revenue Attachment -Sub Court Mavelikkara, EP No 15/2021 EA 28/22 Known Encumbrance as per EC 4096/23 dated 20.10.2023 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction/notices/ Place: Kochi Date: 03-01-2024 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer Axis Bank Ltd

KERALA STATE CO-OPERATIVE BANK REGIONAL OFFICE, ALAPPUZZHA Alappuzha-688001, PH: 0477-2251682, 683, 684, E-mail: alpro@keralabank.co.in, alprorecovery@keralabank.co.in. E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. Notice of e-auction sale (through online) of property held by the bank under rule 8(6) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The following listed properties are taken by the Authorized officer of the Bank under the Act 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 07-02-2024.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors	Branch Name & Account No. Due Amount as on 10-11-2023	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Description of the property
1	Sri.Biju Mathew Abraham, Nananaveetil Puthenpambal, Kozhancherry East P.O.	Kozhancherry (118960356000049) Rs. 55, 48, 146/-	Rs. 1,40,00,000/-	Rs. 14,00,000/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 4.16 Ares of land and all other improvements thereon in Re Sy. No. 217/7-1, TP No.11045 of Thiruvalla Village, Thiruvalla Taluk, Pathanamthitta District in the name of Biju Mathew Abraham, Nananaveetil Puthenpambal, Kozhancherry East P.O. Boundaries: East: Thodu, South: Thiruvalla Municipal Bus Stand, West: Property of Sunny Abraham, North: Way.
	Sri.Mathew Abraham Nananaveetil Puthenpambal, Kozhancherry East P.O.	Kozhancherry (118960356000053) Rs. 57, 09, 682/-			
	Total:	Rs.1,12,57,828/-			
2	Sri.Biju Mathew, Nananaveetil Puthenpambal, Kozhancherry East P.O.	Kozhancherry (118960356000025) Rs.41, 65, 282/-	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 2.80 Ares of land and all other improvements thereon in Re Sy. No. 217/7-1, TP No.11045 of Thiruvalla Village, Thiruvalla Taluk, Pathanamthitta District in the name of Sri.Biju Mathew Abraham & Smt Annamma Mathew, Nananaveetil Puthenpambal, Kozhancherry East P.O. Boundaries: East: Thiruvalla Municipality, South: Private Way, West: Property of Thomas Abraham, North: Property of Potachirayil.
	Smt Annamma Mathew Nananaveetil Puthenpambal, Kozhancherry East P.O.	Kozhancherry (118960356000037) Rs. 57, 73, 640/-			
	Total:	Rs.99,38,922/-			
3	Sri.Ranjith Thomas, Kallarethu House, Puthenpedika, Pathanamthitta	Pathanamthitta (120660356001049) Rs. 81, 48, 694/-	Rs. 82,00,000/-	Rs. 8,20,000/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 5.42 Ares of land and all other improvements thereon in Re Sy. No. 454/2-1, TP No.6956 of Mylagra Village, Koni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District in the name of Smt.Elizabeth James, Parakkal House, Kumaramperoor, Vadakkakara, Chittar. Boundaries: East: Property of John.T.Mathew, South: Property of John.T.Mathew, West: Road, North: Property of John.T.Mathew.
4	Smt.Lalee Bevi, Karimbankuzhithadathil Kottangal P.o, Mallappally	Chungappara (1175603560000117) Rs.7, 50, 192/-	Rs. 15,00,000/-	Rs. 1,50,000/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 11.80 Ares of land and all other improvements thereon in Re Sy. No. 102/10, TP No.6327 of Kottangal Village, Mallappally Taluk, Pathanamthitta District in the name of Sri.Shaji K.M, Karimbankuzhithadathil, Kottangal P.O, Mallappally. Boundaries: East: Property of Rajendran Nair, South: Property of Muhammedkunju, West: Road, North: Property of Krishnankutty.
5	Sri.Sunilkumar, Puthenpambal House, Pullad P.O	Pullad (121060356000398) Rs. 40, 79, 574/-	Rs. 42,00,000/-	Rs. 4,20,000/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 8.40 Ares of land and all other improvements thereon in Re Sy. No. 182/6-1, TP No.5924 of Koyiramp Village, Thiruvalla Taluk, Pathanamthitta District in the name of Sri.Sunilkumar, Puthenpambal House, Pullad P.O. Boundaries: East: Property of Thomaskutty, South: Road, West: Property of Sajj, North: Thodu.
6	Smt.Lasika S.Nair, Kochuplankal, Ezhumattor P.O, Mallappally	Mallappally (119360356000359) Rs. 41, 84, 903/-	Rs. 65,25,000/-	Rs. 6,52,500/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 26.37 Ares of land and all other improvements thereon in Re Sy. No. 182/6-1, TP No.5924 of Ezhumattor Village, Mallappally Taluk, Pathanamthitta District in the name of Smt.Lasika S.Nair, Kochuplankal, Ezhumattor P.O, Mallappally. Boundaries: East: Property of Rajasekharan Pillai & Basheer, South: Road, West: Property of Yohanann & Chacko, North: Property of Chacko Joseph.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer www.keralabank.co.in, the e-auction website of the service provider, Can Bank Computer Service Limited (ccsl) https://indianbankseacution.com or Contact Phone: 9832952602/6294220147/9480691777/080-23469665, Email id- ccseacution@gmail.com, eauction@ccsl.co.in, or may be contact at the Bank's Regional Office, Alappuzha, Opposite Municipal Town Hall, Alappuzha-688001, Ph: 0477 2251682, 1683, 1684. Email id: alpro@keralabank.co.in, Credit Processing Centre, Pathanamthitta, Email id: alpro@keralabank.co.in, alprorecovery@keralabank.co.in, alprorecovery@keralabank.co.in, alprorecovery@keralabank.co.in, PH: (R0) 0477- 2251682, 1683, 1684, (CPC-Pathanamthitta) 0468-2222271, 5342, 1705, 1675. Place: Alappuzha, Date: 03-01-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kerala State Co-operative Bank