2,700 jobs
cut as German online fashion giant Zalando downsizes

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Trump signals long-term US control of Venezuela and its vast oil reserves

He says this despite interim leader denying any foreign rule in Caracas

WASHINGTON

THE United States could run Venezuela and tap into its oil reserves for years, President Donald Trump said in an interview published Thursday, less than a week after toppling Nicolas Maduro. "Only time will tell" how long Washington would demand direct oversight of the South American country, Trump told *The New York Times*.

But when asked whether that meant three months, six months or a year, he replied: "I would say much longer." His assertion of US dominance over Venezuela comes despite its interim leader Delcy Rodriguez saying there is no foreign power governing Caracas. "There is a stain on our relations such as had never occurred in our history," Rodriguez said of the US attack to depose her predecessor.

US special forces snatched president Maduro and his wife Saturday in a lightning raid and whisked them to New York to face trial on drug and weapons charges, underscoring what Trump has called the "Donroe Doctrine" of US dominance over its backyard.

"We obviously have maximum leverage over the interim authorities in Venezuela right now" following the capture operation, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said. "We're continuing to be in close coordination with the interim authorities, and their decisions are going to continue to be dictated by the United States of America." Trump has said the United States will "run" Venezuela, which has the world's largest proven oil reserves. "They're giving us everything that we feel is necessary," Trump told the Times.

But Washington has no boots on the ground, and appears to be relying on a naval blockade and the threat of further force to ensure Rodriguez's cooperation. Caracas announced on Wednesday that at least 100 people had been killed in the US attack and a similar number wounded. Among those hurt were Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores, Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello said, though the couple were seen walking unassisted during a New York court appearance earlier this week.

According to Havana, the death toll includes 32 members of the Cuban military. Maduro, like his firebrand predecessor Hugo Chavez, employed specialized Cuban soldiers as bodyguards. Trump's administration has so far indicated it intends to stick with Rodriguez and sideline opposition figures, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Maria Corina Machado. But it has given few details about its plans. *AFP*

Members of the South African Communist Party (SACP) hold placards and sing during a protest against the recent US operation in Venezuela | AFP

Starmer supports Russian tanker seizure

LONDON: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer spoke to Donald Trump after the UK armed forces provided 'enabling support' for the American seizure of a Russian-flagged oil tanker, stopped in the North Atlantic by the US Coast Guard. "They discussed the joint operation to intercept the 'Bella 1' as part of shared efforts to crack down on sanctions busting, recent progress on Ukraine and the US operation in Venezuela," a Downing Street statement said of the Wednesday evening call.

Moscow accuses US of stoking tension

MOSCOW: Russia on Thursday accused the United States of stoking tensions and threatening international shipping with its seizure of a Russian-flagged oil tanker in the North Atlantic a day earlier. The US has said the ship carried oil for states like Venezuela, Russia and Iran in violation of Western sanctions and seized it after an American raid toppled Moscow's ally Nicolas Maduro in Caracas. Moscow warned the move would fuel further tensions, blaming US.

Denmark welcomes meeting with US; Greenland to join

DENMARK

DENMARK has welcomed a meeting with the US next week to discuss Donald Trump's renewed call for the strategic, mineral-rich Arctic island of Greenland to come under American control.

"This is the dialogue that is needed, as requested by the government together with the Greenlandic government," Danish Defense Minister Troels Lund Poulsen told Danish broadcaster DR on Thursday.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio had said on Wednesday a meeting about Greenland would happen next week, without giving details about timing, location or participants. "I'm not here to talk about Denmark or military intervention. I'll be meeting with them next week, we'll have those conversations with them then," Rubio told reporters on Capitol Hill.

Greenland's government has told Danish public broadcaster DR that Greenland will participate in the meeting between Denmark and the US announced by Rubio. "Nothing about Greenland without Greenland. Of course we will be there. We are the ones who requested the meeting," Greenland's Foreign Minister Vivian Motzfeldt told DR.

The island of Greenland, 80% of which lies above the Arctic Circle, is home to about 56,000 mostly Inuit people.

Marco Rubio arrives for a classified briefing with senators | AP

US Vice President JD Vance said on Wednesday that Denmark "obviously" had not done a proper job in securing Greenland and that Trump "is willing to go as far as he has to" to defend American interests in the Arctic. In an interview with Fox News, Vance repeated Trump's claim that Greenland is crucial to both the US and the world's national security because "the entire missile defense infrastructure is partially dependent on Greenland."

He said the fact that Denmark has been a faithful military ally of the US during World War Two and the more recent "war on terrorism" did not necessarily mean they were doing enough to secure Greenland today. "Just because you did something smart 25 years ago doesn't mean you can't do something dumb now," Vance said, adding that Trump "is saying very clearly, 'you are not doing a good job with respect to Greenland." *AP*

Saudi alleges UAE's role in escape of Yemen leader

DUBAI

SAUDI Arabia alleged Thursday that the United Arab Emirates smuggled a separatist leader in Yemen wanted for treason out of the country and flew him to Abu Dhabi. The UAE had no immediate reaction to the claim, which further escalates tensions between the neighboring nations on the Arabian Peninsula as their partnership in the yearslong war in Yemen breaks down.

A Saudi military statement claimed Aidarous al-Zubaidi, the leader of the Southern Transitional Council, fled Yemen by boat to Somalia. Then, UAE officials flew al-Zubaidi to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the Emirates, the statement said. The UAE has been the major supporter of the council, known as the STC, which sparked a confrontation between Saudi Arabia and the Emirates in recent days after STC fighters advanced in two governorates and appeared to be preparing to secede from Yemen. *AP*

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAHULHAMEED HABEEB MOHAMED** S/o Ahamed Samu, born on 11th October 1994 (Native District : Thoothukudi) residing at 78/11A, Thaika Street, Kayalpatnam - Thoothukudi District - 628204, Shall henceforth be known as **HABEEB MOHAMED**

SAHULHAMEED HABEEBMOHAMED
Kayalpatnam 09th January 2026

Gaza family says 11-year-old girl was killed by Israeli fire despite ceasefire

DEIR AL-BALAH

A relative of an 11-year-old girl killed in Gaza said that Israeli gunfire was responsible for her death on Thursday. The family had returned to a designated safe zone following the October 10 ceasefire between Israel and the Hamas militant group. More than 400 deaths have been reported since then in the Palestinian territory.

After shells and shrapnel hit her home in northern Gaza's Jabaliya area, Hamsa Housou was taken to Shifa Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, her uncle said.

Outside the hospital mortuary, the uncle, Khamis Housou, told The Associated Press that the family had returned home on October 11, a day after the ceasefire went into effect.

Israel's military didn't immediately respond to a request for comment, and it wasn't possible to independently verify the details about Hamsa's death. The military has previously said that actions since the ceasefire began have been in response to violations of the agreement.

Housou, who said his niece had dreams of becoming a doctor, recounted how early on Thursday he heard screams as Israeli troops combed the area where shells and shrapnel hit.

He ran from his apartment toward the home where Hamsa lived and found her lying on the floor. He carried the girl to the nearest clinic, only to find the ambulance there had a flat tire. They waited about 15 minutes, he said, before taking her to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead. "They say that there is a ceasefire and that the war on Gaza has stopped. Is this only through the media, while every day there are explosions and fire belts?" he asked. *AP*

The body of 11-year-old Palestinian girl Hamsa Hosou, killed by Israeli fire in Jabalia, is brought to Shifa Hospital in Gaza City | AP

Iran says it seeks no war but is ready to fight back

BEIRUT: Iran does not want war with Israel or the United States, but is ready to fight back if attacked again, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Thursday. Speaking in Beirut, Araghchi told reporters that Iran is also ready for negotiations with the US over its nuclear program as long as the talks are based on mutual respect rather than "dictation" by Washington. The minister's comments came as many fear that close US ally Israel will target Iran again as it did in June.

Central Bank of India
Zonal Office, Madurai
Quotation Notice

Central Bank of India invites sealed bids from reputed and experienced contractors for the Interior Furnishing, Electrical Works, and Data Cabling for its **College branch, Tuticorin** located at **54, Beach Road, Fairlight, Tuticorin - 628001.**

Last date for submission of quotation: 14.01.2026

Sr.Manager, Madurai.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMED MUSTHAFA** S/o ABDUL KHADER Born on 30-11-1981 (Native District : Tirunelveli) residing at 233, Kareem Nagar 3rd Street, Melapalayam - 627005 Palayamkottai Thaluk, Tamilnadu shall henceforth be known as **MUSTHAFA** S/o ABDUL KHADER

MOHAMED MUSTHAFA

NOTICE

I, **JEEJA GLADSTON** W/o GLADSTON WILSON (Airforce **772297G** Ex- SERGEANT) residing at KALLARAKKADU, KULAPURAM PO., KANYAKUMARI DIST.,TAMILNADU - 629 153, have changed my Name from **JEEJA GLADSTON** to **JEEJA S**. Vide affidavit before Notary Public Nagercoil, dated 05.01.2026

JEEJA S

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No. MD/WZ/06/PUR/NIT-326/399 Indore, Date : 07.01.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited for following Material as per Tender Specifications :-

TS No.	Name of Item	Unit	Approx. Qty.	Online tender opening Date
1935	ISI Marked LT AB Cable	Km	27.00	28.01.2026
1936	ISI Marked XLPE Single Core Cable	Km	1321.00	29.01.2026

For further detailed information visit website **http://www.mpwz.co.in** or **https://www.mptenders.gov.in**

M.P. Madhyam/123879/2026 **CHIEF ENGINEER (Purchase)**

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) 81206 - 1.1KV, 4C X 300 SQ.MM Aluminium XLPE Cable,

Re – invited e-tenders

(2) 81029, (3) 81110 ,(4) 81112.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/106/2026 **GENERAL MANAGER**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC –SHAR
SRIHARIKOTA-524124

Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/CON/258723 **Date: 06/01/2026**

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Brief Name of work	Value (Rs)
Providing PCC Concrete pedestals for fixing "F" angle for fencing at SLC Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.	**36 Lakhs**

Last date for sale (Tender documents can be downloaded) up to **15/01/2026, 14:30 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/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

TAMIL NADU GREEN ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Expression of Interest No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of Work / Materials
SE/PD&C/EoI. No.01/2025-26	**CE / HYDRO**	Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Developer for Development of Pumped Storage Plant at a Self-Identified Location under Project Proponent Mode for the year 2025-26.

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening / viewing and downloading of E-Tenders please visit websites from, **https://tntenders.gov.in/ tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** for submission of bids.

DIPR/120/Tender/2026

Central Coalfields Limited
"A Miniratna Company"
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in** / respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, **www.centralcoalfields.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** in addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KITFRA) invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid 1 : Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid 2: Price Bid) from eligible Contractors for the work "Construction of Eco Grove IT Park at Kannur, Kerala in EPC Mode.

PAC: Rs.259,33,18,028/- + GST), Tender No. KITFRA/ITPK/ 2025-26/25
Last Date of submission of e-tender : 3.00 pm on 29/01/2026

Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website: **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Date: 09/01/2026 **Managing Director**
Trivandrum **Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KITFRA)**
D3/23/2026/I&PRD

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.
CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623, Registered Office: W - 4/ 638A, Manappuram House, P.o. Valapad, Thrissur - 680 567, Kerala, India

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/02/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any)will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

THOOTHKUDI, SATHANKULAM, 133240700056044,

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders)by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 8714603282.

Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI
Palayamkottai Branch : 10/J, Trivandrum High Road, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli - 627 002,
Mail Id : Palayamkottai.Madurai@bankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule-8(1)] (for Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of **Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 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 **28.10.2025** calling upon the **Borrower : Mr.P. Manikandan, Proprietor of M/s.Bhairavi Enterprises,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,01,66,303.31 (Rupees One Crore One lakh Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Three and Paise Thirty One only)** as on **26.10.2025** and interest @ **10.06%** per annum with monthly rests from **21.10.2025** for **Cash credit account - 827030150000003** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this **6th day of January of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of India** for an amount **Rs.1,01,66,303.31 (Rupees One Crore One lakh Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Three and Paise Thirty One only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Amount paid if any after issuance of Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realization/settlement.

COLLATERAL PROPERTY - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising land and building in the name of Mr.P. Manikandan situated at Tirunelveli Registration District, Tirunelveli Joint I Sub - Registration Saragam, Tirunelveli Taluk, Chathram Puthukulam Village, Ayan Nanja S.No.54/1-60 cents wherein, Western end on the Southern side, Ayan Nanja S.No.53/6-12 cents wherein, Eastern end on the Southern side measuring East - West 29 ft. 1 angulam, South - North 60 ft. Admeasuring 1745 Sq.ft - 4.006 cents wherein, 1½ cents on the Western side of Southern portion excluded and the remaining 2½ cents on the Eastern side and Northern portion on the Western side, 1st Plot measuring East - West on the North & South 14.55 ft. South - North on the East & West 60 ft. Admeasuring 873 Sq.ft, 2nd Plot on the Northern end of the Western portion measuring East - West on the North & South 14.55 ft, South - North on the East & West 15 ft. Admeasuring 218.25 Sq.ft totally 1091.25 Sq.ft - 101.38 Sq.mt with house bearing Door.No.34/1/1 (Assessment No.146/001/901507) and Door No.34/2 (Assessment No.146/001/901508) with electric connection and all usual rights bounded by, North : House belonging to B. Rukumani & A. Sankaran, South : Public Pathway, East : House belonging to Subbiah Konar, V. Murugan & M. Selvam, West : Southern Portion of plot on the Western side measuring 1½ cents belonging to B Lakshmanan. The above property now situated in T.S. Ward : A, Block No.0052, T.S.No.30, (Old S.No.54/1B) Selva Vignesh Nagar, Chathiram Pudhukulam Village limits, Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation Ward 01.

Place : Palayamkottai **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Date : 06.01.2026. **BANK OF INDIA**

TAMILNADU GRAMA BANK
Vembar Branch
{Rule-8(1)}

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable Property)

Where as, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **22.10.2025** Calling upon the borrower **1) Mr.S.Sivakumar, S/o.Sivasangu Ganesan,** Door No.2/169, West street, Pallakulam, Vilathikulam taluk, Thoothukudi-628903, with our **Vembar Branch** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.8,68,579/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Only)** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower 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 and 9 of the said rules on this **5th day of January 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank** for an amount of **Rs.8,68,579/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Only)** with charges and interest thereon.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

SCHEDULE – I : The Parcel of property situated in the Registration District of Thoothukudi, Vilathikulam Sub Registrar Office Jurisdiction, Pallakulam Village, as per Joint Computer Patta No.**313** in Punja Survey No.**65/3** and from out of total extent of **0.17.0** Hectare = **42** cents of land in which after executing the Northern Portion extent of **15** cents of land, the remaining extent of **27** cents of land and in which in the Northern Portion, the western portion adjacent to Eastern Portion an extent of **142.68** sq.mtr of Housing site with house bearing Door No 3/246.

Bounded on:- South : 2nd Item pathway
East : Land belongs to Murugan
North : Punja land belongs to Vellaiammal
West : Land belongs to Muthumuniammal
Measuring:- East West : 5.80 mtr in North & South
North South : 24.60 mtr in East - West
Totaling: 142.68 sq.mtr of Housing Site.

SCHEDULE – II : The Parcel of property situated in the Registration District of Thoothukudi, Vilathikulam Sub Registrar Office Jurisdiction, Pallakulam Village, as per Joint Computer Patta No.**313** in Punja Survey No. **65/3** and from out of total extent of **0.17.0** Hectare = **42** cents of land in which after executing the Northern Portion extent of **15** cents of land in which the southern portion extent of **122** sq.mtr of Common Pathway having undivided shares of enjoyment rights.

Bounded on:- North : Land belongs to Irulandi & Uthandu Muthumuniammal and 1st item schedule property.
East : Land belongs to Murugan
South : Punja Land belongs to Andikathanachi, **West :** Pathway
Measuring:- East West : 51 mtr in North & South
North South : 2.4 mtr in East – West
Totaling: 122 sq.mtr of Common Pathway having undivided shares of enjoyment rights.

Date : 05.01.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Vembar **Tamilnadu Grama Bank**