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Saddened to hear the news about the boat capsizing in Muthalappozhi. My condolences to the family members of Abraham, who lost his life in the tragedy. I also wish for an early recovery for the injured. Once again remind the concerned authorities to resolve such issues that continue to put the lives of fishermen at risk, at the earliest.

Pro-Left outfits see red in LDF govt's attempts to initiate exam reforms

Teachers, SFI say move detrimental to students from marginalised, underprivileged sections

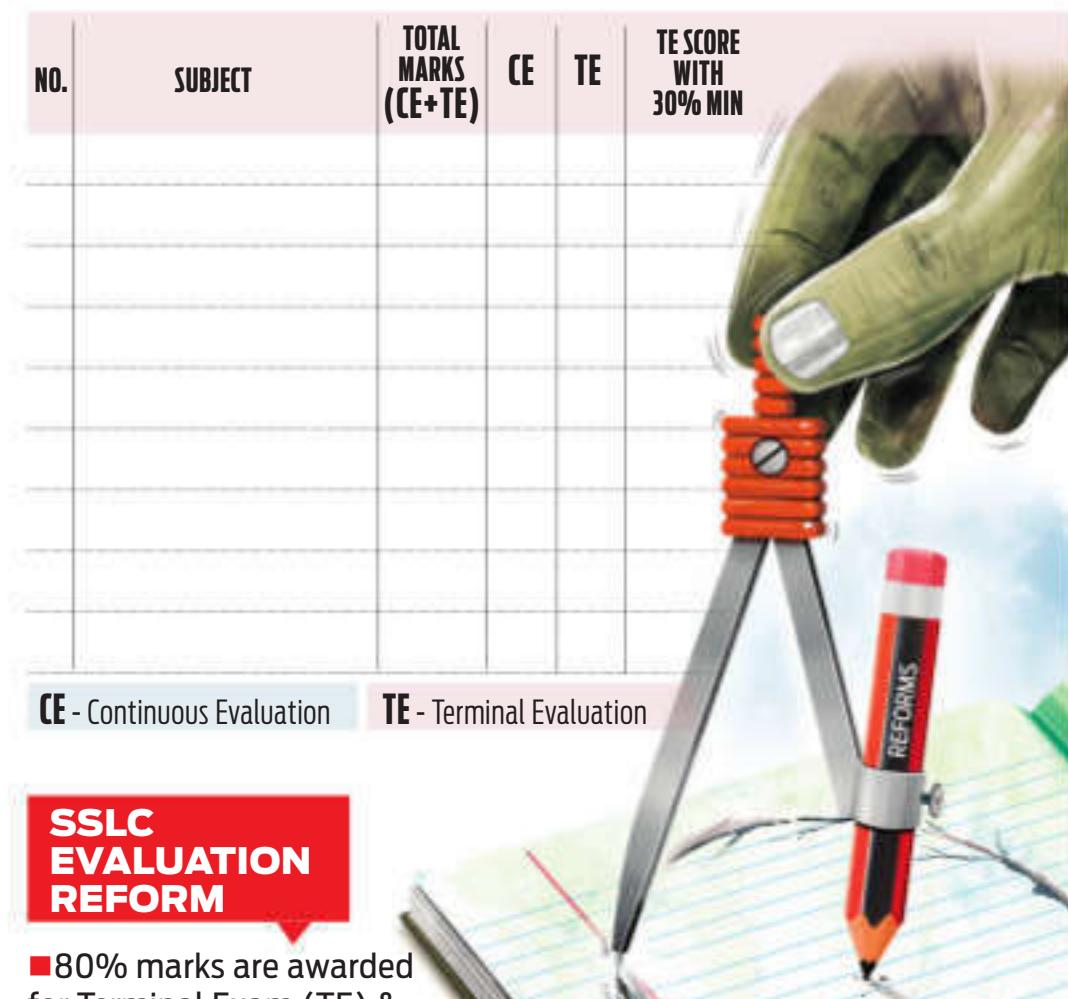
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @TPuram

THE state government's attempts to introduce minimum mark requirement of 30% to pass the theory component of SSLC exam, as part of efforts to improve the quality of school education, has met with stiff opposition from CPM-affiliated teachers' and students' unions.

At a conclave chaired by General Education Minister V Sivankutty in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday to discuss exam reforms, pro-CPM Kerala School Teachers' Association (KSTA) and SFI fiercely resisted the move saying it would be detrimental to students from marginalised and underprivileged sections. The conclave was organised by the State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT).

Speaking at the conclave, SFI state president P M Arsho said students could not be held responsible for the drawbacks in the present evaluation system. He argued that the quality of school education cannot be improved by stipulating minimum marks in the written component of SSLC exam. It would only serve to increase the number of children failing in the exam and drive away a large number of students from the schooling system. AISF said it was not opposed to reforms but it should be carried out in a timely and scientific manner. KSU and ABVP leaders said they did not attend the conclave as they were "not invited".

Interestingly, the minimum mark proposal was broadly welcomed by most of the teachers unions affiliated to opposition parties, including Congress. Stung by the opposition from pro-Left outfits, Sivankutty refuted their argument that tribal, SC/ST and underprivileged children will be adversely affected if the minimum mark condition required for pass is introduced. He stressed that reforms in the current evaluation



SSLC EVALUATION REFORM

- 80% marks are awarded for Terminal Exam (TE) & 20% marks for Continuous Evaluation (CE)
- In papers of 100 marks and 50 marks, CE is assigned 20 marks and 10 marks respectively
- Schools usually award full marks in CE to the candidates to improve the success rate
- At present, student needs just 10 out of 80 marks and 5 out of 40 marks in TE for pass

method, that were essential to improve the quality of school education need to be implemented.

"No child will be kept away from the schooling system or deliberately failed in exams. This government is well aware of the issues being faced by children from socially and economically weaker sections. But we cannot accept concerns that only serve to weaken reforms," he said.

The minister assured that suggestions of the conclave would be submitted as a detailed report to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for his consideration.

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Key recommendations

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AP govt issues notices to 104 pvt hosps with 100% C-section births

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The Andhra Pradesh government has identified 104 private hospitals in the State that reported 100% Cesarean section (C-section) births in the financial year 2023-24, signifying that they did not follow the Robson Classification system. In mid-May, the Health and Family Welfare Department issued notices to these hospitals and sought them to submit an explanation for the same by May 27. Most hospital managements submitted their responses by the deadline. These responses will now be reviewed scientifically, and appropriate action will be taken. Medical authorities estimate that 25 to 50 hospitals will face penalties.

The action comes after the government, in collaboration with UNICEF, audited 278 primary C-section cases at 62 facilities and noticed that while 55% were necessary, 26% were deemed unnecessary and 19% were performed without insufficient evidence. Notably, 104 network hospitals empanelled with Dr YSR Aarogyasri reported 100% C-sections in the state.

Of the total, highest of nine hospitals each have been identified in Vizianagaram and Prakasam districts, followed by eight hospitals in Nellore. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) and State officials, 100% C-section rate is unethical. The WHO had proposed the Robson Classification system as a global standard for assessing, monitoring and comparing Cesarean section rates within healthcare facilities over time, and between facilities.

In 2023-24, over seven lakh deliveries were performed in the state -- 2,67,083 at government hospitals and 4,48,144 at private facilities. Of the total, government hospitals recorded 1,01,156 C-section deliveries, while private hospitals reported 2,26,810 Cesarean births.

Notices issued by the District Health and Medical Officers (DHMOs) to the private hospitals stated, "Information and evidence have been placed before the authority, charging you with violations of the Andhra Pradesh Private Medical Care Establishment Act. The charges include non-adherence to guidelines, unethical practices, excessive billing, unnecessary procedures, and denial of entitled cashless treatment."

Speaking on the issue, additional director for Maternal and Child Health Dr KVNS Anil Kumar said, "We have identified hospitals conducting 100% C-sections and asked DHMOs to review case sheets and provide remarks." He stressed that unnecessary C-sections contribute to long-term morbidity in women, leading to various health complications.

He explained that the state has positioned 60 midwives in high-volume hospitals to address high C-section rates in government hospitals. In 2023-24, midwives conducted 7,000 normal deliveries, up from 4,300 the previous year. The government aims to ensure private hospitals do not conduct unnecessary C-sections, the official added.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY					
The following corrigendum are published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to Login to <a ghost"="" href="http://ireps.gov.in-login-eTender-Goods and Services (new) for details:</th><th data-kind=">					
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ITEM	TENDER NO & DUE DATE	ITEM	FIELD NAME		
13	0424099 / 03.06.24	SET OF 35 MM NON-ASBESTOS BASED ORGANIC BRAKE PAD FOR LHB COACHES	DELIVERY PERIOD		
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COMMENCEMENT WITHIN 45 DAYS OF ISSUE OF CONTRACT & COMPLETION ON OR BEFORE: 30-JUN-25. RATE OF SUPPLY:30% QUANTITY WITHIN 45 DAYS, 40% QUANTITY AFTER 45 DAYS & WITHIN 3 MONTHS THEREAFTER. BALANCE QUANTITY AFTER 01/04/2025 BUT BEFORE 30/06/2025					
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Notice under Sec.13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent on 13.05.2024 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due:

To, (1) Mr. Haris R P, (Borrower/Mortgagor), C/o Said Muhammed, Rayin Marakkar Veetil, Perumbadi RP House, Edavannappara, Cheruvayor Post, Vazhakkad, Malappuram, Kerala - 673 645. (2) Mrs. Kharunnesa, (Co-borrower), W/o Haris R P, Rayin Marakkar Veetil, Perumbadi RP House, Edavannappara, Cheruvayor Post, Vazhakkad, Malappuram, Kerala - 673 645.

Sub : Your IBHL-ELITE Account No.7317211549 with Indian Bank, Selaiyur Branch - Reg.

You committed default in repayment of loan due to the tune of Rs.46,39,604.89 (Rupees Forty six lakhs thirty nine thousand six hundred four and paise eighty nine only) as on 09.05.2024 with further interest at the agreed rate from 09.05.2024 till the date of repayment.

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on 10.05.2024 upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs.46,39,604.89 (Rupees Forty six lakhs thirty nine thousand six hundred four and paise eighty nine only) as on 09.05.2024. The notice were sent to you by Regd. Post has been returned unserved/Acknowledgement not received.

You are called upon to pay Rs.46,39,604.89 together with interest from 09.05.2024 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this demand notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities".

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged Asset : All that piece and parcel of the vacant house site bearing Plot No.21, to an extent of 1800 SFT comprised in Old Survey No 302 as per Patta No.9000, New Patta No.9055, New Survey No.302/19 under CMDA Chennai Lt. No.D2/R15458/88 dated 01.07.1988, Layout named as Highways Nagar Scheme-II, situated at Mannivakkam Village, previously in Chengalpet Taluk and presently in Vandalur Taluk, District Chengalpet, within the limit of Registration District of South Chennai and Sub-Registration District of Guduvanchery. Bounded on the - North by : 30 feet Road, South by : Plot No.35, East by : Plot No.22, West by : Plot No.20. Measuring - Northern side : 30 feet, Southern side : 30 feet, Eastern side : 60 feet, Western side : 60 feet.

Date : 29.05.2024
Place: Chennai

Authorised Officer, Indian Bank.

Suspended DySP's links with goonda gangs under probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

FOLLOWING the direction of the state government, State Police Chief Shaik Darvesh Sabeb has suspended Alappuzha District Crime Branch DySP M G Sabu for attending a dinner party at the house of gangster Thammanam Faizal in Pulinam, Angamaly. Sabu, who is retiring from service on May 31, will face a probe regarding his connection with gangsters in Ernakulam.

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According to police sources, as part of the department inquiry, the officer's connection with the gangster is being probed. "We are looking into Sabu's links with gangsters. Sabu had worked in Ernakulam Rural Police for several years. It seems that he established a connection with Faizal and the gang while working there. The cases probed under his supervision during the tenure in Ernakulam will be checked to unearth whether he had any person with criminal history," an officer said.

Meanwhile, the three civil police officers who accompanied Sabu to Faizal's house on Sunday night. The CPOs were also suspended by the Alappuzha district police chief on Monday night.

"Sabu had told them about visiting the house of his friend who recently acted in a Malayalam movie while they were returning from Tamil Nadu after a tour programme. However, they will be under suspension until the departmental inquiry is over," an officer said.

In an order issued by the home department, it is stated that the act of Sabu has tarnished the reputation of the police force. "The act of Sabu weakens steps initiated by the

EXPRESS READ

23-year-old woman dies of jaundice in Kozhikode

Kozhikode: A woman, Meghna, 23, died of jaundice while undergoing treatment at Kuttiyadi Taluk Hospital. Meghna, a resident of Theekuni, had been battling jaundice for the past three weeks. Despite receiving medical care, her condition deteriorated. She was working with Kuttiyadi Government Hospital as an anaesthesia technician.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY			
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT			
AUCTION PROGRAMME			
NOTICE NO: 07/2024			
e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locomos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.			
SL No.	e-Auction conducted by	Date of auction for the month of for JULY 24	Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	04/07/24 19/07/24 29/07/24	
2	CSSD/GOC	05/07/24 16/07/24 24/07/24	
3	SSD/PTJ	08/07/24 18/07/24 26/07/24	
4	MAS Division	05/07/24 16/07/24 24/07/24	
5	SA Division	08/07/24 18/07/24 26/07/24	
6	TVC Division	03/07/24 11/07/24 19/07/24	
7	PGT Division	03/07/24	