



Final list on landslide victims' liabilities to be ready today

As per preliminary report, loans worth ₹35.5 cr taken by victims • Temporary rehabilitation of victims from Chooralmala and Mundakkai to be completed by August 27

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DATA collection on the financial liabilities of the July 30 Chooralmala-Mundakkai landslide victims is nearing completion. As per the preliminary conclusion, loans worth ₹35.5 crore had been taken by the victims. Information about customers is being collected from various banks under the drive. Wayanad Lead Bank Manager Muraleedharan said complete information can be collected and forwarded to the state level committee and the district administration by Saturday.

"We have received data from almost all the banks in Wayanad. Only Kerala Gramin Bank, which has the highest number of customers in the district, is left. The district administration forwarded the list of the landslide victims. It contains 3,000 names, and includes people who died, those who are missing as well as the affected persons in wards 10,11 and 12 of Meppadi panchayat," Muraleedharan said, adding that right now, the banks are verifying the names with their customers' list. "We will be able to send the final list by Saturday," he said.

Kerala Gramin Bank and Kerala Bank, which had

branches in Chooralmala, had higher liabilities than other banks. As per the preliminary information, Kerala Gramin Bank issued loans totalling ₹15.5 crore to victims in the three wards. Kerala Bank officials said they issued loans totalling ₹5 crore to the affected persons. The authorities said the amount is likely to increase as other than the Chooralmala branch of the banks, many had taken loans from their Meppadi, Muttli, Vythiri and Kalpetta branches.

Meanwhile, temporary rehabilitation of the victims from Chooralmala and Mundakkai will be completed within August 27. Of the 794 affected families, less than 15 remain in four relief camps. After the list of temporary resettlement centres is published, accommodation is prepared considering the families' needs.

A help-desk has been set up to contact those who moved out of the camps and make preparations as per their needs. Officials will ensure that kits containing household items and essentials are made available to them. A team led by Chief Secretary V Venu visited the areas affected by the landslides on Friday, including those who have shifted to rented homes.

None survived from 17 families, govt tells HC

Kochi: The Wayanad landslides completely wiped out 17 families residing in Chooralmala and Mundakkai, even as 119 people remain missing. Out of the deceased, the next of kin of five have not been found. The government furnished the gloomy details of the tragedy in the Kerala High Court in response to a suo motu case and a public interest litigation alleging inaction and oversight by authorities with respect to the ecological degradation and unregulated development and mining in Kerala.

The government said as of August 22, 231 bodies had been recovered and as estimated on August 17, 119 people are missing. Of the 231 bodies, 178 were handed over to relatives, while the remaining 53 bodies that are unidentified were buried by the district administration, said the government, adding that 2,123 body parts were recovered, of which 203 were buried. The government said it has sought the support of the National Disaster Management Authority for conducting a Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA) in Wayanad. The PDNA team will begin assessment on August 26.



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THE Kerala High Court on Friday expressed concern over reports that loan EMIs were deducted from the bank accounts of Wayanad landslide survivors as soon as they received the relief amount. The court asked the State government to give instructions to all the banks, especially the cooperative banks, not to deduct monthly installments or arrears toward the loan taken by the persons affected by the

Wayanad rehabilitation: Teachers decry 'forcible' salary collection towards CMDRF

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A SECTION of school teachers have come out against the "forcible" collection of five days' salary by the government towards the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) for rebuilding the landslide affected areas of Wayanad.

Though Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had promised that the contribution of five

days' salary would be voluntary, the government order issued in this regard did not confirm to the assurance, alleged the pro-Congress teachers' unions. "The government order stated that all state employees and teachers should donate their salary of not less than five days and that a letter of consent should be signed in this regard," the Kerala Pradesh School Teachers Asso-

ciation said in a statement.

KPSTA said the government has compelled employees and teachers to donate when they are yet to receive the 22% Dearness Allowance (equivalent to six days' pay). Meanwhile, the Aided Higher Secondary Teachers' Association (AHSTA) has alleged that five days' salary was being collected through heads of schools who are entrusted with salary disbursal.

HC expresses displeasure over banks deducting EMIs

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landslide from the financial assistance provided by the government.

The Bench said that it was very disturbing to learn from the news reports that the banks were trying to deduct the monthly installments and arrears towards the loans from relief money credited into the account of the affected persons. "When the money was given for a particular purpose by a State Government in dis-

charge of its obligation to look after the citizens, that is basically like a trust. As the bank holds it in trust for the beneficiary, it cannot be appropriated towards other dues of the bank. The banks have a fundamental duty under the Constitution to have compassion towards the living being and act responsibly.

The court directed the state government to inquire whether such practices were occurring

SIT files chargesheet against Prajwal, Revanna

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The SIT, which had subjected the accused to medical tests and had gathered biological, physical, scientific, mobile

phone, digital and other circumstantial evidence during the course of investigation, has also furnished the reports of medical, forensic and cyber forensic tests along with the chargesheet.

The cases of alleged sexual abuse came to light after pendrives containing explicit videos allegedly involving Prajwal were reportedly circulated in Hassan, ahead of Lok Sabha polls on April 26.

More foreign students are eyeing Kerala, says CM

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Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of Pinarayi Education Hub in Kannur on Friday

CHIEF Minister Pinarayi Vijayan highlighted the growing interest among international students to choose Kerala as their higher studies destination as the state ramps up efforts to enhance its higher education sector. Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of Pinarayi Education Hub, an educational complex set to be established at a cost of ₹285 crore on 12.93 acres in Pinarayi village, Dharmadam constituency, he emphasised the state's commitment to educational development.

Vijayan noted that only four percent of students from Kerala pursue education abroad, a small fraction compared to the national average. "This year, institutions in Kerala received approximately 2,600 applications from foreign students. Currently, 1,590 international students are studying at CUSAT, and MG

University has received applications from 855 foreign students," he said. He also pointed out the participation of numerous international students in the 'Keralayam' programme.

Pinarayi asserted that a robust higher education sector in Kerala would make the state an attractive destination for students worldwide. He dismissed concerns about the trend of students studying abroad, attributing the narrative to media sensationalism. "The child has the world at their fingertips and will decide where

they want to go," he added.

Addressing the broader context, he stated that 67% of Indian students studying abroad hail from just eight states, including Punjab, Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. "Can we say there is no good education in these states? The remaining 33% of students go from other states, including Kerala," he said, adding that 16 colleges in Kerala are ranked among the top 100 in the country, with 71 of the 300 ranked institutions being from Kerala. Higher Educa-

tion Minister R Bindu presided over. Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas was the chief guest.

Pinarayi Edu Complex

The Pinarayi Educational Complex will feature a Polytechnic College, IHRD College of Applied Science, ITI, Hospitality Management Institute, and Civil Service Academy. The project includes essential amenities such as a guest house, canteen, auditorium, public playground, and hostel. An open-air auditorium with a seating capacity of 2,000 is being constructed on land owned by the Pinarayi grama panchayat adjacent to the project site. Funded by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), the project is coordinated by the Institute of Human Resources Development (IHRD) and supervised by the Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Ltd (KSITIL).

EXPRESS READ

Man ends life after murdering pregnant wife, daughter

Theni: A man ended his life after killing his pregnant wife and 5-year-old daughter at Mullai Nagar in Theni on Thursday night. The deceased are M Satheshkumar, 37, his wife Ajitha, 32, and daughter Preethika. Police said Satheshkumar, who was working in a private finance company, had been facing losses for the past few months.

Guv yielded to BJP pressure, returned 15 bills: K'taka dy CM

Bengaluru: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday alleged that Governor Thawarachand Gehlot sent back 15 bills after Congress came to power in the state because of pressure from the opposition BJP.

The SIT has included the statement of about 150 witness-

Central portal creates hurdles for MBBS doctor registrations

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MBBS doctors planning to practise in the state may encounter delays, as the Kerala State Medical Council (KSMC) might suspend its registration process due to the launch of the new National Medical Register (NMR) Portal by the National Medical Commission (NMC) on Friday. All new registrations will now need to be submitted through this central portal, with the state council responsible for authentication. The transition could be confusing, particularly for those who have already applied, due to the lack of clear guidelines.

"The portal will be fully operational after a trial run. New registrations must be submitted through the portal, and we cannot accept applications until we receive official instructions from the NMC. There could be people who applied on Friday. We also have to get direction on the applications which are already processed by the KSMC," said Dr Harikumaran Nair G S, president (Modern Medicine), Kerala State Medical Council (KSMC). The council is apprehensive of new applications as the fee for application is also likely to be standardised across the country. The application to the NMR shall be made using the aadhar ID. A one-time password (OTP) generated on the phone linked to the aadhar ID will be used for login. The applicant can upload the digital copy of the Degree (MBBS) Certificate.

Doctors are also worried about the transition from the Indian Medical Register (IMR), a registry used by the Medical Council of India, the predecessor of NMC. IMR is not considered a foolproof registry as the details of several doctors including the seniors have not been updated. Dr. Harikumaran indicated that these doctors will need to provide an aadhar ID and may be required to pay a fee to register with the NMR.

Dr. Joseph Benaven, president of the IMA Kerala chapter, mentioned that the IMA is monitoring the situation and is awaiting clear communication from the authorities.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has stated that all MBBS doctors currently registered with the IMR will need to re-register with the NMR.

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E-Auction Sale Notice (FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES) Rule 8(6) & 9(1)

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(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Borrower (1) Mr. Muhammed Kunhi T, Thottiy House, Bevinje, Thekkil Ferry P O, Kasaragod-671541, Guarantor (2) Mrs. Fathima C K, Thottiy House, Bevinje, Thekkil Ferry P O, Kasaragod-671541.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/guarantor that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Cherkala (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 27-09-2024 for realisation of a sum of Rs. 1,50,39,686.54 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Fifty Four Only) as on 20.08.2024 with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Cherkala (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s)/guarantor(s).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Item No. 1: Name of Property Owner: Mr. Muhammed Kunhi T, Description of property: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 49.37 Ares [21.85 Acres + 18.21 Acres = 9.31 Acres] and all constructions, improvements, easements, rights existing and appurtenant thereto situated in Re Sy No.5/38p6 [9.31 Acres, 5/30p5 (8.21 Acres), 5/30p1 (18.21 Acres)] of Neerchal [21.85 Acres + 18.21 Acres] and Bela [9.31 Acres] Village, Kasaragod Taluk, Kasaragod District owned by Mr. Muhammed Kunhi T, more fully described in Jenman Sale Deed No.789/2020 dated 10.03.2020 of Sub Registrar Office Badiaaka. BOUNDARIES: North-Property of Subayya Gati, East: Road, South : Road and Property of Mohini, Subayya Gati, West: Boundary of Subayya Gati.

Reserve Price: Rs.45,100,000 (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Only)

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 5,43,510.00 (Rupees Five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) (EMD shall be deposited on or before 26.09.2024 by 05:00 PM)

Bid Increment amount: Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)

Date and time of E-auction: 27.09.2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)

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Place: Kannur Date: 22.08.2024

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