THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kanniyakumari: The police arrested five persons, including a printing press owner and lorry owner, on the charges of printing fake pass and making fake rubber stamps to allegedly transport minerals from Tirunelveli to Kerala via Kanniyakumari. Sources said the lorry owner, along with two others, forged the pass and stamps of Tirunelveli District Mines assistant director to transport the minerals.

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Cong pins hope on dissidence in rival camps

Grand old party points at dissatisfaction in CPM, BJP camps over bypoll picks to play down rebellion in its own ranks

CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @ T'Puram

THE Congress state leadership has pinned its hopes on the uncertainties prevailing in the rival CPM and BJP camps in the Palakkad assembly by-election. On a day when dissident former Youth Congress leader P K Shanib announced his candidature as an independent, the Congress has been watching dissident activities against CPM independent Dr P Sarin and also

has been denied a party ticket. The Congress camp was caught unawares when Shanib, Palakkad DCC general secretary

the rift between BJP candidate

C Krishnakumar and firebrand

leader Sobha Surendran who

TY Shihabudheen and Palakkad Kappur panchayat member P G Vimal shared the same sentiments of Dr Sarin. The only consolation for the Congress has been that none of them followed Dr Sarin to the CPM camp.

Though the Congress leadership claims these leaders' outbursts have dented neither their image nor their winning chances, the party has realised that it has definitely not gone down well with the

people. Palakkad MP V K Sreekandan told TNIE that Congress candidate Rahul Mamkoottathil has been creating ripples in the constituency.

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internal war in the CPM and **BJP camps. Majority of CPM** party workers in Palakkad have expressed their strong displeasure over Dr Sarin's candidature

V K Sreekandan, Palakkad MP

the CPM and BJP camps. Majority of CPM party workers in Palakkad have expressed their strong displeasure over Dr Sarin's candidature. Ever since Krishnakumar's candidature was announced, Sobha Surendran and her supporters have been staying away from the campaign in protest", he said.

But CPM central committee member A K Balan refuted Sreekandan's claim. He told TNIE that, in the coming days,

the Congress leadership will get further shock as Dr Sarin is expected to come out with more revelations.

"Dr Sarin has exceeded our expectations as the CPM candidate in Palakkad. The Congress leadership is taking anticipatory bail which explains why they are pinning hopes on rival party's internal issues when such things do not exist. The nexus between the Congress and RSS has sent shock waves within their camp. Shanib's claim that Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan is desperate to become chief minister has added to the internal issues in

the Congress," said Balan. Ever since Krishnakumar's candidature was announced on Saturday, the stoic silence on

the part of Sobha Surendran has been conspicuous. K Surendran, BJP state president, exuded confidence that the BJP would wrest the seat from Congress. "Not a single person has reacted against the BJP's candidature. Why should Sobha speak up after the BJP central leadership announced the candidature of Krishnakumar? It was a vagabond who lit the poster of Sobha the other day. In fact it's the Congress house which is in utter shambles,"

said Surendran. When the leaderships claim that they are unruffled over dissident activities, the candidates are actually forced to put in extra effort to convince the voters that all's well in their parties.

Hoax bomb threat shuts down CRPF school in Hyderabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Hyderabad

A DAY after an explosion was reported outside a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) school in New Delhi, the CRPF school in Jawaharnagar received an anonymous bomb threat email late on Monday night. However, after a thorough search, the police found nothing suspicious on the school premises or the CRPF campus and confirmed that the threat was a hoax.

According to Rachakonda police, the anonymous email was sent to the school's official ID late on Monday. The contents of the message indicated that there would be an explosion at the school at 11 am on Tuesday.

The school management discovered the email around 8 am on Tuesday and immediately alerted the police. Students were quickly evacuated from the campus and sent home, according to officials.

"Fifty members of the bomb detection team combed the school and the entire premises. We conducted search operations from 9 am until around 5 pm but found no suspicious materials. The campus has been sterilised, and the school can resume operations as usual," an officer told *TNIE*.

Sources revealed that the threat email mentioned political events in Tamil Nadu and specifically referenced a former DMK functionary and a related Enforcement Directorate (ED) case.

1 dead, 5 hurt as building collapses in Bengaluru



The under-construction building that collapsed in Bengaluru on Tuesday

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

A CONSTRUCTION worker was killed and five others were injured when a six-storey under-construction residential building collapsed in the city on Tuesday afternoon.

Twenty-one workers were trapped under the debris. However, 14 of them, including the five injured, were rescued. Operations were on to trace the six remaining workers.

The building collapsed around 3.40pm at Anjanadri Layout in Babusabpalya near Hennur. It is alleged that the building was being constructed without proper approvals from the civic agencies and substandard materials were used. The deceased is Arman, 26, of Bihar. The workers are from Bihar, Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, and Yadagir in Karnataka. The condition of a worker is said to be critical.

A few workers managed to come out just before the building collapsed. "Around 20 people were trapped under the debris. Of them, 14 were rescued. Arman was working inside the building," D Devaraja, DCP (East) said. A search is on for building owners Muniraju Reddy of Andhra Pradesh and his son Mohan Reddy of Malleswaram. Bittu, an eyewitness, told *TNIE* that he was parking his scooter in front of his house opposite the under construction building when he saw it leaning. Within seconds, it col-

lapsed with a thud. Police rushed to the spot and alerted the Fire and Emergency Services Department. Rescue operations started immediately. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who visited the spot, stated that it is said the building collapsed due to the use of sub-standard construction material.

Cloudburst leaves N B'luru reeling

Bengaluru: An overnight cloudburst pulverized North Bengaluru, especially the Yelahanka zone, and other key city areas, exposing the I-T City's fragile infrastructure and inadequacies in enduring heavy rains. The cloudburst that brought 157 mm rain in six hours in Yelahanka zone alone from Monday midnight to Tuesday early morning, completely flooded at least 10 residential layouts, leaving thousands of residents stranded in the wee hours of the day. The inundation, which subjected residents to miseries in waist-deep water in these areas, forced the National Disaster Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force to rush boats to evacuate the stranded and panicking people. Besides Yelahanka, IT and industrial corridors of Mahadevapura and Dasarahalli zones — which include manufacturing hubs like Sarjapur, Marathahalli, Whitefield, Bellandur and Peenya Industrial Area — too were the worst hit on Tuesday.

Rubber prices nosedive as tyre companies stay away from market market, the Rubber Board has ance. "For the past eight days, ₹180/kg, there were no takers

ABHILASH CHANDRAN @Kottayam

THE rubber plantation sector, which experienced a resurgence following a record price rise in August, appears to be facing uncertainty as prices have nosedived in the domestic market within a span of two months. After reaching an alltime high of ₹247/kg on August 9, rubber price plummeted to ₹187/kg as of Monday, causing panic among both farmers and

Given the extreme volatility prevailing in domestic rubber scheduled a meeting with major manufacturers on October 28 to address the situation. Its intervention comes after representatives of the Indian Rubber Dealers Federation (IRDF) met with Rubber Board executive director M Vasanthagesan and other officials on Monday.

Dealers attribute the price drop to the abstention of manufacturers, especially tyre companies, from market. This has put the rubber industry into a severe crisis, prompting dealers to seek the board's assist-

none of the tyre companies have purchased rubber. They are refusing to buy the stock they have already ordered,' said Biju P Thomas, secretary, IRDF. According to

Rubber Board statistics, prices recorded a 17% drop in October alone. "As per prices published by the board, the RSS

grade 4, was priced at ₹187/kg on Monday. However, even at

among companies. Most dealers are stuck with rubber purchased at an average price of ₹200/kg with no buyers in sight

> due to companies abstaining from the market," Biju added.

"The situation is leading to a free fall in rubber prices, which could have a serious board intends to advise manufactur-

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY

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Acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil-SBPS-008-II Trust set up in respect

ber from the market to maintain an equilibrium," said an official with the board. The farmers alleged that tyre firms have already imported ample stock to manipulate the domestic market

during peak tapping season. The board is planning to promote rubber export. Sources said it is organising a meeting with exporters next week to discuss this. "Despite current impact on the entire challenges, there remains a rubber sector. The captive demand in domestic market. Even limited buying can help prevent free fall of prices," said an official.

Falling fertility rate spells catastrophe for south India

Naidu urges

people to have

more children

Vijayawada: Chief

Minister N Chandrababu

Naidu once again voiced

his concerns over the

future demographic shift

in the country and called

on people to have more

children. Speaking to

reporters after the

inaugural session of the

Amaravati Drone

Summit in Mangalagiri

on Tuesday, Naidu

highlighted the

importance of

population management

in India and said that

South India, being an

early adopter of

population control

measures, must now

re-evaluate its

strategies.

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

RESEARCHERS have sounded alarm bells at the falling fertility rate in peninsular India, which will have a long-lasting impact on their demography, economy, social fabric and political representation at the

Centre. "All South Indian states are staring at an irreversible crisis of falling fertility rates far below the national average of 2.1. Tamil Nadu has the lowest fertility rate at 1.4, followed by 1.5 in Andhra Pradesh (AP), Telangana and Kerala, and 1.6 in Karnataka. This is catastrophic as it is irreversible and has a long-lasting impact on demography, economy and political representation of these states in Parliament," said Srinivas Goli, associate professor, Department of Fertility & Social Demography, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. IIPS is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Health &

Family Welfare. As per the fifth National Family Health Survey (NFHS5) data, only three states — Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand — have Total Fertility Rates (the average number of live childbirths a

replacement level of 2.1. Recently, AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin drew

attention to falling fertility rates in their

states, and urged families to have more children.

"No country in the world has succeeded in revoking birth rates, despite huge financial incentives to have children. South Indian states are equivalent to many developed

> countries, but not in terms of per capita income, standard of living and human development indicators like a and education. Though their contribution to the country's exchequer is much more than the rest of India, they have lost out on their revenue shares from the Centre because of their lower populations," said the

> Another serious impact of the falling fertility rate will be "lowering of parliamentary representation of these states once delimitation of parliamentary boundaries is reconstituted post the new census," said Srinivas.

> He quoted data from the Population Projections for India and States (2011-2036), as per which AP will lose five seats in LS, from the current 25 to 20; Karnataka will lose two, from 28 to 26; Kerala's representation will go down from 20 to 14; Telangana will slip from 17 to 15 and Tamil

woman will have in her life) more than the Nadu will lose nine, and go from 39 to 30 LS

demographer.

Srinivas said falling birth rates raise the burden of ageing population and is a disadvantage for economic growth.

Indian Bank to Arcil vide registered Assignment Agreement dated August 04, 2021, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" by way of online e-auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Name of the Vincy Anto & K. O. Anto Borrower Address: 1. Mr. K. O. Anto, Press Club Junction, M. G. Road, Kasaragod - 671121. 2. Mrs. Vincy Anto, North Kottachery, Kanhangad - 671315. Mr. Anilkumar Name of the Guarantors/ Legal heirs of Late Gangadharan - since deceased: Co-Borrowers Mr. Jayachandran, G. iii, Mr. Sreekumar. G Mortgagors viii. Mr. Venugopal. G Outstanding Rs.4,15,16,139/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifteen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and amount as per Thirty Nine only) as on June 19, 2018 together with further interest thereon at

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October 23, 2024 to November 27, 2024

Earnest Money Rs.26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Sixty Lakh only) Deposit (EMD) The Earnest Money has to be deposited by way of RTGS Favouring "Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.", Current Account: 02912320000561, HDFC Bank Limited, Branch: Lower Parel, Mumbai, IFSC Code: HDFC0000291 Last Date for November 28, 2024 by 3:00 p.m. submission of Bid & EMD

Reserve Price Rs.2,60,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Lakh only) Bid Increment Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) & in such multiples Date & Time of November 29, 2024 at 02:30 p.m E-Auction Pending Litigations

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All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 42.68 Cents (equivalent to 17.28 Ares) comprised in Re Sy no. 179/10 of Kulathummel Village, Kattakada Taluk, Thiruvanathapuram District and al other improvements made thereon owned by the legal heirs of Gangadharan, i.e. Mr Jayachandran G, Mrs. Sasikala T, Mr. Sreekumar G, Mrs. Thankam, Mrs. Nirmala T, Mrs. Bindhu , Mrs. Vidhukala T, Mr. Venugopal G and Mrs. Chandrakala more fully described in register ettlement deed No. 4711/1961 dated 10.11.1961 and registered deed of transfer No. 6050/1963 ated 02.12.1963 of SRO Kattakada and the entire properly bounded on: North by : Property of Krishnankutty Nair East by : Road South by : Property of Sammad West by : Property of

Place : Mumbai

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Palakkad: Five people died after the car they were travelling in collided

Contaminated water claims 4 lives in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru/Vijayanagara

ing water suspected to be contaminated in Tumakuru and Vijayanagara districts in the past five days.

Ten people are being treated in different hospitals in Tumakuru district. Of them, Ratnamma was shifted to the district hospital in Hassan after her condition deteriorated. Drinking water supplied from a tank in the village is said to be the reason for this. The villagers said that they fell ill after drinking water from the tank.

Fifteen people were admitted to various hospitals in Vijajanagara district in the past two weeks after drinking water suspected to be contaminated. The villagers claimed that dirty water entered the pipeline which got damaged at Harapanahalli.

Boy, sister drown in Kengeri lake

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOUR people died after drink- A 13-YEAR-OLD boy and his 11-year-old sister drowned in the Kengeri lake at Kengeri Satellite Town here on Monday evening. They are John Srinivas and Lakshmi of Harsha Layout. Their bodies were recovered on Tuesday.

Their mother Nagamma, a widow, was not at home when the incident happened. When Nagamma did not see her children after returning home, she went in search of them and saw her son's clothes on the lake bund. Nagamma's neighbours called the police control room after she alerted them.

Personnel from the Fire and Emergency

Services Department, who launched a search in the evening, stopped it after a few hours due to rain and darkness. They resumed their operation on Tuesday morning and recovered the body of Srinivas around 11am and Lakshmi's by 4.15pm. Srinivas and Lakshmi

reportedly went to fetch water from a tank near their house. While returning, they went to the lake and started playing on the walking track. The pot that Lakshmi was carrying is said to have slipped from her hand and fell into the lake. She is suspected to have drowned when she tried to get hold of the pot. Srinivas, who jumped in to save

her, also drowned.

Five dead after car collides with truck

with a truck in Kalladikode, Palakkad, late on Tuesday. A source said the accident took place on the national highway near Ayyappankavu in Kalladikode around 11 pm. The deceased are from Kongad. The car carrying the five persons was coming from Palakkad area and collided with the truck that was on its way from Mannarkkad area. While four of the passengers died on the spot, one died at the hospital in Kalladikode, said the source. The car suffered immense damage in the collision and had to broken open to take the passengers out, said the source.

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SI. No	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work excl. GST (Rs in Crores)	Period of Comple- tion	Class of Contractor	Bid Security through online transfer (on line mode) (In INR)	Cost of tender document (Non refundable) (On- line) (In INR)	Last date & time of online receipt of Bids
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Western N.H.Circle Sambalpur Date: October 23, 2024

Sd/- Manas Ranjan Sethy), Chief Construction Engineer,

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