

High command to end power tussle, summons Siddhu & DKS

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THE Congress high command will most likely put an end to the power tussle between Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, as both leaders have been summoned to Delhi for a high-voltage meeting scheduled to be held at AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence at 11 am on Tuesday.

Depending on the situation, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi could take part in the meeting, which will be attended by AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal too.

"I cannot comment on this. Rahulji will speak," was Kharge's cryptic reply while talking to a news agency in Delhi on Monday.

Rahul's message for the meeting was conveyed by Venugopal, first to Siddaramaiah on Sunday and Shivakumar on Monday, indicating that a decision on either a change in leadership or cabinet reshuffle would be taken in the presence of both leaders. The much-anticipated meeting will be decisive if Rahul too takes part in it.



Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar | FILE PIC

The power tussle between the two leaders has been lingering since November 2025, and Shivakumar has been insisting that the high command should take a decision based on the agreement, which was struck between him and Siddaramaiah in 2023 when the party won the Assembly election, to share power for two-and-a-half years each.

Tuesday's meeting is a clear indication that Shivakumar has got an opportunity to make his strongest-ever bid to stake claim to the chief minister's seat. As Siddaramaiah boarded a special flight to Delhi on Monday evening along with minis-

ters showing allegiance to him, Shivakumar boarded an Air India flight separately along with his personal secretary, giving enough hints that this could be the conclusion of the long-drawn power game. Shivakumar had already sent his younger brother and former Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh to Delhi on a separate flight. Suresh is likely to meet certain high command leaders, preparing the ground for Shivakumar to put up a strong fight, sources said. At the meeting, if Shivakumar insists on the CM post, Siddaramaiah could claim that he is supported by a majority of legislators who want him to continue as CM. He may also argue that he would want to continue in the post, keeping the party's future in mind as the party won five bypolls under his leadership.

During the swearing-in of Kerala Chief Minister V D Satheesan, Siddaramaiah had conveyed to Rahul that he has the support of most party seniors, including ministers.

On Tuesday's meeting, a minister told *TNIE*, "There is nothing special. Siddaramaiah has taken along all his supporters to show his strength."

Proposal rejected, man hurls petrol bombs at girl's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Coimbatore

POLICE have launched a search for a man and his three aides who allegedly hurled a petrol bomb on the house of a woman for rejecting his romantic overtures.

Police said the woman had allegedly become acquainted with Karthik while studying at a private college in Coimbatore. However, when she later

learned that he was involved in multiple criminal cases, she ended all contact with him. They added that Karthik allegedly continued to harass the woman over phone and even in person. The situation escalated on Sunday evening when Karthik and three others arrived at the woman's residence on two motorcycles. The accused allegedly abused



her father, who was standing outside the house, and issued death threats before hurling petrol-filled liquor bottles into the residence. One of the bottles exploded near the portico, setting fire to a shoe rack and other household items. The front wheel of a two-wheeler also caught fire in the incident. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

CCTV footage from the locality showed the suspects purchasing fuel and later throwing Molotov cocktails at the house. Based on a complaint filed by the victim's father, Thondamuthur police have registered a case against four persons. A special police team has been formed to trace and arrest the accused, who is said to have more than 31 criminal cases pending against him across the state.

Massive illegal mining of gravel found in three water tanks in Kayathar taluk

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Thoothukudi

EVEN as Natural Resources Minister TK Prabhu conducted surprise visits to various districts, Revenue and Geology and Mining officials on Monday unearthed massive illegal mining of gravels from three tanks in Kayathar taluk in Thoothukudi.

The crime came to light as officials conducted field inspection at three tanks - Velanguudi kanmoi in Akilandapuram village, Kothandaramaperi tank in Kayathar village and Ilathanikulam Kanmoi in Vadakku Ilanthalikulam - following a tip-off. The three tanks are under the control of the revenue department.

The inspection revealed that over 1,000 loads of gravel had been illegally quarried from the surface of the tanks.

A senior officer said the miners had informed the officials that they obtained necessary



Officials measuring an illegal mined area of the Ilathanikulam Kanmoi in Vadakku Ilanthalikulam near Kayathar on Monday | EXPRESS

permits from the Kayathar tasildar as per G.O. 50 for the removal of silt and clay; however, the field inspection revealed that they did not obtain any such permit. Police complaints against the smugglers have been lodged, the official said. The Village Administrative Officers (VAO) of Akilandapuram, Kayathar and Vadakku Ilanthalikulam villages have lodged complaints with the Kayathar police demanding

to find the culprits. Activists said that the smugglers excavated the tanks after colluding with the local political party leaders. The tank bed has been badly damaged, they charged.

Geology and mining department officials have been deputed to quantify the quantum of gravel removed without permission from the three tanks. A hefty fine amount will be charged as per the guidelines, the officer said.

Free entry to all tourist spots in Kodaikanal till May 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Dindigul

THE Dindigul district administration has issued free entry to all tourist spots in Kodaikanal as the hill town witnesses a spurt in the number of visitors amid the summer holiday break. The free entry is allowed up to May 31.

Collector S Saravanan issued the order in this regard after heavy traffic congestion was noticed on key roads in Kodaikanal town.

Under the directive of the Chief Minister and in response to the increasing tourist influx, entry to all Forest Department-governed sites in Kodaikanal will be free of charge from May 25 to May 31, 2026. This initiative aims to enhance accessibility and to offer a smooth and enjoyable sightseeing experience for visitors, stated a press release.

The 63rd Flower Show and Summer Festival is underway at Bryant Park. The event is jointly organised by the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, along with the Department of Tourism. There has been a significant rise in the number of tourists to the region in view of the festival and summer holidays.

Minister earned a living at an automobile firm

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"We never thought one among us would one day take oath as a minister. After I relocated to this house, I don't have to think about the monthly rent, and the issues associated with it, as accommodation is free of charge," Srinivasan added.

The minister's father said it has been very difficult to make ends meet with his meagre salary. He said his initial salary was ₹300, and it was later raised to ₹1,000, and then to ₹3,000.

"For the past few years, I have been receiving ₹5,000. My wife travels to Mylapore every day

for her cooking job to meet the family's needs. With our earnings, we could only manage to make Ramesh complete his Bachelor of Engineering degree, while the other sons studied only up to a diploma," he added.

The minister's elder brother S Sudharshan works as a machine operator at a private company, and younger brother S Aravind also works at a private firm.

After completing his education, Ramesh worked at an automobile company while associating himself with the Vijay Makkal Iyakkam.

EXPRESS READ

Vijay grants nod to theatres to hold five shows in first week of film release

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay has granted permission to theatres for holding five shows a day for newly released Tamil films. This directive comes after the CM met with the representatives of the Tamil film industry on May 16. Under the existing The Tamil Cinema (Regulation) Rules, 1957, a film could have four scheduled shows, with an extra 'special' show scheduled on festive holidays and government holidays. The permission for scheduling shows was previously granted by the District Collector or a Police Inspector for districts outside Chennai. For Chennai, the permission was granted by the Commissioner of Police. With the new directive, a newly released Tamil film can have five scheduled shows a day, for seven days beginning with the day of its release. Also, five shows can be held on weekends, festive holidays and government holidays. ENS



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दिनांक/Dated : 25-05-2026

ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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- उपरोक्त, योएसएससी को उन्नत डेटोनिकस अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला में क्षैतिज विस्तार के लिए विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works for horizontal extension of Advanced Detonics Research Laboratory at TERLS, VSSC / NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/01/2026-2027 Dt. 25.05.2026 (पी.ए.सी. ₹ 48.10 लाख/Lakhs)
- आरएफएफ, योएसएससी को उन्नत रासायनिक प्रणालियों के लिए प्रक्रम ईनोवियो एवं विकास सूचना में विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works in Process Engineering and Development Facility for Advanced Chemical Systems at RFF, VSSC / NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/02/2026-2027 Dt. 25.05.2026 (पी.ए.सी. ₹ 52.86 लाख/Lakhs)
- चौआरसी, योएसएससी को उन्नत बीडिवी विजन प्रयोगशाला के लिए प्रक्रम ईनोवियो एवं विकास सूचना में विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works in connection with vertical extension of biog. No. V-44 For Advanced Video Imaging Lab at VRC, VSSC / NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/03/2026-2027 Dt. 25.05.2026 (पी.ए.सी. ₹ 30.70 लाख/Lakhs)

डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading: दिनांक 26.05.2026 को 10.00 बजे/hrs. से दिनांक 08.06.2026, 23.00 बजे/hrs. इच्छुक निविदाकार अर्शों के लिए www.tenderwizarad.in/isro या www.isro.gov.in देखें। Interested tenderers may visit www.tenderwizarad.com/isro or www.isro.gov.in for details.

Sd/- प्रधान, सीएमजी, योएसएससी / Head, CMG, VSSC

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GOMATHI NAYAGAM PILLAI MANONMANI** born on 25.05.1971 (Native District: Kanyakumari) residing at 1/132, North Street, Melur, Esanthimangalam, Esanthimangalam Post, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu - 629852, Shall henceforth be known as **APPA MOORTHY MANONMANI**.
GOMATHI NAYAGAM PILLAI MANONMANI
Nagercoil, Date: 25.05.2026

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No.MD/SHS/TECH-123/2026/632
Dated, the 21st May, 2026
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE (e-TCN)

Name of the Work: "Providing Assistance for Monitoring Maintenance Dredging Operation and Assisting Hydrographic Survey and other Miscellaneous works of Hydrographic Survey Division, Marine Department, PPA for a period of 03(three) years". Estimated cost: Rs.1,21,73,911/- Plus GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 17:00 Hours on Dt.11.06.2026. For details, please log on to the Website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/10/2026-2027 dt. 25.05.2026

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
SALEM DISTRICT Dt. 22.05.2026.
Roc.No.2738/2025/A9
SRILANKAN TAMIL REFUGEE CAMP - 2025-2026 (Phase-III)
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES AT NAGAYAMPATTI (SENTHARAPATTI CAMP) H/O GANGAVALI BLOCK
ELECTRONIC TENDER NOTICE

- For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
- E-Bids are invited by Joint Director / Project Director, DRDA, Salem District for the work of the construction of New Combined Houses in Nagiyampatti Panchayat (Sentharapatti Camp), Gangavali Block with two Covers System.
- The Package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 26.05.2026 to 12.06.2026.
- Last Date and Time
i) Last Date and Time for downloading & : From 26.05.2026 to Submission of E- Bid Documents 12.06.2026 upto 3.00 P.M.
ii) Date and Time of online opening of : 12.06.2026 at 4.00 P.M. Bid Documents

Joint Director/Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency, Salem.
DIPR/1944/TENDER/2026

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(GATI SHAKTI/ MADURAI)
E-TENDER

TENDER NOTICE No:GS-MDU-04-2026 dated 23.05.2026

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, Southern Railway, Madurai-625016 invites e- tender for the work as per Notice inviting Tender(NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in The tenders / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.

Tender No.	Name of Work	Approximate cash value in (₹.)	Bid Security / EMD in (₹.)	Period of completion in Month(s)	Tender Closing Date
GS-MDU -2026-04	MADURAI DIVISION - Augmentation of covered sideline shed and allied facilities for Coach maintenance at Tirunelveli junction and Creation of MRF facility at Tuticorin and Kovilpatti Railway station - Engineering portion of work.	6,61,97,552.73	13,24,000	Eight	15.06.2026

For further details, refer to web site portal www.ireps.gov.in

It is responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting tender.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Madurai.

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION: CENTRAL OFFICES: KALABURAGI

NO/KKTCO/TR/COM/ 804 /26-27 Dated: 23-05-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 01/2026 (E-PROCUREMENT PLATFORM)

Tenders/bids are invited through e-portal for the Selection of Agency for grant of Advertisement Rights on Ordinary, Express and City buses (total 1500 buses) of KKRTC for the appropriate Qualified Bidders for a period of Five(5) years.

- ELF (Economic License Fee) is Rs. 2044/- per Bus per Month Excluding taxes, 2) Increase of 5%(five) for 2nd year and 10% (Ten) for 3rd, 4th and 5th year over the license fee of the previous year, 3) The Earnest Money Deposit amount fixed is **Rs. 20,00,000/-** (Twenty lakhs Rupees), 4) **Calendar of events: Description, Events, Date & Time** : Last date & Time for Submission of Bids: **12.06.2026, 17:00 hrs**, Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid: **15.06.2026 11:00 hrs**, Date & time of Opening of Financial Bid: **19.06.2026 11:00 hrs**
- The Financial Bids of the Bidders, who have qualified in Technical Bid will only be opened.
- The Terms & Conditions, Eligibility Criteria and other Technical details can be downloaded from the e-portal website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from, 7) KKRTC reserves the right to accept or reject tenders without assigning any reason thereof. 8) For more details contact: Dy Chief Traffic Manager-776099013, Divisional Traffic Officer-7760992024, E-mail Id: ctmnekrctgbl@gmail.com

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager
KKRTC Central Offices, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/162/KSMC&A/2026-27

CARMEL NAGAR BRANCH, NAGERCOIL
Quotation Notice

Central Bank of India invites sealed bids from reputed and experienced contractors for the Interior Furnishing, Electrical Works, and Data Cabling for its Carmel Nagar Branch, Nagercoil located at Carmel Shopping Complex, Rajakkamangalam Road, Carmel Nagar, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari 629004.

Last date for submission of quotation: **01.06.2026**
Sr.Manager, Madurai.

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

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 16/06/2026 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:-
KANYAKUMARI, ANJUGRAMAM KANYAKUMARI, 0117920730019179, 9180, BEACH ROAD NAGERCOIL, 0125250700048181, 9092, 9161, 0125250730008369, 8482, 8488, KANYAKUMARI, 0102100700771554, 2521, 3011, KOLACHEL, 0102130700780041, KOTTAR NAGERCOIL, 0102490730005072, KUZHITTURAI, 0102890700035812, NAGERCOIL, 0124420700039253, SWAMIAR MADAM, 0103140700056971, VADASSERY JUNCTION, 0102980700067521, 8165, 9152, 9644, 9704, ALANGULAM, 0102410700776014, 6640, 7273, 0102410730020208, 6224, 6968, 6969, 7104, AMBASAMUDRAM, 0103330700830714, 0726, 0760, 0787, 0811, 0829, 0899, 0919, 0924, 2285, 0103330730030984, 3434, 3873, 4685, KEELAPAVOOR, 0126790700048686, 9013, 0923, THENKASI, 0104530700758360, 8705, 9031, 9150, 0104530730019474, 9528, 9758, 9808, 9904, THOOTHKUDI, SATHANKULAM, 0133240700051972, 2056, 2111, 3749, 3964, 013324073002101, 2147, 3755, 4257, TIRUNELVELI, KADAYAM NELLUR, 0130750700043715, KADAYAMNELLUR, 0124390700030428, 0639, KALAKAD TIRUNELVELI, 0126650700049717, MELAGARAM THIRUNELVELI, 0121630730016046, 6961, PALAYAMKOTTAIR, 0136220700011673, 1786, SRIPURAM THIRUNELVELI, 0120380700041816, 2480, 2553, 2779, 2792, 2797, 3060, 3095, THIRUNELVELI, 0103290700788568, 4836, 0103290730033737, TUTICORIN, CHIDAMBARAM NAGAR TUTICORIN, 0117830700067941, 0117830730029449, 9536, 0058, KAMARAJ SALAI THIRUCHENDUR, 0118490700067617, 7623, 7919, 8366, 9763, 2105, 3371, 3899, 3924, 4136, 4272, 5233, KAYATHAR TUTICORIN, 0115020700047802, 8201, 8227, 2463, 2947, 3831, 3864, 5003, 5004, 5065, 5200, 5244, 5279, 0115020730028245, 8552, 8553, 9041, KOVILPATTI, 0102620700065302, 6540, 3366, 0102620730039744, 0483, NAZERATH, 0102940700763456, 3694, 3912, VILLATTIKULAM, 0102870700747344, 7744,

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.

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