

Explain repeated failure over Deepam lighting, asks Madras HC as state moves SC

New Delhi, Agency: he Madras High Court on Friday asked the Tamil Nadu government again to explain its repeated failure to permit the lighting of the Karthigai Deepam lamp atop the Deepathoon, the ancient stone lamp pillar on Thiruparankundram hill in Madurai district.

The Deepathoon issue has become contentious after authorities refused permission for the lighting ceremony despite successive high court orders.

The development came on a day when the Tamil Nadu government also moved the Supreme Court, mentioning its special leave petition before Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, seeking urgent hearing of its challenge to the High Court's directions per-

mitting devotees to light the lamp.

The CJI asked the State to get its plea numbered and listed, after the petitioner's counsel accused the State of "staging a drama" to signal to the Madurai bench that the matter had now reached the apex court.

Back in the Madurai bench, Justice GR Swaminathan began hearing a contempt petition against the Madurai Collector, the City Police Commissioner and the Executive Officer of the Arulmighu Subramania Swamy Temple, after he was informed that district authorities and local police had blocked devotees from reaching the hill on December 4, despite his clear instructions issued on December 1 and reiterated over the following



days.

Advocate RM Arun Swaminathan, appearing for the petitioner devotees, told the court that authorities had "surrounded devotees", threatened arrests and detained more than 300 people in a marriage hall on Thursday evening, just hours after the court had directed

that the lamp be lit and that adequate security arrangements be provided.

"We went as per the court order. The Deputy Commissioner violated it. They said Section 144 is still in force and that they will move the Supreme Court," he said, accusing the State of being "adamant" and of blatantly refusing to follow the law. He sought that the State Home department also be made a party to the proceedings.

Justice Swaminathan declined to widen the scope of the contempt plea but directed the State to file its report. He also instructed the CISF commandant—who had accompanied the petitioners on December 4 in compliance with the High Court's earlier order—to file a detailed report on how they were obstructed from lighting the lamp.

Appearing for the State, Additional Advocate General J Ravindran, and senior advocate Vikas Singh for the Madurai police commissioner, maintained that there was no intention to disobey the court, but said circumstances on the ground made compliance impossible.

Singh said he was ready to explain "why compliance was not possible" and confirmed that the State and the Commissioner had approached the Supreme Court against the division bench order that had upheld Justice Swaminathan's December 1 direction.

Justice Swaminathan adjourned the contempt proceedings to December 9.

The Deepathoon issue, which began as a simple petition by a group of devotees seeking permission to light the Karthigai Deepam lamp, has now escalated into a political-religious flashpoint in Tamil Nadu.

Justice Swaminathan permitted devotees to light the lamp on December 1, calling the ritual an integral part of Tamil culture.

Delhi's air quality remains 'very poor'; min temp 4 degrees below normal at 5.6°C

New Delhi, Agency: air quality remained "very poor" on Friday, even as the minimum temperature of 5.6°C was four degrees below normal and the season's lowest for a second day.



Isolated cold wave conditions were expected to persist in parts of northwest India until December 5 due to cold northwesterly winds from snow-clad mountains to the plains.

On Thursday, the mercury also dipped to 5.6°C and 6.4°C a day earlier. The minimum temperature of 5.7°C on December 1 was the coldest start to the month since at least 2011. By this time last year, the lowest minimum had been 8°C on November 26. In 2023, it was 9.5°C on November 29. In 2022, the lowest minimum tempera-

ture until December 5 was 7.6°C (December 5).

Private forecaster Skymet Weather vice president Mahesh Palawat said strong cold northwesterly winds are impacting the

plains, including Delhi-National Capital Region. "These strong winds are also impacting AQI [Air Quality Index] to an extent, not letting it rise rapidly," he said. An AQI of 323 (very

poor) was recorded at 8am on Friday, compared to 304 (very poor) at 4pm on Thursday. The AQI was expected to stay in the "very poor" range until at least December 7.

Sudha Murty urges govt to set norms on portrayal of children on social media platforms

New Delhi, Agency: Rajya Sabha Nominated MP Sudha Murty on Friday urged the government to set norms on the portrayal of children on social media platforms, as it is essential to inculcate a good value system among the younger generation.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour, she expressed serious concern about how children are being depicted on social media, and cited regulations on the portrayal of children from several advanced countries like France.

"Children are our future, and we should develop our children in a good value system, good education, sports and many other activities," Murty said. She stated that social media has now become very popular and there are many advantages, but there are also flip sides to it.

Many parents expose their innocent children on social media platforms, she said.

"...they are exposed to different types of costumes, dress,

commercialisation, and put them on social media so that they can have 10,000, 1 million and half a million followers. This will help them (parents) financially a lot, I am aware of it, but what happens to the child?" she asked.

Murty said the children become a source of income to parents, but it affects the child's psychology in the long term.

"The child will lose innocence. The child does not give permission because the child is not aware of it. It will affect the children's psychology. They will not learn how to do any social activity, or sports, or even receive a good education," she observed.

Murty requested the Central Government to regulate this.

She noted that the government has done fantastic work in regulating the portrayal of children in advertisements and the film industry. "You are regulating in the advertisement, children's advertisement, children working or acting in a film.

Over 17 lakh dead voters found on electoral rolls in Gujarat during SIR



New Delhi, Agency: The ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Gujarat has revealed that more than 17 lakh deceased voters were still included in the existing voter list across the state, a release by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has stated.

According to the release issued on Thursday, the SIR exercise started in Gujarat on November 4 with booth-level officers (BLOs) distributing enumeration forms in their designated areas.

The campaign will continue till December 11.

"In the last one month, enumeration forms have been distributed to more than five crore voters registered in the 2025 electoral roll. In most of the 33 districts, 100 per cent of the distribution has been completed. Work on digitising the returned forms is currently underway. So far, the digitisation work has been com-

pleted in 12 out of 182 assembly constituencies," it said. These include Dhanera and Tharad of Banaskantha district, Limkheda and Dahod (ST) of Dahod district, Bayad of Aravalli district, Dhoraji, Jasdan and Gondal of Rajkot district, Keshod of Junagadh district, Mehmabad of Kheda district, Khamhat of Anand district and Jalalpore of Navsari district. Dang district is at the forefront in this work with 94.35 per cent digitisation of the counting forms, said the release.

"During this exercise, it was revealed that 17 lakh deceased voters were still included in the electoral roll across the state. More than 6.14 lakh voters were found absent from their addresses. It has been noticed that more than 30 lakh voters have permanently migrated," the release said. BLOs found more than 3.25 lakh voters in the "repeated" category, which means that their names figured at more than one place, the release stated.

DGCA withdraws new pilot rest norms after IndiGo cancellation chaos

New Delhi, Agency: Following the chaos caused by Indio flight cancellations at various airports, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) withdrew the new weekly roster norms on Friday.

"In view of the ongoing operational disruptions and representations received

from various airlines regarding the need to ensure continuity and stability of operations...the instruction contained in the referenced paragraph that no leave shall be substituted for weekly rest is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect," DGCA said in a notification.



Probe ordered into leak of explicit CCTV videos from Kerala theatre

New Delhi, Agency: The Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) has begun an internal inquiry after CCTV visuals of one of its theatres in Thiruvananthapuram city were seen circulating on porn websites and Telegram channels.

The visuals, dating back to 2023, are from the inside of the Kairali-Sree-Nila theatres, managed by KSFDC, in the heart of Thiruvananthapuram city. The three theatres are located within a simple compound in the Thampanoor neighbourhood. Purportedly, the visuals contain intimate scenes of couples inside the theatres.

Priyadarshan PS, managing director, KSFDC, said the film body has taken the issue seriously. Private forecaster Skymet Weather vice president Mahesh Palawat said strong cold northwesterly winds are impacting the plains, including Delhi-National Capital Region.

"These strong winds are also impacting AQI [Air Quality Index] to an extent, not letting it rise "We have been able to identify that isolated cold wave conditions were expected to persist in parts of northwest India

until visuals (currently leaked) are dated December 10, 2023. There are multiple ways by which the CCTV footage may have got out. One, it could be through the cloud system holding the visuals (where someone deliberately leaked it). Or else, it could be a case of hacking. We are exploring all angles," Priyadarshan told local media.

APPENDIX - I.V.A											
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES)											
E-Auction-Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002											
Registered Office: 9th Floor, Anirudh Bhawan, 22 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001, Phones:-011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Web:- www.pnbhousing.com											
Green Park Branch: PNB Housing Finance Ltd. Building No. S-8, Udyog Cinema Complex, Green Park Extn. New Delhi-110016. Udaipur Branch: PNB Housing Finance Limited, Mewar Motor Building, 48, 2nd Floor, Toran Bawadi, Station Road, Udaipur, Rajasthan - 313001											
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and/or guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column no-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column no-C) by the authorized Officer of M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHEREVER THERE IS BASIS" as per the details mentioned below. Notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) or assignee(s) of the respective borrower(s)/mortgagor(s) (as deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column no-A under Rule-8(i) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date.											
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com.											
Loan No. Name of the Borrower(s)/Borrower Guarantor(s)/Legal heirs (A)	Demand Amount (B)	Due Date (C)	Nature of Possession (D)	Description of the Properties Mortgaged (D)	Reserve Price (E)	EMD (RPF) (F)	Last Date of Submission of Bid (G)	Bi Rate (H)	Inspection Date & Time (I)	Date of Auction & Time (J)	Form Enclosure/Case File (K)
HOU/GRP/0519/694262, B.O.: Green Park, Jal Prakash Anand, Sudeep Anand	Rs.15,13,829.87 as on 16-10-2024	Physical Possession	D3-0907/9, Tower D, Delight & Status Residences, Kharsa No-205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 679/210, Village-Tapukara, Tijara Bhiwadi, Alwar, Rajasthan, India-301019	Rs.105300	Rs.105300	23-12-2025	Rs.10,000	10.12.2025 10.00 AM 5.30 PM	24.12.2025 03.00PM	Not Known	
HOU/UDA/1221/939636, B.O.: Udaipur, Mrs. Niruben Pateliya, Ishwar Singh	Rs.12,91,279.87 as on 07-03-2024	Physical Possession	House No.93, Arjuni No.15130/4605, Rajsw Gram Umarda, Gram Panchayat Kanpur, The Girwa, Udaipur, Rajasthan- 325689	Rs.783000	Rs.783000	23-12-2025	Rs.10,000	10.12.2025 10.00 AM 5.30 PM	24.12.2025 03.00PM	Not Known	
*Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the column no-K. Further such encumbrances to be catered/paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances. 1. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHFL the authorized Officer of PNBHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets. 2. The prospective purchaser/bidder and interested parties may independently take the inspection of the pleading in the proceedings/orders passed etc. if any, stated in column no-K. Including but not limited to the title of the documents of the title pertaining thereto available with the PNBHFL and satisfy themselves in all respects prior to submitting tender/bid application form or making offer(s). The bidder(s) has to sign the terms and conditions of this auction along with the Bid Form-3. Please note that in terms of Rule 9(i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the bidder(s) the purchaser is legally bound to deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, (inclusive of earnest money, if any, deposited) on the same day or not later than next working day. The sale may be confirmed in favour of (bidder/s) only after receipt of 25% of the sale price by the secured creditor in accordance with Rule 9(i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The remaining 75% of the sale consideration amount has to be deposited by the purchaser within 15 days from the date of acknowledgement of sale confirmation letter and in default of such deposit, the property/secured asset shall be resold. 4. C1 INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED will be assisting the Authorized Officer in conducting sale through an e-auction having its corporate office at Plot No.68, 3rd Floor, Sector 44, Gurgaon, Haryana 122003 Website: www.bankauctions.com. For any assistance related to inspection of the property or obtaining the Bid Documents and for any other query or for registration, you have to co-ordinate with: Jasvinder Singh, Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Contact Number: 18001201880, is authorised person of PNBHFL or refer to www.pnbhousing.com											
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