

DKS warns of ban on gutka if it's laced with narcotics

Our goal is to make Karnataka a drug-free state, says chief minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday said the state government will ban the sale of pan masala, gutka and similar chewing tobacco products if they are found to contain narcotic substances.

At the 31st Foundation Day celebrations of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and the Nasha Mukti Bharat Conclave at Kanteerava Stadium, he said creating a drug-free Karnataka is one of his government's foremost priorities.

Shivakumar said he has noticed some people getting high by consuming pan masala, gutka and other tobacco products. "I want to warn all manufacturers. The government may lose some ₹100 crore. But if it is found that even a small amount of drugs is being added in your products, I will see that these products are banned in Karnataka. You (manufacturers) should be very cautious. Our goal is to make Karnataka a drug-free state," he warned.

Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan said strong willpower is the only way to completely eradicate drug abuse. He said the vision of a Nasha Mukti Bharat extends beyond eliminating drugs and seeks to



Chief Minister DK Shivakumar speaks at the 31st foundation day celebration of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health and Science at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

ensure healthy families across the country.

Describing health as one of a nation's greatest assets, he said economic growth, innovation, productivity and social harmony depend on the well-being of citizens. Every young person lost to addiction represents not only a personal tragedy, but also a loss to society, as substance abuse destroys health, disrupts families and weakens the nation's human capital, he added.

He said the fight against drugs should not be viewed merely as a law-and-order issue

but as a social responsibility requiring the participation of families, educational institutions, healthcare organisations, community groups and civil society.

Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot appreciated RGUHS decision to combine the anti-drug campaign with the promotion of organ donation. He described drug abuse as a serious threat to families, communities and the nation's future, while calling organ donation one of the noblest acts of human compassion. He also congratulated RGUHS, the Disha Bodh Foundation and the Narcotics Control Bureau for organising the programme.

Delivering the endowment lecture, Andhra Pradesh Governor and former Supreme Court judge Justice S Abdul Nazeer said a society cannot be considered just or prosperous if a large section of its people remains deprived of healthcare services.

Over 25,000 students from RGUHS-affiliated colleges participated in the programme and took a pledge to serve as ambassadors for a drug-free India. Vice-Chancellor Dr Bhagavan BC administered the pledge. Former vice-chancellor S Kantha and other retired vice-chancellors were felicitated during the event.

ASSAULT ON ED OFFICIALS CASE

Pleader made respondent amid bail row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @TPuram

IN an unprecedented move, the government has decided to list district pleader T Geena Kumari as a respondent when it moves the Kerala High Court against the bail granted to an accused in the case related to the attack on Enforcement Directorate (ED) personnel during last month's raids on Leader of Opposition Pinarayi Vijayan's residence in Thiruvananthapuram. Geena was on Sunday removed as district pleader and the charge given to additional district pleader A R Shaji.

Hareesh Kumar, the ninth ac-

cused, was granted bail after Geena informed the district court that his custody was not required as the probe was past the crucial stage. This argument contradicted the police stand that Hareesh's custody was indispensable.

After bail was granted, the police took a stern view of the pleader's conduct and informed the government that it cannot proceed with the investigation and court proceedings with the same pleader. Sources in the government said that making Geena, a former state vice-president of SFI who was appointed the district pleader by the previous LDF administration, as

one of the respondents in the appeal was unprecedented, yet unavoidable.

"The police clearly informed her about its objection to the bail plea. Still, she misrepresented facts, which could be construed as an act of fraud, and facilitated in the accused getting bail. Since she is made a respondent, she will be summoned by the court to explain her rationale for doing so," the source said.

"In a case where there are 300 accused, of which only 25 have been arrested and two have fled the country, how can a public prosecutor take a stand that custody is not required and bail

be granted? Forensic analysis of the mobile phones of the arrested persons is yet to be over and the investigation is still in the infant stage," said the source.

Meanwhile, former district government pleader A Santosh Kumar has been appointed as special public prosecutor in the case. He will appear for the state when the bail pleas of other accused are considered by the additional district and sessions court. Following Hareesh's bail, several arrested persons had transferred their bail petitions from the magistrate court to the district court.



Children play an energetic game of beach football on the muddy shores of Valiathura Beach as monsoon showers lash Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday | ALBIN MATHEW

FOOTBALL FRENZY

MSMEs urge state to establish welfare board, raw material bank

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Coimbatore

MICRO, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Coimbatore have appealed to the state government to set up a dedicated Welfare Board for MSMEs to protect tiny and small industries.

Citing the precarious condition of micro entrepreneurs, J James, president of TACT, a MSME industrial association said, "Job orders are irregular and even when received, timely payments are not made. Entrepreneurs who have taken bank and private loans to purchase machinery are struggling to survive," he said.

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their families, suffer heavily due to unexpected accidents and loss of life. He urged the government to establish a Welfare Board that includes MSME entrepreneurs and workers as members.

"The board should provide accident compensation and financial support to families in case of death," he said.

Devakumar Nagarajan, president of Chinnavedampatti Industrial Association suggested

linking technical and management colleges with MSME units to expand internship and skill development programmes. He also called for mandatory six-month MSME training for polytechnic students, simplification of GST procedures, and setting up an MSME facilitation centre on the 5th and 6th floors of the newly constructed Coimbatore Periyar Science and Technology Centre.

He stressed the need for improved infrastructure including roads, street lights, drainage, security and industrial facilities in industrial clusters such as Kovilpalayam, Chinnavedampatti, Vellakinaru, Saravanampatti and Thudiyalur, which house over 20,000 units.



Nehru Institute of Engineering and Technology organised a Drug Awareness Programme on Thursday in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Police to promote a drug-free society and create awareness among students. P Krishnakumar, CEO and Secretary of the Nehru Group of Institutions, Swaminathan, DIG, Coimbatore Range, Pavankumar Reddy, SP and others were present | EXPRESS

Pallava-era sculptures discovered in V'puram

Villupuram: Ancient Pallava-era sculptures of Kotravai and Jyeshtha Devi, believed to be around 1,200 years old, have been discovered in Perani and Moongilpattu villages near Villupuram during a recent field study by historian and writer K Senguttuvan. According to him, a stone sculpture over five feet of Kotravai, locally worshipped as Kali, was found at Perani. The eight-armed deity is depicted standing on a buffalo head. "The sculpture features a rare artistic element with a parrot resting on her raised right hand and a separately carved snake near her right leg, features not seen in over 100 Kotravai sculptures documented in the district," he said. At Moongilpattu, a stone sculpture worshipped as Annapoorani in the renovated Ramanatheeswarar temple was identified as Jyeshtha Devi. It depicts the goddess seated gracefully with rich ornaments, accompanied by her son Manthan and daughter Manthi, he said.

3 give fake ₹500 note to fish vendor, held

Thoothukudi: Three people were arrested for allegedly cheating a fish vendor by using a fake ₹500 note resembling children's toy currency to get change in Kovilpatti on Sunday. Sources said the incident occurred at a fish shop run by Saddam Hussain on Palani Andavar temple street in Kovilpatti. Three men handed over a fake ₹500 note and asked for change. The shopkeeper returned the balance amount. After a while, upon examining the note, Hussain realised that it was a fake note meant for children's play. He immediately spotted them near Kovilpatti GH. They were later handed over to Kovilpatti East Police.

NAME CHANGE
15866. I, DIMPLE L, wife of Thiru Depesh N Vyas, born on 4th July 1997 (District of Birth: Coimbatore), residing at No.31, KM Ramasamy Nagar, GN Mills Post, Coimbatore - 641 029, shall henceforth be known as **DIMPLE DEPESH VYAS**
DIMPLE L
Coimbatore, 25th May 2026

NAME CHANGE
I, VEERAMANIGANDAN SUBRAMANIAN, S/o.Subramani, Born on 16/09/1995 (Place of Birth: Chennai), residing at No.54, Ambethikar Nagar, Karamadai, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore Rural, Pin-641104, Tamil Nadu, India, do hereby solemnly affirm that my correct name is **VEERAMANIGANDAN SUBRAMANI** only.
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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 16/07/2026 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:-
COIMBATORE, ANNUR COIMBATORE, 0121550730018158, CHINNAMPALAYAM, 0133400700021595, CHINTHAMANIPOUDUR, 0129730700022523, EACHANARI COIMBATORE, 0125100700037140, OPPANAKKARA COIMBATORE, 0100520700084241, PALLADAM, 0101480700083933, PEELAMEDU COIMBATORE, 0127800700029091, 0133, 0127800730016681, SARADHA MILL ROAD SUNDARAPURAM, 0108570700066610, 0108570730011201, SIVANANDAPURAM SARAVANAMPATTI, 0112940700046641, THUDIYALUR, 0114310700038238, ERODE, ANTHIYUR ERODE, 0114630700066971, 6998, APPAKUDAL ERODE, 0118370700048176, KANGAYAM, 0101800730040037, PERUNDURAI ERODE, 011870730027416, PUNJAIPULIYAMPATTI, 0102600700763727, SATHYAMANGALAM BUSSTAND, 0123310700048648, SVAGIRI ERODE, 0120580700029532, 9533, 9553, 0120580730024060, SOOLAI ERODE, 0121380700050156, NILGIRIS, COONOR, 0101240730017632, 7633, RAMANATHAPURAM, TIRUPUR, ANUPPARPALAYAM, 011470730043102, COLONY BUS STOP TIRUPUR, 0111910700042237, KUNNATHUR, TIRUPPUR, 0117130700031923, MUNIYAPPAN TEMPLE TIRUPUR, 0130730700017458, VEERAPANDIPURVIRUPUR, 0121820730039597,

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.

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
KILPAUK, CHENNAI - 10

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for admission to Under Graduate - MBBS & BDS Courses for 2026 - 2027 session (through Online mode only).

- Tamilnadu Government Medical, Dental Colleges
- Government Quota Seats in Self-Financing Medical, Dental Colleges and State Private Universities.
- Management Quota Seats including NRI Quota seats in Self-Financing Medical, Dental Colleges and State Private Universities.

For prospectus and filling up of applications, kindly visit the following website.
www.tnmedicalselection.org

Date of Commencement of online application	29.06.2026, 12.00 Noon
Last date for submission of online application	Will be intimated later

DIPR / 568 / Tender / 2026 DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(At/Po- Ambupaa, Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011, Ganjam, Odisha)
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NOTICE
FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"-Procurement
Bid identification No. Online Tender/09-2026-27/PMGSY/BPR

25001/550/2627:- The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads & Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana [PMGSY-IV (B-II)] in the districts of Kandhamal for 112 (One Hundred Twelve) number of packages with estimated cost totalling to Rs 212.67 Cr (Approximate) including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd. 30.06.2026
Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 14.07.2026 upto 5.30 P.M

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per mentioned DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to www.pmgstyenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. Circle, Berhampur
OIPR- 25001/25071/1/26-27/0016

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender No. E-ANGADI-RC-IT02-2026-0011

ELCOT Angadi invites "Rate Contract Tender for empanelment of vendors for supply, installation and commissioning of Printers, Scanners and accessories (3rd call), through ELCOT Angadi e-Commerce portal". For complete details, please visit www.tntenders.gov.in. Pre-bid meeting: 07.07.2026, 11:00 AM at ELCOT Nandanam Office. Last date for submission of e-bids: 16.07.2026, 03:00 PM. For queries: tenders@elcotangadi.in.

SD/-
General Manager (Procurement)
DIPR2157/TENDER/2026

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement)

BESCOM invites tenders vide Enquiry No: BESCOM/ 2026-27/EL/WORK_INDENT1146 through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders for "Strengthening of HT/ LT Network in Elephant Habitat & Elephant Corridors by creating Safe Corridors for Elephants and other Wildlife in Ramanagara Division of Ramanagara Circle of BRAZ area of BESCOM Jurisdiction on Total Turnkey on Percentage Quoting Basis."

Bid Documents available: 01.07.2026. Last date for Bid Submission: 30.07.2026, 17:00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Document: 31.07.2026, 17:15 Hrs.

The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal web-site <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com.

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APPENDIX IV (POSSESSION NOTICE) (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation 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 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notices issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(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 under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Description of the Immovable property	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(Combine Loan Code No.: 19910000088 Coimbatore Branch) Murthy Gopal (Borrower) Sabari M (Co-Borrower)	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Situated In Coimbatore Registration District, Periyanaickeralayam Sub Registration District, Coimbatore North Taluk, Nannur Taluk, Kondaayampalayam Village, In S. F. No. 390/1Ac. 3.65, S. F. No. 390/2-Ac. 3.78. In This, 1.85% Acres Of Land Sub Divided As S. F. Nos. 390/1A2, 390/2A2 And The Lands Are Converted Into House Sites With The Formation Of Roads In The Name Of "Sri Mahalakshmi Gardens - Gandhi Kamraj Samathavapuram" And In This Layout, Site No. 192 Having With The Following Boundaries And Measurements, Admeasuring 645 Sq Ft. (Or) 1 Cents 209 Sq Ft (Or) 59.921 Sq Mt. Of Land With Rec-Building And All Other Rights Over The Layout Roads For Ingress And Egress With Usual Pathway Rights To Use The Roads And All Other Appurtenances Attached Therein. The Above Property Is Lies In S. F. No. 390/1A2 Situated Within The Limits Of Kondaayampalayam Village Panchayat and Bounded On : East : Site No.221, West : 23 Ft. South North Layout Road, North : Site No.191, South : 30 Ft East West Layout Road	14-Apr-26 ₹ 19,51,757.00	25-Jun-26

Place : Coimbatore | Date : 29.06.2026
Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited