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## I don't want a blind conflict with the united government Chief Minister Vijay's speech in the assembly

Chennai  
 We are not those who want to turn a blind eye and clash with the Union government, even if we stand in direct opposition to the party affiliated to the Union government on policy level. The development of Tamil Nadu is always important to us. We are not anyone's 'B' team, we are always a team of pure people," said Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay. Speaking in the Assembly today, thanking the Governor for his speech, Chief Minister Vijay said, "The opposition parties are talking as if I came straight from a shooting and became the Chief Minister. Since the 1990s, I have supported the people in many ways. In my films, we have talked about corruption eradication, social justice, education, and politics as much as possible. For that, my films have faced many problems. We are in power today



because the people have clearly understood us. Within 40 days of coming to power, we have implemented projects including the Lioness Task Force, 200 units of free electricity, Kuruvai Cultivation Package, Drug Eradication Force, closure of 717 liquor shops, renovation of Amma Canteens, putting an end to daylight robbery in the Deed Registration Department, and waiver of crop loans. The treasury of Tamil Nadu is worn out and lying idle. Having created such a situation, they say that we do not know how to govern. We only know how to do public service, we do not know how to exploit public money. Although Tamil Nadu is a power-rich state, the administrative irregularities

### A story only Tamil Nadu knows Udhayanidhi's response to CM Vijay's story

Chennai  
 Only Tamil Nadu knows the story of a wife looking for her husband in Chengalpattu court. Therefore, Vijay should forget about being an actor and at least behave like Chief Minister Vijay from now on," said Udhayanidhi Stalin, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. In his post on X, he said, "The Chief Minister is acting out by throwing out defamatory remarks written in the name of a reply to the Governor's speech in the Legislature that occurred in the past, malfunctions in electrical equipment and transformers, and the deliberate actions of some people are the reason for this power outage. We are those who have the principle of federalism in the Union and autonomy in the states. Even if we



stand in direct opposition to the current Union government party in terms of policy, we are not those who want to turn a blind eye and engage in conflict with the Union government no matter what. The development of Tamil Nadu is always important to us. We will never compromise on political principles and state rights for that. Let the people, our minority brothers and support movements have no doubt about this. We are not anyone's 'B' team, we are always a team of clean people. We are determined not to have NEET exams. Our

able. His statement that he is telling a short story is completely against the dignity of the House. "Only Tamil Nadu knows the story of a wife looking for her husband in Chengalpattu court. Therefore, Vijay should forget about being an actor and at least behave like Chief Minister Vijay from now on," he said. Earlier, Chief Minister Vijay's story about a son looking for his father caused a stir at the Sadada Peravasa, and Udhayanidhi made a comment in response. stance is to sing Tamil Thai Vatsuthu at the beginning of government functions. The opposition parties do not seem to be listening attentively on the law and order issue. What the opposition parties are doing on the law and order issue is defamation politics," he said.

### Anti-Corruption Bureau case against K.N. Nehru HC orders no action to be taken till July 10

Chennai  
 The judges have adjourned the hearing on the review petitions filed by former minister K.N. Nehru and others, and the hearing on the petition filed by the Thaweka government seeking permission to withdraw the review petition filed by the previous DMK government, to July 10. The Madras High Court had ordered the Anti-Corruption Department to register a case based on a letter sent by the Enforcement Directorate alleging that bribes of Rs 634 crore were received for the appointment of 2,538 assistant engineers and junior engineers in the municipal administration department

during the last DMK regime. A contempt of court case was filed by AIADMK MP Inpadurai after the case was not registered based on this order. Similarly, petitions were filed by former minister K.N. Nehru seeking a review of the order to register the case. Following an appeal by Nehru that the Anti-Corruption Department had registered a case while the contempt of court and review petition were pending, the Chief Justice's bench had ordered that no further action should be taken on the case registered by the Anti-Corruption Department until today (June 23). In this situation, these cases came up for hearing again today in a bench of Chief Justice Sushrut Aravind Dharmadhikari and Justice G. Arul Murugan. At that time, petitions were filed by former minister Nehru's brother and others seeking a review of the order to register the case. Tamil Nadu Government Advocate General Vijay Narayan said that the Anti-Corruption Bureau has filed a petition seeking the withdrawal of the petition filed by the Tamil Nadu government seeking a review of the order to register a case. Nehru and others objected and argued that even though the regime has changed, the position taken by the current government, contrary to the position taken by the previous government, cannot be accepted, and that the order should be reviewed since the order was issued without hearing their side's explanation in the main case. Following this, the judges have adjourned the hearing on the review petitions filed by Nehru and others, as well as the hearing on the petition filed by the current government seeking permission to withdraw the review petition filed by the previous DMK government, to July 10. The judges have also extended the interim order not to take further action on the case registered in this regard till then.

### Just like acting in a movie, acting in a parliament Nayinar Nagendran attacks Chief Minister Vijay

Chennai  
 Tamil Nadu BJP leader Nainar Nagendran has said, "Chief Minister Vijay should at least know his worth and behave accordingly in the Legislative Assembly." Speaking to reporters today, he said, "I don't know if Minister Nirmal Kumar has studied law. If he says that the order of the High Court judge to light the lamp in Thiruparankundram cannot be implemented, then according to the Constitution, he is not only a member of the Legislative Assembly but also a person who is not qualified to continue as a minister. Like Thaweka, BJP is not an ordinary party. No matter how many elections come,



is in the Thaweka. I don't know which other party he will join next year. How many times did you go to the Governor's Mansion to take oath as the Chief Minister? Nirmal Kumar, you are a law graduate... Shall I tell you who you called and asked to let the Chief Minister take oath? Is the BJP happy only then? The governor sent it back saying he didn't read the law properly; he didn't know how to write it properly. "Speak only about

necessary matters in the Assembly. In the previous regime, they said that a squirrel came to solve the power outage issue; now they say that a monkey came," he said. Responding to a question about Chief Minister Vijay's gesture in the Assembly today, he said, "Chief Minister Vijay is in the Assembly thinking the same way he does in movies." "According to the tradition of the Assembly, such actions should not be shown; you know what happened to those who did this in the past. At least from now on, the Chief Minister should know his worth and behave according to the tradition of the Assembly," he said.



Minister for Human Resources Management Thiru T. Sarathkumar inaugurated the training classes for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Main Examination at the All India Civil Services Coaching Centre in Chennai.



Mr. Sergio Gor, the U.S. Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South and Central Asia, met with the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay, at the Secretariat today (June 22, 2026)

## The formation of a new tribunal in the Mekethatu case will not affect the Supreme Court's verdict: Thangam Tennarasu

Chennai

Former Minister Thangam Tennarasu told reporters at the Secretariat complex: The Mekethatu issue is a livelihood issue for Tamil Nadu. In this regard, an arbitration court was requested on behalf of the DMK in the Legislative Assembly. After the Chief Minister accepted and proposed it, it was left to the decision of the council members, and a resolution was passed against the Mekethatu Dam with the support of all members. The formation of a new tribunal will not affect in any way the final award of the Cauvery Tribunal delivered by the Supreme Court on February 16, 2018. That award cannot be changed. When the Karnataka government tried to build a



dam across the Penna River, the Tamil Nadu government opposed it. A case was also filed in this regard during the AIADMK regime. The Supreme Court, which heard the case, allowed the Central Government to approach it for the appointment of an arbitral tribunal. As a result, I would like to point out that in 2019, a request was made to set up a new arbitral tribunal to prevent the construction of a dam across the Penna River. The resolution brought by the Chief Minister, accepting the amendment submitted by the DMK to set up a new arbitration panel regarding the Mekethatu Dam, is an attempt to protect the farmers of the Delta district. Creating another debate on a matter that protects the interests of farmers will undermine the sense of unity we have shown in the Assembly and will also create the appearance of division between political parties. Such an environment should not be created. It will be in the favor of the Karnataka government. Therefore, all the political parties in Tamil Nadu should be united and unanimously accept the amended resolution. He said this.

## Investment loss of Rs 3.34 lakh crore during DMK's 5-year rule

### Minister Keerthana explains

Chennai

Industries Minister Keerthana has explained that Tamil Nadu has lost investments worth Rs. 3.34 lakh crore during the DMK regime. Speaking to reporters at the Secretariat complex, he said: "During the last 5 years of DMK rule, 25 major investments that should have come to Tamil Nadu have been ceded to other states." The total value of these is Rs. 3.34 lakh crore. Due to this, more than 2 lakh 3 thousand youth have lost their job opportunities. Past administrative shortcomings and corruption are the reason why investments by leading companies like Tata Semiconductor, Suzuki Motor,



JSW, and Toyota have gone to states like Gujarat, Odisha, and Maharashtra. But today, after the Thaweka government took office, they are spreading false propaganda that investments are going to neighboring states like Andhra Pradesh. Apollo Tyres' investment in Andhra Pradesh is an old project announced in 2016. At the same time, Apollo has now started the process of selecting land in South Tamil Nadu for the 'Green Field' project. Royal En-

## Farmers' associations continue to protest demanding complete waiver of cooperative crop loans



Chennai:

As per the series of sloganeering protests were held yesterday in front of the Registrar of State Cooperative Societies, Chennai, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Unions State Committee, demanding a complete waiver of cooperative crop loans taken by farmers. More than 300 people, including Tamil Nadu Farmers' Association (TPA) General Secretary P.S. Masilamani and Tamil Nadu Farmers' Association (CPM) State General Secretary Sami Natarajan, participated in the protest. In this regard, the state committee administrators of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Associations said: Only a subset of farmers will benefit from the government's initial announcement that the crop loans taken by farmers from primary agricultural cooperative banks across Tamil Nadu will be processed to the tune of Rs. 2,044.46 crore.

We staged an attention-grabbing protest on behalf of our associations on May 26, demanding that the government issue a loan waiver notification for a large portion of farmers as per its election promise. We met the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister in person on June 2 and urged him to reconsider the loan waiver. Accordingly, the state government issued a new notification on June 16. It has announced full waiver for those who have taken crop loans up to Rs. 75,000 and Rs. 35,000 for farmers who have taken loans above that. This is a small improvement over what was announced earlier, but it is not a complete waiver. Therefore, as per the election promise, the loans of farmers who have taken crop loans up to 5 acres should be completely waived, and 50 percent of the loans of farmers who have taken crop loans over 5 acres should be waived, he said.

## Temple Fund Allocation Under Scrutiny

### Ramesh Questions Parking Lot Approval

Chennai

Charitable Trusts Minister Ramesh criticized the previous government for allowing the construction of a multi-storey car park at a cost of Rs. 10 crore from temple funds, while many temples lack even the basic facilities required for devotees. A debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address was held in the Legislative Assembly yesterday. Its description: Opposition Leader Udhayanidhi Stalin: All the points in the Governor's speech only help the ruling party post 'reels' on websites, but do not provide solutions to 'real' problems. The Governor's speech stated that the income from the movable and immovable properties of the Charitable Trusts Department will be used only for its sacred purpose. This raises the question of whether the Thaweka government is acting as the voice of the BJP and saying that the charity sector should not exist. They are also saying that schools and colleges should not be started with that fund. Does this



stance apply not only to marriage halls and commercial complexes, but also to schools and colleges? Hindu Religious Endowments Minister C. Ramesh: The projects were started with the sole aim of building marriage halls etc. for commercial purposes and generating revenue through them, without providing basic facilities to the devotees. We have cancelled the ban on it in various cases. The previous minister had given permission to build a parking lot for five vehicles there with the funds of the Coonoor Vinayagar Temple at Rs. 10 crore. An average of 500 devotees visit the temple every month. When 50 temples in the area do not even have basic facilities like toilets, is it necessary to park a vehicle at Pannaduk? In the government order banning such projects, we have said that an alternative plan will be implemented so that the temples and devotees benefit. The central government was ready to provide funds to build a Siddha hospital in Palani. The project was shelved in the previous regime. We have now taken it up in hand. Former Minister Sekar Babu: The plans were brought in accordance with the law and in accordance with the demands of the constituency MLAs. In Coonoor, on the recommendation of the municipality, it was brought in because if parking is brought to Pannaduk, the income of the temple will increase. Minister Ramesh: We can lease the land to the municipal administration and provide basic facilities from the income generated from it. But should we take the temple funds of Rs. 10 crore and build a parking lot for Pannaduk? None of the devotees have asked for a parking lot for Pannaduk. They are only asking for basic facilities. This is how the discussion took place

## P.R. Pandian's opinion

### Requesting a new arbitration in the Mekethatu Dam issue is illegal

Chennai

P.R. Pandian, general secretary of the Tamil Nadu Cauvery Farmers' Association, has said that demanding a new arbitrator in the Mekethatu dispute is illegal. Speaking to the people in Mannarkudi, he said: "The previous DMK-led Tamil Nadu government's letter to the Central government expressing its dissatisfaction over the construction of a new intermediate dam for the Megedhattu Dam is tantamount to usurping our Cauvery rights." It is highly condemnable that the letter was raised against his will without any discussion at the All Party meeting or the Legislative Assembly meeting. The



Tamil Nadu government should come forward and declare in the Legislative Assembly that this letter is illegal. Following the rejection of the Mekethatu draft project report by the Cauvery Management Commission, which stated that it could not be legally debated or approved, the Central Water Resources Commission will also have to pass a resolution to reject it again in the Legislative Assembly.

The previous DMK government tried to misuse the Chief Minister Vijay-led government in the Legislative Assembly to justify the letter it had deliberately and illegally raised. Therefore, the inclusion of the demand of Opposition Leader Udhayanidhi Stalin in the resolution is a huge historical mistake. It should be rejected. We realize that the demand for a mid-term review for Meghadat is contrary to the final judgment of the Supreme Court, the Cauvery Mid-term Review Board, and the government orders published in the Central Gazette, and we urge the Chief Minister to immediately remove it. He said this.

## Fire breaks out at Bharat Petroleum warehouse in Thandaiyarpet

Chennai

Firefighters battled for over 2 hours to extinguish a sudden fire that broke out at the Bharat Petroleum Company's storage facility in Thandaiyarpet. There is a storage depot of Bharat Petroleum Corporation near the Vaidhyathan flyover in Thandaiyarpet. More than 100 employees work here. In this situation, it is said that a fire suddenly broke out yesterday in the waste materials accumulated in the premises of the company. In a short time, the fire spread slowly and spread to the nearby sheds. As a result, the waste there caught fire and burned, and black smoke was



emitted in large quantities. The smoke surrounded the entire area around Thandaiyarpet. As a result, the general public in the area is said to have suffered physical injuries such as eye irritation and difficulty breathing. Upon receiving information about this, fire engines from Thandaiyarpetai, Korukkupetta, and Vannarpetai fire stations rushed to the scene. Firefighters struggled to put out the fire for a long time. They fought for about 2 hours to put out the fire. Meanwhile, all the employees working in the storage facility immediately left, averting a major tragedy. The Thandaiyarpet police have registered a case and are investigating the cause of the fire. The incident, which was shrouded in black smoke, caused panic among the people of the area for some time.

## Tragedy strikes while bathing

### in the sea with friends: Student dies after being caught in a wave

Chennai

A student died after being swept away by a wave while bathing in the sea with his friends. Ishanth Kumar (17) from Puruthivakkam, Chennai. He had completed his 12th standard and was about to join a private college in Nungambakkam. In this situation, Ishant Kumar went to the Thiruvanniyur beach with 4 of his friends the day before yesterday morning. There, everyone was bathing in the sea together. It is said that they were touching each other and playing. At that time, a huge wave suddenly arose and dragged Ishant Kumar into the sea. His friends

tried to save him but were unsuccessful. Friends informed the Thiruvanniyur police about this. Following this, the police rushed to the spot and conducted an investigation. They also started searching for the student with the help of fire brigade personnel and rescue workers. In this situation, after some time, Ishant Kumar's dead body washed ashore near the Thiruvanniyur Fisherman's Wharf. Following this, the police recovered the body and sent it to the government hospital for autopsy. The Thiruvanniyur police have registered a case and are conducting an investigation into the incident.



A procession to raise awareness about drug prevention was held yesterday, organized by the Prohibition Enforcement Wing of Ulundurpet, Kallakurichi district.



District Collector J.E. Padmaja, IAS, inspected the SIPCOT Industrial Estate complex in E. Sathanur, Ulundurpet Taluk, Kallakurichi District, yesterday (23.06.2026) to review the establishment of drainage facilities for water discharge.

## Tragedy in Lucknow fire Engaged couple killed

Lucknow

15 people died in a fire that broke out in a building housing an animation training center in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. It has been reported that an engaged couple died in the fire. Nine people working at the training center where the fire broke out died. These included Nilesh Kumar and Anamika Samant. Both families had arranged for the couple to get married. In this situation, their married life was destroyed in the fire. The deceased, Nilesh and Anamika, met at work. The two became friends and eventually became lovers. Both their families have approved their relationship. Following this, last week, Anamika's parents and family came to Lucknow from West Bengal and met Nilesh's family. In this situation, Nilesh's family was planning to go to West Bengal next week. In this context, both of them died in a fire accident. Nilesh's family said that he died at a time when he was close to getting his own house, promotion, salary in-



crease, and marriage. One of them fell on the wall and suffered a fracture. He was taken to a nearby hospital. The Agam party helped to save the students who jumped through the window. The students jumped from the first floor and the pictures hanging from the window went viral on social media, scaring the onlookers. The fire spread rapidly due to the abundance of wooden tables and chairs in the training center. Firefighters fought to extinguish the fire that had been burning for about an hour. The National Disaster Response Force also rushed to the scene and took part in the rescue operation. Efforts were made to rescue the students by breaking the side wall of the animation center. After the fire was completely extinguished, the bodies of 15 people were recovered from the training center. 7 students jumped

## 24 arrested for attempting to commit Munnabhai MBBS' style fraud at Bihar NEET re-examination centre

Patna

The NEET-UG re-examination was held across the country the day before yesterday. During the NEET re-examination held in Lakhisarai, Bihar, a gang tried to commit a fraud in the style of the movie 'Munnabhai MBBS'. The police foiled this. The police have accused the gang of arranging 'salvars' (replacements) to write the entrance exam in place of the candidates. In this operation, 24 people, including medical students and employees of a biometric (fingerprint verification) company involved in the examination process, were arrested. The police suspect Arpit Raj, a medical student of ANM Medical College and Hospital in Gaya, to be one of the key figures in the fraud ring. It is worth noting that Arpit Raj was already being questioned by the CBI in the 2024 NEET question paper leak case. Another medical student, Mayank Kashyap, who is studying for his third year MBBS at Patna Medical College and Hospital, was also arrested in connection with the case. In addition, 14 employees of the biometric company involved in the examination process were also arrested. The fraud network came under the police's scrutiny after Mayank Kashyap allegedly entered the Hasanpur Government Higher Secondary School examination center by posing as an employee of a biometric company. He was the first to be arrested during the investigation. Following this, the police conducted raids at KRK High School and Kendriya Vidyalaya in Lakki Sarai. During these raids, 7 applicants and several others involved in the scam were arrested.

## NEET-UG re-examination completed: NDA President proud

New Delhi

National Testing Agency (NTA) Director General Abhishek Singh has said that the 'NEET-UG' re-examination for medical courses held across the country the day before yesterday was successfully conducted without any irregularities. In an interview with a news agency, he said: "The NEET re-examination was conducted in a very proper manner without any irregularities. The NTA, in collaboration with the central government, took all necessary measures to reduce the stress of the students and ensure



their safety. Most of the NEET candidates are young students aged 17 and 18. This is because rumors circulating on social media can affect their mood. In particular, some scammers have tried to deceive students and parents by creating fake images of question paper leaks on apps like Telegram. To prevent cybercrimes that extort money by showing fake question papers, the Telegram app was temporarily banned from June 16 to 22. The security of the question papers and the supply chain were completely under our complete control. Strict action will be taken by the police department as per the law against those spreading rumours and posting fake videos regarding NEET exam. He said.

## 6 MPs from Uddhav Shiv Sena join Shinde's party

Mumbai

6 MPs from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena joined the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena yesterday. In the 2024 Makkala elections, Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena, which was in the Congress alliance, won 7 seats. Shinde-led Shiv Sena, which was in the BJP alliance, won 7 seats. In this context, a meeting of Uddhav's Shiv Sena MPs was held in Mumbai on the 18th. Only 3 MPs participated in this. 6 MPs did not attend the meeting. In this context, 6 MPs from Uddhav's Shiv Sena joined Shinde's



Shiv Sena in Mumbai yesterday. Speaking at the event, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "A huge struggle was waged in 2022 to save the Shiv Sena. Now, 6 new MPs have joined our team to protect the principles of the Shiv Sena. We are protecting the principles and principles of Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray. This

is why support for our team is increasing." Shinde's Shiv Sena already had 7 MPs. With the addition of 6 new MPs, the party's strength in the Lok Sabha has increased to 13. Since two-thirds of the MPs have switched sides, action cannot be taken against them under the Defection Act. Regarding this, former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said, "Shiv Sena fought against Congress for about 30 years. But that party did not break Shiv Sena. Shiv Sena supported BJP in its development. But BJP broke our party."

## Heavy rains lashed Hyderabad in the middle of the night, causing flooding on the roads

Hyderabad

Heavy rains in Hyderabad city overnight led to flooding on roads and power outages. People were also affected. The heavy rain accompanied by thunder, lightning and strong winds was recorded in various parts of Hyderabad city. The heavy rain lasted for about 2 hours in areas including Kethreddypalli, Chandranagar, Madhapur, Kachibowli, Hitech City, Manikonda, Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Charminar, and Miyapur. In this situation, the Meteorological Department has said that rain will continue in Hyderabad city for the next five days. The Meteorological Department reported that 12.9 centimeters of rain was recorded



in Kethreddypalli, 12.7 centimeters in Chandranagar, and 11.7 centimeters in Lingapalli. Due to the rain, rainwater accumulated on the main roads and low-lying areas of the city. Due to this, electricity was cut off in some places. This affected the people to a great extent. Transport was also affected due to the rain. Rain in various states Monsoon has begun in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Rain was recorded in Mumbai on Sunday and Monday. The India Meteorological Department has said that rain will continue in Mumbai in this context. Due to the monsoon, it has been reported that rain will be recorded in the central and eastern parts of India. Moreover, the Meteorological Department has said that there will be rain in the states including Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, and Sikkim. Similarly, the Meteorological Department has said that there will be rain in the coastal districts of Karnataka, Kerala, and Goa.

## Mamata Banerjee's removal Trinamool disgruntled leaders action

Kolkata

A dissident group led by Ritabrata Banerjee has announced the removal of former West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress founder Mamata Banerjee from the post of party president. An emergency meeting of disgruntled Trinamool Congress MLAs and municipal council members (councilors) was held at a private hotel in Kolkata yesterday under the chairmanship of Ritabrata Banerjee. The special



meeting, which took place at around 4 pm, was attended by more than 40 councilors from various municipalities including Kolkata, Baharampur, Uttarpara, Srirampur, and Dum Dum. At the end of the meeting, a 10-member new national executive committee of the All India Trinamool

Congress was unanimously formed, political sources said. Top leaders including Ritabrata Banerjee, Sandipan Saha and former Kolkata mayor Firhad Hakim participated in the meeting. As per the decision taken in the meeting, Mamata has been removed from the post of party president. Arup Roy has been elected as the new president. Other leaders in the group have also been given important responsibilities.

## India in talks with UAE over sale of Brahmos missiles

New Delhi

India is in talks with the United Arab Emirates regarding the sale of Brahmos missiles and Agastya air defense missiles. India and Russia are jointly developing the Brahmos missile. The high-speed Brahmos missile can be launched from land, sea, and air. The Phil-

ippines signed a deal in 2022 to buy the first batch of Brahmos missiles from India for \$375 million. India delivered them on time. During Operation Sindh, India used Brahmos missiles to strike Pakistani air bases and militant camps. This has made the Brahmos missile popular. Vietnam and Indone-



sia have also signed deals with India to buy Brahmos missiles. Following the Iran war, the United Arab Emirates ex-

pressed interest in buying Brahmos missiles and Aghast air defense systems from India. It has been reported that talks are underway between the United Arab Emirates and India in this regard. Trade relations between the two countries have been improving recently. It is worth noting that several agreements have recently been signed between the two sides regarding the joint production of energy and military equipment.



### TODAY RASIPALAN

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	<b>ARIES</b> - Today brings energy and enthusiasm. You may achieve success in your work. Avoid anger and be patient with others.
	<b>TAURUS</b> - A good day for financial matters. New opportunities for income are possible. Spend wisely and save more.
	<b>GEMINI</b> - Communication will bring good results. Your ideas will be appreciated. Focus on important tasks and avoid confusion.
	<b>CANCER</b> - You may feel emotional today. Support from family will bring peace. Take care of your health and stay calm.
	<b>LEO</b> - Your confidence will lead to success. Good time for career growth and recognition. Avoid arrogance and listen to others.
	<b>VIRGO</b> - Plan your day carefully. Hard work will bring positive results. Financially, be careful and avoid risks.
	<b>LIBRA</b> - Harmony in relationships will improve. Good day for partnerships and deals. Keep your mind balanced and positive.
	<b>SCORPIO</b> - You may face some challenges. Stay focused and control your emotions. Success is possible with determination.
	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> - A favorable day for travel and learning. New opportunities may come your way. Stay optimistic.
	<b>CAPRICORN</b> - Work pressure may increase. Stay organized and manage time well. Avoid unnecessary stress.
	<b>AQUARIUS</b> - Your creativity will shine. Good time for new projects and ideas. Friends will support you.
	<b>PISCES</b> - Trust your instincts today. You may receive good news. Focus on your goals and stay positive.

Have faith in yourself and keep moving forward.  
A positive mind brings a positive life!

## Woman linked to Pak terrorists arrested in Rajasthan



Jaipur

Rajasthan Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) officials said: Babita Thakur alias Khadija, who was in contact with anti-national forces in Jaipur, has been arrested. An examination of her social media accounts, including WhatsApp and Facebook, revealed her links to Jaish-e-Mohammed and other extremist groups. The woman said she converted to Islam on the advice of a Pakistani mufti over the phone. Authorities are investigating the matter, the official said.

## Nihang Sikhs hold sit-in protest at Uttarakhand gurdwara for 3rd day



Dehradun

The Nihangs are a sect of Sikhs. They are called armed warriors in the Sikh religion. Nihang Sikhs are on a pilgrimage to the country. On the 16th, a clash broke out between 6 Nihang Sikhs and villagers in Karnaprayag district of Uttarakhand. At that time, the Nihang Sikhs threw swords and 4 people were seriously injured. The condition of one of them is critical. In this regard, 4 Nihang Sikhs were arrested and lodged in jail. In this context, 7 Nihang Sikhs entered the Gurudwara in Nagaras village, Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand state, on the 20th. They have taken the Gurudwara under their control and are engaged in a sit-in protest. They demanded the immediate release of the arrested. Their protest entered its third day yesterday. As a precautionary measure, Uttarakhand police and army personnel have been deployed at the gurdwara complex.

## British Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigns - what is the background?

London  
British Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned yesterday, asking the ruling Labour Party to begin the process of choosing a new prime minister. The Labour Party won the British parliamentary election in 2024 and came to power. On July 5 of the same year, the party's leader, Keir Starmer, took office as Prime Minister. After taking office, he appointed Peter Mandelson as the British ambassador to the United States. Peter was arrested in February in connection with the Epstein-Koppes sexual assault case. At that time, there was a strong opposition within the ruling party against Prime Minister Keir Starmer. During the election, the Labour Party promised to strengthen the British economy. But under Starmer's government, Britain's econ-



omy has not achieved the expected growth. There have also been various irregularities in Britain's National Health Service. Health Minister Wes Stirling and Defence Minister John Healy resigned in protest at Prime Minister Starmer's administration. Several senior Labour leaders have also resigned. The ruling party suffered a major setback in the recent local elections. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned yesterday due to these reasons. He told reporters in the capital, London, that: "There have been many questions raised within the Labour Party about my leadership. There-

## Statue of Susrudhar, father of surgery, unveiled in Scotland

Edinburgh

A statue of Maharishi Susrutha, known as the Father of World Surgery, has been unveiled in the Scottish capital, Edinburgh. A medical educational institution called 'The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh' is functioning in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, a united part of Britain. A bronze statue of Maharishi Susrutha, known as the Father of World Surgery, has been unveiled at this medical educational institution. Chandra Cheruvu, a renowned British surgeon originally from Andhra Pradesh, installed the statue at his own expense. Sculptors from Tiruvannamalai, Tamil



Nadu, meticulously crafted the 90 kg statue of Maharishi Susrutha and sent it to Edinburgh. Maharishi Susrutha lived in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, in the 6th century. He studied medicine and surgery at a young age. He laid the foundation for modern surgery and plastic surgery. The Sushruta Samhita, compiled by Maharishi Sushruta, is the world's oldest medical text. It contains detailed descriptions of surgical procedures and Ayurvedic medicine. Sushruta documented 121 types of surgical instruments and their uses. Susrud successfully performed modern plastic surgery, which involves taking skin from the forehead and cheek to create a new nose for people who have lost their noses. This was the world's first surgical procedure, plastic surgery. He is credited with performing about 300 types of surgeries.

## Keir Starmer announces resignation as British Prime Minister

London

Keir Starmer has announced his resignation as British Prime Minister. He has asked his Labour Party to begin the process of choosing the next prime minister. The Labour Party's leader, Keir Starmer, took office as Prime Minister after winning the British parliamentary election held in 2024. Keir Starmer, who took office on July 5, 2024, has been the Prime Minister of Britain for the past two years. With the next general election due in 2029, there has been a disagreement within the party over whether to seek re-election under the leadership of Keir Starmer. He has announced his resignation as party leader and prime minister. He has asked the party to begin the process of selecting a successor as party leader and

prime minister. Keir Starmer announced his resignation to reporters outside the Prime Minister's Office in London, accompanied by senior Labour Party officials and his family. "Under my leadership, the Labour Party achieved a huge victory in the last general election. The quality of life in Britain has improved over the past two years under the leadership of the Labour Party," he said. I acknowledge that I am not in the best position to lead the Labour Party at the next general election. I will therefore resign as party leader and prime minister. I have informed the King of my decision to resign. I have asked the party executive committee to begin the process of selecting a successor. Nominations will open on July 9

## Protest: Coconuts Smashed

on the Street Demanding Fair Pricing  
Theni, June 23: and Rajappan (State Farmers Committee Member) spoke, explaining the demands. During the protest, farmers expressed their grievances by smashing and throwing coconuts on the street. Organized by the Tamil Nadu Coconut Farmers' Association, the protest took place in front of the Theni District Collector's office. Murugan, President of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Association, presided over the event, with District Secretary Amsarajan and District Treasurer Subbiah in attendance. Kannan (District Secretary, Tamil Nadu Farmers' Association) participated in the protest.

## Yoga Training for Police Personnel

Cumbum, June 22:

Yoga training was conducted for police personnel in Cumbum. To mark International Yoga Day, a camp was held yesterday to rejuvenate police officers—who often face high levels of stress—through yoga practice. Uthamapalayam Deputy Superintendent of Police Chandrasekaran presided over the event. During the session, various yoga postures and breathing techniques were taught, including Trikonasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Parsvachakrasana, Virabhadrasana, Paschimotanasana, Kapalbhati, and Bhastrika. Mementos were presented to yoga expert Rajendran and district yoga instructor Ravi Ram.

## First round of talks between US and Iran Agree to reach 14-point final deal within 60 days

Birkenstock

The US-Iran peace agreement was signed on the 18th. It was decided to engage in talks to reach a final agreement within the next 60 days. Accordingly, the first round of talks between the two sides will take place in the city of Birkenstock, Switzerland. In this, a delegation led by Vice President J.D. Vance from the US side and a delegation led by Foreign Minister Seyyed Abbas Araqchi and Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf from the Iranian side participated. Before the talks, Trump warned that Iran would take new military action against it if it failed to curb Hezbollah in Lebanon. The Irani-



an delegation walked out, citing this. However, the situation was later resolved and the talks continued. Some important decisions were made in this first round of talks. In a joint statement issued by the mediators, Pakistan and Qatar, it was said that "the two sides have agreed on a comprehensive 14-point final agreement within the next 60 days. A communication channel has been established to ensure the safe

## US-Iran high-level talks conclude - mediators announce

Qatar and Pakistan, which were involved in the mediation, have jointly announced the conclusion of high-level talks between the United States and Iran held in Switzerland. The US-Iran peace deal was signed on the 18th. US President Trump and Iranian President Masoud Bashar al-Assad signed the agreement electronically. It was decided to engage in negotiations to reach a final agreement within the next 60 days. Accordingly, high-level talks were held between the two sides in Birkenstock, Switzerland. In this, Vice President J.D. Vance, Steve Witkoff, Jared Kushner, and others participated on behalf of the United States. On behalf of Iran, its Foreign Minister Seyyed Abbas Araqchi and Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, among others, participated. The first round

of high-level talks between the US and Iran, held yesterday, lasted more than 10 hours. Pakistan and Qatar mediated the talks. After the talks concluded, the two countries issued a joint statement. It said, "The first session of high-level talks involving representatives of Iran, the United States, Qatar, and Pakistan, which is mediating, concluded in Burgenstock, Switzerland. The talks were held in a positive and constructive atmosphere. Encouraging progress has been made, including the development of a mechanism for technical negotiations." The High-Level Committee has approved an action plan to reach a final agreement within 60 days. This lays the groundwork for the immediate start of technical negotiations. A communication mechanism has been established to ensure the safe passage of commercial

## Accident on Kalasapakkam Bridge; 20 Seriously Injured in Head-on Collision Between Government Buses

Kalasapakkam, June 23:

crash. Twenty people sustained serious injuries, including government bus driver Arun Kumar and passengers Nithya (35), Samikkannu (60), Vasanthi (40), Poonagodi (38), Kalpana (38), Sulochana (80), Vijaya (43), Arun (25), Poongavanam (45), 3-year-old Sivamithra, Gayathri (24), Sudhakar (43), Balayya (78), Jagadeesh (49), Padma (43), Maheshwari (43), Ramakrishna (49), Usha (19), and Srisha (18). Upon receiving information about the incident, a police team led by Kalasapakkam Police Inspector Nagaraj rushed to the scene, rescued the injured, and sent them via ambulance to the Tiruvannamalai Government Medical College Hospital.

## Explosion at Qatar gas plant kills 13 including Indians; 66 injured

Doha

13 people, including Indians, died in an explosion at a gas refinery in Qatar. Qatar's Minister of Energy Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi told reporters: "An explosion occurred on Sunday night at the 'Barzan' gas distribution plant in the Ras Laffan Industrial Area of Qatar." In this, 13 workers from India and Pakistan lost their lives. 66 people who were seriously injured are receiving intensive treatment. None



of them are in danger of life. This is just an industrial accident. There is no conspiracy or attack in this. Al-Kafi said. The Indian Embassy in Doha has expressed deep concern over the accident on its X page. The Indian Em-



Ranipet District Collector Mrs. N. Priya, I.A.S., inspected the Anganwadi centre in Keelkuppam Panchayat (Arcot Panchayat Union) today (23.6.2026) and interacted with the children. She was accompanied by the Project Director of the Rural Development Agency, Mr. K. Selvarasu, and Block Development Officers Mr. Ravi and Mr. Saravanan.