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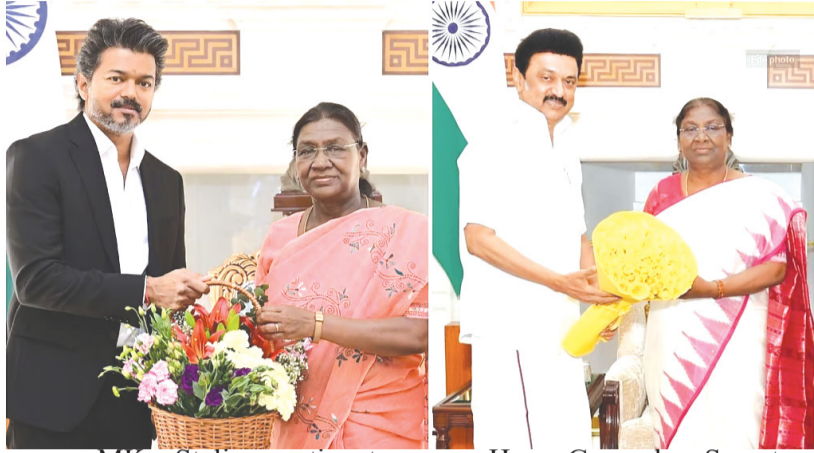
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President Draupadi Murmu's birthday Chief Minister Vijay, leaders congratulate

Chennai
 Political leaders including Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay, DMK president M.K. Stalin and Edappadi Palaniswami have extended their greetings to President Draupadi Murmu on her birthday. Chief Minister Vijay: "Happy birthday to the President of India, Draupadi Murmu. I extend my heartfelt wishes on this auspicious day for your dedicated service to the Indian nation with good health and further excellence." He shared his wishes on the X



page. MK Stalin: DMK President MK Stalin said, "Happy birthday to the President of India, Draupadi Murmu. Your journey from a very humble background to becoming the first citizen of the country is an inspiration to many. Humility, perseverance and determination are the hallmarks of your public life. I wish you a long and prosperous life with good health and happiness." Edappadi Palaniswami: Similarly, AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi Palaniswami said, "I extend my best wishes to the President of India, Draupadi Murmu, on his birthday. I wish him a long life and good health and may he continue to serve the people."

Tamil Nadu IAS officers transferred, including Madurai and Sivaganga collectors

Chennai
 IAS officers holding various positions in Tamil Nadu, including the Madurai and Sivaganga district collectors, have been transferred. The Tamil Nadu government has issued a press release in this regard: D. Prabhushankar, Managing Director of the Municipal Transport Corporation, has been appointed as Director of Geology and Mines. Jayaseelan, Joint Commissioner of Health, Chennai, has been appointed as Director of Tourism. He will also serve as the Managing Director



of the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation. Madurai District Collector Akash has been appointed as Sivaganga District Collector. Sivaganga District Collector Nishanth Krishna has been appointed as Madurai District Collector. Erode Commercial Tax Joint Commissioner Ponmani has been

been appointed as the Managing Director of the Metropolitan Transport Corporation. Shreya P Singh, Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Corporation, has been appointed as the Joint Commissioner of Health, Chennai Corporation. Ramana Saraswathi, Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Fibernet Corporation, has been appointed as the Managing Director of the Urban Habitat Development Corporation. This was stated in a press release issued by the Tamil Nadu government.

Meketatu new arbitration panel decision unnecessary

Farmer associations strongly oppose Protest announced for June 27th

Thanjavur
 Farmers have opposed the decision to set up a new arbitration panel regarding the Mekethatu Dam. Following this, they have decided to hold a placard burning protest in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on June 27. Farmer organizations have opposed the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly's resolution to set up a new arbitration panel for the Meketatu Dam project. Various political parties and farmers' associations in Tamil Nadu have been continuously urging the Karnataka government not to build a dam across the Cauvery at Megedath. In this situation, to strengthen this demand, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay brought a resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly yesterday (19th) that the Central Government should not allow the Karnataka government to build a dam in Megedhat, and all ruling parties accept-



ed it. At that time, the Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin moved a resolution demanding the establishment of a new arbitration panel regarding the dam. This demand was accepted in the Assembly and the resolution was passed. Meanwhile, farmers' associations in Thanjavur today (June 20) expressed their opposition to the resolution brought in the Legislative Assembly. Tamil Nadu Farmers' Union (CPM) General Secretary Sami. Natarajan said: We welcome the resolution of the Legislative Assembly that the Central Government should not give any permission to the Karnataka Government to build a new dam at Megedhat on the Cauvery. The amendment given

by Udhayanidhi Stalin in that resolution has been brought to set up a new arbitration panel regarding the Meghedathu issue. This resolution should not be brought. Why did the then ruling DMK government not openly publish the letter it had already written on 4.3.2026 regarding this, but now bring it in the name of amendment. He said that when the Supreme Court's rulings and the orders of the Cauvery Management Commission are already in force, there is no need for a new arbitration panel. Therefore, the amendment resolution regarding the arbitration panel passed in the Assembly yesterday should be repealed. Cauvery Rights Recovery Committee Coordinator P. Maniyarasan said: The resolution regarding the Meketatu Dam brought in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly yesterday should be cancelled. Udhayanidhi Stalin has said that a letter has already been written by the DMK government on 4.3.2026 in this regard. Similarly, Chief Minister Vijay's statement that a new arbitration panel should be brought regarding the Meketatu Dam, which he discussed with officials in New Delhi on 26.5.2026, and the decision to that effect should be immediately revoked. The DMK and TDP's resolutions regarding this new arbitration will only be in favor of the Karnataka government and will not benefit the farmers of Tamil Nadu. Therefore, the Tamil Nadu government should cancel this resolution. Otherwise, a protest will be held in Thanjavur to burn copies of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on June 20, he said.

Chennai Corporation to install cool roofs in 55 schools

Chennai
 The city government is taking steps to install 55 cool roofs in Chennai. In this regard, the Chennai City Government has issued a press release: Based on the experience of pilot projects undertaken in Chennai, the cool roof coating works in schools have significantly reduced the temperature of classrooms and roofs. This project is currently being expanded as a part of the Tamil Nadu Climate



Change Project. The project is to be implemented in a total of 55 schools, including 49 municipal schools and 6 government schools. Out of these, the work of installing cool roofs is being undertaken in 5 government schools. Converting

the highly reflective roofs of schools into cool roofs helps reduce heat loss, reduce electricity demand, and focus climate action on the public school system. In this regard, a training meeting for the principals and teachers of the Managarakchi School was held yesterday at the Ribbon Mansion under the chairmanship of Commissioner Sameeran. Joint Commissioner (Education) K. Kartbagam, Tamil Nadu Green Climate Foundation Managing Director Asha Ajith, Chief Executive Officer Bagan Jagdish Sudhakar, and Tamil Nadu Climate Change Authority Assistant Project Director Dushkar Hari Shinde Ollidor participated in it

Free bus travel token for senior citizens Will be issued from tomorrow

Metropolitan Transport Corporation Information

Chennai
 It has been announced that free bus travel tokens for senior citizens will be issued from tomorrow. The Metropolitan Transport Corporation has issued a statement in this regard: The Metropolitan Transport Corporation will issue free bus travel tokens

for 6 months at the rate of 10 tokens per month for senior citizens of Chennai from June 21 to July 31. It will be available from 8 am to 7.30 pm on all days without holidays. Thereafter, from August 1 to December 20, the same will be served at the respective offices during office hours on office days. Senior citizens

of Chennai can get such free travel tokens and identity cards by submitting family certificate, age proof (Aadhaar card, driving license, education certificate, voter identity card) and 2 color photographs as proof. This is stated in the notification.

New commissioners for Avadi and Tambaram

Chennai
 New police commissioners have been appointed to Avadi and Tambaram police stations. Following the change of government in Tamil Nadu, officers including IAS and IPS are being transferred in various departments. As far as the police department is concerned, officers from the



law and order DGP and the intelligence department to the anti-corruption department have changed. The DIGs and district SPs are also changing continuously and are



being assigned new assignments. Officials said that these changes are being made for administrative convenience and to improve public services. In that regard, Avadi Po-

lice Commissioner Prem Anand Sinha has been appointed as Tambaram Police Commissioner and Additional DGP Senthil Kumar, who is currently working in the DGP office, has been appointed as Avadi Police Commissioner. Home Secretary K. Manivasan issued a statement in this regard.



Mr. Rauff Hakeem, Leader of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and Member of Parliament for Kandy District, paid a courtesy call on the Hon. Minister of Minority Affairs, Mr. A.M. Shahjahan.

Heated exchange between DMK and TVK members

in the Assembly following Minister Aadav Arjuna's remarks TVK member from Royapuram lunges at DMK member

Chennai

A heated argument, accompanied by uproar and chaos, broke out between DMK and TVK members in the Legislative Assembly after Minister Aadav Arjuna spoke about the Kolathur constituency. Tension gripped the House when a TVK member from Royapuram lunged at a DMK member in an attempt to strike him. Speaking yesterday on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, Austin (DMK, Nagercoil) stated: "Former Minister Sivasankar had offered clarifications regarding the Assembly proceedings from the day before yesterday. He pointed out that legislative conventions



had been violated." "The conventions of the House have been undermined. This must not recur in the future." Minister Aadav Arjuna responded: "No conventions were violated in the House. The people of Tamil Nadu have never disregarded the National Anthem or the integrity of the nation. Following the path of leaders like Anna, Kamarajar, Kalaignar, and Jayalalithaa, the people of Tamil Nadu have always accorded due

respect to the National Anthem and national integrity. The government led by Chief Minister Vijay stood firm to uphold Tamil Nadu's self-respect in the very presence of the Governor, ensuring that due respect was paid to the 'Tamil Thai Vazhthu'." "The Union Home Ministry's circular was issued during the previous regime; the current government has not followed it. This government remains steadfast in its commitment to the policy of state autonomy." Austin remarked: "Whether girls and women in Tamil Nadu fall victim to sexual assault, or even if the sky were to come crashing down, the Chief Minister has created a historic revolution by—quite literally—refusing to open his mouth." Minister Aadav Arjuna: The opposition member is providing incorrect information to the House. Furthermore, regarding the incident a few months ago in Thoothukudi where a schoolgirl was sexually assaulted and died, the police failed to register a case for 36 hours, even though a complaint was lodged at 7 PM. Neither the Chief Minister, the ministers, nor

the local MLAs and MPs spoke about it. When attempts were made to visit the affected people, they were ignored. In contrast, during the 30 days since the TVK government assumed office, Chief Minister Vijay has been working round-the-clock, accomplishing tasks equivalent to the achievements of the past 30 years. The Chief Minister knows when to speak. We, too, know how to speak; everyone present here knows when to speak. Everyone knows the result of the five-minute speech our Chief Minister delivered in Kolathur. DMK Member (Sivasankar): If you speak about Chief Minister Vijay, do not speak about Kolathur; you should speak about the member concerned. (This led to a brief commotion in the House between TVK and DMK members. TVK members shouted "Hey... Hey" at DMK member Sivasankar, addressing him in a disrespectful, singular tone.) Rayapuram MLA Vijay Thamu (TVK) rose from the back row and moved aggressively towards the front rows, raising his hands as if to strike the DMK members. He was subsequently restrained by other TVK MLAs. In response, DMK members stood up and shouted back even more furiously. TVK MLAs then declared in loud voices that they would not remain silent regardless of

what the DMK members did and would retaliate in kind. This caused another brief uproar in the House. Despite all this commotion, Chief Minister Vijay remained silent and offered no response. Speaker: All members must uphold the dignity of the House; they should avoid personal accusations and express only those views that are acceptable to the public. Minister Rajmohan: "Is it appropriate to speak in the Legislative Assembly as if addressing a public rally? We—who were once addressed informally with the disrespectful 'Hey'—are now remaining silent out of respect for our leader's directive. Members of all parties must adhere

to the decorum of the House." This is how the debate unfolded. Is Tamil Nadu on the verge of becoming the most dangerous state in India? — DMK makes a public accusation. Austin (DMK): "Law and order in Tamil Nadu was meticulously maintained throughout the DMK's tenure. However, within just one month of the TVK government taking office, law and order in the state has completely collapsed. Today, criminals are engaging in illicit activities with total impunity. In a single month, there have been approximately 175 sexual assaults, 65 murders, and four caste-based honor killings. With the situation as it stands..."

Fire-walking Festival at Sri Draupadi Amman Temple, Palayankottai near Srimushnam

Large Number of Devotees Participate

Cuddalore, June 20

A large number of devotees participated in the fire-walking festival held at the Sri Draupadi Amman Temple in Palayankottai Melpathi village, near Srimushnam in Cuddalore district, and fulfilled their vows. Leading up to the festival, various spiritual events—including the recitation of the Mahabharata and street processions of the Goddess—were conducted over the past 30 days. On the final day of the festival, devotees proceeded to the banks of the Agalan Kulam (pond) around 4:00 PM. There, the Poo Karagam (flower-adorned



sacred pot) and Thaal Karagam were prepared. Accompanied by the beating of traditional drums, the devotees then marched in a procession through the Keezpathi bazaar area to reach the temple. Subsequently, traditional rituals were performed prior to the fire-walking event. After the *Agni Karagam* (fire-bearing sacred pot) and Thaal Karagam were carried into the fire pit, more than 200 devotees walked across the fire to fulfill their vows. As part of the festival, *Annadhanam* (offering of free food) was provided to the public. Village chieftains, prominent local figures, temple administrators, and over a thousand devotees participated in the event and offered prayers to the Goddess. The fire-walking festival was conducted with great devotional fervor and traditional significance.

Public thrash youth from North India accused of attempted burglary near Ambur

police rescue him and launch inquiry

Ambur, June 21

A young man from North India was seen loitering near the roadside home of Panneerselvam in Maniarkuppam village, near Ambur in Tirupattur district. It is alleged that the youth suddenly entered the house and attempted to take a television set. Noticing this, Panneerselvam intercepted and confronted him. A scuffle ensued, and the two exchanged blows. Subsequently, neighbors gathered, apprehended the youth, tied him to a tree, and assaulted him.



The Umarabad police were informed of the incident. Officers rushed to the scene, rescued the injured youth, and took him to the Ambur Government Hospital for treatment. A subsequent police investigation revealed that the youth was suffering from mental health issues. The police are now gathering his details and taking steps to send him back to his hometown. The incident, in which the public caught, assaulted, and handed over the North Indian youth to the police after accusing him of trespassing and attempted theft, has caused a stir in the Maniarkuppam area

Congress party members offered prayers and pulled the golden chariot at the Palani Murugan Temple to mark Rahul Gandhi's birthday

Palani

Congress party members across Tamil Nadu are celebrating the birthday of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, through various acts of service and religious observances. As part of these celebrations, the Youth Congress organized special archanas (rituals) in Rahul Gandhi's name at the Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple in Palani the third of Lord Murugan's six abodes and fulfilled a vow by pulling the deity's golden chariot. The event was attended by Youth Con-



gress Town President Balamurugan, West District President Saminathan, Palani Assembly Constituency In-charge Muthusamy, District Vice-President Muruganandam, Town President Muthu Vi-

Essential Medical Equipment and Educational Furniture Donated

Cuddalore, June 19

Additional doctors have been appointed to the Ganapathikurichi Government Hospital near Thittakudi in Cuddalore district, where over 500 patients from the surrounding areas receive treatment daily. In this context, the Pennadam Lions Club donated medical testing equipment, which was received by the hospital's chief medical officer. Similarly, the Pennadam Lions Club provided chairs to the Periyakosappallam Govern-



ment School and the Venkarumbur Government School, as well as a child-weighting scale to the Venkarumbur Anganwadi center. The event was attended by Pennadam Lions Club President Vasanthraj, World Thirukkural Federation President



Dr. Gnanamoorthy, Charter Member Lion Seenu Pazhamalai, Regional Chairperson Lion Arulmurugan, Club Director Lion Mezichelvan, District Chairperson Lion Marimuthu, along with hospital staff, teachers, pharmacists, and others.

A protest demonstration was held at the Kotagiri market grounds on behalf of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) to condemn the hike in petrol and diesel prices, the shortage of LPG cylinders, and the rising cost of living. Taluk Secretary Manikandan presided over the event. District Committee member Chola Mahesh, along with Taluk Committee members Kanivasan, Swaminathan, Gurumoorthy, Suganthan, and Kumaran, participated in large numbers and raised slogans condemning the Central Government.

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| | TAURUS Financial gains are indicated. Your efforts at work will be recognized. Avoid unnecessary expenses. |
| | GEMINI Good day for communication and new plans. You may meet important people. Stay calm and focused. |
| | CANCER Emotional balance is important today. You will get support from loved ones. Good time for learning. |
| | LEO Your confidence will bring success. Good chances for career growth. Respect elders and avoid ego. |
| | VIRGO Work pressure may increase, but you will manage well. Health needs attention. Be practical in decisions. |
| | LIBRA Favorable day for financial matters. You may solve old problems. Maintain balance in personal life. |
| | SCORPIO You will achieve success in tasks. Keep your plans confidential. Avoid unnecessary arguments. |
| | SAGITTARIUS New opportunities are on the way. Stay positive and work hard. Luck is with you. |
| | CAPRICORN Focus on long-term goals. Your hard work will bring good results. Take care of your health. |
| | AQUARIUS Creative ideas will bring recognition. Good time for new beginnings. Be open to suggestions. |
| | PISCES A peaceful and productive day. You may receive good news. Spend time with family and be grateful. |



A "Student Grievance Redressal Meeting" was held today (18.06.2026) at the Tirupathur District Collectorate conference hall, presided over by District Collector Mr. K. Ravikumar, I.A.S. Organized by the School Education Department, the meeting aimed to ensure 100% enrollment in higher education for all students who have completed Class 12 and to address any difficulties they face in the admission process. Also present were Chief Educational Officer Mr. R. Punniyakoti, District Lead Bank Manager Mr. Vijayakumar, District Differently-abled Welfare Officer Mr. Kannan, college representatives responsible for higher education admissions, district coordinators, and teacher trainers.

Clash between Trump and Italian PM Meloni She begged to take a photo with me": Trump's taunt

The friendship between Prime Minister Modi and Italian Prime Minister Meloni is world-renowned; photos of the two together often go viral online. In fact, while attending the G7 summit in France, Meloni happily remarked to PM Modi that their pairing was a massive hit on the internet. Amidst this, an interview given by US President Trump to an Italian television channel—during his attendance at the G7 summit—has sparked controversy. In the interview, he claimed that Meloni was very eager to have her photo taken with him. His statement that he



did not want to do so has caused a stir. Trump said, "Meloni might have been happy speaking with me. I was under no obligation to speak with her. She begged to take a photo with me. She really wanted a picture with me. I wouldn't have taken it, but I felt sorry for her." "Neither Italy nor I ever beg": Meloni hits back Italian Prime Minister Meloni stated that US

President Trump's claim—that she begged to take a photo with him during the G7 summit—was completely fabricated. In a post on X (formerly Twitter) regarding this, Meloni wrote, "US President Trump's claims are entirely fabricated; frankly, I am shocked. I do not understand why the US President behaves this way towards his own allies; In fact, this is not the

first time it has happened. It is regrettable that he does not show similar resolve regarding the adversaries of Western nations and the US; instead, he displays a very conciliatory attitude towards certain other leaders. However, he should remember one thing: neither I nor Italy ever beg anyone for anything." Leaders I Respect: Modi, Xi Jinping When asked to name the world leaders he admires most, US President Trump mentioned Prime Minister Modi and Xi Jinping. At the same time, he declined to name any leaders he considers weak. He then spoke about the absence

of Russian President Vladimir Putin from the G7 group, noting that the organization was previously the G8 before Russia was expelled following its annexation of Crimea in 2014. Italian Foreign Minister Cancelli following Trump's remarks, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani announced the cancellation of his planned trip to the United States. He posted on X that the disparaging words Trump used against Meloni had offended all of Italy. He had been scheduled to visit the US on June 21 and 22.

Union Government's Order Banning Telegram Upheld: High Court's Ruling

New Delhi

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has announced that a re-examination for the NEET-UG entrance test—held last month—will take place on June 21 (tomorrow) due to a question paper leak. As a measure to prevent further leaks, the Union Government has banned the Telegram app until the re-examination concludes on June 22. Telegram challenged this move, and the case came up for hearing before a Delhi High Court



bench led by Justice Tejas Karia. Appearing for the Union Government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta stated, "The ban on the Telegram app until the NEET re-examination concludes is a measure to prevent question paper leaks. This action was taken under Section 69A of the Information Technol-

ogy Act, 2000. Additionally, Telegram has been ordered to suspend the 'edit message' feature until the 30th. Notably, the app has effectively transformed into a new 'dark web' platform, which poses a significant danger." In response, the lawyer representing Telegram strongly opposed the move,

arguing, "Holding the entire platform accountable for the actions of a specific group of users is inappropriate. Such measures infringe upon the rights of 15 crore Indians; therefore, the Union Government's ban should be revoked." After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge had reserved the verdict the day before yesterday, having raised the question of whether the existing framework permitted the imposition of minimal restrictions to combat issues

like question paper leaks. In the verdict delivered yesterday regarding the case, Delhi High Court Justice Tejas Karia observed that the Union Government's actions concerning the Telegram app involved only minimal restrictions. Consequently, the measures were deemed appropriate as they caused no undue adverse impact; nor could the government's order be considered disproportionate. Based on these grounds, the judge dismissed the petition filed by Telegram and closed the case.

Monkeys carried away gold jewelry Court rejects police report, orders intensive investigation

Lucknow

A woman died due to dowry violence in 2007 in the area under Kotwali Sadar police station in Lakhimpur district of Uttar Pradesh. The woman's husband and his family members have been arrested in this case. The police then confiscated the woman's gold jewelry and kept it in the police station's storage room. The woman's husband was acquitted in this case last February. Following this, the husband returned the gold jewelry from the police station to them and filed a case in the court. In an affidavit filed with the Ministry of Justice at that time, the police said: During heavy rains in 2013, the gold jewelry, which was wrapped in cloth in the storage room, got wet. We kept it in the open air above the storage room to dry it. At that time, a group of Kurangkuts who



came from somewhere upstairs in the room threw and broke the gold ornaments and destroyed them. The Kurangkuts themselves also took away the gold ornaments. We were unable to recover the gold ornaments. This was stated in it. However, the Lakhimpur District Magistrate did not accept the information given by the police. After a thorough investigation, Kumar gave a report. In this situation, in an affidavit filed in the Lakhimpur District Court on the 17th, the Lakhimpur District Police stated that Chandrika Prasad and Rampax Paul, who were officers in charge of the police station, died between 2007 and

2009. Therefore, the investigation in this case could not be extended further. They said that the case can be closed. At the same time, the names in the roll of the police officers who were guards at the police station did not match the names in the police affidavit. Molheram, Ramakant Tiwari, Mevaram, and Ishwar Dayal were the in-charges of the archive room. Of these, only Ishwar Dayal is deceased. However, the names of Chandrakant Prasad and Rampakpal in the affidavit raise doubts, said lawyer Shailendra Gaud, who is representing the woman's husband. The case has created a stir in Uttar Pradesh.

Awareness Program on Women and Child Safety



Tirupathur, June 21

Under the orders of the Tirupathur District Superintendent of Police, the Crime Prevention Wing (dealing with crimes against women and children) conducted an awareness program for employees of a self-employment training institute.

The session covered the POCSO Act, the prevention of child marriage, online crimes, and safety measures. Additionally, awareness was raised regarding emergency helpline numbers for women and children (181 and 1098) and the use of the police assistance mobile application.



A blood donation camp was held at the Mudukulathur Government Hospital in Ramanathapuram district to mark the birthday of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay. Madan Kumar, the District Secretary of *Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam* (TVK), presided over the event, which saw numerous people—including TVK cadres—donate blood. Attendees included District Volunteer Wing Organizer Yasar, former Panchayat President Muthuramalingam, Vijay Fan Club representative Muthuramalingam Annamalaiyar, TVK functionaries, hotel owner Bhoominathan, Ramar, and many other party cadres and members of the public. Following this, a stall serving buttermilk was inaugurated near the bus stand.

TVK functionary arrested for attempting to use counterfeit notes near Palacode Dharmapuri district; ₹9,500 seized

Dharmapuri

Angamuthu (35), a TVK functionary and vessel merchant from Pickalnaickanahalli village near Marandahalli, Dharmapuri district, visited a Honda showroom in Marandahalli this afternoon to pay a ₹31,000 down payment for a new two-wheeler. During the counting process, it was discovered that ₹9,500 worth of the notes were coun-



terfeit. Showroom manager Ranjith immediately alerted the Marandahalli police. Inspector Murugan and his team rushed to the scene and examined the currency; they confirmed that 19 of the ₹500 notes were indeed counterfeit. Subsequently, the police seized the counterfeit notes, arrested Angamuthu, and lodged him in the Dharmapuri prison.

Student arrested for selling fake NEET question papers through Telegram app

Jaipur

A student named Akash Chaudhary (19) has been arrested for selling fake NEET question papers through Telegram. The NEET entrance exam for undergraduate studies was held on May 3. The exam was cancelled due to a leak of the question paper in advance. The NEET re-examination will be held across the country tomorrow. In this context, the police received information that Akash Chaudhary, a student from Bhilwara, Rajasthan, was selling fake NEET question papers through the Telegram app. Following this, the police went to Akash Chaudhary's house in Bhilwara



early yesterday morning and arrested him. His mobile phone and laptop were seized. Inspector Sunil said: Complaints were registered on the Central Government's S-Mac platform regarding a Telegram app called "Paper Mafia". Specifically, it was alleged that question papers were being sold through this app. During the investigation, it was confirmed that a person named Akash Chaudhary was selling question

papers through Telegram. Telegram is banned in India. But this student continues to use Telegram using a VPN. He sells fake question papers for Rs. 4,000 to a few thousand each. He has received money through UPI. We are conducting a thorough investigation to find out whether Akash Chaudhary is acting as an individual or whether there are fraud gangs behind him. Inspector Sunil said

First women's police station opens in Delhi

New Delhi

Delhi's first women's police station has been inaugurated. Located in Sabji Mandi in the northern part of the capital, this police station was inaugurated by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh. India's first women's police station was inaugurated in Kozhikode, Kerala on October 27, 1973. It was subsequently inaugurated in the Thousand Lights area of Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu, in 1992 by the then Chief Minister Jayalalithaa. There are 16 'Pink Booths' in Delhi that function as help centers for women to prevent crimes against women. All-women patrol vehicles called PCR patrol vehicles ply in various parts of Delhi. However, a separate women's police station has been opened in Delhi for the first time. Inaugurating it, Delhi Governor Taranjit Singh said, "This police station has been set up with special focus on prevent-



ing, investigating and resolving serious crimes against women." A public grievance redressal scheme will be launched in all police stations across Delhi from Saturday. Under this, senior police officers will directly hear complaints from the public and take necessary steps to address them. "The aim of this project is to strengthen the safety of women and better deal with crimes against them. From the investigating officers to the support staff, everyone here is women," he said. Speaking at the event, Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Kolcha said, "This police station will be an excellent platform for women in the capital to directly communicate their problems to the police and get them resolved." "This is

the first police station in Delhi to have an all-women staff. Similar facilities will soon be set up in other districts as well," he said. Devesh Srivastava, Special Commissioner, Law and Order, Delhi Police, said, "The police station will conduct various programs, counseling services and awareness campaigns to create awareness about women's rights and legal remedies. "Over 30 lakh women and girls have been trained in self-defense under various schemes. The Northern District Police has recently launched several special initiatives for women including 'Rani Jhansi Battalion' and 'Vamika,'" he said. 'Vamika' is a special patrol force deployed for the protection of female students in the North Campus of the Central Government's Delhi University.

Former US medical advisor funds Chinese lab that spread coronavirus

Washington

Tulsi Gabbard, the former director of intelligence under US President Trump, announced her resignation last month. In a document released on his last day in office, he said: "What I am releasing today is a document that no one has ever seen before. Anthony Fauci, former chief medical advisor to former US President Joe Biden, funded dangerous research on coronaviruses in bats at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. It is said that

Tulsi Gabbard



the coronavirus pandemic originated in this institute. When the coronavirus hit the United States, Fauci, who led the then-President Biden administration's coronavirus response, provided millions of dollars in American taxpayer money to

fund a Chinese research institute. Fauci covered up the facts that the coronavirus had spread from a Chinese laboratory and provided false information to the government. Reliable sources were buried. Tulsi Gabbard said.

US-Qatar joint efforts bring ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah into effect

Washington

A ceasefire agreement has been signed between the Israeli military and Lebanon's Hezbollah. The US side has announced that the ceasefire will take effect from 4:00 pm on Friday (June 19). It is said that diplomatic representatives from the United States and Qatar reached this agreement with the indirect help of Iran. Earlier, the Israeli army carried out these attacks on several towns in the Nabatieh district of southern



Lebanon starting last night and continuing into the early hours of this morning. Local media reported that there were artillery attacks in addition to airstrikes. Israel said that the attacks were carried out in retaliation for the killing of four Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah forces.

In this context, the historic peace agreement between the US and Iran is about to be finalized in the same week, and the subsequent Israeli-Lebanese ceasefire is seen as a very important milestone in easing the long-standing war tensions in the Middle East.

Russia publicly warns of major attack on Ukraine

Moscow

Russia has publicly warned of major attacks on Ukraine. Russia and Ukraine have been at war since February 2022. Last Thursday, more than 200 Ukrainian drones simultaneously attacked a crude oil storage facility near the Russian capital, Moscow. The storage facility was completely engulfed in flames. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said, "Ukraine has launched a renewed extremist attack. In response, we will launch massive strikes on Ukraine. These attacks will destabilize



the Ukrainian forces." Russian military officials said: Russia is exercising restraint in the war against Ukraine. If Ukraine's violations continue, all of the country's infrastructure will be destroyed. Major roads, railways, bridges, tunnels, train stations, and airports will be destroyed. We will intensify the war on all fronts. There will be wave

after wave of attacks on Ukraine. This was reported by Russian military officials. Ukrainian President Zelensky said, "Our cities are being subjected to intense attacks. In response, we have launched a major offensive against cities, including the Russian capital, Moscow. We are grateful to the European countries for their support."

Israeli airstrike on southern Lebanon: 18 killed; 30+ injured

Tel Aviv

The Lebanese Health Ministry said that 18 people were killed and more than 30 were injured in an airstrike carried out by the Israeli army on southern Lebanon. The Israeli military has been carrying out attacks on several towns in the Nabatieh district of southern Lebanon since last night and into the early hours of this morning. Lebanese media and residents in the area reported that the airstrikes were accompanied by artillery fire. Israel said the attack was in retaliation for the killing of four Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah fighters. Israel said the attacks targeted Hezbollah and its infrastructure in several parts of southern Lebanon, accusing the Iran-backed



group of repeatedly violating the ceasefire. Commenting on the attacks, Hezbollah said, "Our fighters ambushed the advancing Israeli forces near the Ali al-Taher mountain in southern Lebanon. They destroyed three tanks with missiles. They targeted the troops with rocket and artillery attacks. Clashes continue." The attack comes as Iran and the United States reached an agreement to end the US-Israeli war with Iran, calling into question the ceasefire, which calls for both sides to end hostilities on

all fronts, including Lebanon, and respect Lebanon's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Israel, which has deployed its forces in southern Lebanon, is trying to maintain its troops within 10 kilometers of southern Lebanon. Israel is engaged in intense negotiations with US President Donald Trump's office over this. It is noteworthy that Israel, which has been rejecting demands to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon, has been carrying out attacks targeting Hezbollah positions.

US President Trump praises PM Modi for his courage

Washington

US President Trump has said that Prime Minister Modi is a very brave man. In an interview with the US media regarding the peace deal with Iran, he said: Iran has surrendered without any conditions. There will be extensive talks with the Iranian side for the next 60 days. On the basis of this, the final peace deal will be signed. We are determined that Iran will not have nuclear weapons. The Iran war has disrupted crude oil supplies. With the war coming to an end, the United States will take the necessary steps to ensure the world's



energy security. In particular, the unimpeded flow of cargo ships through the Strait of Hormuz will be ensured. The US and India continue to have a close relationship. The trade agreement between the two countries has reached its final stages. It is very difficult to talk to Prime Minister Modi about trade. I recently participated in the G7 summit. At that time, I met and spoke with

leaders of various countries. I admire Prime Minister Modi. He is a very brave man. Prime Minister Modi uses all his power for the benefit of his country. At the same time, he is very beautiful, polite, gentle. He is like an angel. He is a very close friend of mine. One of the leaders I admire is Chinese President Xi Jinping. Every word he says is business-related. Trump said.

Collision Between Two Passenger Trains in London, England: Driver Killed

England

A train driver died and 89 people were injured when two passenger trains collided in the Bedford area, north of London. This severe accident occurred yesterday evening at approximately 5:15 PM. One train driver died at the scene. Among the 89 injured, 11 are in critical condition and 22 have sustained serious injuries; all have been admitted to the hospital. The remaining 56 individuals suffered minor



injuries. The trains involved in the accident belonged to East Midlands Railway: one was traveling from Corby to London St Pancras, and the other was traveling from Nottingham to London St Pancras. Following the crash, the British Transport Po-

lice declared a 'Major Incident,' and intensive rescue operations were carried out involving more than 20 ambulances and 6 air ambulances. All train services to London St Pancras station have been temporarily suspended due to the accident.

We can't give a single penny to Iran" - Trump's plan

Washington

US President Donald Trump has once again harshly criticized Iran, as a ceasefire agreement between the United States and Iran has been signed and peace talks have intensified. Trump, who posted on his Truth Social media page, said, "This war has completely weakened Iran. They no longer have a separate Air Force, Navy, anti-aircraft defense equipment, radars,



or any other defense system in place." He also criticized the opposition Democrats, who say Iran is now in a stronger position than it was four months ago, saying, "How stupid can they be?" In another post, Trump said, "We did not meet with Iran out of desperation, Iran

came to us out of desperation. Their story is over. We will continue the negotiation period for the next 60 days. But they will not be given a single penny in financial relief." It is noteworthy that earlier, Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, in a statement released on Thursday, criticized US President Trump for "desperately waiting for the deal. That is why he has applied all kinds of pressure."

Air Force One aircraft that carried US Presidents for 35 years retires after Trump's France trip

Washington

The Air Force One aircraft that has transported US Presidents for the past 40 years is retiring. President Trump returned to the US on this plane after concluding his recent trip to France. The Air Force One Boeing 747-200B, equipped with high-level security features, has served multiple US Presidents, starting from the era of George H.W. Bush. Although not the most



modern aircraft, it is equipped with various amenities. The plane completed its final journey and retired the day before yesterday. President Trump returned to the US on this air-

craft after finishing his visit to France, marking the plane's final flight. Senior White House officials released photographs of the aircraft stationed at Joint Base Andrews.



Consumers using Bharat Gas in Palani have expressed dissatisfaction over persistent difficulties in booking and receiving their cylinders. On behalf of the public and social activists, we urge that immediate action be taken to transfer Bharat Gas consumers to other companies operating in Palani and ensure the supply of gas cylinders to them, should Bharat Gas fail to maintain a consistent and proper distribution system in the town.



At the Farmers' Grievance Redressal Day meeting held at the Dindigul District Collectorate conference hall, District Collector Mrs. Durgamurthy distributed compensation cheques to beneficiaries—funded by the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund—on behalf of the Animal Husbandry Department. Also present were Joint Director (Agriculture) Govindarasu, Personal Assistant to the District Collector (Agriculture) Mr. Nagendran, and Joint Director (In-charge) of Animal Husbandry N.R. Saravanan, among others.

Jayakumar assumes Office as the 34th SP for Dindigul district



Strict action will be taken against the sale of Ganja and Gutkha lottery tickets in Dindigul district – Dindigul – New SP Jayakumar. Measures will be taken to streamline traffic in key tourist areas of Dindigul district, such as Kodaikanal and Palani – New SP Jayakumar. Severe action will be taken against those involved in crimes against women and children – New SP Jayakumar. Special

teams will be formed to completely eradicate narcotics like Ganja and Gutkha in Dindigul district – New SP Jayakumar. A dedicated number, 8270701520, has been introduced for the public to directly convey complaints and information to the SP via WhatsApp or SMS. Calls made to this number will be attended to by the SP or his security officer, and appropriate action will be taken – New SP Jayakumar.

fore last. The White House has not issued a statement regarding this. However, the US Air Force announced last month that the modification and flight testing of the Boeing 747 aircraft gifted to President Trump by Qatar have been completed. Reports indicate that the President is considering making his first flight on the Qatar-gifted jet when he visits the Mount Rushmore area in South Dakota next month.