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BRINGING relief to commuters, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) plans to open the Chalakudy Bridge on NH-44 to traffic by mid-May. Kochi-based company EKK Ltd., which took over the construction work from Guruvayur Infrastructure Ltd., expressed confidence that the construction of the bridge would be completed before the monsoon.

"The development of a strengthened earthen wall is advancing at a rapid rate. It can be completed by the end of this month. Subsequently, the laying of metal and other tasks, such as the construction of barriers, will be carried out. We anticipate that the entire project will be finished by May 15, before the onset of monsoon season," stated Antony Pius, vice-president of Operations at EKK Ltd.

The construction project for the bridge

was initially awarded to Guruvayur Infrastructure Ltd. (GIL), but the company failed to complete the project on time and the contract was given to EKK.

However, the construction faced a significant setback when two local grama panchayats issued a stop memo that restricted the excavation of soil for the project. The Pariyaram grama panchayat imposed a ban on heavy vehicles along the Peearmozhi-Kottamala road, while the Thrikkur panchavat issued a stop memo to EKK for not consulting with panchayat officials before taking permission from the district administration.

> "It was after the intervention of district administration and the geology department that we were able to fill the road with soil. The delay in getting sufficient soil on time has affected the completion of the project. Though our earlier plan was to execute the project by March, it got delayed by two months. The stop-order memo from the panchayat has resulted in a ₹2 crore loss for the company," said Ajeesh, project coordi-

nator, EKK. The recurring hurdles encountered in building the Chalakudy bridge have become a source of distress for travellers on the roadway that links Kochi to Palakkad.

# P&T Colony rehabilitation project enters final phase

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THE much-delayed housing project to rehabilitate the residents of P&T Colony to Mundamveli in Rameswaram village has reached its final stage. The Greater Cochin Development Authority's (GCDA) project -for which the foundation stone was laid in 2018 -- is being implemented under the LIFE Mission

scheme. The GCDA officials are now hopeful of completing the project and shifting the residents to their new homes before the monsoon season. The total cost of the project is ₹14.61 crore. The construction work at the 70 cents of land owned by GCDA is being carried out using the pre-engineered building (PEB) method. Each flat has an area of 375 sq ft. There are 83 such flats, each with two bedrooms, one living/dining room, kitchen and a toilet.

As common amenities, the housing colony also has a sick

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room, daycare centre, administration room, reading room, rainwater harvesting system, potable water system and firefighting system.

The GCDA had in October 2020 signed a memorandum of understanding with the Thrissur District Labour Contract

Cooperative Society (TDLCCS) for implementing the project. On the same day, the site was handed over to the construction company, with an advance payment of ₹2.48 crore.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan laid the foundation stone for the housing project in 2018. The project's progress was affected by the pandemic, leading to the delay in completing the work. "The first and second waves of Covid affected the project as there was a shortage of construction workers. During those times, the price of steel shot up. Also, the availability of steel was hit due to the war in Ukraine. All these have affected the pace of construction," said a GCDA official.

A team headed by an executive engineer from GCDA is working at the site.

Meanwhile, the Kerala High Court has ordered the completion of the rehabilitation of the residents of P&T Colony before April 26, 2023.



## Gang dupes family of narcotics case accused of ₹4 lakh

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THE Ernakulam Central police have launched a probe into the incident in which the family members of a narcotics case accused were duped of ₹4 lakh by a gang that promised to help him get exonerated.

The police have registered a case against Alex Chandy, Nirmalan, Muhammad Salih and Naveen for duping the

relatives of Scaria, who was arrested in a narcotic case registered in Muvattupuzha.

Another person who impersonated an excise officer is the fifth accused. The statements of Scaria and his relatives have been recorded. Attempts are on to trace the accused persons.

"Last year, after Scaria was arrested in a case registered under the NDPS (Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Act) case, Chandy approached his relatives offering help to get him exonerated. Chandy claimed his friends knew a high-ranking excise officer who could help them. Through Salih, Nirmalan got ₹2 lakh from the family in September 2022. In October, another ₹2 lakh

was sent to Chandy's account," said a source. When nothing happened, the relatives realised they

had been duped. They tried contacting Chandy, but to no avail. They then approached the excise additional commissioner (enforcement), Thiruvananthapuram, with a

The additional commissioner forwarded the complaint to the state police chief, who then sent it to the Kochi city police commissioner. The commissioner directed the Central police to register a case and conduct a probe.



A 'nagari kanikkal' procession being taken out as part of Good Friday observance at St Francis Assisi Cathedral | A SANESH

## By successfully managing waste in over 18 cities, CREDAI's initiative aims at zero waste

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ZERO solid waste is a possibility and this has been proved by an initiative launched by CREDAI. The initiative called CCC Zero Waste Pvt Ltd has been successfully managing solid waste disposal in more than 18 cities, servicing 550 apartments and more than 29,818 families. But how do they do it? Isn't it a tough job? Something

even civic bodies are finding tough to handle! "We have a streamlined process," says Sailesh Prabhu, CEO at CREDAI Clean City Movement. According to him, the end result of the waste management system implemented by the company is such that those living in apartment complexes don't have to be worried about garbage disposal."Not only do we provide the necessary equipment



Eco-composter installed at a building

needed for the waste management but also ensure that the resultant byproducts are taken care of in an appropriate manner," he says adding the company is an authorised service provider for Suchitwa Mission and also approved by the Kerala State Pollution Control Board. The company has also tied up with Kerala Enviro Infrastructure Ltd.

According to him, bio-degradable waste is turned into compost using the eco-composter.

"The total installation cost comes to be around ₹70,000 for an apartment complex having 35 to 40 flats. A pair of eco-composter bins are ideal for an apartment complex having the aforesaid dimensions," he says. "In most cases, the compost produced by the eco-composter is utilised by the apartments in their gardens. It takes 30 days for a bin to produce compost. As for those that don't have such facilities, we clear out the compost and supply it to those who

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need the compost. We get such requests from farmers," says Sailesh. "These supervisors are responsible for training the people involved in the waste management in a particular flat. They visit an apartment complex once every week. They also monitor whether the composting process is being carried out in the right way. If composting is not done correctly, we won't get the desired result," says

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Sailesh. The company manages around 300 tonnes of biodegradable waste and 50 tonnes of nonbiodegradable waste. "Plastic waste is collected from the apartments once a month. The non-biodegradable waste thus collected is further segregated at our facility," says Sailesh. The clean plastic is sent to recycling units while the remaining are transported to the cement kilns.

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## **Election petition: Swaraj files caveat in Supreme Court**



Kochi: CPM leader M Swaraj on Friday filed a caveat before the Supreme Court requesting it not to pass any order related to the Special Leave Petition that is likely to be moved by MLA K Babu against the Kerala High Court order in the election petition. The HC on March 29 decided to proceed with the election petition filed by rival candidate Swaraj seeking to declare the election of Congress candidate Babu from Tripunithura constituency

void. The HC said the allegation that the election agent and other persons, with the consent of Babu, used Hindu religious symbol by distributing a slip to voters, has made out a sufficient cause of action for a trial on the election petition to decide whether the election is null and void.

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