



# Tidal flooding impact mitigation project gets under way at Ezhikkara

Pilot project uses new construction technology to tackle recurring damage due to saltwater

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EZHICKARA, a low-lying panchayat on the edge of Vembanad lake in Ernakulam, grapples with tidal flooding for about six months every year. Homes, wells and paddy fields are regularly inundated, forcing families into repeated cycles of repair.

Recently, scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's (CSIR) structural engineering research centre (SERC) visited the flood-affected houses here to begin a pilot housing restoration project using a new salt-resistant construction technology — Textile Reinforced Concrete (TRC). "It's a first-of-its-kind effort in Kerala," said C G Madhusoodhanan, chief executive officer of Kochi-based Equinot, the project's implementing agency.

During the visit, scientists carried out detailed structural assessments of select houses, based on which restoration designs using TRC will be finalised. "We expect to complete the work in two months," Madhusoodhanan said.

As to the project's need, he explained, "Saltwater accelerates the decay of conventional construction materials, causing cracks, corrosion, frequent repairs, and unsafe living conditions. TRC, developed by CSIR-SERC, replaces steel with corrosion-resistant textile reinforcement, making it more suitable for coastal and backwater regions."



Four houses to be renovated, construction work expected to begin shortly

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community feedback to tailor designs to site-specific conditions. "We now know not just that flooding happens, but when, how high, and how often. That knowledge is shaping how these homes are being redesigned," he added.

With climate change intensifying sea-level rise, tidal flooding, and saltwater intrusion along Kerala's coast, officials and researchers say climate-resilient housing is no longer optional.

"Kerala's coastal and backwater regions are increasingly affected by saltwater intrusion, tidal flooding, and coastal inundation. These conditions damage homes, worsen sanitation and public health, and threaten livelihoods, especially in vulnerable coastal communities. The housing restoration project is one in a string of measures taken as part of impact mitigation," Madhusoodhanan said.

Meanwhile, Ezhikkara panchayat president Seena said, "Tidal flooding is one of the blights in this region. The panchayat has been working closely with various bodies to find some respite. The CSIR-Equinot project is indeed hopeful."

# Artery forceps found in woman's abdomen 5 yrs after surgery at Alappuzha Med College

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Alappuzha

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS of medical negligence have surfaced against Government Medical College, Alappuzha, after artery forceps were found inside a woman's abdomen, five years after she underwent surgery at the hospital.

The incident came to light after Usha Joseph, a native of Punnappara, experienced persistent abdominal pain for several years following a surgery performed on May 5, 2021.

She had undergone an operation to remove a uterine fibroid

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at the medical college hospital in Vandanam. According to Usha and her family, she continued to suffer from recurring abdominal pain after the procedure and has been relying on medication to manage the discomfort. Despite revisiting the medical college with complaints of pain, she was reportedly in-

formed that the issue was due to kidney stones and was sent back. On Wednesday, an X-Ray examination revealed the presence of a pair of artery forceps inside her abdomen. The examination was conducted at a private laboratory after her symptoms persisted.

Following the revelation, authorities at the MCH have reportedly informed the family that the forceps can be surgically removed on Monday.

However, Usha has expressed fear and reluctance to undergo another surgery at the same hospital, citing the alleged medical negligence.

# Five injured as buses collide head-on at Kuzhivelippady

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

FIVE PERSONS, including four students, were injured in a road accident involving a college bus and a private bus, in Kochi. The accident occurred at Kuzhivelippady on the Pookattupady-Edappally Road around 9 am on Thursday.

According to a source with Edathala police station, the accident occurred when a bus belonging to Jai Bharath College of Management and Engineer-

ing Technology collided head-on with a private bus named Rayyan, which was operating on the Aluva-Perumbavoor route. The collision took place near a sharp bend, leaving the front portions of both vehicles severely damaged.

Local residents, along with police and emergency responders, rushed to the spot and launched rescue operations. Four students sustained minor injuries, while the driver of the college bus suffered serious injuries.

## EXPRESS READ

### Andhra Pradesh native falls from train, dies

Kochi: A man from Andhra Pradesh died after falling from a train in Kalamassery on Thursday. The deceased is Ganta Yadu Kondalu, 35. He was travelling on the Egmore-Madurai Express and was supposed to get down at Kalamassery. However, Ganta, who had gone to the loo, could not get down when the train stopped at the station. So he tried to jump out of the train on to the platform, but fell. He succumbed to his injuries later.

# Land acquisition for Aluva-Alangad Road widening accelerates

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THE LAND acquisition process for the proposed widening of the Aluva - Alangad Road has gained momentum, with authorities completing the public hearing on the rehabilitation and resettlement package for those affected. The hearing, held at the Priyadarshini municipal town hall in Aluva, was part of the acquisition of land along the stretch from Thottakkattukara Junction in Aluva to East Kadungalloor. Of the 57 affected people, 39 attended the session.

Minister P Rajeev, who was part of the hearing, said, "The follow-up procedures and issuance of the relevant notification under the Land Acquisition Act would be completed in a time-bound manner." Those who failed to attend the hearing would be given another opportunity, he added.

According to the preliminary assessment, 24 families in Aluva West and 33 families in Kadungalloor have been identified as eligible for benefits under the rehabilitation and resettlement policy. The hearing was overseen by deputy collector (land acquisition) S Regina, who is serving as the administrator for the acquisition process.

Meanwhile, district collector has approved detailed valuation statements (DVS) in 200 cases to facilitate compensation disbursement for affected properties. "The compensation will be distributed after serving individual notices and document verification," the minister said. The road widening is key to easing traffic congestion along the busy road from Aluva to Alangad.

# Man nabbed with 51 kg of ganja in Vazhakulam

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Ernakulam Rural police seized 51 kg of ganja from a rented house used by a migrant worker at Vazhakulam near Perumbavoor. The accused, Rubel Mulla, a native of Murshidabad, West Bengal, was arrested by Thadiyitaparambu police in connection with the case.

The house had been rented under the pretext of accommodating migrant workers. The accused allegedly misled neighbours by claiming that the occupants were away at work during the day, while he primarily visited the premises at night, said a source with Ernakulam Rural police. Rubel is suspected to have stored the contraband at the rented house in TMJ Nagar. Acting on a tip-off, the police conducted a raid at the location and recovered the ganja, which was packed in sacks and stacked on the floor. An electronic weighing scale was also seized from the premises, officials said.

# Man held for attacking barber with hammer

Kochi: A 47-year-old man was arrested on Thursday for allegedly attacking a barber with a hammer in Kochi. The accused, Subesh, a native of Karithala Colony in Ernakulam, was apprehended by the Kadavanthra police. A source with the Kochi City police said the accused al-

legedly entered a barber shop near the South Overbridge around 7.45 pm on Wednesday and verbally abused Nizamuddin, an employee. The altercation soon escalated into violence, during which Subesh allegedly attacked the victim with a hammer he was carrying. ENS

**PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank** Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Suneer K A- Sunitha V A/ TBCOC00006622492/ TBCOC00006622493	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All Parts and Parcels In Property of 1.42 Ares In Sy No: 296/1/1, Block No. 57, Re Sy No. 80/7, Aluva West Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam Dist. North: Sold Property of P T Augustine South: Municipality Road East: Property of Jose K Thomas West: Property of Francis Jose Date of Physical Possession: 17/02/2026	June 26, 2024 Rs. 42,43,435.00/-	Cochin

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: February 20, 2026 Place: Cochin Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

**SUNDARAM HOME** — Sundaram Finance Group —

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullas Road, Chennai - 600 002. Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.

Branch Office: First Floor, Kunnath Building, T K Road, (Near St. Peters Junction), Nannuvakkadu, Pathanamthitta, Kerala - 689645.

**DEMAND NOTICE**

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, and that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. due have been returned unserved. Hence both/all of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company shall proceed and exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Secured Creditor under Section 13(4) of the Sarfaesi Act to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No. Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of the Secured Property
1	Mr. Mohan Kaniyaroll Gopalan (Borrower), Kaniyaroll, Thadiyoor Po, Ayroor North Pathanamthitta - 689545. Mrs. Santhi Krishna (Co-Borrower), Kaniyaroll, Thadiyoor Po, Ayroor North, Pathanamthitta - 689545.	File No: 72800413 Outstanding amount Rs. 8,21,339/- (As on 24/12/2025) along with further interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	All that piece and parcel of the property having an extent of 2.02 Ares along with the building comprised in Survey No. 227-1/6/2 situated in Konni Thazham Village, Konni Taluk, in Pathanamthitta District, along with all the fittings and appurtenant thereto and bounded on the East by Panchayath Road and Property of Joseph, North by: Property of Anil S, West by: Property of Kottarathil Suresh Kumar and, South by: Properties of Ancy Babu and Joseph, within the Registration District of Pathanamthitta and Sub Registration District of Konni which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No. 1067/2015.

Notice Date: 24/12/2025 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., Authorised officer.

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Regd Office: No. 21, Patullas Road, Chennai - 600 002. Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.

Branch Office: D. No. 5/508/13, 2nd Floor, Fair Trade Centre, TUDA Road, Aswani Junction, Thiruvambadi Post, Thirissur - 680 022. Phone: 0487 - 222 1042 / 1191"

**LEGAL-HEIR DEMAND NOTICE**

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, and that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. due have been returned unserved. Hence both/all of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company shall proceed and exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Secured Creditor under Section 13(4) of the Sarfaesi Act to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No. Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of the Secured Property
1	Aneesh P B (Borrower cum Legal Heir of Balan P K) Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Thirissur - 680640. Aneesh P B, (Borrower cum Legal Heir of Balan P K), Azhikode P O, Thirissur-680640. Ambika Balan, (Co-Borrower cum Legal Heir of Balan P K), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Sajitha Aneesh (Co-Borrower), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Shibu P B (Legal Heir of Balan P K), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Shaji (Legal Heir of Balan P K), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Aneesh (Legal Heir of Balan P K), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Banesh P B (Legal Heir of Balan P K) Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Nisha (Legal Heir of Balan P K), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640. Ratheesh (Legal Heir of Balan P K), Ponath House, Azeekode P O, Kodungallur, Thirissur - 680640	File No: 72200406 Outstanding amount Rs. 27,70,309/- (As on 14/01/2026) along with further interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	All that piece and parcel of the property having an extent of 62.25 Cents(26.500 Cent,32.750 Cents,3 Cents)comprised in Survey No. 532/9, 532/10, 532/8 respectively, situated in Azeekode Village, Kodungallur Taluk, Thirissur District, and all that fittings and appurtenances thereto, Bounded on the East by: Property of Kocho Muhammed, North by: Panchayath Road, West by: Property of Vijayan, South by: Property of Akbar. Within the Registration District of Thirissur and Sub Registration District of Kodungallur, which is more fully and particularly described in the Sale Deed No.2554/2003.

Notice Date: 20-01-2026 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., Authorised officer.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE  
LPSC, VALIAMALA, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION  
Ph : 0471 - 256 7445 / 7326 / 7577 e-mail: contracts\_cmgt@lpsc.gov.in

**BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

On behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

- e-NIT No: LPSC-V/CMD/CS/02/7162/C/TE-114/2025-26 dated 19.02.2026 Modification works of pathways and concrete berms of LPSC campus, Valiamala (Estimated cost: ₹23.34 Lakh)
- e-NIT No: LPSC-V/CMD/CS/03/7152/C/TE-115/2025-26 dated 19.02.2026 Term Contract for execution of minor/maintenance Civil & PH works at LPSC Valiamala (Estimated cost: ₹20.00 Lakh)
- e-NIT No: LPSC-V/CMD/CS/03/7153/E/TE-054/2025-26 dated 19.02.2026 Term Contract for execution of minor/maintenance electrical works at LPSC Valiamala (Estimated cost: ₹7.50 Lakh)

Period for requesting: From 20.02.2026, 17:30 Hrs To 26.02.2026, 23:30 Hrs

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi - English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website <https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html> and tender free view at <https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro>

Sd/- Head, CMD/LPSC (V)

**ARUVIPPURAM SREE NARAYANA DHARMA PARIPALANA YOGAM, KOLLAM**

**NOTICE**

**114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers**  
14 March 2026, R. Shankar Nagar, Kollam, (Sree Narayana College Auditorium, Kollam)

Dear all  
The 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers of the Aruvippuram S.N.D.P. Yogam were originally scheduled to be held on 22 May 2021, as per the notification dated 22 April 2021. However, owing to the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting could not be completed, which was decided, through a further notification dated 11 January 2022, to reconvene the meeting. Meanwhile, by judgment dated 24 January 2022 in Petitions -W.P.(C)8382/2020, W.P.(C)13855/2021 - the Hon'ble Single Bench of the Kerala High Court set aside Section 44 of the S.N.D.P. Yogam regulations. In view of this legal position, the Board of Directors of the S.N.D.P., at its meeting held on 10 February 2022, cancelled the earlier notifications dated 22 April 2021 and 11 January 2022 relating to the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Thereafter, appeals filed before the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala W.A.2023/2024 and W.A.2024/2024 resulted in the judgment of the Single Bench being quashed on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, thereby restoring the earlier position and reinstating the Board of Directors. Based on the said judgment, a meeting of the Board of Directors was convened, and it was resolved to conduct the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 44 of the Yogam regulations, while preserving the rights of duly elected representatives whose objections had earlier been accepted and finalised. Accordingly, the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held under the Yogam President Dr. M. N. Soman at R. Shankar Nagar, Kollam (S.N. College Auditorium, Kollam) as per the agenda given below. Members eligible under Section 44 of the Yogam regulations are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

S.N.D.P. Yogam Office Kollam Date:18.02.2026

Vellappally Natesan (Signed) General Secretary S.N.D.P. Yogam

**AGENDA**

- Gurusmarana, 2. Welcome address, 3. President's address, 4. Presentation and adoption of the Income and Expenditure Accounts, Revenue Accounts, Balance Sheets and the General Secretary's Report for the relevant years, 5. Approval of budgets for the concerned financial years, 6. Appointment of auditor for the year 2020-21 and fixation of remuneration, 7. Approval of the election of Directors, 8. Resolutions, 9. Election of Yogam President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Devaswom Secretary, 10. Declaration of election results, 11. Vote of Thanks

**General Instructions**

- Entry passes for the meeting hall will be issued at the venue from 9.00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Union Secretaries shall collect and distribute passes to members and Union Councilors. In their absence, authorised representatives may distribute the passes.
- Members intending to move resolutions at the General Meeting shall submit them to the General Secretary at least a few days prior to the meeting.
- Elections to office-bearer posts shall be conducted through the ballot system in accordance with election rules. Candidates filing nominations shall deposit ₹250 with the Returning Officer. Advocate Millu Dandapani has been appointed as the Returning Officer. The deposit of candidates securing less than one-sixth of the total valid votes polled will be forfeited.
- The office of the Returning Officer will function at the Yogam Office from 10.00 a.m. on 25 February 2026 to 5.00 p.m. on 6 March 2026.
- Voting shall be carried out by purchasing a ballot paper at the polling station upon presentation of the meeting entry pass.
- Voters must produce a valid identification such as Election Commission Identity Card, Aadhaar Card, Passport or Driving Licence, while entering the polling booth.
- Individuals proposed for appointment as Directors must furnish the meeting with their DIN numbers issued under the Companies Act, or any other identification numbers prescribed by regulations, along with a declaration confirming that they are not disqualified from serving as a Director. They must also submit a letter conveying their consent to act as a Director.
- Copies of the General Meeting notice, Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Accounts, and related documents are available to members at branch and union offices.
- The notice of the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and related information are also available on the S.N.D.P. Yogam website: [snpdyogam.co.in](http://snpdyogam.co.in)

**Election Notification and Programme**

- Date of publication of final voter list: 20.02.2026, 10 a.m.
- Last date and time for filing nomination papers: 25.02.2026, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Scrutiny of nomination papers: 26.02.2026, 11 a.m. onwards
- Publication of the list of valid candidates: 26.02.2026, till 5 pm
- Closing date and time to file appeal before the yogam council against the decision of the Returning Officer: 28.02.2026, till 5 pm.
- SNPD Yogam council meeting to consider appeals: 04.03.2026, from 11 am
- Publication of the list of valid candidates: 04.03.2026, 4 p.m.
- Last date and time for withdrawal of candidacy: 06.03.2026, till 4 p.m.
- Last date and time for publication of the final list of candidates: 06.03.2026, 5 p.m.
- Election Date: 14.03.2026, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Counting of votes: 14.03.2026, from 6 p.m.
- Declaration of Results: As soon as the counting of votes is completed

Adv MILLU DANDAPANI (Signature) Dandapani Associates Tripti, TD Road, North End Kochi - 682 035 Phone 0484 2368585, 2362025 Email: milludandapani@hotmail.com

VELLAPPALLY NATESAN (Signed) General Secretary SNPD Yogam