

PM Modi’s NEET remarks came too late: K’taka CM Shivakumar



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Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first public remarks on the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak, but said the intervention had come "too late", asserting that the prolonged silence had deepened anxiety among

lakhs of students and their families. Thanking the Prime Minister for finally addressing the controversy, Shivakumar said the Centre must now back its words with swift action by ensuring that every person involved in the paper leak racket is brought to justice, regardless of status or political affiliation. "The Prime Minister has finally broken his silence. I thank him for speaking on

an issue that concerns the future of our children. But he should have spoken much earlier. When the credibility of a national examination is under question, the country expects decisive leadership," Shivakumar said. He said the NEET paper leak had shaken public confidence in India's examination system and called for comprehensive reforms to restore the integrity of

recruitment and entrance tests. "The future of lakhs of students cannot be held hostage by organised cheating syndicates. The guilty must face exemplary punishment and systemic safeguards should be put in place to ensure such incidents are never repeated," he said. Shivakumar's remarks came shortly after Prime Minister Modi termed examination paper leaks a "serious betrayal" of students' trust and announced stringent action against those responsible, including stronger legal provisions and fast-track trials. The Chief Minister said the Centre's response should go beyond assurances and translate into visible action that restores the confidence of students who have spent years preparing for competitive examinations. The NEET-UG 2026 paper leak has triggered nationwide protests, with students, parents and opposition parties demanding accountability, transparent investigations and sweeping reforms to protect the credibility of India's competitive examination system.

Cauvery, Mekedatu row: TN, K'taka CMs to hold talks in Bengaluru on 3 August

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In an effort to find an amicable solution to the vexatious Cauvery river water sharing and Mekedatu dam issues, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay will hold talks with his Karnataka counterpart DK Shivakumar on 3 August at Bengaluru. According to reports, Vijay was said to have written to Shivakumar seeking an appointment for a meeting in Bengaluru. Confirming the development, Agriculture Minister R Vinoh told reporters that Vijay would be visiting Bengaluru on August three to hold talks with Shivakumar on the long standing Cauvery and Mekedatu dam issues. The Minister while reite-

rating Tamil Nadu's opposition to construction of a new dam at Mekedatu across River Cauvery as it would affect the farmers of Tamil Nadu depriving water for irrigation, said the dam issue would also be discussed along with the release of due share of Cauvery waters to the state as per the final award of the Tribunal and Supreme Court orders. It was pertinent to note that the Congress party was in power in Karnataka and it was a key ally of the Vijay government which had won the confidence vote banking on its support in the Assembly. The National party also got accommodated in the Tamil Nadu Cabinet realising its dream of becoming part of the government after six decades.

Keralagovt suspends ADGP for allegedly pressuring officers in assault case

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The Kerala government on Friday placed senior IPS officer and Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) M R Ajith Kumar under suspension, holding that the allegations against him were supported by the statements of multiple investigating officers and that his continuance in service could affect the fairness of the inquiry. Chief Secretary Bishwanath Sinha on Friday issued the suspension order, a day after approving disciplinary proceedings against him for alleged interference in the probe into the assault of Youth Congress workers in Alappuzha. The order invokes Rule 3(1) of the All India

Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969, citing that his continuation in service would compromise the fairness of the ongoing inquiry. The disciplinary action is based on a damning report by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by SP Shoukath Ali. The investigation revealed that Ajith Kumar used his official position to derail the case involving the brutal assault of Youth Congress and KSU workers by the personal security staff of former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan during the Nava Kerala Sadas in 2023. According to the order, the progress report submitted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by Crime Branch SP Shoukath Ali, revealed that the former ADGP (Law and Order) heavily pressured previous investigators

Ex-minister’s brother appears before court in assault case:

Chennai: RV Ashok Kumar, brother of DMK strongman and former Minister V.Senthilbalaji, on Friday appeared before the Karur Fast Track court to comply with the bail conditions in the 2023 Income-Tax officer assault and obstruction case. Ashok Kumar, accompanied by his advocates, appeared before Karur Fast Track Court Judge Mahesh and executed the bond as per the conditions laid down by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court while granting condition bail in the case.

AFFIDAVIT	AFFIDAVIT	AFFIDAVIT	AFFIDAVIT
I, AYESHA PRAVEEN, aged about 26 years, W/o- SK ABDUL ASIF resident of 61/2740, MEHERPALLI JHARPADA NEAR HANUMAN TEMPLE, BHUBANESWAR, 751006, Odisha, declared by this Affidavit No.854/2026 Dated. 23.07.2026. That now onwards I shall Be Known as AYESHA for all future Purposes.	I, HARISH KUMAR AGRAWAL, aged about 56 years, S/o- BANSHIDHARA AGRAWAL resident of KHARIAR, WARD NO-2, SANTINAGAR, PO/PS. KHARIAR, DIST-NUAPADA, ODISHA, declared by this Affidavit No.439 Dated. 01.03.2026. That now onwards I shall Be Known as HARESH KUMAR AGRAWAL for all future Purposes.	I, Kulsum Banu, age about 42 years, W/o. Sekh Kutabuddin, resident of Rautpara, P.S.: Begunia, Dist.: Khurda, Pin- 752062, Odisha, declared by this Affidavit No.: 2264, Dated: 02-07-2026 that now onwards I shall be known as Kulsum Bibi for all future purposes.	I, Sailendra Narayan Pattnaik (as mentioned in my passport bearing No: M9487677), At- Kadasashi, PO/PS:- Khandapada, Dist:- Nayagarh, Odisha, Pin:- 752077 declare by virtue of an affidavit No: 85/2026 sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar, dated 21.07.2026 that I have changed my name to SAILENDRA NARAYAN PATTANAIK. Now onwards I shall be known as SAILENDRA NARAYAN PATTANAIK for all future purposes.

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFESIACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(b) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002. The undersigned as authorized officer of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFESIACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that public auction of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice & Demand Amount as on	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR (10 % of reserve price)	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date for submission of Bid	Account details for remitting EMD (EMD to be deposited through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank)
1.	35042101 60000915	1. Mr. Sananta Chhatra S/o Pandaba Chhatra 2. Mr. Pandaba Chhatra S/o Maradeb Chhatra 3. Mrs. Pana Chhatra Pan Chhatra W/o Pandaba Chhatra	09-01-2025 Rs.15,64,265.47/- as on 09-01-2025	05-04-2025	Rs.19,02,266.74/-	20-08-2026 10:00 AM	Rs.30,35,000/-	Rs.3,03,500/-	02-09-2026 10:00 AM	01-09-2026	EMD to be deposited through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Property Description/Schedule: All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring Ac. 0.050 decimal situated at Mouza - Arjunpur, Tahasil - Deogani, Tahsil No.-629, P.S. - Tutsura, P.S. No. - 175, M S Khata No. - 102/237, Plot No. - 1149 District- Bolangir and all improvements thereon. Boundaries as per Deed: On the North: Prasanta Sahoo; On the South: Krishna Saha; On the East: Own plot (Pandaba Chhatra); On the West: Sabana Mahanand; Owned by Mr. Pandab Chhatra (No. 2 among you) vide Registered Sale Deed being Deed No. 10352/2002/257 dated 30.03.2022 and recorded in Book No. 1, Volume No. 6 before SRO Tutsura, Bolangir, Odisha.

Terms & Conditions :-

The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "whatever there is" BASIS".

- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of properties put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders at sites as mentioned against each property description.
- The Interested Bidders shall submit their Bid before the Authorized officer undersigned one day before the auction date as mentioned above.
- The E-Auction will be conducted through Ujjivan Small Finance Bank approved E-auction service provider - M/s C1 India PVT LTD. Contact person - Mr. Prabhakaran (Mo. No. 74182-81709). The intending bidders are advised to visit <https://www.bankauctions.com> or <https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions> for the details of the properties in the website and for taking part in the bid they should register their names at portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider M/s. C1 India PVT LTD, Helpline Number:- 7291918824,25,26 support email id- support@bankauctions.com. Auction portal- <https://www.bankauctions.com>.
- Property shall be sold to the highest bidder / offered, subject to acceptance of the bid by the secured creditor, i.e., Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. However, the undersigned has the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding if deemed necessary. The Authorized officer has the discretion to accept or reject any offer / Tender without assigning any reason.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period in any case not exceeding 3 months as agreed upon in writing by the Authorized Officer and the defaulting Purchaser shall be liable to pay the amount already deposited by the offer shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting Purchaser shall have no claim right in respect of property amount.
- The publication is subject to the force major clause.
- Bidding in the last moment should be avoided in the bidders own interest as neither the Ujjivan Small Finance Bank nor Service provider will be responsible for any lapse/failure/Internet failure/power failure etc., in order to ward-off such contingent situations bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangements / alternatives such as power supply back-up etc., so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

This is also a notice to the above-named borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors about public auction scheduled for sale of mortgaged properties.

Date : 25-07-2026

Place: Orissa

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, "SOURMEN Chatterjee", "Saumen Chattopadhyay", "Chattopadhyay Saumen", S/o. Late Pashupati Chattopadhyay, resident of Vill.: Kola, P.O.: Kolaghat, P.S.: Kolaghat, Dist.: Purba Medinipur, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from "Soumen Chatterjee", "Saumen Ch a t t o p a d h y a y", "Chattopadhyay Saumen" and henceforth I shall be known as "Saumen Chatterjee" in all purposes, vide Affidavit No. 7714 sworn before the First Class Judicial Magistrate 2nd Court at Tamluk, Purba Medinipur on 03-07-2025. "Saumen Chatterjee" and "Soumen Ch a t t o p a d h y a y", "Chattopadhyay Saumen", all are same and one identical person.

I, ESHA Sonkar, D/o. Raju Kr Sonkar / Asha Sonkar, residing at 4, Jelia Para 1st Bye Lane, Howrah-711106, shall henceforth be known as Bhakti Sonkar as declared before First Class Judicial Magistrate Howrah Court, dated 25-03-2026. Esha Sonkar and Bhakti Sonkar both are same and one identical person.

ON THE basis of affidavit dated 20-7-2026 sworn before Executive Magistrate, Howrah, I declare that I, Delphine Dasgupta, wife of Late Madhabendra Dasgupta and Kabita Dasgupta, wife of Late Madhabendra Dasgupta are the same, one and identical person.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice
This is to inform the General Public on behalf of my client, Santu Biswas, S/O Pijush Kanti Biswas, residing at Garifa, that he purchased 2 Satak of 'Bastu' (homestead) land situated under Naihati Municipality at Mouza Garifa, recorded under LR Khaitan No. 2599, RS Dag Nos. 1005 and 1187, and LR Dag No. 2266. The said property was purchased from the Power of Attorney holder, Alok Kumar Pal, S/o Bilwapada Pal, residing at P.O.- Garifa, P.S.- Naihati, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, by virtue of a deed registered at the Naihati ADSR office on 21/03/2013, bearing Deed No. 1-02612 of 2013. If anyone has any objection regarding this matter, they must submit a written objection along with proper supporting documents to the office of the undersigned or to the Shyamnagar BL & LRO office within the next One Month. Otherwise, no objections will be entertained in the future.

Dipak Kr Roy
Advocate
Barrackpore Court
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Chaos near Kerala CM's residence amid PSC irregularities protest

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A protest march taken out by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of the BJP, to Cliff House, the official residence of Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan, turned violent at the Devaswom Board junction on Friday, prompting police to deploy multiple rounds of water cannons

The youth wing of the BJP organised the march to condemn alleged irregularities and systemic anomalies in recruitment examinations conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission (PSC). Activists revealed that the latest irregularities stem from at least 10 exam questions that were reportedly left completely un-evaluated during the scoring process. Protesters raised placards of the Chief Minister and shouted slogans criticising his recent participation in the protest before the Prime Minister's residence. Satheesan had recently joined a high-profile Congress agitation led by Rahul Gandhi outside the Prime Minister's residence to protest national NEET exam leaks.