

Act freely in law and order: Chief Minister Vijay instructs IAS, IPS officers at conference

Chennai

Officials can decide independently on law and order issues. There will be no interference from individuals. Whoever commits a mistake will be punished promptly and without any discrimination, Chief Minister Vijay has said at the IAS and IPS conference. Every year, a conference of IAS, IPS and IFS officers is held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister on the law and order situation and functioning of government departments in Tamil Nadu. In that regard, the first 2-day conference of district administrators, police and forest department officials of the newly-appointed Thackeray government began yesterday at the Chief Secretariat in Chennai. Chief Minister Vijay presided over the conference. Ministers, secretaries, district administrators, police inspectors and other officials of all



departments participated in it. Various important issues including district administration and law and order were reviewed. Speaking at the conference, Chief Minister Vijay said: The people elected our government as a government that is free from bribery and corruption, transparent, honest and socially just. You can decide freely on law and order issues. Whoever is at fault, they should be swiftly and impartially prosecuted and punished according to the law. At the same time, innocent people should not be harmed. The officers should hold a law

and order meeting every month and coordinate with the relevant departments. They should consult with the revenue and police departments to identify the root cause of any incident and prevent crimes before it occurs. Women and children should be 100 percent protected. Shops near every school should be constantly monitored. Those involved in drug-related crimes should be arrested immediately. District magistrates and MLAs who visit government offices for research should cooperate. Officials should go directly to inspect how government schemes are

being implemented. Government officials can act freely within the law. There will be no interference from individuals. Strict action should be taken against caste-based discrimination and violence. Crowding should be prevented during temple festivals, political rallies and public events. Land disputes are the primary cause of most of the conflicts and murders in rural areas. A district-level land dispute resolution committee should be formed and meet at intervals of 2 weeks. The performance and efficiency of the officers and SPs should be evaluated every month.

Surveillance cameras should be installed in areas that are unsafe for women, places where crime is rampant, roads where accidents occur frequently, and areas frequented by senior citizens. There should be no delay in registering FIRs in crimes against women and POCSO cases. To prevent spurious liquor, police, revenue and forest department officials should collect information about illegal distilleries in the hilly areas. The health department should conduct drug-free camps in all districts. Action should be taken to ensure that drugs are smuggled

through all districts and that mineral resources are smuggled without proper permission. The spread of gutkha and other drugs among migrant workers in industrial zones like Chennai, Coimbatore, and Tiruppur should be monitored closely. Illegal sand mining in the Cauvery, Vaigai and other river sand beds should be stopped. Industrial safety procedures should be strictly implemented in factories and chemical plants. Special attention should be paid to the cyclone- and flood-affected delta, coastal districts, Nilgiris, and hilly parts of the Western

Ghats, where disaster preparedness audits should be conducted. In Chennai and its suburbs, the needs in the rescue infrastructure should be addressed before the monsoon season. The highest number of road accident deaths in a year is reported in Tamil Nadu. Accident hotspots should be identified and road development work should be carried out in high-risk areas. Compliance with road rules, including wearing helmets, should be ensured. People coming to police stations should be treated with caution. People should be made aware of social media fraud.

Officers and SPs should work honestly and with integrity. The Chief Minister said this. Focus on basic facilities: We should focus on basic facilities like ration, education, drinking water, health, electricity, and transportation. We should listen to the grievances of the people who come to submit petitions and take immediate action. We should go for field research in the morning on days other than Mondays. It is important for the officers to not only work and receive petitions, but also to continuously monitor them. For this, an officer should be appointed and continuous action should be taken. The Chief Minister also advised that provision of quality food items without any loss of weight should be ensured in ration shops. Relief and rescue operations should be carried out quickly in times of disaster, he said.

AIADMK MLAs' disqualification petition

Assembly Secretary explains in court that Speaker will continue to investigate

Chennai

A reply has been filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of the Legislative Assembly Secretary, stating that the Speaker of the Assembly will continue to hear petitions seeking the disqualification of AIADMK MLAs who have resigned from their posts. In the trust vote held in the Legislative Assembly in support of the Thaweka government, several AIADMK MLAs voted in support of the government, violating the party whip's order. The AIADMK has filed a petition with the Speaker of the Assembly to disqualify them. In this context, AIADMK MLAs Madhuranthakam Kumaravel, Perundurai Jayakumar, Tarapuram Sathiyabama, and Ambasamudhiram Isakki Subbaiah submitted a letter to the Speaker of the Assembly, stating that they were resigning from their



posts. The Speaker of the Assembly also accepted their resignations and issued a reply. Following this, all 4 of them joined the TDP. AIADMK whip Agri Krishnamurthy has filed a case in the High Court seeking quashing of the order issued by the Speaker accepting the resignations of these 4 MLAs while the disqualification petition is pending. In this regard, notices were issued to the Legislative Assembly Secretary and the 4 former AIADMK MLAs concerned to respond and the hearing was adjourned. In this situation, in the reply filed by the Legislative Assembly Secretary Shanthi Darab, it has been stated that, 'It is

incorrect to say that the disqualification proceedings against the 4 AIADMK MLAs will become invalid simply because the Speaker accepts their resignations. It cannot be said that accepting their resignations will exempt them from the disqualification proceedings. Even if they resign, the Speaker will continue to hear the petitions seeking their disqualification. The Justice Minister can intervene in this matter only after the final decision is taken in that inquiry. It is not appropriate to demand that elections not be held for the vacancies created as a result. There is no reason to doubt the authenticity of the resignation let-

ters submitted by the 4 MLAs voluntarily submitted by the Speaker. The Speaker of the House is legally fulfilling his constitutional duty. There is no rush or ulterior motive for the Speaker of the House to accept the resignation letters. There is no rule that a decision must be taken on the petition seeking disqualification before accepting the resignation. The Speaker of the House will hear and decide the petitions seeking disqualification within the stipulated time, so these cases should be dealt with accordingly, he demanded. In this case, while a response has been filed on behalf of Isakki Subbaiah, since the other 3 MLAs have not filed a response, the hearing of this case was postponed to July 13, a session held by Chief Justice S.A. Dharmadhikari and Justice G. Arulmurugan.

Tamil Nadu government orders formation of

new curriculum design committee headed by Mayilsamy Annadurai

Chennai

The Tamil Nadu government has appointed a new curriculum design committee headed by former ISRO scientist Mayilsamy Annadurai. The curriculum for school students in Tamil Nadu is set to be changed step by step. During the last DMK administration, a high-level committee and expert committee were formed to design a new curriculum, including ISRO chairman Narayanan, cricketer Ashwin, and scientist T.V. Venkateswaran. The committee studied the changes that needed to be made. It also received feedback from various



stakeholders, including teachers, parents, educators, and students. Based on that, it prepared a report on the new curriculum and recommendations for improving school education and submitted it to the government. Following that, the new curriculum was implemented from grades 1 to 3 in the current academic

year. Meanwhile, after the change of government, the Tamil Nadu government headed by Chief Minister Vijay took charge. In this situation, the Tamil Nadu government has appointed a new curriculum design committee headed by former ISRO scientist Mayilsamy Annadurai. In this regard, the government has set up a new curriculum design committee to improve the school curriculum. Former ISRO scientist Mayilsamy Annadurai will serve as its chairman. Scientist T.V. Venkateswaran, Professor of Physics, Madras University Rita John, and former

professor of Madras State College Sundanthirantham will be among the 14 members. The Director of the State Educational Research and Training Institute will act as the member-secretary of this committee. The term of office of the members will be 3 years. It is stated in it. As the new syllabus is currently being implemented from Class 1 to 3, the new committee will prepare a new syllabus from Class 4 and submit it to the government. Based on the recommendations of the committee, the new syllabus will be followed step by step from Class 4 to Plus 2.



DMK student protest defies ban, demanding removal of Teva Minister Sarathkumar: Former ministers arrested

Swearing-in of New Office Bearers for the Kotagiri Citizens Welfare Association

Kotagiri

The swearing-in ceremony for the new office bearers of the Kotagiri Citizens Welfare Association (KCWA) for the 2026-2027 term was held at the Belle Aire Resort in Kotagiri. Honorable Mr. M. Senthilkumar, B.A., B.L., District Judge and Presiding Officer of the Fast Track Mahila Court (FTMC) in Udhamandalam, attended the event as the chief guest. Mr. Bhojarajan, the Founding President of the Kotagiri Citizens Forum and the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Udhamandalam, inducted the new office bearers into their roles. Mr. K. M. Raju, MLA for Coonoor, attended as a special guest. The following individuals assumed office: Mr. Arun Pelli as President, Advocate K.P.J. Murugan as General Secretary, and



Rotarian G. Kushal Chand as Treasurer. To demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection, the chief guest, special guests, and new office bearers planted saplings together and pledged to work towards a greener Nilgiris. In his acceptance speech, the newly appointed President, Mr. Arun Pelli, emphasized that good governance is strengthened only when citizens, elected representatives, government officials, and professionals work together. He further announced that, moving forward, the Kotagiri Citizens Welfare Association

would engage in various social welfare initiatives beyond standard civic services. These include promoting sports among the youth; collaborating with the Kotagiri Library and Readers' Forum to foster reading habits; and working with the Kotagiri Municipality and surrounding village panchayats to effectively implement solid waste management regulations among the public. Government officials, social activists, representatives of various organizations, and association members participated in large numbers and graced the occasion.

Lawyer Abibathmavathi inaugurated the polio vaccination camp at Pe. Ponneri

Ponneri

Polio vaccination camps were held across Tamil Nadu. At Pe. Ponneri, near Pennadam in Cuddalore district, lawyer Abibathmavathi inaugurated the camp by administering the polio vaccine drops to children. Former Union Councillor, Nurse Arulmozhi, Anganwadi teacher Punitha Valli, TVK Union Deputy Secretary Vijay, Branch Secretary Ilavarasan,



Vignesh, and Sasi-kumar were among those who participated in the camp. Vaccine drops were administered to children under the age of five. Officials stated that nurses would visit homes yesterday and today to administer the vaccine to any children who had missed the initial drive.

National Statistics Day Observed at Akkachipatti School near Gandarvakottai



Gandarvakottai, June 29

National Statistics Day was celebrated under the auspices of the Ramanujan Mathematics Club at the Panchayat Union Middle School in Akkachipatti, Gandarvakottai Union, Pudukkottai District. Rithanya, the student leader of the Mathematics Club, welcomed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Rahamathullah—a Graduate Teacher (Science) and the Gandarvakottai Union President

discussed the following: The utility of statistics in daily life and how they assist in formulating and shaping policies; The celebration of National Statistics Day on the birth anniversary of Professor P.C. Mahalanobis, who made unparalleled contributions to the fields of statistics and economic planning; The role of statistics in socio-economic planning; and How National Statistics Day highlights the crucial role statistics play in shaping a nation's development and administration. He noted that by honoring Professor P.C. Mahalanobis, the day reminds citizens and policymakers of the power of data-driven decision-making. He further stated that understanding the significance of statistics not only aids in education and preparation for competitive examinations but also fosters awareness regarding the importance of statistical knowledge in modern society.

Komagal Marathon 2026 – “Run for Her” Official T-Shirt Launched in Coimbatore

Coimbatore

The official T-shirt launch ceremony for the “Komagal Marathon 2026 – Run for Her”—an event focused on women's progress, health, and social awareness—was held in the Uppilpalayam area of Coimbatore. The event took place at the Rajiv Gandhi Nagar Association grounds in Uppilpalayam and was jointly organized by the “Off Screen Hub” organization and Nirmala College for Women. Singanallur MLA K.S. Sri Giri Prasad attended as the special guest and unveiled the marathon T-shirt. Other special guests



included marathon runner Vijay Anand, Vanitha (Team Leader at Robert Bosch), Rajesh (representing Aattam Infinity), Dr. Nithya, Dr. Mallika, Dr. K. Mohana, and Parvathi Ravi; they all commended this initiative aimed at women's advancement. The guests emphasized that “Run for Her” is not merely a marathon but a social movement championing women's safety, equality, health, and empowerment. The organizing committee expressed their gratitude to all the supporters, media personnel, volunteers, and members of the public who contributed to the successful conduct of the event. Notably, all the women present on stage pledged that “every step is the beginning of a change towards women's progress.”

MLA inspects Amma Unavagamin Vaniyambadi staff instructed not to compromise on food quality

Vaniyambadi, June 30

The Amma Unavagam (subsidized canteen) operates at the weekly market grounds in Vaniyambadi, Tirupattur district. MLA S.S.B. Farooq Basha visited the facility to inspect it following recent renovation work. During the inspection, he tasted the breakfast served at the canteen to assess its quality. He instructed the staff to ensure that the food provided to the public remains of high quality and emphasized that there should be no compromise on standards for any reason. He also inquired about the staff's grievances. Municipal Engineer Chandrasekar



presided over the event, while Assistant Engineer Govindappan welcomed the gathering. Attendees included Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) Town President Nari Muhammad Naeem, Deputy Secretary Sanullah, Honorary President Shama Shakeel Ahmed, and Town Council Member Syed Habeeb Thangal, along with party functionaries, cadres, and the general public. Earlier, Municipal

Chairperson Uma Shivaji Ganesan, DMK Town Secretary V.S. Sarathi Kumar, and other party functionaries and councilors arrived at the Amma Unavagam in response to an invitation. However, upon discovering that the MLA had already begun the inspection before their arrival, they engaged in an argument with Municipal Engineer Chandrasekar and left the premises. This incident caused a brief stir in the area.

Integrated Child Development Centre worth ₹15 lakh inaugurated in Vaniyambadi

Vaniyambadi, June 30

Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) S.S.P. Farooq Basha inaugurated a newly constructed Integrated Child Development Centre in the Siddikabad area of Vaniyambadi, Tirupattur district, built at a cost of ₹15 lakh. Although the construction of the centre had been completed a few months

ago, the formal inauguration took place now; MLA S.S.P. Farooq Basha cut the ribbon to open the facility and distributed sweets to the children. Municipal Engineer Chandrasekar presided over the event, while Assistant Engineer Govindappan welcomed the gathering. Party functionaries—including In-

dian Union Muslim League (IUML) Town President Nari Muhammad Naeem, Deputy Secretary Sanullah, and Honorary President Shama Shakeel Ahmed—along with party cadres and the general public, participated in the event. It was stated that children and residents of the area would benefit from the new child development centre.



Under the ‘Kannoli Kappom’ (Let Us Protect Vision) scheme implemented by the Tamil Nadu government—which aims to detect vision impairments in students at an early stage and provide appropriate treatment and necessary assistance—free eyeglasses were distributed directly at the school to students of Chairman Manickavasagam Middle School in Devakottai, Sivaganga district.

Button Battery Lodged in Boy's Nose Successfully Removed via Endoscopy at Thittakudi Government Hospital

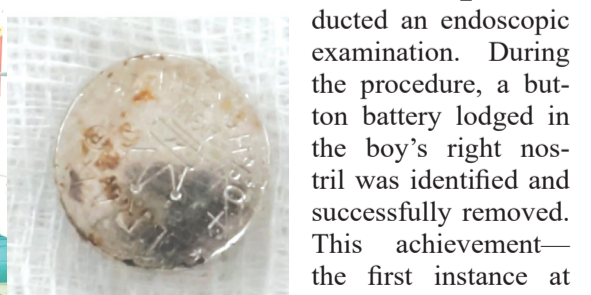
Thittakudi

Mithran, a four-year-old boy from Perambalur district, had been suffering from a fever for a week and receiving treatment at a private hospital before being admitted as an inpatient at Thittakudi Government Hospital for further care. During the medical examination, pus discharge was observed from the boy's right nostril; a subsequent



CT scan revealed the presence of an unidentified object inside the nose. Following this, under the instructions of Cuddalore District Joint Director Dr. Pramila and the supervision of

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Chebanantham, a medical team led by ENT specialist Dr. Balamurugan at Thittakudi Government Hospital arranged for the procedure. After administering general anesthesia, a team comprising anesthesiologists Dr. Arivuchelvan and Dr. Sivasankari, pediatrician Dr. Sathya, operation theatre nurse Lakshmi, and nursing assistant Ananda Jothi con-



ducted an endoscopic examination. During the procedure, a button battery lodged in the boy's right nostril was identified and successfully removed. This achievement—the first instance at Thittakudi Government Hospital where a button battery lodged in the nose was removed via endoscopy under general anesthesia—has been well-received and appreciated by the public.



A drug awareness camp was held on June 29 at the Government Arts and Science College in Srivilliputhur. College Principal (In-charge) Amudha presided over the event. Judge Pichai Rajan, Secretary of the Virudhunagar District Legal Services Authority, participated as the special guest and delivered an address. Others who spoke on the necessity of eradicating drug abuse included Balamurugan (Sub-Inspector, Vanniyampatti Police Station), Harikrishnan (Coordinator, Heartfulness Organization), and Advocate Karthikeyan. Soundarapandi, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks. Second and third-year students, as well as NSS volunteers, attended the event.



Mr. S.R. Naveen Pandian has assumed charge as the Public Relations Officer of Tenkasi District.



At the Public Grievance Redressal Day meeting held in the conference hall of the Tirupathur District Collector's Office today (29.06.2026), District Revenue Officer Mr. J. Narayanan distributed government welfare assistance worth ₹93,285 to eight differently-abled individuals on behalf of the Department for the Welfare of Differently-abled. District Differently-abled Welfare Officer Mr. Kannan and officials from the concerned departments were also present.



A meeting of the Cumbum Assembly Constituency District Executive Committee was held in Chinnamanur, Theni district, under the leadership of District Secretary Ayub Khan. Special invitees—including Theni Zonal Secretary Rafiq, Bodi-Cumbum Zonal Deputy Secretaries Suruli and Tamilan Aandi—participated in the event. Consultations were held and decisions were made regarding paying tribute to the Melavalavu martyrs in Madurai, grandly celebrating the birthday of ‘Ezhuchi Tamilar’ (Thirumavalavan), and organizing an upcoming conference. Also in attendance were Women's Wing District Secretary Karuppai; District Deputy Secretaries Murugesan and Annadurai; Executive Committee member Mohan; Spokesperson Berk-mans; ‘Ilanjiruthai Ezhuchi Pasara’ District Secretary Vijay; and other office bearers.

Heavy rains, floods in northeastern states Bus, train services disrupted in Assam

Guwahati

Heavy rains have caused flooding in the northeastern states. In Assam, over 22,000 people have lost their homes and belongings and are in distress. Many train services have been canceled. Monsoon rains are intensifying in the northern states. Especially in the northeastern states including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya, heavy rains have been falling for the past week. There has been heavy flooding in the districts of Dhemaji, Nalbari, Dibrugarh, Sirang, Lakhimpur and Kokrajhar in Assam. More than 22,000 people in these districts have lost their homes and belongings and are suffering. Crops cultivated in 1,690 hectares have been damaged. The six-foot bridge between Archipata and Simen Sappari railway stations in Assam has been washed



away by floods. Due to this, train traffic has been completely canceled there. Also, various train services have been canceled in the northeast due to heavy rains and floods. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union Home Minister Amit Shah held an important telephonic discussion yesterday regarding the flood damage in Assam. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in a post on social media, "Assam's Dhemaji district has been severely affected by heavy rains. Union Minister Amit Shah spoke to me over the phone in this regard. He assured to provide all necessary assistance to Assam."

Heavy rains have caused landslides and disrupted road traffic in states including Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Sikkim. Four people were swept away in a flash flood in Arunachal Pradesh's Kei Payanar district. The search for them has intensified. 30 stranded passengers who were stranded there due to the flood were rescued by helicopter. The Meteorological Department has warned of heavy rains in the northeastern states for the next few days. Due to this, National Disaster Response Force personnel and disaster relief teams from the respective states have been deployed to the flood-affected areas.

Man swept away in Arunachal Pradesh landslide miraculously survives

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A two-wheeler rider who was swept away in a landslide in Arunachal Pradesh miraculously survived. The Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh has been receiving heavy rains for the past few days, causing flooding in many places and landslides at isolated places. In this situation, the day before yesterday, a man was riding his motorcycle on a muddy road in a place called



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to one side and the person riding it to the other. But the man got up from the sand and ran up. Someone posted this video on X.com. It is going viral. Many have commented that it is a miracle that he survived the landslide.

Whale calf dies after being washed ashore in Mumbai

Mumbai

Rescue teams tried to rescue a whale calf that washed ashore in Mumbai and return it to the sea, but the calf eventually died. Workers involved in the construction of the Bandra-Versova Sea Bridge spotted a whale near the Carter Club on the Bandra coast in Mumbai on Saturday. It later washed ashore, swaying. It was identified as a 26-foot-long humpback whale calf. Following this, officials from the Forest Department, Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Fire Department, and a team of veterinarians rushed to the



spot and started efforts to recover it and return it to the sea. But in the end, the baby whale was not moving at all. When the forest department and local fishermen examined it, it was confirmed that the baby whale had died. The rescue team's efforts to save the baby whale ended in tragedy. Humpback whales are the largest mammals in the world. A full-grown whale can

reach a length of 50 to 60 feet. This type of whale is very rare to be seen in the Mumbai sea area. Marine research experts have said that they migrate via the Arabian Sea. It is said that the whale, which was separated from its mother during the migration, may have become ill or injured, or it may have changed its course and become stranded due to sea turbulence.

DMK holds protest condemning drug use by a 'Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam' functionary District Secretary Devaraj and others arrested

Tirupathur

The DMK organized a protest condemning 'Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam' functionary 'Gilli' Sarath for allegedly using narcotics in a public place—an act viewed as detrimental to social order. DMK District Secretary

Devaraj led the protest. Numerous DMK office-bearers and cadres participated, raising slogans against 'Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam' to register their opposition. Police, who were on duty to ensure that public life and traffic

flow remained undisturbed, arrested District Secretary Devaraj and other DMK members for staging the protest without permission; they were subsequently detained in a private hall. This incident caused a stir in the Tirupathur area.

Marking' work for bullet train between Hyderabad - Chennai

Hyderabad

The central government is planning to operate a high-speed train (bullet train) between Hyderabad-Chennai and Hyderabad-Bengaluru. The 'marking' work to set the measurement code for this route has been going on for the past one week, starting from Hyderabad. The marking work is going on starting from Rangareddy district, through Nalgonda district to Vikarabad. The survey team has been carrying out marking work for



the past one week, through Shamshabad, Maheshwaram, Kanduguru, Yacharam to Nalgonda district and Nampally zone. Similarly, marking work is currently underway for the Hyderabad-Bengaluru bullet train route through Shamshabad and Shabad zones. They are also marking the roads and even the agricultural lands in red and white. Marking work has already been completed in the villages of Guru Mitta, Mettiya Palli, Yankees Koodam, Thakkalla Palli, Sindapalli Nallappelli, Mandana and Kaurellu in the Yacharam zone.

Siya Goyal took Rs 1 crore from groom and gave it to boyfriend

Police information in Pune youth murder case

Pune

Police investigation revealed that she had given Siya Goyal to her boyfriend Chettan after receiving Rs. 1 crore from her ex-husband Kettan. Ketan Agarwal (26), a real estate tycoon from Pune, Maharashtra, runs a conglomerate called Success Group. His family's assets are worth Rs 600 crore. He and Siya Goyal (20), also from Pune, got engaged on February 11 with the consent of both the parties. The wedding is scheduled to take place in November at a grand venue in Udaipur at a cost of Rs 17 crore. Meanwhile, for the past few years, Siya Goyal and Chettan Chowdhury (22), a grocery shopkeeper from Pune, have been secretly in love. Siya, who hid her love from her future husband, Chettan, has been getting along with him naturally. Meanwhile, Siya and Chettan secretly planned to kill Kettan. On the 18th, Siya invited Kettan to the Lokghat fort,



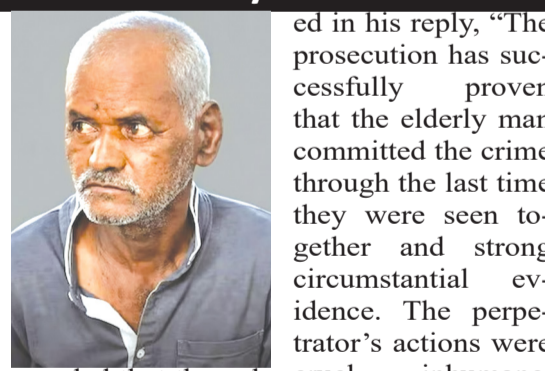
located at an altitude of 3,389 feet in the Western Ghats of Rajasthan, and brutally murdered him by pushing him off the mountaintop. Regarding this case, Pune Police said: On May 31, Ketan called his ex-wife Siya to Lokghat fort. There, they hatched a conspiracy to kill Ketan. They met several times for this. It was Siya's birthday on the 19th. Chettan had planned to celebrate his birthday at the Natchadira Hotel in Mahabaleshwar, a famous tourist destination in Maharashtra. But Siya forcibly took Chettan to Lokghat Fort. There, Siya and Chettan together threw Chettan off a hilltop and killed him. Siya pretended that her future husband had slipped and fallen 400 feet down a cliff. But the truth came out during the police investigation. Siya had received a large amount of money from the millionaire Kettan at that time. In particular, she needed to buy jewelry and clothes for the wedding. Earlier this month, Siya asked Kettan for Rs. 1 crore for this. Immediately, Chettan offered Rs. 1 crore as a house payment for the upcoming year. Siya gave this money to her lover Chettan Chowdhury. Chettan currently runs a small grocery shop in Pune. He planned to expand his business with the Rs. 1 crore given by Siya and become a big businessman in the next 3 years. After this, Siya and Sethan planned to get married. This is what the police said.

65-year-old man sentenced to death for raping and killing 3-year-old girl

Court verdict within 60 days of the crime

Pune

A Pune special court has awarded death penalty to a 65-year-old man for raping and murdering a three-year-old girl. The verdict was handed down within 60 days of the crime. Bhimrao Kamble (65), a resident of Nasrapur village in Pune district of Maharashtra, raped and murdered a 3-year-old girl who had visited her maternal relative's house on May 1. Later, when the girl's family searched for her, her body was found in a cowshed. The incident caused a huge stir in the area. In Nasrapur, people blocked roads and took part in protests. Protests were also held in other parts of Pune district. The people of Allur de-



manded that the culprit be given severe punishment. Meanwhile, the police arrested the culprit Bhimrao Kamble on the same day of the incident. They filed a 1,200-page complaint in 16 days. The special court filed the charges on May 28. The closing arguments concluded on June 20. On June 25, the court declared the elder Kamble guilty. In this situation, the elder was sentenced to death yesterday. The Justice Minister stat-



Request for permission to resume a village festival halted by certain individuals Residents of Gundur at the Collector's Office In a petition submitted to the District Collector, residents of the Gundur area in Thiruverumbur, Trichy district, stated the following: The Sellayi Amman Temple is located in our village. We, the villagers, have traditionally come together to celebrate the temple's chariot festival in a grand manner. However, the festival has been halted due to the actions of a few individuals from our village. We therefore urge the District Collector to grant permission for the festival to be conducted."



Residents from various parts of the city submitted petitions to the Honorable Mayor of Tiruchirappalli City Corporation, M. Anbalagan, during the public grievance redressal meeting held today (Monday, 29.06.2026) at the meeting hall of the Mayor's office.



The inauguration ceremony of 'V Smile Dental Studio' took place near GV Residency in Coimbatore. Sampathkumar, the Coimbatore District In-charge and Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, attended the event as the special guest and inaugurated the clinic by cutting the ribbon.



Mr. H.R. Koushik, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (Central Region), inspected the construction work of the Urban Primary Health Centre currently underway on Cooks Road in Ward 73, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar Zone, Greater Chennai Corporation.



The inauguration ceremony of the Kanchi Sri Maha Periyava Griham (Prayer Centre) took place near Koodal Nagar, Madurai. Former AIADMK Minister R.B. Udhayakumar and TVK MLA Karthikeyan participated as special guests, inaugurating the centre by cutting the ribbon and lighting the traditional lamp. Film actor Vaiyapuri, 'Amma Catering' Krishnayyar, and numerous devotees attended the event, making it a grand success. The event was excellently organized by Nellai Balu, founder of the Akshaya Pathiram Trust.



The 'Tamil Nadu Rural Folk Stage Dance Artists and Transgender/Differently-Able Artists Welfare Association' has submitted a formal complaint seeking action against organizers who stage obscene dance performances featuring women during festivals in Tamil Nadu

Venezuela: Father, son rescued alive after 96 hours from rubble

Caracas

The death toll from a series of powerful earthquakes in Venezuela last week has risen to nearly 1,500. In this case, a father and son have been rescued alive from the rubble there after 96 hours, giving some hope to the rescue effort. Venezuela is located in the South American continent. A powerful earthquake struck the city of San Felipe, Yaracuy province, 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, the second major earthquake struck the city of Yumare. It was registered as 7.5 on the Richter scale. Yumare is located 16 km from the city of San Felipe, where the first earthquake



occurred. Due to the earthquake, buildings including houses, apartments, hospitals, and government offices were damaged in various cities in the country. About 1,500 people died in the rubble. Many people who were rescued from the rubble are receiving treatment. Four days after the earthquake, rescue efforts are continuing, with international countries, including the United States, involved. In this situation, a father and son who were trapped in the rubble of the city of La Guaira, Venezuela, have been rescued

Torrential Rains Batter Ghana Normal Life Disrupted by Severe Flooding

Accra

The West African nation of Ghana is experiencing unprecedented torrential rainfall. Consequently, floodwaters are surging like wild rivers along the roads in various parts of the country. Severe flooding caused by heavy rains in the capital, Accra, and its surrounding areas has wreaked havoc. Roads have been submerged and traffic completely paralyzed, severely disrupting the daily lives of the public. The resulting



floods have inundated numerous residential areas and shops. As water levels rose within residential zones, residents were forced to evacuate and relocate their belongings to safer areas. Meanwhile, local social activists have attributed the recurring flooding in Accra during heavy rains to several key factors, including poor drainage systems, waste disposal issues, and rapid urbanization. Ghana's National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) is actively engaged in rescue operations for those stranded by the floods



Following reports on social media regarding the damaged condition of the Anganwadi building in the Sandhanakudil area of Chettinayakanpatti Panchayat (Dindigul Union), Dindigul MLA (DMK) I.P. Senthikumar (MA, BL) visited the site today to conduct an inspection. He summoned the concerned departmental officials and instructed them to promptly rectify the issues and take appropriate action.



An advisory session was held for roadside vendors in Balakrishnapuram Panchayat (Dindigul Panchayat Union) regarding the availability of loans from Central and State governments to help improve their standard of living. Panchayat Secretary Vasanthakumar welcomed the gathering. Block Development Officer Mr. Vadivel Murugan, Deputy Block Development Officer (Administration) Mr. Damodaran, and Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer Kesavakumar shared insights about the scheme. The event was coordinated by C. Govindaraj. Participants included Field Assistant Kulanthai Theresu, Computer Assistant Saranya, Sanitation Supervisor Fathima B.V., and local vendors.



A Public Grievance Redressal Day meeting was held at the Dindigul District Collectorate conference hall on June 29, 2026, under the chairmanship of District Revenue Officer R. Jayabharathi, in accordance with the instructions of District Collector Durgamurthy, IAS. In compliance with Tamil Nadu Government directives, Public Grievance Redressal Day meetings are held every Monday at the District Collectorate—chaired by the District Collector—to receive petitions from the public, conduct appropriate inquiries, and provide government welfare assistance to eligible beneficiaries. Accordingly, this meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of District Revenue Officer R. Jayabharathi, following the instructions of District Collector Durgamurthy, IAS.

Supreme Court Rejects President Trump's Plea in Sexual Abuse Case

Washington

The Supreme Court has rejected President Trump's plea seeking to block the payment of ₹47 crore in damages regarding a sexual abuse case involving a writer. US President Trump faces numerous allegations of sexual misconduct; among them is an accusation that he sexually abused prominent writer E. Jean Carroll. The allegation stemmed from an incident in



1996, where it was claimed that Trump sexually abused Carroll during a chance encounter in a dressing room at Bergdorf Goodman, a luxury department store opposite Trump Tower. Trump denied the accusation raised by Carroll in 2022. However, a court ordered him to pay ₹47 crore in damages. Trump filed a petition with the Supreme Court challenging this, but the Court rejected his plea to overturn the verdict yesterday.

36 Civilians Killed, 160 Injured in Afghan Airstrikes by Pakistan; 29 Militants Also Dead

Kabul

Tensions along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border have been escalating recently. Despite mediation efforts by nations including China, the two countries continue to clash at the border. Recently, a terrorist attack targeted the regional headquarters of the 'Rangers'—a paramilitary force—in Karachi, resulting in the deaths of four soldiers. Pakistan's Information Minister, Attaullah Tarar, announced yesterday that the Pakistan Army had conducted airstrikes along the Afghan border the previous night in retaliation for that incident. Tarar stated that 29 militants were killed in these strikes, which target-



ed militant hideouts and camps in areas adjacent to the Afghan border within the Bajaur district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Afghanistan has condemned the attack, describing it as an act of cowardly aggression and a brutal atrocity. Hamdullah Fitrat, Deputy Spokesperson for the Taliban government in Afghanistan, said, "Pakistani forces targeted a house in the Chamkani district of Paktia province, killing an elderly person and a child, while injuring other family members. When local residents gathered to rescue them, Pakistani forces launched another airstrike. This resulted in the deaths of 28 people and injuries to 158 others. Additionally, six people—including women and children—were killed in an attack in the Giyan district of Paktia." This development has further intensified the border conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

This is a historic friendship

Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Responds to Prime Minister Modi

Tehran

Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has said that the relationship between India and Iran is a historic friendship based on mutual respect and common interests. He said this in a message of congratulations issued to Prime Minister Modi, thanking him for his greetings on the occasion of Bakrid. Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has issued a statement thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his greetings on the occasion of Bakrid. This is the first statement issued by Mojtaba Khamenei to Prime Minister Narendra Modi after assuming office as the Supreme Leader of Iran. In his statement, he said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I have received your message of greetings on the occasion of the holy festival of



Bakrid. I express my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes in return. "I firmly believe that the historic friendship between our two countries, based on mutual respect and common interests, will be further strengthened and expanded through the efforts of our governments. I pray to the Almighty for the prosperity and continued success of the Government and people of India," he said. The statement comes as Iranian President Masoud Bachelet invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the funeral of Iran's former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in a

Death toll rises to 1,300 as deadly heatwave hits Europe

Paris

An unprecedented heat wave has brought normal life to a standstill across the European continent. The World Health Organization has said that more than 1,300 people have died across Europe due to the extreme heat that has been raging since June 21. In France alone, 1,000 more deaths were recorded in the three days of the heatwave than usual. In a statement, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus expressed concern that "Europe is warming at twice the global average. 150 million people are cur-

rently suffering from extreme heat. Schools are closed. The electricity infrastructure is on the verge of collapse." Germany also recorded its highest-ever daytime temperature of 41.5 degrees Celsius and nighttime temperatures of 29.4 degrees Celsius. The number of people suffering from heat-related illnesses in Berlin increased by 500 emergency calls on Saturday alone, prompting police to deploy water cannons to cool people. The extreme heat has caused devastating forest fires in Germany and Greece. In Germany, particularly in the Gorschheide and Dreissen forests, un-

Iran's Frozen Assets Worth ₹56,000 Crore in Qatar to be Returned: President Pezeshkian Announces

Dubai

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has announced that Iranian assets worth \$6 billion (₹56,000 crore), currently frozen in Qatar, will be returned following an interim agreement with the United States. Negotiations are underway to reach a final agreement within 60 days of signing an interim peace deal aimed at a ceasefire between the US and Iran. Meanwhile, the US had conducted airstrikes targeting Iranian



military positions after Iran attacked two oil tankers belonging to Qatar in the Strait of Hormuz; in retaliation, Iran launched missiles at Bahrain and Kuwait. Amidst the challenges facing negotiations for the final agreement, President Pezeshkian made a significant announcement. State-run news agency IRNA reported him as saying, "Iranian funds amounting to \$12 billion are frozen in Qatar. Following the interim agreement, \$6 billion will be released and returned to Iran in the first phase. This is a major victory for the people

of Iran. Necessary steps are being taken today in Doha, Qatar. Pakistan, which is mediating between the two sides, has stated that the recent clashes have changed nothing and that talks will resume today as planned. However, the Iranian side has denied this. In an interview, Iran's senior negotiator Kazem Gharibabadi said, "While consultations with Qatar will take place in Doha, technical talks with parties including the US have not yet been confirmed."