



Amicus curiae flags corp's waste management flaws

Highlights solid waste contamination in drains and public spaces

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HIGHLIGHTING the poor waste management system of Kochi corporation, the report filed by the amicus curiae before the Kerala High Court stated that municipal solid waste is entering the drainage system (stormwater drain system) in the city and public places in general. This indicates significant lapses—both systemic and in execution—in the solid waste management mechanism implemented by the corporation. The report noted that the amount of waste accumulating in public spaces underscores the severity of these shortcomings.



A garbage-filled drain near Kaloor JLN Stadium | EXPRESS

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Amicus curiae report

The amicus curiae filed the report in response to a suo motu case initiated by the High Court following the fire at the Brahmapuram waste treatment plant, and regarding the implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules.

On December 23 last year, the court directed the amicus curiae to submit a report identifying areas that require the court's attention concerning the accumulation of filth, plastic, and other waste in drains. Accordingly, an inspection was conducted in six regions. These included the drain/canal running adjacent

to or beneath the Kudumbashree Hall/Anganwadi premises at Ponnuruni in Ward No. 48 of the Kochi Corporation and the drain/canal along Panampilly Nagar Avenue and the service road from Gokul Ootupura Restaurant to the Rotary Club of Cochin, Balabhavan, passing through Panampilly Nagar.

According to the report, the condition of the canal suggests a considerable and consistent inflow of waste into the drainage system.

The waste inflow has the potential to undermine all measures undertaken by the High Court to de-clog the canal system and prevent flooding.

"Unless the solid waste management system is made foolproof, waste will continue to enter the drainage system, making it cumbersome and ineffective to de-clog the canals and prevent flooding," the report stated.

The amicus curiae recommended that the Kochi Corporation take effective steps to address gaps in the system to ensure that municipal solid waste generated within its jurisdiction does not bypass the existing waste management systems.

Photographs submitted with the report showed that the drain adjacent to the Anganwadi at Ponnuruni is filled with plastic and other waste. During the hearing on December 23, the court observed, "It is an embarrassment for the entire city to witness such an accumulation of filth without removal."

The court will consider the report on January 14.

Uniform holy mass: Police, protesters clash outside archbishop's residence

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TENSION flared at the Syro Malabar Church archbishop's house in Kochi on Saturday as a clash broke out between police and a group of priests who oppose the uniform holy mass. The altercation occurred after police forcibly removed priests who had been on a hunger strike inside the archbishop's house, protesting actions taken against some clergy regarding the unified holy mass issue.

According to the protesting priests, the incident unfolded around 4.30am when they were forcibly evicted from the archbishop's house by a police team led by Ernakulam central assistant police commissioner C Jayakumar. "We were sleeping on the floor when the police arrived and demanded that we leave. As we were changing our clothes, officers filmed us. Then they seized our mobile phones and forcibly dragged us outside. One priest sustained an injury during the police action, and another's clothes were torn," one of the protesting priests said. "Despite being told that we were residents of the house, the police refused to listen to us. They later locked us in the compound of the Basilica," the priest added.

Protesters claimed that ACP Jayakumar told them the government was against them, an



Rebel faction opposing Uniform holy mass clash with the police after 21 priests were removed from the archbishop's house in Kochi on Saturday | P SUDHARAJ

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One of the protesting priests

allegation which Jayakumar denied. In response to concerns about potential violence, District Collector N S K Umesh appointed additional district magistrate (ADM) K Meera to engage in talks with the protesters. To ensure security, more than 100 cops were deployed at the site.

By 11am, a large crowd had gathered in front of the archbishop's house, demanding the reinstatement of the ousted priests. By 1 pm, protesters attempted to break into the com-

ound but were stopped by police. Later, some tried to force open the gate's locks, but this attempt was also thwarted by the police. The protesters then tied a rope to the gate and tried to pull it down. After several minutes of effort, part of the gate collapsed, prompting police to position themselves in front to prevent further breaches. Around 3pm, ADM Meera, accompanied by deputy commissioner of police Aswathy Gigi, arrived to initiate talks with the protesters. By this

time, the protest had swelled to include more people, including women. Two priests, along with members of Almya Munnettam and the Athiroopatha Samrakshana Samithi, were allowed to enter the compound for discussions.

By 4pm, the discussions concluded. Representatives who participated in the talks announced that the collector had agreed to hold another meeting on the issue in the coming days. However, they reported that the demand for the priests' entry into the archbishop's house had not been met. "Since our demand was not addressed, we now demand that the police arrest the protesting priests and move them to the police station. If arrested, we will refuse bail. Moreover, more priests from all parishes of the diocese will join the protest on Sunday," said Shyju Antony, a leader of the rebel group.

In the evening, the priests and faithful attempted to enter the archbishop's house through its back gate after removing the barricade. This led to another clash between believers and the police. One person suffered injuries. At night, priests and other protestors continued their protest outside the house. They conducted prayer sessions outside the house, which were attended by priests, nuns and believers.

Occultist helped housewife stage theft of family gold, say cops

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IT seemed like the re-enactment of the robbery scene in the Malayalam movie 'Koman'. According to Aluva police, Laila, the wife of Ibrahim Kutty, of Chembakassery, staged the dramatic theft, transferring gold jewellery and cash from her home to an Islamic teacher named Anwar, who also practised occult. The incident was uncovered on Saturday.

Laila orchestrated the theft under the guidance of Anwar, who she had met through a relative two years ago. It emerged that she used to regularly gift him gold and money. She was drawn to the crime after being



The investigation team along with Aluva DySP Rajesh T R

convinced by Anwar that her husband and children were at risk of dying due to misfortune. He persuaded her to pay him in

money and gold to perform remedies.

"The housewife orchestrated the theft under the guidance of

Anwar, of Kalamassery known as 'Ustad'. Initially, she sought his help for health-related concerns. During their interactions, Anwar learned about the significant amount of gold and money in her house. Her husband is a contractor who demolishes old buildings," Aluva DySP Rajesh T R said.

Detailing the investigation, Rajesh said, "Upon receiving the family's complaint that approximately 40 sovereigns of gold and ₹8 lakh in cash had been stolen, the police, along with fingerprint experts, forensic specialists, and a dog squad, conduct-

ed a thorough investigation. An analysis of CCTV footage and a scientific inquiry revealed discrepancies. There was no evidence of anyone entering or leaving the house during the reported time of the theft, but we noticed Laila leaving carrying a carry bag. When she claimed to have visited the hospital with the bag, we collected CCTV footage from Amrita Hospital and noticed that the size of the bag had reduced on her return. During detailed questioning, Laila confessed to staging the robbery under Anwar's guidance.



Anwar

EXPRESS READ

ICCI to enhance business environment

Kochi: The Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) will substantially expand its successful 3 Cs initiative -- Commerce, Culture, and Community -- for the upcoming year. The initiative aims to enhance the business environment, promote cultural collaborations, and strengthen community ties through various programmes and events. "We are excited about expanding our 3 Cs initiative -- Commerce, Culture and Community. Through the initiative, we aim to positively impact businesses, promote our rich heritage and culture," said Akshay Agarwal, president of ICCI.

Workshop on role of food security held

Kochi: Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, in collaboration with its National Service Scheme (NSS) unit and the Organic Kerala Charitable Trust, organised a one-day workshop on the role of food security and safety in achieving universal health coverage (UHC). The event, part of the Partnering for Health: Co-operative Movements in Health Care Innovation series, was held at the Marian Hall, Sacred Heart College. Additionally, the second edition of the book 'Partnering for Health: Co-operative Movements in Health Care Innovation' was also launched at the event held on Saturday.

Union minister sets ambitious coir production, export targets

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UNION Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, Jitan Ram Manjhi, visited the Coir Board headquarters in Kochi on Saturday and set an ambitious target to increase the country's coir production capacity by 1 lakh tonnes within the next six months. In 2023-24, India's coir production reached 7.9 lakh tonnes, and the board aims to boost export revenue from ₹3,388 crore in 2023-24 to ₹5,000 crore in the coming financial year.

Addressing Coir Board employees, the

minister emphasised the need to focus on scientific research to develop pollution-free technologies for optimising coir pith processing and creating an automatic spinning machine. The board plans to collaborate with research institutions such as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), the Central Paper Pulp Research Institute, and IITs to explore new coir applications, including cellulose extraction and the development of hard packing materials. The Coir Board is also working to expand its product portfolio by introducing value-added products made from blended fibres.

Mayor meets fin min ahead of state budget

Kochi: Corporation mayor M Anilkumar and representatives of various associations met Finance Minister K N Balagopal on Saturday to discuss issues and requirements of the city ahead of the 2025-26 state budget. "The issues faced by merchants, projects for women entrepreneurs, renovation of Fort Kochi beach, suggestions and recommendations on new roads and flyovers, development of sports venues, renovation of Ernakulam KSRTC bus terminal and implementation of Operation Break-through were discussed with the minister," said Anilkumar. He added that the minister has ensured that the issues and recommendations would be considered while preparing the state budget.

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E-TENDER NOTICE 11/01/2025
Competitive e-Tenders/Tender/Re-Tenders (Two cover systems) are invited from established manufacturers/ authorized suppliers/agencies for the supply of the following items to MCC-PGIOSR through e tender site www.tenders.kerala.gov.in and MCC-PGIOSR website

Sl. No	Item Details	Tender ID
1	Multifunctional Couch	2025_MCC_722454_1
2	Tablet/ Pad Integrated Digital Microscope	2025_MCC_722048_1
3	Low Level Laser Therapy (Photo Bio Modulation) Equipment	2024_MCC_715001_2
4	Endwasher	2025_MCC_721907_1
5	Rack and Other Items for Canteen Store	2024_MCC_721683_1
6	Portable RO Plant	2024_MCC_648480_3
7	Custom Fabricated Kitchen Items for Cafeteria	2024_MCC_721566_1
8	Audio Video Recorder	MCC/1987/2023-COIN/IRB/IAVR
9	Dehumidifier	MCC/268/2024-P4-GAD
10	NGS Kit for Somatic Cancer Panel	2024_MCC_701015_3
11	LPG Pipeline and Connected Works (LOT SYSTEM)	2025_MCC_725157_1
12	Exhaust and Fresh Air System & Floor Gratings	2025_MCC_725258_1

For details visit: www.mcc.kerala.gov.in or contact Purchase Division. Sd/- Director

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Branch Office: HDB Financial Services Limited 2nd Floor, Art of Living Tower 13 Cross Road, SBT Avenue, Near Passport Office, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi-Kerala-682036.

AUCTION SALE NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION
(To the Borrower/Co-Applicant / Public in General) (Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)

The undersigned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd., has taken over Possession of the following property under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1) HARIDAS CHETTIAR K.B., III/326, 327, Market Road, Paravur Ernakulam, Chendamangalam-683513. 2) KB HARIDAS CHETTIAR, 277/20, Hansree Kannanparambu Town, L.P.School Road, KMK Junction, Paravur, Ernakulam, Chendamangalam-683513. 3) SOBHANA T, 277/20, Hansree Kannanparambu Town, LP School Road, KMK Junction, Paravur, Ernakulam, Chendamangalam-683513, Account Nos. 3833644 & 7472760. Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.16910128.77 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Nine Lakhs Ten Thousand One Hundred Twenty Eight and Paise Seventy Seven only as of 20.10.2022) in Loan No.3833644, and Rs.5895296.03 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six and Three Paise Only as of 04.02.2022) in Loan No.7472760 with further interest/ incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment. Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor- NIL.

Details of Immoveable Properties: All the piece and parcel of the land having an extent of 6.07 Ares comprised in Sy No. 245/1/2 of Paravur Village, Paravur Taluk together with building bearing No. XVII/110 situated at Paravur Corporation recorded in the name of Mr. Haridas Chettiayar as per Sale Deed No. 5688/1984 and Mrs. Sobhana as per Sale Deed No. 1875/1985 of Paravur SRO, District Ernakulam. Bounded by East: Property of Krishna Prabhu, North: Property of Krishna Prabhu, South: Municipal Road, West: Property of Ambujaksham (Boundaries mentioned as per Location Sketch No.291/2018 issued by N.Paravur Village Officer).

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.17,36,765/-	Rs.17,13,676/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	06-02-2025 at 11 AM to 12 Noon	05-02-2025 up to 06:00 p.m

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE: 1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://bankauctions.in>, info@bankauctions.in (foreclosure) Mr. Bhargav/bhargav@bankauctions.in/ 8142000060 / Kiranmai/info@bankauctions.in/ 8142000066 #605A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038, Telangana Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. 2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://bankauctions.in>, info@bankauctions.in, Mr.Bhargav/bhargav@bankauctions.in/8142000060 / Kiranmai/info@bankauctions.in/ 8142000066 #605A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038, Telangana (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://bankauctions.in>, info@bankauctions.in, Mr.Bhargav/bhargav@bankauctions.in/8142000060 / Kiranmai/info@bankauctions.in/ 8142000066 #605A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038, Telangana through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Services Limited" above. After Registration (One Time), by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz.) i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADED SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: <https://bankauctions.in>, info@bankauctions.in, Mr. Bhargav/bhargav@bankauctions.in/ 8142000060 / Kiranmai/info@bankauctions.in/ 8142000066 #605A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038, Telangana. AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact Address: <https://bankauctions.in>, info@bankauctions.in, Mr.Bhargav/bhargav@bankauctions.in/8142000060 / Kiranmai/info@bankauctions.in/8142000066 #605A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038, Telangana. 3) The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No authorized person allowed. 4) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, HDB Financial Services Limited 2nd Floor, Art of Living Tower 13 Cross Road, SBT Avenue, Near Passport Office, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi-Kerala-682036. The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favor of "HDB Financial Services Limited" on or before 6pm on the 05/02/2025 of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified. 5) For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: HDB Financial Services Limited 2nd Floor, Art of Living Tower 13 Cross Road, SBT Avenue, Near Passport Office, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi-Kerala-682036. -RANSIYA (9544618915), Manoj Panicker (8589972288) UMESH KUMAR (9645099666), Dinu Joseph(628495756). The Properties are sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis. The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 11am on the 06/02/2025 of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited. 7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD part) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. 8) The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. 9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. 10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. 11) The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Place: Kochi, Date: 11-01-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s. HDB Financial Services Limited

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision 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 Borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Concerned Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 14.02.2025 (Time 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) (with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed), for recovery of bank's dues from the borrowers/guarantors. Portal of E-Auction : <https://baanknet.com/>

Name and Address of the Branch : VILANKURICHI : D.No.158, R K G Dharshan Complex, V K Road, Cheran Managar, Vilankurichi, Coimbatore 641035. Ph: 9489043525. **Name and Address of the Borrowers and Guarantors : 1. M/s. Rapid Precision Engineering, 169/1D, Site No.4, Chettiyarthottam, Madukkarai Road, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Coimbatore 641 021. 2. Shiva Sankar S, S/o.Sesha Subramanian, 35/2111/E, Friendship Nagar, Palariavattom, Kochi 682025. 3.Seshankumar A S, B 807 Daksha Hreeva Apartments, Perur Main Road, Telugupalayam, Selvapuram, Coimbatore 641 026. 4. Smt.Parvathy, W/o. Shiva Sankar, "Shivaparvathy", 35/2111/E Friendship Nagar, Palariavattom, Kochi 682025.**

Total liabilities : as on 31.12.2024, Rs.3,81,95,660/- (Rs. Three crore eighty one lakh ninety five thousand and six hundred and sixty only) with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank.

Description of the property : All that part and parcel of the property comprised in Sy No.80/1 and building bearing Door No.35/2111/E situated at Ernakulam District, Kanyannur Taluk, Poonithura Village, Palariavattam Desom. The property having an extent of 2.43 Ares Bounded by : North: Corporation Road, East: Property of Ashkar Ali, South: Property of Kalliangul Vaisagh, West: 3.60 mtr wide way.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,30,00,000/- EMD : Rs.13,00,000/-

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (www.baanknet.com) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan." on or before 13.02.2025 upto 4.00 pm.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 14.02.2025
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(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in website (<https://baanknet.com/>) or contact concerned branch / Recovery Section RO-II Coimbatore Phone No.9488331061 / 99166 63317 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 08.01.2025
Place : Coimbatore

AUTHORISED OFFICER
CANARA BANK