

Skeletal remains found at new Dharmasthala site

Located on an elevated terrain nearly 100 feet high, new spot at Banglegudde yields skull and other human bones: Cops

DHARMASTHALA: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged mass burial case in Dharmasthala on Monday recovered multiple skeletal remains from a new site identified by the anonymous complainant, police sources said.

Under the supervision of Director General of Police (DGP) Pranab Mohanty, the SIT halted exhumations at the designated 11th site and redirected operations to a previously unexamined spot at a place called Banglegudde.

The new site, located on an elevated terrain nearly 100 feet high, has yielded several skeletal fragments, including skulls and other human bones, sources in the police said.

According to sources, the SIT, which is investigating the case of hundreds of alleged il-



Human remains found by SIT during exhumation in Dharmasthala burial sites | EXPRESS

legal burials between 1995 and 2014, has already gathered Un-natural Death Report (UDR) records for the period. Despite earlier records being tampered with or missing from Belthangady police archives, prior data collection ordered by

Mohanty soon after the SIT's constitution helped preserve critical evidence.

Police officials said the recovered skeletal remains have been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to determine age, gender, and possible

cause of death. The skeletal remains that were recovered from site No. 6 on July 31 have been sent for forensic examination.

Attempts to exhume at four other locations-labelled sites 7 to 10-had earlier failed to produce conclusive evidence, further intensifying focus on the new site. Minor injuries were reported among a few personnel during the operation due to the difficult terrain, police officials said.

The SIT has invited residents who had earlier lodged complaints or shared information to actively engage with the ongoing investigation. Officials said that recovering as many skeletons as possible remains a top priority in one of Karnataka's largest forensic-led investigations. The SIT investigation

continues under tight secrecy, with daily operations expected to proceed based on emerging findings.

The SIT was formed by the state government after allegations emerged of mass murder, rape, and illegal burials in Dharmasthala over the past two decades.

The complainant, a former sanitation worker whose identity has not been disclosed, claimed that he was employed in Dharmasthala between 1995 and 2014.

He alleged that he was forced to bury several bodies—including those of women and minors—some of which bore signs of sexual assault.

He has since recorded a statement before a magistrate in connection with these claims. PTI

MP hurt after man snatches chain near Polish Embassy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONGRESS Lok Sabha MP R Sudha got injured on Monday morning while her gold chain was allegedly snatched by a scooter-borne man near Polish Embassy in central Delhi's Chanakyapuri area when she was on a morning walk.

The Member of Parliament from Tamil Nadu's Mayiladuthurai also wrote a complaint to the Union Home Minister mentioning that she received injury on her neck and was highly traumatised by this incident.

According to a police officer, the incident took place near the Poland Embassy in Chanakyapuri, where the suspect on scooter slowed down near the Congress MP.

At that moment, a miscreant snatched her chain and fled the spot.

The Congress MP shouted for help. Another MP from Tamil Nadu was accompanying her at the time. A Delhi police emergency response vehicle (ERV) noticed the situation and was informed about the incident, the officer said.

She was advised to give a formal complaint at the police station.

But after a Police Control Room (PCR) call from the Tamil Nadu House, the SHO met her and took a formal complaint, the officer added.

In her complaint to the Home Minister, Sudha said that she is staying at Tamil Nadu House for the past one year and has a habit to go for a morning walk whenever she finds time.



R Sudha

Only thorough probe will bring out truth: HC

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THE counsel further informed the court that the girl belonged to the (Pudukkottai) village where the horrific murders of Kannagi (who belonged to an MBC community) and Murugesan (who belonged an SC community) in the name of caste honour were committed in 2003. He said the girl's brother-in-law had threatened Jayasuriya and warned him against continuing his relationship with her. Alleging lethargy on the part of the police, he prayed for the court to order the probe be handed over to another agency.

However, government advocate appearing for the police submitted that investigations were still under way and the preliminary

probe had found that it was a case of motor vehicle accident due to rash driving as the two-wheeler had hit a roadside electric pole when the trio was returning from Cuddalore to their village that night. Further, he told the court that the police were awaiting the postmortem report to ascertain the cause of death. However, the judge countered by asking whether the postmortem would reveal if the victim had died in the accident or had been forcibly taken and murdered by somebody.

"Postmortem has nothing to do with the occurrence of the incident. Only a thorough probe will bring out the truth," Justice Velmurugan said. Raising suspicions on the probe by the police, the judge said it is a fit case for transfer of investigation.



WATER WOES BETIDE NONE

Commuters struggle to navigate a waterlogged stretch amid heavy downpour at Raj Bhavan Road in Hyderabad on Monday | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

'Sops given to industries for south districts'

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THE chief minister added that special sops are being given to industries coming up in the southern districts.

As its primary focus is on achieving a USD 1 trillion dollar economy by 2030, the state is committed to attracting several investments and providing employment. The government is concentrating on technologically-advanced industries like semiconductors, electric vehicle producers, solar cell manufacturers and green hydrogen production units that create high-paying jobs, which will fuel the state's economic growth, he added.

Terming the Thoothukudi VOC Port as pivotal for investments, Stalin said, "We are bringing renewable energy projects like green hydrogen and solar cell production units to the south only to make Thoothukudi a hub of renewable energy sources."

The CM announced four projects for Thoothukudi — a 250-acre space park to promote the production and technological development of equipment required for the space sector, a separate department for ship building to facilitate all necessary infrastructure, a common facility centre for Moringa cultivation and export from Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts at a cost of ₹5.59 crore, and a zonal unit of Tamil Nadu Food Processing and Agri Export Promotion Corporation in Tirunelveli district.

Tamil Nadu has attracted \$98 industrial projects of assured investment of ₹10.30 lakh crore, which have created 32.28 lakh jobs both directly and indirectly, Stalin said.

Speaking to reporters, Industries minister TRB Rajaa, referring to Stalin's statement that the history of India should be written from the south, said that the industrial revolution of the country will start from Tamil Nadu. Of the 41 MoUs, investment worth over ₹30,100 crore providing 46,427 jobs, will come up in the southern districts, he added.

INTERNAL QUOTA FOR SC

Report on sub-quota submitted in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

JUSTICE (ret'd) HN Nagamohan Das submitted his report on sub-classification of reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC) to the state government on Monday. The report will be placed before the cabinet on August 7 to decide on its implementation, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told reporters after receiving the report.

Rubbing controversies surrounding the SC caste survey by the commission, he said there were no issues with the survey.

The report is 1,766-page long and includes the survey data and analysis with six recommendations. Justice Das' suggestions include division of 17% quota for internal reservation among 101 castes by classifying them as ABCD groups, within SCs. "We conducted the survey for 60 days by using a mobile app. Over 27 lakh SC families have been covered. Everything has been verified. It is now the property of the government. It is up to the government to accept or reject it," Justice Das told reporters after submitting the report.



Justice HN Nagmohandas submits SC communities' caste survey report to CM Siddaramaiah on Monday | EXPRESS

SC bins TN's plea to stay HC order on Oraniyil drive

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

In a setback to the DMK government, the Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay an interim order passed by the Madras High Court against the use of OTP verification messages for the DMK's 'Oraniyil Tamil Nadu' enrolment drive.

"The issue is sensitive. The whole process is suspect. The court has to protect the citizens. Go back to the High Court. We are not inclined to interfere in the matter. Sorry. Dismissed," observed the two-judge bench of Justices P S Narasimha and S Chandurkar. Passing the order in July, the Madras HC had restrained the DMK government from using the OTP verification messages for the 'Oraniyil Tamil Nadu' enrolment drive while hearing a plea filed by S Rajkumar, a resident of T Athikarai village in Sivaganga, who claimed that DMK cadres were collecting personal and Aadhaar details from the public in his locality under the guise of the drive.

"The matter involves aspects of data protection and privacy, which are to be examined by the court," the HC had said in its July order. TN government had moved the top court and challenged this order, but the SC refused to interfere with the HC order.

EXPRESS READ

Priest held for harassing boy

Kanniyakumari: Thuckalay police on Monday arrested a 55-year-old priest of a religious institution for sexually harassing a 17-year-old boy. The boy was attending a class run by the institution during his school holidays. ENS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE A4.No. 576 /2024 Dated: 31.07.2025.
FORM OF CONTRACT: ITEM RATE (Two Cover System)
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Additional Collector (Dev) / Project Officer, DRDA, The Nilgiris District invites e-bids for the Supply of Steel Rods for the execution of Central and State Govt. Schemes for the year 2025-2026 as detailed below:

- For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
- The package whose bid documents can also be downloaded on free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 04.08.2025 to 18.08.2025.
- Amount of EMD will be 1% of the estimated value of each package.
- Any additional / further details and conditions related to these works can be had from the office of the Additional Collector (Dev)/Project Officer, DRDA, The Nilgiris District.
- Important dates on Tender.**

1	Date and time for downloading of Bid Documents	04.08.2025 to 18.08.2025 at 3.00 P.M.
2	Last Date and time for online submission of bid Documents	18.08.2025 at 3.00 P.M.
3	Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	18.08.2025 at 4.00 P.M.

Additional Collector (Dev)/Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency, The Nilgiris
DIPR/ASD/Tender/2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & K.R. Puram Constituency), Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-07/2025-26 Date: 04-08-2025
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & KRPC), BBMP, Bengaluru for the work mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Procurement of Aquatic De-weeder including 3 Years Maintenance. (General) - Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 128.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents can be downloaded from GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 05-08-2025 after 15.00 Hours. 2) Date of Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 11-08-2025 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, FECC, No. 308, 3rd Floor, Annex-2 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: 19-08-2025 upto 15.00 Hours. 4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: 20-08-2025 at 15.30 Hours. 5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: After Approval of Technical Bid. Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Lakes (East Zone & K.R. Puram Constituency), BBMP.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 01/2025-26/KWA/PHC/TVLA (RT-2)
State Plan - WSS to Mallappally, Anicad and Kottangal (part) Panchayaths. - Balance work arranged on risk and cost-Pipeline Work.
EMD - Rs. 500000; Tender fee : Rs. 19518; Last Date for submitting Tender: 12-08-2025 02:00pm; Phone : 0469-2600162; Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in; www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-257-2025-26
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

POLLACHI MUNICIPALITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Roc.No : 1588 / 2025 / E1 Date : 04.08.2025
The Commissioner, Pollachi Municipality invites bids in Two Cover System from the interested Registered Firms for the following works through E-Tendering process submission as mentioned below:
Construction of storm water drain with cover slab at Rajamilli Road (N-S) 076019R589, Rajamilli Road (E-W) 076019R582 and Rajamilli Road (N-S) 076027R606.
Estimate Amount Rs. 117.00 Lakhs.
Bid documents available at free of cost in the website: <https://tntenders.gov.in>

1	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	12.08.2025 AT 11.00 AM
2	Last date and time for downloading bid documents	20.08.2025 AT 3.00 PM
3	Last Date and time for submission of bid document, including online submission	20.08.2025 AT 3.00 PM
4	Date and time of opening of the Technical Bid	20.08.2025 AT 3.30 PM

1. In the event of Specified date for submission of bids is declared a holiday, bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
Commissioner, Pollachi Municipality
DIPR/ 4079 / TENDER / 2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR LEASING OF OFFICE FOR ALANGAYAM BRANCH
Indian Bank, a Public Sector Bank invites tenders under 2 bid system (Technical & Financial Bid) from owners of office premises willing to offer on lease basis (Readily built / Premises Under construction) in Alangayam, (within 1KM of existing Alangayam Branch), District Tirupattur measuring 1900 sq.ft carpet area preferably in Ground Floor with parking facility for a lease period of 15 years for setting up the Branch.
The tender forms can be obtained from the following address from 05.08.2025 to 18.08.2025 on payment of Rs.250 (non refundable) by way of DD / IOI favouring INDIAN BANK, ZONAL OFFICE, VELLORE. Last date for submission of bids is 18.08.2025 (3PM). Details of the tender and tender forms can be obtained from our Website: www.indianbank.in
The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
Zonal Manager/ DGM
Zonal Office, Vellore

SOCIAL WELFARE OF DEPARTMENT
Indira Gandhi Centre for Career Development, Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram Research Centre, Outer Ring Road, Summanahalli Circle, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091.
Ph.No.080-25578422
No.: SWD/IGCCD/OS-04/CA/2025-26 Date: 04.08.2025
Notification of Tender (Through e-tendering only)
Indira Gandhi Centre for Career Development under the preview of the Social Welfare Department is inviting a 30 days tender from reputed & prestigious training institutions through E-Procurement portal, to provide pre-examination online coaching to **Chartered Accountant foundation course** for Schedule caste students for the year 2025-26.
Tender Notification is given below: SWD/2025-26/SE0201
For more details please visit <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Director
Indira Gandhi Centre for Career Development (IGCCD), Social Welfare Department, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/2202/SSC/2025-26