

out that the accused had also filed a complaint against them. Shamala pointed out that police could have arrested Shamsudeen on Tuesday night itself, but they didn't.

"Police asked me whether I was interested in pursuing the case citing that Shamsudeen had availed medical treatment at Mayyanadu hospital. How could he avail medical help if our car hit his goat. There was no such incident," Shamala said.

"They wanted to play down the case and now they claim that they had arrested the accused adventurously," she said. **IN**

partment and motor vehicle department.

The vehicle was carrying workers to the plantation at Seventh Mile near Kumily. After media reports that child labour was widely used in cardamom plantations where hundreds of workers arrive daily from Tamil Nadu, an inspection was conducted at Kumily and Cumbum Mottu checkpoints on Wednesday. The motor vehicle department also registered cases against 52 vehicles carrying workers from across the border without proper documents, said officials.

District child protection

No case was registered in the incident. Presently, the girls have been shifted to the child care centre at Kumily," she said.

Meanwhile, Nedumkandam police on Tuesday registered cases against two persons for engaging child labour in hazardous works. The cases were registered against Anakallu resident Shaju and Pachakanam estate manager Kochumon. Police said that children aged 16 years, residents of Jharkhand, were found engaged in hazardous works like spraying chemical pesticides in cardamom plantations.

enable students to stay up-to-date with the rapidly evolving industry requirements. ASAP always focused on providing skill programmes required by the industry to the youth of Kerala, to enhance their employability. The hands-on experience will help students understand the technology's theoretical and practical applications," Titus said.

Speaking on the occasion, Khoobchandani said that 'in a post-pandemic world, new connections are fuelling innovation across technology, processes, supply chains, and industries. **IN**

## CESL launches scheme for govt employees to buy EV two-wheelers

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Kochi: State-owned Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (an entity under the Ministry of Power, GoI), has launched an electric two-wheeler programme in Kerala. The programme is custom-designed for government employees and vehicles are made available by CESL through its relationship with vehicle manufacturers.

All vehicles will benefit from Centre's subsidy programme FAME II, which allows customers to access a significant subsidy that brings electric vehicles closer to the cost of their fossil fuel equivalents.

This programme is carried out in collaboration with Energy Management Centre

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(EMC), Government of Kerala.

The scheme was inaugurated by power minister K Krishnankutty in the presence of MLA VK Prasanth and mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Arya Rajendran amongst other dignitaries.

Kerala is the first state in CESL portfolio to move ahead and order two-wheelers. The launch of this scheme, therefo-

re, makes Kerala the first user of the digital marketplace - MyEV which will enable easy access to consumers for booking and buying electric two-wheelers.

Special design features have enabled a virtual experience to come as close to being at a showroom - designed to reduce physical visits to retail outlets with the pandemic still looming in India. Interested consumers can visit [www.MyEV.org.in](http://www.MyEV.org.in) or download mobile app: MyEV from Google Play Store.

The government too has undertaken several initiatives to increase electric mobility penetration. To reduce vehicular pollution, state government had brought out an electric vehicle policy directing all departments to switch to electric vehicles instead of purchasing new fuel-based ones.

Speaking about this association, Mahua Acharya, MD and CEO, CESL said, "I am glad that Kerala government is taking this initiative with CESL to increase EV penetration in state. EMC has shown great leadership in developing and implementing this programme and such programmes could become trendsetters for the adoption of green mobility across the country."

A four-day exhibition of electric two-wheelers will be organised by EMC & CESL at Institution of Engineers in the capital where the vehicles can be test-driven.

Speaking at the inauguration, Krishnankutty said, "The agreement with CESL is a big step towards ushering in a new era of e-mobility in state. Kerala has always been at the forefront of innovation and adapting new technologies."