

Forest Min's MTR resort stay sparks row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

FOREST minister M Mathiventhana has drawn sharp criticism from wildlife activists for staying in a resort that allegedly is located in a notified elephant corridor in Sigur in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR).

Mathiventhana has been staying at 'Jungle Hut' with his family for the last few days. Sources said the resort is among the 12 against which orders were passed by Supreme

Court appointed 'Sigur Plateau Elephant Corridor' inquiry Committee in 2023.

The committee had directed the district administration to demolish 74 illegal concrete structures of 12 resorts in the corridor since the owners did not obtain building approval. The owners may also voluntarily dismantle the structures, it added.

One year has passed since the order was issued, but the buildings remain.

Wildlife activists said the



Forest minister M Mathiventhana

minister is staying in such a resort even though the forest department owns several guest

houses and resorts that are located out of elephant corridor. Sources in the district administration said they will take action against the illegal buildings only after June 4 when Model Code of Conduct is withdrawn.

Further, sources added that the portion of Jungle Hut where the minister is staying was not in the elephant corridor. Minister Mathiventhana did not respond to calls and messages from TNIE for a comment.



WITHERED AWAY

A tree, which used to be relief for tourists in Kalamkunnu at Kollam, has wilted in the scorching summer | VINCENT PULICKAL

VCK, farmers hold stir against Kerala's Silanthei check dam plan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruppur

A large number of Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) cadres and farmers staged a protest in front of the Anna statue in Dharapuram town seeking to halt the proposed construction of a check dam on the Silanthei River in Kerala's Idukki district.

The protesters claimed the Kerala government is needlessly creating problems in areas prone to water scarcity in Tiruppur and Karur districts.

The Silanthei River feeds the Amara-vathi River in Tiruppur district. Farm-

ers from Dharapuram are primarily dependent on Amaravathi River for several hundred years.

They raised slogans and claimed that the Amaravathi water irrigates paddy and vegetable crops spread over 40,000 acres of the land in Tiruppur district alone.

Farmers are anxious that the water flow into the Amaravathi will be contained if the project materialises and hence want the check-dam project stopped. They sought Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's direct intervention in the issue.

Officials had posted forged geo-tagged photographs on app to show work progress

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

AS part of record keeping, pictures of the construction work would also be taken by officials and uploaded online through a special mobile application.

DVAC FIRs showed that the officials allegedly forged documents to show that the house construction was complete to siphon off the funds when in reality most of the beneficiaries on whose names the money was sanctioned are ineligible or their houses would not have been fully completed.

The agency had also flagged how offi-

cials even forged geo-tagged photographs that need to be uploaded into the official system through the Awaas software application to show the progress of construction.

The agency also found that the funds released in violation of rules would be transferred into the bank accounts of ineligible beneficiaries or in some cases to people linked to the officials.

The alleged scams happened between 2016 and 2020. DVAC sources attributed the delay in filing of FIRs to the time taken for completion of preliminary and detailed inquiries.

Doc was seen lying next to laptop charger

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

She was staying at a private hostel in Ayanavaram.

A police source said, "On Sunday, Udhayakumar tried to contact Saranidhi but his calls were not answered. After trying for some time, Udhayakumar contacted the hostel staff. When a staff member went and checked on her, she was found lying unconscious on the floor. The staff immediately alerted the Ayanavaram police."

The police went to the spot and entered Saranidhi's room. She was seen lying next to the charging cable of her laptop which was connected to an extension box. Her mobile phone, her laptop, and an air cooler were connected to the extension box.

Saranidhi was immediately rushed to Government Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital where she was declared brought dead.

Prajwal releases video clip, says will meet SIT on Friday

The JDS MP apologises to people, says trip abroad was preplanned

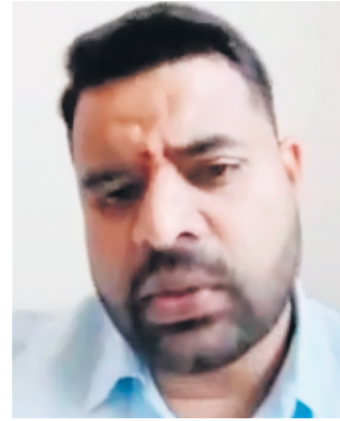
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HASSAN MP Prajwal Revanna, who is wanted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sexual abuse cases against him, posted a 2.57-minute video on Monday stating that he will appear before the SIT at 10 am on Friday (May 31). Prajwal fled the country on April 27, just a day before a sexual harassment case was registered against him at Holarasipura Town police station in Hassan district.

In the video posted from an undisclosed location, Prajwal tendered apologies to his grandfather and JDS supreme HD Deve Gowda, his family members, people of Karnataka and JDS workers for his actions.

He stated that his travel abroad was preplanned and he left immediately after exercising his franchise in the Lok Sabha elections on April 26.

"When I left the country, neither a case was there against me nor the SIT was formed. After four days of my stay abroad, I got to know about the case against me and the formation of SIT, while watching news on YouTube. Subsequently, a notice was served against me by the SIT and I had sought a



Videograb of MP Prajwal Revanna's 2.57-minute video | EXPRESS

When I left the country, neither a case was there against me nor the SIT was formed. After four days of my stay abroad, I got to know about the case against me and the formation of SIT, while watching news

Prajwal Revanna, Hassan MP

from everyone, including gods and family members. Please trust me," he added.

On May 23, Deve Gowda warned Prajwal to come back and submit himself to the legal process. In a letter posted on X, the former PM told Prajwal not to test his patience.

On May 2, a rape complaint was registered against Prajwal in the CID police station in Bengaluru. On May 6, the Interpol, alerted 196 countries to identify and report if the MP is spotted in their jurisdiction. Before this, a 'Blue Corner Notice' was issued against Prajwal by CBI through Interpol. The SIT had issued two notices against him.

Another rape complaint was registered on May 8. The MP, who booked his return ticket from Germany on May 15, however he did not return. On May 18, the special court issued an arrest warrant against Prajwal.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice. Tender No: E-Tender No: 02/2024-25/SE/PHC/AL/PRC. JUM-WSS to Pullyoor, Budhanoor, -Construction of 16.00LL OHSR (R8) at Pullyoor...

QuoteExpress. IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE. NELSON MANDELA

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD. SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002...

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1). Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infiniti Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002...

WANTED. Tiruppur based garment factory requires WELFARE OFFICER - FEMALE. Qualification: MSW / MBA-HR., Minimum 1-3 years experience. Freshers also apply. Salary is not a constraint for the right candidates.

STATE BANK OF INDIA TIRUPUR BRANCH (00935). No.54, Uthukuli Road, Tiruppur 641601. Ph no: 0421 2232603, 2232601. E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY). SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

OMKARA ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PVT. LTD. Corporate Office: Kohinoor Square, 47th Floor, N.C.Kelkar Marg, R.G.Gadkari Chowk, Dadar (West), Mumbai - 400028, Mob.: +91 7558392736. [Appendix - IV-A][See proviso to rule 8 (6) r/w 9(1)] PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY