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Bilingual policy will continue

New education policy will not be accepted Key points of Tamil Nadu Governor's speech

Chennai The bilingual policy will continue, and the new education policy will not be accepted. A legal expert committee will be formed to obtain financial allocation for Tamil Nadu from the Union government. The Union government's discriminatory approach towards Tamil Nadu will be published in a report," Governor Arlekar said in a speech read in the Legislative Assembly today. The 17th session of the Tamil Nadu Constituent Assembly began at 10 am today under the chairmanship of Governor R.V. Arlekar. The session began with the Tamil Motherland greetings, followed by the singing of the national anthem. Following this, Governor Arlekar delivered his address. Earlier, during the swearing-in ceremonies

of the Chief Minister and ministers, the singing of Vande Mataram first, the national anthem second, and the Tamil Thai Vatsuthu third at the Governor's Mansion created controversy. In this context, it is noteworthy that today's legislative session has begun with the Tamil Thai Vatsuthu. Governor Arlekar mentioned the names of Anna, Periyar, Kamaraj, and Ambedkar in his speech. He completed his speech in 39 minutes. It seems that the Governor read the government's speech without any changes. The key points in the Governor's speech are as follows: The people have decided and elected Chief Minister Vijay as the only one who can take Tamil Nadu on the path of development, transcending caste, religious and money politics, with Periyar, Anna, Ka-



maraj, Ambedkar, Velu Nachiyar and Anjalai Ammal as their policy leaders. A new achievement has been achieved through the coalition government, which has achieved 'share in governance and share in power', unprecedented in the history of the Tamil Nadu government. The Union Government is expected to provide necessary assistance to Tamil Nadu. A resolution will be passed in the Legislative Assembly to get Tamil Nadu's due share of the taxes paid by the people of Tamil

Nadu to the Union Government. The Union Government will continue to insist on the state's welfare in Tamil Nadu. A legal expert committee will be formed to obtain financial allocation for Tamil Nadu from the Union Government. Every rupee of revenue due to Tamil Nadu will be properly documented and the Union Government's biased approach to Tamil Nadu will be published as a report. It will be ensured that Tamil Nadu receives a fair financial allocation from the Union Government. In the last

5 years, the financial situation of Tamil Nadu has reached a very bad state. The debt level in Tamil Nadu has reached Rs. 10 lakh crore. In the last 5 years, Tamil Nadu's debt has doubled. Despite the financial deficit, the promises made by this government will be fulfilled. This government is taking decisive action to completely eradicate drugs. The aim of this government is to create a safe environment for women and children. Strict action will be taken against those who commit wrongdoing.

This government has closed 717 liquor shops near places of worship and schools. Corruption in the mineral sector has reduced the revenue of that sector. Steps will be taken to prevent the plunder of natural resources and increase government revenue. Loans of up to Rs. 75,000 received by small and marginal farmers have been completely waived off. Only farmers have been allowed to extract silt from water bodies. Tamil Nadu's legal proceedings in the Meghedhattu issue will continue.

Despite the Supreme Court's order, the Karnataka government is only providing surplus water to Tamil Nadu. The aim of this government is to bring about honest administration free from bribery and corruption. The two-language policy will continue in Tamil Nadu. There will be an insistence on shifting education from the general list to the state list. The Tamil Nadu government will oppose the new education policy. Tamil should be allowed to be made the language of proceedings in the Madras High Court. A branch of the Supreme Court will be urged to be established in Chennai. The Tamil Nadu government will stop the Kerala government's attempt to build a dam as an alternative to the Mullaperiyar dam. Steps will be taken to fill the vacant posts in

the education department. The central government should complete the caste census as soon as possible. Once the central government's census is completed, the Tamil Nadu government will conduct a social justice survey. The Union Government should take appropriate action to resolve the fishermen's issue. The 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu will be protected. Permission to start a business will be given through a single window system. Tamil Nadu will become a model state of India by 2031. There will be structural changes in the Hindu Religious Endowments Department. This is one of the many positions of the Thaweka government expressed in the Governor's speech.

Legislative Assembly Drops

DMK members wearing black badges with the slogan "Open your mouth, CM"

Chennai As the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly convenes today, DMK members who visited the assembly wore black badges with the slogan "Open your mouth, CM". They also wore banners with various slogans, such as 'Tamil Nadu is witness to the rule of the poor', 'Reels are here, where are the real ones?', 'Pure power is not the power of sorrow', criticizing the Thaweka government's coming to power, and 'Didn't you hear the cries, CM?', demanding justice for the sexual assaults against women and girls that are taking place in Tamil Nadu. The first session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assem-



bly begins with the Governor's address. Accordingly, the Legislative Assembly began its session last January under the chairmanship of the then Governor R.N. Ravi. Governor Ravi, citing the non-playing of the Vande Mataram song, walked out of the assembly without reading the government-prepared speech. Thereafter, a resolution was passed that only the speech prepared by the government should be in-

cluded in the agenda of the assembly and the then Speaker of the Assembly M. Appavu read the Tamil speech. In this context, the 17th session of the Tamil Nadu Constituent Assembly will begin at 10 am today under the chairmanship of Governor R.V. Arlekar. Earlier, Assembly Speaker J.C.T. Prabhakar, who recently met Governor Arlekar, invited him to address the assembly. With the Tamil Nadu Legislative As-



A review meeting regarding the activities of the Transport Department and the schemes proposed for implementation was held under the chairmanship of the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay.

Legislative proceedings will continue live from now on - Minister Rajmohan

Chennai The live broadcast of the Legislative Assembly, which was blacked out for two or three years, has resumed. From now on, the Legislative Assembly will continue live," said Minister Rajmohan. Speaking to reporters at the Legislative Assembly premises after the Governor's address, Minister Rajmohan said, "Tamil is our breath, Tamil is our speech, this life was given to Tamil. Therefore, Tamil always comes first. According to the Union Government's circular, Vande Mataram should be sung first. But instead of following that, Tamil Thai Vatsuthu was sung first



today as per the Tamil Nadu Government's stand. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has a dignity and respect. The opposition parties can express their reaction democratically. Even today, DMK members were wearing black badges. The opposition parties can show their opposition. But, they should have come like that in the previous regime. They have come a little late. This government is undertaking various activi-

ties, including the Lioness Special Force, to maintain public peace, law and order, and justice. Therefore, they must have worn these badges during the previous regime. Today's Governor's address has started well. It is a good start. Today there is a business review meeting. Further announcements will be made soon. They say that in 2024, an average of 30 cases were registered per day. Now the crime rate has decreased even more. As the sense of security at police stations has increased, more and more victims are coming out. The current regime is taking swift action without any bias and is work-

ing to ensure maximum punishment. We have been continuously insisting that a caste-wise census and a social justice audit should be conducted. The central government will conduct the caste-wise census, and the state government will conduct the social justice audit. "Chief Minister Vijay has kept his promise. The live broadcast of the Assembly, which was blacked out for two or three years, has resumed. From now on, the live broadcast of the Assembly will continue. This is a great example of democracy. Today's event is a great example of transparency and honest administration," he said.



A meeting took place between the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay, and senior officials from HD KSOE regarding a state-of-the-art shipbuilding project in Thoothukudi, which entails an investment of approximately ₹38,000 crore and is set to generate employment for 15,000 people.

The concluding ceremony of the Jamabandi as successfully held at the Tirupattur Taluk Office

Tirupattur, June 19 –

The concluding ceremony of the Jamabandi took place today at the Taluk Office in Tirupattur town. During the seven-day event, a total of 1,095 petitions were received from the public, covering issues such as requests for land ownership records (patta), agriculture-related matters, and grievances from differently-abled in-



dividuals. Immediate resolutions were provided for 150 of these petitions. District Revenue Officer Narayanan, Revenue Divisional Officer Varadharajan, Taluk Tahsildar Navaneeth-

Two-wheeler thief arrested at Ambur Government Hospital; 5 vehicles seized

Ambur, June 19

Several two-wheelers had been stolen from the Ambur Government Hospital in Tirupathur district over the past few days. Following multiple complaints lodged at the town police station, a special team formed by the District Superintendent of Police conducted an investigation using CCTV footage from the hospital. The investigation re-



vealed that the person involved in the thefts was Imran, son of Khader Basha, a resident of the 2nd Street near the Udhendhiram Mosque in Vaniyambadi. Subsequently, the town police regis-

Review meeting chaired by the District Collector to prevent road accidents in Tirupathur district

Tirupathur, June 19

A review meeting regarding the prevention of road accidents on National and State Highways was held at the Tirupathur District Collector's office conference hall. Officials from the Police, Highways, and Transport departments participated in the meeting, which was chaired by District Collector K. Ravikumar. Discussions focused on various measures, including identifying accident-prone areas to implement preventive actions, enhancing road safety features,



and curbing traffic rule violations. Furthermore, officials were instructed to expedite tasks such as installing necessary warning signs, improving lighting and safety arrangements, and raising public awareness about road safety. District Superintendent of Police Akshay Anil Wakhare, District Revenue Offi-

Action Sought Over Illicit Liquor Sale Near Vaniyambadi

Vaniyambadi, June 19

A. Selvaraj, the DMK Secretary and former Town Panchayat President of Udayendiram (near Vaniyambadi in Tirupathur district), has submitted a complaint to the rural police station. In the petition, he stated that spurious liquor from other states is being sold in large quantities in the C.V. Patrai area. He noted that this has led to individuals from outside the locality consuming alcohol and engaging in anti-so-



cial activities, such as harassing women. Furthermore, the petition highlights that liquor is being sold in the immediate vicinity of a government middle school, creating a situation where schoolgirls and women feel unsafe while commuting. The petition demands an investigation and strict action against those allegedly involved in the illicit liquor trade, warning that a large-scale protest will be organized with the party leadership's approval if no action is taken. The police are currently investigating the matter.



Ranipet District Collector N. Priya presented mementos and certificates of appreciation to government school students who won the essay competition held to mark 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' by the Department of Social Welfare and Women's Rights

Nine people, including four children, rescued from bonded labor at a brick kiln

Ambur, June 18

The Tirupattur District Legal Services Authority received information that nine individuals, including four children, were working as bonded laborers at a brick kiln run by one Chinna Kannan in the Bairapalli area near Ambur. Acting on this information and under the orders of J. Nagalakshmi (alias Vijayarani), Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, a team led by A. Thanigachalam, the Vaniyambadi Revenue Divisional Officer (in-charge)—and including Ambur Tahsildar Revathi and



other revenue officials—visited the site to conduct an inquiry. The investigation revealed that the workers had been employed under a bonded labor system for over ten years. Subsequently, officials rescued the nine individuals, including the four children, and are continuing their inquiries. The Revenue Divisional Officer stated that measures would be taken to provide appropriate relief and rehabilitation assistance to the rescued individuals from the government, and that legal action would be initiated against the brick kiln owner, Chinna Kannan, for employing them as bonded laborers

Grand Consecration Ceremony Veera Anjaneyar Swamy Temple

Kumbakonam: June 17

The grand consecration ceremony (Maha Kumbabishekam) of the Veera Anjaneyar Swamy Temple, located on the northern bank of Rettirayar Kulam in Kumbakonam city, Thanjavur district, was held with great grandeur on Wednesday. In preparation for the event, various rituals were conducted at the Yagasalai (ritual pavilion) on the evening of Tuesday, June 16. These included Vigneshwara Puja, Jalaharanam (ritual water collection), Vastu Shanti, Kalasa Sthapanam (installation of sacred pots), Homams (fire rituals) for Lord Ganapathi and the Navagrahas (nine planets), the first phase of Homam, Vimana* purification, Bimba (idol) purification, Kalasa worship, and Deeparadhana (ritual offering of lights). Following this, on the morning of Wednesday, June



17, the main Homams and the procession of the sacred pots (Kadam) took place. Subsequently, during the auspicious morning hour, holy water was poured over the temple's Vimana Kalasams (tower finials) to perform the Maha Kumbabishekam. Following the consecration, special Abhishekam (ritual bathing) and Aradhana were performed for the Veera Anjaneyar Swamy idol using substances such as milk, curd, Panchamirtham, tender coconut water, and sandalwood paste; the deity was adorned with colorful flowers, and Deeparadhana was offered. Local residents and a large number of devotees participated in the event and offered prayers to the deity. The arrangements for this Maha Kumbabishekam—held at the temple, which operates under the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department—were excellently organized by the temple's Executive Officer/Trustee S. Vinoth Kumar, Inspector J. Venkatasubramanian, the hereditary priest Na. Guru Raghavendran and his family, along with the festival committee and devotees. Furthermore, a large number of devotees participated in the Maha Kumbabishekam ceremony held at the Veera Anjaneyar Swamy Temple, located on the northern bank of the Rettirayar Kulam in Kumbakonam



At the Jamabandi (revenue settlement) event for Fasli 1435 held at the Thottiyam Taluk Office in Tiruchirappalli district, District Collector Pratheek Tayal provided immediate resolutions to petitions received from the public and distributed welfare assistance.



Ranipet District Collector N. Priya, IAS, handed over a loan cheque worth ₹20 lakh to an entrepreneur during an awareness meeting regarding the services of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC), held at the District Collector's office conference hall.

CRIME NEWS

Policeman Suspended

After Assaulting Staff Over Demand for Liquor on Credit

Chengam

On the night of the 15th, Senthilkumar, a police constable from the Pudupalayam station, visited a government liquor shop in Kuppam village near Chengam, Tiruvannamalai district, and demanded a bottle of liquor on credit. The salesman, Shan-

kar, refused, stating that liquor could not be provided without payment. Enraged by this, Constable Senthilkumar entered the shop and brutally assaulted Shankar. Following the incident, Superintendent of Police (SP) Sudhakar ordered the suspension of Constable Senthilkumar.

Coimbatore Woman killed body thrown into a well



Mettupalayam

A foul smell was emanating from a well in a privately owned factory complex in the Gopi Rasipuram area near Sirumugai in Coimbatore district. On receiving information, the Sirumugai police and fire department personnel went and tied a rope to the well and descended. When the sack floating in the well was lifted up and opened, it contained the body of a woman with her hands and feet tied. A large stone was also tied to the body. The initial police investigation revealed that the woman whose body was found was from a northern state, was probably between

20 and 25 years old, and was probably a married woman. No details including the woman's name and address are known. It seems that the woman's body was dumped 5 days ago. Some clothes were found near the well. The police also seized them. District Superintendent of Police Pawan Kumar Reddy reached the spot and expedited the investigation. What is the reason for the disappearance of the girl? The police are investigating whether any complaints have been received, whether any women who worked in factories and mills have disappeared, and who the perpetrators are.

Lake Jump Ends in Tragedy

Chennai

A young man drowned and died after trying to escape by jumping into a lake after seeing police while smoking ganja. It is said that on the evening before yesterday, four young men were sitting in an area surrounded by residential areas on 10th Street in Sivasakthi Nagar in the Rajamangalam area of Chennai, drinking alcohol and smoking ganja, causing a disturbance to the public. Locals informed the police control room about the incident. Following this, patrol police from Rajamangalam police station rushed to the spot. Upon seeing the police arriving, the four youths fled the scene. One of them is said to have tried to escape by jumping into the nearby Redtari Lake. He then unexpectedly drowned in the lake. As he did not come out even after a long time, the police became suspicious and immediately launched a search operation. However, since he could not be found,



the Kolathur Fire and Rescue Department was informed. The firefighters who went to the scene also searched the lake.

Police investigation

After a long search, the body of the youth who drowned in the lake was recovered. Later, the body was sent to the Kilpauk Government Medical College Hospital for an autopsy. The Rajamangalam police have registered a case and are investigating the matter. During the investigation, it was revealed that the deceased was Gerald David (20) from Rajamangalam, Villivakkam, and that he was a day laborer. The police also said that it was revealed that Gerald David used to drink alcohol and smoke ganja in public places with his friends. The police are continuing their investigation in this regard.

Parliamentary Panel Concerned About CUET; Urges Review of Exam Structure

New Delhi the day before yesterday. The report states: "This examination system was introduced in the 2022-2023 academic year to reduce the burden on students, universities, and the overall education system, and to place students from diverse educational boards on an equal footing. However, some members of the committee do not agree with the benefits of introducing CUET as a common admission method for undergraduate courses. The Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) format is highly unsuitable for Humanities and Social Science subjects, which rely on independent and subjective thinking. The committee recommends reviewing the design of the CUET exam and the quality of the question papers to ensure the test fulfills the objectives outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020."

Tragedy in Rajasthan and Uttarakhand Two Die by Suicide Amidst NEET Re-exam

Dehradun ly appeared for the NEET exam, which was subsequently cancelled due to question paper leaks and irregularities. Police stated that she was distressed over not achieving the results she had hoped for. Similarly, in Rajasthan's Sikar district—where a NEET aspirant named Pradeep Mahich had already died by suicide on May 15—another student named Umesh (22) took his own life. Umesh lived in an apartment complex in Sikar with his mother and two siblings. Having previously taken the NEET exam, he was preparing for the re-examination when he died by suicide the night before last. The Udyog Nagar police have registered a case and are conducting a thorough investigation. Modi and Dharmendra Pradhan Responsible for Students' Deaths: Rahul Gandhi Lashes Out Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, issued the following statement regarding the deaths of two students linked to the NEET re-examination issue in Rajasthan and Uttarakhand: These deaths are the result of a broken and corrupt system. The Modi government and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan are responsible for this; instead of protecting students, they have consistently shielded those behind question paper leaks, exam mismanagement, and the destruction of students' futures. No child's dream should ever be shattered like this again, and no parent should ever have to lose their child in this manner. From now on, the pain of every family will resonate across the nation as the 'voice of the students'."

Why did the gold plates on the Sabarimala temple roof change color? – Startling details

Thiruvananthapuram It has been revealed that the gold plates on the roof of the Sabarimala Ayyappan Temple changed color because devotees had been throwing ghee onto them. Gold plating was applied to the temple's roof, side walls, and steps approximately 30 years ago. Meanwhile, an incident involving the theft of gold plates from the *Dwarapalaka* (guardian deity) statues, the door, and the doorframe had caused a major stir in Kerala. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) is currently investigating the matter. Two days ago, the SIT conducted an inspection at the Sabarimala temple, during which they discovered discoloration in certain areas of the roof. Given the existing suspicion that more gold plates might have been stolen, the SIT decided to investigate this specific issue. Consequently, SIT officials inspected the roof yesterday. The inspection revealed that the discoloration of the gold plates was caused by devotees throwing ghee onto the roof. Subsequently, the area affected by the ghee was washed and cleaned.



TODAY RASIPALAN

- ARIES**
Today brings positive energy and enthusiasm. New opportunities may come your way. Be confident in your actions and stay focused on your goals.
- TAURUS**
A good day for financial matters. You may receive some good news related to money. Keep patience in relationships and avoid unnecessary arguments.
- GEMINI**
Your communication skills will be strong today. Important meetings will bring favorable results. Avoid overthinking and trust your instincts.
- CANCER**
A day for emotional balance and self-care. Focus on your health and spend time with family. Old problems may find a solution.
- LEO**
Your confidence will lead to success. You may get recognition for your hard work. Avoid ego clashes and be humble in your approach.
- VIRGO**
Plan your tasks carefully and avoid haste. A good day for learning and personal growth. Financial stability will improve.
- LIBRA**
Balance is the key today. Your efforts in work will be appreciated. Avoid procrastination and focus on completing pending tasks.
- SCORPIO**
You may experience a boost in energy and motivation. Good time for new beginnings. Be cautious with your spending.
- SAGITTARIUS**
A favorable day for travel and exploration. New connections will be beneficial. Keep a positive mindset and stay optimistic.
- CAPRICORN**
Hard work and discipline will bring good results. You may achieve an important milestone today. Stay focused and keep moving forward.
- AQUARIUS**
Innovation and creative ideas will bring success. You may help someone in need. Maintain harmony in personal relationships.
- PISCES**
Trust your intuition today. Spiritual activities will bring peace of mind. Avoid stress and take time for relaxation.

No Stay on NEET Re-exam Supreme Court Ruling



New Delhi The National Testing Agency (NTA) has announced that a re-examination for the NEET entrance test—held last month—will take place on the 21st of this month, following a question paper leak. Meanwhile, a new petition was filed in the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the NTA's decision to conduct the re-exam and requesting that the process be halted until a verdict is delivered in the case. The matter came up for hearing yesterday before a bench led by Justice Surya Kant. During the hearing, the presiding judge recommended that this case be listed before the bench of Justice P.S. Narasimha, which is already hearing various other petitions related to the NEET issue. It was further stated that the case would be taken up for hearing after the Supreme Court resumes its regular operations on July 13, following the summer recess. This order confirms that there is no impediment to holding the NEET re-examination scheduled for June 21.

Even alliance partners lack faith in Rahul Gandhi: BJP's scathing criticism

New Delhi An editorial published on the 15th in *Murasoli*, the official daily of the DMK, noted that Rahul Gandhi was behaving in a manner that undermines the unity of the opposition's INDIA alliance. In this regard, BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla issued the following statement: "The DMK's criticism reflects the growing dissatisfaction among opposition parties regarding Rahul Gandhi's leadership. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has become a liability. Neither the public nor his alliance partners have faith in Rahul Gandhi. He lacks political maturity; no one trusts him. The Congress party has a history of using its allies and then discarding them. At a recent INDIA alliance meeting in Delhi, members questioned Rahul Gandhi's leadership and expressed reluctance to work under him. The Samajwadi Party—the largest party in the alliance—has complained about the Congress. The second-largest party, the Trinamool Congress, has already drifted away. The third-largest party, the DMK, did not attend the INDIA alliance meeting. The Aam Aadmi Party also has grievances against Rahul Gandhi. Even the Left parties—long-standing political entities—have expressed similar views," he said.



India's Defence Production Rises to ₹1.78 Lakh Crore in 2025-26: Union Government

New Delhi In a statement released yesterday, the Union Ministry of Defence announced, "India has achieved a record in annual defence equipment production, reaching ₹1.78 lakh crore in the 2025-26 financial year. This milestone represents a 15.6 percent increase compared to the production of ₹1.54 lakh crore in the previous financial year. Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and other public sector entities contributed approximately 76 percent of the total production, while the private sector contributed 24 percent. The private sector's contribution rose to approximately ₹42,000 crore in a post on X, "The 2025-26, reflecting its expanding role in the defence manufacturing landscape. The sustained growth in defence equipment production over the years has significantly contributed to achieving record defence exports worth ₹38,424 crore in the 2025-26 financial year." Commenting on this, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated in a post on X, "The significant growth in India's defence production in recent years is the result of the collective efforts of the defence manufacturing sector and all associated stakeholders. This growth stands as clear evidence of the country's expanding defence industrial ecosystem."



10,000 Students Gather Under Rahul Gandhi's Leadership to Protest NEET Irregularities; Kota Sees Massive Turnout

New Delhi Kota serves as a major hub for coaching centers in the country, with approximately 120,000 students preparing for exams like NEET and JEE at various institutes. With the NEET re-examination scheduled for the 21st, a conference held by Rahul Gandhi in Kota has created a significant stir. Over 10,000 students gathered in Kota, Rajasthan, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi to protest against examination irregularities and question paper leaks. Condemning the NEET paper leak and irregularities in the evaluation of CBSE Class 12 answer sheets, Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, had announced plans to hold a series of student conferences across the country to interact with students. The first of these conferences took place yesterday in Kota, Rajasthan. The Congress had set a target of gathering approximately 10,000 students for the event. However, from yesterday afternoon onwards, a large number of students began making their way to the Dussehra Ground, where the meeting led by Rahul Gandhi was scheduled to be held. Parents also gathered in large numbers, moving in groups. They marched through the streets, raising slogans against the irregularities surrounding the NEET and CBSE Class 12 exams. By yesterday evening, the Dussehra Ground was overflowing with students who raised slogans against the examination malpractices. Rahul Gandhi arrived at the stage set up at the Dussehra Ground last night and began by interacting with the students regarding the examination irregularities under the Modi-led government. He spoke to them about their future plans, their reasons for choosing to prepare for NEET and JEE, their dreams, and the financial costs involved in their preparations. Subsequently, Rahul Gandhi addressed the students as follows: "I want to state one thing very clearly: this is not a political meeting. This is about you; this is about your future. This evening belongs to you." He spoke about the environment and the daily challenges faced by students. India's education system places immense pressure on children, causing them mental distress and crushing their spirits; this is not good for the country. He expressed a desire for everyone to work together to ensure that no student in the country ever has to experience what that young girl felt.



India's Exports Reach Record High

Despite West Asia tensions and global trade challenges, India's exports touched a record ₹82 lakh crore, boosting confidence in the country's economic growth

Telegram Ban Challenged in Court

Messaging platform Telegram has approached the Delhi High Court against the temporary ban imposed by the Centre.

FIFA World Cup

The 2026 FIFA World Cup group-stage matches continue today, with England vs Croatia among the key fixtures.

Crude Oil Prices Ease

Global crude oil prices softened following developments in the US-Iran peace agreement, providing relief to fuel-importing countries like India

We will bomb Iran again if it doesn't behave properly" - Trump warns

Paris The deal with Iran is not final. US President Trump has warned that if the country does not behave properly, we will rain down more bombs on it. The US-Iran peace deal has been finalized. It has been announced that the agreement will be signed tomorrow in Geneva, Switzerland. In this situation, US President Trump will not participate in the G7 summit to be held in the French capital, Paris. Trump, who



has been boasting about his deal with Iran since he arrived in France, claimed that he had stopped a "global outcry" suggested by some "foolish people." But he did not specify who the fool was. In this context, US President Trump said

yesterday, "The deal with Iran is not final. It is just a memorandum of understanding. If it doesn't work out for me or if they (Iran) don't behave properly, we will start throwing missiles at their heads again. Because they have been behaving badly for the last 47 years." Donald Trump reiterated that the Strait of Hormuz has already been partially opened and that it will be fully opened in the next day or two.

Safety of maritime workers is important: PM Modi urges Trump

Paris Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged US President Donald Trump to ensure the safety of Indian maritime personnel. The G7 is made up of the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, and Japan. This year's G7 summit began on the 15th in Avignon, France. US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Prime Minister Friedrich Merz, Italian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, and European Council President Antonio Costa were among those who participated. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi left Delhi on the 13th for France and then traveled to Slovakia. After meeting and addressing the leaders of that country, Prime Minister Modi returned to France the day before yesterday to participate in the G7 summit. Prime Minister Modi was the chief guest at the G7 summit in Avignon, France, on the evening before yesterday. Prime Minister Modi met US President Trump on the sidelines of the G7 summit yesterday. The two leaders shook hands. The two sat side by side and spoke for 5 minutes. Modi, who visited the



US in February 2025, met President Trump. After that, the US government's tax hike caused a slight rift in the relationship between the two countries. In this context, his meeting with President Trump again the day before yesterday after about 16 months is significant. Final day of the conference In this context, on the last day of the conference, Prime Minister Modi met and spoke privately with the Prime Ministers of Britain, Canada, Italy, and the President of the United Arab Emirates, Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Following this, Prime Minister Modi held a separate meeting with US President Trump. After participating in the conference programs that began in the morning, Prime Minister Modi met President Trump during the lunch break. At that time, Prime Minister Modi stressed that 10 percent of the world's maritime workforce was Indian, and the United States should help ensure the safety of Indian maritime workers. Prime Minister Modi also stressed to President Trump the need to provide vital safety to maritime workers and the need for them

Bodies of Two Indian Sailors Shot Dead by US Brought Home

Dubai The bodies of two Indian sailors shot dead by the US were brought to India yesterday. Amidst the conflict involving Iran, the US, and Israel, Iran had blocked the Strait of Hormuz—a vital route for crude oil transport. Against this backdrop, the US Navy attacked the Palau-flagged commercial vessel 'MT Cetebello' in the Gulf of Oman on the



10th of the month. Three Indian sailors—Patnala Suresh, Aditya Sharma, and Shivanand Chaurasia—were killed in this attack. Twenty-one surviving Indian sailors were safely rescued and brought back to India the day

before yesterday. Subsequently, the bodies of the deceased sailors, Aditya Sharma and Shivanand Chaurasia, were brought to India yesterday. The Indian Embassy in Muscat officially announced this information via a post on X.

Growth for whom?" - PM Modi asks at G7 summit, presenting economic metrics

"The key question is: development for whom? with whom? in which direction: said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G7 summit"

Evian (France): Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a session on the theme of Restoring Inclusive, Shared and Sustainable Economic Growth for All at the G7 Summit held in Avignon, France. In his speech, he said, "It is welcome that this G7 summit, led by France, has given importance to this topic. The reality today is that growth should not be about Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or trade figures. The important question is: growth for whom? With whom? In which direction. India's experience has proven that inclusive growth can help achieve ambitions. India's de-



velopment journey is inclusive, has broad-based impact, and is based on democratic empowerment. It is based on the principle of development for all, with the trust of all, with the efforts of all, and with the development of all. This has been reflected in countless events such as India's G20 presi-

talent of India, and the contributions of the Global South, we can establish an International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade (IMPACT). "Today, while many societies are becoming ageing societies, there is an abundance of young talent and entrepreneurs in India and the global South. By harnessing this energy naturally, we can work together to create efficient infrastructure and promote skill migration," said Prime Minister Modi. The conference was attended by leaders including US President Donald Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron.

US President Trump Signs Peace Agreement with Iran

France US President Trump has signed a peace agreement with Iran. The US government released a 14-point statement—which includes financial aid worth ₹28 lakh crore for Iran's reconstruction—while Trump warned that they would bomb Iran if the agreement is violated. The peace agreement with Iran has been signed; US President Trump and Iranian President Pezeshkian signed the agreement electronically. While the peace agreement has been signed, it will take 60 days for the final agreement to be concluded. Following the signing of the peace agreement, the US government released a 14-point statement,



which includes the provision of ₹28 lakh crore in financial aid for Iran's reconstruction. Meanwhile, US President Trump has warned that Iran would be bombed again if it fails to abide by the peace agreement. The US government has officially released the 14 points of the peace agreement, which was formulated based on talks held in Islamabad regarding the ceasefire between the US and Iran. The agreement includes provisions such as the permanent cessation of military operations on all fronts—including in Lebanon—and the provision of financial aid worth ₹28 lakh crore by the US and its allies for Iran's reconstruction. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the G7 summit in France, US President Trump stated categorically that under the peace agreement, Iran cannot develop or acquire nuclear weapons. Trump also remarked that it would be unfair for Iran to be without ballistic missiles when other nations possess them.

Ban on Indian Flights in Pakistani Airspace Extended



Lahore Twenty-six people, including tourists, were killed in a major terrorist attack in Pahal-gam, Kashmir, on April 22 of last year. Following this, the ban imposed on Pakistani flights in Indian airspace—effective from April 30 of last year—was extended until May 24. Similarly, Pakistan had banned Indian flights from using its airspace starting April 24 of last year. This ban has now been extended for another month, until July 24.

India's Exports Hit Record ₹82 Lakh Crore Despite West Asia Conflict and US Tariff Challenges



Ahmedabad Despite trade disruptions caused by the conflict in West Asia, India's exports surged to an unprecedented \$863 billion (Rs 82 lakh crore) in the 2025-26 period. US President Trump had imposed a 25% reciprocal tariff on Indian goods. Subsequently, an additional 25% tariff was levied due to India's purchase of crude oil from Russia. Following this, the US and Israel launched a joint attack on Iran; the resulting closure of the Strait of Hormuz severely impacted crude oil supplies. Speaking yesterday at a public outreach event titled "12 Years of Achievements of Gujarat's Special Economic Zones," Ajay Bhadoo, Additional Secretary in the Union Ministry of Commerce, stated: "From US tariffs to the crises in West Asia, this has been a very challenging year. However, India has proven its remarkable resilience regarding exports. In the 2025-26 fiscal year, India's total exports reached a historic peak of \$863 billion (approximately Rs 82 lakh crore). Over the past decade, India's overall exports have nearly doubled, rising from approximately \$441 billion to \$863 billion."

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Corruption Allegation

Mahinda Rajapaksa's Son Arrested Anti-Corruption Commission Takes Action

Colombo The second son of former Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa was arrested yesterday. Sri Lanka is currently governed by an administration led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake. Against this backdrop, Yoshitha Rajapaksa, the second son of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, was arrested yesterday following allegations of corruption. The Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption had issued a summons for him to



appear for questioning. Yoshitha Rajapaksa was arrested after he appeared for the inquiry. In a statement regarding the matter, the Commission stated, "Yoshitha Rajapaksa was appointed as a trainee officer in the Sri Lanka Navy in 2006. He was appointed as an officer in the Navy's administrative branch without meeting the prescribed qualifications. Furthermore, deviating from standard appointment and training procedures, Yoshitha Rajapaksa was given the opportunity to undergo training at the Royal Naval College in Britain using government funds. He has been arrested in connection with these corruption allegations.

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