

3 projects worth Rs 18,600 crore: L&T signs agreement in presence of Chief Minister Vijay

Employment for 8,200 people

Chennai

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay for L&T (Larsen & Toubro) to undertake three projects in Tamil Nadu, providing guaranteed employment to 8,200 people with an investment of Rs. 18,600 crore. It is noteworthy that this is the first MoU to be signed in the industrial sector after the government led by Chief Minister Vijay took office. In a government press release in this regard, Chief Minister S. Joseph Vijay met and discussed with S. N. Subramanian, Chairman and Managing

Director of Larsen & Toubro Limited, one of India's largest engineering, construction, manufacturing and technology groups, at the Secretariat today (4.6.2026). The Chief Minister praised the company for its continued investments in Tamil Nadu and its strong footprint in the industrial sector, and for its initiative to set up three projects in Tamil Nadu, with an investment of another Rs. 18,600 crore, in different sectors, providing employment to 8,200 people. He also assured the state government of continued full cooperation and support for the company's



future growth and expansion plans in Tamil Nadu. During this meeting, Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu in the presence

of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister S. Joseph Vijay to undertake the following three projects in Tamil Nadu: 1. Information Data Center Expansion Project in Kanchipuram district, providing employ-

ment to 500 people with an investment of Rs. 15,000 crore. 2. Electronic products and electronic systems manufacturing project in Coimbatore, with an investment of Rs. 2,500 crore, provid-

ing employment to 2,000 people. 3. Kattupalli L&T Shipyard Expansion Project in Tiruvallur district, providing employment to 5,700 people with an investment of Rs. 1,100 crore. These multi-sectoral

investments, which are a milestone in the Chief Minister's efforts to achieve the ambitious goal of making Tamil Nadu a \$1.5 trillion economy by 2036, will boost digital infrastructure and artificial intelligence activities in the state, and enhance the electronics manufacturing ecosystem. The Kattupalli project will also bring world-class infrastructure to the off-shore wind industry. The implementation of these projects will create a large number of direct and indirect jobs for the youth of Tamil Nadu and will also improve the economy of the state. It is noteworthy that this is the first MoU

to be signed in the industrial sector after the government led by Chief Minister Vijay took office. The event was attended by Industries Minister S. Keerthana, Chief Secretary M. Saikumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department S. Vijayakumar, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Industry Guidance Institute P. Alarmelmangai, Chairman and Managing Director, L&T Company S.N. Subramanian, Head, Initiatives Development Division K.G. Sathanarayana and senior government officials. This was stated in the press release.

Annamalai's new party awaits registration! BJP national leaders' reconciliation efforts fail?

While there is a lot of buzz about his announcement of a separate party in Annamalai on his birthday today (June 4), those close to him are saying, "He is in the process of deciding to form a separate party. But he is not going to announce it now. He has not booked a return ticket from Delhi to Chennai till 7 pm on Wednesday. Therefore, it is doubtful that he will come to Chennai today." Sharing some more details with us, he said, "Look at the post made by Congress MP Karthi Chidambaram two days ago that a new party is coming to Tamil Nadu. That was a post that was centered around Annamalai. A person from Karur has submitted a new party for registration with the Election Commission. They say that the party will be registered under the name 'Tamilnadu People's Party' or 'Tamilnadu People's Party'. There is talk that Annamalai will take over the party. However, Annamalai has not yet spoken to anyone, even those close to him, about this. Meanwhile, Annamalai has met Rajinikanth privately three times and spoken to him. This information has leaked out, and reports are emerging that Ra-



jinikanth is also joining hands with Annamalai. We have learnt that a 'star' actor has requested some Tamil Nadu political leaders, 'You should travel with Annamalai for me.' The 'star' thinks that Vijay's arrival can be balanced through Annamalai. It seems that Annamalai has entered the fray expecting some concessions from him. Actually, Annamalai did not go to Delhi to leave the BJP. Because, no one can expel anyone from the BJP. Members have to be renewed once in three years. If they do not renew, they cannot continue as BJP members. Annamalai

has gone to Delhi to meet Nitin Naveen and Amit Shah to submit a letter to the Union Home Ministry requesting that the Z category security provided to him be revoked and to resign from the post of National General Committee member provided to him in return. At that time, he explained to both of them the difficulties he faced in the BJP. Both of them tried to pacify Annamalai. But, this attempt seems to have failed. Meanwhile, Delhi media outlets circulated a report claiming that Annamalai had left the BJP. As soon as these reports were released, some

of the pro-Annamalai district office bearers in Tamil Nadu also posted on social media that they were resigning from their posts. Amit Shah has called on Annamalai, who is recovering from the danger, to return. At that time, it seems that Amit Shah has told the party, "Since you are going to start an independent movement, you should not take the BJP officials' side for any reason." "Annamalai is going to stay away from politics for another six months. During that time, he is planning to expand the activities of the 'We Leaders' charity he is already running and turn it into a political movement," says another source. "Those who speak for Annamalai on social media are posting four or five symbols - auto, bus, cricket pitch, van - and are looking into it, asking, 'What do you think should be the symbol of the leader's new party?'"

Rama Srinivasan the new leader?

Meanwhile, reports are circulating that senior party leader Rama Srinivasan will be appointed as the BJP state president. With the dates for Rajya Sabha elections being announced in several states, a BJP source is also speculating that Nainar Nagendran may be appointed as the central minister if this is approved, and that K.T. Raghavan may be appointed as the party's organising secretary.



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The Honorable Minister for School Education, Tamil Development, Information, and Publicity, Mr. Rajmohan, today (04.06.2026) distributed educational kits to students to mark the commencement of the 2026-2027 academic year, and inaugurated 21 digital smartboards for student use, at an event organized by the Department of School Education at the Government Model Higher Secondary School, CMDA Residential Complex, Arumbakkam, Chennai.



The Honorable Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources, Mr. N. Anand, inspected various ongoing project works under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj within the areas falling under the Thiruporur Panchayat Union in Chengalpattu District.

Man Wanted for Jewelry Theft Arrested

Anaikattu
Police have arrested a man near Anaikattu who was wanted in connection with the theft of jewelry from the home of a retired army soldier. Furthermore, they are currently searching for the prime accused in the case. Kumar, a retired army soldier, hails from Gauthamapuram, a village adjacent to Anaikattu. On the 29th of last month, he and his family locked their house and traveled to a relative's home in Ambur to attend a temple festival. Upon returning home on the 30th, they discovered that the exterior iron gate and the main door lock had been broken; the bureau inside had been forced open, and 13 sovereigns of jewelry kept within were missing. Following this incident, the Anaikattu police registered a case and formed two special

squads to conduct an intensive search for the individuals involved in the theft. Acting on intelligence that one of the individuals involved in the theft was hiding in the Ranipet area, a police team led by Inspector Sivakumar proceeded to the location yesterday. They apprehended the suspect, brought him to the police station, and subjected him to interrogation. The investigation revealed that the suspect was Udayakumar (26), a resident of Vanapadi village in the Walajah Taluk of Ranipet district, and confirmed his involvement in the theft. Consequently, the police arrested Udayakumar and are currently conducting further inquiries to locate the prime accused. Commenting on the case, the police stated: "Udayakumar and his friend conspired

to carry out this theft. Both individuals have multiple prior theft cases registered against them. They operate by systematically identifying locked houses and targeting them for jewelry thefts of this nature. On the day of the incident, having ascertained that no one was present at Kumar's residence, the duo broke in and stole the jewelry." "In this case, the prime accused designated as Alis Udayakumar's friend. He took possession of the entire stolen jewelry, promising Udayakumar that he would sell it within three days and hand over his share of the proceeds, before subsequently going into hiding. We are currently conducting an intensive search for this friend. Accused A1 who is in possession of the stolen jewelry," they added.

Goats Electrocuted: Villagers Allege Negligence by Electricity Board Employees

Kariyapatti
Goats met a tragic end after being electrocuted near Kariyapatti. Villagers have alleged that this accident occurred solely due to the negligence of Electricity Board employees. A few days ago, a power line snapped and lay severed in a wooded area within Vetrillaimuruganpatti

village, near Kariyapatti. The villagers had immediately reported this issue to the concerned electricity officials. However, the severed power line remained unremoved. Consequently, yesterday evening, while goats belonging to a local resident named Sekar were grazing in the wooded area,

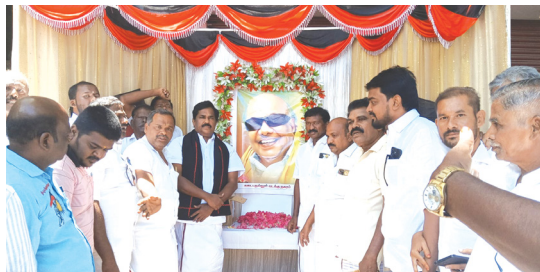
two of the animals became entangled in the fallen wire, suffered electric shocks, and died tragically. The villagers reiterated their complaint that the accident was a direct result of the Electricity Board's negligence in failing to address the severed power line despite prior notification.



On behalf of the Youth Wing of Kadayannallur Town in Tenkasi District, a celebration marking the 103rd birth anniversary of the Leader of the Tamil Race, Dr. Kalaingar, was held. Town Council Chairman Dr. Moopan Habib-ur-Rahman, Town Party Secretary Abbas, Youth Wing organizers, and party functionaries participated in the event, paying floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Kalaingar. The birthday celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets to the general public.

The 103rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. Kalaingar was celebrated in Kadayannallur,

Tenkasi
On behalf of the Kadayannallur Town DMK unit (Tenkasi South District), the 103rd birth anniversary of former Chief Minister and "Muthamizh Arignar" (Scholar of Three Forms of Tamil) Dr. Kalaingar was celebrated with great grandeur under the leadership of Dr. Chellathurai—a former North District Party Secretary and current member of the Party's General Council. Representing the Kadayannallur South Town Party unit (Tenkasi South District), floral tributes were paid to a beautifully decorated portrait of Dr. Kalaingar located near the Krishnapuram bus stand on the Tenkasi-Kollam-Madurai National Highway. Presiding over the



event, Dr. Chellathurai welcomed the special guest, Kadayannallur MLA T.M. Rajendran, who paid floral tributes to Dr. Kalaingar's portrait and distributed sweets to the attendees. The MLA personally fed sweets to General Council member Dr. Chellathurai and Town Party Secretary Abbas, conveying his birthday wishes on the occasion of Dr. Kalaingar's anniversary. The event was attended by numerous party functionaries and cadres, including Deputy Secretary Kasi, former Town Council member Abdul Wa-

hab, District Planning Committee member Murugan, Kadayannallur Town Council member "City" Diwan Mydeen, and MDMK Town Secretary Murugan. Subsequently, near the town's Clock Tower, a separate sweet distribution ceremony was organized by DMK South Town In-charge Italian Peerappa, Youth Wing Organizer Yasin, and Town Council Chairperson "Petti" Murugaiya; special guests, including Dr. Chellathurai, participated in this event and distributed sweets to the public.

Inbadurai's victory as AIADMK MLA invalid High Court rules that Appavu won in 2016 elections

Chennai

The Madras High Court, which had ruled that I.S. Inbadurai's victory as AIADMK MLA from Radhapuram constituency in Nellore district in the 2016 Legislative Assembly elections was invalid, has ruled that DMK candidate M. Appavu will win. In the 2016 Legislative Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, lawyer I.S. Inpathurai contested on behalf of the AIADMK in the Radhapuram constituency of Nellore district, and former Legislative Assembly Speaker M. Appavu contested on behalf of the DMK. In this election, Inbadurai was declared the winner by a margin of 49 votes. In 2016, Appavu filed an election case in the Madras High Court, seeking a declaration that Inbadurai's victory was invalid. In that, I contested on behalf of the DMK in the Radhapuram constituency and won 3 times. In this election, a total of 15 people, including Inbadurai, contested against me on behalf



of the AIADMK. During the counting of votes, the officials stopped the counting of postal votes halfway. After that, the officials along with the AIADMK members also got involved in the corruption. Suddenly, they forcibly removed me and the DMK agents from the center, saying that they were going to vote. The 203 postal votes I received were rejected by the headmasters, stating that they were not valid and that they could not be verified. I won this election by 599 votes over AIADMK candidate Inbadurai. But the returning officer announced that AIADMK candidate I.S. Inbadurai won by a margin of 49 votes. This is il-

legal and Inbadurai should be declared invalid. "I should be declared the winner," he demanded. The Madras High Court, which heard the case, ordered a recount on October 1, 2019. Accordingly, on October 4, 2019, the Supreme Court banned the announcement of the results after the recount began in the High Court. In this situation, the Supreme Court, which heard the case last month, concluded that it was unnecessary to keep the election case pending in 2016, as the 2021 and 2026 legislative assembly elections had already been concluded. In this situation, Madras High Court Judge G. Jayachandran, who heard the case, said

in the judgment issued yesterday: Since school principals can certify postal votes, Appavu received 153 votes in the postal votes based on the recount. Thus, Appavu won by a margin of 104 votes. Therefore, it is not possible for AIADMK candidate Inbadurai to win. Although Inbadurai cannot be disqualified in the current situation, the Legislative Assembly Secretary should take steps to remove Inbadurai's name from the Radhapuram constituency MLA list in the government documents including the Legislative Assembly records for the period 2016-2021 and replace it with his name. Similarly, Inbadurai, who was declared to have

won through a fraudulent method, cannot claim benefits including pension as an MLA for this period. It has been 10 years since the Supreme Court intervened in this election case. The judges should remember that such unnecessary delays can uproot the spirit of democracy. Similarly, if the Indian judiciary's next journey is set, the situation prevailing in other neighboring countries that have gained independence with us will also escalate in India. This was stated by Justice G. Jayachandran. Commenting on the verdict, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly M. Appavu said, "Even though this verdict was delivered 10 years late, I am happy that justice has been delivered as a relief from my 10 years of mental anguish." In this situation, I.S. Inbadurai, who is currently serving as an AIADMK MP, said, "I will appeal to the Supreme Court against this decision of the Chennai High Court."

New District Collector of Tenkasi Assumes Office



Tenkasi

Ranjit Singh has assumed office as the 7th District Collector of Tenkasi. Following the formal handover of responsibilities by his predecessor, Kamal Kishore—an occasion marked by both

officials exchanging bouquets and extending mutual congratulations—it is noteworthy that numerous departmental officials, including Tenkasi District Revenue Officer Jayachandran, were present at the event.



The Honorable Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Mr. Rajiv, inspected the wastewater treatment facility at a private textile processing unit operating in Vairapalayam, Erode. He was accompanied by several others, including Mr. K.K. Anand Mohan, MLA for Erode West, and Mr. T. Shanmugan, MLA for Modakurichi.

Badminton Tournament Held in Vaniyambadi by the DMK District Students' Wing

Vaniyambadi

In Vaniyambadi, Tirupattur district, a badminton tournament for youth was organized by the DMK District Students' Wing to commemorate the 103rd birth anniversary of former Chief Minister and "Muthamizh Arignar" (Scholar of the Three Forms of Tamil), Karunanidhi. The event took place at the Sri Dronas Indoor Badminton Stadium, located on the Newtown Bypass Road. The tour-



namment was inaugurated by Thiru T. Prabhakaran, the Organizer of the DMK District Students' Wing. More than 20 teams participated in the competition. A large number of young people gathered to watch the matches, cheering

enthusiastically as they enjoyed the games. At the conclusion of the event, Thiru T. Prabhakaran, the DMK District Students' Wing Organizer, presented trophies to the top three winning teams and offered them his congratulations.

Man Arrested for Selling Tobacco Products

Devadhanapatti

J a y a m a n - galam SSI Gopiraja and other police personnel were conducting a patrol in the Kullapuram area near Devadhanapatti. During their patrol, they inspected a shop in the locality and

discovered that government-banned tobacco products were being sold there. Consequently, the police seized the tobacco products and arrested the individual who was selling them, identified as Nagu (67).

Woman Killed After Being Struck by Government Bus

Dindigul

A woman walking along the road near Dindigul was killed after being struck by a government bus. The deceased, identified as Saroja (45) wife of Dhanaraj hailed from Anna Nagar in Sirumalai, near Dindigul. The day before yesterday evening, she was walking near the Palayur bus stop. Unexpectedly, Saroja's saree became entangled in the damaged front bumper of the bus as she walked past it. Losing her balance,

she fell to the ground and was dragged along the road by the bus for a short distance. Saroja was subsequently rescued and rushed to the Dindigul Government Hospital for treatment. Upon examination, doctors at the hospital declared that she had already passed away. Dindigul Taluk Inspector Ulaganathan and Sub-Inspector Krishnakumar have registered a case regarding this incident and are currently conducting an investigation.



An international conference on Clean Energy and Healthcare Technology was inaugurated at CIT College, located on Avinashi Road in Coimbatore. This event marked the 4th International Conference on Advanced Materials for Clean Energy and Healthcare Applications, jointly organized by the Coimbatore Institute of Technology and the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway.

Work on the Rs 342.60 Crore Mamallan Reservoir Project Intensifies

Minister Anand Conducts Inspection

Mamallapuram

In the Chengalpattu district specifically within the Thiruporur and Thirukalukundram taluks—more than 70 lakes frequently fill to capacity; their surplus water flows out through vacant government-owned lands before being discharged into the Buckingham Canal. Similarly, rainwater draining from the suburban areas of Chennai also flows into and merges with the Buckingham Canal. Subsequently, this water flows into the sea through the estuaries at Muttukadu and Kalpakkam, effectively going to waste. Against this backdrop and with the aim of ensuring an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to residents of Chennai and its suburbs, as well as to the developed areas along the East Coast Road within the Thiruporur and Thirukalukundram taluks—an announcement was made during the 2025–2026 fiscal budget presentation. The



announcement detailed the construction of the “Mamallan Reservoir”—the district’s sixth new reservoir—which would integrate the Thiruporur and Thirukalukundram taluks to create a storage facility capable of holding 1.665 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) of floodwater at a depth of 3 meters. To facilitate these works, approximately 5,161 acres of land comprising both the Kovalam sub-basin area and other government lands were officially handed over to the Water Resources Department. Following this, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) estimated at a cost of Rs 342.60 crore was prepared and submitted to the government for administrative approval. Subsequently, in November of last year, the project re-

ceived the necessary clearance from the Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority. In a significant milestone, former Chief Minister M.K. Stalin laid the foundation stone for the new Mamallan Reservoir project this past January, officially inaugurating the construction work at the site located along the Buckingham Canal (within the sub-basin area) near Nemmeli, Mamallapuram. In the wake of these developments—and amidst intense speculation among fishermen that the new government led by Chief Minister Vijay might cancel the Mamallan Reservoir Project—Anand, the Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources, conducted a surprise field inspection of the reservoir project site in Nem-

meli yesterday. During the visit, officials presented a model blueprint of the Mamallan Reservoir Project and provided a detailed explanation regarding the specific locations where various construction activities would be undertaken, the volume of rainwater to be harvested, and how this water would be treated and supplied to the public as drinking water. Accompanying the Minister during the inspection were several officials and public representatives, including MLAs Vijayaraj and Thyagarajan; Chengalpattu District Collector Veerappan; DRO Ganesh Kumar; Water Resources Department Principal Chief Engineer Gopalakrishnan; PWD Chief Engineer Thilagam; Superintending Engineer Selvakumar; Executive Engineer Karthikeyan; Rural Development Agency Project Director Sridevi; RDO Balaji; Rural Development Executive Engineer Shanthi; and Nemmeli Panchayat President Ramaniseeman.



A review meeting regarding the activities of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj was held at the conference hall of the District Collector’s Office, presided over by the District Collector of Ranipet, Ms. N. Priya, I.A.S. She was accompanied by the Project Director of the Rural Development Agency, Mr. K. Selvarasu, and other departmental officials



A review meeting was held at the conference hall of the District Collector’s Office, presided over by the District Collector of Tiruvannamalai, Mrs. Vandana Garg, I.A.S., to assess the schemes implemented and the activities undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, as well as the operations of the District Cooperative Milk Producers’ Union.

I Will Focus on Swiftly Resolving Public Grievances

Coimbatore

The newly appointed Corporation Commissioner stated in an interview that he would focus on swiftly resolving the grievances of the general public. Mr. Katta Ravi Teja assumed office as the Commissioner yesterday by signing official files in the Commissioner’s chamber located within the Coimbatore Corporation office. Subsequently, he addressed reporters. Speaking on the occasion, he said: “I am delighted to have assumed charge as

the Commissioner of the Coimbatore Corporation. My prior experience working in Chennai will prove beneficial. With regard to the Coimbatore Corporation, I will prioritize water supply, solid waste management, monsoon preparedness measures, and, in particular, the swift resolution of public grievances. I consider it a matter of pride to serve in the Coimbatore Corporation. It is only by conducting inspections in various parts of Coimbatore and interacting with the

people that various issues come to light. I will undertake field inspections to identify comprehensive solutions to these problems. Thus he stated. When asked whether he anticipated any challenges—given that 97 of the councilors in the Coimbatore Corporation belong to the DMK, while the ruling party at the state level is the Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam—the Commissioner replied that they would proceed strictly in accordance with the established rules and regulations.

Electricity Grievance Redressal Meeting

Sivaganga,

A grievance redressal meeting for electricity consumers is scheduled to take place in Sivaganga today. The meeting will be held at the office of the Executive Engineer (Electricity Distribution), Sivaganga, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Members of the public are invited to attend, voice their grievances regarding the Electricity Board, and seek their resolution.

No Ward Coordinators Appointed

Tiruppur

In a press release issued by Tiruppur Corporation Commissioner Amit, the following details were provided: Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Technical Assistants, and Sanitary Inspectors currently employed by the Tiruppur Corporation are continuing to discharge their regular duties. In addition to these responsibilities, they are required to conduct direct field inspections—in co-

ordination with the respective Ward Councilors—with-in their assigned wards between 6:30 AM and 10:00 AM. During these inspections, plans have been formulated to identify deficiencies related to sanitation activities and street lighting facilities, and to ensure their immediate resolution through the concerned departments. A special arrangement involving “Ward Supervisors” has been institut-

ed specifically to monitor and ensure the proper delivery of services to the general public. It is clarified that no new posts designated as “Ward Coordinators” have been created within the Corporation. Instead, a temporary special arrangement has been implemented utilizing existing staff members to facilitate swift action in collaboration with the Ward Councilors. Thus stated the press release.

Modi becomes India’s longest-serving Prime Minister

Breaking Jawaharlal Nehru’s record

New Delhi

Narendra Modi took office as the Prime Minister of the country for the first time on May 26, 2014. He will complete 4,399 consecutive days in office on June 10. With this, Modi will surpass the record of Jawaharlal Nehru, who served as Prime Minister for 4,398 days, from May 13, 1952, after India’s first general election, until his death (May 27, 1964). This milestone is another historic achievement in Modi’s political career. He had already broken the record of the longest, consecutive term of office held by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on July 25, 2025. Indira Gandhi served as Prime Minister for 4,077 consecutive days from January 24, 1966 to March 24, 1977. When Nehru led the country in the early years after independence, India’s population was around 340 million. When Modi took office in 2014, the population



had crossed 1.31 billion. It has now risen to over 1.46 billion. While 53 political parties contested the country’s first general election in 1951-52, this number increased to 464 in 2014 and 744 in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. While the number of voters was around 17 crore in the first general election, it had grown to more than 83 crore by 2014. The political contexts of the two eras were also quite different. In the 1952 elections, the Congress won only 364 seats out of a total of 489 Lok Sabha seats. In contrast, Modi ruled in a fiercely competitive political environment with strong state parties and

coalitions. He also holds the distinction of being the first non-Congress Prime Minister to complete two consecutive terms with an absolute majority. He is also the first Prime Minister since Nehru to win three consecutive Lok Sabha elections while in office. During Modi’s tenure, higher education and medical education institutions in India expanded significantly. Between 2014 and 2026, the number of IITs increased from 16 to 23, the number of IIMs from 13 to 21, and the number of AIIMS from 7 to 23. The environment in which governance is conducted has undergone a profound change. Nehru ruled

in a time when there were no private television channels, social media or instant digital communication. But Modi’s tenure is moving under the watchful eye of 24-hour television, digital platforms and social media users. Earlier this year, when Modi’s total tenure as Gujarat Chief Minister and Prime Minister crossed 8,930 days, he became India’s longest-serving elected head of state. When he completes 4,399 days in office on June 10, Modi will officially become the longest-serving democratically elected Prime Minister in India’s history, breaking a record that had not been broken for more than 60 years.

TODAY RASI PALAN

04.06.2026 – THURSDAY

	ARIES	You will complete your pending works successfully. You may receive financial gains. Health will be good.
	TAURUS	You will feel mentally relaxed. There will be progress in your work. Income will increase.
	GEMINI	You will get support from siblings. Your efforts will bring success. Avoid unnecessary arguments.
	CANCER	You will achieve success in difficult tasks. There will be chances for financial improvement. Be careful in speech.
	LEO	Respect will increase. You will get the support of seniors. There will be happiness in the family.
	VIRGO	You will be active in new works. You may travel for work. Financial condition will be stable.
	LIBRA	Business will improve. Your income will increase. You will spend time with family happily.
	SCORPIO	You may face minor obstacles. Stay calm and act wisely. Avoid unnecessary expenses.
	SAGITTARIUS	You will get good news. Pending works will be completed. Health will be good.
	CAPRICORN	Your efforts will bring good results. You may get a chance to improve your financial situation.
	AQUARIUS	Mental stress will reduce. You may get sudden gains. Respect will increase.
	PISCES	You will feel happy. You will get support from family members. Health will be good.

Lieutenant Governor Approves Monthly Assistance of ₹2,500 for Women in Puducherry

Puducherry

The Lieutenant Governor has granted approval to provide a monthly assistance of ₹2,500 to women in Puducherry. Through this monthly stipend, 64,450 women in Puducherry are set to benefit. A sum of ₹16.11 crore has been allocated for this women’s assistance scheme.

TVK Functionary Arrested for Illegally Selling Liquor

Padalur

Acting on a confidential tip-off received by SP Lalith Kumar regarding the illegal sale of liquor on the road leading to Therani in Padalur village (Alathur Taluk, Perambalur District), orders were issued to a special police squad. Accordingly, the special squad conducted an intensive search; upon discovering that liquor was indeed being sold illegally near the Padalur TASMAL outlet, the police cordoned off the area. They sub-



sequently arrested Umesh (36)—son of Palaniappan and a resident of Padalur village—who was found selling the liquor illegally at the location. The police are also conducting an intensive search for his accomplice, who managed to flee the scene.

EL NIÑO PROBLEM

A Global Climate Challenge with Far-Reaching Impacts

El Niño is more than just a weather event. It is a complex climate phenomenon that disrupts ecosystems, economies and communities across the world.

El Niño, a naturally occurring climate phenomenon, has profound effects on weather patterns across the globe. Characterized by the unusual warming of sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean, it alters atmospheric circulation and disrupts the delicate balance of our climate system. While El Niño is a natural part of Earth's climate cycle, its increasing frequency and intensity in recent decades have raised serious concerns among scientists, policymakers and communities.

What is El Niño?

El Niño is part of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle, which includes three phases: El Niño, La Niña and neutral conditions. During El Niño, trade winds that normally blow warm water toward Asia weaken or reverse, allowing warm water to spread eastward toward the coasts of South America. This shift in ocean temperatures affects weather patterns worldwide.

Causes and Mechanism

The exact causes of El Niño are complex and involve interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere. Changes in wind patterns, ocean currents and pressure systems trigger a chain reaction that leads to the warming of Pacific waters. While El Niño is natural, climate change is believed to amplify its effects, making extreme events more frequent and severe.

Global Impacts

El Niño affects many parts of the world in different ways. Some regions experience heavy rainfall and flooding, while others face drought and heatwaves. These impacts extend to agriculture, water resources, health and economies.



Asia and Australia

Countries like India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia often experience below-average rainfall during El Niño. This leads to droughts, water shortages, forest fires and reduced agricultural productivity. In Australia, El Niño is associated with higher temperatures and dry conditions, which can severely impact the farming sector and water supplies.

Africa

El Niño can bring excessive rains to some parts of East and Southern Africa, causing floods, landslides and damage to infrastructure. At the same time, other regions may face drought, threatening food security and livelihoods.

The Americas

On the west coast of South America, especially Peru and Ecuador, El Niño brings heavy rains and flooding, disrupting daily life and damaging crops and fisheries. Conversely, in parts of North America, it can cause warmer and drier conditions, increasing the risk of wildfires.

Economic Consequences

El Niño can have significant economic impacts. Agriculture, fisheries, tourism and energy sectors are often affected. Crop failures and reduced fish catches lead to higher food prices and economic losses.

Infrastructure damage from floods and storms also results in costly repairs and displacement of communities.

Impact on Agriculture and Food Security

Agriculture is highly vulnerable to El Niño. Droughts reduce soil moisture, affecting crop growth and yields. In contrast, excessive rainfall can destroy crops and cause soil erosion. These challenges threaten food security, especially in developing countries where farmers depend on predictable rainfall.

Health Impacts

El Niño influences the spread of diseases. Floods can contaminate water supplies and increase the risk of waterborne diseases such as cholera and typhoid. Changes in temperature and rainfall patterns can also expand the habitats of disease-carrying insects like mosquitoes, leading to outbreaks of dengue, malaria and chikungunya.

El Niño and Climate Change

While El Niño is a natural phenomenon, climate change is likely intensifying its impacts. Warmer global temperatures can strengthen the warming of Pacific waters, leading to more extreme weather events. Scientists emphasize the need to address climate change to reduce the long-term risks associated with El Niño.

Monitoring and Prediction

Advances in science and technology have improved our ability to monitor and predict El Niño events. Climate models, satellite data and ocean buoys help meteorologists forecast El Niño months in advance. Early warnings allow governments and communities to prepare and minimize damage.

Preparedness and Mitigation

Preparedness is key to reducing the impacts of El Niño. Governments can improve infrastructure, strengthen disaster management systems and support vulnerable communities. Farmers can adopt climate-resilient practices, such as using drought-resistant crops and efficient water management.

Community and Individual Actions

Communities and individuals also play a vital role. Raising awareness, conserving water, planting trees and supporting sustainable practices can help reduce vulnerability. Cooperation and solidarity are essential to face the challenges posed by El Niño.

Conclusion

El Niño is a powerful reminder of the interconnectedness of our planet. Its impacts go beyond weather, affecting lives, livelihoods and ecosystems. By understanding El Niño, improving prediction and building resilience, we can better prepare for its challenges and work towards a more sustainable future.

Minister Nirmal Kumar explains the issue of theft of power sector hard disks

Chennai

An investigation is underway into the theft of hard disks belonging to the power sector. Power Minister Nirmal Kumar has said that no one can escape this matter. Speaking to reporters about this, he said, “A few hard disks from important departments of the electricity department’s head office have been stolen. Documents related to contracts for the last 5 years have been stolen.” Documents related to the appointment



of contract workers are also missing. A survey is underway to determine how many hard disks have been stolen. Nothing can be said at this time. The investigation into this is ongoing. Why were they stolen?

What was their motive? A thorough investigation has been launched to find out who is behind this. We dismissed some people last month, and there is a suspicion that this happened after that. No one can escape this

matter. The transformer scam happened during Senthil Balaji’s tenure. An investigation into the transformer scam is underway. We still need time to fix the power outage. A month is not enough to fix everything. “There is debt in the electricity sector; there is a shortage of workers. Maintenance work was not done properly in the previous regime. Work is underway to resolve the power outage issue,” he said.

Minister Mohammed Parvez launches dedicated website for Tamil Nadu Workers’ Education Centre

Chennai

Minister for Labour Welfare J. Mohammad Parvez launched a new website specially created to promote the education of Tamil Nadu workers. The Tamil Nadu Institute of Labour Education was established in 1973 and is currently operating in Ambattur, Chennai. BA, MA and Postgraduate Diploma courses in Labour Management are being

conducted here. The University of Chennai has also recognized this academic institution as a research institute for pursuing full-time and part-time research studies (PhD) since 2001. The institute also conducts seminars and training classes for supervisors, managers, trade unionists, labor department, and occupational safety and health directors working in

private and public sector enterprises. A new website, <https://tils.tn.gov.in>, has been designed to make it easy for students and the general public to access information related to the courses, training courses, research activities, admission information, announcements, and other educational institution activities conducted by this educational institution. This platform

was launched by Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development Jha. Mohammad Parvez at the Chief Secretary’s Secretariat in Chennai yesterday. Department Secretary K. Veeraraghava Rao, Commissioner of the Workers’ Welfare Department, and Director of the Tamil Nadu Workers’ Education Board K. Sasikala Ollidoor were present at the event.

Controversy over surcharge collection at TASMACHief Minister instructs government department officials

Chennai

There are complaints that TASMACH shops across Tamil Nadu are charging an additional Rs. 10 per bottle of liquor. Chief Minister Vijay had harshly criticized the Rs. 10 per bottle charge during the last DMK government during the election campaign. In this situation, a high-level consultation meeting was held yesterday at the Chennai Chief Minister’s Secretariat, chaired by Chief Minister Vijay, regarding the complaints about the collection of collection fees at TASMACH shops. Prohibition Minister K. Vignesh, Home Secretary K. Manivasan and other departmental officials participated in the meeting. The



meeting discussed in detail many issues including the collection of excise duty and the status of the closure of 717 TASMACH shops. Thereafter, only the fixed price per bottle of liquor will be charged. No additional charges will be levied for any reason. The Chief Minister is said to have instructed the department officials to prepare guidelines for this. He also inquired about the closure of 717 TASMACH shops located near educational centers, temples and bus stands.

At that time, officials said that only a few shops had yet to be closed due to administrative problems. However, steps should be taken to rectify those problems and close the remaining shops without delay. Subsequently, there were reports that the Chief Minister had issued instructions, including that the details of the 717 closed TASMACH shops should be publicly announced to the public, and that announcements in this regard may be made soon.

“Education is the power to brighten the future learn with joy” - Chief Minister Vijay wishes

Chennai

Education is the power to brighten the future; learn happily. Success will come your way,” Chief Minister Vijay has wished the students. All types of schools reopened today (June 4) after the summer vacation in Tamil Nadu. This year’s Legislative Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu were held on April 23. Due to this, the examinations for school students were conducted and concluded earlier than usual. Accordingly, the examinations for classes 10, 11, and 12 in the



secondary education curriculum were held from March 2 to April 6, and for students studying in classes 1 to 9 from April 1 to 16. The summer vacation for school students will continue from April 17. During these days, special camps for the welfare of students were also organized

by the Tamil Nadu government. Schools reopened today after the summer vacation. In a message to the students, Chief Minister Vijay said, “Heartfelt congratulations to my dear students as they begin the first day of this academic year with renewed hope. “Education is the power that will brighten your future. Develop lofty dreams and work hard accordingly. May every day you go to school be a step forward in your life. Learn happily and success will come your way!” he posted.

ANNAMALAI AFFAIR “I have not received any resignation letter” - Nainar Nagendran

Tirunelveli:

BJP state president Nainar Nagendran has said that he has not received any resignation letter from Annamalai to quit the BJP. He was speaking to reporters in Tirunelveli. At that time, it was Annamalai’s birthday today; there were reports that he was going to start a new political party; the reporters asked him what his opinion was as the state president of the BJP. In response, Nainar Nagendran said, “I wish my dear brother Annamalai a happy birthday. May God bless him with good health and happiness. “Annamalai has not spoken to anyone about starting a new party yet. We have not spoken to him about this either. As usual, we are talking to him on a party-by-party basis. It is our media that makes even small matters

seem like big issues,” he said. When asked if Annamalai himself had said he would speak in two days, Nainar Nagendran said, “Then you should ask him about that.” Asked whether Annamalai has submitted a resignation letter, Nayinar Nagendran said, “As the state president, I have not received any letter so far. He has not spoken to me about the resignation so far. We talk about party matters and family matters. Even during the elections, Annamalai went to all the constituencies in a private helicopter and campaigned. Therefore, there is no difference of opinion between us.” When asked how Chief Minister Vijay is performing, he said, “Vijay had come to Trichy to express his gratitude after taking oath as Chief Minister. Earlier, while speaking



in the Legislative Assembly, he said that even though we do not have a majority, our government is a minority government. He should explain whether this is a minority government or a government of minorities. It has been 23 days since the Thaweka government came to power. But there is no difference between the previous DMK government and this government. Sexual assault incidents are still happening every day. Ganja is being sold everywhere. More than 15 murders have

taken place. Maamul is still being bought in TASMACH shops. The minister himself has said that the High Court has said that it can be bought for Rs. 10 per bottle. When Vijay spoke in Karur before the elections, he sang that it was Rs. 10 per bottle. Even now, Rs. 10 per bottle is being bought. They say that a hard disk has gone missing from the Electricity Board’s head office on Anna Salai, Chennai. They say that there was a corruption of over Rs. 400 crore in the tender. The DMK government is gone.

Thaveka is in power. If this is happening now, who should be responsible for it?” he said. When asked about the rumours that he is going to be appointed as a Union Minister, Nainar Nagendran said, “I went to Delhi and met and spoke to the general secretary of the organization. He did not tell me anything about this. It is the media that is publishing such news.” When asked whether Thawega has given the opportunity to become a Rajya Sabha member to the Congress party, Nayinar Nagendran said, “Thawega is like a proxy party for the Congress party. Rahul Gandhi was present during the swearing-in ceremony and during the group photo with the ministers. Therefore, Thawega is a reflection of the Congress.”

CM Vijay did not ask for time to meet AIADM: KP Munusamy

Hosur

A I A D - MK Deputy General Secretary K.P. Munusamy said that Chief Minister Vijay did not ask for time to meet AIADM General Secretary Palaniswami. He told reporters in Hosur in this regard: Chief Minister Vijay’s victory was not due to sacrifice or hard work. A cer-

tain percentage of people voted for him because they wanted change. Minister Nirmal Kumar has said that Chief Minister Vijay has asked for time to meet AIADM General Secretary Palaniswami. Vijay did not ask for time to meet Palaniswami under any circumstances from the office. No party will be exhausted.



How can the AIADM lose its uniqueness after contesting in alliance with the national party?

Vijay, who did not criticize MGR and Jayalalithaa, should have met with anyone if he did not have a majority. Let the by-elections come in Tamil Nadu, and see how it will be then. Thaveka has no party organization. People in front may applaud because he speaks in a cinematic style. You should realize how many people are

frowning. Change yourself. He came to power saying that he would eradicate drugs in Tamil Nadu. He said that a Lioness Task Force would be formed to prevent crimes against women. There is no information on how many offices were opened for the Lioness Task Force. How much money was allocated for it. He said this.