MAN HELD K Andisamy (36) was arrested by the forest personnel for roaming inside the reserved forest in Sirumalai with a country-made gun and explosive material on Thursday night allegedly for hunting

'Sowcar' Janaki passes away at 94

Padma Shri awardee, who had acted in over 400 films, died due to age-related ailments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

VETERAN actor 'Sowcar' Janaki, known for her performances in various films across South Indian languages, passed away on Friday due to age-related ailments. She was 94.

One of Indian cinema's most revered actors with more than 400 titles across languages to her credit, 'Sowcar' Janaki made an impressive acting debut in the 1950 Telugu film *Shavukaru*, directed by LV Prasad. It was this film that earned Janaki the moniker of 'Sowcar', which remained her identity for over 70 years.

'Sowcar' Janaki was also known for her repeated collaboration with many popular filmmakers of various eras. She is most popular for her roles in films directed by K Balachander, including *Neerkumizhi* (1965), *Bama Vijayam* (1967), *Edhir Neechal* (1968), *Kaviya Thalaivi* (1970), and *Thillu Mullu* (1981). Although Balachander's films starring Janaki, such as *Iru Kodugal*, earned her the title of 'Tragedy Queen', their collaborations were particularly notable for showcasing her wit, comic timing, eccentricity, and intelligence. Her performance in *Pudhiya Paravai* continues to be considered one of the finest by an actor of that era. She also made evergreen films with directors like Bhimsingh and AP Nagarajan. Besides Tamil and Telugu, she starred in Malayalam, Hindi, and Kannada films.

She was also known for her 'Midas Touch', as she was part of the initial films of actors like Kamal Haasan, Sridevi, N T Rama Rao, Waheeda Rehman, and even Vijay Deverakonda, who became superstars in their own right.

A recipient of the 1969 Kalaimamani award, she was also honoured with the Padma Shri in 2022 for her distinguished contributions to Indian cinema and art. She won multiple state awards for her film performances, including the Tamil Nadu State Film Honorary Award–MGR Award (1990), Tamil Nadu State Film Award for Best Actress (1970), Andhra Pradesh's Nandi Awards for Best Supporting Actress in 1987 and 2007, Karnataka's Rajyotsava Award (2015), and Tamil Nadu's Puratchi Thalaivi Dr J Jayalalithaa Special Kalaimamani Award (2020).



'Sowcar' Janaki made her acting debut in the 1950 Telugu film 'Shavukaru' | EXPRESS

Her last appearance in Tamil came in director R Kannan's 2020 film *Biskoth*. In Telugu, she made her final appearance in 2023's *Anni Manchi Sakunamule*, directed by B V Nandini Reddy and co-starring Santosh Sobhan and Malvika Nair.

Film industry stalwarts paid glowing tributes to the legendary actor. Reminiscing about working with Janaki as a child artist in *Parthal Pasi Theerum*, actor-politician Kamal Haasan wrote, "She was the mother, I the child. Sowcar Janaki is an irreplaceable actor of the south film industry. She was also the go-to actor of my mentor K Balachander."

Heaping plaudits on her illustrious career, actor Chiranjeevi said, "With her natural acting, she breathed life into diverse roles and earned an indelible place in the hearts of audiences. She was a great actress whose contributions to the Indian film industry will remain unforgettable."

Her last rites will be held on Saturday at the Besant Nagar crematorium.

Farmers: Govt must allot ₹2K cr for Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Ramanathapuram



Farmers taking part in a grievance meeting held in Madurai on Friday | K K SUNDAR

THE South District Farmers' Association has urged the Tamil Nadu government to allocate ₹2,000 crore in the current financial year to revive the long-pending Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar river-linking project.

Speaking at the farmers' grievance meeting at the Ramanathapuram Collectorate on Friday, farmers' leader M Malaisamy said the 262-kilometre project, envisaged to divert surplus Cauvery water into the Gundar river, could transform irrigation in the drought-prone southern districts.

"The project has been a five-decade-old demand of farmers. Though foundation-laying and canal excavation works were initiated, progress has stalled. The government must allocate funds and complete it without further delay," Malaisamy said.

The association said the project could provide irrigation to nearly eight lakh acres across seven districts - Karur, Tiruchy, Pudukkottai, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Thoothukudi. It also pointed to the repeated filling up of Mettur dam during the 2025 monsoon and urged the government to utilise surplus Cauvery water for southern districts.

Several other farmers sought repair of the Shenbagavalli check dam breach, reportedly dating to the 1967 floods, alleging that it was diverting water towards Kerala and affecting irrigation over nearly 40,000 acres.

They also demanded cancellation of alleged illegal pattas in the 3,097.38-acre Kurumalai reserve forest in Thoothukudi and called for compensation and rehabilitation for 2,148 property losers affected by the Ramanathapuram-Paramakudi four-lane highway.

They further sought action against environmental pollution allegedly caused by fish-waste units at Pottalurani, withdrawal of cases against protesting farmers and leaders, and immediate desilting of the Panaiyooran or Siththarkottai canal.

Hindu outfit seeks action over dumping of meat waste into Vaigai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THE Hindu Makkal Katchi has urged the district administration and Madurai Municipal Corporation to crack down on alleged illegal cattle slaughter and dumping of meat waste into the Vaigai river and Panaiyur canal.

In a petition submitted to the corporation on Friday, the organisation's Madurai district president M Solai Kannan alleged that beef shops operating along the Vaigai southern bank towards Obula Padithurai were slaughtering cattle at the shops and disposing of the waste in the river and canal.

The practice, he alleged, had resulted in foul odour and unhygienic conditions in the area, besides polluting the water bodies. He urged Corporation Commissioner and district administration officials to conduct an on-site inspection to assess the situation.

The outfits claimed that cattle slaughter should be carried out only at authorised slaughterhouses after mandatory veterinary inspection and sought action against shops allegedly violating these regulations.

The outfit demanded immediate removal of slaughter waste from the waterbodies and legal action against those found violating slaughter and waste-disposal norms.

It further said protecting the Vaigai from pollution should be treated as a public health and environmental priority.

TAMILISAI SLAMS POLITICISATION

'Delimitation must to ensure reservation for women'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madurai

BJP leader and former governor (Puducherry and Telangana) Tamilisai Soundarajan on Friday appealed to the political parties not to politicise the delimitation issue, arguing that it was necessary to ensure adequate representation for women through reservation.

Speaking to reporters after worshiping at Meenakshi Amman Temple, Tamilisai said, "If people like us point out mistakes, the government should correct them and take immediate action. We are pointing out your shortcomings not out of enmity, but out of devotion."

She also urged the Tamil Nadu government to expedite and closely monitor the preparatory works for the Kumbabhishekam of the Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, which is scheduled to be held on September 17.

She also expressed concern over the condition of the Vaigai river and urged the government to take steps to clean and restore it.

She reiterated that the BJP would not compromise on Tamil Nadu's interests, including its demand for Cauvery water and women's reservation.

On the BJP's approach towards the TVK, she said the party would not adopt the approach of constant confrontation that is followed by the DMK.

"If TVK approaches us softly, we will also approach them softly. We will deal with them based on how they approach us," she further added.

Ryots want civic body to hold block-level meetings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

STATING that several local issues remain unresolved, farmers on Friday, during the agriculture grievance meeting, sought regular block-level meetings.

Presiding over the meeting, collector Nishanth Krishna said block-level meetings would be convened regularly to address issues including encroachments and other local grievances. He also directed revenue officials to ensure timely attendance at their offices.

Farmers sought the removal of encroachments from water bodies and action against those allegedly violating norms while extracting silt from tanks. They also called for restoration of water channels and measures to prevent dumping of waste into them.

N Manikandan, a farmer from Usilampatti, said native varieties of mochai (field bean) seeds had become difficult to procure and urged the Agriculture Department to ensure their availability.

Farmers from Mangulam demanded action to distribute crop insurance compensation for the crop damage that occurred last year. However, officials said the technical issues with the Centre's portal had delayed uploading of claims and that the matter had been taken up with the State government.

Farmers urge govt to provide crop loss compensation due to drought

VIRUDHUNAGAR: Farmers' association urged the government to declare Virudhunagar drought-hit and provide compensation to those who suffered crop losses due to deficient rainfall during 2025- 2026. Southern District Farmers Association district president R Ramapandian said the district had received inadequate rainfall during both the southwest and northeast monsoon seasons, resulting in severe drought conditions. He said the groundwater level had declined significantly, with several wells and borewells drying up. "Rainfed crops including cotton, maize, pearl millet, pulses and chillies had withered, leaving farmers unable to harvest their crops," he said. The association demanded that the district be officially declared drought-hit and that farmers be provided ₹35,000 per acre as drought relief after field-level assessment of crop damage. ENS

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1	Description	Sale of Indian Standard Sand Grade II & Grade III (as is where is condition) available at Ennore Factory
2	Tender No. & Date Tender ID	**438/VAP-1/2026, Dated.21.08.2026** **2026_TNMIN_696743_1**
3	Bid submission end date	**21.09.2026 upto 1600 hrs.**
4	Technical bid opening date	**22.09.2026 at 1600 hrs.**
5	Tender form Fee EMD amount	Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) (Non refundable) Rs.6,62,569/- (Rupees Six lakh sixty two thousand five hundred and sixty nine only)

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RFP Notice No.: TGSCSCL/PROC/VLTS/2026/01 **Dated:21.08.2026**
Online bids are invited from eligible Service Providers for the Selection of an Agency for Integration of GPS devices installed on Paddy Transporting Vehicles with a Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS), for Real-Time Tracking, Integration with the State Procurement Portal (OPMS), on an SLA-linked per-trip basis for 3 (three) years (**01.10.2026 to 30.09.2029**). Selection shall be based on the quoted Base Per-Trip Rate. Detailed RFP documents (Scope of Work, Pre-qualification Criteria, SLA Terms, and Proformas) can be downloaded from the GeM Portal: **www.gem.gov.in**.
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KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION
Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has published Employment Notification for various posts in Vadlapudi Project of Mechanical Department for initial period of one year on fixed term Contract basis through Walk-ininterview. Details are as under:
Employment Notification No.CO/P-R/14C/2026, dated 14.08.2026

Name of post	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total No. of Posts	Date of Walk in Interview
Assistant Financial Advisor	1	0	0	0	0	1	03.09.2026
Section Officer	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Project Manager / Material	1	0	0	0	0	1	04.09.2026

Candidates may see the details of notification, eligibility criteria, etc. on the KRCL's website **www.konkanrailway.com** at the link → Recruitment → Current Notification and apply accordingly
Chief Personnel Officer

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To enroll:
NSEs: https://www.iapt.org.in (Aug 21 - Sep 14, 2026)
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE
(Notice Pursuant to Section 91 and 108 of The Companies Act, 2013)
Notice is hereby given that the 75th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The South India Hotels and Restaurants Association (SIHRA) will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. at Tulip Hall, Feathers-A Radha Hotel, 4/129, Mount Poonamalle Road, Manappakkam, Chennai - 600089. Notice of the AGM has been dispatched to all the Members to their registered mailing/email address appearing in the Register of Members of the Association as on August 21, 2026. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and the Rules framed thereunder, the Register of Members will remain closed from Tuesday, September 1, 2026 to Saturday, September 12, 2026 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ascertaining the Members who are eligible to cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting or through ballot at the AGM venue. The Association, pursuant to Section 108 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 and the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India is providing the members with the facility to cast their vote through remote e-voting with regard to the businesses to be transacted, as per the notice of the 75th AGM.
The Association has fixed August 31, 2026 as the cut-off date for ascertaining the Members who are entitled to cast their vote either by remote e-voting or ballot voting at the AGM Venue. The necessary USER ID & PASSWORD were sent to the Members email-id / postal address available with the Association along with the Notice of the 75th AGM. Person becoming Members of the Association after dispatch of the Notice of the AGM but before the Cut-off date i.e. August 31, 2026, may obtain the USER ID and password by sending a request to e-voting@cdslindia.com or contact the Secretariat of the Association at the address mentioned in the AGM Notice. A member can opt for only one mode of voting i.e., either through remote e-voting or by voting at the venue of AGM. If a Member cast votes by both modes, voting done through remote e-voting shall prevail. Members who have not cast their votes through remote e-voting and who is attending the AGM have an option to exercise his/her voting through a ballot form at the AGM venue. The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again
The e-voting window shall commence on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 9:00 am, and shall be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026 and the Members are requested to cast their vote through the-web-link https://www.evoting.cdslindia.com by using their User Id and Password. Members will not able to cast their vote electronically beyond the said date and time, and the e-voting module shall be disabled for voting by CDSL.
The Annual Report including Notice of the AGM is also available on the Association's website www.sihra.in. In case of any queries or issues in relation to e-voting, Members may refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions", ("FAQs") and e-voting User Manual under Downloads section of CDSL's e-voting website https://www.evoting.cdslindia.com or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com
Members entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, may vote in person or by proxy / authorised representative, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form / authorisation duly signed by the person entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, are deposited at the Registered Office of the Association, not later than 48 hours before the meeting.
By order of the Executive Committee
For SOUTH INDIA HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS ASSOCIATION
Date: August 21, 2026 **T NATARAAJAN**
Place: Chennai **HONY. SECRETARY**

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Place : Chennai
Date : 22.08.2026
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3.	Aeronautical Engineering	10
4.	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	20
5.	Mechanical Engineering	43
6.	Metallurgy Engineering	01
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2. For Online Application and detailed advertisement, please log on to ADA website ***https://ada.gov.in***
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