

Formulation of policy to ensure safety of women in film industry sought

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KOZHIKODE

State Women's Commission Chairperson P. Sathedeivi on Friday said she was hopeful of the speedy formulation of a comprehensive policy in the State, focused on ensuring the safety and protection of women in the Malayalam film industry in the wake of the Justice Hema Commission report.

Opening a State-level seminar on 'Women in work place' at the town hall, she said the Women's Commission was also involved in a public interest litigation now under the consideration of the Kerala High Court seeking quick action on the basis of the Hema commission report.

"People associated with the film industry in other States are now keenly observing the developments in Kerala on this issue. It was following the demand of the Women in Cinema collective that prompted the State government to appoint Hema commission as part of the efforts to ensure a safe workspace for



Voicing concerns: The seminar on 'Women in workplace' organised by the State Women's Commission in Kozhikode on Friday was attended by hundreds of women from different walks of life. K. RAGESH

women artists in the film industry," said Ms. Sathedeivi.

Referring to the action taken against a prominent actor involved in a sexual assault case, she said the firm stance adopted by the Kerala Home Ministry prompted many women artistes to come forward and speak for their rights. She pointed out that it was the State's Cultural Affairs department that took the

initiative to establish internal committees in the film industry to handle grievances.

"There were incidents where the Women's Commission had to intervene in complaints related to film shootings conducted without forming the committees. Our stance was to deny the registration of films if the committees were not formed," said Ms. Sathedeivi. She also added that

there was opposition from various organizations against the decision to implement internal committees. Assistant Government Pleader K.K. Preetha introduced the topic for discussion. Women's Commission director Shaji Sugunan, member P. Kunhayaisha, Collector Snehil Kumar Singh and functionaries of various leading human rights' forums were present.

Police seize 4.6 kg of ornaments fraudulently pledged by branch manager from bank in Tiruppur

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TIRUPPUR

A team of Kerala police on Friday confiscated from two branches of a private bank in Tiruppur 4.6 kg gold ornaments, as part of investigation into an alleged fraud committed by a former branch manager of a nationalised bank in Kozhikode district by way of replacing original ornaments with fake ones in the locker, and pledging the valuables in a private bank through a conduit.

For a year-long duration as Branch Manager of Bank of Maharashtra at Edodi near Vadakara in Kozhikode district, before being transferred to a branch in Ernakulam, Madha Jayaku-

The manager had allegedly replaced 26.8 kg of gold worth ₹17.5 crore with imitation jewellery

mar, 34, of Musiri in Tiruchirappur district, had allegedly replaced 26.8 kg gold valuables worth ₹17.5 crore with imitation jewellery.

Audit

The fraud came to light during audit after a new manager had taken charge. Also, since Madha Jayakumar did not report for duty at the new branch he was transferred to, the Kozhikode police had registered a case based on a complaint lodged by the new manager of the Edodi

branch of Bank of Maharashtra. Madha Jayakumar who had gone absconding was apprehended in Telangana.

The police team from Kerala came to Tiruppur along with him on Friday to arrest his suspected conduit Karthick (29) of Chandrapuram Colony in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar in Tiruppur city.

As he had gone absconding, the Kerala police proceeded to the two branches of the private bank and carried out the seizure of 4.6 kg gold jewellery.

The police suspect more people to be involved in the fraud, and are making further investigations.

Digi Kerala project to be launched today

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Tourism Minister P.A. Mohamed Riyas will inaugurate the Digi Kerala project at CDA colony in Eranihappalam at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The project aims to achieve complete digital literacy in the district by November 1, 2024, targeting everyone aged 14 to 65. The Kozhikode Corporation plans to survey every house to spot people who are digital illiterates and impart training. The initiative seeks to make Kerala the first fully digital literate state in the country.

Actor Asif Ali has been selected as the brand ambassador for the project.

DC Kizhakemuri Commemorative Lecture on August 29

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The DC Kizhakemuri Foundation, in collaboration with the Kerala Literature Festival (KLF) and DC Books, is organising the 26th DC Kizhakemuri Commemorative Lecture on August 29 at Muhammad Abdurahman Sahib Jubilee Hall in Thali. The occasion also marks the golden jubilee of DC Books. The

event will begin at 4.30 p.m. with the 'Dedication of Letters' to Kozhikode that has recently been accorded the UNESCO City of Literature tag. Chief facilitator of KLF Ravi Decece said the segment will feature 56 writers and cultural activists unveiling 56 letters of the Malayalam alphabet.

A representative from UNESCO is also expected to take part.

As many as 18 books across various categories will be released on the occasion.

On history

The day will conclude with the 26th DC Kizhakemuri Commemorative Lecture by historian Manu S. Pillai on the topic 'What is History'. Writer N.S. Madhavan will inaugurate the event, while writer K. Satchidanandan will preside over

the session. Mayor Beena Philip and former MLA A. Pradeep Kumar will also be present. The event will also feature an exhibition of 'Cheriyana Manushyaram Valiya Lokavum,' which is claimed to be India's first graphic narrative. Following this, the Spanish cultural organisation Casa de la India will present 'Tariqa Mystic Travellers,' a performance that combines music, dance, and poetry.

For a cause



Writer U.K. Kumaran inaugurating the sale of books by writers at Mofussil bus stand in Kozhikode on Friday to raise funds for the Wayanad landslide survivors. K. RAGESH

Vengeri overpass to be opened in September, says Riyas

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Minister for Public Works P.A. Mohamed Riyas on Friday said that the overpass across the National Highway 66 at Vengeri situated at the intersection of the Kozhikode-Balussery roads will be opened for the public in the first week of September.

Inspecting the progress of the work at Vengeri on Friday, the Minister appreciated the public for their



Taking stock: Minister for Public Works P.A. Mohamed Riyas inspecting the progress of work on the Vengeri overpass across NH 66 at Vengeri in Kozhikode on Friday. K. RAGESH

patience during the NH-66 widening project, which had caused persistent traf-

fic blocks and diversions. He said the entire stretch from Kasaragod to Thiruv-

The entire stretch is expected to be completed by the end of 2025, says Minister

nanthapuram is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. The Vengeri overpass has been constructed with a width of 45 metres to accommodate future development of the Kozhikode-Balussery road. While one part of the overpass was completed in 2023, the se-

cond part had faced delays after workers discovered a live water pipeline of the Kerala Water Authority in the area earmarked for the overpass. The work could progress only after relocating the said pipeline to ensure its safety.

The Minister was accompanied by officials from the National Highways Authority of India, the Public Works department, and representatives of contract companies overseeing the project.

Tech turns viewfinder for visually-impaired shutterbug

Mithosh Joseph
KOZHIKODE

An undying passion for exploring assistive technologies and the will to surpass hurdles as a visually-impaired man have earned A. Jijesh, a 42-year-old youth from Viyyur village near Koyilandy in Kozhikode district, the tag of an ace shutterbug among differently abled people.

Using advanced gimbal stabilisers with face recognition technology and smart-flow feature that enables automatic tracking of moving objects, Jijesh can now turn his iPhone into a 'third eye' for any profes-



Picture perfect: A. Jijesh operating a drone camera under the supervision of his trainer Sayid Najmudheen.

sional assignment. His confidence, bolstered by the

successful completion of over 10 short-term courses in assistive technologies, drives him to set trends in the field and compete with seasoned professionals.

"After my graduation, I have been keen to explore unique technologies designed to change the lives of visually impaired persons. As a wanderlust, photography has been at the heart of all my experiments," says Jijesh, who has visited the United States four times to further his learning. He says that his association with Sayid Najmudheen, an expert trainer at the Kochi-based Ishoot Institute, has been a

game changer, refining his photography skills.

Viral videos

Jijesh now operates drone cameras like any other professional videographer, thanks to latest technologies. His videos on social media featuring the use of drone cameras have won him accolades. He says that visual impairment is hardly a barrier for those who are eager to explore advanced assistive technologies and AI-integrated tools with voice assistance.

"My ultimate aim is to start a social media channel that trains differently-

abled people to use assistive technologies effectively. In-depth research is currently under way to achieve this mission," says Jijesh, affectionately known as 'Kuttettan' in his village.

Jijesh's trainer, Najmudheen, is thrilled to have found a "gifted person" to showcase the magic of evolving technology and its transformative power for the differently abled.

"The numerous options of AI will bring revolutionary changes to this field, which will be incredibly beneficial for visually impaired individuals," he says.

Four held on charge of motorcycle theft

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The Kozhikode City police arrested a gang of four robbers on Friday, who were suspected of having involvement in multiple motorcycle theft cases in the city. The arrested were identified as Yasir Arafath, 27, Rajesh Karaparamba, 38, P.K. Abhinav, 20, and Mohammed Adinan, 20. Police sources said that the gang primarily targeted motorcycles parked along the Kozhikode beach.

Minister reviews construction works at Muzhapilangad beach

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KANNUR

Public Works and Tourism Minister P.A. Mohamed Riyas has said that Muzhapilangad beach, Asia's largest drive-in beach, will undergo renovation and it will be presented as a New Year gift to Kerala. The announcement came during the Minister's visit to the beach, which is currently being refurbished under

the Dharmadam-Muzhapilangad Comprehensive Tourism Development Project.

During the visit, the Minister reviewed the ongoing construction, including a three-star hotel complex being built by the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC). He said that 70% of the work had been completed.

"The first phase of the renovation is nearing com-

pletion," the Minister said. The project includes a four-kilometre walkway designed to preserve the beach's natural beauty, as well as additional amenities such as a children's playground, public toilets, kiosks, and landscaping.

The renovation, costing ₹233 crore and ₹71 lakh funded through the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board, is being carried out in four phases.

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(1) M/s. Sabith Trading Corporation, Represented by its Partners No.2 and 3 herein, KNR37/294C, Onden Road, Urban Village, Opp. St. Antony's Church, Kannur 670001, **(2) Mr. Basheer K.B.**, Partner, M/s. Sabith Trading Corporation, **(3) Mrs. Ramlath M. K. W/o Mr. Basheer K. B.**, Partner, M/s. Sabith Trading Corporation, Both residing at Ajminas, Anchukandy, Kannur - 670017
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 **Kannur Main** (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 **26.09.2024** for realization of a sum of **Rs. 5,49,21,662.29 (Rupees Five Crore Forty Nine Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two and Paise Twenty Nine Only)** as on 20.08.2024 with future interest, costs and expenses etc, thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Kannur Main (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).
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Item No.1: **Name of Property Owner:** Mr. Basheer K. B. and Mrs. Ramlath M. K., **Description of property:** All that part and parcel of land measuring 4.18 Cents comprised in Re.S.No.63/1, 62 of Kannur - 1 Village, Kannur Taluk, Kannur District together with all other improvements made thereon, owned by Mr. Basheer K. B. and Mrs. Ramlath M. K. more fully described in Registered Jenmam Deed No.3464/2014 dated 14.10.2014 of SRO Kannur. **BOUNDARIES:** North: Property of Fareeda, East: Thodu, South: Property of Fuhad, West: Property of Basheer
Reserve Price: Rs.15,34,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): **Rs.1,53,400/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Only)** (EMD shall be deposited on or before 25.09.2024 by 05:00 PM)
Bid Increment amount: **Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)**
Date and time of E-auction: **26.09.2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM** (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank: **Nil Encumbrances from 01-01-2017 to 06-12-2022**
Item No.2: **Name of Property Owner:** Mr. Basheer K. B., **Description of property:** (A) All that part and parcel of land measuring 4.18 Cents comprised in O.S.No.1464, Re.S.No.10 W5 B1 of Kannur - 1 Village, Kannur Taluk, Kannur District along with residential building bearing No.TVE-36-83, Ward 36 admeasuring approx. 3800 Sq. Ft. together with all other improvements made thereon, owned by Mr. Basheer K. B. more fully described in Registered Jenmam Deed No.4664/2006 dated 12.12.2006 of SRO Kannur. **BOUNDARIES:** North: Property of Musthafa, East: Private Road, South: Municipal Road, West: Property of Musthafa, (B) All that part and parcel of land measuring 1.50 Cents comprised in O.S.No.1467, Re.S.No.10 W5 B1 of Kannur - 1 Village, Kannur Taluk, Kannur District together with all other improvements made thereon, owned by Mr. Basheer K. B. more fully described in Registered Sale Deed No.4156/2013 dated 24.12.2013 of SRO Kannur. **BOUNDARIES:** North: Property of Basheer, Onam Thak & property sold by Musthafa, East: Property of Basheer, South: Municipal Road and Randam Thak, West: Municipal Road
Reserve Price: Rs.91,84,000/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Only)
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Bid Increment amount: **Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)**
Date and time of E-auction: **26.09.2024 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
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