

## 'Milk contamination' leaves four dead, 12 in hospital with anuria

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Amid extensive investigation and public outrage, District Collector Kirti Chekuri confirmed that four deaths linked to symptoms of acute kidney failure have been recorded so far. She told the media on Monday that 12 patients were undergoing treatment in different private hospitals and that their health condition was being monitored continuously. "We conducted a door-to-door survey and collected 73 blood samples. Milk samples obtained from 42 cattle connected to the supplier were also sent to Hyderabad laboratories for detailed analysis," she said. The district collector said that blood tests are being conducted in 106 households where the vendor has supplied milk. Samples have so far been collected from 73 families under continuous medical supervision.

The Animal Husbandry Department tested 46 cattle and sent samples to scientific and veterinary laboratories, while Food Safety officials sent milk and curd samples to laboratories in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam.

The incident surfaced after some residents of Chowdeswari Nagar and Swaroop Nagar near Lalacheruvu

began vomiting, after abdominal swelling and stoppage of urine from February 15 onwards. Within days, 16 persons were hospitalised. Most of the victims are aged above 60 years, though a five-month-old infant and a three-year-old child were also affected. Two elderly patients, N. Seshaagiri Rao (72) and Radha Krishnamurthy (74), died on Monday morning while undergoing treatment, raising the toll to four. Two others, B. Kanakaratnam (76) and Tadi Krishnaveni (75) succumbed on Sunday. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the situation with senior officials and issued directions for strict monitoring and immediate action. The state government has announced ex gratia payment of Rs 10 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased. "We are offering Rs 10 lakh financial compensation to the family of the deceased and free treatment for all those hospitalised," Naidu said. The CM ordered strict action against vendors. Tourism and Culture Minister Kandula Durgesh said the administration must remain alert and ensure quality treatment for victims, urging people to approach government hospitals if symptoms appear. Rapid

Response Teams comprising health, food safety, municipal, veterinary and police departments have been deployed. Political reactions followed the incident. YSRCP supremo Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy expressed shock over the deaths in Rajamahendravaram and offered condolences to the bereaved families. He said 'negligence' in food safety enforcement had endangered public lives and demanded stringent action against those responsible for the alleged adulteration. "Such incidents reflect serious lapses in monitoring mechanisms, and immediate corrective steps must be taken to prevent recurrence," Reddy said in a YSRCP press release.

Congress Working Committee Member Gidugu Rudra Raju went to the hospital and visited the anuria patients. He demanded that Rs. 1 crore be paid to the families of the deceased as ex gratia.

CPI leader Tatipaka Madhu demanded enhanced compensation of Rs 50 lakh for victims' families and called for a judicial inquiry into the alleged milk adulteration. Former MP Margani Bharat alleged that several patients showed dangerously high creatinine levels and urged strict action against those responsible.

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The Chief Minister announced that a commission has been constituted to implement 33 per cent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) and that steps are being taken to enforce it before the upcoming local body elections.

## Tamil Nadu SIR complete

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The total electorate then stood at 5.43 crore, a drop from the previous 6.41 crore. However, after SIR, 34,75,717 applications were received both offline and online, including for inclusion. As many as 27.53 lakh eligible electors were added and 4.23 lakh ineligible electors were deleted during the period for filing of claims and objections from Dec 19 in 2025 to Jan 30. As per the final electoral roll, the Assembly constituency with the highest number of electors is Shozhinganallur in Chengalpet district, with 5,36,991 electors — 2,62,621 men, 2,74,254 women, and 116 from the third gender. The Assembly constituency with the lowest number of electors is Harbour in Chennai district, with 1,16,896 electors — 58,221 men, 58,620 women, and 55 from the third gender.

## 'Leave Iran by all available means'

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Indians in Iran have also been advised to have their travel and immigration documents, including passports and IDs, readily available with them. They are requested to contact the Indian Embassy for any assistance.

The Indian Embassy has also issued emergency numbers and email: +989128109115; +989128109109; +989128109102; +989932179359. Email: cons.tehran@mea.gov.in. Indian nationals in Iran are also asked to register with the Indian Embassy.

The advisory comes after new anti-government protests erupted in Iran on Saturday following 40-day memorials for people killed in January during anti-government rallies. According to Iran's state news agency, students protested at five universities in the capital, Tehran and one in the city of Mashhad on Sunday. A video geolocated by the news agency AFP of what appeared to be the demonstration at Sharif University showed a large crowd chanting anti-government slogans as they thronged around students waving the flag of the toppled monarchy.

The US and Iran will hold their next round of nuclear talks on Thursday in Geneva.

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600 032.  
Branch Office: Madanapalle

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

We, M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (formerly known as "Shriram City Union Finance Limited" amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance limited and converted as Shriram Transport Finance Limited as per the orders of NCLT Bench-II Chennai dated 09.11.2022) and thereafter obtained the approval to rename as Shriram Finance Ltd (Ministry of Corporate Finance letter dated 30.11.2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic 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 of the said Rules, on 18-02-2026.

**Borrower Name & Address: 1.M Noor Mohiddin Khan, S/o.Mohiddin Khan, D.No.17-390-2B-A2, Nehru Street, Madanapalle, Chittoor Dist-517325**  
**2. N.Amaraj, W/o.N.Noor Mohiddin, H.No.17-390-2B-A2, Nehru Street, Madanapalle, Chittoor Dist-517325.**  
**3. M.H.Mohiddin Khan, R/o D.No.17-390-2-B-A1, N.V.R Street, Madanapalle, Chittoor Dist-517325.**

**Amount due as per Demand Notice: Topy: Rs.54,05,903/- under reference of Loan A/c No:MMPLTF1205310015**  
**Date of Demand Notice:19-09-2025** **Date of Possession Notice:18-02-2026**  
**Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/- (In words: Rupees Ten Lakhs only)**

**Description of the Property:** Chittoor District, Madanapalle Sub-District, Madanapalle Municipality area, Bandamidam Kammapalli Village, Ammineni Street, Circa: KUSHKI S.No.186/1B Madras Terraced Building No.II-16-B, Site measuring East to west 18 1/4 ft., or 5.56 meters North to South 29 ft., or 8.84 meters admeasuring 58.81 sq.yards in this Madras Terraced House measuring 18 1/4 x 25 1/4 ft.,=460.81 sq.ft with doors, door frames, windows, roof, current HSC No.4978 etc.,  
**Boundaries: East:3 1/2 ft., wide lane left by M.Yanus Khan to reach his house. West: Building of Jagadeesh, North:Building D.Nos.II-16-C, II-16-D, II-16-E retained by M. Yunus Khan. South:Ammineni Street**

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

**Place:Madanapalle, Date:18-02-2026** **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Shriram Finance Limited**

## CCPA slaps ₹15L penalty on Vajirao & Reddy

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The CCPA highlighted that the specific courses undertaken by successful candidates constitute material information for UPSC aspirants. Concealment of this information misleads prospective students regarding the efficacy and scope of the institute's programs, violating consumer rights under Section 2(9) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. During the investigation, the Authority examined enrolment records and found that 431 forms lacked course details and submission dates, and many others indicated enrolment only in "Interview Guidance Programmes" or mock interviews. This showed that several candidates had cleared the preliminary stages independently and approached the institute solely for final-stage guidance. The CCPA noted that Vajirao & Reddy Institute had previously been penalised Rs 7 lakh for similar violations related to the UPSC CSE 2022 results.

## Will place Tirumala ghee facts before Assembly today, asserts Lokesh

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"Doesn't such a senior leader know that the term 'co-company' doesn't even exist?" Lokesh asked, alleging that false information was deliberately being spread. Lokesh stated that Indapur Dairy is only a packing unit, while Heritage is a listed company. He pointed out that leaders of the YSR Congress Party, including Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, had filed complaints with SEBI against them.

The IT Minister called out YSRCP leaders for their wild allegations regarding ghee procurement. He challenged them to prove where a kilogram of ghee is available for Rs 360. "If ghee is being sold at Rs 360 per kilo, it can only be adulterated. The market price is usually above Rs 1,000," he pointed out.

Lokesh further alleged that dur-

ing Jagan's five-year tenure, Sakshi and Bharathi Cements had received Rs 1,000 crore from the government, while stating that his side had not taken a single rupee from the government.

Lokesh said that if India reaches the finals of a cricket match, he would certainly attend, adding that if needed, he would even buy a ticket for former Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. Turning to the Legislative Council proceedings, Lokesh questioned why YSRCP members, currently seeking discussion on the Budget, had obstructed the Council for four days. "If they want smooth functioning, why did they block proceedings?" he asked. Lokesh emphasised that the government would present detailed facts on the Tirumala ghee issue in the Assembly on Tuesday.

## Maha seeks CBI probe into Ajit Pawar plane crash

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The Mahayuti government will ensure that all doubts regarding the plane crash are cleared, Fadnavis said at a press conference on Sunday on the eve of the budget session of the Maharashtra legislature. "I had received a letter from the NCP (an ally of the BJP) seeking a CBI probe into the air crash and spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah. Along with investigations by DGCA and state CID, there will be a probe by the CBI," he added. Ajit Pawar and four others onboard a chartered plane were killed when it crashed while attempting to land near Baramati in Pune district on January 28.

## CM announces ₹10L ex gratia

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Describing the incident as "very painful," Chandrababu said the victims were admitted to hospitals with symptoms including vomiting, severe stomach pain and kidney-related complications requiring dialysis. Clinical tests revealed elevated levels of urea and serum creatinine in their blood.

According to officials, milk supplied by Varalakshmi Milk Dairy in Narasapuram village of Korukonda mandal was distributed daily to 106 families in the affected localities. Authorities confirmed that those who consumed the milk fell ill. Four persons have died in the incident, three aged above 70 and one aged 58. Two patients are on ventilator support, while eight others are

undergoing treatment. Milk and blood samples have been sent to laboratories in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam for detailed analysis. The dairy manager, Addala Ganeswara Rao, is being questioned by police, and a case has been registered based on complaints from the victims' families. "If anyone indulges in adulteration out of greed for money, the government will take it very seriously. We will act strictly after completing the investigation. We will not remain indifferent if anyone's actions endanger public health," the Chief Minister warned. After learning about the incident, the Chief Minister conducted a review meeting in the morning with the District Collector, Superin-

tendent of Police, and officials from the medical and health and food safety departments. He inquired about the treatment being provided and directed that the best possible medical care be ensured.

Officials informed him that samples had been collected from 75 affected individuals and that testing of the remaining families was underway. Chandrababu instructed food safety and health department officials to immediately proceed to Rajamahendravaram and personally monitor the situation. He later held another review with ministers and senior officials in his Assembly chamber, reiterating that stringent action would follow once the investigation establishes responsibility.

## 'Heartbroken with status of West Bengal under Mamata rule'

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"While on the one hand the youth are forced to migrate to other states for lack of employment opportunities, on the other, women of West Bengal are fearful and alarmed due to a lack of security," he added.

Naming Bengal's political and cultural icons such as Swami Vivekananda, Rishi Aurobindo, Subhas Chandra Bose, Rabindranath Tagore and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee at multiple points in his letter, Modi regretted the "darkness of chaos that grips West Bengal" in current times. "The West

Bengal visualised by its iconic forefathers, such as Swami Vivekananda and Rishi Aurobindo, is now riddled with vote bank politics, violence and anarchy. The son of the soil of this state, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, whose call for freedom had once stirred the whole country, that holy land is now blemished with infiltration and torture of women. Fake voters currently dominate Rabindranath Tagore's 'Sonar Bangla'. "The whole country is worried about the darkness of chaos that grips West Bengal" in current times," the PM wrote.

**Bank of Baroda**  
K.T ROAD BRANCH, D.NO.18-1-33/A/1  
NEAR ANNARAO CIRCLE, TIRUPATI - 517501

**ABRIDGED VEHICLE E-AUCTION**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), and Guarantor (s) that Bank has repossessed/seized the Hypothecated Motor Vehicle mentioned below in exercise of the powers conferred under Hypothecation/Loan Agreement executed by the parties and Vehicle will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s.

Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s	Mr U Venkatesh and Ms Damaragunta Lakshmma 3-20, Ramulavani Gud Street Subbaiah Colony, Avilala, Tirupati-517507
<b>Total Dues in the vehicle loan Account</b>	<b>Rs.4,93,064.07/-</b> as on 22.02.2026 plus further interest and other charges if any
<b>Vehicle Make Model RTO Regd No. Regd. Date</b>	<b>Renault India Pvt Ltd KWID RXT MT 1L SCE AP 40 FS 7991 30.05.2025</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time of e-Auction</b>	<b>12-03-2026</b>
<b>Last date &amp; Time of submission of BID</b>	<b>Start Time: 14:00 to End Time: 18:00 11-03-2026 17:00</b>
<b>Reserve Price: Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Bid Increase Amount:</b>	<b>Rs.4,00,000/- Rs.40,000/- Rs.10,000/-</b>
<b>EMD deposit Account No. Bank of Baroda Branch</b>	<b>81160015190183 BARBOVJKTRO Bank of Baroda, K T Road Branch</b>
<b>Vehicle/Movable Asset Inspection Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>03-03-2026 From 10.30 A.M. to 4.30 P.M</b>

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.com>. Prospective bidders may contact to Mr. Chakradhar on Mobile No. 9154285335

Date: 23.02.2026, Place: Tirupati Sd/-Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

**EXTRAORDINARY**  
**PART-II - Section 3 - Sub-Section (ii)**  
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
**(South Central Railway)**

**NOTIFICATION**

Secunderabad, the 7th February, 2026

**S.O. 770(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (herein after referred as in the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule annexed hereto, is required for the purpose of execution of the Special Railway Project namely, "Bypass line between Yerpedu-Pudi stations (25.36 Km.)", in Tirupati district in the state of Andhra Pradesh, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land:

Any person interested in the said land may, within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette, raise objections to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 20D of the said act:

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely Revenue Divisional Officer (land acquisition), Srikalahasti, Tirupati district in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority namely Revenue Divisional Officer (land acquisition), Srikalahasti, Tirupati district shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by legal practitioner and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (1) of section 20(D) of the said act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

**SCHEDULE**

Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without structure for the Special Railway Project, Bypass line between Yerpedu-Pudi stations (25.36 Km.) in Tirupati district in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Village : Ammavari Patteda		Mandal : Renigunta				District : Tirupati					
S. No.	Survey No.	Total Extent Acs.	Extent under Acquisition Acs.	Name & address of the person interested/ Details of Govt. Land	Boundaries				Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any	Remarks (Govt./ Patta/ DKT)	
					N	S	E	W			
1	194/7B	0.69	0.170	C.Subramanyam S/o Chanti Mandadi (Enjoyer)	194/6	194/12	194/8	195/3		Patta	
2	194/9B	0.77	0.210	V.Muni Purushotham S/o Jeevarathnam (Enjoyer)	194/5	194/19	Athuru village	194/8		Patta	
3	194/10B	0.29	0.240	M.Muni Ramaiah S/o M.Rangaiah (Enjoyer)	194/9	194/20	Athuru village	194/9		Patta	
4	194/11	0.05	0.050	M.Chiranjeevi So M.Vasu (Enjoyer)	194/7	194/12	194/12	195/6		Patta	
5	194/12A	0.33	0.220	M.Kalappa W/o Chinnabba (Enjoyer)	194/7	194/16	194/13	195/6		Patta	
6	194/13	0.28	0.280	M.Venkataadri S/o M.Venkatasubbaiah (Enjoyer)	194/7	194/17	194/14	194/12		Patta	
7	194/14B	0.40	0.270	A.Munaswamy S/o Srinivasulu (Enjoyer)	194/8	194/18	194/15	194/13		Patta	
8	194/15	0.20	0.200	E.Srinivasulu S/o Narasaiah (Enjoyer)	194/14	194/18	194/9	194/14		Patta	
9	194/17A	0.23	0.075	A.Munaswamy S/o Srinivasulu (Enjoyer)	194/13	198	194/18	194/16		Patta	
10	194/18A	0.29	0.130	A.Muneswaraiah S/o Raghavaiah (Enjoyer)	194/14	198	194/19	194/17		Patta	
11	194/19A	0.34	0.200	E.Srinivasulu S/o Narasaiah (Enjoyer)	194/9	198	194/20	194/18		Patta	
12	194/20A	0.09	0.065	M.Chengalarayulu S/o Subbaiah (Enjoyer)	194/10	198	Athuru village	194/19		Patta	
13	195/1B	1.20	0.500	K.Bhaskar S/o K.Venkatesh (Enjoyer)	193/13	195/4	195/2	196/5		Patta	
14	195/2B	0.32	0.110	K.Bhaskar S/o K.Venkatesh (Enjoyer)	193/15	195/3	194/7	195/1		Patta	
15	195/3	0.14	0.140	V.Purushotham S/o Jeevarathnam (Enjoyer)	195/2	195/6	194/7	195/4		Patta	
16	195/4	0.25	0.250	V.Purushotham S/o Jeevarathnam (Enjoyer)	195/1	195/6	195/3	195/5		Patta	
17	195/5A	0.59	0.410	M.Venkata Ramana S/o Appaswamy (Enjoyer)	195/1	195/10	195/6	196/6		Patta	
18	195/6	0.32	0.320	M.Chiranjeevi S/o M.Vasu (Enjoyer)	195/4	195/8	194/7	195/5		Patta	
19	195/7A	0.14	0.080	V.Venkata Ramaiah S/o Panchakshari (Enjoyer)	195/6	195/16	194/7	195/8		Patta	
20	195/8A	0.13	0.050	N.Subramanyam S/o Appaswamy (Enjoyer)	195/6	195/12	195/7	195/9		Patta	
21	195/9A	0.14	0.035	N.Sankaraiyah S/o Appaswamy (Enjoyer)	195/5	195/12	195/8	195/5		Patta	
22	196/3B	1.28	0.420	Sadasiva Mandadi (Enjoyer)	196/2	196/8	196/4	196/1		Patta	
23	196/5B	0.44	0.270	Y.Sai Kumar S/o Y.Giri (Enjoyer)	196/4	196/6	195/1	196/3		Patta	
24	196/6	0.39	0.390	S.Venkataadri S/o Chanti Mandadi (Enjoyer)	196/5	196/12	195/5	196/8		Patta	
25	196/7	0.02	0.020	S.Subramanyam S/o Chanti Mandadi S.Jayachandra S/o Chanti Mandadi & S.Venkataadri S/o Chanti Mandadi (Enjoyers)	196/6	196/6	196/6	196/8	TEAK TREES - 2, NEEEM TREE - 1 & WELL - 1	Patta	
26	196/8	0.59	0.590	P.Eswaramma W/o P.Mohan (Enjoyer)	196/3	196/9	196/6	196/1		Patta	
27	196/9A	0.52	0.170	S.Subramanyam S/o Chanti Mandadi (Enjoyer)	196/8	196/11	196/10	196/1		Patta	
28	196/10A	0.22	0.080	S.Venkataadri S/o Chanti Mandadi (Enjoyer)	196/8	196/11	196/12	196/1		Patta	
29	196/13	0.42	0.110	Road	188/3	197/1	196/8	Athuru village		Govt.	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>6.055</b>						

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