

Union govt plans direct paddy procurement in Kerala via NCCF

Procurement to begin in select areas of Palakkad & Thrissur; 50K tonnes target in first phase

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IN a major policy shift, the Central government is learnt to be preparing to initiate direct paddy procurement from farmers in Kerala through the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF), effectively bypassing the state's existing procurement framework led by Supplyco. The move, currently in its feasibility stage, was confirmed after a team led by NCCF managing director Anees Joseph Chandra visited Palakkad and conducted discussions with farmers from both Palakkad and Thrissur districts. The team collected consent letters from over 500 farmers across five panchayats, signalling the Centre's intent to establish an alternative procurement system in the state. According to sources, the procurement will begin in select areas of Palakkad and Thrissur, with a target of collecting 50,000 tonnes of paddy in the first phase. Farmers have been promised payment within seven days of procurement, with a full settlement guaranteed within fifteen days. At present, paddy procurement in Kerala is managed by Supplyco, which offers farmers ₹28.20 per kg, including a ₹ 5.20 per kg contribution from the state government. NCCF is ex-



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pected to procure at the same base rate, but has also hinted that it may offer a higher price for export-grade paddy, based on quality standards. This significant development follows high-level discussions between BJP state leaders and Union ministers. BJP state general secretary C Krishnakumar and party president Rajeev Chandrasekhar are believed to have raised concern over the current procurement bottlenecks with Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi (Food and Public Distribution) and George Kurian (Cooperation). Following these talks, the Centre moved to authorise NCCF for procurement duties in Kerala. The move has triggered strong reactions from Kerala's Agriculture and Civil Supplies departments, both of which were not informed about the Centre's decision. Senior state officials warned that since NCCF has no

formal agreement with the state, farmers selling their paddy to the federation may lose the ₹5.20 state subsidy per kilogram. "NCCF has no MoU with the Kerala government. If farmers supply paddy to this agency, they won't receive the state's share of the procurement price. This crucial aspect has not been communicated transparently to the farming community," said a top Civil Supplies Department official. Furthermore, NCCF will reportedly procure only graded paddy that meets export standards, potentially disqualifying a large number of small and marginal farmers who typically sell lower-grade or unprocessed paddy to Supplyco. Currently, nearly 90% of the paddy produced in Palakkad and Thrissur is procured by Supplyco. However, the procurement mechanism has been under severe strain due to a delay

in Central assistance. Kerala claims that the Centre owes ₹1,108 crore in arrears towards the food subsidy for paddy procurement. In the absence of timely Central funds, the state government has been bearing the entire financial burden, resulting in delays in farmer payments. The Centre's latest move, many believe, is politically motivated and designed to undercut the state's public distribution infrastructure and highlight alleged inefficiencies. Critics argue that parallel procurement without clear coordination or policy alignment could create chaos in the supply chain and confuse farmers about where to sell their produce. Farmers, meanwhile, said that the Centre's decision to entrust NCCF with direct procurement responsibilities marks a critical shift in Kerala's agrarian economy. While it may introduce competitive procurement and quicker payments in theory, the lack of transparency, potential exclusion of vulnerable farmers, and bypassing of state mechanisms raise serious concerns. Unless there is a formal agreement and collaboration between the Centre and the state, Kerala's paddy procurement system may face further disruption in the coming harvest season, according to farmers.



VAGARIES OF RAIN

People near a canal bund at Cherpu in Thrissur, which overflowed amid heavy rain | S LAL

Collector warns forest officials of strict action if they block rehab of tribal families

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DISTRICT Collector Arjun Pandian warned forest officials of strict action, if they block the procedures in connection with the rehabilitation of tribal families from Arekappu and Veerankudi to Maramkode in Kodassery panchayat. State-level monitoring committee chaired by Chief Secretary had issued order permitting the rehabilitation of tribal families from Veerankudi and Arekappu following which the tribal people came to the place to clear shrubs from the land and build temporary shafts. However, as they began the work on Monday, some forest officials asked them to stop it following which the tribal people returned to their Unnathi. Following this, the collector visited the place on Tuesday and urged the forest officials to cooperate with the whole process. The state government has allocated 103 acre land at Maramkode in Kodassery panchayat for rehabilitation of 43 families from Arekappu and Veerankudi Unnathi.

The tribal people in Veerankudi were hit by landslide during the 2018 deluge and they were temporarily staying in make-shift tents at Njandukootanpara near Malakkappara. While the tribal people in Arekappu live in interior forest with no basic facilities. And due to the increasing wild animal menace and lack of roads, they also agreed to be shifted to a safer region in the forest fringe. Thus, the land at Maramkode was identified. "Though the families in Veerankudi sought land rights

for the place where they stay now, it was denied as geologists and soil conservation department reported the land as fragile and not so safe for long-term settlement. Hence, rehabilitating them to a safer place is necessary and the process is in final stage. Through this step, long-pending issues of tribal people in Thrissur district will be resolved," the collector said. The collector had also visited the tribal families in Athirappilly panchayat in April 2025 and had discussed the rehabilitation efforts under way.



Tribal people from Arekappu and Veerankudi with the district collector at Maramkode

Man confesses to killing wife in Noolpuzha

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THE police have confirmed that 51-year-old Elizabeth of Noolpuzha, who was found dead inside her house, was murdered and that her husband has confessed to the crime. Thomas Varghese, 56, who attempted suicide after killing his wife due to financial and health problems, confessed to the crime. Thomas was found with his wrist cut and his wife Elizabeth was found strangled to death inside the house on Monday. The police arrested the accused, who was undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Kozhikode and produced him before the court on Wednesday. Thomas Varghese stated that he strangled his wife and tried to end his life due to mental distress. He said he had severe financial and health problems. The accused is a heart patient and runs a bakery.

A journey of love and perseverance

GOPIKA VARRIER @Thrissur

EVEN as the state highlights its welfare measures — from naming migrant labourers as 'guest workers' to declaring the eradication of extreme poverty — the life of a couple in Thrissur tells a different story. Mahadev and Pari, a middle-aged couple in Thrissur, hails from Jharkhand. For the past four years, this couple has walked 14km back and forth every day, braving the rain and the scorching sun. They have only one aim — to find some food for their hungry stomachs. On some days, they depend on the 'Manna' hunger-free Thrissur campaign of the corporation. "We live under the flyover at Kuttanellur bypass. Every day, we start at 7am and return by noon. Though people used to donate cash, some steal money from us," Mahadev told TNE as Pari held his hand firmly. Pari is visually challenged and depends on Mahadev for walking and managing her daily chores. But it never stopped this couple from hitting the



Mahadev and Pari

tayam. Though he managed to find employment, Mahadev soon lost the job, pushing the family into extreme poverty. "I was also attacked by some people and injured my toes. Whom do we lodge the complain against as we don't know who did it," asked Mahadev, who always has a smile on his face no matter whatever challenges life throws at him. Even as they struggle to feed themselves, the couple also rears two roosters, donated by some well-wishers. According to Vincent (name changed), an autorickshaw driver at Christopher Nagar, "the couple is a regular on this route. They walk from Kuttanellur Bypass through Padavara road to Thrissur. They have been a decent couple who don't even accept cash unnecessarily these days. Some days, they even hire an autorickshaw if they are lucky to receive money from well wishers." Though they still carry the wish to go back to their village in Jharkhand, the lack of funds forces them to stay back in Kerala, despite all difficulties.

Plus-I seat shortage sparks crisis in Malabar, agitation intensifies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kozhikode

DESPITE the state government's decision to increase Plus-I seats by 30% in 11 districts, including Malappuram and Kozhikode, shortage of seats continues in Malabar. The move, aimed at addressing the widening gap between availability and need. Thousands of students are left without a clear path to higher secondary education due to the lack of batches in certain streams, mainly Computer Science. In Malappuram alone, 81,150 seats (including VHSE) have been made available, but 79,272 students have already passed the SSLC exam, and this figure does not include CBSE students and applicants from neighbouring districts. Kozhikode faces a similar crisis, with 43,697

students qualifying for Plus-I, but seat crunch looms large. With admissions from other boards and regions increasing the competition, a significant portion of students are unable to secure admission to their preferred course or school. The government's seat hike strategy has involved increasing the student limit per batch to 65, well above the recommended cap of 50 set by official committees. This has raised concerns about quality of education, strain on infrastructure, and imbalances in the student-teacher ratio. Meanwhile, frustration has spilled into the streets, with the Kerala Students Union (KSU) district committee organising a blockade in front of the Regional Deputy Director (RDD) office in Kozhikode on Tuesday, demanding the urgent sanctioning of additional batches in affected districts.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED Notice Inviting Bid (A) Bid for Construction of 220/132 KV, 1X160 MVA substation at Hemda (Upgradation) (Distt. Jhalawar) along with associated bays at existing 132 KV GSS Bakani, Rajpur, Dug and 220 KV GSS Bhawanimandi including Survey, Supply of all equipments/materials, Erection (including civil works), Testing and Commissioning (Turnkey project) against specification No. RVPN/EHV/BN-9018002509 (UBN : VPN2526WLO800795) as invited from interested bidders up to 04.00 PM on 24.07.2025. (B) Bid for Construction of various 220KV and 132KV transmission lines associated with 220KV GSS Hemda (Upgradation) (Distt. Jhalawar) including survey, supply of all equipments/materials, erection (including civil works), testing and commissioning (Turnkey project) against specification No. RVPN/EHV/BN-9018002508 (UBN : VPN2526WLO800792) as invited from interested bidders up to 04.00 PM on 24.07.2025. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl departmental website. Superintending Engineer (Contracts-I), Jaipur

Kerala State Mental Health Authority Red Cross Road, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 035, Ph: 0471-2472866 No. A/279/2025/SMHA Dated: 18.06.2025 NOTIFICATION Appointment of Chairperson in Mental Health Review Board Kerala State Mental Health Authority invites applications from persons possessing the requisite qualifications for appointment as the Chairperson of Mental Health Review Board, Kozhikode constituted under section 73 of Mental Healthcare Act, 2017. Interested applicants may visit www.ksmha.org for further details. The last date of submission of application is 15.07.2025. (Sd/-) Chief Executive Officer

CANARA BANK, PALAKKAD, REGIONAL OFFICE, PALAKKAD, Safeway Complex, Piruvusala, Chandranagar P.O, Palakkad-678007 ANNEXURE -10- POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] (For Immovable Properties) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors (name and address mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Branch: Pudukusery Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: (1) Mrs. Josephin, W/o Karuppayya, 13/963, Eromakkar House, Pampuparakkam, Chandrapuram, Palakkad 678 621 & (2) Mr. Karuppayya R, S/o Raman T, 13/963, Eromakkar House, Pampuparakkam, Chandrapuram, Palakkad 678621 Demand Notice Date: 04-04-2025 Possession Notice Date: 13-06-2025 Amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.1,93,367.23 (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four & Paise Twenty Three Only) Present & Sundry: Rs. 1,93,367.23 (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred & Sixty Seven, Paise Twenty Three Only) and interest thereon from 01-06-2025 DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All parts and parcel of the land measuring 0.0121 Hectares along with a residential building in Re Sy No 210/7, Old Sy No 1365, Re Sy Block No 32, Pudukusery Amson Desom, Pudukusery East Village, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad District in the name of Mrs. Josephin (As per Deed No 5745/2006 of SRO Palakkad Dated 17.11.2006) Boundaries: North: Property of Anusamy, South: Way, East: Yellachal, West: Property of Anusamy The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 & 9 of the said Rules on above mentioned dates. The Borrowers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank. The Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Place: Palakkad, Date: 13-06-2025 (Sd/-) Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

REGIONAL OFFICE: THRISSUR Platinum Jubilee Building, Civil Lane Road, Ayyanthole, Thrissur-680003. Ph: 0487-2424292, 9895099120. E-mail: ro1006@sib.co.in Reg. Office: SIB House, TB Road, Mission Quarters, Thrissur, Kerala-680001. Ph: 0487-24200 20, 21. E-mail: sibcorporate@sib.co.in www.southindianbank.com CIN No: L65191KL1929PLC001017 E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Ref:TCR/ROR/REC/SAR/SN/ABI/40/2025-26 Date: 17.06.2025 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. WHEREAS, the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued Demand Notice dated 31.10.2023, calling upon (1) Mrs. Ramathi : Puliyaveetil House, Manjily, Orumanayur PO, Thrissur, Kerala-680512. (2) Mr. Hyderali : Puliyaveetil House, Manjily, Orumanayur PO, Thrissur, Kerala-680512. (3) Faizal Alavi : Vailiyakath Thakadavil House, Orumanayur Village, Thrissur District - Pin - 680512. (4) Sabitha Alavi : Vailiyakath Thakadavil House, Orumanayur Village, Thrissur District - Pin - 680512. (5) Rasheda Alavi : Vailiyakath Thakadavil House, Orumanayur Village, Thrissur District - Pin - 680512. (6) Rukiya Alavi : Vailiyakath Thakadavil House, Orumanayur Village, Thrissur District - Pin - 680512. (7) Shanija Alavi @ Shan: Vailiyakath Thakadavil House, Orumanayur Village, Thrissur District - Pin - 680512 and has taken physical possession of the immovable properties. AND WHEREAS, the borrower/guarantor/pledger heirs have failed to pay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Legal Heir(s) that the immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor more fully described in the Schedule hereunder will be sold on 'as is where is' basis, 'as is what is' and 'whatever there is' condition, on the date and at the place mentioned herein below for realization of a sum of Rs. 8,06,93,681.33 (Rupees Eight Crore Six Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One and Paise Thirty Three Only) as on 16.06.2025 with cost of interest, penal charges/penal interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon in the accounts of Mrs Ramathi with THRISSUR MAIN Branch of the Bank. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Item No.1 Name of Property Owner: Mr Hyderali. Description of property: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 24.69 Ares [12.55 Ares+12.14 Ares] along with residential building having total built in area of about 2900 Sq.Ft and all other improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Re.Sy.No.2054 [12.55 Ares] and 257/9 [12.14 Ares] of Orumanayur Village,Chavakkad Taluk, Thrissur District and owned by Mr Hyderali more fully described in Sale Deed No. 1628/1994 dated 13.08.1994 and Partition Deed No. 1628/1994 dated 13.08.1994 both of Sub Registrar Office Chavakkad and bounded on: North: Property of Karayal Plaza Auditorium, South: Property of Raleeq, East: NH 47, West: Canoly Canal. Reserve Price : Rs. 1,63,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakh Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 16,30,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Thirty Thousand Only) Date and time of E-auction : 09.07.2025 from 10.30 AM to 11.00 AM Item No.2 Name of Property Owner: Mr Hyderali. Description of property: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 11.73 Ares [1.62 Ares+8.50 Ares+1.61 Ares] along with residential building having total built in area of about 2900 Sq.Ft. and all other improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Re.Sy.No.303/3 [1.62 Ares], 303/10 [8.50 Ares], 303/10B [1.61 Ares] of Orumanayur Village,Chavakkad Taluk, Thrissur District and owned by Mr Hyderali more fully described in Sale Deed No. 1012/2005 dated 31.03.2005 and Rectification Deed No. 1365/2005 dated 15.06.2005 both of Sub Registrar Office Chavakkad and bounded on: North: Property of Musthafa, South: Property of Anvar, East: Panchayath Road, West: Property of Bushtia. Reserve Price : Rs. 92,07,000/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Seven Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 9,20,700/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Only) Date and time of E-auction : 09.07.2025 from 11.00 AM to 11.30 AM Item No.3 Name of Property Owner: Mrs Myymna (now deceased and represented by legal heirs). Description of property: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 12.15 Ares along with residential building having total built in area of about 2200 Sq.Ft and all other improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Re.Sy.No. 1564 of Orumanayur Village, Chavakkad Taluk, Thrissur District and owned by Mrs Myymna, more fully described in Settlement Deed No. 3208/2008 dated 12.12.2008 of Sub Registrar Office Chavakkad and bounded on: North: Property of Baian etc. South: Property of Muhammadyunni etc. East: Road, West: Canoly Canal. Reserve Price : Rs. 42,51,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Fifty One Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 4,25,100/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) Date and time of E-auction : 09.07.2025 from 11.30 AM to 12.00 AM Mode of submission of EMD/ Sale amount: All amounts payable regarding EMD and sale shall be paid by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of 'The Authorised Officer, The South Indian Bank Ltd.' payable at Thrissur /RTGS/NEFT/Net Banking or through RTGS to Account No:068407300004388 held by 'The Authorised Officer in The South Indian Bank Ltd., Branch : Thrissur Main (IFSC Code: SIBL0000084) Last date and time for submission of Bid along with EMD on or before 08.07.2025 by 5.00 PM Property inspection from: 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM on working days with prior appointment Bid increment amount : Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) (With 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded) Encumbrances known to the Bank : The Authorised Officer has obtained ECI search report regarding the property from 01.01.1994 to 04.10.2024 and it contains following encumbrances: Item 1&2: Attachment by Chavakkad Sub court in OS 16/2022 /A222, Item 3-NIL. E-auction service provider (BankAuctions.in) : +91814200735, dinesh@bankauctions.in, https://bankauctions.in/ 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://bankauctions.in/ For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact Authorised Officer (Tel. No: 8921077601) or The South Indian Bank Ltd., THRISSUR MAIN Branch during working hours. Date: 17.06.2025 Place: Thrissur Authorised Officer The South Indian Bank Ltd.