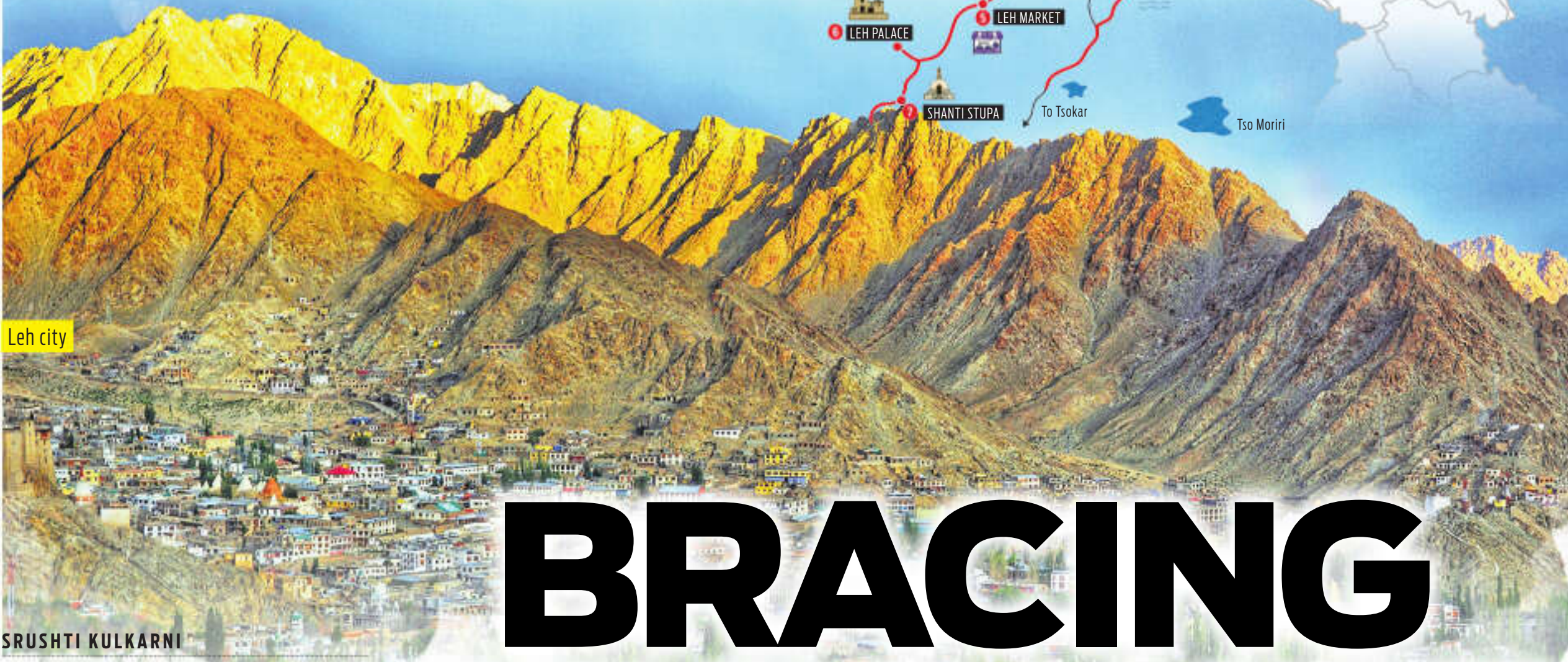


What to explore in Leh Ladakh while you adapt to the altitude and weather before heading to the popular passes in the Union Territory...



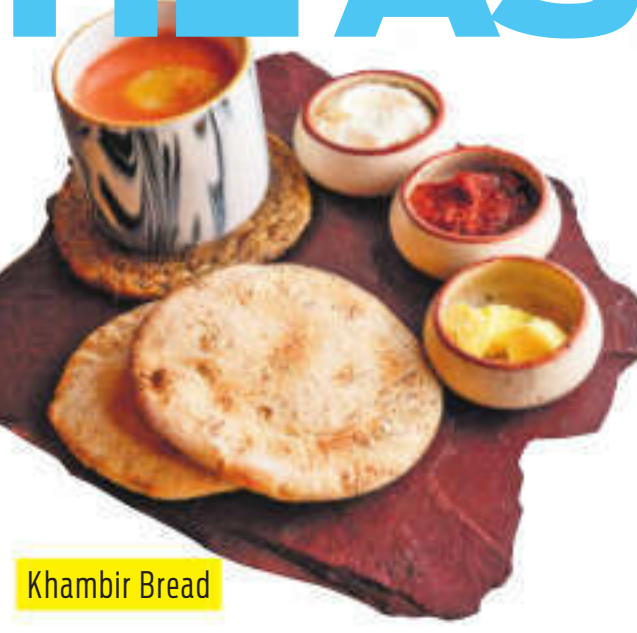
Leh city

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 exploring a destination as exotic as Leh, Ladakh.

BRACING FOR THE ASCENT

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 conditions closer to what you will encounter further into the journey — Khardung La, Pangong, the high passes.

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



Khambir Bread

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.

UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN HIGH-ALTITUDE wonders of Kedarnath



Musk Deer

Here's why the trek to the world's highest Shiva shrine is only the beginning of the adventure...

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

AS the doors of the Kedarnath shrine open for the 2026 season, the focus is often on the long trek and the *darshan*. However, for those looking to stay a day or two longer, the high-altitude valley and its surrounding ridges offer some of the most surreal landscapes in the Garhwal Himalayas. Bhairav Nath Temple, located just 500-800 metres uphill from the main Kedarnath Temple, is considered a mandatory stop for many. It is dedicated to Lord Bhairav, the fierce guardian deity of the valley, who is said to protect the shrine during the heavy winter snows. It offers the single best birds-eye view of the entire Kedarnath valley and the Mandakini river snaking below. Right behind the main temple lies the final resting place of Adi Shankaracharya, the 8th-century seer who consolidated the *Char Dham*. After the 2013 floods, this area was beautifully reconstructed. It now features a stunning 12-foot stone statue of the seer in a meditative posture.

For those with a bit of stamina, Vasuki Tal is a stunning high-altitude trek (eight kms from Kedarnath). At 4,135 metres, this lake is crystal clear and surrounded by the towering Chaukhamba peaks. You'll find the rare *Brahma Kamal* blooming here during this season. Alternatively, Gandhi Sarovar, a relatively easy three km trek from the temple, leads you to this pristine



Kedarnath Temple

lake, which sits right at the mouth of the Chorabari Glacier. The lake provides a mirror-like reflection of the Kedarnath peaks, making it a photographer's dream.

Most people rush through the trek from Gaurikund, but if you look around near Jungle Chatti (about four kms into the trek), there are several unnamed, glacial waterfalls. Here on, you are technically walking through one of the richest biodiversity hubs in the Himalayas, *Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary*. If you move away from the noisy pony tracks, you might spot the Himalayan Monal (a rainbow-coloured bird) or the Musk Deer. The sanctuary is famous for its dense forests of oak and rhododendron, which turn bright red in the summer.

Made famous by high-profile visits in recent years, Rudra Cave: The Meditation Retreat, boasting underground meditation caves, is located just one km from the temple. You can actually book a stay here. It's a silent, electricity-equipped cave designed for those looking to experience the lifestyle of Himalayan hermits in comfort.

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/Corporation/ 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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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:-
AMBASAMUDRAM, 0103330730035163, TUTICORIN, KAYATHAR TUTICORN, 0115020700052355.

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 : 9072601147.

Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD
Tenkasi, Tamilnadu.

BY POST WITH AD

Ref: Agreement No. TENKA2310210006

To: 1. MR.AROCKIASAMY, S/O.RAYAPPAN, NO.299, ANNA STREET, MELAMEIGANAPURAM, GUNARAMANALLUR-627814, TENKASI DISTRICT, CELL- 9944735008.
2. MR.MARIYA MICHEAL S/O.MR.RAYAPPAN, NO.325-1, ANNA STREET, MELAMEIGANAPURAM, GUNARAMANALLUR, TENKASI DISTRICT, CELL- 849889503.
3. MR.JEBARAJA, S/O.PAUL ASIRVATHAM, NO.47, PUTHU MANAI 5TH STREET, TENKASI DISTRICT, CELL- 9952681412.

Dear Sir, NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

1. At your request, the 1st of you have been granted by our company, through its Tenkasi Branch from time to time, various credit facilities by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of our company. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement (s) / document (s) executed by you are stated in Schedule 'A' and 'B' respectively. You have availed the financial assistance with an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreement (s) / document(s). 2nd of you executed a term loan as a Co applicant. The said financial assistance is also secured by the personal guarantee of 3rd of you.

2. The 2nd of you have also created mortgaged by way of deposit of title deeds / registered mortgages creating security interest in favour of our Company. The documents relating to such mortgage are also stated in Schedule 'B'.

3. The relevant particulars of the secured assets are specifically stated in Schedule 'C'.

4. The operation of and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular and the debt has been classified as non-performing assets with effect from 15/02/2026 in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

5. Despite repeated requests, you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities. We sent the NPA notice dated on 03.04.2026.

6. Therefore, Our company hereby calls upon you u/s 13 (2) of the said act by issuing this notice to discharge in full your liabilities stated hereunder to our company within 60 days from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liabilities (in aggregate) due and owing to Our company is in the sum of Rs.15,80,285/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty thousand two hundred and Eighty five rupees Only) as on 29/04/2026. You are also liable to pay further interest from 30/04/2026 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.,

7. If you fail to repay to Our company the aforesaid sum of Rs.15,80,285/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty thousand two hundred and Eighty five rupees Only) as on 29/04/2026, with further interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice u/s 13 (2) of the act, our company will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

8. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of section 13 you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise disposed off the said secured assets detailed in schedule 'C' of this notice without obtaining written consent of Our company.

9. This notice is without prejudice to our company's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law.

SCHEDULE 'A'

S. No.	Nature of facility	Out standings inclusive of interest as on 29/04/2026 at Rs. 15,80,285/-
1.	Term Loan	Rs.15,80,285/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty thousand two hundred and Eighty five rupees Only)
	Aggregate Outstanding	Rs.15,80,285/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty thousand two hundred and Eighty five rupees Only)

SCHEDULE 'B'

(Details of security documents including all supplementary documents & documents evidencing creation of mortgage)

S. No.	Name of the Document	Nature of Security	Date of execution	Amount secured (Rs.)
1.	Mortgage by deposit of title deeds	Equitable Mortgage	20/10/2023	Rs.20,00,000/-

SCHEDULE 'C'
PART I
Nil
PART II

(Please state the particulars of the immovable properties mortgaged to the Bank as stated in the documents having reference to the mortgage documents / deeds (Schedule 'B'))

No.	Details
1.	(Description of Property Item No - 1) Tenkasi Registration District., Joint 2 Registrar office., Gunaramanallur Panchayath and Gunaramanallur village (Mela Meignanapuram), At present Ayan kunjai Sub -division survey No.472/1B, with an extent 3007 square feet, equal to 6.90 cents of land, along with a house bearing door No.3/325-1. Within the following four boundaries: - North - Street, South - south - North 3 feet public pathway, East - Arul Mani land, West - Subramanian & Savari Muthu land And an measuring : East - West Northern side = 26 feet, East - West southern side = 24.75 feet South - North western side = 126 feet, South - North Eastern side = 111 feet.

Date : 29.04.2026
Place : Tenkasi.

Yours faithfully,
For Shriram Finance Limited.,
Authorized Officer.

HDFC BANK
BRANCH : Tagore Theatre Road, P.B.No.2288, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram- 695010. Tel: 0471-6170373/6170372, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618, Website: www.hdfcbank.com

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 Reconstruction 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) 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 Notices, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

S. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER (S)	OUTSTANDING DUES	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	DATE OF POSSESSION	DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(IES) / SECURED ASSET(S)
1.	Mr. Setvakumar & Mrs. Malaiyarasi S 121C, Home, Selvamman Kovil Street Sankarnagar, Karaiyiruppu Tirunelveli - 627357	*Rs.17,92,408/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred and Eight Only) due as on 31/08/2025	01.10.2025	28.04.2026	All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring an extent of 3. ¼ Cents of property comprised in, Ayan Punjai Sy No.836/2 of Naranammalpuram Village, Tirunelveli Taluk, Tirunelveli Joint 2 Sub Registry, Tirunelveli District alongwith the building situated therein. Bounded on the : West of : Amman Sannathi Street, South of : Public Street, North of : Vekatasamy Naidu House property, East of : Property sold to Muniyammal Gomathi Thevar Alongwith ¼ Cents of property in 1 Cents as right to use pathway on the northern side of the property mentioned above.
2.	Mr. Sreekumar Thankanadar & Mrs. Johnsy Sreekumar 1-85A, Thottathu Vilagam Pallikonam, Arumanai Kanyakumari-629151	*Rs.19,74,893/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three Only) due as on 30/06/2024	01.08.2024	28.04.2026	All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring an extent of 237.98 Sq M of property comprised in Re-Survey No.478/1C1, Old Sy No. 3014 of Vellamcode Village, Vilavancode Taluk, Kanyakumari District alongwith the building situated therein. Bounded on the : West : Road, South : Property of Ramjagan, North : 'B' schedule belongs to Rajeswaran, C" Schedule belongs to Kamalabai, East : Property of Ashokan.
3.	Mr. Maria Sabu Christhavan Pillai & Mrs. Lithia Jax Antony Xavier No 3/8/124, Thoothoor Ezudesam Panchayat, Nagercoll, Kanyakumari - 629176	*Rs.19,67,890/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety) due as on 30/06/2025	05.08.2025	28.04.2026	All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring an extent of 402.02898 Sq M (9.934 Cents) of property comprised in Jenmam Re-Sy. 296/1A1A1A Old Sy. 1594/2 of Thutoor Desom, Ezhudesom Village, Vilavancode Taluk, Kanyakumari District with the building situated therein Bounded on the : West of : Property of Soosai Adimai, North of : Thanathu Kidappu Property, South of : Property of Celin, East of : Road.
4.	Mr. Kamalabai Wilson & Mr. Wilson Yovel 6/34E, Kovvilathuvilai, Kolvel, Kalkulam, Thiruvarambu, Kanyakumari - 629161	Rs.9,68,220/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Only) due as on 30/11/2025	27.12.2025	28.04.2026	All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring an extent of 04.05 Ares (4356 Sq Ft) (10 Cents) of property comprised in Sy.561/13 of Kolvel Desom, Kulasekharam B Village (Old Thiruvattar Village), Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District with the building situated therein. Bounded on the : West of : Property of Johnson, North of : Property of Johnson, South of : Property of Sasi, East of : Channel.
5.	Mr. Binish John Wilson & Mr. John Wilson Chellappan 6/66, Cheruthikonam, Kandanacheri Vilai, Kalkulam, Kanyakumari-629161	Rs.3,44,054/- (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand Fifty Four Only) due as on 31/10/2025	25.11.2025	28.04.2026	All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring an extent of 2395.8 Sq Ft (5 ½ cents) (222.65 Sq M) of property comprised in Re-Sy No. 127/4, of Ponmanai Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District. Bounded on the : West of : Property of Sathesh, South of : Property of Yesudas, North of : A schedule Property, East of : Property of Nessayyan.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation.

However, since the borrower(s) mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) mentioned herein above in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken **Symbolic 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) 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.

Borrower(s) attention 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 : 29.04.2026
Place : Thiruvananthapuram

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

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