

# 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

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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 Mukta 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 Mukta Bharat extends beyond eliminating drugs and seeks to ensure healthy families across the country.

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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

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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 Thaaavar 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 Veliathura Beach as monsoon showers lash Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday | ALBIN MATHEW

## HAVING A BALL

## EXPRESS READ

### 60-yr-old man killed in suspected tiger attack

Coimbatore: A 60-year-old man was found dead in a suspected tiger attack at Moonu Kuttai village en route to Gobanari near Karamadai on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Velliangiri, a non-tribal resident. Forest officials said Velliangiri, who regularly ventures into the forest to collect tamarind, failed to return home on Saturday. Following information, a team of forest staff launched a search on Saturday evening, but called it off after nightfall. The search resumed on Sunday. At 1.30 pm, the team located Velliangiri's partially consumed body inside dense bushes within the reserve forest. Villagers suspect that the man had been attacked and killed by a tiger. Forest officials said camera traps would be installed to identify the animal. ENS

# DDHS reinforces family welfare reporting across 168 pvt nursing homes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

THE office of the Deputy Director of Health Services (Family Welfare) has reinforced family welfare reporting norms across all 168 private nursing homes in Tiruchy district, emphasising uniform documentation of institutional deliveries, live births, sterilisations and other family planning services.

In addition to uploading details through the Health Management Information System (HMIS), private hospitals have been reminded to maintain prescribed family welfare registers and submit monthly reports to the Deputy Director's office.

According to the Deputy Director's office, private nursing homes in Tiruchy reported 21,980 institutional deliveries between March 2025 and April 2026. Officials said, "Data reported by private hospitals help the department maintain district records of births and family welfare services." They also

added, the monthly reports submitted to the district office are used alongside HMIS entries for record maintenance and programme monitoring.

To ensure uniform reporting practices, the department recently organised a two-day orientation programme at a private hospital for staff nurses, hospital managers and data entry operators from all 168 private nursing homes in the district.

Speaking to TNIE, an official from the Family Welfare wing said the sessions covered maintenance of family welfare registers, documentation of services and timely submission of HMIS entries and monthly returns.

"Refresher programmes are conducted periodically to familiarise hospital staff with standard documentation and reporting procedures. The objective is to ensure that records are maintained properly and monthly reports are submitted accurately," the official said.

## Naidu calls for revival of joint family system

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

LAUDING the greatness of the traditional Indian joint family system, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has underlined the need for its revival to uphold values in society. "The joint family system is one of our greatest strengths. Grandparents and other family members in a joint family system help shape children with values, besides extending emotional support," Naidu said.

Naidu administered polio drops to children as part of the Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme at his camp office in Undavalli on Sunday. Later, he interacted with children and their parents, and enquired about their health, vaccination status and upbringing. He urged parents to ensure that children receive all government-recommended vaccinations on time to safeguard their health.

Officials of the Health and Family Welfare Department informed the Chief Minister that the State aims to administer polio drops to approximately 4.92 million children below the age of five during the three-day campaign.



AP CM N Chandrababu Naidu at a pulse polio programme in Undavalli on Sunday | EXPRESS

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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**

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| Sl. | Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) Legal Representative(s)                                                                                                                                                       | Outstanding Dues                                                                                                                  | Date / type of Possession                | Description of Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset /s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1.  | <b>Borrower:</b><br>1.MR HARIBASKAR N<br>Door No. 524A/4,<br>S.No.1462/2A2, JJ Garden<br>East, North Gandhigramam,<br>Pasupathipalayam,<br>Thanthoni Union,<br>sanarpirati Village &<br>Panchayat, Karur- 639004. | <b>Rs.11,83,962/-</b><br><b>as on</b><br><b>30-September-2024*</b><br><br><b>Date of Demand Notice</b><br><b>15-November-2024</b> | <b>25-June-2026</b><br><b>- Symbolic</b> | Karur Registration district, Joint I SRO, Karur Taluk, Sanarpirati Village In S No 1462 Measuring 9 Acres 43 cents as per present UDR Survey subdivision S No 1462/2A2 Measuring 2184 sq.ft., in that East to West side in that undivided southern part measuring 1092 sq.ft., comprising site and superstructure abounded by: East by: 20 ft wide North to South road, North by: Property of B Padmavathi measuring 1092 sq.ft., In East to west on Northern side, South by: Property of Mariammal, West by: 10 ft wide North to South pathway belongs to Nakulappa Gounder , In that middle part East to west on both sides 52 ft, North to South on both sides 21 ft measuring 1092 sq. ft i.e., 101.45 Sq. Mt. including North to South on Western side panchayat road In eastern side S No 1458 In which Southern end of JJ Garden 20 ft wide East to West road, End of the Southern part East to West road in S No 1461, In that End of the Southern portion facing East side 20 FT WIDE East to West road in S No 1462. Door No 524A/4 , Tax assessment no.524. This property comprised in S No 1462/2A2, Within the limit of Thanthoni Union sanarpirati Village Panchayat. |

\*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: 29-June-2026**  
**Place: Madurai**

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

**For HDFC Bank Ltd. SD/- Authorised Officer**

**Change of Name**

**I, NIJAMUDEEN ABDUL GAFFOOR** born on 13.07.1963 (Native District: THANJAVUR DISTRICT) residing at No.77/39, Raja Veethi, Swamimalai, Kumbakonam Taluk-612 302, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu shall henceforth be known as **ABDUL GAFFUR SHEIK DAWOOD. NIJAMUDEEN ABDUL GAFFOOR Swamimalai, 27.06.2026.**

**Change of Name**

**I, S.MAHESWARAN (SELVARAJ MAHESWARAN), S/o. SELVARAJ,** was Born on 23-04-1986 (Birth Place: Karuppampalayam, Karur District), residing at No. 142/1, Venus Nagar, 2nd Cross, Ponnagar, Rayanoor, PVC Company, Thanthonimalai, Karur District - 639 005, Tamil Nadu, Shall henceforth be known as **S. MAHESHWARAN (SELVARAJ MAHESHWARAN). S.MAHESWARAN (SELVARAJ MAHESHWARAN) Karur, 26.06.2026.**

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