

## 24-hour uninterrupted drinking water supply in corporations: Chief Minister Vijay orders

Chennai

Chief Minister Vijay has ordered officials to take steps to provide uninterrupted drinking water 24 hours a day in all corporations in Tamil Nadu. A review meeting on the activities of the municipal administration and the water supply department was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vijay. Chief Secretary M. Saikumar, Municipal Administration Secretary Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Finance Secretary M.A. Siddique and other officials participated in this. The meeting discussed various aspects, including central government schemes, including the Jal Jeevan Mission, and schemes being implemented with the help of international financial institutions. Thereafter, Chief Minister Vijay gave the following instructions to the department officials: The officials should take steps to provide uninterrupted drinking water 24 hours a day in all 25 corporations in Tamil Nadu. Furthermore, 146 municipalities and 479 town panchayats



### Flood prevention measures

In conjunction with the Chennai Adyar Redevelopment Project, the Cooum River and Buckingham Canal should also be rehabilitated. A study should be conducted immediately to prevent sewage mixing, strengthen the banks, and create 'blue-green complexes' with flood prevention measures and the project should be implemented. He gave various instructions, including that all projects should be completed within the specified time frame and brought to the public's use as soon as possible. In this meeting, it has been decided to bring infrastructure facilities worth about Rs. 30,000 crore in Tamil Nadu under the Integrated Urban Transformation Plan launched last April. Similarly, green infrastructure will be expanded in urban areas by 2031. Modern parks and sponge parks for flood control will be set up in the cities of Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy. In the next 5 years, 5 crore saplings will be planted in the cities and the green area will be increased. Furthermore, to prevent deaths due to rabid dog bites, animal sterilization centers will be set up in all corporations and municipalities by 2031. Similarly, the Chief Minister's Integrated Urban Transformation Plan (2026-2031) will cover drinking water, sewerage, solid waste management, road facilities, digital governance, and safety infrastructure for women and children. It is estimated that this will require an investment of about Rs. 1.50 lakh crore over 5 years. A press release issued by the Tamil Nadu government stated that the project will be implemented with funds from the central and state governments, municipal bonds, and financial assistance from international organizations.

should be ensured to provide drinking water for at least 3 hours daily within the next 5 years. 100 percent drinking

water and sewerage in all corporations Connections should be provided. Untreated sewage should be prevented from mix-

ing with water bodies and the treated water should be used for other uses including park maintenance and industry.

## Thiruvannamiyur - Utthandi high-level bridge contract CBI probe into Rs 700 crore scam - Anbumani insists

Chennai

The cancellation of the Thiruvannamiyur-Udthandi high-level bridge contract is welcome. PMK leader Anbumani has said that a CBI inquiry should be conducted into the Rs. 700 crore scam. In this regard, he said in a statement issued yesterday: A company named Dilip Buildcorp from Madhya Pradesh has been awarded the contract to construct



a 4-lane elevated bridge between Thiruvannamiyur and Udthandi at a cost of Rs. 1,400 crore. Instead of awarding the contract to that company, the contract was awarded to Hy-

derabad-based KNR Constructions, which had been awarded a contract worth Rs. 2,100 crore, on December 24. It is heartening to see that the current government is considering cancelling this agreement. The cancellation of this agreement, which has embezzled Rs. 700 crore of public tax money through corruption, is a welcome development. All those behind this during the

last administration, including the ministers and officials, should be punished. Therefore, without any hesitation, the contract awarded to implement the Thiruvannamiyur-Udthandi High Level Bridge project should be immediately cancelled. The Tamil Nadu government should order a CBI inquiry into the corruption and irregularities that took place behind this agreement, he said.

## Sinhapen Special Task Force Chief Minister Vijay to launch it today

Chennai

Chief Minister Vijay will launch the Lioness Special Task Force project in Chennai this evening. Following a change of government in Tamil Nadu, Thaweka leader Vijay took oath as the Chief Minister on May 10. He announced that the Lion Women Special Task Force would be

formed to protect children and women, and signed the relevant document on the stage of the inauguration ceremony. Following this, Bhawaneswari was appointed as the IG of the Task Force. More than 30 policemen, including one SP, 2 DSPs and 4 investigators, were appointed in this force. A special uniform of navy



blue shirt and khaki pants has been introduced for the female police officers and

female SIs in the Lion Woman Task Force. Chief Minister Vijay to launch the Lioness Special Task Force project today. Chief Minister Vijay will launch the Lioness Special Task Force at a function to be held at 5 pm today at the Rajaratnam Maidan in Egmore, Chennai. Preparations for the ceremony are in full swing.

## Sugar mill owners meet Chief Minister Vijay

Chennai

Sugar mill owners met Chief Minister Vijay at the Chennai Secretariat yesterday. Chief Minister Vijay has been visiting the Chennai Secretariat every weekday since he took office on May 10. He has made it a habit to attend to departmental official duties from 10 am to 5 pm and also meet various important personalities. Accordingly, the owners of sugar mills met Chief Minister Vijay at the Chennai Secretariat yesterday. It is said that they presented their important sectoral demands to the Chief Minister at that time. The meeting was attended by R. Varadharajan, President of the South Indian Sugar Mills Association (Tamil



Nadu), Rajsree Sugars Chairman Rajsree Pathi, M. Manickam, Chairman of Shakti Sugars, Mutiah Murugappan, CEO of EIT Bari India Limited, Arjun Kothari, Managing Director of Kothari Sugars, N. Ramathan, Managing Director of Ponni Sugars, M. Sylvester, Director of Kothari Sugars, J.A.H. Ashiq, Chief Operating Officer of EIT Bari India Limited, Ad-

itya Pathi, Chief Strategy Officer of Rajsree Sugars, and G. Sathyamoorthy, President of Rajsree Sugars. Thereafter, retired Justice S. Manikumar, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission, met and discussed with Chief Minister Vijay on the occasion of the Mari Yadav. Following the NLC Chairman, Prasanna Kumar Mottupalli, Chairman of Neyveli

NLC India Limited, met and spoke to the Chief Minister. He was accompanied by NLC consultant K. Prabhu Kishore and principal manager A. Muralitharan. Furthermore, Sanmar Group Chairman Vijay Shankar also met Chief Minister Vijay yesterday. Sanmar Group Managing Director S. Ganeshkumar and Executive Chairman R. Karthik were present at the time.

## Puducherry Cabinet Expansion 2 NR Congress, 1 BJP MLA likely

Puducherry

In the expansion of the Puducherry cabinet, 3 people have been given a chance, 2 NR Congress and 1 BJP MLA. The central government has given permission for this. The oath-taking ceremony of the new ministers will be held on the 17th. The NDA alliance won 18 seats in the Puducherry Assembly elections and came back to power. Ranganasamy took oath as the Chief Minister on May 13. Following this,



Namachivayam from the BJP and Malladi Krishnarao from the NR Congress took oath as ministers. In the remaining 3 ministerial posts, it was decided in the pre-election talks that NR Congress would have 2 ministers and BJP would have one minister. In this situation, Chief

Minister Ranganasamy, who met Lieutenant Governor Kailashnathan on the 3rd, presented a list of new ministers. In this, he recommended giving ministerial posts to GNS Rajasekaran (BJP), Rajavelu (NR Congress) and Sivakozundhu (NR Congress). Governor Kailashnathan sent

the letter to the President for approval. The swearing-in ceremony was expected to take place on the 7th, once the President's approval was received. However, the swearing-in ceremony was postponed due to non-obtainability. In this situation, the President has recently approved the appointment of Rajavelu, Rajasekaran, and Sivakozundhu as new ministers. Following this, it is expected that the 3 new ministers will take oath on the 17th.

## Additional charge of up to Rs. 90 per box imposed on liquor manufacturers who 'supply' to TASMAL

Chennai

The Tamil Nadu government has ordered liquor manufacturers to pay an additional fee of up to Rs. 90 for each box of liquor supplied to TASMAL. Manufacturers of Indian-made foreign-style alcoholic beverages pay excise duty and value-added tax when they deliver them to the TASMAL administration. In this situation, the Tamil Nadu Indian Made

Foreign Liquor Producers Act has been amended to impose an additional fee for each box of liquor currently produced. Accordingly, an additional charge of Rs. 90 has been levied for boxes containing 9 one-liter bottles, 12 full (750 ml) bottles, 24 off (375 ml) bottles, and 48 quart (180 ml) bottles of liquor such as whiskey, brandy, and vodka. Similarly, an additional charge of Rs.

40 has been fixed for a box of 12 650 ml bottles of beer and Rs. 20 for a box of 12 750 ml bottles of wine. Liquor prices will not increase: This fee will be fixed at the time of issuing licenses to manufacturers. Officials said that the selling price of alcoholic beverages will not increase due to this additional fee. TASMAL officials said: Currently, manufacturers pay 58 percent excise duty and 220

percent value-added tax to the state government on the types of liquor they supply. This new procedure will generate an additional revenue of up to Rs. 1,000 crore per year for the government. Earlier, the parties were receiving Rs. 40 to Rs. 80 from the manufacturers for each box. This measure has been taken to prevent this. Now this amount will go directly to the government, they said.



## Inauguration of Nameboard and Inscription at Aangur Ravuthar Government Girls' H.S.School Cumbum

A ceremony was held today (June 8) to unveil a nameboard featuring his name in metal lettering and a commemorative inscription. This event honored the service of Aangur Ravuthar, who donated his own land for the school in 1960 with the aim of advancing the education of girls in the Cumbum area. Representatives of the Cumbum Jamaat—including Sadiq Ali, a committee member of the Vaver Mosque—had submitted a formal request to Cumbum MLA PLA Jaganath Mishra. This initiative was guided by Aangur Ravuthar's family and Cumbum Jamaat President



dent Zainulabudeen. According to the request, the MLA took steps to have Aangur Ravuthar's name displayed in metal lettering on the school's pillars and to install a new nameboard and inscription. Subsequently, MLA PLA Jaganath Mishra inaugurated the nameboard and inscription at the Aangur Ravuthar Government Girls' Higher Secondary School in Cumbum. The event was attended by Abdul

Khader (Vice President, Vaver Mosque), Hanafi (Vice President, Masjid-e-Ilahi Mosque), and Abdul Malik (grandson of Aangur Ravuthar), among others. The public of Cumbum and the Jamaat members expressed their gratitude and appreciation to MLA PLA Jaganath Mishra for paying tribute to Aangur Ravuthar—who had donated land for girls' education—by installing the nameboard in his memory.

## TVK Honors Top-Ranking Students Educational Incentives and Plaques

Periyakulam

It is noteworthy that Joseph Vijay, the leader of Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), annually honors and provides educational incentives to school students across Tamil Nadu who achieve high marks in the 10th and 12th-grade public examinations. In line with this spirit of honoring students, and under the guidance of Theni North District Secretary Prakash, an award ceremony was organized by the TVK Vadugapatti Town Student Wing. The event honored students from the Government Higher Secondary School in Vadugapatti (near Periyakulam) who secured the top three positions in the 10th and 12th-grade exams. Sabari Ganesh, the Periyakulam North Union Secretary, attended as the special guest; he commended the students and honored



them with educational incentives and prizes. Venkateshwaran, the head of the Vadugapatti Student Wing, made the arrangements for the event. Students securing the first place were awarded a cheque for ₹10,000 each; those securing the second place received ₹5,000 each; and those securing the third place received ₹3,000 each. Additionally, all

were honored with certificates of appreciation, plaques, and mementos. The event was attended by TVK Town functionary Vijayakumar, Youth Wing member Mahesh, IT Wing member Santhosh Raja, Town member Nitish Kumar, as well as various functionaries and members from the Periyakulam North Union, Youth Wing, and IT Wing.

## Samuelraj Launches Welfare Drive Water and Buttermilk Stall Inaugurated

Thoothukudi

On behalf of the Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam and in accordance with the orders of Chief Minister Joseph Vijay, a stall providing chilled water and buttermilk was opened for public use in front of the Thoothukudi Court to offer relief from the summer heat. The event was organized by Advocate A.J. Das, the District Organizer of the Advocates' Wing. S.T.R. Samuelraj, the Central District Secretary of TVK, participated and inaugurated the stall by cutting the ribbon. The event was presided over by A. Jesudas (District Organizer, Advocates' Wing) and Sankaranarayanan. Key figures who graced the occasion included District Ad-



vocates' Wing Deputy Organizers S. Muneeswaramoorthy, N.S. Senthilkumar, M. Senthur Pandian, D. Pandi, A. Vince Raja, S.R. Minila, J. Sumitha, A. Soman Punitha, Pushpakala, S. Siv- araj, Nishanth, Raymond, Manikanda Prabhu, A. Vinoth, Ajay Robert, and Manokumar, along with Thoothukudi Central District

Joint Secretary Viju. Numerous members of the advocates' wing participated in the event, including 'Thalapathy's' loyal cadres, Advocate Joshuaudurai, former Government Advocate and Thoothukudi City Council Member Manthirammoorthy, Advocate S.P. Variyar, and Advocates A. Vijay Murugan, Ibrahim, Ayyappan, Durai, and Sathishkumar.



A petition was submitted to the Principal of the Government Thiruvalluvar Arts and Science College in Rasipuram by the Rasipuram Arundhathiyar Association—in the presence of prominent members of the Arundhathiyar community—urging the full implementation of the Tamil Nadu government's order regarding internal reservation for the Arundhathiyar community, in accordance with official government guidelines. Rasipuram Arundhathiyar Association

## Magaliamman Temple Celebrates Special Puja

Covai

A special one-day Mandala puja is scheduled to take place on June 14 (Sunday) at the Arulmigu Magaliamman Temple, located near the Coimbatore District Collector's Office, on behalf of devotees and sponsors of the Annadhanam (food donation) service. In preparation for this event, arrangements have been made for various spiritual rituals, including special Abhishekam (ritual bathing of the deity),



Alankaram (adornment), and Deeparadhana (offering of lighted lamps). The event organizers have invited devotees, Annadhanam sponsors, and the general public to participate in large numbers and receive the blessings of the Goddess.



Madurai District Collector Mr. P. Akash, I.A.S., distributed specially designed three-wheeled vehicles with attachment wheels—intended for individuals with spinal cord injuries—to two beneficiaries at a cost of ₹1,18,500 each, during the Public Grievance Redressal Day meeting held today at the Madurai District Collectorate conference hall.



Madurai District Collector Mr. P. Akash, I.A.S., personally congratulated and extended his best wishes today at the District Collectorate conference hall to Ms. Poongodi, an athlete from Madurai. She brought pride to the nation and the district by securing third place while representing the Indian team at the Asian Para Throw Ball Championship for persons with disabilities, held in Malaysia from June 2 to 7, 2026.

## Campus Recruitment Drive at Nandha Polytechnic College

Erode

A campus recruitment drive was conducted at Nandha Polytechnic College by the Training and Placement Department in collaboration with Hyundai Motor Company, which operates out of Chennai. A three-member team from Hyundai, led by Deputy Manager (Human Resources) Sam Moses, inaugurated the event by lighting the traditional lamp. The drive was held



under the leadership of V. Shanmugam, Chairman of the Sri Nandha Educational Trust, with College Principal G. Mohankumar presiding over the proceedings. Earlier, K.V. Prabhu, Coordinator of the Training and Placement Department,



### TODAY RASIPALAN

09 JUNE 2026, TUESDAY

May this day bring you happiness, good health and prosperity.

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| <p><b>Aries (Mesh)</b><br/>A good day for new beginnings. Your confidence will help you take important decisions. You may receive support from family members.</p> | <p><b>Libra (Thula)</b><br/>Balance is important. You may have to manage multiple responsibilities. Support from friends will be helpful.</p>        |
| <p><b>Taurus (Rishabha)</b><br/>Financial matters improve. You may see progress in your career. Avoid unnecessary expenses and stay focused on your goals.</p>     | <p><b>Scorpio (Vrischika)</b><br/>You will be determined and focused. Good time for investments and long-term plans. Avoid arguments.</p>            |
| <p><b>Gemini (Mithuna)</b><br/>Communication will be your strength today. Good time for meetings, negotiations and sharing your ideas.</p>                         | <p><b>Sagittarius (Dhanusu)</b><br/>New opportunities may come your way. Stay positive and grab the right chances. Travel is indicated.</p>          |
| <p><b>Cancer (Karka)</b><br/>Your hard work will be noticed and appreciated. Take care of your health. Spend time with loved ones and maintain peace.</p>          | <p><b>Capricorn (Makara)</b><br/>Work pressure may increase but you will handle it well. Financial gains are possible. Take care of your health.</p> |
| <p><b>Leo (Simha)</b><br/>You may achieve success in your tasks. Recognition and respect are possible. Stay humble and avoid ego conflicts.</p>                    | <p><b>Aquarius (Kumbha)</b><br/>A day of new ideas and creativity. You may start something new. Keep your thoughts positive and stay consistent.</p> |
| <p><b>Virgo (Kanya)</b><br/>A productive day. You may complete pending work. Financial stability is likely. Students will perform well in their studies.</p>       | <p><b>Pisces (Meena)</b><br/>Emotional balance is important. Trust your intuition. Good time for spiritual activities and self-reflection.</p>       |

Have a wonderful day ahead!

## TVK Gains Former AIADMK Leader Mass Induction Held in Thoothukudi

Thoothukudi

Former Government Pleader Manthirammoorthy, along with approximately 100 supporters, joined the Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) in the presence of the party's Thoothukudi Central District Secretary, S.T.R. Samuelraj. Manthirammoorthy had previously stepped down from his roles as the AIADMK IT Wing Joint Secretary for the Tirunelveli Zone and the AIADMK Whip for the Thoothukudi Corporation. Thoothukudi, June 9: An event marking the induction of new members into the Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)—led by Joseph Vijay—took place at a private wedding hall in Bryant Nagar. Former Government Pleader Manthirammoorthy, having resigned from his AIADMK positions (including IT Wing Joint Secretary for the Tirunelveli Zone and Corporation



Whip), joined the TVK along with 100 supporters in the presence of Thoothukudi Central District Secretary S.T.R. Samuelraj. It is noteworthy that the group joining the party included lawyers such as Ayyappan, Ibrahim, Kumaresan, Pechimuthu, Rajendran (alias Durai), Pasumponraja, Subashini, Manju, and Durai, alongside others, totaling 100 individuals. Central District Secretary

S.T.R. Samuelraj assured everyone who joined the party that appropriate responsibilities would be assigned to them with the approval of the leadership. It is noteworthy that the group joining the party included lawyers such as Ayyappan, Ibrahim, Kumaresan, Pechimuthu, Rajendran (alias Durai), Pasumponraja, Subashini, Manju, and Durai, alongside others, totaling 100 individuals.

## Special Medical Camp Conducted Adheenam Birth Star Festival Marked

Mayiladuthurai

The Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam is located near Kuthalam in the Mayiladuthurai district. A medical camp was organized to commemorate the birth star celebration of the Adheenam's 24th Head (Guru Maha Sannidhanam), Srilasri Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swamigal. He inaugurated the camp by lighting a traditional lamp. The event was jointly conducted by the Kumbakonam Grand Rotary Club



and the Mallapettai Rotary Community Corps. Expert doctors provided treatment for general ailments, and medicines were distributed free of cost. Attendees included Grand Rotary Club President Natarajan, Secretary Devaraj, and Treasurer Ramakrishnan; Thiru-

vavaduthurai Adheenam South Zone Manager and School Correspondent Muthukrishnan; and club members Senthilkumaran and Gityasudeen. More than 500 members of the public participated in the camp, undergoing medical check-ups and receiving medical advice.



# Wild Elephant Attack Near Munnar's Chinnakanal; Woman Dies

Munnar

A woman lost her life in a wild elephant attack this morning in the Chinnakanal area near Munnar, in Kerala's Idukki district. The deceased has been identified as Mari (36) from the Singukandam area. Reports indicate that the incident occurred while she was taking her child to school; the child sustained injuries in the attack. Chinnakanal is a key forest-fringe area known for frequent wild elephant movement and recurring human-elephant conflicts. Famous male wild elephants such as Arikomban, Chakkakomban, and Murivalan have inhabited this region, and several herds also roam the area. Notably, Arikomban was relocated to Tamil Nadu in 2023, and Murivalan died in 2024 following a clash with Chak-



kakomban. Chinnakanal also has a significant population of people hailing from Tamil Nadu. With this incident, the death toll from wild elephant attacks in Kerala over the past two weeks has risen to five. The series of incidents began on May 24, when Pushpakaran Vellakkaiyan (45), a tribal youth working as a temporary forest guard in the Perumbavoor area, was killed by a wild elephant. Subsequently, a woman named Jessy (45) died after being trampled by a wild elephant while traveling with her husband in the Mepadi area of Wayanad district. Furthermore,

last Wednesday, a man named Rajesh (45) lost his life in an attack that occurred when a herd of elephants entered a residential area along the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border. Recurring attacks by wild elephants have become a severe threat to the lives, property, and livelihoods of farmers in hill districts, residents living near forest fringes, and travelers in those areas. The Kerala Forest Minister has stated that it will take at least two years to find a permanent solution to the human-wild elephant conflict. This statement has sparked debate and criticism among various quarters.

# Erode Diamond Jewellery Exhibition at Jos Alukkas

Erode

The inauguration ceremony of a diamond jewellery exhibition took place at the Jos Alukkas showroom in Erode. Jos Alukkas founder Paul J. Alukka and customers inaugurated the event by lighting the traditional lamp. Models showcased the diamond jewellery collections. The exhibition features a wide array of unique, artistically crafted designs. Founder Paul J. Alukka announced several offers valid from June



6 to 28: a 25% discount on the value of diamond jewellery, a free 500mg gold coin with the purchase of a 1-carat diamond,

a 15% discount on platinum jewellery, and an additional value of ₹250 per gram when exchanging old jewellery.

# Sayalkudi Residents Submit Petition Demand Action Over Incomplete Road Works

Sayalkudi

Members of the Sayalkudi People's Welfare Federation (Ramanathapuram district) submitted a petition during the public grievance redressal meeting. The petition stated that road restoration works under the Jal Jeevan Mission had not been executed in Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Sayalkudi Town Panchayat; therefore, no bill payments should be made for these works. It highlighted that, even after three years, roads damaged by substandard pipeline laying work



across all 15 wards remain unrepaired, causing hardship to the public. The petitioners demanded action against 'Annai Infra Developers'—a company attempting to claim project funds in violation of contract terms—and against the Water Supply and Drainage Board officials facilitating this. They pointed

out the wasteful situation where pipes, required to be laid at a depth of three feet, were installed at a shallower depth, leading to premature damage and a waste of government funds. They urged District Collector Sivaguru Prabhakaran not to release any payments until all pipes are laid correctly.



Ranipet District Collector N. Priya conducted a surprise inspection of the Knowledge Centre located in the Ranipet Municipality and inquired about the centre's utility from the women who had visited it to study.

# Public Grievances Raised Before Collector Maruthupandi Nagar Residents Submit Appeal

Paramakudi

The petition states the following: The residents request action against the individual who has encroached upon the access path and ask for the recovery of the public path to ensure their right to livelihood and safety. Approximately 20 families living in the Paramakudi Municipality area rely on a public path—measuring about seven-and-a-half feet in width—as the sole access route to their



homes. This path also carries electric lines. Furthermore, a protective wall has been constructed by the Central Government because a railway line runs behind the residential area; consequently, this seven-and-a-half-foot-wide path remains the only way for them to enter

or leave their locality. Although petitions regarding this issue have been submitted to the Paramakudi Municipal office, no permanent solution has been found so far. Therefore, the residents humbly request the District Collector to take appropriate action on this matter.

# Minister Rajeev Praises Differently-Abled Persons Commends Their Confidence and Determination

Ramanathapuram

A consultation meeting with representatives of associations for persons with disabilities was held at the Ramanathapuram District Collectorate conference hall, organized by the District Differently-Abled Welfare Department. District Collector M. Sivaguru Prabhakaran was present, and the meeting was presided over by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. V.K. Rajeev. While receiving petitions from the representatives and addressing the gathering, the Minister stated that the objective of the meeting was to ensure that every person with a disability fully benefits from government schemes. Accordingly, appropriate measures will be taken to conduct special camps for issuing medical certificates—a key request from the community. Similarly, swift action will be taken to facilitate bank loans for persons with disabilities to start their own businesses. Fur-



thermore, in response to the request for a rehabilitation center for individuals with spinal cord injuries, a suitable location will be selected, and the center will be staffed with specialist doctors and trainers to ensure effective operations. The Minister remarked that persons with disabilities are inherently resilient and self-confident; therefore, the government would pay special attention to their requests and ensure the delivery of appropriate welfare schemes, fulfilling their needs through special camps organized across all union and municipal areas of the district. Following this, the Minister for Environment and Climate Change distributed assistance to nine

persons with disabilities. He distributed special petrol-powered vehicles fitted with stabilizing wheels, valued at ₹9,16,200. The event was attended by District Revenue Officer Sankaranarayanan, Additional Collector (Development) Divyansh Nigam, District Differently-Abled Welfare Officer Chandran, and other government officials. Also present were Ananthi (Secretary of the District Differently-Abled Association) and members of the association, along with several functionaries of the \*Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam\*, including District Medical Wing Organizer Dr. Babulatheef and Thiruppullani Central Union Secretary Sivaprakasam.

# Awareness Program at Pattinamkathan Middle School

Ramanathapuram

In Pattinamkathan, Ramanathapuram District, an event was held at the Panchayat Union Middle School to mark World Environment Day. Organized by party functionary Er. Sanjay Raj (Sami Jothi Builders), the program aimed to raise awareness and included the distribution of tree saplings as well as essential study materials—such as notebooks, pencils, and erasers—to the students.



The event was conducted in accordance with the directives of Chief Minister Vijay, the instructions of Party General Secretary Anand, and the guidance of the Honorable Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. V.K. Rajeev. Dis-

trict Joint Secretary Naina Mohamed, Treasurer Shanmuganathan, Medical Wing Organizer Dr. Babu Latheef, District Environment Wing Organizer Vimala, and other party functionaries participated in the event.



473 petitions were received at the public grievance redressal meeting held at the Tiruppathur District Collector's office; the Collector distributed welfare assistance worth ₹19,255.



The Tamil Nadu team emerged victorious in the national-level beach tennis-ball cricket tournament held at Kovalam in Kanyakumari district. Organized by the Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India, the Tamil Nadu Tennis Ball Cricket Association, and the Kanyakumari District Tennis Ball Cricket Association, the event saw the participation of over 350 players across 12 teams. Kanyakumari MLA Thalavai Sundaram presented prizes to the winning players.

# CRIME NEWS

# Brother Kills Sister Over Phone Call



Nellai

Muthukrishnan has been arrested in Suthamalli for hacking his sister to death because she was in a relationship. He confessed to the crime, stating that he killed her because she had fallen in love with someone else after a previous relationship had failed. The police are investigating whether this was an honor killing Arumugam and his wife Kannagi, residents of Melakkarai in Suthamalli, Nellai district, had a daughter named Ramalakshmi and a son named Muthukrishnan. Ramalakshmi worked at a private company in the Ganagaikondan area. It is reported that she had previously been in a relationship with a young man a few years ago. That relationship ended shortly after it began, but her family became aware of it. It is alleged that, some months later, Ra-

malakshmi entered into a relationship with another man. Her younger brother, Muthukrishnan, was shocked by this and had previously reprimanded he Last night, Ramalakshmi spent a long time talking to her boyfriend on the phone. Enraged by this, Muthukrishnan got into an argument with her and hacked her to death with a sickle. Upon receiving information about the incident, the Suthamalli police arrived at the scene, recovered the body, and sent it for a post-mortem examination. The police launched a search for Muthukrishnan, who had gone into hiding, and managed to locate and arrest him within eight hours. They are investigating the incident to determine if it was an honor killing. The incident, in which a younger brother hacked his sister to death, has caused a major stir in the area.

# Three arrested for illegal sand mining near Manapparai

Trichy

Three individuals have been arrested for illegally mining sand near the Vembanur tank area, close to

Manapparai. The police arrested Vengaiya, Krishnamoorthy, and Nandakumar for extracting sand without authorization.

# Two arrested for burglary at a house



Erode

Two functionaries of the TVK party have been arrested in connection with a case involving a burglary where jewelry and cash were stolen at a house near Sathyamangalam. Twen-

ty-five days after the incident, in which 8 sovereigns of gold jewelry and ₹3 lakh in cash were stolen from the home of Sikkumadamma in Neithalapuram, TVK functionaries Kumar and Prajeeval were arrested.



## US court overturns H-1B visa fee hike - setback for Trump

Boston

A US court has abruptly overturned the Trump administration’s decision to impose a \$100,000 fee on H-1B visas. This is seen as another setback for Trump. The H-1B visa is a temporary work visa issued to foreigners in the United States. In particular, this visa is used by technology (IT) companies to hire skilled foreign workers. While this visa was previously issued to new applicants on a rolling basis, a change in that process was announced. In particular, the Trump administration issued an order last year increasing the H-1B visa fee from Rs 132,000 to around Rs 88 lakh. It is noteworthy that most of the recipients of this visa are Indians. In this context, a lawsuit was filed in the Mas-



sachusetts Supreme Court on behalf of the governments of 20 states in the United States, seeking to overturn the H-1B visa fee hike. Various arguments were presented at the time. In the ruling delivered by Judge Leo Sorokin, who subsequently heard the case, it was stated that, “President Trump has increased the H-1B visa fee without the approval of the US Congress. The Congress did not grant him such authority. The court has found this in this case. Therefore, the court declares that the government’s decision to implement

this announcement is illegal. Furthermore, this announcement is completely nullified.” The increase in H-1B visa fees has led to a decline in applications in the United States. The court has issued this ruling in this context. According to the data of last February, only 85 people have paid the \$100,000 fee for the H-1B visa. In the last fiscal year, 3.43 lakh people applied for H-1B visas. This number has now fallen by about 38 percent. In such a situation, the Trump administration is expected to appeal against the court’s decision.

## 32 killed in Philippines earthquake

Manila

A powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the southern Philippines yesterday, killing 32 people. A powerful earthquake struck the southern Philippines’ Mindanao region at 7:37 a.m. yesterday. The 7.8-magnitude quake is said to be the strongest to hit the Philippines this year. The earthquake was centered in the sea off Mindanao, the Philippines’ second most populous island, and was centered about 32 km southwest of Masim town in Sarangani province at a depth of 33 km, according to the US Geological Survey. Following the earthquake, buildings collapsed in many places.



Landslides occurred in mountainous areas. 32 people died in this disaster. About 200 people were injured. Thousands of people have been displaced and many are missing. Several buildings collapsed in General Santos, a major city of more than 700,000 people in the Philippines. Major infrastructure was also damaged. At least 12 people are reported missing in the city. The city’s international airport has been temporarily closed. Follow-

ing the earthquake, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. declared a holiday for schools and colleges. He immediately began rescue operations in the provinces affected by the earthquake, prompting disaster relief organizations to respond. A tsunami warning was issued following the earthquake. However, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the tsunami warning had been lifted about 5 hours after the earthquake.

## Trump walks out of TV interview after heated argument with moderator

Washington

US President Donald Trump has walked out of a television interview after a disagreement with the moderator. This has become a topic of discussion internationally. President Trump routinely meets with reporters. He communicates with the world through them. In this context, he gave an interview to the American television news agency NBC News. In this interview, Trump answered questions on various issues. Trump then answered questions about the Iran-US talks and the plans of previous administrations. Next, moderator Kristen Welker questioned the Anti-Weaponisation Fund announced by the



Trump administration. Trump strongly criticized former US President Joe Biden’s poor governance, saying that it was the reason. Furthermore, Trump argued that this money was being given to people who were victimized by previous administrations. At that time, moderator Kristen Welker said that there was no evidence for your accusation. Trump said that he had evidence for that. He also alleged that the California election was rigged. Evaluator Kristen Welker said that the

vote count in that election was conducted according to the rules. Trump rejected this. The two talked about it continuously. Finally, he accused the news organizations of being biased. After that, Trump said he would finish the interview and left. Kristen Welker said that she had traveled a long way for this interview. “I’ve given you enough time. You need to fix your media operations. Because a country with a dishonest media cannot be a good country. You know that,” Trump said, and left.

## Iran launches missile attack on Israel in retaliation for attack on Lebanon Iran petrochemical plant damaged in retaliation

Tehran

Iran launched a missile attack on Israeli air bases in response to Israel’s continued attacks on Lebanon. Israeli warplanes responded by bombing Iranian cities. President Trump has called on both Iran and Israel to stop the attacks, as the two sides risk renewed hostilities. US President Trump has criticized Israel’s ongoing attacks on Lebanon, saying that the peace deal between the US and Iran is being affected. President Trump also criticized Israeli President Netanyahu for this. However, Israel has not stopped its attacks against Hezbollah militants. The Israeli army, which has been occupying the southern part of the Lebanese capital Beirut and is advancing without warning, has been carrying out continuous attacks. Iran has warned that Israel’s move could spark a full-scale war in the Middle East. In



this context, Iran launched a missile attack on Israel yesterday for the first time since the ceasefire agreement was signed last April. Israel intercepted and destroyed 10 Iranian missiles in mid-air. Some of the missiles fell and exploded in northern Israel. This caused sirens to sound in several Israeli cities. People took shelter in bunkers. Iran said it had struck two air bases in the Israeli cities of Nevadib and Tel Nof. But there was no immediate word on what damage was caused. In response to the Iranian attack, Israeli warplanes bombed central and

western Iran. This caused a huge explosion in the cities of Isfahan, Karaj and Tabriz. The Israeli military said that the attack was carried out on Iran’s Mahsahar petrochemical plant. This has created the possibility of both sides engaging in a fierce battle again. This war situation has affected the peace agreement efforts between the US and Iran. As a result, US President Trump has asked Iran and Israel not to engage in retaliatory attacks. Need to ease the tension. The Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement issued yesterday: “The ongoing attacks

in West Asia are of great concern. This will have a severe impact on the international community. Tensions have been rising in West Asia for more than 100 days.” Many people have been affected by this. The international economy and energy supply have been severely affected. At this time, we are making an appeal on behalf of India. The countries concerned should exercise patience. Tension should be completely avoided. There should be no attacks on civilians. Peace should be established through state-level talks. This is what the Union Ministry

of External Affairs has said. 24 Indian sailors rescued safely Iran and Israel engaged in fierce exchanges of fire yesterday. At that time, the oil tanker Mari Vex was passing through the Strait of Hormuz, adjacent to Iran. The ship was attacked by drones. In this, the ship caught fire and burned. There were 24 Indian sailors working on the Marivex ship. They sent information requesting help. The central government acted quickly and requested help from the country of Oman. The country’s navy personnel went in boats and rescued the 24 Indian sailors safely. Speaking in Delhi yesterday, Indian Shipping Director Obesh Kumar Sharma said, “The Marivex ship was attacked at around 1.30 pm on Monday. The ship caught fire and burnt down. All 24 Indian sailors on board were rescued safely.”

## INDIA'S ECONOMY SHOWS RESILIENCE AMID GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY

NEW DELHI

**India’s economy continues to demonstrate resilience and stability despite ongoing global economic challenges.**

Strong domestic consumption, expanding infrastructure projects, robust digital transformation, and steady manufacturing growth have helped maintain positive economic momentum across the country. Economic analysts note that India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world. Government investments in highways, railways, renewable energy projects, and urban development have generated employment opportunities while supporting long-term economic expansion. Major infrastructure initiatives have also attracted domestic and international investors looking to



**India’s economic growth continues to be driven by infrastructure, technology, and consumer demand.**

participate in India’s growth story. The services sector continues to be a key driver of economic activity. Information technology, financial services, healthcare, and tourism have reported healthy growth, contributing significantly to national income. India’s digital economy has expanded rapidly, with increasing adoption of online payments, e-commerce platforms, and technology-driven services across urban and rural regions. Manufacturing activity has also strengthened

due to policy measures encouraging domestic production and supply chain development. Sectors such as electronics, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, and renewable energy equipment have witnessed increased investment. Industry leaders believe that continued reforms and improvements in logistics infrastructure will further enhance India’s competitiveness in global markets. Consumer spending remains a crucial pillar of economic growth. Rising incomes, expanding middle-class

households, and greater access to financial services have supported demand across multiple sectors. Retail businesses, housing markets, and consumer goods companies have reported encouraging trends, particularly in metropolitan cities and emerging urban centers. Meanwhile, India’s startup ecosystem continues to attract investment and innovation. Entrepreneurs are developing solutions in artificial intelligence, fintech, health technology, education technology, and sustainable energy.

These emerging industries are expected to create new employment opportunities while strengthening the country’s position as a global innovation hub. Economists caution that external risks such as geopolitical tensions, fluctuating energy prices, and global market volatility could influence economic performance. However, strong domestic fundamentals, a growing workforce, and ongoing structural reforms are expected to provide stability and support future growth. Looking ahead, experts remain optimistic about India’s long-term economic prospects. Continued investment in infrastructure, technology, manufacturing, and human capital development is likely to sustain growth and reinforce the nation’s role as a major contributor to the global economy.

## Tirupathur SP Stresses Timely Petition Disposal

Tirupathur

Tirupathur District Superintendent of Police (SP) Akshay Anil Waghmare instructed police station clerks on the necessity of taking prompt and proper action regarding petitions received from the public. SP Akshay Anil Waghmare presided over a consultative meeting organized by the district police at the SP’s office in Tirupathur.



Clerks from various circles and police stations across the district participated in the meeting. During the meeting, instructions were issued to ensure that inquiries regarding public petitions—received through senior officials and

## Jamabandi Hearings Begin Tomorrow in Tiruvarur

Tiruvarur

The Jamabandi (annual revenue settlement and accounts verification) proceedings in Tiruvarur district are scheduled to take place from the 9th) to the 11th. The sessions will be held under the leadership of the following officials in their respective taluks: the District Collector (Thiruthuraipoondi Taluk), the Tiruvarur Revenue Divisional Officer

(Kudavasal Taluk), the Mannargudi Revenue Divisional Officer (Needamangalam Taluk), the Assistant Commissioner - Excise (Tiruvarur Taluk), the District Supply and Consumer Protection Officer (Valangaiman Taluk), the District Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer (Koothanallur Taluk), and the Special Deputy Collector - Social Security Schemes (Muthupet Taluk).