



The two buses involved in the accident at Ollur on Friday

20 injured in bus collision at Ollur

Speeding is a concern on Ollur-Thalore Road

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ABOUT 20 people were injured in a collision of two private buses at Ollur on Friday. The incident happened around 11am when the bus 'Sumangaly' coming from Thrissur to Palapilly collided with another bus 'Matha' coming from opposite direction.

Though one of the buses tried to avert the accident by slowing down and moving the vehicle to the other end of the road, the bus in the opposite direction couldn't stop, leading to the mishap. The fire and rescue services personnel arrived on the spot and carried out the rescue operations.

Passengers of both vehicles suffered minor injuries due to the impact of the collision. The injured people were taken to the nearby private hospital and ESI hospital. The driver of one of the buses, Nirmal, suffered a severe injury on leg. However, his health condition is stable.

The Ollur-Thalore road is a narrow road with heavy traffic and its widening is a long pending issue. Speeding of vehicles, especially private buses, is a usual complain that people in the region have been raising for years.

"There is a turning just before the Ollur industrial estate and speeding vehicles often lose control on this stretch. The same might have happened here, resulting in the collision of the buses. Moreover, it was raining at the time which worsened the situation," said a local person. The traffic on the road, which was blocked for almost an hour, was restored after the fire force officials removed the vehicles from the road.

"Speeding of private buses to reach stops as per the time chart allocated for them is amajor concern for all passengers. Such race is especially seen on Thrissur-Thalore-Kaloor, Palapilly route," said a commuter.

24-year-old dies in container lorry-scooter collision



Sudheesh

Guruvayur: A 24-year-old youth died in a road accident in the early hours on Friday at Thazhathe Akkikavu. The deceased has been identified as, son of Vasu and a native of Vellarakkad. According to preliminary information, a container goods lorry transporting vehicles collided with the scooter ridden by Sudheesh. In the impact, Sudheesh fell on the road and suffered a head injury. Eyewitnesses said that the lorry did not stop after hitting the scooter and continued moving.

However, another traveller who came through the area pursued the vehicle and managed to stop it. Sudheesh remained on the roadside in a bleeding condition for nearly half an hour. Sudheesh was shifted to a private hospital in Kunnankulam, but doctors were unable to save his life.

₹7.77cr sanctioned for infra devpt of forest dept in Wadakkanchery

M K SAJEEVKUMAR @Guruvayur

IN A BID to strengthen the infrastructure of the forest department in the constituency, a technical approval of ₹7.77 crore has been granted for a project to construct new forest buildings, said Wadakkanchery MLA Xavier Chittilappilly. The project has now moved into the tender stage.

The MLA stated that he had earlier submitted a request to the forest minister seeking urgent action to address the poor condition of the Wadakkanchery

and Machad forest range offices and staff quarters, and reconstruct forest department buildings across the constituency.

Following this, a detailed project report (DPR) was prepared to include the proposed buildings under the NABARD scheme. The project received approval on December 19, 2025, and the administrative sanction was granted on January 12, 2026.

The forest and wildlife department later issued technical ap-

proval for the project's implementation through Kerala Electrical & Allied Engineering Limited (KEL).

Under the project, ₹94.75 lakh has been allocated for the construction of the Vazhani forest station building, ₹1.83 crore for a dormitory, and ₹1.04 crore for a staff barracks. An additional ₹58 lakh has been sanctioned for the Vazhani deputy range office quarters.

At the same time, for the Machad range office, ₹1.12 crore

has been allocated for the office building and ₹57 lakh for staff quarters. An amount of ₹1.12 crore has been sanctioned for the Wadakkanchery range office building and ₹57 lakh for quarters.

A total of eight forest department buildings will be constructed under the project. The MLA said the initiative is aimed at the comprehensive redevelopment of forest infrastructure in the constituency and assured that efforts would continue to ensure timely completion of the construction work.

Table with 2 columns: ALLOCATIONS and Amount. Rows include Vazhani forest station building (₹94.75 lakh), Vazhani deputy range office quarters (₹58 lakh), Machad range office building (₹1.12 crore), and Wadakkanchery range office building (₹1.12 crore).



The gold crown that was offered by a devotee to Guruvayur temple | EXPRESS

Devotee offers gold crown to Guruvayur temple

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A GOLD crown studded with stones and weighing approximately 37 sovereigns (299.9 grams) was offered to Guruvayur Temple on Friday morning. The offering was made by Rajan P Nair, an industrialist from Tiruppur.

The ceremony took place in the presence of temple officials, devotees and members of the donor's family. The crown was adorned on the idol of the deity for the ucha pooja (midday worship).

Devaswom Managing Committee member C Manoj, temple deputy administrator M Radha, assistant manager M Haridas, family members of Rajan P Nair and devotees were also present on the occasion.

As part of the temple's customary honours, the devotee and family were presented with prasadam.

'Number of bars in state rose from 29 to 884 under LDF govt'

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KERALA Sports and Youth Affairs Minister O J Janeesh on Friday alleged that it was LDF-led government's policies that led to Kerala drowning in alcohol.

Speaking to the media in Thrissur, Janeesh said that the number of bars in state increased from 29 to 884 over the past 10 years under the LDF government.

"Everyone knows that it was the LDF that increased the number of bars from 29 to 884," he said. Referring to the state's liquor policy, Janeesh said that the chief minister had informed the legislative assembly that the government's liquor policy would be discussed within the

UDF before being announced. He also alleged that the first official communication seeking a reduction in tax on Bacardi was submitted when M V Govindan was the excise minister.

He also pointed out that the reduction in tax on foreign liquor currently in Kerala is part of a process that began in 2021.

"Only a tax proposal has been put forward. If the proposal is found suitable after discussions within the UDF, it will be implemented. If not, it will not be implemented," he said, adding that the chief minister had made the position clear.

Janeesh said that discussions on the issue would be held in UDF and the party before a final decision is taken.



NEW LOOK

Minister O J Janeesh inaugurates the renovated thekkegopura nada of Sree Vadakkumthathan Temple in Thrissur on Friday | EXPRESS

Review meeting held to strengthen leptospirosis prevention measures

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AN emergency review meeting was convened under the leadership of Chavakkad Municipality to intensify preventive measures following the confirmation of leptospirosis cases within the municipal limits. The meeting was chaired by municipal chairperson A H Akbar.

Detailed discussions were held on precautionary measures required to maintain cleanliness in the municipality and prevent the spread of leptospi-

sis. It was also decided to strengthen awareness campaigns and extend them effectively to the grassroots level.

Municipality vice chairperson Bincy Santhosh; Development Standing Committee chairperson P Yatheendradas; Welfare Standing Committee chairperson Lisha Mathrankott; Health Standing Committee chairperson K H Salam; Public Works Standing Committee chairperson Subura; and Education and Sports Standing Committee

chairperson K P Ranjith Kumar also attended the meeting along with the secretary-in-charge Rishma P P, Municipal Clean City manager Dileep B, Municipal Ayurveda medical officer Dr Dhanyasree Unni, Homeo medical officer Dr P V Sindhu, Taluk health inspector Ramkumar and senior public health inspector (Grade-1) Shameer M.

Public representatives, health officials, ASHA workers, Kudumbashree members, and others attended the meeting.

EXPRESS READ

Emergency anniversary: BJP holds 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas'

Thrisur: BJP district committee organised a gathering titled 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas', here on Friday as part of remembering the struggles of people during the Emergency period in India, while observing its 51st anniversary. V P Sreepadmanabhan, BJP state spokesperson, inaugurated the programme which was presided over by BJP Thrisur district president Justin Jacob. Sripadmanabhan described the Emergency as the darkest chapter in India's democratic history during which the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution were completely denied.

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