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'Start Run Stop Drugs'

Anti-drug awareness run Chief Minister Vijay participates

Take up sports, leave the trucks Chief Minister Vijay advises the youth



Chennai
Chief Minister Vijay launched the 'Start Run Stop Drugs' anti-drug run in Chennai on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, and participated in it himself. The run started at Chennai - Kamarajar Salai. Chief Minister Vijay participated in it. Ministers Adhav Arjuna, Pussy Anand, Maria Wilson and others participated with him. Many high-ranking government officials, police officers, athletes, and athletic en-

thusiasts participated in it. Before starting the run, Chief Minister Vijay wrote an awareness message on anti-drugs. Subsequently, the participants in the run took a pledge against drug addiction. Chief Minister Vijay read it. "I am fully aware of the harmful effects of drug addiction. I will not become addicted to drugs; I will advise my family and friends to prevent them from becoming addicted to drugs; I will fully contribute to the recovery and rehabilitation of those who are addicted to drugs.

"I solemnly pledge that I will support the government in eradicating drugs in Tamil Nadu through action against the production, consumption and use of drugs; I will contribute with dedication to the development of the state and the well-being of the people," the pledge was taken. Following this, Chief Minister Vijay flagged off the run and participated in the run. At that time, ministers, officials, police personnel, and athletes participated in the run with him. Chief Minister's Medal

Announcement On the occasion of International Anti-Drug Day, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Police Medal for Special Service in Eradicating Drug Production and Illicit Trafficking' has been announced for police officers who have excelled in eradicating drug production and illegal trafficking in the state. This medal has been awarded since 2023. Based on this, Chief Minister Vijay has issued an order to award medals to 14 police officers and police constables for the year 2026.

Chennai
By involving the youth in creative activities like education, sports, skill development, strict legal measures and the collective efforts of the society, we can eradicate drugs and create a strong society," said Chief Minister Vijay on the International Day against Drug Abuse. The government press release in this regard reads, "Chief Minister Vijay's social media post on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" It states, "To protect the future of the youth, prevent



crime, and create a drug-free Tamil Nadu, it is necessary to create awareness about the ills caused by drugs." By engaging youth in creative activities such as education, sports, and skill development, along with strict legal measures

and the collective efforts of society, we can eradicate drugs and create a stronger society. "Let us all support the various initiatives taken by the Tamil Nadu government to prevent drug-related crimes and resolve on this day to cre-

ate a drug-free, safe and healthy Tamil Nadu. Start Run, Stop Drugs, Sports-a Edu, Drugs-a Vidu," Chief Minister Vijay stressed. Earlier, Chief Minister Vijay inaugurated and participated in the 'Start Run Stop Drugs' anti-drug run held in Chennai on the occasion of Anti-Drug Day. Chennai - Chief Minister Vijay, Ministers Adhav Arjuna, Pussy Anand, and Maria Wilson participated in the run that started from Kamarajar Salai. Government officials, police personnel, athletes, and athletic enthusiasts, among others, participated in this awareness run.

After Anna, MGR and Jayalalithaa Chief Minister Vijay is the one who came to create change" - Sengottaiyan

Gopi
After Anna, MGR and Jayalalithaa, Chief Minister Vijay is the gift of nature to create a change in Tamil Nadu," said Minister Sengottaiyan. Speaking at an event in Gopi, Minister Sengottaiyan said, "Today, just by mentioning Joseph Vijay, everyone is trembling. After Anna, MGR and Jayalalithaa, Chief Minister Vijay is the gift of nature to create



a change in Tamil Nadu. You who have come here are the ones who made me live. You are the ones who made me win in this constituency 10 times. Everyone made fun of me saying where Sengot-

taiyan was going. I traveled with MGR, he sat on the throne. I traveled with Jayalalithaa, she also sat on the throne. Now I have joined Vijay, and today the regime has changed. Those who were in power

for 60 years are now sitting in the opposition ranks. Anyone can now sit in the opposition ranks. As long as Chief Minister Vijay is there, no one can come to power. After MGR and Jayalalithaa, Vijay is the one who lives in the hearts of Tamils around the world. Today, even though the state is in financial crisis, Chief Minister Vijay is implementing various schemes for the people," he said.

Murasoli's criticism of P. Shanmugam is the height of indecency" - Minister Rajmohan

Chennai
"What has been written about P. Shanmugam in the Murasoli newspaper is the height of indecency. On behalf of the Thaweeka, I strongly condemn the criticism of P. Shanmugam. If the red cloth is belittled like this, the two war elephants will not stand idly by," said Minister Rajmohan. Speaking to reporters in Chennai, Minister Rajmohan said,

"What was written in Murasoli magazine about Marxist Communist State Secretary P. Shanmugam is completely unacceptable and the height of indecency. P. Shanmugam is a great man who dedicated his life and means to the poor and needy. There may be political conflicts. But he has been criticized for growing up drinking tonic. If Karunanidhi were alive, he would have strongly con-

demned this. They have criticized CV Shanmugam and P. Shanmugam as one and the same. They are using CV Shanmugam's name to belittle him. On behalf of Thaweeka, I strongly condemn the criticism of P. Shanmugam. If the red cloth is belittled like this, the two war elephants will not sit idly by. It is everyone's duty to consider the boundaries of civilization and

stand by it. The Anti-Corruption Bureau raid on E.V.Velu is not a political vendetta. This raid was conducted with due diligence and based on evidence. E.Velu should face this legally with courage. E.Velu has been caught with good evidence. One person has been caught, one by one he should come. Chief Minister Vijay will not spare those who have done wrong," he said.

We will consider contesting independently Stalin's announcement

"DMK does not trust anyone... We will contest alone. The decisions are yours, leader." DMK Deputy General Secretary A. Raja made this comment at a wedding ceremony held in Thiruvaramur the other day, and DMK leader Stalin has responded by saying, "We will also consider contesting alone." DMK has no history of contesting alone after the situation where alliances decide victory or defeat. However, after a long gap, DMK prepared for such a test in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. At that time, the 'Democratic Progressive Alliance' that emerged in Tamil Nadu under the leadership of DMK consisted of only the VVIP, Puthiya Tamil Nadu, Humane People's Party and Indian Union Muslim League. In this, if we take into account the growth of parties other than the DMK, it would be tantamount to the DMK fighting the election alone. In that election, the DMK could not win even a single seat, as it got 23.6 percent of the votes. Meanwhile, the AIADMK, which bravely contested alone without any alliance, won 37 seats by getting 44.3 percent of the votes. The AIADMK, which was in the ruling party in Tamil Nadu at that



time, was said to have ended the practice of collecting Rs. 200 per vote from all the seats. In that election, the PMK and the BJP formed an alliance and contested, winning one constituency each. But now, the workers themselves have brought the DMK to that position. The lower-level executives have expressed their displeasure by saying, "We have not received any cooperation from the partner parties. It makes me sad to hear that those who won with us are now saying something without expressing gratitude. We will not need any partner from now on; we will face the elections alone." Stalin has been saying publicly, "We will consider contesting separately," because he has taken this into account. Speaking to us about this, a DMK South Zone legal expert said, "The DMK leadership has not seen the spirit of the party standing on the field after listening to someone's speech in this election. But, when the party loses, it spontaneously comes to the field with

that spirit. It does not feel that the party is losing... It has come to the tea shop with a feeling that it is losing itself and has started to express its opinion in a formal manner. In particular, the trust placed by the coalition parties including the Congress They could not stomach the betrayal. When Thaweeka, the candidate who contested from one of the popular constituencies in the southern district, was talking to us that morning about the vote count, he was saying sadly, 'You will win. AIADMK will come second. If I get at least thirty thousand votes, they will respect me as the president of the party.' But, when the election results were announced, he emerged victorious with a difference of about 42 thousand votes and has now become a minister. As for the results of this election, something unexpected is happening. Even if they come back, they will join hands with the BJP. Now, Vijay will join hands with those who support them. In such an environment,

our calculation is that if the DMK stands alone in the Makkala assembly elections, it will get 25 to 28 percent votes. If it gets that many votes, it will be able to win 75 percent of the seats. With that strength, the DMK will prepare itself for the next legislative elections," he said. Another DMK source said, "The idea of a separate contest will not be suitable for the foreseeable future. At the same time, the party has now started to harass the VVIP and Communist comrades who supported Vijay. They are thinking of increasing their own strength by winning the by-elections of the AIADMK MLAs who resigned because of them. If such a situation arises, the party will not need the favor of the VVIP and Communist comrades. Understanding this, those parties have started observing Chief Minister Vijay's anti-Stalin actions. If this turns into a conflict, those parties may come back to the DMK. Instead of keeping them in a tight spot, the DMK leadership should do the work of bringing the PMK and the NDA to their side by keeping the MLAs and the DMK at bay, they say. It can be seen that DMK leader Stalin is making a decision

8 people killed by poisoning

alcohol in Chhattisgarh: Shocking background of arrested psycho killer

Raipur

Police have arrested a 'psycho' killer who was behind a series of mysterious deaths in Paldabazar district of Chhattisgarh for the past four months. Ram Sakai Jaiswal (46), a resident of Karve village in Chhattisgarh, bought rat poison after he noticed a rat infestation in his shop. He first tested the poison on his dog. After the dog died, he decided to use the poison to kill his enemies. From last February to May, a series of men from the village of Andhak died under mysterious circumstances. On June 6, the villagers filed a complaint with the police department regarding the suspicions. 7 bodies excavated: Realizing the seriousness of the case, the police, with



the help of the Raipur Mortuary Law Firm, immediately exhumed the bodies of the 7 people who had been buried and sent them for autopsy. Since Putram Jaiswal's body was already burnt, DNA and body parts from other bodies were sent for testing. It was found to be poisoned. Following this, Ram Sakai, who died during police interrogation, confessed to his brutal crime. He confessed to committing these 8 murders for very strange rea-

sons such as threatening him with free liquor, electioneering, public humiliation, land dispute, suspicion of involvement in the crime. In particular, he killed Mahedru Ram by poisoning him with liquor because he did not repay the loan of Rs. 50,000 he had taken from him. On April 14, Ram Sakai also gave Karthik poisoned alcohol. However, his family members rushed him to the hospital after his condition deteriorated, and he survived. Regarding this, Paluda Bazaar District Superintendent of Police Sharma said, "Eight cases of murder and one attempt to murder have been registered against the arrested Ram Sakai Jaiswal and a thorough investigation is underway."

Two arrested for illegal soil transport by tractor near Vadamadurai; three tractors seized; one suspect at large

Dindigul

Acting on orders from Dindigul District's Vedsandur DSP Pavithra, a police team led by Vadamadurai Inspector Nithikumar was conducting intensive patrols. Near Kattupatti, close to Vadamadurai, the team arrested Alagumalai (from Kambiliyampatti) and Kumaresan (from Kattupatti) while they were surreptitiously excavating and loading soil onto tractors in the



middle of the night. Three tractors were seized, and a search is underway for a third suspect who managed to escape. Social activists have urged the District Superintendent of

Police to personally oversee the situation and take action, citing a rise in gangs involved in the illegal transport of soil in the Vadamadurai area during the night.

Spotted Deer Dies After Dog Attack

Ramanathapuram,

Herds of spotted deer and wild boars inhabit the areas surrounding Mudukulathur in Ramanathapuram district, including the Malattaru and Gundaru riverbeds, water channels, and the Chirangudi Bird Sanctuary. They occasionally venture into nearby villages in search of food and water. Recently, a deer wandered into S.P. Kottai village near Mudukulathur. It was chased and mauled by street dogs; the four-



year-old male spotted deer sustained severe injuries and died shortly thereafter. Forest department officials from Sayalkudi retrieved the carcass, conducted a post-mortem examination, and buried it. Members of the public

and wildlife enthusiasts have urged the district administration to intervene immediately and take measures—such as constructing water troughs in the forest areas—to protect the deer and peacocks.

Cumbum Siva Ganesan Temple Kumbabishekam Draws Huge Devotee Crowd

The *Ashtabandhana Maha Kumbabishekam* (grand consecration ceremony) of the Arulmigu Sri Siva Ganesan Temple in Cumbum, Theni district, was celebrated with great grandeur today. Leading up to the consecration, rituals such as *Vigneshwara Puja*, *Ganapathi Homam*, and *Yagasalai* pujas (sacrificial fire rituals) spanning three sessions were conducted over the past two days. This morning, the fourth session of the *Yagasalai* puja concluded, followed

by the *Maha Pournahuti* (grand final offering) and the ceremonial procession of the holy water vessels (*Kadam*). Subsequently, amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras and devotional slogans of "Om Ganesha," the *Maha Kumbabishekam* was performed by pouring holy water over the *Gopura Kalasams* (temple tower finials) of the presiding deity, Sri Siva Ganesan. Following this, the *Kalasams* were adorned with flowers, and the *Maha Deeparadhana* (grand ritual of

waving sacred lamps) was performed. Holy water was then sprinkled upon the devotees, and *Theertha Prasadam* (sanctified water) was distributed. Theni Member of Parliament Thanga Tamilselvan attended the event as a special guest and offered prayers. Additionally, a large number of devotees from surrounding areas—including Cumbum, Uthamapalayam, Gudalur, Surulipatti, and Pudupatti—arrived to witness the ceremony and stood in long queues to offer their prayers to the deity.

AITUC Protests in Kumbakonam Against Handing Over Sanitation Work to Private Entities

Kumbakonam, June 24

Members of the AITUC (All India Trade Union Congress) staged a protest condemning the move to hand over sanitation operations to private entities. It is reported that the Tamil Nadu government plans to outsource garbage collection and sanitation services to private companies under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model across 12 municipal corporations: Avadi, Tambaram, Vellore, Hosur, Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Tiruppur, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Trichy, and Tirunelveli. Opposing this, AITUC members held a demonstration in front of the Kumbakonam Corporation office on Wednesday. The protest was led by AITUC State Secretary Comrade R. Thillaivanam, with legal advisor and CPI District Secretary Ad-



vocate M.A. Bharathi presiding. Key office-bearers—including Union Secretary P. Saravanan, City Secretary A.G. Balan, Thiruvaidaimaruthur Union Secretary R. Palani, Mahamaham Coordinator, and District Committee members K. Saravanan and K. Narayanan—also participated. Addressing the gathering, AITUC State Secretary Comrade R. Thillaivanam stated, "Sanitation work is an essential public service linked to public health and urban safety. Handing it over to private entities will jeopardize the job security and rights of the workers." He further highlighted that contract and outsourcing systems expose workers to issues such as

low wages and a lack of social security. He urged that all currently employed sanitation workers be made permanent and that the government-mandated minimum wage be fully implemented. Following the demonstration, a delegation of over 50 members, led by AITUC State Secretary Comrade R. Thillaivanam, submitted a memorandum to Kumbakonam Corporation Commissioner K.M. Sudha, pressing for immediate action on their demands. Finally, on behalf of AITUC, a demand was made for the Tamil Nadu government to abandon the plan to privatize sanitation services and to ensure job security, livelihoods, and the rights of the workers.

Grand Festival at Adi Sri Santhaguna Mariamman Temple Goddess on a White Horse Vahanam

Kumbakonam

The 161st annual grand festival of the Arulmigu Adi Sri Santhaguna Mariamman Temple, located at the junction of Kumaran Street and Kaduvetti Street in Kumbakonam (Thanjavur District), is being celebrated with great grandeur during the Tamil month of Aani. The festival commenced on the 19th with the flag-hoisting ceremony and the ritual tying of the sacred wristband (Kaapu Kattuthal). Since then, the Goddess has been taken out in procession daily on various *Vahanams* (divine mounts) to bless the devotees. On



Wednesday evening, around 7:00 PM, the Goddess appeared before devotees mounted on a white horse Vahanam, adorned with colorful flowers, amidst the sounds of traditional music and fireworks. Following this, the temple priest performed the *aha Deeparadhana* (grand ritual of waving sacred lamps). After the distribution of Annadhanam (offering of food) to a large number of dev-

otees, the procession moved out of the temple complex. The Goddess traversed key areas—including Kumaran Street, Thirugnanasambandar Nagar, Sathiyam Nagar, Amman Colony, Brahma Kovil, and Arasalaru Road—granting Darshan to the devotees along the route. Local residents and a large number of devotees participated in the event and offered their prayers to the Goddess.

Casagrاند Crown Launches in Coimbatore



Coimbatore

Casagrاند Group has established its presence in Coimbatore with the launch of this world-class office complex, 'Casagrاند Crown,' located in the Nava India area of Avinashi Road. Spanning approximately 100,000 square feet, this modern facility is designed to cater to the office space requirements of IT companies, Global Capability Centers (GCCs), startups, and corporate firms. The commercial real estate division of the

Casagrاند Group stated: There is a growing demand for quality commercial infrastructure driven by a strong economic foundation. Casagrاند has introduced 'Casagrاند Crown' to effectively meet this demand. The entry of Casagrاند Commercial into Coimbatore marks a significant milestone in the company's growth journey; it further reinforces our commitment to creating world-class business environments in markets with immense growth potential."

Coimbatore is a key market that values quality, craftsmanship, and value. Entering its first outlet in R.S. Puram, Coimbatore, as part of its business expansion in the Kongu region. This marks the company's third retail outlet. Actress Sanjana A.K. inaugurated the new branch. Located in the heart of R.S. Puram, the store offers customers certified 92.5 silver jewellery, ISI-certified lab-grown diamonds, and BIS-hallmarked 9-carat gold jewellery. The company stated that the store is designed to provide an exceptional shopping experience, featuring modern designs, transparent pricing, and expert guidance. It is noteworthy that Anantha Padmanaban, Chairman of NAC Jewellers, Studios, and Managing Director of NAC

TODAY FORECAST				
CURRENT CONDITIONS	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	NIGHT
32°C PARTLY CLOUDY	28°C PARTLY CLOUDY	33°C HEAVY RAIN	36°C HOT & HUMID	31°C HEAVY RAIN
WIND: 10-15 km/h	WIND: 10-15 km/h	WIND: 10-15 km/h	WIND: 10-15 km/h	WIND: 10-15 km/h
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Actress Sanjana A.K Inaugurates Stylori Store



Coimbatore

Stylori, the contemporary jewellery brand of NAC Jewellers, has opened its first outlet in R.S. Puram, Coimbatore, as part of its business expansion in the Kongu region. This marks the company's third retail outlet. Actress Sanjana A.K. inaugurated the new branch. Located in the heart of R.S. Puram, the store offers customers certified 92.5 silver jewellery, ISI-certified lab-grown diamonds, and BIS-hallmarked 9-carat gold jewellery. The company stated that the store is designed to provide an exceptional shopping experience, featuring modern designs, transparent pricing, and expert guidance. It is noteworthy that Anantha Padmanaban, Chairman of NAC Jewellers, Studios, and Managing Director of NAC

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TODAY RASIPALAN	
26.06.2026	
	ARIES A positive day with good energy. Your efforts at work will be noticed and appreciated. Financially stable. Spend time with family and enjoy little moments.
	TAURUS Stay calm and patient. Some delays may occur, but results will be good. Avoid unnecessary expenses. Focus on your health and well-being.
	GEMINI Your communication skills will help you succeed today. New opportunities may come your way. Good time for learning and short trips.
	CANCER Emotions may be up and down. Take important decisions carefully. Support from family will bring peace of mind.
	LEO A productive day. Your confidence and leadership will impress others. Financial gains are likely. Avoid ego clashes.
	VIRGO Focus on your goals and work with dedication. Good time for planning and organizing. Health will be in good shape.
	LIBRA Balance is the key. Handle situations diplomatically. Good news related to work or finances is possible in the second half of the day.
	SCORPIO Be cautious in your dealings. Think before you act. Your hard work will bring results. Take care of your health.
	SAGITTARIUS A great day for new beginnings. You may receive support from helpful people. Stay optimistic and keep moving forward.
	CAPRICORN Work responsibilities may increase, but you will handle them well. Financial situation will improve steadily.
	AQUARIUS Creative ideas will bring you success. Good time for investments. Maintain harmony in personal relationships.
	PISCES Trust your intuition. Spiritual activities will bring inner peace. Financially stable. Avoid overthinking.

Stay Positive • Stay Focused • Stay Blessed



Minister for Prohibition and Excise K. Vignesh participated in the 'Jamabandi' (annual revenue settlement) event for the 1435 Fasli year, held today (25.06.2026) at the Palani Taluk Office in Dindigul district under the chairmanship of District Collector Durgamoorthy, IAS. He received petitions from the public and inquired about their grievances. He was accompanied by Palani MLA K. Ravimanoharan, Nilakottai MLA R. Ayyanar, Dindigul West District Executive Committee member Palani N. Balan, Palani Taluk Tahsildar Mangalapandian, and others.

Jonnagiri Gold Mine in Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates

Kurnool

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the Jonnagiri gold mine in Andhra Pradesh yesterday. A new gold mine has come into operation in Jonnagiri area of Duggali mandal, Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. This is the first private gold mine in India. Edicts of Ashoka's era: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated this yesterday and said: The transformation of the Rayalaseema region into the Ratnaseema region should start from this Jonnagiri. This region was earlier called Swarnagiri. This is the 4th capital of Ashoka Chakravarthy. Hundreds of years ago, people



would sell gems and gold on the streets here. Edicts from the Ashoka era tell us this. There was a time when the KGF gold mine was the talk of the country. But now the talk of Jonnagiri is the talk of the country. One tonne of gold is mined and refined here every year. Initially, it started with 400 kg and gradually increased to 1,000 kg. Currently, 800 employees are working here. Soon, another 1,500 employees will be appointed. In the

future, 5,000 employees will work here. Drone City: Jonnagiri will become a 'brand' of Andhra Pradesh. Jewelry stores will be set up here. Many people are coming forward to start businesses in Andhra Pradesh. The country's largest drone city is coming up in Andhra Pradesh. A High Court branch is coming up in Kurnool soon. An iron factory will come up in Rayalaseema by 2028. Chandrababu Naidu said this.

PM Modi invited to attend funeral of Iran's Supreme Leader

New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to attend the funeral of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who died in the war. The United States and Israel launched a joint airstrike on Tehran on February 28. On the first day of the attack, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (86) was killed. Although Islamic law requires the bodies of the dead to be buried as soon as possible, exceptions are made in times of war. Khamenei's funeral is set to begin



in the capital Tehran on July 4. The funeral will conclude with a burial in his hometown, the northeastern holy city of Mashhad, on July 9. Funeral arrangements include rituals to be held in Qom, another holy city south of Tehran, on July 7. About 20 million people are expected to attend

the funeral ceremonies. Foreign leaders including Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif are also expected to attend. Iranian President Masoud Beseshkian has invited Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend Khamenei's funeral, central government sources said.

Husband arrested after 9 years in Sabarmati River woman's drowning death

Ahmedabad

Minesh Bhai, a resident of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, took his wife Komalben Solanki out on the occasion of the Rath Yatra festival on June 25, 2017, on the pretext of taking her around the village. At midnight, he called his wife to the banks of the Sabarmati River. While the two were talking there, he unexpectedly threw her into the river. Minesh then fled from there and the next day went to the Kalupur police station and



filed a false complaint claiming that his wife was missing. When Komalben's body was found a few hours later, it was registered as an accidental death. Based on recently received confidential information, Ahmedabad police re-examined the forensic

data and old witness statements in the case. During the investigation, it was revealed that Minesh committed this heinous crime due to a family dispute that occurred just four months after their marriage. Following this, the police arrested Minesh.

Welfare Assistance Distributed at TVK Leader Vijay's Birthday Celebration

Cuddalore, June 25

To mark the birthday of TVK leader Vijay, a program featuring the distribution of welfare assistance, the honoring of sanitation workers, and the provision of free meals (*Annadhanam*) was held in M. Podaiyur village, located within the Thittakudi Assembly constituency, under the auspices of the *Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam* (TVK). Headquarters Secretary Rajasekar and party functionary Niranjan presided over the



event. District Treasurer Kannadasan, Thittakudi Town Secretary Ashokkumar, and West Union Secretary Neelakandan were present as key dignitaries. West Union Treasurer Ramalingam organized the event. Participating as the special invitee, Headquarters Secretary Rajasekar distributed sarees to approximately 500 people in

M. Podaiyur village and honored sanitation workers by presenting them with rice and sarees. Subsequently, he distributed educational supplies—including notebooks and pens—to students. Free meals were also provided to the public. A large number of people, including district, union, and town-level functionaries, participated in the event.

Heavy rains disrupt normal life in Mumbai - what is the situation? Monsoon started 13 days late

Mumbai

Continuous heavy rains in Mumbai, Maharashtra have disrupted normal life. The monsoon season in Maharashtra, Mumbai, usually begins on June 10. But this year, the monsoon started on Tuesday, 13 days late. It rained heavily throughout the night. It continued to rain yesterday morning as well. Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Palghar and Sindhudurg and surrounding districts are also receiving heavy rain. In the 24 hours till 8 am yesterday, 300 mm. Rain has been recorded. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert for Mumbai and its suburbs yesterday. Heavy rains continued across Mumbai, causing waterlogging in low-lying areas, severely affecting road



traffic. Vehicles were seen floating in the water, causing severe traffic congestion. The Andheri Tunnel, Dadar and Kurla were submerged in water, causing vehicles to stall. Similarly, due to water logging on the tracks, suburban trains on the Central and Western lines are running late by more than 20 minutes. This has caused great inconvenience to lakhs of office-going employees. A retaining wall near a residential area in Mumbai's Vikhroli West collapsed last night. The Dadar railway station, a major junction of the Central and West-

ern Suburban Railways, was submerged in water yesterday morning. A tree fell on a car in Dadar due to strong winds during heavy rains, damaging it. Cloudburst in Arunachal Pradesh lashed Lower Subansiri and Kiyi Panyor districts of Arunachal Pradesh, causing flash floods and inundating villages in the area. The flash floods damaged many houses and agricultural lands, and washed away major highway bridges. The IMD has warned that the risk of landslides and flooding will continue in some parts in the coming days.

IT workers return home in truck after Bengaluru metro train stalls

Bengaluru

Bengaluru, the country's tech capital, is home to over 20 lakh IT workers. Most of them commute to their offices by metro. Meanwhile, a technical glitch occurred in a train running on the Purple Line at the Kappan Park Metro station at around 7 pm yesterday. The service from Kempegowda Metro station to Payyappanahalli was temporarily suspended. Due to this, thousands of passengers were stranded at railway stations including Vidhana Soudha, M.G. Road and Indira Nagar. There was heavy traffic jam around more than 10 metro stations. Due to the suspension of the Purple



Line metro service, it was difficult to find buses, autos and taxis. Due to this, passengers walked for up to 5 km. Most of them paid a lot and took taxis. Passengers who had been waiting outside metro stations like Kengeri, Elachanahalli and Nagasandra till 11 am boarded trucks and vans and went home. A video of IT employees boarding the trucks went viral on social media. Meanwhile, technical teams reached the spot and were busy

restoring the services. Following this, metro services resumed from 5 am yesterday. BJP MP Tejashwi Surya said, "The world's most talented IT workers are forced to travel in freight vehicles because of a third-rate government. The government has not provided them with lakhs of rupees in tax revenue, adequate infrastructure and transport facilities. If the metro service is suspended, the government should immediately provide transport facilities."

Pune murder brought to light by sister's suspicion

Pune

Ketan Vishal Agarwal (25), a real estate agent from Pune, Maharashtra, is engaged to Sia Goyal (20). But she is not happy with this marriage. She wants to marry her boyfriend Chethan Choudhary (22). Due to the insistence of her parents, Kethan got engaged to Vishal. Due to this, Kethan decided to kill Vishal. He called him to Lokagat fort in Thangal and decided to kill Kethan by throwing him off the top of the hill. They went to Lokagat fort on May 31, June 14 and 18 to climb the mountain. On June 14 itself, they tried to make Ketan fall into the river. But Ketan grabbed a nearby bush and hid. At that time, Siya tricked Ketan by saying that a snake had come. For the third time, on the 18th,

the two of them pushed Ketan off a cliff and killed him. Sia claimed that Ketan had fallen while trying to take a photo on a hilltop, and a case was registered as an accident. Sia went to Ketan's house to pay her respects 4 days after his death. Ketan then asked his sister Sia many questions about how he had fallen into the river. Sia's answers were contradictory, which made Ketan's sister suspicious of her. She informed her family about this, and they informed the police that they were suspicious about Ketan's death. It was only after this that the police began their investigation from a different angle. Police examined the phone calls of Chethan and Sia to find out that they were in contact. This year alone, the two

spoke 2,004 times, for a total of 238 hours. When CCTV cameras were examined at the scene of the accident, it was revealed that a man wearing a hooded sweatshirt was following the vehicle in which Chethan and Chetan were travelling. The fact that he was wearing a hooded sweatshirt in the scorching heat of June strengthened the police's suspicions. The investigation confirmed that he was Shea's lover, Sethan. It was during the subsequent investigation that they confessed to killing Ketan by pushing him into a 350-foot deep gorge. If Ketan's sister had not raised suspicions against Sia, this premeditated murder would have ended up as an accidental death.



At the Erode District Collector's office complex, everyone took an awareness pledge against drug abuse—presided over by District Collector Thiru S. Kandasamy, IAS—during an event organized by the Department of Child Welfare and Special Services and the District Child Protection Unit. Also present were District Superintendent of Police Selvi Kiran Shruti, IPS; District Revenue Officer Thiru S. Santha Kumar; District Child Protection Officer Tmt. Umamaheswari; and District Supply Officer Thiru Ramkumar, among others.



The Honorable Minister for Prohibition and Excise, Thiru K. Vignesh, conducted an on-site inspection and review regarding the cleaning and improvement of water bodies—specifically the one located near the Kothaimangalam Periyavudaiyar Temple within the Palani Panchayat Union of Dindigul District. The inspection was held under the leadership of District Collector Tmt. Durga Moorthy and in the presence of Palani MLA Thiru K. Ravi Manoharan. Also present were Nilakottai MLA Thiru R. Ayyanar, the Joint Commissioner and Executive Officer of the Palani Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple Thiru Marimuthu, Executive Engineer (Water Resources Department) Thiru Balamurugan, and various other departmental officials.

Man arrested near Ayyalur for selling lottery tickets banned by the Tamil Nadu government

Ayyalur

A police team led by Sub-Inspector Sureshbabu of Vadamadurai was conducting patrols in the Ayyalur area of Dindigul district. During the patrol, they arrested Veeramuthu—a resident of Old Ayyalur—near the railway gate for selling lottery tickets that are banned by the Tamil Nadu government; 25 lottery tickets were seized during the investigation. Preliminary investigations revealed that he had



purchased the tickets in Palani to sell them in villages surrounding Ayyalur. The police are now conducting an intensive investigation to identify the person who supplied the lottery tickets from Palani.

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VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE: Death toll rises to 235

Rescue operations continue Over 4,000 injured

Caracas

At least 235 people were killed and more than 4,000 injured in a series of powerful earthquakes that struck Venezuela yesterday. Venezuela is located in the South American continent. A powerful earthquake struck the city of San Felipe, Yaracuy province, in the country at around 6 pm on Wednesday (3.35 am on Thursday, Indian time). It was registered at 7.2 on the Richter scale. In the next 40 seconds, a second major earthquake struck the city of Yumare. It was registered at 7.5 on the Richter scale. Yumare is located 16 km from the city of San Felipe, where the first earthquake occurred. These major earthquakes hit the provinces of Yaraquí, La Guaira, Carabobo, Miranda, Aragua, Balcón, and the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, the most severely affected. In various cities, including San Felipe, Yumare, Morón, the capital, Caracas, Chacao, San Bernardino, Altamira, Los Palos Grandes, Barutta, El Paraíso, La Guaira, Catia la Mar, Maguto, and



Maiquetia, apartment buildings, government offices, and hospitals were leveled to the ground. More than 30 earthquakes

One lakh people lost their lives?

Regarding the Venezuela earthquake, international geologists said: There are 7 major plates on the Earth: Pacific, North America, Eurasia, Africa, Indo-Australia, South America, and Antarctica, as well as many smaller plates. When these plates collide and collide with each other, earthquakes and tremors occur. Currently, earthquakes in Venezuela are caused by the collision of the South American plate and the smaller Caribbean plate. Like Venezuela, Japan was also hit by a major earthquake on Thursday. The earthquake that occurred that day was recorded as 7.2 on the Richter scale. But in Japan, the earthquake occurred under the sea. Also, houses and buildings in that country are built in a way to withstand earthquakes. As a result, there was no loss of life in Japan. In Venezuela, 2 major earthquakes occurred in succession in major cities, including the capital Caracas. The death toll in that country is increasing as many apartment buildings collapsed. This was stated by international geological researchers. The US Geological Survey (USGS) said in a statement yesterday that "the death toll from the Venezuela earthquake could be between 10,000 and 100,000." US President Donald Trump said in a post on social media, "Two major earthquakes in Venezuela have caused significant damage and loss of life. The United States is providing all the assistance needed by Venezuela at this time. Initial reports from there are very bad."

Delcy Rodríguez told reporters in the capital Caracas about the earthquake: "So far, 235 people have died in the powerful earth-

quakes that struck Venezuela. More than 4,000 have been injured. Numerous buildings have collapsed due to the earthquake. The work to rescue those trapped in the rubble is being carried out on a war-time basis." We fear that the death toll may rise further. A state of emergency has been declared throughout Venezuela. The United States is assisting in rescue and relief efforts. We express our gratitude to that country. This was stated by President Delcy Rodríguez. Embarrassing field information: Following the powerful earthquake, various sectors, including the public, have been involved in rescue operations in Venezuela



Airport closures

Maiquetia International Airport is located 21 km from the Venezuelan capital Caracas. The airport was severely damaged by a series of earthquakes. As a result, the airport is completely closed. All international airports across the country are closed. The earthquake has completely disrupted electricity supply in most parts of Venezuela. The supply of drinking water and cooking gas has been stopped. Telecommunications services have been severely affected. Educational institutions have been declared closed indefinitely. Survivors of the earthquake spent Wednesday night in the streets, squares and on the roads. The Venezuelan government and humanitarian organizations are providing them with the necessary food. In this situation, the UN has requested that the world's countries come together to help with the earthquake damage.

for days. Venezuelans are actively searching for those trapped in the rubble. Currently, about 4,200 people are receiving medical treatment with injuries, according to the country's Health Minister Carlos Alvarado.



We are ready to help Donald Trump confirms!

US President Donald Trump has stated that the United States is ready to provide assistance following reports of casualties and damage caused by two powerful earthquakes that struck Venezuela. Trump affirmed the US's readiness to help and has ordered all government agencies to be on standby.

London court orders Nirav Modi to pay Rs 100 crore to Bank of India

London

A London court has ordered Nirav Modi to pay over Rs 100 crore for allegedly facilitating a loan to a Dubai diamond firm. Diamond merchant Nirav Modi, who is in a London jail after defrauding the Punjab National Bank of Rs 6,498 crore, has filed a petition in the European Court of Human Rights challenging the Centre's request to extradite him to India. In this situation, before the Punjab National Bank fraud case came to light, Dubai-based Bayer-



star Diamond Company had provided Nirav Modi with the guarantee to obtain a loan from Bank of India in 2012. But the institution failed to repay the loan, so the CBI registered a case in 2018. Since Nirav Modi pleaded guilty, a notice was served on Nirav Modi, who is in a London jail, to repay

the loan. Nirav Modi filed a petition in the London Commercial Court against this. The London Commercial Court, which heard this, ruled that Nirav Modi should repay the Bank of India for the Rs. 100 crore that the company had not repaid, as Nirav Modi had given assurances that he would repay the loan

Robot begging with QR code card in China

Beijing

A video of a robot with a QR code on its back kneeling on the street in China and begging is going viral. Unitree Robotics is a company based in Hangzhou, China. The company produces humanoid robots. The starting price of a robot is Rs. 16 lakh. These robots are mostly used for household tasks. They are also involved in disaster relief operations, including firefighting. Unitree Robotics is launching a new campaign to promote



its robots. A Unitree robot with a QR code is begging on a main street in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province, China. The robot kneels down and clasps its hands together, begging. "I don't have money to pay my electricity bill. So I'll beg for help," the robot says in a short message. A video of this begging robot is going viral on social media. Not only in Chengdu but also in cities including the capital Beijing, Unitree Robotics is carrying out a similar innovative advertisement in a similar style.

3 killed in warehouse collapse in Kolkata

Kolkata

Construction workers of a three-story warehouse, the structure suddenly collapsed. In this, three construction workers were killed. While 18 people trapped in the rubble have been rescued, it is feared that 18 more may be trapped inside. Rescue operations are ongoing.

Kerala government's decision to reduce liquor tax: BJP, Muslim organization strongly oppose

Thiruvananthapuram Ulama' organization, it said, "While we are fighting against the use of drugs and other intoxicants, this cannot be dismissed as just 'tax reform'." BJP state president Rajiv Chandrasekhar also said, "This policy has been implemented in a hurry. Files of public interest are waiting for weeks and months. But, only a file that benefits a multinational liquor company is moving at lightning speed. Who benefits from this decision?"

2-day talks with US representatives in Delhi

Trade deal in final stages Union Commerce Minister confident

New Delhi

The India-US trade deal is nearing its final stages, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday. The minister made the announcement after two days of talks with US representatives in Delhi. After taking office for the second time, US President Donald Trump introduced a system of reciprocal taxation for countries around the world. President Trump criticized countries like India for imposing tar-

iffs of up to 100 percent on American goods. The US imposed a 25 percent tariff on Indian goods. The US had banned the import of crude oil from Russia. European countries followed suit and started buying crude oil from Gulf countries instead of Russia. US President Trump accused Russia of funding its war in Ukraine because countries like China and India were buying crude oil from Russia. President Trump announced an additional 25 percent

tariff on India as a penalty. This increased the US import duty on India to 50 percent. This severely affected India's relationship with the US. Due to this, trade talks between India and the US were suspended. India subsequently began reducing its crude oil imports from Russia. After that, India-US trade talks resumed. India has committed to importing and investing \$500 billion in US goods over the next few years. As a result, the US has agreed

to reduce tariffs on Indian goods from 25 percent to 18 percent. US President Trump and Prime Minister Modi met in person after a long gap at the G7 summit in France. At that time, President Trump announced that a very good trade agreement would be signed between India and the US. US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer and his team are in Delhi to review the progress of the talks. They were joined by a central govern-

ment delegation led by Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, who began the talks the day before yesterday. The bilateral talks concluded in Delhi yesterday. In a post published on his X website, Minister Piyush Goyal said: We discussed the status of the India-US trade talks with US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer and his team. We explored ways to further strengthen economic ties. We also explored ways to enhance the

economic partnership between the two countries. I appreciate the leadership of US Ambassador Greer and the continued efforts of both teams to move our talks forward in a constructive and forward-looking manner," said Piyush Goyal. The two-day trade deal talks in Delhi have officially ended. The two sides will hold further consultations on the next steps to conclude the deal, central government officials said.