

# '104 Kerala schools drug hotspots' B'luru schools offer EMI schemes to meet steep fees

Excise dept directed to take strict action against elements who lure kids to vices: Officials

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WITH only a few days remaining before schools reopen, the Thiruvananthapuram excise department has flagged 104 schools in Kerala as drug hotspots and has initiated measures to counter the influence of intoxicants among students. Among the lists, government-aided and private schools belong to the High School and Higher secondary categories. Thiruvananthapuram led the list as about 43 schools from the district featured in it followed by Ernakulam and Kozhikode districts, which had unspecified numbers included in the most-watched category.

Multiple sources confirmed the existence of such a list and said the excise department has been instructed by the state government to take specific actions to get the students of these schools, who are hooked to intoxicants, released from the clutches of drug racket. "The department has been directed to take action on its own and also in coordination with other departments, such as the



'Shops situated near schools supplying drug to pupils'

Excise department sources said according to inputs received, certain shops operating near these schools supplied drugs to students. The state government has issued giving clear instructions to revoke the licenses of such shops engaged in drug peddling and other intoxicants. The department has begun seeking assistance of local bodies to revoke licenses of such shops and take action against owners, an officer said.

police to purge the elements that lure school kids to their dragnet," a senior excise department officer said.

Excise sources said the inputs they received largely suggest that certain shops operating near these schools

supplied drugs to students. This information was passed on to the state government, which responded by giving clear-cut instructions to revoke the licenses of such shops engaged in drug peddling and other intoxicants. "The excise department has

begun seeking the assistance of the local self-government bodies to revoke the licenses of such shops and take cases against the owners. We have been told to take action against such shops using other provisions of the law," said another excise official.

The excise sleuths have already got in touch with principals or headmasters of such schools and have sought their cooperation. The excise sleuths have also sought details of vacant rooms and empty plots in the school campuses, where the students meet, from the school authorities. Excise sources said the hotspot schools will be placed under surveillance and assistance of police will be sought, if required.

The background of people, who loiter around the schools, will be scrutinised, an official told. In the case of students, who are found to be in drug abuse, the excise officials will contact the parents and the school authorities and with their consent, they will be rehabilitated under the 'Vimukthi' de-addiction project.

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH no fee cap or regulation in place, private schools in Bengaluru are not only hiking annual fees steeply but are now tying up with private financiers to offer EMI schemes.

The move, flagged by parent groups, highlights the growing commercialisation of school education and the state government's continued inaction despite repeated demands for intervention. Parents lament that by introducing finance-backed EMI options, schools are turning basic education into a debt-driven service.

Many argue that this is a way to normalise exorbitant fees rather than address the root problem – the absence of a regulatory framework to keep education affordable.

In Bengaluru, most private schools charge anywhere between ₹1.5 lakh to ₹2 lakh just for nursery admissions – and the fees only keep rising as the child moves to primary and high school. This amount, how-

'Mounting debt'

BN Yogananda, president of the Karnataka Private School and Colleges Parents' Association said offering loans through private finance firms and collecting school fees in the form of EMIs is pushing parents into debt to secure their children's education. "The education department and the state government must step in and initiate strict legal action against both the schools involved in such schemes and the finance firms facilitating them," he said.

ever, doesn't cover everything. Parents are made to pay up to ₹30,000 separately for transport, uniforms, books, co-curricular activities, and add-ons.

Speaking to this newspaper, parents said private schools in the city suggest they tie them up with some finance companies that often charge high interest rates, making it difficult for families to repay the loans. Many parents, desperate to secure admission or continue their child's education, are

lured into signing agreements without fully understanding the terms which pushes them into a cycle of debt.

However, a private school representative in Jakkur said the EMI schemes are being introduced as a way to aid parents who may otherwise find it difficult to pay the full fee at once.

"We are forced to bear the pressure of high-interest repayments, which often leads to financial stress. In most cases, families we know have even reported harassment by finance company agents when they struggle to make payments," Shalini Kamath, one of parents whose son is in a well-known private school in Brookefield, said. Shalini said that a major issue is the lack of transparency in these school-financier arrangements. "Parents are rarely given a clear picture of the loan terms, including interest rates or repayment conditions. Without this clarity, many end up committing to financial agreements they cannot afford," she added.

## Sadhguru's plea over AI-driven abuse of identity comes up in HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SPIRITUAL leader Jagdish Vasudev, popularly known as Sadhguru, has approached the Delhi High Court seeking legal protection against the misuse of his name and image by rogue websites and through artificial intelligence (AI). The matter was heard by Justice Saurabh Banerjee on Friday.

Sadhguru's legal team argued that unauthorised online platforms were exploiting his identity to falsely promote and sell products, including books and investment schemes, adding that the misuse of his persona was a serious matter of commercial exploitation.

The court was told that one of the defendants used AI-generated content to falsely claim Sadhguru had spoken to a journalist about accumulating vast wealth. "This is all made up. They are using my client's reputation to redirect traffic and encourage people to invest money. It's blatant commercial misuse," the lawyer said.

The court asked whether all the websites and articles in question specifically featured Sadhguru. The judge suggested that the relevant URLs should be provided to concerned intermediaries for appropriate action. The counsel for Sadhguru, however, warned that if only specific links were taken down, similar content could easily appear elsewhere, making the issue a recurring problem.

## Senior ED officer held for accepting ₹20 lakh bribe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday arrested deputy director of Enforcement Directorate (ED), Bhubaneswar zonal office, Chintan Raghuvanshi, a 2013-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, and his associate Bhaghti for allegedly accepting ₹20 lakh bribe from a quarry owner and businessman Ratikanta Rout.

Bhaghti, a private individual, was reportedly caught red-handed by CBI sleuths on Thursday evening while accepting the bribe amount from Rout on behalf of the senior ED official. Both Raghuvanshi and Bhaghti were then interrogated at CBI office in Bhubaneswar, and arrested on Friday.

As per the CBI FIR, Rout, who belongs to Kalarahanga in Bhubaneswar, has stone quarry

and crusher business in Dhenkanal. He had lodged a complaint alleging Raghuvanshi had first demanded a bribe of ₹5 crore for not arresting him in a case related to financial irregularities.

He had, however, reportedly reduced the amount to ₹2 crore later while assuring Rout to settle the case. He had asked Rout to pay ₹50 lakh as the first installment through Bhaghti on Thursday, the FIR stated.

Rout had last year received summons from the ED after a case was registered against him. On January 8, 2025, the central agency had conducted simultaneous searches at his office, residence and properties of a few acquaintances.

ED officials had again sent him summons earlier in March following which he had appeared before them for questioning.

## India's economic competition with US, China has just started: Naidu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday said while India has become the fourth-largest economy in the world, the real competition with the top two economies, the United States and China, has just started.

Addressing the Annual Summit of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Naidu said India should strengthen its global product manufacturing capabilities and avoid falling into the middle-income trap.

"Today, we are the fourth-largest economy. Another two years, we will be the third-largest economy. Until the third spot, we do not have competition. The real competition has just started," he said.

"China's economy is four-and-a-half times that of India and the US' economy is seven



times that of India. We should be ready," Naidu said, adding that good public policy is important to take a big leap.

The TDP leader said in Prime Minister Modi, India has a great leader at a great time and the country should take advantage of this opportunity.

The Andhra Pradesh chief minister said his government will set up a global leadership centre in Amaravati to prepare leaders for tomorrow, on the

lines of Davos in Switzerland.

Naidu said Andhra is the number one state in the country for producing green energy and encouraged industries to set up facilities there. "We want to set up a global leadership centre in Amaravati to prepare global leaders for tomorrow. We are all going to Davos to learn, network, meet people, exchange ideas. Now, this is the place I want to make it," he said.

A tech-savvy leader, Naidu said companies like TCS, IBM and L&T will be setting up quantum computing centres in Amaravati, the new under-construction capital of the southern state. Andhra is well-positioned for industries producing green energy, he added.

Naidu said his state has good solar and wind energy potential, along with pumped storage, green ammonia and nitrogen. It also has ports.

## Bodies of twin infants found in drainage canal

NELLORE: In a shocking incident, sanitation workers found the bodies of twin infants while clearing garbage in a drainage canal in Ashok Nagar of Guduru town in Tirupati district on Friday.

Upon spotting the bodies, the workers and local residents immediately alerted the police. Police arrived at the scene, registered a case, and launched an investigation into the incident. The incident has sparked speculation among residents.

## '16% T'gana women married before 18'

SIDDHARDHA GATTIMI @ Hyderabad

EARLY marriage and motherhood continue to pose serious challenges in Telangana, with 16% of women from the Younger Cohort (born in 2001-02) married before the legal age 18 and 22% becoming mothers by 19.

These findings are part of the preliminary results from the 'Young Lives Round 7 Survey (2023-24)', unveiled on Fri-

day by Women and Child Welfare Minister Dansari Anasuya, alias Seethakka, at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) in Hyderabad.

The survey, which began in 2002, tracks 12,000 children in Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam to examine long-term trends in child poverty. In India, it focuses on undivided Andhra Pradesh, covering 20 mandals – 13 in Andhra and 7 in Telangana.

## Young women face job insecurity: Study

As per preliminary findings of the survey, despite high employment, most young adults – especially women – face job insecurity, overwork, and unequal work distribution. The pathway from education to employment is also slowing down, particularly for the younger cohort, the study said.

## President honours 15 nurses with the Florence Nightingale Award

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

A prolific academic and PhD in nursing, Dr Banu MR, who has authored textbooks, published numerous research articles, and is currently serving as an Assistant Nursing Superintendent at NIMHANS, Bengaluru, is among the 15 nurses and ANMs, who were conferred with the coveted National Florence Nightingale Award 2025 by President Droupadi Murmu on Friday.

She was honoured for demonstrating exemplary leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, emerging as a role model for her peers, and playing a pivotal role in establishing the Neuro Rehabilitation Centre and developing a comprehensive intervention package for tobacco cessation during her 25-year nursing career.

A health educator, Valiveti Subhavathi, started her journey as an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) at a primary health centre in Guntur district in Andhra Pradesh and slowly rose to the position of manage-



ment instructor from which she retired this year after 39 years of exemplary service. Known for her creative health awareness campaigns, for which she wrote and sang songs, Subhavathi has also been awarded at the district level as a health educator and performer.

Mangayarkarasi, serving as a Nursing Officer at the Government Hospital in Srivilliputhur, Tamil Nadu, has also received an award from the district authorities for her outstanding contribution towards improving accessibility to health and family welfare services to the tribal communities in Nilgiris District.

## Pillars of society

The Florence Nightingale award is given to recognise outstanding service by nursing staff. Health minister JP Nadda congratulated the awardees, saying, "Our nurses are pillars of the healthcare system, saving countless lives daily."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Sub: Transfer of ownership of Plot no. 418, Sector-10A, Urban Estate, Gurugram (Haryana) consequent upon the death of Shiv Kumar alias Shiv Kumar Yadav as per records, died on 28.03.2006 leaving behind following legal heirs : Shakuntla Yadav, Usha Yadav and Sunil Kumar Yadav.  
Shakuntla Yadav W/o Shiv Kumar alias Shiv Kumar Yadav R/O 418, Sector-10A, Urban Estate, Gurugram (Haryana) and Usha Yadav D/o Shiv Kumar alias Shiv Kumar Yadav intends to apply for transfer of the said plot in the favour of Sunil Kumar Yadav through the legal heirs and requests for re-allocation in the name. If any person is having objection to the above transfer of the said plot, he/she can submit objections to : The Estate Officer 2, HSPV, Sector-34, Gurugram along with supporting documents, within 30 days of publication of this notice, otherwise the Estate Officer may sanction mutation of the property as per HSPV policy and may not entertain subsequent claim if any.  
**Shakuntla Yadav & Usha Yadav (Legal Heir) On Behalf of Estate Officer-2**

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**Statement of Standalone audited Financial Results for the Fourth Quarter and year Ended on 31st March, 2025**  
(Rs. in Lakhs except per share data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
		31-03-2025	31-12-2024	31-03-2024	31-03-2025
1	Revenue from Operations	5,555.90	606.40	-	6,162.30
2	Other Income	119.34	926.21	503.26	1,045.55
3	Total Income	5,675.23	1,532.62	503.26	7,207.85
4	Net profit/(loss) for the period before tax	(5,113.81)	488.99	(2,544.10)	(4,624.82)
5	Net profit/(loss) for the period after tax	(5,113.81)	488.99	(2,544.10)	(4,624.82)
6	Total Comprehensive Income	(5,113.78)	488.99	(2,543.75)	(4,624.78)
7	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 10/- per share)	1,039.47	1,039.47	1,039.47	1,039.47
8	Earnings per equity share - Basic and Diluted (of ₹ 10/-) (Not Annualised for the quarter)	(49.20)	4.70	(13.90)	(44.49)

Notes:  
1. These standalone financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles as laid down in Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.  
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and has been uploaded on the company's website www.clcindia.com.  
3. The same can be accessed by scanning the QR code provided below:

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Sd/-  
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Date: 30/05/2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
FOR KIND ATTENTION OF ALLOTTEES OF THE REAL ESTATE PROJECT NAMEDLY "GODREJ MERIDIEN PHASE-I" DEVELOPED BY GODREJ REAL VIEW DEVELOPERS PVT. LTD.

- The above-mentioned project was registered with the RERA, Gurugram vide registration no. 5 of 2018 dated 18.05.2018 and the registration was valid up to 29.03.2024 (including 6 months of COVID period). Further Extended vide extension no. 28 of 2024 dated 16.12.2024 valid up to 28.03.2025.
- The promoter has made an application with the request to the authority that instead of revoking the registration on its expiry, the authority may permit it to remain in force subject to such further terms and conditions as it thinks fit to impose in the interest of the allottees, and any such terms and conditions so imposed shall be binding upon the promoter.
- The Authority is considering an application of the promoter to permit the continuation of the registration certificate under section 7(3) of the Act for this project to remain in force and hereby invite objections from the allottees in particular and any other concerned persons in general in this regard.
- Those objections shall be filed in the registry of the Authority before 13.06.2025 and appear in the Authority on 16.06.2025 at 11.00 AM for considering the objections received, failing which the Authority will consider present application for continuation of the registration under section 7(3) of the Act.

Dated: 31.05.2025 Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram

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