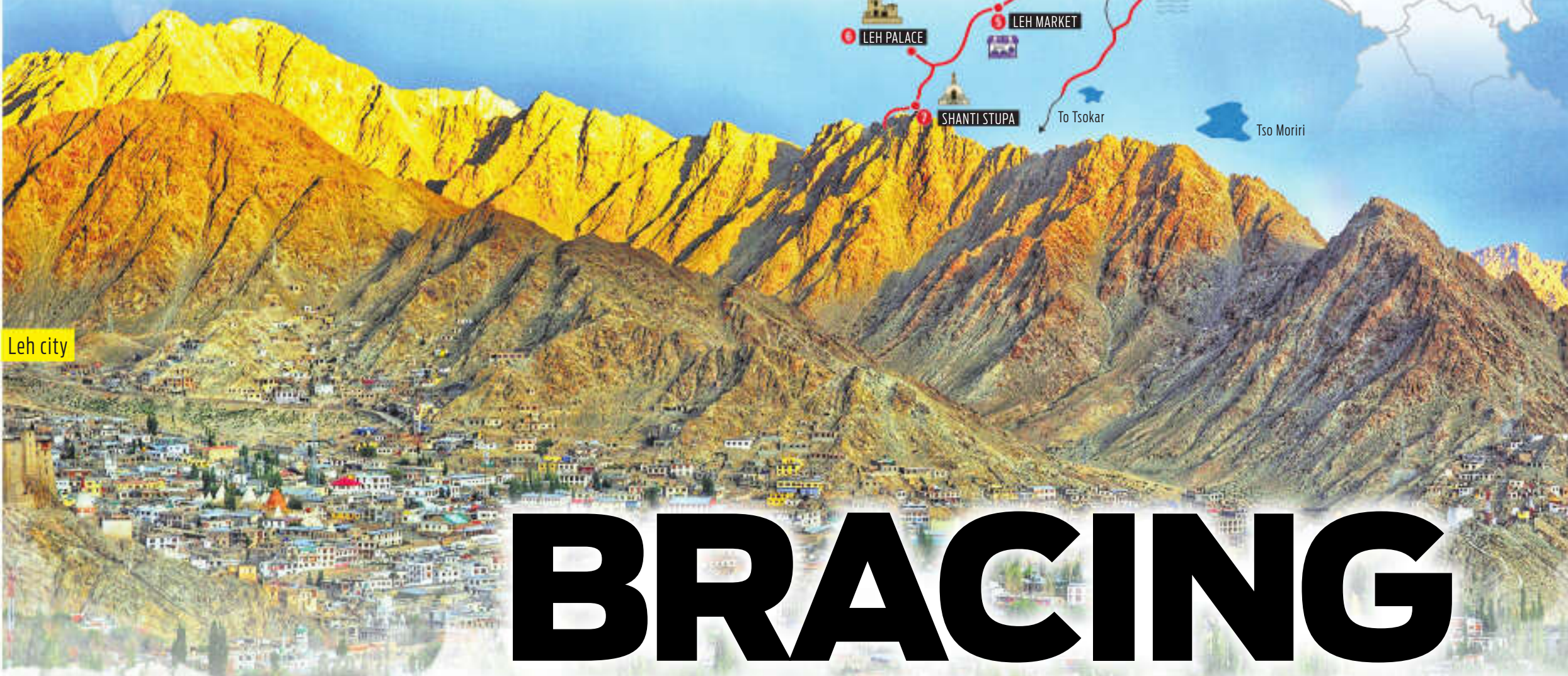


What to explore in Leh Ladakh while you adapt to the altitude and weather before heading to the popular passes in the Union Territory...



Leh city



BRACING FOR THE ASCENT

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

THE pilot's announcement comes before the descent. Somewhere over the Himalayas, with views of snow-covered peaks filling every window, passengers are quietly warned that the altitude of Leh affects some travellers before the aircraft has even landed. It is not a formality. At 3,500 metres, the body needs time to negotiate terms with the thin air and the consequences of skipping that negotiation — nosebleeds, oxygen masks, splitting headaches — have a way of cancelling the entire trip. Diamox and dietary adjustments help, but the most effective prescription for those first 48 hours is the one nobody wants to follow: rest and reset. The question, then, is how to rest well while also



Khambir Bread

exploring a destination as exotic as Leh, Ladakh. We based ourselves at The Postcard in the Himalayan Willows in Stok, a village that sits above Leh and frames the entire valley into one view. There is also a practical advantage to basing yourselves here rather than the usual Leh town. The village sits at a higher elevation than the city below, which means your body is already quietly adapting to con-

ditions closer to what you will encounter further into the journey — Khardung La, Pangong, the high passes. From Stok, you look down at the miniature bustle of Leh city and the airport runway, while Stok Kangri — massive, snow-covered peak — rises behind you. Day one must be dedicated to the 'art of doing nothing', perhaps a slow walk once you have fully caught up on sleep. Stroll up the hill from the hotel for a kilometre and you will reach Stok Palace and Museum, the current residence of the Ladakhi royal family. Witnessing the ancient

thangkas and the queen's turquoise-encrusted perak headdresses housed in here is sufficient exertion for the day. Alternatively, find a cosy spot and sit with a cup of *chai* and a plate of *mok mok* at the hotel — marvelling at the mountains. It is not a bad way to spend the day while your lungs recalibrate through the night. Rise early the next morning and journey towards Thiksey Monastery. The 12-storey complex is best experienced when the monks are conducting their morning prayers. Inside, a two-storey Maitreya Buddha sits in complete serenity. Look for the *bhavacakra* (Wheel of Life) murals, *tengyur* and *kangyur* (ancient Buddhist scriptures) wrapped in silk, the Tara Temple and Lamokhang Temple looking over the Zaskar range. Shey Palace, the former summer capital of Ladakh, follows. The giant copper-and-gold-gilded Buddha here is the highlight. End the day at Sindhu Ghat on the banks of the Indus. In early summer, the water runs a fierce glacial blue and the riverbanks may still carry a thin crust of ice at the edges.

Day three can be about descending from the quiet of Stok into Leh Market. The lanes are narrow and layered — the smell of freshly baked *khambir*, Ladakhi bread, cuts through the cold air. Leh Palace looms above the market: a dark-timbered nine-storey structure that appears carved directly from the mountainside. Climbing to the top of it opens into a view of the old town — a dense

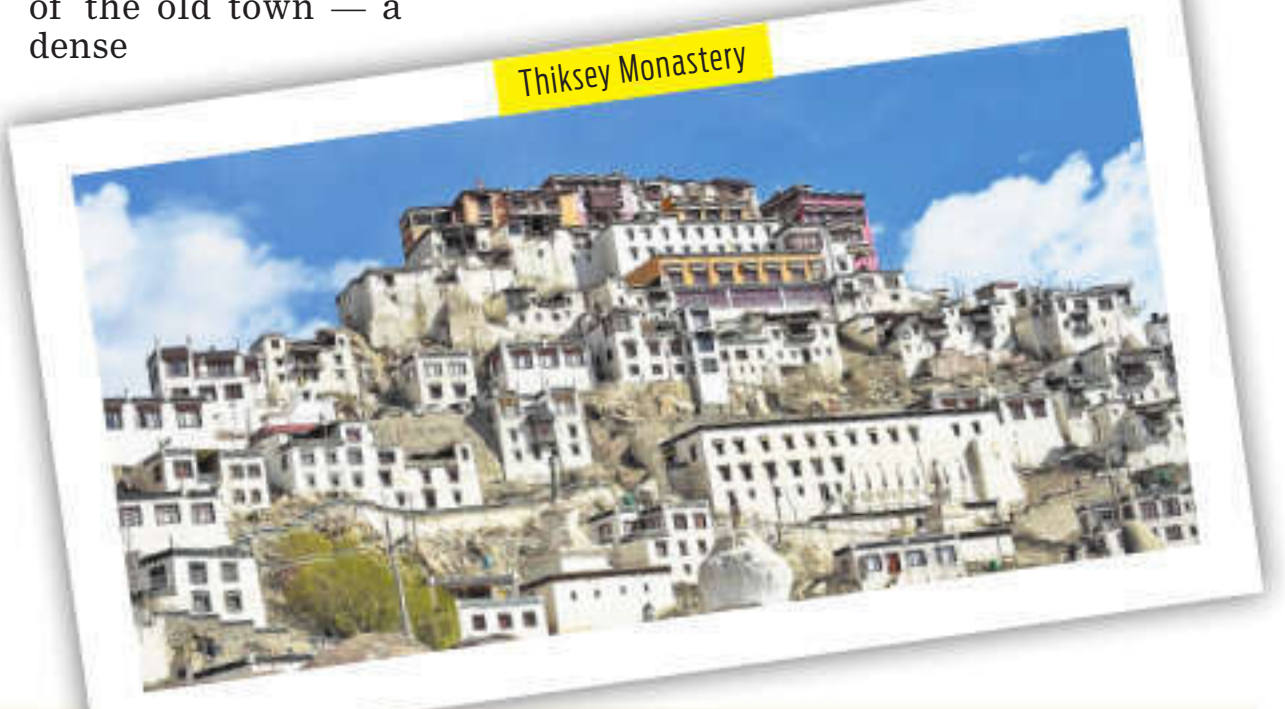


Guru Rinpoche near Shey Palace

maze of mud-brick houses that have survived centuries of invasions and harsh winters.

As the day fades and the temperature drops, drive up to Shanti Stupa. The white dome sits above the valley and offers the full panorama of Leh. During your drive through the city, keep an eye out for grand, ornate arches and apricot blossoms in Summer. Fragile pink and white petals appearing on bare branches against a backdrop of snow — it looks like spring and feels like winter, which is Leh in a single image.

By the time you finish this circuit, your body will be primed. The climb to Khardung La, a deep dive through Nubra Valley or the long drive to Pangong Tso won't feel like a struggle, but like the grand finale you've prepared for.



Thiksey Monastery



Nearest Airport: Leh



Nearest Railhead: Jammu Tawi



Stay: The Postcard in the Himalayan Willows - Stok, Leh



Pro tip: Check the weather and carry woollen wear accordingly as temperature tends to change



Note: Consult your doctor for a diamox prescription before arriving in Leh

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TENDER NOTICE

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Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2026_KMML_848750_1	Supply of Polypropylene/HDPE Product Bags
2	2026_KMML_848994_1	Supply and Erection of Petal for End Cap & Trunnion Chavara 30.04.2026

Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 9646118773)

Tender Enquiry No. : Q0-4039/P0-T/26-27/CE-MM

Chief Purchase Officer / MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multi Storey Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites E-Tender of **2000 No. Single Phase 16kVA & 2000 No. Single Phase 25kVA, EEL-1, ISI Marked, oil immersed, CRGO/Amorphous core, Aluminium wound, distribution transformers complete with fittings as per PSPCL specification & conforming to IS 1180 Part-1 (2014) & IS 2026 (with latest amendments). For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 30.04.2026 onwards.**

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Tender)
Indian Bank Invites online offers (e-Tender) in two bid system (Technical bid and Price bid) from reputed contracting entity for carrying out "The proposed construction of G+1 INDESETI building located in V.Maruthur, Villupuram-605602". Put to tender value Rs. 408.38 Lakhs plus GST as applicable. Last date & time of submission of tender through online bidding is 25.05.2026 up to 16:00 Hrs. For details please refer our website: <https://indianbank.bank.in/tenders/> or <https://www.tenderwizard.com/INDBANK/>

All further notifications, corrigendum or addendums (if any) related to this tender shall be floated in our website. Bidders are advised to follow the website frequently during the tender process.

Zonal Manager

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MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.
CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623, Registered Office: W - 4/ 638A, Manappuram House, P.o. Valapad, Thrissur - 680 567, Kerala, India

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/05/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-
DINDIGUL, AYYALUR, DINDIGUL, 0126740700032702, MADURAI, ARAPALAYAM, MADURAI, 0101140700796018, 6039, KARUPPAPURANI, MADURAI, 0112730750000247, THENI, KAMARAJ, PANDIAN ROAD, BODINAIKANNUR, 0126920730016776, THENI, 0104490730039555, THENKARAI, PERIYAKULAM, 0123500700036584.

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of NEFT/RTGS on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact : 9072607147.

Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. | GOLD AUCTION NOTICE
Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Purnem Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001. CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 30.06.2025 & All other 6 months tenure gold loans up to 30.09.2025 and EMI gold loans due up to 31.03.2026. Also those gold loans where interest is due and not paid up to 31.03.2026 are also included in this auction. Which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices will be auctioned on 30.05.2026 from 10 am onwards.

RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT - C K MANGALAM: 3647000644, 3647000645, 3647000674, 3647000917, 3647001013, 3647001033, 3647001037, **KEELEKARAI:** 1762000610, 1762000724, 1762000768, 1762000769, 1762000832, 1762001018, 1762001477, 1762001745, **NAINAR KOIL-RAMANATHAPURAM:** 3926003748, 3926004007, 3926004093, 3926004229, **PAMBAN:** 4041000632, 4041001016, 4041001029, 4041001133, 4041001178, 4041001290, 4041001427, **PARAMAKUDI:** 0321004944, 0321005057, 0321005082, 0321005114, 0321005115, 0321005326, 0321005373, 0321005552, 0321005855, 0321005858, 0321005890, 0321005901, 0321006009, **PARAMAKUDI-VIAGAI BRIDGE:** 1534000913, 1534001038, 1534001218, 1534001245, 1534001529, 1534001549, 1534001573, 1534001600, 1534001654, **PARTHIBANUR:** 2379005409, 2379005409, 2379005495, 2379005516, 2379005520, **R.S.MANGALAM:** 1845003114, 1845003116, 1845003322, 1845003438, 1845003457, 1845003490, 1845003719, 1845003792, 1845003821, **RAMANATHAPURAM-BHARATHI NAGAR:** 2991003321, 2991003687, 2991003718, 2991003733, **RAMANATHAPURAM-VANDIKARA:** 2727005085, 2727005474, 2727005626, 2727005818, 2727005846, 2727005950, 2727005964, 2727005966, 2727005975, 2727005977, 2727007270, **RAMESWAR:** 4054000553, 4054000568, 4054000826, **S P PATTINAM:** 1755000442, 1755000904, 1755000957, 1755000962, 1755000972, 1755001060, 1755001136, 1755001138, 1755001202, 1755001353, 1755001358, 1755001441, 1755001481, 1755001484, **SAYALKUDI:** 1052005705, 1052005768, 1052005900, 1052006036, 1052006270, 1052006841, **THANGACHIMADUR:** 1039001725, 1039002148, 1039002206, 1039002324, 1039002739, 1039002790, 1039002794, 1039002838, 1039002884, **THIRUVADANAI:** 2397001298, 2397001538, 2397001658, 2397001951, 2397002139, 2397002147, 2397002159, 2397002181, 2397002191, 2397002212, 2397002252, 2397002278, **THONDI:** 1050001489, 1050001428, 1050002370, 1050002482, 1050002483, 1050002550, 1050002593, 1050002597, 1050002641, **UCHIPULI:** 1001001428, 1001001576, 1001001823, 1001001841, 1001002223, 1001002529, 1001002531, 1001002986, 1001003283.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 10.06.2026 at 10.00 am onwards at **RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT - RAMANATHAPURAM-VANDIKARA:** GROUND FLOOR, SRI SAPTHAGIRI VANAGALAM, 176/34, VANDIKARA SREET, BELOWINCOME TAX OFFICE, RAMANATHAPURAM, TAMIL NADU - 623501. The bidders are requested to produce photo id card, PAN card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.

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THENI DISTRICT - ANDIPETTI: 0343001691, 9034300043, **BODI 1:** 0010003478, 0010003573, 0010003859, 0010003870, **BODI 2:** 0239003611, 0239003897, 0239003923, **CHINNAMANNUR:** 0222000831, 0222000931, 0222001000, 0222001098, **CUMBUM:** 042001728, **KOMBAI:** 0421001120, 0421001238, 0421001347, 0421001389, 0421001400, **KUDALLORE:** 0379001140, 0379001361, 0379001389, **LAKSHMIPURAM-THENI:** 1674001651, 1674001726, 1674001751, 1674001781, 1674001801, 1674001810, 1674001812, 1674001813, 1674001822, 1674002047, **MARKKAYANKOTTA:** 1630001342, 1630001670, 1630001697, 1630001698, 1630001893, 1630001905, 1630001913, 1630001929, 1630001954, **ODAIPATTI:** 2032000942, 2032001097, 2032001411, 2032001483, **PALANICETTIPATTY:** 1904001625, 1904001648, 1904001661, 1904001668, 1904001714, **PERIYAKULAM:** 0215001000, 0215001056, 0215002016, **THENI 1:** 0144005712, 0144005748, **THENI 2:** 0238000716, 0238000875, 0238001005, 0238001028, 0238001556, 0238001576, **THENI 3:** 0380005525, 0380006159, 0380006225, **THEVARAM:** 0389003564, 0389003728, **UTHAMAPALAYAM:** 0310000774, **VADAGARAI-PERIYAKULAM:** 3587001486, 3587001563, 3587001873.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 11.06.2026 at 10.00 am onwards at **THENI DISTRICT - THENI 1: FIRST FLOOR, SELVAPRABU TOWERS, 278A, CUMBUM ROAD, BELOWINATHANTHI OFFICE, THENI, TAMIL NADU - 625531.** The bidders are requested to produce photo id card, PAN card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.

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Kalayana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation
Main Road, Kalaburagi (Traffic (Com) Section)

No:KKT.CO:TRF:COM-2/ 457 /2026-27 Dtd:29-04-2026

Tender Notification No:03/2026 (E-Procurement portal)

Bids are invited through e-portal from Individual/ Partnership firm/ Company/ Consortium/ Joint Venture for the grant of advertising rights to display advertisement on the back side of Passenger Tickets ETM (Electronic Ticket Issue Machine) thermal rolls of KKRTC for a period of one year.

1) Calendar of events, Description: For submission of queries Date : 07.05.2026 Time: 1700hrs, Pre-Bid meeting Date : 15.05.2026 Time : 1100 hrs, Last date of Submission of Bids Date : 30.05.2026, Time : 1700 hrs, Opening of Technical Bid Date : 01.06.2026, 1100 hrs, Opening of Financial Bid date : 03.06.2026 Time : 1100 hrs, 2) The financial bids of the bidders, those who have qualified in Technical bid will only be opened. 3) The RFP Documents along with terms and conditions, Eligibility Criteria and other technical details can be downloaded from the e-portal website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. 4) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 200000.00: Bidders has to pay through e-Portal by e-payment mode. 5) KKRTC reserves the right to accept or reject tender without assigning any reason thereof. 6) For more details on terms and conditions etc contact DTO, Central Office-7760992047/ 7760992024

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT/Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitisation And Reconstitution of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date / type of Possession	Description of Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset /s
1.	(a) Mr.ARAVIND RAJ NATARAJAN (Borrower / since deceased) and other known & unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors & Assigns of Mr.aravind Raj Natarajan (Borrower / since deceased) & 1.Mrs.SWATHIKA (Wife) 2.Miss. VARUNIKA (Daughter) 3.Miss. AADHIKA (Daughter) House 9/1A, 1, 17/1, Ward No. 2, Colonyvasal Municipal Street, Karaikudi-630001	(c) Rs.1,66,82,752/- as on 31-October-2025* Date of Demand Notice 17-November-2025	(d) 28 - April -2026 - Symbolic	(e) Karaikudi Registration District, Karaikudi Joint No.II Sub Registrar Office, Karaikudi Municipal Town, Survey Ward 2, Survey Block-1, Kalaniyaasal, Municipal Street, T.S.No. 2/7 in that 1) Eastern side East to West on the Northern side 80 ft, on the Southern side 80 ft, North to South on the Western side 50 ft, on the Eastern side 50 ft, totally measuring 4000 Sq. Ft. i.e. 371.61 Sq. Mt with all Fixtures and Fittings in which the comprising site and super structure abounded by, North : East- West Facing North-south street, East : North- South 20 ft wide Street and in that 2nd item property on the Western side, South : East- West Canal and on the Northern side Vasudevan vagaiyara Property, West : Plot No's. 4, 5, & 6. This property comprised in house bearing Door No.9/1, tax assessment no.899, E.B connection No's: 05-401-020-329 & 05-401-020-394. 2) The above said Survey Ward 2, Kalaniyaasal Municipal Street, T.S.No. 2/7, as per the sub division T.S.No. 2/7A, on the Northeast Corner in East-West on the Northern side 23 ft, on the Southern side 18.6 ft, North to south on the Western side 50.6 ft, on the Eastern side 49.6 ft totally measuring 1036.37 Sq.ft. i.e. 96.28 Sq.mt along with all fixtures and amenities and in which comprising site and super structure abounded by, North : Street facing East-West, West : Property in Item 1, East : Property belongs to Vasudevan vagaiyara, South: Property belongs to Vasudevan vagaiyara. The above-mentioned property 1 & 2 comprised in T.S. No. 2/7A1A, as per New Sub Division T.S.No. 2/7A3 with a Total Extent measuring 5036.37 i.e., 467.894 Sq. Mt.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation. However, since the borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC Bank Ltd. have taken possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC Bank Ltd. Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Date: 30-April-2026
Place: Madurai

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
SD/- Authorised Officer