

Tamil Nadu Assembly elections can come anytime” - Stalin’s speech

Chennai Within a month of the change of government, Tamil Nadu is in a situation where it is going to the bottom. Industries are moving to other states. Elections can come in Tamil Nadu at any time. We should be 100 percent ready for it,” said DMK president M.K. Stalin. In Chennai, M.K. More than five thousand alternative party members joined the DMK at an event organized by former Minister Benjamin in the presence of Stalin in Vanagaram. Details of the speech delivered by DMK President M.K. Stalin at this event: You have all come to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, which has celebrated its coral festival after seventy-five years. You have come to the party where MGR was. Not only that, you have come to the movement where he was the treasurer. He first won as a member of the Leg-

islative Assembly by contesting under the Udayasuriyan symbol. Even after the formation of the independent party, when someone mentioned Karunanidhi in the Legislative Assembly, MGR, who was the Chief Minister at that time, condemned it. Do you know what he said and condemned it? He said, “I may be the leader for you; but for me, the leader is the artist,” and asked him to withdraw that statement. This is history. Former Minister Benjamin worked faithfully for many years in the AIADMK. He gradually rose to become the Secretary of Villivakkam Union, the Councilor of Ward 145, Chennai, and the Deputy Mayor of the Corporation, and became known throughout Chennai City. He won the Maduravoyal constituency in the 2016 assembly elections and served as the Minister of Rural Industries. When he



was a minister, I was sitting in the opposition row. When we were asking questions, many ministers had answered. But if we were told that Benjamin was answering, we would be a little wary. Because he can explain anything with statistics and evidence. We enjoyed watching that young man answer as a minister in the assembly. Generally, after an election, many people join the winning movement. Many people leave the opposition and join the ruling party. But what happens here is that if you have joined the opposition party, the Dravida Mun-

netra Kazhagam, you have not joined for a position; not for a position; not for responsibility; you have joined with the feeling that “policy is important”. That is something to be appreciated. Something to be truly proud of. You have joined this movement believing that only if the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam is strong can we save Tamil Nadu. In the last five years, no matter what sector we take, our Tamil Nadu has seen unprecedented growth. We have elevated Tamil Nadu to the second largest economy in India. We have created projects in such a way that it

can be said that ‘every day is a project’. We have designed projects in such a way that we can attract people from all walks of life. The projects have reached the people. It was because of the trust in our government that the world’s largest companies from various states and countries came to Tamil Nadu and started their businesses. Not only that, employment opportunities increased in all districts. Even leaders ruling in neighboring states and politically opposing us openly praised this; some were envious. But now, there has been a change of govern-

ment. Within a month of the change of government, Tamil Nadu has reached a situation where it is going to the bottom. Those who run industrial companies are afraid and hesitant to come to Tamil Nadu, trusting this new government; therefore, they are going to other states. What is the reason, there is no need to talk about law and order. Sexual atrocities, drug trafficking, petrol bombs, machete attacks, robberies and anarchy. These are the news that comes to our eyes when we watch TV or read the paper. Especially, the ruling party members are involved in many crimes. This is the pain. On the other hand, there are various issues like power cuts and farmers’ protests. But, without worrying about anything, these rulers are only doing “take diversion” work. The people have only started understanding this technique of theirs now. They

have only started talking now. We have made a mistake. Those who voted are also suffering; those who did not vote are also suffering. They themselves have now started to protest in many places on their own initiative. Today, when ministers are going to a program somewhere in their cars, they have started blocking their way and asking questions. In this environment, we should be the ones to support the people. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has a greater responsibility and duty to protect Tamil Nadu. Because, Tamil Nadu, which we have seen and nurtured, should not be allowed to deteriorate. Losing a chance to win an election is not a big setback. We have seen so many victories; we have seen so many defeats. Like the DMK, there is no party that has won; there is no party that has lost. Elections can come anytime; they can come

soon; they can come after three months; they can come after six months; because the current government, they did not win with a majority. What is a majority? They should get 118. They won only 108. Didn’t the people of Tamil Nadu vote that DMK should win; Stalin should be the Chief Minister... This train is running today with the support of those coalition parties that were with us. We don’t know where the train is going to stop. But we must be ready for whatever happens. Elections can come at any time; they can come in any situation. We must be one hundred percent ready for it. Therefore, I would like to use this event as a pledge to start working, striving, and working for the success of the club from this very moment. Work sincerely; the recognition you deserve will definitely come to you, he said.

AIADMK Minister M.R. Vijayabaskar resigns from Karur constituency MLA post

Chennai A I A D M K MLA from Karur constituency MR Vijayabaskar has resigned from his post. Former Minister M.R. Vijayabaskar, who is the AIADMK MLA from Karur constituency, resigned from his post today. M.R. Vijayabaskar met Legislative Assembly Speaker J.C.T. Prabhakar at the Chennai Secretariat and submitted his resignation letter. The Speaker immediately announced



that he would accept his resignation letter. MR Vijayabaskar was one of the 25 MLAs who raised the flag of war against AIADMK General Secretary Palaniswami after the assembly elections. Palaniswami then stripped them of their party re-

sponsibilities. Even after they reconciled with Palaniswami, they were not given party positions. A few days ago, Palaniswami appointed MR Vijayabaskar as the AIADMK’s Joint Secretary for Policy and Propaganda. However, MR Vijayabaskar was not giv-

en the post of Karur District Secretary. Due to this, he was deeply dissatisfied and resigned from his MLA post today. Already, 5 AIADMK MLAs - Madurantakam Maragatham Kumaravel, Tarapuram Sathiyabhama, Perundurai Jayakumar, Ambasamudram Isakki Subbaiah, and Viralmalai C. Vijayabaskar - have resigned from their posts. Now, the 6th MLA, M.R. Vijayabaskar, has also resigned from his post.

“The place of mourning has become a circus” - Actress Radhika’s anguish

Chennai Actress Radhika has commented on the funeral arrangements of director Bhagyaraj, saying, “It is painful that a place that should have been a place of peaceful mourning has turned into a circus. The government and the film industry should come together, formulate proper guidelines and ensure due dignity to the de-



ceased.” In his post on X, he wrote, “A very special 50-year friendship, a great creator, a veteran writer, a man who set wonderful boundaries in cinema,

who shared many happy moments and great works with me, and who always supported my family with calm and steadfast loyalty. Bhagyaraj’s shocking

demise is a great loss to his family, friends, fellow artists and fans. It is heartbreaking that a place that should have been a place of peaceful mourning has turned into a circus. When and how did we become so insensitive? The government and the film industry should come together, formulate proper guidelines and ensure due dignity to the deceased,” he said.



Today (29.6.2026), the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay, inaugurated and addressed a conference of District Collectors and police officials at the Namakkal Kavignar Maligai in the Secretariat.



The Honorable Minister for Public Works, Highways, and Sports Development, Thiru Aadav Arjuna, inaugurated a special polio vaccination camp at the Rajamangalam Government Primary Health Centre and the Ayanavaram Maternity Hospital, both located within the Villivakkam constituency.



A training session on the digital learning platform 'SaraApp' was held today at the Tiruvannamalai South District office. District President Mr. K. Ramesh, State Secretary of the Cooperative Wing Mr. Durai, and State Secretary of the IT Wing Mr. Karthikeyan participated and delivered special addresses. Former District President Mr. Vijayan G, along with numerous district office bearers, union presidents, *Kendra* (center) in-charges, and wing office bearers, also attended and graced the occasion.

Consultative Meeting on

Female Worker Safety Organized by Hope and Rose Trusts in Guziliamparai

A district-level consultative meeting regarding the safety of female workers, organized by the Hope and Rose Trusts, was inaugurated by N. Palanisamy, Director of the Hope Trust, at a private hall in Guziliamparai, Dindigul district. Group organizers M. Ma-



halakshmi and Vaanmathi Shanmuga Vadivu spoke about women's safety and the challenges they face, while Murugeswari and Palaniammal explained

the activities of the women's federation. G. Mahalakshmi from the CORD organization delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the event.

"Mathilai Thaandu" Honors Transgender Achievers in Coimbatore

Coimbatore

The Kepsara Foundation, a voluntary organization, extended a helping hand to uplift the lives of transgender individuals through an event titled "Mathilai Thaandu" (Cross the Wall) in the R.S. Puram area of Coimbatore. Minister Sampath Kumar and renowned singer V.V. Prasanna honored transgender achievers who have overcome adversity, as well as social activists, with awards. The "Mathilai Thaandu" event was organized by the Kepsara Foundation to improve the livelihoods of transgender individuals—who often face severe hardships in mainstream society—by providing welfare assistance and honoring those who have achieved success by overcoming challenges. Held at the Corporation Community Hall in R.S. Puram, Coimbatore, the event was



attended by Tamil Nadu Minister for Backward Classes Welfare Sampath Kumar, Coimbatore Corporation Commissioner Katta Ravi Teja, and popular playback singer Prasanna, among others; they distributed welfare aid and presented awards to achievers. Shoba Chandrasekhar, mother of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay, delivered a congratulatory address via video conference. Speaking at the event, Minister Sampath Kumar acknowledged the severe challenges transgender individuals face in society and encouraged them, describing all transgender wom-

en—who strive to gain social recognition while battling these obstacles—as achievers. Minister Sampath stated that Chief Minister Vijay is committed to uplifting the lives of the transgender community and warmly urged them to feel free to ask for any assistance they might need at any time. At this event, Mary Jenita—founder of the Kepsara Foundation and India's first female differently-abled music composer—extended a helping hand to government school students from the Balamalai and Periyanaickenpalayam areas by gifting them items such as notebooks, bags, and other presents.

Polio Vaccination Camp

MLA S.S.P. Syed Farooq Basha Administers Drops to Children

Vaniyambadi, June 29 —

A special polio vaccination camp was held at the Vaniyambadi bus stand, which falls under the Vaniyambadi constituency in Tirupathur district. Vaniyambadi MLA S.S.P. Syed Farooq Basha participated in the camp and inaugurated it by administering polio drops to children un-



der the age of five. He also raised awareness, urging parents to ensure their children receive the polio vaccine without fail and calling for everyone's cooper-

ation in creating a polio-free society. Health department officials, doctors, nurses, government officials, and the general public participated in the event.

Brand Ambassador Unveiled for Interior and Exterior' Expo in Covai

Coimbatore

Beyond Media's 'Interior and Exterior' exhibition is scheduled to take place at the CODISSIA complex in Coimbatore on August 7, 8, and 9. The event to introduce the exhibition's brand ambassador was held at the Grand Regent venue on Avinashi Road. Speaking to the press, Beyond Media Chairman Sundaramurthy Krishnan and Managing Director Hema Sundaramurthy announced that the exhibition aims to showcase new technologies, modern products, and services in the construction, interior design, and exterior design sectors—all under one roof. The event will be held in Halls B and C of the



CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex. They noted that this exhibition, which has been successfully conducted for 17 years, is now reaching its 13th edition. A construction exhibition will also be held concurrently, featuring leading companies from sectors such as construction, interiors, exteriors, civil engineering, and architectural design, all showcasing their latest products, technologies, and services. More than 400 companies from across the country are participating in this year's exhibition. Noting that over 50,000 visitors are expected to attend, he expressed confidence that the exhibition would prove beneficial to everyone—including industry professionals, architects, interior designers, builders, students, and the general public. Following this, an event was held to officially introduce the exhibition's brand ambassador. During the event, the highlights, objectives, and expectations of the exhibition were explained in detail.

Inter-Caste Wedding Conducted Under Tamilaga Murpokku Makkal Katchi

Coimbatore

The Coimbatore zonal office of the *Tamilaga Murpokku Makkal Katchi* is located in the Shivaji Colony area. Advocate Pushpanantham serves as the party's State Vice President, and the wedding took place today under his leadership. The groom, Prashanth (26), a native of Villupuram district, married Sibiya Saral (23), a native of Coimbatore district. The couple had been in a relationship for the past year and a half. Although they belong to different communities, they married with the consent of both families, performing rituals



such as the exchange of garlands and the tying of the *Thali* (sacred wedding pendant) in accordance with Hindu customs. The wedding was organized by the *Tamilaga Murpokku Makkal Katchi*. Following the ceremony, which was attended by family members, sweets were distributed to everyone present. Notable at-

tendees included legal clerks Ramya, Divya, and Lakshmi; Ration shop staff Balakrishnan and Bhagyalakshmi; AIADMK District Representative Ramasamy; Councilor Vijayakumar; Vimal Raj; the bride's father Jayaprakash; the groom's mother Alamelu; as well as Pramila, Antony, and Sagaya Nirmala.

Farmers Seek Removal of Fallen Tamarind Tree Blocking Paddy Drying Yard Near

Vaniyambadi, June 29

A demand has been raised to remove a tamarind tree that has fallen onto the paddy drying yard in Kodayanchi Panchayat near Vaniyambadi, Tirupattur district, and to restore the facility for farmers' use. The paddy drying yard was established about 25 years ago in the 'Puliyanthoppu' (Tamarind Grove) area, which falls under the Kallaraikottai locality. Farmers from the surrounding areas had been using this yard to dry grains—such as paddy and finger millet—harvested from their lands. However, about a year and a half ago, heavy rains and strong winds caused a tamarind tree in the



area to uproot and fall right into the middle of the drying yard. Consequently, farmers have been unable to utilize the facility. Farmers state that they are now forced to dry their harvested grains in front of their homes, a situation that causes them significant inconvenience. Furthermore, the public alleges that the unused yard has become a spot where individuals consume alcohol and smash bottles, creating an unsafe en-

vironment for the approximately 25 families living nearby. Farmers have raised this issue with Panchayat President Pari, who has reportedly submitted petitions to relevant officials—including the District Collector and the Tahsildar—seeking action. They have urged the authorities to immediately remove the fallen tamarind tree and take steps to make the drying yard usable for farmers once again.



The 14th National Open Taekwondo Championship 2026 was successfully held at the Mahatma Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Salem, organized by the Tamil Nadu Taekwondo Association and the Salem District Amateur Taekwondo Association.



Devotees are informed that the rope car service at the Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple in Palani, Dindigul district, will not operate for one day on June 29, 2026 (Monday), due to monthly maintenance work.



Rajkumar, the Minister for Housing and Urban Development, inaugurated a renovated special classroom—designed for the benefit of differently-abled students—at the Government Boys' Higher Secondary School in Virudhachalam, Cuddalore district, by cutting the ribbon, lighting the traditional lamp, and dedicating the facility for use.

consecration festival of St. Paul's Church in



Alangulam. During the festival service on the second day, Rev. A. Jebarathinam, Chairman of the Northern Church Council, delivered a special message and offered a benediction. Many individuals, including Paul Nataraajan, Balachandran, Annaprakasam, Rajakumar, Stephen Jeb-Vaasal' (Gateway of Heaven) Ministries, participated in the Alangulam, delivered the message. During the festival service on the second day, Rev. A. Jebarathinam, Chairman of the Northern Church Council, delivered a special message and offered a benediction. Many individuals, including Paul Nataraajan, Balachandran, Annaprakasam, Rajakumar, Stephen Jeb-Vaasal' (Gateway of Heaven) Ministries, participated in the Alangulam, delivered the message.

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Honorable Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration, Thiru T. Lokesh Tamilselvan, inaugurated a polio vaccination camp for children under the age of five at the Urban Health and Wellness Centre in Thillaiapuram, Pothupatti, Namakkal District, and administered the drops to the children. He was accompanied by Namakkal Member of Parliament V.S. Madeswaran, Members of the Legislative Assembly C.S. Dileep (Namakkal) and P. Chandrasekar (Sendamangalam), District Revenue Officer M.K. Saravanan, and others.

PM Modi Honored with Seychelles' Highest Award for Visionary Leadership by President Herminie

Victoria Seychelles President Herminie honored Prime Minister Modi with the country's highest award in recognition of his visionary leadership regarding environmental protection and climate change initiatives. Prime Minister Modi arrived in Seychelles the day before yesterday for a three-day state visit. Yesterday, on the second day of his visit, he was conferred with the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' award—Seychelles' highest honor. President Patrick Herminie presented the award to Prime Minister Modi. The honor recognizes his visionary leadership in areas such as environmental conservation, climate change action, and the promotion of the blue economy. Prime Minister Modi has also made history by becoming the first recipient of this award. Upon receiving

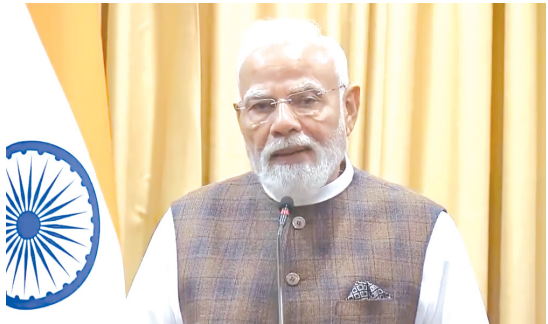


ing the award, Prime Minister Modi said, "I dedicate this honor not to myself, but to all nations fighting against climate change. Protecting the environment for future generations is a collective responsibility. Nations of the world must unite to tackle climate challenges. India is firmly committed to making the Earth greener and more sustainable. To this end, India has undertaken various initiatives, including the International Solar Alliance, 'Mission LiFE' (Lifestyle for Environment), the tree-planting campaign in honor of one's mother, and the International Big Cat Alliance." Subsequently, Prime Minister Modi participated in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Seychelles' National Day and delivered a special address at the country's parliament. Prime Minister Modi emphasized, "The Indian Ocean does not separate India and Seychelles; rather, it unites them. Both India and Seychelles share the common goal of championing the interests of the Global South. Our nations must collaborate in sectors such

as the blue economy, fisheries, marine science, maritime management, renewable energy, and tourism." External Affairs Minister Jaishankar noted that the award conferred upon Prime Minister Modi serves as global recognition of his contributions to environmental protection, sustainable development, the blue economy, and the advancement of small island nations. 4 Agreements Signed Bilateral talks between Prime Minister Modi and Seychelles President Herminie took place yesterday. Nineteen key decisions were reached, covering diverse sectors including defense, maritime security, digital financial transactions, space, healthcare, administration, and education. Furthermore, four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed: an extradition treaty, an agreement on the peaceful use of outer space, an agreement to introduce UPI digital payment services in Seychelles, and an agreement to construct a new national hospital. It is noteworthy that during this visit, India provided the Seychelles Defence Forces with a fast patrol vessel, 10 military-use vehicles, 5 Laser Radial boats, 6 ambulances, 500 tonnes of rice, and 8,500 tonnes of cement. A commemorative logo was also unveiled to mark the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations.

PM Modi praises people for reducing gold, fuel consumption in 'Mann Ki Baat'

New Delhi Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked people for saving fuel and reducing their gold purchases due to the West Asian war. Prime Minister Modi addresses the nation on the last Sunday of every month in his radio programme Mann Ki Baat (Voice of the Mind). The 135th episode of the programme was broadcast yesterday. In it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said: Amidst the global economic crisis and the Western financial crisis, the overwhelming support being extended by the public to protect the Indian economy is highly appreciated. Considering the war situation prevailing in West Asia, I would like to ask you to refrain from hoarding gold and reduce fuel consumption. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude



to every citizen who has responded to my call and provided full cooperation. People who used to travel in the same direction and to the same destination every day in their own vehicles have now started the good old habit of traveling together in the same vehicle. This has led to fuel savings. Similarly, many families have avoided buying new gold for their homes and weddings. In case of emergency, they have started changing their old jewelry into new designs. People are sharing their experiences of people's participation and economic transformation through social media.

Grants of up to Rs. 14 crore to attract Indian scientists to work abroad

New Delhi The central government has implemented a research grant scheme of up to Rs. 14 crore to bring back Indian scientists working abroad to their homeland. People of Indian origin are dominating various fields including medicine and technology in the US and European countries. Their knowledge is helping foreign countries to achieve tremendous development. In this context, the Central Government recently announced the "Prime

Minister's Research Chair Scheme 2026" (PMRC) to bring back Indian scientists and technical experts working abroad. Under this scheme, Indian scientists living abroad have been invited to participate in research projects in 13 sectors including artificial intelligence, semiconductors, energy, cyber security, medicine, biotechnology, rare earth minerals, space-security, information and communication, manufacturing, agriculture, fisheries, and nuclear energy.

Let's stop Meketatu Dam Let's protect Cauvery

Chennai PMK leader Anbumani recently posted a video on social media, citing reasons why the Meghedathu dam should not be built. In the video, it is said, "If Karnataka builds a dam across the Mekhedatu, Tamil Nadu will not get even a drop of water." The Meghedathu Dam project is not just a farmers' issue, it requires everyone's participation. The youth of Tamil Nadu can create a huge awareness, making everyone aware of the need for Cauvery river water and the adverse effects of the Meghedathu dam. "We will stop the Mekethatu Dam - we will protect the Cauvery," he had said. In this context, Anbumani released a logo for this on social media yesterday.



How did she kill her future husband along with her lover? Siya Goyal pretended to tell the police

Pune Ketan Agarwal (26), a famous real estate businessman from Pune, Maharashtra, was engaged to be married to a young woman named Siya Goyal (20). However, on June 18, he along with his lover Chetan Chaudhary threw Ketan off the top of the Lohagad Fort hill and murdered her. Pune Rural Police Inspector Sandeep Singh Gill said: "We called both Siya Goyal and Chetan Chaudhary to the scene of the murder in Lohaghat fort and conducted an investigation. They narrated all the incidents like the route they took to the fort, the places they were standing at on the day of the incident, and how they threw Ketan down. The Lohagad Fort was temporarily closed to the public during the reconstruction work for security reasons. The entire investigation was videotaped,"



said Sandeep Singh Gill. Police sources said, "When Siya Goel was walking with Ketan to the fort, Siya gave some secret signal to her lover Chetan, who was following her. Only then did the two of them together push Ketan off the top of the hill and kill him. Chetan Chowdhury secretly entered the fort without any entrance gate."

Kerala: Muslim woman performs last rites for deceased Hindu elderly man

Kasaragod Irbana Iqbal (34) is a member of the Kasaragod district panchayat in Kerala and the Manjeswaram constituency executive of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML). He performed the last rites of a destitute elderly man named Narayan (64) by setting fire to the body at the public crematorium in Sirugali area of Kasaragod last Friday. He performed this good deed as no relatives had claimed the body for two days. Narayanan



hails from Meenja Iqbal posted on her social media page: Kasaragod district. "When I rescued Narayanan from the streets last month, I promised the locals that I would take good care of him." Even after his death, I could not abandon him. As Syed Foundation' a daughter, I performed the last rites of Narayan brother. Humanity is beyond religions and politics. He posted this with resilience.

Man arrested for plotting to kill

A15,000 people in Mumbai by distributing poison pills during Muharram procession

Mumbai A man arrested with poisonous substances has said he planned to kill 15,000 people during a Mumbai Muharram procession. The entire country observed Muharram on Friday. On this occasion, a procession is being held in Mumbai. A person distributed pills (capsules) to the participants of the procession held near the Rehmatabad cemetery on Ray Road. Specifically, taking advantage of the crowd, he gave the pills saying that they were painkillers and immunity boosters. A woman who was suspicious of this had lodged a complaint with the police. Following this, the police rushed to the spot and arrested the person who distributed the pills, Payas Premji. The Justice Department ordered his remand in police custody. Meanwhile, 11



people who had taken these pills fell ill and were immediately admitted to a nearby hospital. All of them are now out of danger. Salman Syed, who had taken these pills, suffered severe stomach pain and vomiting. Mumbai Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner Jayant Meena said, "Based on a complaint, the police arrested Payas, who was distributing the tablets. They seized 14,900 tablets from him. It was found that the tablets were adulterated with a highly dangerous chemical called 'zinc phosphide', which is used in rat poison and other pesticides. It was also revealed that the man had ordered 30,000 emphy capsules and 50 kg of phosphorus. During interrogation, Payas confessed that his aim was to kill thousands of people who participated in the procession. This person, who is a BPA licensee, frequently travels abroad. Notably, he has previously visited Iran and Iraq. Following this, a case has been registered against Payas at the By-culla Police Station under Section 123 (causing hurt by poison with intent to commit an offence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). We are conducting a thorough investigation to ascertain whether there is any militant link behind this conspiracy," he said.

Trump’s proposal to pit Syria against Hezbollah sparks shock

Beirut

Relentless fighting continues between the Israeli military and Iran-backed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon. Despite repeated threats from Trump, neither side has ceased hostilities. Consequently, President Trump has proposed an alternative solution: entrusting Syria with the task of fighting Hezbollah. Trump has expressed confidence that battle-hardened Syrian rebels—who overthrew dictator Bashar al-Assad and established a new government a year and a half ago—would be more effective than the Israeli military at rooting out Hezbollah. Trump remains firm on his proposal, even after Syrian President Ahmad al-Shara expressed reluctance to undertake such an operation. This stance has shocked both Lebanon and Israel. As Israel views the al-Shara-led Syrian government with suspicion, it has convened a meeting of high-level security officials to discuss the matter.

Skydiving Adventure Ends in Tragedy 11 Killed in Plane Crash in France

Nancy

A small aircraft took off from the Nancy-Essey Airport in the Tomblaine area, near the city of Nancy, France, for a skydiving training session. There were 11 people on board, including five trainees, five instructors, and a pilot. Shortly after takeoff, the aircraft crashed vertically into a grassy area surrounded by residential buildings due to a technical malfunction. All 11 people on board lost their lives in the accident. Fortunately, no members of the public were killed in the crash.

Over 1,000 Dead and Tens of Thousands Affected by Severe Heatwave in France

Berlin

More than a thousand people have died in France due to a severe heatwave, with tens of thousands more affected. The heatwave has intensified across the country, with temperatures reaching unprecedented levels this year. Record-breaking temperatures have been recorded nationwide; Paris saw the mercury hit 40.9 degrees Celsius. Temperatures reached 44.3 degrees Celsius in other parts of the country, and ‘red alerts’ were issued for several districts. Hospitals are treating a large number of patients suffering from the effects of the extreme heat. On Wednesday alone, 1,200 people died due to the heatwave, followed by more than 1,400 deaths over the next two days. The elderly—specifically those over the age of 65—have been the most affected, accounting for 85 percent of the total fatalities. The death toll this year is significantly higher than the usual figures associated with heat-related deaths. Additionally, tens of thousands of people have suffered from heat-related illnesses. Several Western European nations have been severely impacted by the heatwave. Normal life has been disrupted in Britain, Spain, Italy, Germany, Greece, and Denmark as temperatures continue to rise.

I will foil the conspiracies and return to Bangladesh

Sheikh Hasina, who has been living in India for 2 years, says

New Delhi

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said that she will defeat the odds and bring Bangladesh to power this year itself. In 2024, student protests broke out in Bangladesh against the government led by Sheikh Hasina. As a result, Sheikh Hasina resigned from the post of Prime Minister and sought refuge in India. Meanwhile, in November last year, the International Criminal Court in Bangladesh sentenced Sheikh Hasina to death for crimes against humanity. Sheikh Hasina said in an interview with a private news channel: “The verdict against me is unjust. It is an illegal, unconstitutional and politically motivated move.” The judiciary has been used as a tool of political vendetta to make our Awami League party leaderless. Such attempts have been made in the past as well. They have failed then and will fail now. I am not afraid of death. In 1975, I lost my entire family, including my parents and brothers. Even on August 21, there was an attempt to kill me through a grenade attack.



6.1 Magnitude Earthquake in Japan

Tokyo

A powerful earthquake struck northeastern Japan at 7:25 AM local time yesterday. The quake occurred at a depth of 40 kilometers in the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Iwate Prefecture. It also affected Aomori and nearby areas. No information regarding damage caused by the earthquake has been reported.

80-year-old Indian grandfather jumps from 18,000 feet with grandson in Australia



Canberra

A video of an 80-year-old Indian man jumping from 18,000 feet with his grandson during a skydiving trip in Australia has gone viral on social media. Ankit hails from Haryana, India. He is a keen skydiver. Ankit, who lives in Australia, had previously jumped from 15,000 feet with his grandfather. Now, the two decided to jump from 18,000 feet. Before boarding the plane, Ankit told his 80-year-old grandfather not to be afraid. The grandfather replied, “Who’s afraid?” and jumped out of the plane with his grandson Ankit, parachuted, and landed safely. The grandfather, who landed with the Indian national flag, shouted patriotic slogans like ‘Jai Hind! Jai Bharat! Jai Haryana!’ and shared the video on social media. The video is going viral.

Trump’s Image on US Passport



Washington

President Trump recently announced the upcoming release of a new passport to mark the 250th anniversary of American independence. Accordingly, a special passport featuring his photograph has been unveiled. He officially announced this on his social media platform, Truth Social. The passport features a photograph of Trump standing with a stern expression while leaning against his desk, along with his signature and the text of the Declaration of Independence in the background. The image is reportedly based on a photograph taken by White House photographer Daniel Torok. The US State Department announced that this passport would be issued only to individuals applying in person in Washington. This marks the first time in American history that a president’s image has appeared directly on a passport.

TODAY'S RASIPALAN

ARIES: Unexpected gains are likely. A good day for financial planning.

TAURUS: Focus on health. Avoid unnecessary stress and arguments.

GEMINI: Travel opportunities arise. New connections will be beneficial.

CANCER: Career growth is indicated. Your hard work will be recognized.

LEO: Family harmony prevails. A good day to resolve past issues.

VIRGO: Financial stability is expected. Investments might yield good returns.

LIBRA: Creativity is high. Express yourself through art or writing.

SCORPIO: Romance is in the air. A great day for couples and singles.

SAGITTARIUS: Educational success is predicted. Focus on learning new skills.

CAPRICORN: Domestic bliss continues. Spend quality time with loved ones.

AQUARIUS: Adventure awaits. Try something new and step out of your comfort zone.

PISCES: Spiritual growth is highlighted. Take time for meditation and reflection.

Retaliation for US Strike

Iran Launches Missiles at Bahrain and Kuwait Warns of Halting Negotiations

Dubai

Following a prolonged standoff between the US and Iran, a ceasefire was established, and an interim peace agreement was signed on the 18th. Subsequently, in talks held in Switzerland involving Pakistan and Qatar, both sides agreed to reach a final accord within the next 60 days. This development brought relief to nations worldwide as crude oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz returned to normal. Against this backdrop, the US accused Iran of attacking a Qatari oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz region the day before yesterday. In response, the US struck various Iranian military targets, including missile depots, drone bases, and radar systems. Retaliating against this, Iran launched missile and drone attacks yesterday targeting Bahrain and Kuwait. Attacks were carried out against the US Navy’s 5th Fleet base in Bahrain and a residential building near the international airport. Bahrain’s Ministry of Interior reported that while the top floor of the building was completely damaged, there were no casualties. Gulf nations, including Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, have strongly condemned Iran for these attacks. US President Trump warned in a social media post, “Iran violated the ceasefire agreement, necessitating further attacks. If such actions continue, severe military measures will be taken against Iran.” Meanwhile, in a statement, Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps warned that “fitting retaliation for America’s acts of aggression will continue” and cautioned that “if the US persists with attacks, negotiations aimed at ending the conflict will be completely halted.”



Hollywood Actress and Musician End 10-Year Relationship

New York

Famous actress Courteney Cox and musician Johnny McDaid have announced the end of their 10-year relationship. Hollywood actress Courteney Cox (60) and Johnny McDaid (48), a musician from the band ‘Snow Patrol’, had been dating since 2013. The couple, who got engaged in 2014, briefly separated in 2015 due to minor differences. They reunited in 2016 and had been living between London and the United States. Their long-standing relationship, which spanned over a decade, has now come to an end. Having lived apart for the past few months, they have decided to separate amicably. Sources close to them indicated that the decision was made because the two prefer different lifestyles. A friend of Johnny’s commented, “Johnny always speaks very highly of Courteney. They shared a deep bond. They have now separated by mutual agreement. It is not a bitter split; they will remain good friends.” The couple, who were seen together at public events as recently as August and September, have now confirmed their separation, leaving fans saddened.



Lashkar militants participate in Shoaib Akhtar’s brother’s funeral

Islamabad

Members of the Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist organization participated in the funeral of former Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Akhtar’s brother. The video footage of the incident has been circulating on social media and has garnered attention. Shoaib Akhtar’s brother Shahid Akhtar passed away last week. His funeral was attended by members of the Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist organization. Lashkar’s vice-president Saifullah Kasuri and Inam-ur-Rehman, the head of the Pakistan Markazi Muslim League, the political wing of the Lashkar terrorist organization, attended the event. Pahalagam attack in Kashmir were from Pakistan and belonged to the Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist organization, which was also responsible for the 2008 Mumbai terror attack. By allowing terrorist organizations and people like Kasuri, who engage in activities against India, to operate freely, in public, the Pakistani government’s support for them has once again come to light. Saifullah Kasuri has expressed his views against India on several occasions. In response to the Pahalagam attack, the Indian Army launched ‘Operation Sindoor’ targeting terrorist organizations operating in Pakistan. After that, Kasuri criticized India for terminating the Indus Waters Treaty as an act of ‘water terrorism’. He also said, ‘We will attack from the sea’, ‘The enemy has no place in our land, water or sky’, and ‘They are inviting me to participate in the funerals of soldiers’ a few months ago. The question has been raised about the motive of the Pakistani government allowing someone who is acting against India in public.

