

Power share not Congress's official demand: Venugopal

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AMID simmering tension between the ruling DMK and its key ally Congress, AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal on Tuesday put speculations to rest by asserting that all statements by "individuals" about the latter seeking a share in power in Tamil Nadu is not the party's stance. Any decision on alliance matters will be taken only by the party high command, he added.

Addressing media persons after attending a meeting of District Congress Committee presidents in Chennai, party leader Venugopal said the Congress party and the DMK remain "long-standing allies united by a shared commitment to fight communal and fascist forces".

"Any statement about shar-



Congress leaders K C Venugopal and K Selvaerunthagai leading a padayatra against the repeal of MGNREGA in Chennai, on Tuesday | KRISHNARAJ

ing power in the state government is not the party's stand. It may be an individual's view. If the Congress has to take a decision on alliance matters, it will be taken only by the high command," Venugopal told.

Stating that alliance-related discussions are under way, the Congress leader added, "Until a final decision is taken, nobody has the right to speak either in favour of or against alliance partners."

Venugopal's comments come in the wake of confrontational remarks by party MP Manickam Tagore, All India Professionals' Congress chairperson Praveen Chakravarty and a few DMK leaders, which led to speculation that the national party would even consider severing ties with its long-standing ally ahead of the 2026 Assembly election and align with actor Vijay's Tamila Vетtri Kazhagam (TVK) instead.

Trial court order reversed, 21 get life term for murder

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A division bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday reversed the order of a trial court in Villupuram district and sentenced 21 people to life imprisonment for murdering a man in 2013 due to enmity.

Passing the orders, a division bench of Justices P Velmurugan and M Jothiraman also abated the charges against two others as they died during pendency of the appeal.

The bench, however, kept the

sentence in suspension for three months to enable the convicts to go on appeal.

The matter pertains to an appeal moved by Amutha, wife of Baskar, who was murdered by a gang of 23 people over enmity between the deceased and the first accused, Krishnaveni. The gang fatally attacked Baskar with weapons during the intervening night of May 29 and May 30, 2013, in front of his house at Katrambakkam under the Kiliyanur police station

limits. Baskar and his wife were returning from a temple ceremony when the gang assaulted him.

The first additional sessions court in Tindivanam acquitted all the accused in 2017 stating that the prosecution failed to prove the charges beyond reasonable doubt. Challenging this order, Amutha moved the high court in 2019.

"On a careful re-appreciation of the entire evidence on record, we find that the prose-

cution has proved its case beyond all reasonable doubts, and also proved the presence of the accused as members of the unlawful assembly and also common object to cause the death," the bench said. "The trial court has discarded reliable evidence wholly on untenable grounds, placing undue emphasis on minor discrepancies and trivial contradictions which do not go to the root of the prosecution case. Such an approach amounts to a clear mis-appreciation of evidence and renders the acquittal perverse."

Address protesting guest lecturers' demands: CPI

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu unit of the CPI has urged the state government to immediately hold talks with the representatives of guest lecturers who have been on strike for the past 10 days over demands. In a release on Tuesday, CPI state secretary M Veerapandian said around 8,500 guest lecturers are working in 183 government arts and science colleges across Tamil Nadu. Appointed since 1999, they currently receive a monthly honorarium of ₹25,000 while the University Grants Commission has fixed ₹50,000 as the monthly salary for assistant professors. Pointing to the demands like salary hike, the CPI leader urged the government for action.

Stalin: Unlike centre, we stood shoulder-to-shoulder with ryots

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The CM also listed out schemes such as Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme for government employees, Mudhalvar Padaippaganal, issue of house-site pattas, combined drinking water schemes, CM's rural roads development programme, etc.

Meanwhile, in another post, the CM also hailed the fifth exclusive budget for agriculture presented by Agriculture Minister MRK Panneerselvam. He recalled that in a historic first for TN, our Dravidian Model

government began presenting a separate agriculture budget, and Panneerselvam has now presented the fifth consecutive agriculture budget.

"Even as farmers across the country suffered due to the three farm laws and the suspension of the 100-day employment scheme, we stood shoulder to shoulder with our farmers," the CM added. Stalin said that just as the timely opening of the Mettur dam has irrigated the fields for five consecutive years, the DMK government's schemes have filled farmers' hearts with hope.



A TASTE OF DEVOTION

A devotee dressed as Amman during the Mayanakollai procession in Otteri on the outskirts of Chennai on Tuesday | P JAWAHAR

EXPRESS READ

Kumari fishers release wish list ahead of polls

KANNIYAKUMARI: The Federation of fishermen associations on Tuesday released the wishlist with members standing in the sea off Thengapattanam coast. Churchill said the fisher community would vote for the party which accepts our demands. "Give more importance to fishers in education, employment, economy. Besides, assembly and parliamentary constituencies should be reorganized to include majority of coastal voters. All coastal villages should be made as separate village panchayats," he added. Their other demands included sea and air ambulance services, provision of satellite phone to all deep sea fishers, provision of 1,000 litres of subsidized kerosene to country boat fishers.

'DMK discharging duty of defining people-centric govt'

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THE state's strong concerns about the rising levies on cesses and surcharges were also ignored, he said. The FM also recalled Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar's words on the budget and said it provided enduring guidance on how a budget should be framed.

"The focus should be on identifying the means to mobilise the necessary financial resources for a well-conceived plan, rather than reducing plan expenditure or slowing the pace of development on the grounds that adequate funds are not presently available. Our budget must serve as an instrument for planned development, without in any way diminishing the momentum of constructive work," the DMK stalwart had said more than half a century ago.

It is because we have consistently followed this guidance of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, given in the budget speech of 1971-72, that today TN has achieved remarkable growth

across various sectors and stands as a leading state in the country. The minister said the DMK government has been discharging a historic duty of guiding the nation in defining the model of a truly people-centric government. In this connection, he took pride in pointing out that while achieving high economic growth by boosting exports and containing inflation, the DMK government has also launched the final assault on poverty in TN. Even as proactive efforts are undertaken to promote balanced industrial growth across the state, major schemes are being implemented to safeguard workers' welfare.

Indicating that the state government accorded equal importance to inclusive growth, the minister also said that as the government promoted balanced industrial growth across the state, it also implemented schemes to protect workers' welfare. "While attracting large-scale foreign investments, we have not neglected growth of micro and small firms."

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JANNATHFIRDOWS.M D/o. Myneen Pitchai born on 09th May 1990 (native District: Tenkasi) residing at 11-1-54, Pallivasal Street, Eraviyadharmapuram - 627813, Tamilnadu, shall henceforth be known as JANNATH FIRTHOUSE.M JANNATHFIRDOWS.M

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B.Asir, S/o. Bright Singh, residing at Door No: 21-42, Chelamkonam, Kappiyarai Post, Kappiyarai Village, Kanyakumari District is hereby changed my name as B. Asir Ponkingston. B. Asir

NOTICE

I, R SELVAN (Army No. 15476237L Ex-HAV.), residing at House No. 20/113B, PAVATTAM VILAI, METHUKUMMAL PO, KANYA KUMARI DIST, TAMILNADU - 629 172, hereby declare that my children SJ NITESH and SJ JABESH shall hereafter be known only as NITHEESH S J and JEBEESH S J Vide affidavit before Notary Public Nagercoil, dated 13.02.2026 R SELVAN

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, MADURAI

[BSNL-IV Building, 1st Floor, CTO Campus, Tallakulam, Madurai-625002]. S.A.No. 408 of 2023 Mrs. Dorah Crossbell, W.o. Mr. Benikaran, No.65, Karananasan Street, Arasaradi, Madurai, Tamilnadu-625016. Vs. Applicant Mr. B. Muthukumar S/o. Mr. Sundaray Nadar Balasingh, C-36, New No.849 A/5, TKC Nagar, Thiagaraja Nagar, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District, Tamilnadu-627011. 4th Defendant. Notice The Applicant has filed this Application before the Debt Recovery Tribunal, Madurai against 4 defendants. And, this case is posted on 03.03.2026 for appearance of 4th Defendant forenamed. The 4th Defendant, either in person or through his counsel, has to appear on 03.03.2026 at 10am before said Tribunal to defend his interest. Failing which, the dispute will be decided in his absence. (As per order of Tribunal/ R. Ravikummar, Advocate, Madurai-2.

MAHAVITARAN SHORT TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited for Procurement of Tool Kit Comprising 5 Items T&P Per Kit through e tendering process with an Estimated Cost of Rs. 604.37 Lakhs against MSEDCCL advertised Tender on website vide No. MMD/T-HTM2-06/0226 due for submission on dtd. 24.02.2026 For details please visit website: <https://etender.mahadis.com.in/eatApp/> Sd/- Chief Engineer (MMD) HO PR 47/26

SUNDARAM HOME --- Sundaram Finance Group ---
Regd. Off: No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600002
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-14, Ph: 044-2851-5257
BO: Door No. 502/1, First Floor, STC Road, Jayashree Arcade, Kulavaniapuram Village, NGO B Colony, Tirunelveli - 627007.
CORRIGENDUM
In the Sale Notice published on 17-02-2026 in "New Indian Express" and "Dinamani" Tirunelveli Edition in respect of loan account No. TV120230042, TV120230043 & TV120230114 of Mrs. Kanti Parvathi Sankar S, its wrongly mentioned as the opening bidding date 02.04.2025 to be read as instead of opening the bidding date is 02.04.2026. Date: 18-02-2026 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL-BHEL)
(YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)
RPCL is invited following tender from eligible contractors through KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for the following procurements.
1) KPCL/2025-26/IND2427 14-02-2026 Procurement of sulphuric acid for YTPS. 2) KPCL/2025-26/IND2421 13-02-2026 Procurement of self sealing graphite rings for boiler valves. 3) KPCL/2025-26/IND2420 13-02-2026 Procurement of MS bends for YTPS. 4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2418 13-02-2026 Procurement of journal assembly spares for HP 1103 mills. 5) KPCL/2025-26/IND2410 13-02-2026 Procurement of taper roller bearing. 6) KPCL/2025-26/IND2412 11-02-2026 Procurement of APH gear box input shaft bearings. 7) KPCL/2025-26/IND2191/CALL-4 09-02-2026 Procurement of Aluminium Scaffolding. 8) KPCL/2025-26/IND2398 06-02-2026 Procurement of seal air fan expansion bellows. 9) KPCL/2025-26/IND2264/CALL-2 05-02-2026 Procurement of various cutting inserts for central workshop. 10) KPCL/2025-26/IND2373 05-02-2026 Procurement of 07 Nos, 150 ltr industrial water coolers.
Last date & time for bid submission : SI. No. 1, 5 & 7 : 23-02-2026 16:00 SI No. 2 & 4 : 26-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. SI No. 3 : 25-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. SI No. 6 & 8 : 20-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. SI No. 9 & 10 : 19-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. Tender documents shall be downloaded from <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (MSP), RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus-584 134, Raichur, Mobile: 9480682892, E-mail: eemsprrpcl@gmail.com, www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in E-Mail: support@eprocelpdesk.com

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office: 10-15/2/1, Sri Sai Towers, Bandar Road, Kanuru, Vijayawada - 520007
Lr.No.Mktg.M6RG Dall/Tenders/April/2026 to June/2026 Dt: 17.02.2026
NATIONAL SHORT TENDER NOTICE
BIDS ARE INVITED FROM ELIGIBLE BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF 1687.500 PKTS (+25%) OF R.G Dall IN 1 KG PACKET FORM WITH SECONDARY PACKING IN 50 KG NEW POLYPROPYLENE (PP) BAGS UNDER ICDS/THR SCHEMES FOR THE MONTHS FROM APRIL/2026 TO JUNE/2026 (Three Months) TO ALL THE MLS POINTS OF (26) DISTRICTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE. All the interested R.G Dall Manufacturers in All Over India may visit www.apscscl.in & www.neml.in to view and download tender documents at free of cost. Interested bidders need to register in portal as vendor with NCDEX e Markets Limited to participate in the tenders. Contact Tel: 9962059599 or 9032429420 or 9885549722 and Email: askus@neml.in. Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to 25.02.2026 at 5.00 P.M and the tentative date of online e-auction through NeML platform would be 27.02.2026 from 11.00 A.M onwards. Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

NOTICE

My Client herein intends to purchase the properties belonged to Ponsingh situated in Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi Taluk, Thoothukudi sub-district, Pudukottai Sub-Registrar office, Kattaalangulam Village with respect to the following survey numbers and extent and anybody claiming right over such properties may raise their objections within 15 days of this paper publication with the Proof of such legally enforceable right, by communicating the objections to the address mentioned hereunder.

Item No	Survey No.	Extent	
		Hec-Are	Acre-Cent
1	419/2C	1.89.17	4.67
2	433/3	0.79.0	1.95
3	434/1	1.33.0	3.28

Address to communicate the objections: P.VASANTH B.A.,B.L., ADVOCATE NO.127/261, ZS TOWERS, V FLOOR, ANGAPPA STREET, OPPOSITE TO MADRAS HIGH COURT, CHENNAI - 600 001. Cell : 99629 43000

NOTICE

My Client herein intends to purchase the properties belonged to Kalidas situated in Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi Taluk, Thoothukudi sub-district, Pudukottai Sub-Registrar office, Kattaalangulam Village with respect to the following survey numbers and extent and anybody claiming right over such properties may raise their objections within 15 days of this paper publication with the Proof of such legally enforceable right, by communicating the objections to the address mentioned hereunder.

Item No	Survey No.	Extent	
		Hec-Are	Acre-Cent
1	431/1A	0.09.5	0.23
2	431/1B	0.48.0	1.19
3	431/2	0.39.5	0.98
4	431/3	0.31.5	0.78
5	431/6	0.18.0	0.45
6	431/7	0.55.5	1.37
7	431/8	0.55.5	1.37
8	431/4	0.25.0	0.62

Address to communicate the objections: P.VASANTH B.A.,B.L., ADVOCATE NO.127/261, ZS TOWERS, V FLOOR, ANGAPPA STREET, OPPOSITE TO MADRAS HIGH COURT, CHENNAI - 600 001. Cell : 99629 43000

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PUBLIC AUCTION THROUGH BIDDING NOTICE
APPENDIX- IV-A (See provision to rule 8 (6))
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given to the public in general that the below mentioned Borrower/co-borrower mortgaged the immovable property which is described hereunder to Five Star Business Finance Limited and the possession of the said immovable property (secured asset/property) has been taken over by the Authorized Officer in accordance of the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules there to. The secured asset will be sold through public auction by bidding for realization of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to Five Star Business Finance Limited as detailed below. The secured asset is being sold on and the bidding will be held on 23.03.2026 "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under the rule number 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) and on the terms and conditions specified here-under:

Name of the Borrowers & Account Number	Outstanding Amount & Demand Notice	Details of property	Reserve Price (INR) / Bid Increase Amount
1.Mrs.A.Subitha, W/o.Mr.Suresh, No.10/101, Kuttikandamvilai, Kandanavilai, Kalkulam, Marthandam, Tamilnadu-629810	₹ 20,25,005/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs and Twenty Five thousand and Five only) as on 25.01.2025	All That piece and Parcel of Land and Building bearing Door No. 17/3-1, Situated at Kanchirethikonam Dhesam, Kolthanalloor Village, Kolthanalloor Town Panchayat, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District, comprised in Old S.No.690/A, New R.S.No.126/12, Land Measuring an Extent of 1306 Sq.Feet Or 121.41 sq. Meter and Bounded on the North By: House and Land Belongs to Mr.Sunthradhas, South By: Road, East By: House and land Belongs to Mr.Enos, West By: House and Land Belongs to Mr. Thangaraj. The Above Property is situated within the Registration District of Kanyakumari and within the Registration Sub- District of Thakkalai.	Reserve Price : ₹ 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Only) EMD: ₹ 1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lac Fifty Thousand Only) Bid Increment Amount ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
2.Mr.D.Thatesh, S/o.Mr.Devadasan, No.26-138/2, Vellitharavilai, Ethavilai, Kalkulam, Mekkaramandapam, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu-629166.			
3.Mr.J.Justinjyayakumar, S/o.Mr.Jesudhas, No.13-147A, Perumparuthikalavilai, Pullierangay, Thiruvattar, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu-629177.			

Loan No: FSTNLALONS000005005034
Demand Notice Date: 25.01.2025

Date/ Time of Auction : 23.03.2026 from 11:00 a.m to 01:00 p.m
Date and Time of Inspection of the Property: From 19.02.2026 to 18.03.2026 between 10:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m

Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:

- Public Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" and is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to Five Star Business Finance Limited. The bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of Public Auction can be obtained from Office of Five Star Business Finance Ltd., D.No.1-66/1G, 1st Floor, Pammam, Kulasekharan Road, Marthandam (Po), Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu-629 165
- The Secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve price.
- To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, if it is necessary that the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding any claims, charges, dues, encumbrances and should satisfy about the title, extent/measurement of the property prior to submitting their bid. For any discrepancy in the property the participating bidder is solely responsible for all future recourses from the date of submission of bid.
- No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put up for sale, charges/encumbrances over the property or on any other matter etc will be entertained after submission of the bid.
- The Authorized Officer will not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax dues, electricity dues etc. or any other dues to the Government, local authority or anybody, in respect of the property under sale.
- The Public Auction notice/advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any offer, commitment or any representation of Five Star Business Finance Limited. The Authorized Officer shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/duties.
- The Sale shall be subject to the rules/conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules there to.
- The interested bidders shall submit their bids along with EMD, which shall be payable only through D.D in favour of "Five Star Business Finance Limited" payable on or before the 20.03.2026 about 5 p.m
- The Bids along with other documents must be submitted to the Authorized Officer in a sealed envelope mentioning "Offer for Purchase - Subitha's Property" to reach the Authorized Officer on or before the last date of submission of the Bids.
- The bidder is supposed to submit the following documents at the time of submission of the bid: i) Proof of EMD paid ii) copy of the PAN Card iii) Proof of identification/ Address proof/Aadhar Card/KYC (self-attested copies) without which the bid is liable to be rejected.
- The bidder alone can participate in the public auction proceeding and no other person is permitted.
- The successful Bidder must deposit the 25% of the purchase amount (after adjustment of EMD already paid) immediately upon the acceptance of the offer and declaration of the successful bidder by the Authorized officer, failing which the EMD paid shall be forfeited and cannot be claimed by the bidder from Five Star Business Finance Limited.
- The balance 75% of the purchase amount must be deposited by the successful bidder within 15 days, failing which the amounts already deposited by the bidder shall stand automatically forfeited without further notice and no request for refunds whatsoever shall be entertained. Further, the property will be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of the property/amount and will not be eligible to participate in the re-auction, if any.
- No interest is applicable to EMD or any amount deposited by the bidders/successful bidder in respect of sale of secured asset.
- The Purchaser/successful bidder shall bear the (a) applicable stamp duty/registration/transfer charges; (b) all the statutory, non-statutory, conversion, electricity, sewage charges, any dues, fees, taxes, rates, assessment charges etc. owing to any person, association or authority shall be borne by the successful Bidder only.
- Sale certificate shall be issued in the prescribed format in favor of successful bidder only.
- The successful bidder shall have to arrange for registration etc., at his/her/its cost of the sale certificate as per the provisions of prevailing Stamp and Registration Act. The successful bidder shall bear the charges for conveyance, registration fee, stamp duty, taxes, fee etc. as applicable.
- In case of sale of property subject to any encumbrances, the successful bidder/purchaser shall deposit money required to discharge the encumbrance including interest, cost, expenses etc. if any to the Authorized officer.
- In case if the public auction is stopped, stayed, postponed or rescheduled or cancelled, a public notice will be put on the notice board of Five Star Business Finance Limited, Marthandam Branch and no personalized/individual communication in this regard will be sent to any of the bidders or otherwise.
- Submission of bid by the bidders is construed that they have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions governing the public auction.
- EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on the closure of auction proceedings.
- The Authorized officer is not bound to accept the highest offer/bid and the Authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the public auction without assigning any reason therefor.

Date: 17.02.2026; Place: Marthandam Authorized Officer, Five Star Business Finance Limited

