POST OF THE DAY



V D Satheesan @vdsatheesan

Looking forward to inaugurating the 72nd Nehru Trophy Boat Race, a celebration that embodies Keralam's spirit, unity and timeless connection with its backwaters. As we gather on the waters of Punnamada, we also remember the enduring legacy of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Ji, whose historic visit and affection for this great tradition gave the Nehru Trophy its name and a special place in our history.

24-hr safe haven: Three years into service, She Lodge stays in demand

Over 1.5 lakh women benefited from Kochi corp's facility since its opening in March 2023

GOPIKA VARRIER @Kochi

PALAKKAD native Sanitha (name changed) came to Kochi for a job interview. Soon after receiving the interview call, Sanitha did not have to think twice about where she would stay — She Lodge near Ernakulam North railway station. Since its opening in March 2023, over 1.5 lakh women have benefited from Kochi corporation's She Lodge, a project introduced by the LDF government.

Set up in a three-storeyed building, the lodging facility has 43 single rooms, 32 double rooms and 31 dormitory beds. Given the heavy rush of women seeking accommodation there, the authorities have urged people to call up the facility on the previous day and ensure there is vacancy. Currently, advance booking is unavailable there.

"We don't want them to book in advance, but it will be helpful if they call and let us know. Women can directly come here and avail of the accommodation facility, but we are overcrowded on most days," the official-in-charge of She Lodge said.



She Lodge, near Ernakulam North railway station

While the facility is a 24-hour service, the rooms usually get occupied during the 6am to 10pm window. "There will be a warden at the reception even at midnight, but chances are low of getting rooms if someone comes in late. However, considering safety aspects, we try our best to accommodate all women who come here in search of a stay," the official pointed out.

Out of a maximum capacity of 154 beds, 111 are currently in use while the remaining 43 either need maintenance or are not in use after some customers occupying rooms close to the kitchen of the Samridhi@Kochi canteen functioning on the premises complained of heat and smoke.

"What makes She Lodge convenient is not only safety but also the availability of food from Samridhi. We don't have to go in search of food as it is readily available in the same compound," said Reshma, a student.

The facility has CCTV surveillance and a total of seven trained staff, including three wardens. However, what comes as a major headache is the increasing number of young girls who seek stay there after having disputes with family. Many have sought shelter at She Lodge after eloping from their family home and end up with police interventions. Sources said that as such cases have been happening frequently, with police advise, the purpose of stay and other background details are being recorded to avoid legal trouble.

It was during the LDF term that the old Libra Hotel building was renovated and transformed into the current She Lodge.

Doing the math

Annual Income

2023-24	₹58.6 lakh
2024-25	₹70 lakh
2025-26	₹68 lakh
Total	₹1.96 crore

Room tariff

Single Room	₹200
Double Room	₹350
Dormitory	₹100



TASTING VICTORY

A rusk-biting competition held as part of the Onam celebrations organised by the staff of the Ernakulam District Ayurveda Hospital at Kacheripady on Friday | A SANESH

EXPRESS READ

Student threatens Pocso case survivor, booked

Kochi: A private college student in Ernakulam has been booked by the Kalamassery police for allegedly stalking and threatening a woman who is a victim in an earlier Pocso case registered against him. According to the FIR, the accused allegedly continued to follow the woman after she joined a private college in Kalamassery. On August 19, around 1.30pm, he allegedly stopped her at the college and threatened her in the presence of other students, asking her to withdraw the earlier case. The police stated that the accused threatened to kill and harm her if she didn't withdraw the case. The complaint also said he had been repeatedly following her and using abusive language.

Metro sees 6L passengers in five days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

NEARLY six lakh people travelled on Kochi Metro over five days, from Sunday to Thursday. A total of 6,05,772 passengers used the metro during the five-day period. Ridership crossed one lakh on each day amid the Onam shopping rush.

The metro recorded 1,05,829 passengers on August 16, 1,26,043 on August 17, 1,24,018 on August 18, 1,21,931 on August 19 and 1,27,951 on August 20.

Passengers relied most on the Aluva, Edappally and Ernakulam South stations.

Among the days from August 1 to 20, the highest number of passengers travelled on August 14. As many as 1,35,124 people made a journey on the metro on the eve of Independence Day.

Navy receives third anti-submarine warfare vessel Mangrol from CSL



Mangrol, the anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC) delivered by the Cochin Shipyard to the Navy on Friday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Cochin Shipyard delivered Mangrol, the third of eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft to the Indian Navy on Friday. Designed and constructed in accordance with the classification rules of Det Norske Veritas (DNV), the warship is equipped to undertake a range of critical maritime missions, including underwater surveillance, search and rescue (SAR) operations and low intensity maritime operations.

Mangrol is specifically designed to undertake anti-submarine warfare (ASW) operations in coastal waters and is equipped with advanced mine-laying capabilities. The vessel derives its name from the strategically significant coastal township of Mangrol in Gujarat's Surat.

The warship is powered by a diesel engine-waterjet propulsion system and incorporates state-of-the-art equipment, including lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rockets and advanced shallow-water sonars. This enhances the vessel's capability to detect, track and counter underwater threats in shallow coastal waters.

CM to inaugurate ICL 'Onnichonam Ponnonam 2026'



KOCHI: ICL Fincorp's Onam celebration programme, "'Onnichonam Ponnonam 2026', will be inaugurated by Chief Minister V D Satheesan at Irinjalakuda on August 23. Minister for Youth Welfare, Sports and Registration O J Janeesh will be the chief guest. ICL Fincorp chairman and MD Adv K G Anilkumar will preside over the function, while CEO, whole-time director and vice chairperson Uma Anilkumar will deliver the welcome address. The celebrations will begin with a cultural procession at 3pm from Sree Koodalmanikyam Temple, which will proceed through Thana and conclude at the Municipal Maidan. MLAs representing Irinjalakuda, Nattika, Kaipamangalam, Thrissur, Puthukkad, Kunnamkulam, Chalakudy and Guruvayur, Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, former minister R Bindu, Irinjalakuda municipal chairperson and others will attend the event.

HOMI BHABHA CENTRE FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

National Olympiad Programme 2026-2027 in Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Junior Science

All students wishing to participate in the programme must appear in corresponding **National Standard Examinations (NSEs)** (for science subjects) on **November 21 and 22, 2026**, conducted by **the Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT).**

Qualification in NSE is the first step towards participation in the corresponding **International Olympiads of 2027**.

To enroll:

NSEs: **https://www.iapt.org.in (Aug 21 - Sep 14, 2026)**

For more details:

https://olympiads.hbcse.tifr.res.in

https://www.iapt.org.in

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MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623,
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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 16/09/2026 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:-

ALLEPPEY, ARUR, 0103680810049537, CHENGANNUR, 0104790720000162, CHERTHALA, 0114790720000129, 0132, 0134, 0127, MANNAR-PARUMALA, 0122780810027653, ERNAKULAM, CHERAI, 0102060710761474, CIVIL LINE ROAD VAZHAKKALA, 0115010810042440, 2622, EDAPPALLY, 0110750720000070, MALIKAMPEEDIKA, 0113890820000101, MALIPURAM, 0101770720000232, 0233, IDUKKI, MUNDAKAYAM, 0103260710032848, KOTTAYAM, KODUNGUR, 0120160810022813, 0108, KURISUMMOODU, 0117880710023047, NALUKODI, 0132990820000122, TRISSUR, GURUVAYUR, 0100030810825505, MELOOR, 0106610820000110, NORTH STAND, THRISSUR, 0127550810021377, PALAKKAL, 0105890810034205, PAZHUVIL, 0106280810032814, VATANAPPALLY, 0130490810017266, WADAKKANCHERY TOWN, 0130220710019174, 9084,

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

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No.Admin-12011(16)/2/2024-eoffice
Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Service
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
(Drugs Section)
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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up the post as mentioned below at Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Guwahati by **Deputation (including short term contract)**. Interested candidates are requested to submit the applications with full bio-data to Sh. Pawan Kumar, Deputy Director(Admin), Central Drugs Standard Control Organization(CDSCO), FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

2. For further details please visit CDSCO website https://cdsco.gov.in.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Pay as per 7th CPC	No. of Post	Office for which the post is filled up
1	Senior Scientific Officer	Pay Level 11 of 7th CPC (Rs. 67700-208700)	01	Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Guwahati

Deputy Director (Admn.)
C.D.S.C.O Headquarter

CbC 17194/11/0017/2627

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
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File No-B-IV-H-(ALMC)-22/2023(Pt-V) Lr. No.-30630 Bhubaneswar, the 20th August, 2026
34001/682/2627

Invitation for Bids

Bid Identification No.: CE-Bldg-I-31/2026-27

1.	The E.I.C. (Civil), (I/c) Chief Engineer, Buildings-I, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the works, **(1) "Construction of Govt. College of Nursing (G+1) and Hostel Building (G+3) at Baripada, Dist.-Mayurbhanj", (2) "Construction of Govt. College of Nursing at Baleswar", (3) "Construction of Govt. College of Nursing at Jajpur", (4) "Construction of Block Level Stadium (With Indoor Hall) in Kuarmunda Block under Sundargada District" & (5) "Construction of Block Level Stadium (With Indoor Hall) in Gurundia Block under Sundargada District"** as detailed below.		
2.	Nature of work	:	Building Work
3.	No. of work	:	05 Nos.
4.	Bid Cost.	:	₹10,000/-
5.	Class of Contractor	:	'A'/ Special
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.01.09.2026 to 17.00 Hours of dt.17.09.2026.
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt.18.09.2026 at 11.30 A.M.
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.		

Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief (Civil),
OIPR- 34001/34117/1/26-27/0064 (I/c) Chief Engineer, Buildings-I, Odisha

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
Regional Business Office - 4, Kacherithazham, Muvattupuzha – 686661
E-mail: rm4mvt.aoern@sbi.co.in, Ph: 8547853319

PREMISES REQUIRED ON LEASE

Sealed offers are invited from the Owners/ Power of Attorney holders for hiring of premises, **preferably on Ground floor**, on lease/rental basis for SBI, as per details given below.

Sl. No.	Name of Branch	Proposed Location	Carpet Area in Sq.ft.(Approx.)	Built up Area in Sq.ft.(Approx.)
1.	Piravom Town Branch	Piravom Town	3800 to 4000	4000 to 4200

Further details, other requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bid & Financial bid proforma are published in Bank's web site- https://sbi.bank.in under "SBI in the News →Procurement News". The last date for receipt of offers in the office of the undersigned is up to **3:00 P.M on 18.09.2026.**

Place: Muvattupuzha
Date: 21.08.2026

Sd/-
Regional Manager

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1.	Koothattukkulam Branch	Koothattukkulam	3300 to 3500	3500 to 3700

Further details, other requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bid & Financial bid proforma are published in Bank's web site- https://sbi.bank.in under "SBI in the News →Procurement News". The last date for receipt of offers in the office of the undersigned is up to **3:00 P.M on 15.09.2026.**

Place: Muvattupuzha
Date: 18.08.2026

Sd/-
Regional Manager

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
PALAKKAD BRANCH: No.14/1563, 1st Floor, Sree Mahadev Arcade, Chandra Nagar, Palakkad - 678007

NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS / GUARANTORS

Notice U/s 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Borrower: Mr.Abdul Nazar.A, S/o.Mr.Ahammed Sahib, 527, Kozhiparamu House, Olassery, Kodumbu, Palakkad-678 551 **Also at,** Muhammed Nazar Contracting Est, Riyash, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Also at,** Re.Sy.No.574/10, Kodumbu Village, Palakkad-678 551 **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Rameeza.M,** W/o.Mr.Abdul Nazar, 527, Kozhiparamu House, Olassery, Kodumbu, Palakkad-678 551 **Also at,** Re.Sy.no.574/10, Kodumbu Village, Palakkad-678 551 **Guarantor: Mrs.Rajeena.M** D/o.Mr.Mohammed, No.15/216, Mannam, Parakunnam, Palakkad – 678 001 **Also at,** Dhiya Beauty Parlour, Parakunnam, Palakkad-678 001; **Demand Notice Date: 31.07.2026; NPA Date: 29.05.2026; Loan A/c.No. 1511860001013** dated 03.05.2017 for ₹ **12,00,000/-** was sanctioned under the scheme of **Construction of House / Flat-Floating; Amount Outstanding:** ₹ **9,98,207/-** with further interest from **30.07.2026** onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that Piece and Parcel of Property having an extent of 0.0121+0.0121 Hector of land and building in Re.Sy.No.574/10, Palakkad Taluk, Kodumbu Village Palakkad District. The property situated in the following boundaries, **Property 1:** East : Property of Ramlath, North : Item No.2 of the Property, West : Property of Ramlath, South : Panchayath Road. **Property 2:** East : Kudiyiruppa of Kabeer, West : Ramlath Property, North : Kudiyiruppa of Alavudheen, South : Property of Ramlath and Property No.1.

As a security for the repayment of the said loan to Repco Home Finance Limited, you have executed a Loan Agreement and also created, an equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the property detailed herein above:

Since you have defaulted in repayment of the loan. You are liable to pay the additional interest also. The Company issued notice under the Act on above mentioned date calling upon the above Borrowers / Co-borrowers / Guarantors to repay the above outstanding amount with further interest and costs thereon. The notice sent to all of you by Regd. Post. with Ack. Due. We regret to note that you have committed defaults in the repayment of loan and committed serious irregularities in the operation of the account. We have Classified your account as Non-Performing Asset you are liable to pay the amount mentioned above. We hereby call upon you, to pay the aforesaid amount due within 60 (SIXTY) days from the date of this notice, failing which the Company shall take over the possession of secured assets mortgaged to us under the power conferred to us under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, wherein the Repco Home Finance Limited, is empowered to take possession of the secured assets including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale, take over the management of the secured assets, appoint any person to manage the secured assets from you and adjust the above sale proceeds towards the debt due from you.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Date: 22.08.2026 **Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Ltd**

INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DIVISION KRISHI
ANUSANDHAN BHAVAN II, PUSA, NEW DELHI 110 012

NETAJI SUBHAS - ICAR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) invites applications from Indian as well as overseas nationals having Master's degree in Agriculture and Allied Sciences for the Netaji Subhas-ICAR International Fellowships (NS-ICARIFs) for the year 2026. The NS-ICARIFs are available for pursuing a doctoral degree in agriculture and allied sciences, in the identified priority areas, to the (i) Indian candidates for study abroad in the identified overseas Universities/Institutions having strong research and teaching capabilities and (ii) to overseas candidates for study in the Indian Agricultural Universities (AUs) in the ICAR-AUs system. Thirty (30) fellowships for a duration of three years will be available.

Detailed guidelines, priority areas of study and application proforma are available on ICAR Website **www.icar.org.in.** The application should he submitted by September 25. 2026, to ADG(HRD) at **adg.hrd.applications@gmail.com**, mentioning the "Application for NSIF: Name of Applicant and contact number" in the subject line of the mail.

Last date for submission of the application is September 25, 2026.

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Federal Bank

LCRD / ERNAKULAM DIVISION, Federal Towers, Marine Drive, Ernakulam -682031, Tel: 0484- 2385538, 2201157
Email: : ekmlcrd@federal.bank.in
Website: www.federal.bank.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS

(Under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (Hereinafter Referred To As Act) R/W Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Hereinafter Referred To As Rules).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers and Gurantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Federal Bank Ltd., **Ernakulam/Marine Drive Branch**, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Federal Bank Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **19-09-2026** for recovery of **Rs. 67,97,495/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Five only)** made up of Rs 56,24,411/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven only) under Term Loan – 1 account and Rs 11,73,084/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Three Thousand and Eighty Four only) under Term Loan – 2 account as on 20-08-2026 together with further interest, cost and other charges till realization is due to The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor) from Borrowers/Guarantors **(1) M/s Cuoretone Fitness India Pvt Ltd,** V/326-F, Sreeragam, Chirakuzhi Road, Eloor, East Udyogamandal P O, Ernakulam-683 501 // 3rd Floor, Grand Mall, Oasis Centre, Edappally, Ernakulam-682 024, **(2) Sri. Sajith Kumar P G,** S/o Gopinathan P K, 30/1088A, Kaniyampuzha Road, Vyttila, Ernakulam – 682 019, **(3) Sri. Sibu K Vaishnavan,** S/o Vaishnavan, Sreerams, Venkekkara, Mathilil P O, Thrikkadavoor, Kollam- 691 601, **(4) Sri. Jithin B Mohan,** S/o Babu Mohan, Santhinikethan, Chamampathal P O, Vazhoor, Changanachery- 686 517 **(5) Sri. Vinodkumar Chandran Pillai,** S/o Chandran Pillai, Sreenandanam, Parakkadavu, Kurumassery, Ernakulam – 683 579 // Flat No 401, Sita Residency, Opp. to LG Service Center, Ramnagar, Visakhapattanam, Andhra Pradesh-530 002, **(6) Smt. Bindu Vinodkumar,** W/o Vinodkumar Chandran Pillai, Sreenandanam, Parakkadavu, Kurumassery, Ernakulam-683 579 // Flat No 401, Sita Residency, Opp. to LG Service Center, Ramnagar, Visakhapattanam, Andhra Pradesh-530 002

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of land having an extent of 1.61 Ares (3.98 cents) consists of (i) 0.40 Ares in Survey No 8/1, Re Survey No 355/12/1, Block No 6, (ii) 0.81 Ares in Survey No 8, Re Survey No 355/16, Block No 6 (iii) 0.40 Ares in Survey No 8/1, Re Survey No 355/16, Block No 6 with commercial building and all other improvements thereon situated in Parakkadavu Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State within the registration Sub district of Chengamanadu. **Bounded on the : East by** Property of Kovat Omana, **South by:** PWD Road, **West by:** Property of Joseph and **North by:** Properties of Omana and Joseph.

Reserve price: **Rs. 48,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh only)**

Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs. 4,80,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Thousand only)**

Date and Time of E-auction Sale: 19-09-2026 from 03.00 PM to 03.30 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. **https://www.federal.bank.in/web/guest/tender-notices.** Auction Sale/bidding would be only through "Online Electronic Bidding Process" through the website:**www.auctionbazaar.com**

Place : Ernakulam **For The Federal Bank Ltd.,**
Date : 20-08-2026 **(Authorised Officer under SARFAESI Act)**