



Kuruvai Special Package Project Rs. 134.83 crore: Chief Minister Vijay announces

Chennai

Chief Minister Vijay has urged farmers from Delta and non-Delta districts to avail the assistance provided under the Kuruvai Special Package Scheme. In a press release issued by the government on this: "Pallet cultivation in Tamil Nadu plays an important role in the state's food security and the livelihood of farmers. With a view to promoting paddy cultivation during the Kuruvai, Kar and Sornavari seasons, especially in the Cauvery Delta districts and non-delta districts, and increasing paddy production and productivity, the Kuruvai Special Package Scheme will be implemented in 2026 at an estimated cost

of Rs. 134.83 crore," Chief Minister Vijay has announced. Paddy is cultivated on an average of 52.72 lakh acres in Tamil Nadu. Out of this, paddy is the main crop cultivated in all parts of the Cauvery Delta regions of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagai, Mayiladuthurai districts and in some parts of Cuddalore, Trichy and Ariyalur districts. Paddy is cultivated on an area of 20.65 lakh acres per year in the Delta districts. Out of this, paddy is cultivated on an average of 5.14 lakh acres during the Kuruvai season alone. Furthermore, in other non-delta districts, paddy is cultivated on an area of 32.07 lakh acres per year. Out of this, paddy is cultivated on an average of 5.48 lakh acres



during the Kar, Kuruvai and Sornavari seasons alone. Every year, the Mettur dam is usually opened on June 12th for the cultivation of Kuruvai paddy in the delta districts of Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Thiruvavur, Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore (some parts), Trichy (some parts), and Ariyalur (some parts). In this situation, the India Meteorological Department has announced that the rainfall will

be less than 90 percent due to the 'El Nino' phenomenon in the current southwest season. Currently, the southwest monsoon is delayed, and the water inflow to the Mettur dam is low. Due to this, the water level in the Mettur dam is currently only 79.56 feet (water reserve: 41.52 TMC). Therefore, there is no possibility of opening the Mettur dam today (June 12). As a result, the potential for

cultivation of 5 lakh acres of paddy in the Cauvery Delta districts is very limited. However, since up to 3.55 lakh acres can be cultivated through filter points in the Delta districts, and in order to protect the livelihood of farmers despite the current irregular rainfall in non-Delta districts, the Kuruvai Special Package Scheme for 2026 will be implemented to increase paddy production and benefit farmers,

Chief Minister Vijay announced today. Accordingly, a special package of schemes for Kuruvai will be implemented with a total budget of Rs. 134.83 crore, including a financial allocation of Rs. 77.50 crore to encourage farmers cultivating Kuruvai in Delta districts using culverts, and a financial allocation of Rs. 57.33 crore to encourage the cultivation of Kar, Kuruvai and Sornavari paddy in non-Delta districts, to improve the livelihood of farmers. Chief Minister Vijay has announced that a special package scheme of Rs 134.83 crore will be implemented for the Delta and non-Delta districts under this scheme, including paddy mechanization, direct paddy

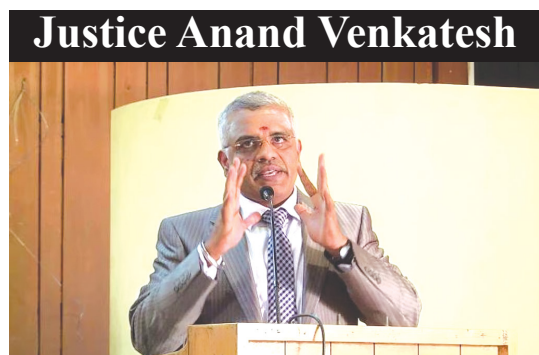
sowing incentives, bio-fertilizers, paddy micronutrient fertilizer, seed paddy distribution subsidy and incentive for certified seed production of newly released paddy varieties. Through this scheme, mechanization will be promoted and water management will be improved. The area, production and productivity of paddy cultivation will be increased through the use of quality seeds and technologies, thereby increasing the income of farmers and strengthening the food security of the state. Furthermore, through the Agricultural Engineering Department, 2,325 km long "C" and "D" canals in the Delta districts have been dredged

at a cost of Rs. 10 crore. Furthermore, through the Water Resources Department, 4,971 km long "A" and "B" canals have been dredged at a cost of Rs. 100 crore and 97 percent of the work has been completed so far. Furthermore, 10,714 metric tons of paddy seeds and 4.02 lakh metric tons of fertilizers have been stocked for Kuruvai cultivation. In addition, uninterrupted three-phase electricity will be provided for 18 hours a day to benefit farmers. "Therefore, Chief Minister Vijay has requested farmers from Delta and non-Delta districts to avail the assistance provided under the Kuruvai Special Package Scheme," the press release said.

Artificial intelligence should not be relied upon completely in investigations

Madurai

It is in no way acceptable for lawyers to participate in court proceedings by relying entirely on artificial intelligence," said Justice Anand Venkatesh. A seminar on Artificial Intelligence and Human Potential was held on behalf of the Madurai High Court Bar Association (MBA) Legal Literacy Forum. Inaugurating the seminar, High Court Justice Anand Venkatesh said: Technology is not the foundation; technology is like a roof. The foundation must be laid by man himself. He must believe in the unique-



ness of a man and implement anything. Artificial intelligence was invented by humans. Therefore, humans should treat it as their employee. If humans completely trust it and dictate the decisions it makes, it will become their boss. It is in no way acceptable for lawyers to rely solely on artificial intelligence to create works and

rely solely on it in court cases. If we hand over all our problems to artificial intelligence, thinking that it will take care of everything, it will not help us achieve a successful goal in any way. Humans must fully trust their fellow human beings. This world revolves around the trust that one person places on another. Man has become in-

creasingly obsessed with achieving great success with minimal effort. Artificial intelligence is the way he can choose to do that. One should keep reading books. Books expand knowledge. When a man reads a book without any difficulty or distraction, he conveys great things. His brain becomes more spacious. Through this, he becomes a new creator. When such a development occurs, a person's mind also expands; his thinking also becomes greater. All actions that arise from such thinking are capable of lasting for a long time. Thus he spoke.



The Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay, met the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Thiru Narendra Modi, at the Cultural Centre of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi following the conclusion of the 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog.

HC Directs Centre, State to Respond in Tamil Mother's Day Case

Chennai

The Madras High Court has ordered the central and state governments to respond to a case seeking to issue appropriate administrative orders to ensure that government programs in Tamil Nadu begin with the singing of Tamil Thai Vatshu. The swearing-in ceremony of Chief Minister Vijay and the cabinet in Tamil Nadu was held on May 10. At this event, Vande Mataram and the national anthem were sung first, and Tamil Thai Vatshu was played third, causing shock among the people of Tamil Nadu. In this situation, Ananya Radhakrishnan from Chennai has filed a



public interest litigation in the High Court, seeking an order to the authorities to ensure that government programs begin with Tamil language singing. In it, he said, "In Tamil Nadu, it has been a tradition for many years that government functions begin with the singing of the Tamil Motherland greeting and end with the playing of the national anthem. In an attempt to dilute this practice, he alleged that the Tamil Motherland greet-

ing is sung only after the singing of Vande Mataram and the national anthem at government functions. Furthermore, while the Union Home Ministry issued a circular on January 28 stating that government programs should begin with the singing of Vande Mataram, it did not impose any ban on starting government programs by singing the state song; the petition states that singing Tamil Thai Vatsuthu is not just a ritual; it is the sen-

timent, culture and identity of Tamils. The petition demands that the circular issued by the central government insisting on singing the Vande Mataram song first be revoked; and that the government be directed to issue appropriate administrative instructions to sing the Tamil Mother's Day greeting first in order to avoid this cultural clash at government functions in the future. A bench comprising Chief Justice Sushrut Aravind Dharmadhikari and Justice G. Arul Murugan, which heard the case, ordered the central and state governments to respond to the case within eight weeks



On June 10, 2026, the Honorable Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Thiru. Vinoth, interacted with students at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore regarding the importance and indispensability of agriculture.

Former MLA S. Thangapandian personally thanks voters in the Rajapalayam constituency

Rajapalayam

The first phase of the event to thank the voters of the Rajapalayam constituency for participating in the recently concluded assembly elections took place yesterday evening (June 11). The event was organized under the guidance of the DMK President and Youth Wing Secretary Udhayanidhi Stalin, and based on the counsel of District Secretaries K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran (MLA) and Thangam Thennarasu (MLA). Rajapalayam Union Secretary S. Thangapandian (Former MLA) presided over the event and personally visited various villages



within the union—including Chokkanathan puthur, Devadanam, Sethur, Thalavai puram, Chettiyarpatti, and Nallamangalam—to express his gratitude to the voters. Speaking at the event, he stated firmly, “In accordance with Kalaigarnar’s golden words and the directives of the DMK President, the DMK is a movement that always journeys alongside the people. Whether in power or out of it, our service to the public will continue.

By consistently serving the people and winning their hearts, the ‘Rising Sun’ will rise again in both Tamil Nadu and Rajapalayam.” A large number of people participated in the event, including General Council member Kanagaraj; Town Panchayat Chairpersons Balasubramanian and Jayamurugan; Town Secretaries Sundar and Elangovan; as well as union functionaries, branch secretaries, party officials, and members of the public.

Pensioners’ Grievance Redressal Meeting at State Bank of India, Polur



Polur

A pensioners’ grievance redressal meeting was held today at around 5:00 PM at the State Bank of India, Polur (Tiruvannamalai District), presided over by the bank’s Chief Manager, Deepak Mani. Pensioners and office bearers from the Tamil Nadu Government All-Department Pensioners’ Association—including Jegannathan, Circle President Habibullah Khan, Ramalingam, Mani, Balu, Ezhumalai,

Ravi, and Soundararajan—participated in the meeting. Bank officials S. Viswanathan, Accountant G. Akashnan, and P. Chidambaram explained the pension services provided by the bank and addressed the grievances raised by the pensioners. The Manager assured them that the grievances would be resolved. Pensioners actively participated and sought clarifications regarding their concerns. Circle President Habibullah Khan delivered the vote of thanks.



Members of the ‘Singappen’ (Lioness) special police squad visited the Veerapanchatram Government Girls’ Higher Secondary School in Erode to raise awareness among the students. They informed the girls that the squad operates 24 hours a day and is always ready to provide protection and assistance to women and female children at any time.



At the concluding ceremony of the Revenue Settlement (Jamabandi) for the Fasli year 1435 (2025–2026), held today (11.06.2026) at the Vaniyambadi Taluk Office in Tirupathur District, welfare assistance worth ₹8.15 lakh was distributed to 51 beneficiaries on behalf of various departments. The assistance was handed over by the Revenue Settlement Officer/District Collector, Mr. K. Ravikumar, IAS, in the presence of the Vaniyambadi MLA, Mr. S.S.P. Syed Farooq Basha. Also present were Vaniyambadi Revenue Divisional Officer (In-charge) Mr. Thanikasalam, District Differently-Abled Welfare Officer Mr. Kannan, Tahsildar Mr. Sudhakar, Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme) Mrs. Bharathi, Headquarters Tahsildar Mr. Haridas, Revenue Settlement Manager/Tahsildar Mr. Thirumalai, along with officials from various departments, representatives of farmers’ associations, members of the public, and concerned departmental staff.

Maheswari Assumes Office as New Tahsildar of Katpad



Ms. Maheswari has formally assumed office as the new Tahsildar of Katpadi Taluk in Vellore district. Notably, she previously served with distinction as the Taluk Supply Officer in the same area. People from various quarters are extending their congratulations to her on her new appointment.



TODAY RASI PALAN



ARIES

A positive day for you. Your confidence will help you complete important tasks. Support from friends and family will be there.



TAURUS

Financial matters improve. You may receive good news related to money. Avoid unnecessary expenses and focus on savings.



GEMINI

Communication brings success. Your ideas will be appreciated. Good day for students and professionals.



CANCER

You may feel a bit emotional. Take time to relax and avoid stress. Family support will keep you happy.



LEO

Your efforts will be recognized. This is a good day for career growth and leadership roles. Stay positive and determined.



VIRGO

Plan your day well to get better results. Health looks good. You may start something new and useful.



LIBRA

Balance and patience are important. You may resolve an old issue. Good time for business and partnerships.



SCORPIO

You will be energetic and focused. Success in work is indicated. Avoid conflicts and stay calm in discussions.



SAGITTARIUS

A good day for learning and spiritual activities. Travel plans may materialize. Your optimistic nature will help you.



CAPRICORN

Hard work brings good results. Financial stability improves. Be patient and avoid taking major risks.



AQUARIUS

New opportunities come your way. Your unique ideas will be appreciated. Focus on long-term goals.



PISCES

Trust your instincts. This is a good time for creativity and personal growth. Take care of your health.

Have a wonderful day!

Collector Ranjith Singh to Grace Courtallam Award Ceremony

Tenkasi

The 16th annual prize-giving ceremony for the children of Tamil Nadu municipal and corporation employees is scheduled to take place in Courtallam on the 19th of next month. It is customary to award prizes annually to the children of officers and staff working in municipal corporations and municipalities who achieve high marks in the 10th and 12th-grade examinations. This event has been held continuously for the past 15 years; this year, it will be conducted in Courtallam, Tenkasi District, on July 19th. Mr. Ranjith Singh, IAS, who has newly assumed office as the District Collector of Tenkasi, will grace the occasion as the special guest and present the awards. A delegation met the District Collector in person to



extend the invitation. The invitation was presented by Mr. V. Balachandrar (State Coordinator of the Federation of Municipal and Corporation Sanitary Inspectors and Officers Associations / Health Officer, Tirunelveli Corporation), Mr. Mohamed Ismail (Health Officer, Tenkasi Municipality), Mr. Ganesan (Event Committee Chairman, Tenkasi), Mr. Vai. Mariappan (Treasurer, Kadayannallur), and Mr. R. Seetharaman (Editor, “Paniyalargalin Kural” / Voice of Employees). Upon receiving the invita-

tion, District Collector Mr. Ranjith Singh confirmed his participation and agreed to grace the prize-giving ceremony. Furthermore, the event organizers noted that the children of officers and staff working in municipal and corporation offices [who excelled in the recent exams]... They requested that the list of marks for students who secured high scores in the 10th and 12th standard public examinations held in the year ‘26 be submitted by the 15th, and asked for cooperation with the organizing committee.

Cycling Awareness Drive Held at Akkachipatti School

Gandarvakottai

An awareness program was conducted at the Akkachipatti Panchayat Union Middle School in the Gandarvakottai Union of Pudukkottai district to mark World Bicycle Day. Students were encouraged to cycle daily, as it provides excellent physical exercise. Speaking at the event, Rahmathullah—a Science Graduate Teacher and the Gandarvakottai Union President of the Tamil Nadu Science



Forum—noted that World Bicycle Day is celebrated globally every year on June 3. He explained that the United Nations proclaimed this day in 2018 to promote the use of bicycles—an affordable, clean, and eco-friendly mode of transport—and to improve public health. Bicycles play a crucial role in reduc-

ing air pollution and carbon emissions, as they do not require fuel. The day is observed to recognize the longevity and versatility of the bicycle. He urged all students to raise public awareness about the importance of bicycles and the benefits of using them daily.

Karur Thaveka stampede incident CBI investigation resumes after 3 months

Karur

The CBI has resumed its investigation after 3 months into the Karur stampede incident in which 41 people lost their lives. 41 people died in a stampede at a Thaveka campaign rally held in Velusampuram, Karur on September 27 last year. Over 100 were injured. CBI officials have been conducting an investigation in this regard from a Karur mansion since last October. The road structure in Velusampuram, Karur was measured using modern equipment, and several people including shopkeepers, police officers involved in security work, ambulance owners, drivers, families of the deceased, the injured, highway and electricity board of-



officials, toll administrators, officers, I.G. S. P., A.D.S.P., and police officers including DSP were questioned. Vijay’s campaign vehicle was brought in, measured, and its driver was also questioned. Subsequently, in the CBI investigation held in Delhi, Thaveka leader and current Chief Minister Vijay, former Minister Senthil Balaji, Thaveka administrators and current Ministers Anand, Adhav Arjuna, CTR Nirmal Kumar and Officer, ADGP, SP, Inspector Oblittor appeared. In this situation, only

two people, CBI Inspector Manivannan and another officer, have been staying at the Karur police station for the past 3 months and carrying out office work. After 3 months, the CBI has summoned the police officers who were involved in security work during the incident, and 10 police officers, including Police Inspector Syed Ali and Assistant Inspector Ramesh, appeared for CBI questioning at the Karur police station yesterday. CBI Inspector Manivannan questioned them.

Minister Aathav Arjuna Inspects Hockey Field

Tiruvannamalai

Public Works Minister Aathav Arjuna inspected the hockey field at the Tiruvannamalai District Sports Complex today (12.06.2026). During the visit, he inquired with officials about the sports facilities and maintenance work. Sports Development De-



partment Principal Secretary Sandeep Nanduri, District Collector Vandana Garg, District Super-

intendent of Police Dr. Sudhakar, and MLA Abhishek were present during the inspection.

First case of the Lioness Task Force in Chennai

Man arrested for entering house and sexually assaulting woman

Chennai

The Sinhappen Special Task Force (SSTF) police have arrested a man who entered a house and sexually assaulted a woman and handed him over to the women’s police. With this, the Sinhappen Special Task Force has registered its first case in Chennai. Chief Minister Vijay launched the Singapan Special Task Force on the 9th, which was formed to improve the safety of women. To ensure the safety of women and children, prevent crimes against them, and enhance security in public places, 70 teams of this force were deployed across Tamil Nadu as the first contingent. They were on duty for the second day yesterday. 12 teams from the Lion Women Special Task Force were engaged in



surveillance work in Chennai. They are constantly monitoring whether crimes against women are taking place in schools, colleges, bus stands, and other places where people gather in large numbers. Not only that, but all women police stations are also working in collaboration with police officers who are against women and children. In this situation, a 37-year-old woman from Ayanavaram area of Chennai was alone at home at around 1 pm the day before yesterday. The husband and daughters had gone out. At that time, a man named Suresh (36), from

the same village, entered the woman’s house in an inebriated state and sexually assaulted her. The woman immediately screamed in shock. Hearing this, the locals rushed to the spot. Upon learning this, the man left the woman on the bed and fled. The locals informed the police station about this. Suresh was found and taken to the Ayanavaram All-Women Police Station. The police arrested Suresh and later sent him to jail on a court order. It is worth noting that this is the first case registered by the Lion Woman Special Task Force after its inception.

Kharge, Rahul Gandhi discuss future plans of Congress party with senior leaders

New Delhi

Senior party leaders and state leaders, including Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge and opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, held consultations. In the recently concluded 5 state elections, the Congress party won only in Kerala and came to power. In this situation, a consultative meeting of senior party leaders and administrators was held in Delhi yesterday under the chairmanship of the party's national president Kharge. The meeting was attended by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K.C. Venugopal, Jai Ram Ramesh, Bhupesh Baghel, senior leaders and state unit leaders of the party. During the meeting, various issues including the party's next



steps, involvement in political struggles and the party's future plans were discussed. In this regard, Congress leader Kharge said on his social media page: The country is facing serious challenges like inflation, unemployment, examination irregularities and social degradation. In this context, the question paper leak in NEET and various recruitment exams, controversies related to the education system have shaken the confidence of lakhs of youth and their families. Senior party leader Rahul Gandhi, who met the affected students and youth separately, assured

them of his support. The Congress party will take up the fight against NEET and recruitment exams. Unfortunately, many institutions and organizations that were established decades ago are now facing serious challenges. Therefore, it is our responsibility not only to carry out the political struggle, but also to protect India's constitution, democracy and social justice. He said this. The meeting also seems to be in dispute over the rejection of the nomination of senior Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan to contest the state assembly elections.

BJP will continue to engage in vote rigging and seat rigging Rahul Gandhi alleges

New Delhi

Lok Sabha Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi has accused the BJP of engaging in seat-stealing following vote-rigging. Meenakshi Natarajan was declared the Congress party's candidate for the Rajya Sabha elections in Madhya Pradesh. She filed her nomination on the 8th. In this situation, the returning officer said that her nomination was rejected because she did not mention the criminal case pending against her in a Hyderabad court. The Congress party opposed this. In this context, the Congress party has condemned the Election Commission's permission to amend the nomination of Parimal Nathwani, an inde-

pendent candidate supported by the BJP in Jharkhand. In this context, Lok Sabha Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi said on the social networking site X: "After stealing votes and stealing government, the BJP is now engaging in 'seat stealing'. The BJP and the Election Commission have together ended it even before the Rajya Sabha elections began. Meenakshi Natarajan, who contested the Rajya Sabha elections on behalf of the Congress party, submitted all the details in her nomination. No case is pending against her. However, the Election Commission rejected her nomination after accepting the objections of the BJP. The BJP-backed independent candidate

Parimal Nathwani had made various errors in his nomination, including his name. However, the Election Commission has given him an opportunity to correct it. Two candidates. One's petition was rejected. Another has been given a chance. This was done by the same Election Commission. The officials refused to meet the Congress party members who had complained to the Election Commission regarding this issue. When we finally met them, they did not say anything about it. "We can expect to see more of these kinds of incidents in the coming days because it is easier for the BJP to manipulate the election in their favor than to win it," he said.



Tiruvannamalai District Collector Mrs. Vandana Garg, IAS, inaugurated and delivered a special address at a district-level seminar on organic farming in horticultural crops—organized by the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops—held today (11.06.2026) at the Public Grievance Redressal Hall of the District Collector's Office.

Will Trinamool Congress merge with Congress? - K.C. Venugopal denies

New Delhi:

Congress General Secretary K.C. Venugopal has said that there is no truth in the reports that the Trinamool Congress Party will be merged with its parent party, the Congress Party, and that it is baseless. Speaking to reporters in Delhi, he replied to a question raised by reporters in this regard. At that time, he said, "These are all rumours. Our General Secretary (Jayaram Ramesh) clarified yesterday that these are baseless. When Mamata Banerjee met Sonia Gandhi and Abhishek Banerjee met Rahul Gandhi, they had regular discussions. "It is a continuation of the discussion that took place at the recent India Alliance meeting. Everyone wants to strengthen the India Alliance. Similarly, everyone wants to strengthen the struggle against the anti-democratic central government. We will travel on that path together. There is nothing else but this," he



said.KC Venugopal has criticised the rejection of Madhya Pradesh Congress candidate Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections, saying it shows the pathetic state of our democracy. Speaking on the matter, he said, "Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination was rejected in Madhya Pradesh. The reason given for this was that she did not refer to a notice sent by the court. However, Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination was rejected as there was no criminal case, First Information Report or chargesheet against her. Meanwhile, in Jharkhand, the returning officer accepted the nomination of a BJP-backed corporate candidate despite him not men-

tioning his name correctly in the appropriate place. "On one hand, Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination is being rejected. On the other hand, a nomination with many flaws is being accepted. This shows the pathetic state of Indian democracy. After vote rigging, now ticket rigging is taking place," he said. Further, speaking about the consultative meeting held in Delhi today on behalf of the Congress, K.C. Venugopal said, "The Congress is planning to launch a national campaign on various issues facing the country, including the rise in petrol, diesel, and cooking gas prices, unemployment, NEET question paper leak, and the CBSE issue. "A consultation was held today with the party's general secretaries, in-charges and state Congress committee leaders in this regard. This campaign will be held not only at the national level but also at the state, district and circle levels," he said.

Grand Festival of Arulmigu Sri Thirupathi Gengaiamman

Ambur

The festival of the Arulmigu Sri Thirupathi Gengaiamman Temple, located in Vadapudupattu village near Ambur in Tirupattur district, was celebrated with great grandeur and the enthusiastic participation of a large number of devotees. On Tuesday, special Abhishekam (ritual bathing) and Alankaram (decoration) ceremonies were performed at the sanctums of all the presiding deities, including Sri Varasiddhi Vinayagar, Mariamman, Ponniamman, Sri Krishna, Sri Pattai Saari Amman, and Sri Gengaiamman. This was followed by the offering of *Koozh* (traditional millet porridge) to Sri Gengaiamman. Early Wednesday morning, the Sirasu



(sacred head idol) of Sri Thirupathi Gengaiamman was taken out in a procession accompanied by the sounds of Tharai, Thappattai, and other traditional musical instruments. Devotees offered Pongal and fulfilled their vows by carrying Maavilakku (lamps made of rice flour and jaggery). Additionally, marking the 11th anniversary of the Sri Selva Vinayagar Temple in Chinnathai Nagar, Vadapudupattu, a grand non-vegetarian Annadhanam (mass feeding) was organized for over a thousand members of the public. In the evening, a

spectacle where a person "flew" through the air to garland Sri Thirupathi Gengaiamman captivated the devotees. At night, a large number of devotees fulfilled their vows by carrying Theechatti (fire pots) in a procession from the Vadapudupattu Vinayagar Temple to the Kaliyamman Temple. The celebrations concluded with impressive film-style dance performances and fireworks displays. Local residents, youth, and a multitude of devotees participated in these events and offered their prayers to the deity.

Water supply to be suspended in 3 zones tomorrow due to water pipe connection work

Chennai

Due to water pipe connection work, water supply will be suspended in some areas of 3 districts including Annanagar tomorrow. In this regard, the Chennai Water Supply Department has issued a notification: Due to the work of connecting the central main water pipe at the junction of Neer Kanvai Road and Lucas TVS Wheels India Factory (near Badi Flyover) on Jawaharlal Nehru 200 Feet Road in Annanagar Zone, piped



water supply will be temporarily suspended in some parts of the 3 zones of Thiruvik Nagar, Ambattur and Annanagar from 10 am on the 13th (tomorrow) to 10 am on the 14th. As a result, water supply will be suspended tomorrow in Kolathur, Jawahar Nagar, Sembiam, Ayanavaram, Peram-

bur in Thiruvik Nagar division, Korattur, Annanagar West (extended) in Ambattur division, and Villivakkam and Annanagar West in Annanagar division. Therefore, the public should take precautions and store the required amount of drinking water. If you need to get drinking water through trucks for emergency needs, you can register and get it using the website address <https://cmwssb.tn.gov.in>. This has been informed in the notification.

Intensive Police Patrol in Veppur Market Area



Cuddalore

As part of measures to maintain law and order in Cuddalore district, police personnel—led by the District Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Thittakudi Sub-division), and accompanied by the Sub-Inspector of the Veppur Police Sta-

tion—conducted intensive patrols in the Veppur market area and its surroundings. During the patrol, they provided safety-related advice to the public and traders while keeping a close watch for suspicious individuals and vehicles. This police initiative has instilled a sense of security among the public.

District SP Inspects Kurisilapattu and Alangayam Police Stations.



Tirupattur, June 12

Tirupattur District Superintendent of Police (SP) Akshay Anil Waghmare conducted an on-site inspection of the Kurisilapattu and Alangayam police stations. During the inspection, he reviewed the registers, case records, and administrative operations maintained at the stations, instructing police personnel to ensure they are kept properly and accurately. He further emphasized that police personnel should interact with the

public respectfully and courteously, promptly listen to their grievances, and take appropriate action. He also highlighted the importance of providing excellent and swift service to the public visiting the stations. Subsequently, the SP interacted with police station officials and personnel, offering advice and guidelines to enhance the efficiency of police operations. This inspection, aimed at ensuring quality police service for the public, boosted the morale of the police personnel.



Ranipet District Collector N. Priya, I.A.S., inspected the preparation of the mid-day meal for students at the Social Justice Hostel within the Government Boys' Children's Home in Karai, Ranipet, and assessed the quality of the food.



The second day of the Revenue Settlement (Jamabandi) proceedings for the Fasli year 1435—covering 23 villages within the Thiruthuraipoondi Taluk—was held today (10.06.2026) at the Thiruthuraipoondi Taluk Office, under the auspices of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department and presided over by the District Collector of Tiruvarur, Mr. V. Mohanachandran, I.A.S.

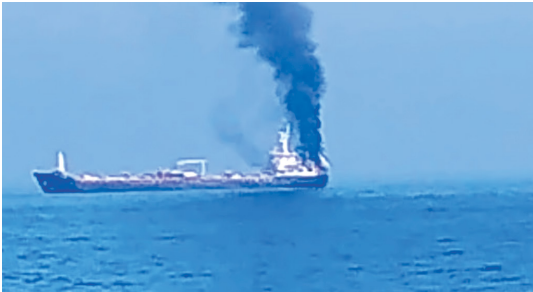


A review meeting regarding development projects implemented by the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments was held today (10.6.2026) at the District Collector's office conference hall

US fighter jet attacks oil tanker near Oman: 3 Indian sailors killed

New Delhi

Three Indian sailors were killed in a US warplane attack on an oil tanker off the coast of Oman. India has expressed regret. The US military has been patrolling the Strait of Hormuz as tensions between the US and Iran escalate over a ceasefire. The US military is preventing vessels from entering and leaving Iranian ports, and is putting pressure on Iran to comply with the ceasefire agreement by cutting off its revenue. Meanwhile, the oil tanker ‘Sedebello’, which is based in the island nation of Palau in the Pacific Ocean, is trying to enter the Iranian port by crossing the Strait of Hormuz. Out of the 28 sailors on board, 24 are Indians. The US military has accused the vessel of trying to cross



the Strait of Hormuz without following the instructions issued to it. Subsequently, an American fighter jet dropped a bomb on the engine room of the aircraft, disabling it. Indian sailors Aditya Sharma, Shivanand Chaureshia, and Chief Engineer Patnala Suresh were killed. Speaking on the occasion, Indian Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, “It is unfortunate that three Indian sailors lost their lives in the attack on the oil tanker Setopello.” “The Modi government stands by the families of the deceased sailors

in this hour of grief. I have directed the authorities to ensure the immediate repatriation of the rescued Indian sailors. The bodies of the deceased sailors will be brought back to India immediately for the last rites,” he said. India Film Festival India has expressed deep concern over the attack on vessels in the Strait of Hormuz and called for an immediate de-escalation of tensions in the region. It also summoned the US ambassador in Delhi to express its strong condemnation of the attack on Indian sailors.

“A wise man” - Trump praises PM Modi



New York

Narendra Modi has become the longest-serving elected Prime Minister in India, breaking the record set by Jawaharlal Nehru. In a congratulatory

message, US President Donald Trump said, “My heartfelt congratulations to my friend Narendra Modi on becoming India’s longest-serving Prime Minister. He is truly a great

leader.” He is a very strong, healthy and intelligent man. He will create similar achievements in the coming years.” Prime Minister Modi then thanked President Trump.

US military headquarters closed in emergency: staff evacuated

Washington

Several floors of the Pentagon, the headquarters of the US Department of Defense, were urgently closed, causing chaos as employees working there were evacuated as a precaution. The Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., has been hit by an automatic detection of toxic or unusual changes in the air, prompting employees to seek shelter in a safe area in accordance with emergency safety protocols. Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell said, “The building’s internal systems detected some changes in the air. As a precautionary measure,



safety protocols were immediately implemented until the significance of this was fully understood.” During this test, corridors 4 through 7 on floors 2 through 5 of the Pentagon complex were completely closed. Following this emergency alert, fire and emergency medical services personnel rushed to the scene and conducted an intensive search. In addition, a message was sent to the building’s security

staff that additional air tests were being conducted, which could take one to two hours, and that they were advised not to be alarmed by the emergency activities taking place outside. After intensive testing by security forces, it was found that there was no toxic substance or chemical threat in the air. The alarm was reportedly triggered by a technical glitch in the Pentagon’s environmental monitoring equipment.

Trump makes surprise announcement Planned attacks on Iran canceled

Washington

In a major reversal in the US-Iran war tensions that have reached a peak in the past few days in the Middle East, US President Donald Trump has announced that he is canceling air strikes against Iran that were planned for Thursday night. He announced the decision following significant progress in talks with Iran’s top leaders. Trump posted on his Truth Social media page, “Based on the discussions with the Islamic Republic of Iran that have been taken to and approved by the highest levels of that country’s leadership, I, as President of the United States, have canceled the airstrikes and bombings planned for today against Iran.” These discussions and final points, both in basic concept and in the most detailed details, have been agreed upon by all parties involved, including the United States, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Turkey, Pakistan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, and other countries. “Until this agreement is fully finalized, the naval blockade will continue in full force without any changes. An announcement regarding the time and place of the of-



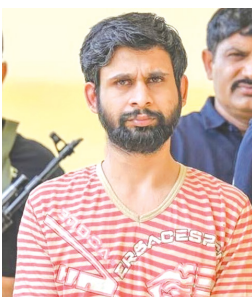
ficial signing will be made very soon,” he said. Trump’s bold announcement seems to have somewhat eased the fears of war that had been brewing in the global crude oil market and in the international political arena. What happened before Trump’s announcement? As tensions between the US and Iran continue to mount over a ceasefire agreement, Iran shot down a US Apache helicopter patrolling the Strait of Hormuz. In response, the US military bombed air defense radars on Iranian islands. Meanwhile, the US launched a second round of strikes on military bases in Iran’s capital Tehran, the port city of Bandar Abbas, and the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday morning. However, Iran did not release any information about the damage caused. In response, Iran launched missile attacks on Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan. Kuwaiti airspace was closed for several hours yesterday. Iran launched missile attacks on a US air

base in Jordan. 20 of the missiles were intercepted and destroyed in mid-air. No one was injured. Following this, President Trump, who commented on social media yesterday, said, “The United States will attack Iran very badly and take over Cork Island. Just like they took over the energy sector in Venezuela, the time will not be far off when they will take over Iran’s Cork Island crude oil terminal.” In a warning issued last April, President Trump said, “If we do not agree to the terms of the ceasefire agreement, the entire civilization of Iran will be destroyed overnight. It will never be restored.” In this situation, he threatened to seize the island of Cork. Iran’s Garg Island is located 33 km from Iran. It is from here that Iran’s crude oil and gas are being exported. If the US forces capture it, it will be easy for Iran to attack it with missiles and drones. It is noteworthy that this will cause a situation where the US forces will suffer more damage.

Criminal who fled abroad arrested in Georgia Interpol, External Affairs Ministry, CBI helped Haryana Police

New Delhi

Venkatesh Garg (29), a resident of Narayangarh in Ambala district of Haryana, was arrested. Under his leadership, a gang of around 53 members operated in various parts of Haryana. According to the police investigation, 34 cases of murder, attempt to murder, arson, extortion, illegal possession of weapons, etc. have been registered against the Garg gang in Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Panchkula and Chandigarh. The name of the Garg gang was also mentioned in the incident in which Bahujan Samaj Party leader Harvilas was killed in Narayangarh. On December 10, 2024, Venkatesh Garg fled from Delhi’s Indira



Gandhi International Airport to the United Arab Emirates. From there, he traveled to Georgia on January 26, 2025. Garg obtained a passport using fake documents. The case was registered by the Special Task Force (STF) of Haryana. Following this, the STF cancelled Karki’s passport and launched a successful search operation. In this situation, he was arrested in Georgia. Later, yesterday, the STF officials of Haryana brought him to Delhi by plane. This is the first time that the

Haryana Police has arrested a criminal who had fled abroad. This is also the first time that a criminal has been extradited from Georgia to India. Look-out and Red Corner Notices have been issued by Interpol against Venkatesh Garg from Georgia. After the CBI confirmed his whereabouts, the Central Government initiated legal proceedings to extradite him. The Ministry of External Affairs was in constant touch with the Georgian judiciary and law enforcement agencies. Venkatesh Garg was finally brought to India after the legal proceedings were completed. The Government of Kazakhstan was also very helpful in inviting Venkatesh Garg as a security guard.

Third Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP Resigns



New Delhi

The Trinamool Congress party faced defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections. Following this, 58 of the party’s 80 MLAs broke away to form a separate faction, with Ritabrata Banerjee becoming the Leader of the Opposition. Subsequently, more than 20 Trinamool Lok Sabha MPs, led by Kakoli Ghosh Das-tidar, raised a ban-

ner of revolt against Mamata. Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, a Rajya Sabha MP from the party, resigned from his post last Monday. Following him, another Rajya Sabha member, Sushmita Dev, also resigned. Now, Prakash Chik Baraik has become the third Rajya Sabha member to resign. It appears he is also set to join the BJP. This marks a further setback for Mamata.

Indian-made C-295 flight test successful



New Delhi

The Indian Air Force is procuring 56 C-295 transport aircraft at a cost of around Rs 21,935 crore. Of these, 40 aircraft will be assembled by Tata Advanced Systems in partnership with Airbus at its manufacturing facility in

Vadodara, Gujarat. The Indian Air Force has announced that the first Indian-made military transport aircraft, the C-295, has successfully completed its maiden flight. The Indian Air Force congratulates the entire team behind this successful flight.

Anve Dravid in the Indian U-19 team



New Delhi

Rahul Dravid’s younger son Anve Dravid has been selected for the Indian U-19 team. The India Under-19 cricket team is scheduled to tour Sri Lanka to play a series of 3 ODIs and 2 Tests. The series will be held from July 4 to 20. Rahul Dravid’s youngest son,

17-year-old Anve Dravid, has been included in the U-19 India team for the one-day series. Anve Dravid had led the Karnataka U-19 team to the quarter-finals of the Vinoo Mankad Trophy. Anve Dravid, who played in 6 matches in that series, had attracted attention by scoring 220 runs.

Nivetha Murugan Extends Relief to Fire Victims



On the night of last Tuesday, a fire broke out at Sitharkadu Sandhaipettai, near the Mayiladuthurai railway over-bridge, completely destroying three houses. Nivetha Murugan visited the affected families today to offer her support; she provided each family with financial assistance, rice, groceries, and household items. She was accompanied by District Deputy Secretary Selvamani, Mayiladuthurai Town Secretary Kundamani Selvaraj, West Union Secretary Moovalur Moorthy, District Youth Wing Organizer Maruthu, as well as numerous party functionaries and senior party veterans

One person infected with Nipah virus in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram

A person from Kozhikode, Kerala, has been confirmed to be infected with the Nipah virus. The Nipah virus was first detected in the Kozhikode and Malappuram districts of Kerala in

2018. In this context, a 43-year-old man from Kozhikode has now been confirmed to be infected with the Nipah virus. He is being treated at Kozhikode Medical College with the help of a ventilator. His family and those

who came in contact with him have been isolated. Kerala Health Minister Muralitharan said, “The person infected with Nipah virus was initially treated as an outpatient at the Kozhikode Medical College

Hospital. An MRI scan was taken at the same hospital. The doctors who treated him and the health workers who took the scan have been isolated.” A high-level meeting was held in Thiruvananthapuram yesterday

under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Muralitharan to prevent the spread of the Nipah virus. Shigella infection Shigella infection is spreading in Kerala. A student at a school in Wayanad district of the state was

confirmed to have Shigella infection yesterday. Including him, 9 people have been affected by this bacteria so far. As a precautionary measure, 514 students from Wayanad district have been quarantined.