

Pay ward at GRH a success, rakes in ₹80L in yr

Inaugurated in March 2023, spl ward with rooms costing ₹1.2-2K per day has seen over 700 patients since opening

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madurai

The pay ward facility at the Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) has received an overwhelming response and the facility reportedly earned over ₹80 lakh for the past year.

Speaking to TNIE, GRH RMO Dr J Saravanan said, "Over 700 patients were admitted and received treatments in these rooms, which come under the pay ward facility. One must

note that these pay wards were opened at the Salem government hospital. Now, at GRH, 16 rooms of pay wards (eight rooms in trauma care block and eight rooms in super specialty block) have been opened and the response has been overwhelming. There are some conditions for the pay ward category and no special doctor or medical team is allocated. But



the doctor who is responsible for the patient will treat them alone, and other doctors will not be allowed. Most importantly, patients with chronic or complicated ailments will not be treated in these wards. Only patients with stable medical conditions will be allowed. Yet, patients welcomed such a facility at the GRH since the room has air-conditioning facility with

attached restroom, dual cots for patients and their attenders, a cupboard, television, sofa and other necessary amenities. The charge is ₹1,200 per day for single rooms and ₹2,000 per day for deluxe rooms. The pay wards have earned over ₹80 lakh from the date of inauguration, and the funds have been transferred to the Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation."

Speaking to TNIE, Red Cross Society (Madurai division) Co-

ordinator A Rajkumar said, "These rooms are mostly used by the middle-class. More importantly, it shows that patients are ready to pay for such facilities. We request the state government to reduce the tariff to ₹500 per day and also increase the beds in the pay wards."

The pay ward facility was inaugurated at the GRH by Health Minister M Subramanian at an estimated cost of ₹1.2 crore on March 2023.

Garlic prices hit ₹380/kg, consumers 'peel' the pinch

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THE wholesale price of garlic in the district has surged to ₹380 per kilogram, a significant increase from the ₹250 per kg rate that had prevailed over the past two weeks. The sharp rise is attributed to a steep decline in arrivals from other districts, coupled with rain that have damaged standing crops.

"The arrival of garlic has dropped significantly from the hilly regions of Kodaikanal, Ooty, and other areas. However, rain and frequent flooding have also damaged the crops over the past two months. Due to low arrivals and unusual demand, the price has increased within two weeks. Just a few tonnes of garlic are left in the entire market, but the demand is high," Md Sadiq, a wholesaler, told TNIE.

Besides these two factors, the

crop cycle is also affecting the supply. "Garlic (hill variety) is a 140-day crop, and normal garlic (small variety) is a 90-day crop. Garlic is planted from September to October in northern state, from August to November in southern states, and from March to April in the hills. When there is heavy rain, the output of the harvest drops. Even arrivals from northern states have dropped significantly over the past two months. The prices will increase soon in the upcoming days and could touch more than ₹400 per kilogram," M Manikandan, another wholesaler, said.

Meanwhile, the price of broad beans (Avarai) has also climbed to ₹100 per kg in the wholesale markets of Dindigul and Madurai. Traders have attributed this increase to reduced arrivals, primarily due to persistent rain in the region.

Fishers stage protest as 1 still missing after boat capsizes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Ramanathapuram

DEMANDING the state government to intensify the search for a fisherman, who went missing after their boat capsized at sea on Tuesday, fishermen and CITU cadres staged a protest in Rameswaram on Thursday.

Two fishermen, who swam to Katchatheevu and were rescued by the Sri Lankan Navy, reached India by flight on Thursday. While one fisherman remains missing, the body of another fisherman, Emerit, was recovered on Wednesday.

Even as the fisheries depart-

ment has deployed a team for the search operations, a group of fishers associated with the CITU staged a protest outside the Token Centre. Karunamoorthi of CITU alleged that the search team was acting negligently. Despite seeking permission and fuel to carry out search operations, the fisheries department has not provided any amenities, he alleged.

The CITU leader pressed the concerned department and the state government to take action to search for the missing fisherman and also sought compensation for the kin of the deceased fisherman.

EXPRESS READ Stray cattle menace hits traders at Mattuthavani

Madurai: Despite the city corporation's efforts to curb stray cattle menace, particularly near the Mattuthavani central market area, the issue continues to trouble traders and residents. Residents complain that dozens of bovines roam the streets, disrupting traffic and causing frequent accidents. Moreover, vendors at the market said that cattle eat the vegetables in the market and chase customers, affecting their trade. Recently, two chairpersons raised the issue during the council meeting. In response, the health officer of the city corporation said that they had roped in Jallikattu bull baiters to seize the stray cattle. ENS



AN IDOL WORLD

A guest worker from Rajasthan gives finishing touches to a Lord Ganesha idol, ahead of Vinayaka Chaturthi, near Mattuthavani in Madurai | KK SUNDAR

2 Indian fishers jailed in Lanka for violating IMBL, 7 released

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madurai

A Sri Lankan court sentenced two fishermen, including a boat driver and a second-time International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) violator, to jail on Thursday. The court also ordered the release of seven fishermen, who were later handed

over to the Indian Embassy officials.

On July 23, the Sri Lankan Navy caught two fishing boats and arrested nine Indian fishermen from Rameswaram for alleged violation of the IMBL near Delft Island. The arrested fishermen were taken to the Kankesanthurai Harbour and

handed over to the Mailadi Fisheries Inspector for further legal proceedings. After over a month of legal custody, the fishermen were produced before a Sri Lankan court on Thursday.

Judge Nalini Subashkaran released seven fishermen under the condition of not violating the IMBL in the future. Sa-

haya Robert (49) of Rameswaram, the driver of the first boat, was sentenced to one year imprisonment, while the second boat's driver, Harikrishnan (50) of Rameswaram, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment as he was caught violating the IMBL for the second time. They were sent back

to prison on Thursday. Meanwhile, fishermen's associations condemned the continuous action of jailing Indian fishermen. Considering the welfare of the fishermen, the union government should take immediate action to secure the release of jailed Indian fishers in Sri Lanka, they said.

Udhayanidhi will become deputy CM soon: Moorthy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Madurai

UDHAYANIDHI Stalin will be given the deputy chief minister post soon, said Commercial Taxes and Registration Minister P Moorthy on Thursday. The remark comes amid speculation of a cabinet reshuffle in the offing. Addressing media persons after inaugurating an education loan mela at Lady Doak college here, the minister said, an official announcement on Udhayanidhi's elevation would be made "very soon." Udhayanidhi's first welfare distribution function was held in Madurai after he assumed charge of his current ministries. In line with this, the DMK leader is scheduled to distribute welfare measures to beneficiaries the district on September 9. The announcement of his promotion to deputy CM post is expected to precede this event, sources said.

On the subject of tax evasion, Moorthy said, "The department is conducting a detailed field inspection to identify individuals who possess a GST number without actually operating a business. Reports will be sent to the union government so as to cancel their GST registrations." The minister also stated that the target set for commercial tax collection is ₹1.42 lakh crore.

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Government of Tamilnadu District Rural Development Agency, Madurai District Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) Improvements to the Roads (Tender Notice). 1. For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in 2. Tender Notice call of e-bids are invited by the Additional Collector (D)/ Project Director, Madurai District for Approach to the Roads under Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) (Package Wise) 3. The bid documents can also be downloaded free of cost in the website www.tntenders.gov.in from 30.08.2024 to 18.09.2024.

भारत सरकार / Government of India अंतरिक्ष विभाग / Department of Space भारतीय अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (Declared as Deemed to be University under Sec.3 of the UGC Act 1956) सविद्या परीक्षा के लिए प्रवेश परीक्षा सूचना WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR CONTRACT POSITIONS भारतीय अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (अंतरिक्ष विभाग) निम्नलिखित संविद्या परीक्षा के बारे में वेतु, आर्जेआइएसटी, चिन्नयलूर, तिरुवनंतपुरम में प्रवेश परीक्षा का आयोजन करत है। Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) conducts Walk-in-Interview for following contract positions at IIST Vallamala, Thiruvananthapuram.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING) MADURAI GOMATHIPURAM 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) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of MADURAI GOMATHIPURAM of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30/09/2024 for recovery of Rs. 21,97,926.54/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six and Paise Fifty Four only) as on 03/08/2024 and further interest there on from 04/08/2024 + cost due to the MADURAI GOMATHIPURAM of Canara Bank from Mr. RAJIKRAJA K(Borrower) and guarantor Mr. Mohamed Lathief, and legal heirs of Mr. Kaja maideen Esmayil Batcha, Mrs S. Mrs. Maidunnisa D/o Mr. Kaja maideen, Mrs. Jeenat Roja Kaja maideen W/o Mr. Kaja maideen, Mr. Thamim Ansari K S/O Kaja maideen, Mr. Jakkariya K S/O Kaja maideen. The reserve price for Property will be Rs.68,30,000/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) The earnest money deposit for property will be Rs.6,83,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Only) Date & Time of Auction: 30-09-2024 12.30pm to 01.30pm. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 29/09/2024 till 4 pm. Details and full description of the property(ies): Property Belongs to Mr. Kaja maideen E.P.: All part and parcel of the property situated at Madurai District, Madurai South Registration District, Joint No 1 Sub D, Madurai South Taluk Silaiman Village bearing patta No 802 corresponding to RS No 37/1b1 measuring for an extent 0.82.0 Acres i.e. 2 Acres 2 1/2 cents land divided into various layout plots in that bearing plot no 15 house site and bounded on ON THE NORTH: Plot no 14 house site; ON THE EAST : 20 Feet wide common road; -ON THE SOUTH: 20 Feet wide common road; -ON THE WEST : Plot no 16 house site; Admeasuring:- East West on Northern side 30 feet, East West on Southern side 30 feet, North South on Western side 40 feet, North South on Eastern side 40 feet, Admeasuring for an extent 1200 sq.ft. House site, Road area for an extent 800 Sq.ft. Altogether total for an extent 2000 Sq.ft., house site. This property situated within the jurisdiction of silaiman village panchayat. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "WHAT'S NEW" - PROPERTIES AUCTION provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Authorised Officer, MADURAI GOMATHIPURAM, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 94890 46249 or Regional Office, Madurai, Ph.No. 94890 10097 during office hours on any working day. Date: 28/08/2024 Place: MADURAI AUTHORISED OFFICER CANARA BANK

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU METTUPALAYAM MUNICIPALITY Kalaingar Nagarapuram Mappattu Thittam (KNMT) 2023-24. SHORT TENDER NOTICE Dated: 28.08.2024. Mettupalayam Municipality invites the tenders for below mentioned works: in this Municipality under Kalaingar Nagarapuram Mappattu Thittam (KNMT) 2023-24. The sealed tender from the eligible contractors will be received by the Commissioner or authorized officer at the Municipal office on 20.09.2024 upto 3.00 p.m. and will be opened by the tender scrutiny committee on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in front of the tenders who will present. If the office happens to be a holiday on that date of receipt of the tenders as specified, the tender will be received and will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPPER PALAR BASIN CIRCLE, VELLORE - 632 006. Form of Contract: Lump sum - Item Rate Contract / Two Cover System e-Procurement Tender Notice No.01/UPBC/Vellore/F-Tender/ 2024-2025/ Date.28.08.2024. For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-tender are invited by the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore-6 under "Two Cover System" through online for the below mentioned work from the eligible tenders as prescribed in the website.

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The South Indian Bank Ltd., Regional Office-Madurai First Floor YMCA Building, Opp. Astoria Hotels, 70 feet Road, Ellis Nagar, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Pin: 625016. ro1015@sib.co.in, Ph: 0452 2300205 E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Ref: RO/SAR/SN/75/2024-25 Date:27.08.2024 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(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Borrower / Co-borrower / Guarantor 1) Mr. Prabhakaran K, [Proprietor - M/s. Veni Agencies], Registered office at: M/s.Veni Agencies, No.29/2, Sundara Pandian Street, Bodinayakanur, Pin: 625 513. 2) Mrs. Krishnaveni J, W/o. Prabhakaran K, Door No.7/12, Periyandavapuram, East Lane 2, Bodinayakanur, Pin: 625 513. 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, Bodinayakanur Branch (Secured Creditor), the symbolic 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 09.10.2024 for recovery of an amount of Rs.14,79,957.16 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven and Paise Sixteen Only) as on 26.08.2024, with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Bodinayakanur Branch (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).