

Traffic bottlenecks at toll plaza put motorists in a spot

Kozhikode City police, NHAI urged to take immediate steps to address alleged poor management of Pantheerankavu toll plaza; commuters say operators have failed to manage traffic effectively

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

Motorists and residents' associations have urged the Kozhikode City police and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to take immediate steps to address frequent traffic bottlenecks and alleged poor management at the Pantheerankavu toll plaza on the six-lane highway.

According to residents and road users, the toll plaza operators have failed to manage traffic effectively during technical glitches and disputes over toll payment. They claimed that some staff members lacked adequate training to handle such situations.

"In the name of technical hitches, motorists are forced to queue for several minutes on the six-lane highway. The toll plaza staff are not adequately trained to manage such situations or deal with emergency travellers," said Ratheesh Puthanpuzha, a functionary of a local residents' association. He added that complaints about the alleged lack of training for toll plaza staff had been raised repeatedly.

Bus operators using the route have also complained about the absence of an effective grievance-redressal mechanism. According to them, disputes over toll collection errors often escalate as the staff are not adequately trained



Rush hour: Vehicles caught in traffic jam at the Pantheerankavu toll plaza in Kozhikode on Thursday.

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in customer service etiquette and handling complaints from road users. "Owing to technical errors or insufficient balance, the toll payment system often shows vehicles as blacklisted. Toll collectors are not always prepared to handle such situations calmly and explain the matter to motorists," said V.P. Shajith, a driver. "Many a time, this leads to heated arguments in the middle of the road and delays other road users," he added. He said a separate space should be provided near the toll plaza to resolve such disputes without disrupting traffic flow.

Residents' associations have also demanded the opening of service roads to allow residents to by-

pass the toll plaza wherever applicable. They alleged that assurances given to residents during the construction of the highway regarding access through service roads had not been fully honoured.

NHRC's intervention

The complaints come against the backdrop of an earlier intervention by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). A few months ago, the District Collector was directed to examine complaints raised by a city-based human rights activist, including alleged misbehaviour by toll plaza staff towards road users. The complaints also highlighted recurring traffic congestion at toll gates and difficulties

faced by emergency vehicles. The toll plaza operators, however, said road users were still unfamiliar with the automated toll-payment system, and that staff should not be held solely responsible for the problems. They maintained that technical issues and difficulties faced by motorists also contributed to delays.

Police sources said complaints regarding the toll plaza were being examined by senior traffic police officers and that steps were being considered to address the problems. They said the district administration had also issued instructions to address the concerns amid increasing traffic on the highway.

Teacher's suspension: HC seeks response from State

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has asked the State government to furnish the specific reason for the suspension of K. Guruprasad Rai, an upper primary school teacher in Kasaragod. Mr. Rai was allegedly suspended from service for including V.D. Savarkar's name in a quiz on freedom fighters.

Justice Viju Abraham was considering a petition by the suspended teacher, which challenged the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him, allegedly for including the question "Who was the freedom fighter who received the maximum punishment from the Britishers?" in the quiz. The answer to the question was given as "V.D. Savarkar," he stated.

Mr. Rai sought to quash the suspension order and alleged that he was being punished for including an answer in the quiz that was "not palatable to society." He argued that there was no allegation that he had failed at his duties in preparing the question paper and that the mere act of setting a question paper should not have led to such severe consequences.

The controversy arose in a competition named the Social Science Club Freedom Quiz for schools in Kumbala and Manjeswaram sub-districts of Kasaragod. Mr. Rai had been serving as a teacher for 22 years.

State to oppose Centre's mining amendment Bill

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan on Thursday (August 13, 2026) said the State government would mount strong political and, if necessary, legal opposition to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, passed by the Lok Sabha a day ago.

He said the legislation amounts to "a serious encroachment on the State's constitutional powers over land and poses a grave threat to India's federal structure."

Addressing mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting, Mr. Satheesan said the State's principal objection was that the proposed amendment seeks to bring powers relating to land, a domain that comes under Entry 18 of the State List of the Indian Constitution, within the Centre's sphere of authority.

He pointed out that the

Constitution clearly distributes legislative powers between the Union, State and Concurrent Lists. While the Union has legislative authority over matters in the Union List, States have exclusive authority over subjects in the State List, and both have powers over subjects in the Concurrent List. Land, he pointed out, falls under Entry 18 of the State List and therefore comes within the legislative jurisdiction of the States.

The State government will formally convey its protest to the Centre. It would also consider legal remedies if the Bill is ultimately passed and becomes law.

The Cabinet also decided to provide an additional ₹2 lakh in financial assistance to all beneficiaries included in the Mundakkai-Chooramala landslide rehabilitation list. He said the measure had been proposed earlier and that the government had now decided to implement it fully.

One held over hoax bomb threat to train in Kasaragod

The Hindu Bureau
KASARAGOD

A message claiming that a bomb had been planted on a train sparked a security scare, leaving the police and passengers on alert in Kasaragod on Wednesday night.

The police arrested P.V. Ratheesh, 42, in connection with the incident.

The alleged threatening message was received through emergency response support system number 112 at the Hosdurg and Kasaragod police stations as well as the Kasaragod railway police station.

Following the alert, the police launched an investigation to trace the origin of the message. The location was subsequently tracked to Mavungal.

Two killed in accident

The Hindu Bureau
MALAPPURAM

Two people were killed and several others injured after a private bus lost control and hit pedestrians, and a motorcycle at Edappal on Thursday morning. The victims, who were crossing the road, were not identified. They were presumed to be from Tamil Nadu.

The motorcycle rider and passengers in the autorickshaw were among those injured. They were taken to hospitals at Edappal and nearby areas.

Ministerial team to visit Aralam farm

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A joint team of Ministers will visit Aralam farm next month to assess the ongoing measures aimed at reducing human-wildlife conflicts.

The team will have Forest Minister Shibubabu John, Electricity and Environment Minister and local MLA Sunny Joseph, SC/ST and Backward Classes Development Minister K.A. Thulsi, and Public Works Minister P.K. Basheer.

The decision was taken

at a meeting convened by the Forest Minister in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. The meeting directed that the construction of the elephant-proof wall at Aralam farm, which is being monitored by the Kerala High Court, should be completed by December.

The meeting reviewed the progress of undergrowth clearing and vista clearance. It was also decided that the rehabilitation programme at Aralam farm should be completed within a stipulated timeframe.

Naveen Babu's daughter appointed food safety officer

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan on Thursday handed over the appointment order for the post of food safety officer to Niranjana N. Nair, daughter of late former Kannur Additional District Magistrate (ADM) K. Naveen Babu, saying that the "government has kept its word."

Naveen Babu was found dead at his official residence in Kannur on October 15, 2024. In a post on X, Mr. Satheesan said, "The appointment order for the Food Safety Officer position in the Food Safety Department under the Samaswathi Employment Grant Scheme was handed over to Niranjana N. Nair, daughter of Naveen Babu, who was the ADM."

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Tulah's ₹1,150-crore Project aiming Kerala on Global Longevity Tourism Map

Industry Minister P.K. Kunhikuttu and Tourism Minister P.C. Vishnunath have backed Tulah Clinical Wellness's plan to position Kerala as a global hub for medical, wellness and nature tourism, with the ₹ 1,150-crore project aiming to make the State the "longevity capital of Asia" by 2036. Kunhikuttu (fourth from right) with Tulah founder Faisal Kottikollon (in dark suit); Kerala Vision shines at the 12th BCS Ratna Awards

Vishnunath (fourth from left); Agriculture Minister T. Siddique (third from left); T.V. Ibrahim, MLA (second from right); P.M.A. Sameer, MLA (far right); Malabar Gold and Diamonds chairman M.P. Ahamed (middle); Tula group founder Abdullaam Chokli (far left); and former M.P. Abdul Hameed (second from left) at the function.

Kerala Vision Group has achieved a remarkable feat at the 12th BCS Ratna Awards, one of the leading awards in the entertainment technology sector in India. Kerala Vision secured three prestigious honours this year: Best Performing MSO (Regional – South) for Kerala Communicators Cable Ltd., Fastest Growing ISP for Kerala Vision Broadband Ltd., and Best Hybrid Entertainment Platform of Year for KEE OTT. At the ceremony held in Delhi, Kerala Vision Group CEO N. Padmakumar received the awards on behalf of the group. The awards were presented by former Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Vijay Goel, TRAI Principal Advisor Deepali Sharma, MP Sambit Patra, former ABP Network CEO and IBDTF Secretary General Avinash Pandey, and Dr. A.K. Rastogi, Chairman of Avishkar Media Group.

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The details of application, job description, preferable qualifications and skills etc. can be checked at the website <https://spc.tn.gov.in/>. Application may be filled online between 14.08.2026 to 13.09.2026

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Sr. No.	Work Name	Final Date of Tender Submission
01	Construction Of Dressed Stone Road Divider And Ornamental Tree Plantation From Mahatma Fule Statue To Savarkar Chowk, Savarkar Chowk To Shetkati Statue, Savarkar Chowk To Satish Petrol Pump, Phule Statue To M.M. Carnera At Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. (B-1 Tender) Tender Amount Rs. 4.77,86,835.00	Date: - 20/08/2026 Time: - 5.00 pm

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POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 28.05.2026 calling upon the borrower Mr. Rejith P and Mrs. Remya K to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs.77,80,88.14 (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Eight and Paise Fourteen Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 13th day of August of year 2026.

The borrower/legal heirs of the borrower in particular 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 for an amount of Rs. 81,76,916.14 (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and paise Fourteen Only) as on 09.08.2026 and further interest and costs thereon.

The borrower/mortgagor/legal heirs of the borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

S.No	Immovable	Name of Title holder
1	All the part and parcel of property (including building) bearing Sy No: 14/ 5, Property No: 151800101000220065, measuring 11.83 cents or 478.76 sq. mtrs with RCC roofed 2 BHK house, mosaic floor, built up is 78.50 sq. mtrs, bearing H.No.88, having electricity connection bearing R.R.No.2411/a/c/D/C2411/14778/ND/5 situated at Kalkani Nilugane village panchayath, Madikani Taluk, Kodagu District, along with all other memorial and easementary rights appurtenant thereto. Boundaries: North: by 20 ft wide road; South: by Sy No: 14/1; East: by 20 ft wide road; West: by Sy No: 14/1	Rejith P
2	All The part and parcel of property bearing Sy No: 14/5; Property No: 151800101000220160, measuring 10 cents or 404.70 sq. mtrs situated at Kalkani Nilugane village panchayath, Madikani Taluk, Kodagu District, along with all other memorial and easementary rights appurtenant thereto. Boundaries: North: by 20 ft wide road; South: by Sy No: 14/1; East: by property of Mr. K Rijo; West: by property of Mrs. Reshma K.	Remya K

Date: 13.08.2026, Place: Mangaluru Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, & will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor (s) /Secured Assets/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

1 Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantor/s:- 1) Mr. Dhaneesh Kumar V Sridha (Kannur) Veedu, Panchayath Ezhilode Post, Cherubazham Village, Kunthimangalam, Kannur -670039, 2) Mrs. Sreekutti P V W/o Mr. Dhaneesh Kumar V, Varapuzha Veedu, Panchayath Ezhilode Post, Cherubazham Village, Kunthimangalam, Kannur -670039.

Description of the immovable property with known encumbrance, if any: E.M of 3.98 Cents Land and Building in Re Sy No 282/1144 at villa no 10, ATAZA GARDEN Villa, Vellad Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Alakode Sub-District Kannur District. Boundaries : East: Villa No.7, North: Villa No.9, West: Panchayath Road, South: Private Road.

Total Dues: Rs. 73,62,617.15 (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Sixty Two thousand Six hundred Seventeen and Fifteen Paise)

Reserve Price, EMD Amount, Bid Increase Amount: The reserve price will be: Rs. 32,87,700/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be: Rs. 3,28,770/- (Three Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only) Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 20,000/- Rupees Twenty Thousand Only

Status of Possession : Physical Possession

2 Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantor/s:- 1) Mr. Imthiyas Pazhaya Peedikayil, S/o Abdul Kader Villa No 3, Anna Garden Villa, Vellad, Alakode 670571, 2) Mr. Imthiyas Pazhaya Peedikayil, S/o Abdul Kader, "Naffas" Arayalithara Kakkad, Kannur District, Kerala- 670005, 3) Mrs. Hashbana P. W/o Mr. Imthiyas Pazhaya Peedikayil, Villa No.3, Anna Garden Villa, Vellad, Alakode 670571, 4) Mrs. Hashbana P W/o Mr. Imthiyas Pazhaya Peedikayil, "Naffas" Arayalithara Kakkad, Kannur District, Kerala-670005

Description of the immovable property with known encumbrance, if any: E.M of 10.00 Cents (0.0405 Hectares) Land and Building in Anna Garden Villa Project of CNR Developers, Re Sy No 252/9639 (Re Sy No 267/1) at Alakode Panchayath, Vellad Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Alakode Sub District Kannur District. Together with all improvements therein including the right of access and all other rights easements etc. attached thereto and which is more particularly described in the schedule submitted to the bank. Boundaries : East : Villa No.4, North: Property of P C Rajan, West: Villa No.2, South : Property of Rahnayath

Total Dues: Rs. 71,56,598.02 (Rupees Seventy One lakh Fifty Six thousand Five hundred Ninety Eight and Two Paise)

Reserve Price, EMD Amount, Bid Increase Amount: The reserve price will be: Rs. 27,49,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be: 2,74,900/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Only) Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)

Status of Possession : Physical Possession

3 Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantor/s:- 1) Mr. Samson Richard S/o Mr. Joy Madallin, Madallin, 48/1/130 No 3 Bazar, 32 Rooms, Pappambalam P O, Kannur 670001, 2) Mrs. Preseetha Joy, Madallin, 48/1/130 No 3 Bazar, 32 Rooms Pappambalam P.O, Kannur 670001

Description of the immovable property with known encumbrance, if any: E.M of 1.70 Ares Land and Building in Re Sy No 714/9 (Old Sy No 711) at Chelara Anson, Valanmur Desam, Kannur Taluk, Kadachira Sub District, Kannur District. Boundaries : East : Property of Safiya, North: Property of Safiya, West: Property of Subaida, South: Corporation Road.

Total Dues: Rs. 73,10,030.64 (Rupees Seventy Three lakh Ten thousand Thirty and Sixty Four Paise)

Reserve Price, EMD Amount, Bid Increase Amount: The reserve price will be: Rs. 27,56,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be: 2,75,600/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Only) Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)

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