

A horror story of sexual harassment of women players puts the focus on Kerala Cricket Association

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Kerala is all set to host the first season of its own franchise-based cricket league. Sanju Samson continues to be in and out of the Indian team, and his omission always causes an outcry in Kerala. A cricketer from the State - Minnu Mani - has been named captain of the Indian women's 'A' team. Two others - Asha Sobhana and Sajana Sajeevan - are in the Indian side for the ongoing Women's Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

But, it is for none of these things that Kerala cricket is mostly in the news these days. A horror story of sexual harassment

of women cricketers - many of them minors - in the State has put the focus on the Kerala Cricket Association (KCA).

Coach M. Manu is in judicial custody under the POCSO (Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences) Act. Six girls have registered complaints against him to the police.

The tipping point came when Manu was appointed by the KCA as one of the coaches for a domestic tournament. A girl - who had been previously abused by him and who had moved to another State - was shocked to find that he had still been working as a coach, despite a police case against him for sexual harassment (he had been acquitted in that



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POCSO case after the survivor reportedly changed her statement). This time, the girl, who went for the KCA tournament, raised a complaint. Soon, many

others came forward.

The girls are understood to have gone through horrible experiences - physical and mental - while training under him. He had allegedly been exploiting girls for six years. That is why parents of the trainees are upset with the way the KCA has handled the issue. They feel Manu should not have been allowed to coach girls after complaints against him surfaced.

"Manu is a habitual offender and used his position as a coach to sexually assault minors," a parent of one of the girls told *The Hindu*. "He was manipulating and grooming children all the time for his sexual desires. He exploited the children's passion for the



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game and told them that they would have to cooperate with him to succeed.

"When practice was going on at the nets at the KCA headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram, he would take the victims to the gymnasium on the sly to perform lewd acts.

"The gym and rest room were the only places where there were no CCTV cameras

and he pretty well knew that.

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The KCA had been indeed under fire for not taking any action against the coach and it continued silence, even after the police arrested Manu for the POCSO offence.

At a press conference, KCA president Jayesh George and secretary Vinod Kumar denied that it was protecting the perpetrator and the association was



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cooperating with the Kerala police in the probe. *The Hindu* spoke to Vinod and he responded to the charges against him and the KCA. As we have often seen in the past, sexual harassment in sport takes time to come out.

The victims - especially when they are teens, or even younger - would not have the courage to speak out and may not even understand the gravity of the

crime committed against them. In the United States, it took two decades to bring Larry Nassar, the former team doctor of the national women's gymnastics team, to justice. Among his numerous victims were Olympic champions Simone Biles and Gabby Douglas.

Closer home, we have seen the public protests by India's wrestlers who risked their careers to seek justice as they challenged the mighty officialdom.

At a time when women's cricket is becoming increasingly popular, and more rewarding for the players with the arrival of the Women's Premier League, the scandal in Kerala should be an eye-opener.

Allegations made to derail Kerala Cricket League, says KCA secretary

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) secretary Vinod S. Kumar feels the organisation is being unfairly targeted.

"The KCA became aware of the matter only after Kerala Police visited the KCA headquarters as part of their investigation," Vinod told *The Hindu*.

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High Court. When the police case was first registered against him, many parents had given a statement to the police that the complaint was a fabricated one and it was alleged that the complainant was acting in vengeance after failing at

selection trials. We appointed him for the second time following many requests from parents," Vinod said.

The KCA secretary added that Manu had resigned and had served his notice period but the KCA was forced to name him as a coach for the Pink tournament as none of the other qualified coaches were available.

"It was merely a stop-gap arrangement," he said. "The allegation that KCA is



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protecting Manu because he is the coach of my club is baseless. He was never part of the coaching set-up of my club. It is true that he represented my club as a

player for a while but also played for other clubs before he became a coach.

"It is a bid to tarnish me and these allegations are made by people with vested interests. These people have tried to derail the Kerala Cricket League by approaching the prospective bidders to withdraw from the auction and even contacted actor Mohanlal and asked him to stay away from the KCL."

Vinod said the KCA had taken steps to avoid such



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incidents in future. "The association would have taken action if the survivor had approached us directly, but she contacted the

Childline and the KCA came to know of it only after police visited the premises for gathering evidence," he said.

"The earlier complaint was instigated by people who want to destroy the KCA."

Vinod said a woman coach had been assigned to assist Manu. "Surveillance cameras were placed with high resolution ones and the entire area came under surveillance," he said. "However,



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the cameras couldn't be installed inside the gym and toilets for obvious reasons. We had also made it mandatory for parents to be present at the premises during training."

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Further any addendum/corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/published through e-portal only. **NOTE:** Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone No. 0802230960, 080-22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to Support@prochelpdesk.com for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at cspp@ksrtc.org. (contact: 7760990225, 7760990224)

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Name of work	Supply, Installation, testing & Commissioning of UPS Systems, Isolation transformers & associated panels at ISTRAC G/S Port Blair.	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 500kVA DG set at ISTRAC G/S Port Blair.
E-tenders Notice	ISTRAC/CMG/E/CONV-Tender 28/2024-2025 Dated: 24.06.2024	ISTRAC/CMG/E/CONV-Tender 29/2024-2025 Dated:24.06.2024
Estimated Cost put to tender	Rs. 88.67 Lakhs	Rs. 67.18 Lakhs
Tender document details	E-Tenders	E-Tenders
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 1st day of date of issue of work order	06 Months	06 Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 25.06.2024 to 16.07.2024 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 06.08.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.	
Bid clarification	From 11.00 hrs. on 26.06.2024 to 17.07.2024 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 07.08.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.	
Last date and time of reply to bid clarification	18.07.2024 up to 16.00 hrs Extended up to 08.08.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.	
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	19.07.2024 up to 16.00 hrs Extended up to 09.08.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.	
Due date and time of opening of tenders	22.07.2024 after 11.00 hrs Extended up to 12.08.2024 after 11.00 hrs.	
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 1,77,340.00	Rs. 1,34,360.00

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details from website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender document from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

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E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE
Date: 23.07.2024

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(b) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

(1). Mr. P.P BABY, S/o. Pappachan, Proprietor - M/s. Lis Food Products, Mulamkuzhy, Malayattoor, Ernakulam, Pin-683578. Also residing at Pallipadan House, Nayathodu Kara, Angamaly Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam, Pin-683572

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Kalady (Secured Creditor), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on 23.08.2024 for recovery of an amount of Rs.22,41,496.11/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Two Lakhs Forty One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Eleven Only) as on 22.07.2024 with future interest, costs and expenses etc., thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Kalady (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).

Name of Property Owner : Mr. P.P Baby

Description of property : All that parts and parcel of land admeasuring 33.57 Acres, i.e. 00.78 Acres in Re.Sy.No. 571/12, 11.76 Acres in Re.Sy.No.58/22/2, 10.91 Acres in Re.Sy.No.58/23/2, 10.12 Acres in Re.Sy.No. 58/22/1 in (Old Survey No. 19/1B) along with Factory Building having an approximate area of 9400 Sq Ft. and all other improvements, usufructs and all other easementary rights therein of Malayattoor Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District more fully described in Sale Deed No.1558/2015 dated 03.07.2015, Sale Deed No.1559/2015 dated 03.07.2015, Sale Deed No.1560/2015 dated 03.07.2015, of SRO Sreemodanagar in the name of Mr.P.P.Baby Prop. of M/s LIS FOOD PRODUCTS and bounded as follows: East - Road, West - Property of Paruthikkattil Paul Mathew, North - Road, South - Property of Kuzhunnukattil Paul Mathew.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,03,56,000/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs.10,35,600/-
(Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred only)
EMD shall be deposited on or before 21.08.2024 till 5.00 PM
Bid Increment amount : Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Date and time of auction : 23.08.2024 from 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM
(with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)

Encumbrances known to the Bank : Nil.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com. Details also available at <https://bank.auctions.in/>. For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact South Indian Bank Ltd on contact number (Phone No. (+91) 9946669386, (+91) 9745244078, (+91) 480 2829336)
Date : 23.07.2024 Place : Irinjalakuda Authorised Officer The South Indian Bank Ltd.

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No.3154 / Date : 22.07.2024

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The tender for the work "Construction of E-Type staff quarters for ICDS Officials under W and CD Department at Sundargarh for the year 2023-24" invited vide Bid Identification No C C E K C, Keonjhar No. 01 / 2024-25 is hereby cancelled as per Letter No. 5390 dt. 06.03.2024 of Additional Secretary to Govt., Department of Women & Child Development, Odisha.

Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.
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