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‘Nalam TN’ website launched for the development of government hospitals

Chennai

Chief Minister Vijay, who launched the ‘Nalam TN’ website to receive donations for the development of government hospitals, issued appointment orders to 751 assistant doctors and 1,393 health inspectors who were selected through the medical staff selection process. A program to launch a new website called ‘Nalam TN’ (www.tnhealth-foundation.org) on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Health Department, through the Tamil Nadu Health Foundation, to provide charitable and social responsibility funds for the devel-



opment of government hospitals, was held yesterday at the Chennai State College campus. Chief Minister Vijay, who participated in this, launched the platform. Speaking at the event, Health Minister Arunraj said, “To provide highly specialized treatment in

all government hospitals in the 38 districts of Tamil Nadu, with the aim of improving infrastructure and high-quality medical equipment, Tamil Nadu has started working in an open manner by receiving donations from large industrial companies, corporate

social responsibility funds and charitable organizations, former medical college students and individual donors. The website is designed under the Health Policy Act. “Through this platform, you can donate to the government hospital of your choice,” he said. On

this occasion, Caplin Point Laboratories, Chennai, and Apollo Hospitals Group presented a cheque of Rs. 1 crore each from their CSR Fund for the benefit of government medical colleges, while Titan Engineering and Automation, Hosur, presented a cheque

of Rs. 60 lakh from its CSR Fund to the Chief Minister. S. Sathya, a resident of Chennai, was admitted to the Egmore Maternity Hospital two years ago. When she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, the doctors, nurses and medical staff of the hospital took loving

care of the mother and the baby. As a way of expressing gratitude to them, Sathya donated Rs 1,000 through QR code in the presence of the Chief Minister for the minor expenses of the hospital under the ‘Nalam TN’ scheme. Opening of parties Following

that, Chief Minister Vijay inaugurated medical camps built at a cost of Rs. 139.47 crore across Tamil Nadu and also inaugurated the use of modern medical equipment. Furthermore, Chief Minister Vijay issued appointment orders to 751 Assistant Doctors and 1,393 Health Inspectors (Level-2) who were selected through the Medical Staff Examination. He stepped down from the stage and handed over the first appointment order to a female doctor with a disability. Chief Minister Vijay took a group photo and a selfie with the final order-holders.

We will be determined to create a prosperous Tamil Nadu in the way of Kamaraj

Chennai

We will also follow in the footsteps of the great leader Kamaraj, who not only left his mark in Indian politics with his noble qualities like simplicity, honesty, sacrifice, vision, and public service, but also dedicated his life to the welfare of the people and resolve to create a prosperous Tamil Nadu,” said Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay on the occasion of his 124th birth anniversary. In this regard, he shared a post on his X page, “On the birth anni-

Chief Minister Vijay



versary of the great genius, the partner of the poor, and the great leader Kamaraj, who opened the eyes of education by establishing schools in every village of Tamil Nadu and provided mid-day meals to alleviate the hunger of poor children suffering from poverty, I pay homage to his

sacrifice and achievements, remembering his education. A great leader who not only built educational institutions, but also built reservoirs and major industries, and brought about lasting change in the lives of the people of Tamil Nadu through agricultural and industrial development.

Let us also follow in the footsteps of the great leader Kamaraj, who not only left his mark in Indian politics with his noble qualities like simplicity, honesty, sacrifice, vision, and public service, but also dedicated his life to the welfare of the people and commit to creating a prosperous Tamil Nadu. May the fame of Karmaveer Kamaraj rise.” Earlier, the ministers showered floral tributes on the Kamaraj statue placed in front of Pallavan Illam on Anna Salai, Chennai.

Horse bargaining is happening in Tamil Nadu M. Veerapandian’s opinion on Hosur walk

Hosur

Communist Party of India state secretary M. Veerapandian has said that horse-trading is taking place in Tamil Nadu. A march was held in Hosur yesterday by the Communist Party of India and the Tamil Nadu Farmers’ Association to protest the attempt to build the Megedathu dam. This was led by Thali MLA Ramachandran. Later, M. Veerapandian told the participants: We are strongly con-



demning the Karnataka government’s independent attempt to build a dam in Megedathu without respecting the final judgment of the Cauvery Interim Tribunal in 2007 and the Supreme Court judgment in 2018. When the Left Coalition Commit-

tee elections come, a decision will be taken on whether to contest separately or together, depending on the situation. If the political environment develops, communist parties across the country will contest separately. If such an environment arises,

we will not hesitate to contest separately. Horse-trading is going on now. It has gradually spread from the North Indian states to Tamil Nadu. This is not good. If MLAs change parties, it is a betrayal of the people. We will oppose whoever is involved in horse-trading. The situation is taking shape in the Tamil Nadu cabinet. There is a chance of a minister being formed even from Hosur soil. He said this.

Vijay is the one who brought in the winners from AIADMK: Palaniswami strongly criticizes

Salem

AIADMK General Secretary Palaniswami has said that Kalavani is the Thavega leader who forced the AIADMK winners to resign and merged with Thavega. He told the activists in Omalur: As far as the AIADMK is concerned, we are resolving the problems of the people, whether we are in power or not. The newly elect-



ed Thavega government has taken a separate decision to build the Megedathu dam. It is unnecessary to say that a neutral government will be formed in this.

Vijay has said that AIADMK and DMK are joint thieves. Vijay is the thief who forced the winners of AIADMK to resign and join Thavega. Vijay only speaks

punch dialogue. He should speak about the issues that are important. He said that Dravidian parties are not good, he has included the winners of AIADMK in his party. The Congress party won the DMK leadership for its own benefit and went to the alternative team and got the post. What is the policy in this. There is none. He said this.

Rural Development Department Workers’ Association State Conference Minister N. Anand invited to participate

Chennai

The Rural Development Department Professionals Association executives invited Minister N. Anand to participate in the state conference yesterday. The second state conference of the Tamil Nadu Rural Development Department Workers’ Union of the Communist Party of India, which is pressing for various demands including salary hike and salary structure for sanitation workers, will be held in Manapparai, Trichy district on August 21 and 22.



The two-day conference will be held as a general conference on the 21st and as a delegates’ conference on the 22nd. Executives from various associations including AITUC, Rural Development Department Panchayat Employees’ Union, Rural Local Government Employees’ Federation,

Tamil Nadu Government Employees’ Union, Tamil Nadu Panchayat Secretaries’ Union, as well as Communist Party of India State Secretary M. Veerapandian and MP K. Subbarayan participated in this. Rural Development and Urban Affairs Minister N. Anand will participate in the general confer-

ence and deliver the closing speech. In this regard, Minister N. Anand met the Tamil Nadu Rural Development Workers’ Association executives at the Chennai Presidential Secretariat on the occasion of Mariatha and invited them to participate in the state conference to be held in Manapparai. Communist Party of India State Deputy Secretary N. Ravi, State Executive Committee member T. Lenin, and Tamil Nadu Rural Development Workers’ Association President Ramanidhi Ollidoor were present at the event



Thiru M. Vijay Balaji, Hon’ble Minister for Handlooms, Textiles and Khadi, met Thiru Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister of Textiles, in New Delhi and submitted a representation requesting financial assistance for various schemes to be implemented by the Handlooms, Textiles and Khadi Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Serial thefts committed after losing money in online games youth arrested, and gold, silver seized

Vaniyambadi, July 15

While police were conducting vehicle checks in the Jothimangalam area near Tirupattur (Tirupattur district), they inspected a two-wheeler driven by Santhosh, son of Palani, a resident of Achamangalam in the Jolarpettai Union. During the inspection, it was discovered that there was ₹2.75 lakh in cash on the vehicle. When questioned about the money, Santhosh gave contradictory answers; suspicious, the police took him to the Rural Police Station for intensive interrogation. The investigation revealed that Santhosh, a graduate, had lost a large amount of



money playing online games on his mobile phone. To meet the resulting financial need, he had committed burglaries in residential areas falling under the jurisdiction of the Natrampalli, Jolarpettai, and Tirupattur police stations. Police inquiries further confirmed that he had stolen approximately 26 sovereigns of gold jewelry, silver

items, and cash across various incidents. Subsequently, the police seized 9½ sovereigns of gold jewelry, ₹2.75 lakh in cash, 190 grams of silver items, a mobile phone, and the two-wheeler from Santhosh. A case was registered against Santhosh; he was arrested, produced before the court, and remanded to prison.

11-month-old infant dies due to alleged medical negligence in Tirupathur; parents level accusations

Tirupathur, July 15

Ruthisha, the 11-month-old daughter of Kalaivendhan and Shalini—a couple from Sundarampalli village in the Kandili Union of Tirupathur district—developed a fever and was initially treated at a private hospital in Uthangarai. As the fever did not subside, the parents took the child to another private hospital in Tirupathur. Doctors there examined the infant and referred her to the Tirupathur Government Hospital for further treatment. It is reported that doctors at the Tirupathur Government Hospital examined the child and advised the parents to take her to the Krishnagiri Government Hospital. However, the parents allege that no ambulance facility was provided for the emergency transfer. Consequently, they set out for Krishnagiri with the child on a two-wheeler.



En route, near Kandili (specifically in the Gejanayakkampatti area), the child suddenly experienced breathing difficulties, prompting the parents to rush her to a nearby Government Primary Health Centre. The parents allege that there was a power outage at the facility, the generator was not operated despite being available, and the nurse on duty showed negligence by failing to administer immediate oxygen therapy. They stated that the child passed away as a result. Following the incident, an agitated crowd comprising the parents and relatives engaged in an argument at the hospital, creating a tense situation.

Upon receiving the information, Tirupathur DSP Murali and Tirupathur MLA Dr. Thirupathi rushed to the scene and held discussions with the parents and relatives. The parents, asserting that they lost their child due to the negligence of the doctors and nurses, demanded appropriate action against the concerned medical staff and insisted that such an incident should not happen to anyone else in the future. Subsequently, following negotiations held by officials, the child's body was handed over to the parents. The sight of the parents and relatives waiting as the body was loaded into the ambulance left those present deeply saddened.

Women's Self-Help Group building near Vaniyambadi lies unused and overgrown with thickets public urges officials to maintain it

Vaniyambadi, July 15

A Women's Self-Help Group building in the Vavval Thoppu area of Ambalur Panchayat, near Vaniyambadi in Tirupattur district—which was previously repaired using government funds—is now lying unused and overgrown with thickets, causing dissatisfaction among the public. It is reported that the building underwent repairs during the 2014–2015 period at an estimated cost of ₹62,700. However, the build-



ing currently sits idle, surrounded by dense overgrowth, and presents a dilapidated appearance. Social activists have expressed concern that government funds are going to waste because the building, renovated with public money, is being left with-

out maintenance. Consequently, local residents and social activists have urged officials from the concerned department to take immediate action to clear the overgrowth, maintain the building, and restore it for use by Women's Self-Help Groups.

Covai Ilmuthin Slams 'Singa Penn' Initiative, Alleges Women Police Focus on Social Media Reels

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In Tamil Nadu, female police officers under the 'Singa Penn' (Lioness Woman) initiative are merely occupied with filming and uploading 'Reels' to social media. Kovai Ilmuthin, the founding president of the Manithaneyana Jananayaga Neethi Katchi, gave a sensational interview in the Ukkadam area of Coimbatore. The inauguration ceremony for the district office of the Manithaneyana Jananayaga Neethi Katchi took place in the Pullukkadu area of Ukkadam, Coimbatore. Following the event, the party's founding president, Kovai Ilmuthin, met with the press to discuss the current political climate. He stated that the party—headquartered in Coimbatore—was formed 45 days ago, and today marked the opening of its district office. He mentioned that they had met with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin a few weeks ago to pledge their support;



they were drawn to the DMK-led government by the party's policies and principles. He further announced that they would continue to support the DMK-led alliance and engage with the public during the upcoming local body elections and the assembly elections scheduled for five years from now. He also addressed the government's move to close 717 liquor shops in the first phase, expressing gratitude for this action. However, he criticized the current administration, noting that it is failing to ensure the safety of women. He specifically alleged that threats to women's safety are often caused by functionaries of the ruling party itself, yet the police force is struggling to take appropriate action. When reporters asked about the

'Singa Penn' scheme introduced to protect women, he pointed out that many police officers serving under this very scheme are busy filming and uploading 'Reels' to social media. "Is this the freedom envisioned for women? Is this the role of 'lioness' police officers?"—posing these questions, the speaker accused the government of functioning as a barrier-free zone for misconduct and lacking the mettle to face scrutiny. It is noteworthy that several office-bearers—including Abbas (State Youth Wing Secretary), Hakeem (State Secretary), Anwar Ahmed (State IT Wing Secretary), and Ismail (State Minority Wing Secretary) of the Manidhaneya Jananayaga Needhi Katchi—participated in this press conference.

Women's Hockey Stars Shine at 'Veeramangai Agni 2026' Tournament in Coimbatore

Coimbatore

"Veeramangai Agni 2026" Women's Hockey Tournament held to mark the birthday of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay – Minister Sampathkumar awards and commends the winning players. To mark the birthday of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, a district-level women's hockey tournament titled "Veeramangai Agni 2026" was successfully held over the past two days at the R.S. Puram Hockey Stadium in Coimbatore. The event was organized by Ambika Saravanakumar, a District Executive Committee member of the *Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam* (Coimbatore Suburban North District), in collaboration with the Coimbatore District Hockey Association. Eight teams from various parts of the district participated in the tournament,



showcasing their sporting skills. The final match saw a face-off between the team from KG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, and the team from Sachidananda Jothi Nikethan School. In an exciting final, the Sachidananda Jothi Nikethan School team emerged victorious with a 3–1 scoreline, earning the distinction of "Veeramangais" (Valiant Women). Trophies, medals, and certificates were awarded to the winning players. Honorable Sampathkumar, the Minister for Backward Classes Welfare and the Minister in-charge of Coimbatore District, attended the prize distribution ceremony as the special guest; he presented awards to the win-

ners and commended their performance. Additionally, Rajkumar, the *Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam* Coimbatore Suburban North District Secretary, participated and graced the occasion. The event was made memorable by the participation of numerous individuals, including *Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam* Coimbatore Suburban North District women's wing office-bearers (such as Tamilselvi and Revathi) and other party functionaries, as well as Coimbatore District Hockey Association officials, coaches, players, parents, and sports enthusiasts. At the conclusion of the event, the victorious sportswomen shared their joy while posing for a group photo with the special guests and club officials.



A review meeting regarding the schemes and activities of the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare was held today at the Secretariat, presided over by the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay.



On behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. V.K. Rajeev—Honorable Minister for Environment and Climate Change and Minister-in-charge of Tenkasi District—inaugurated a newly constructed additional building at the Government Primary Health Centre in Surandai, Tenkasi District, today (July 14, 2026), at a cost of ₹75 lakh. He also distributed nutrition kits to expectant mothers. District Collector Thiru. Ranjith Singh, I.A.S., and Tenkasi MLA Dr. Kalai Kathiravan were present on the occasion.



Today (July 14, 2026), Dr. V.K. Rajeev, the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Climate Change and the Minister in-charge of Tenkasi District, inaugurated and opened for public use the newly constructed 'One Stop Center' building in Mullikulam village. This facility was built at a cost of ₹11.11 lakh under the TN-RIGHTS scheme by the District Differently-Abled Welfare Office. District Collector Thiru. Ranjith Singh, I.A.S., was present on the occasion.



Acting on the instructions of District Collector Dr. R. Vaithinathan, IAS, District Revenue Officer P. Rajakumar conducted a field inspection today regarding a proposal to reclassify land as 'Gram Natham' (village settlement land). This reclassification is intended to facilitate the allotment of house plots to beneficiaries at a concessional rate in Koduvilarpatti village, Theni Taluk. Theni Tahsildar Rathinam and other government officials accompanied him during the inspection.



The District Executive Committee meeting of the Tamil Nadu Government All-Department Pensioners' Association was held on July 14, 2026, at the association's building, presided over by District President M. Parameswaran. State President N. Jayachandran participated and delivered a felicitation address. District Secretary A. Paulmurugan outlined past activities and details regarding the block-level general body meetings. Block-level office bearers and executive committee members from 12 branches participated in the meeting. State Secretary Dr. S. Krishnan delivered the concluding address, and District Treasurer K. Narayanan proposed the vote of thanks. Decisions were made to hold the District General Body meeting on August 16, 2026; to conduct demonstrations at block branches on July 28, 2026, demanding the rectification of anomalies in the medical insurance scheme;

TODAY'S FUEL PRICES		
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GOLD 24 CARAT (10g)	PETROL	DIESEL
PRICE ₹7,450 PER 10 GRAMS	PRICE ₹103.13 PER LITRE	PRICE ₹95.63 PER LITRE

CITU Stages Protest to Protect Motor Transport Sector

Namakkal, July 14

On Tuesday, members of CITU trade unions—representing auto-rickshaw drivers, state transport workers, and road transport employees—held a demonstration in front of the Namakkal District Collector’s office to press for various demands. The demands included: Abandoning the move to privatize state transport services under the guise of introducing electric buses. Withdrawing the four anti-worker labor codes. Urging the Union BJP government and the Tamil Nadu government to protect the motor transport industry and halt the corporatization of the road transport sector. Scrapping the online fine system, reducing toll gate fees, and remov-



ing toll plazas where the concession period has expired. Immediately implementing the Tamil Nadu government’s official auto-rickshaw booking app. Strengthening the Unorganized Sector Drivers’ Welfare Board and increasing welfare benefits. Rolling back price hikes on petrol, diesel, and LPG. Controlling the rising prices of essential commodities. P. Ponnusamy, District President of the Auto-rickshaw Drivers’ Union, presided over the protest held in front of the Namakkal District Collector’s office. R. Periyasamy (State Transport

Union), M. Anandan (Motor Transport Union District President), and J.P. Madheswaran were among the leaders present. CITU District Secretary N. Velusamy and Motor Transport Union District Secretary S. Suresh spoke, explaining the demands. District Treasurer Sakthivel, Deputy Secretaries Kandasamy and Mohanraj, as well as Varadharaj, also participated. Pandian, President of the TASM MAC Motor Transport Union, delivered the vote of thanks. Over a hundred people participated in the event.

MDMK High-Level Committee Member Opens Free Health Camp in Mayiladuthurai

A free medical camp was held at the Government Model Higher Secondary School in Kuthalam, Mayiladuthurai district, to mark the ninth memorial anniversary of the former Kuthalam Union Chairman, Thangaiyan. The event was jointly organized by Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Hospital and the Kuthalam Thangaiyan Memorial Vasantham Trust. MDMK High-Level Committee member Aduthurai Murugan attended as the special guest—at the invitation of MDMK State



Youth Wing Secretary Asaithambi—and inaugurated the free cardiac screening camp. Services provided at the camp included free screenings for cardiac health, general medical conditions, and diabetes, as well

as ECG tests and the free distribution of medicines. More than 500 members of the public participated in the camp, undergoing medical examinations and receiving consultations from the doctors.

Pensioners to Stage Massive Protest in Kumbakonam on July 16 Against G.O. No. 123

Kumbakonam, July 14

The monthly meeting of the Kumbakonam Taluk branch of the Tamil Nadu Government All-Department Pensioners’ Association was held at Govindan Mahal in Kumbakonam. Taluk President Comrade Thanga. Valavappan presided over the meeting, while R. Rajagopalan, Organizer of the Pensioners’ Federation, was present in the lead. Taluk Secretary Comrade Ki. Pakkirisamy delivered an address explaining the demands. State Executive Committee member C. Shanmugam delivered the welcome address. Taluk Vice-President A. Visweswaran, District Executive Committee members Sourirajan, Moses, and Kannan, Taluk Vice-President Sekar, and other leading office-bear-



ers participated and shared their views. The meeting involved detailed discussions on various aspects, including the association’s organizational structure, membership drives, services provided, income and expenditure accounts, efforts to enroll more government pensioners, administrative operations, and the grievances and feedback of members. Furthermore, a resolution was unanimously passed to hold a massive protest demonstration in Kumbakonam on the 16th of this month. This decision was taken to urge the Tamil Nadu government to immediately withdraw Government Order (G.O.) No. 123—

which concerns the medical insurance scheme announced for government pensioners—on the grounds that it adversely affects the interests of the pensioners. Earlier, the 25th death anniversary of Comrade S. Sundaresan, one of the association’s founders and a mentor in the trade union movement, was observed. In this connection, office bearers and members of the association paid floral tributes to his portrait and recalled his contributions to the trade union. More than 100 pensioners participated in the meeting. At the conclusion of the gathering, the need for everyone to work unitedly to safeguard the rights and welfare of pensioners was emphasized.

TTV Dhinakaran Slams Palani Temple Lodge Tariff Hike

AMMK General Secretary TTV Dhinakaran has issued a statement on the social media platform ‘X’. In the post, he noted, “Media reports indicate that the tariffs for lodges managed by the Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple in Palani—one of Tamil Nadu’s prominent spiritual sites—have been hiked, with rates now ranging from ₹600 to ₹2,500. These lodges were established by the temple administration to provide safe and affordable accommodation for devotees from poor and middle-class families traveling from afar to worship Lord Murugan. The sudden, steep hike in tariffs—bringing them on par with pri-



vate lodges—completely undermines the fundamental purpose for which these facilities were built. Therefore, I urge the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department and the Tamil Nadu government to immediately withdraw this tariff hike, which treats devotees merely as a source of revenue, and to refrain from making such hasty decisions that cause hardship to the devotees.”

Special Camp for Patta Transfer



Ramanathapuram Ramanathapuram, July 15 – A special camp for patta (land record) transfers was held at the Keelakarai Taluk office in Ramanathapuram district. District Revenue Officer V. Sankara Narayanan inaugurated the event. Numerous people submitted applications at the camp for *patta* transfers and appeals, new farmers’ identity cards, enrollment in

the Labour Welfare Board, and computer-based corrections to *patta* records. Arrangements were made to issue *pattas* immediately to those who submitted the required documents. Ramanathapuram Revenue Divisional Officer S. Habib-ur-Rahman, Tahsildar Ramasubramanian, and the District Revenue Officer’s Personal Assistant Karthikeyan were present.

TODAY RASIPALAN	
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	ARIES You will feel energetic and confident. Good time for new beginnings. Avoid unnecessary arguments.
	TAURUS Financial gains are indicated. Your hard work will bring good results. Be patient in personal matters.
	GEMINI Your communication skills will improve. New opportunities may come your way. Keep your focus on important tasks.
	CANCER You may feel a bit emotional today. Spend time with family and loved ones. Avoid stress and take rest.
	LEO A good day for achievements. Recognition and respect are possible. Be generous and help others.
	VIRGO Plan your work carefully. Health requires some attention. Avoid overthinking.
	LIBRA Peace and harmony will prevail. You may get support from friends. Good time for financial planning.
	SCORPIO You will be determined and active. Success in work is indicated. Control your temper.
	SAGITTARIUS An auspicious day for you. You may receive good news. Travel plans will be beneficial.
	CAPRICORN Hard work will bring progress. Avoid shortcuts and stay honest. Peace of mind will be yours.
	AQUARIUS New ideas will bring success. Stay calm and handle situations wisely. Good time for learning.
	PISCES You will feel positive and motivated. Take care of your health. Something good is on the way.



Tiruvannamalai District Collector Mrs. Vandana Garg, IAS, distributed identity cards to beneficiaries—specifically preachers and staff working in Christian churches—during the Public Grievance Redressal Day meeting held today at the District Collector’s office; the cards were issued on behalf of the Department for the Welfare of Backward Classes and Minorities.

Field Inspection Conducted for Housing Plot Scheme in Koduvilarpatti

Women from self-help groups have submitted a petition to the District Collector, demanding the recovery of their money from the ‘Afro’ NGO and action against its founder, Jesudas. More than 50 women from areas including Dindigul and the Samayannallur, Vadipatti, and Thirumangalam regions of Madurai district arrived at the Dindigul District Collector’s office to submit the petition. The petition states that about ten years ago, they paid an advance amount to secure loans through Ananthi, who is associated with the Afro NGO in Dindigul. Like them,



over 3,000 women from Dindigul, Madurai, and Trichy districts paid a total of several crore rupees for loans but were defrauded. Whenever the women inquired, Ananthi promised to arrange for the return of the funds within a specific timeframe. However, individuals named Sophia, Claudines, Leelavathi, Kanagavalli, and Prem have been obstructing Ananthi from carrying out her work, even though some members had previously received

money from her. With Ananthi having promised to return the money within a month, the continued interference and trouble-making by these five individuals have left the women in a state of mental distress, unsure whether they will ever receive their funds. They have submitted the petition urging the district administration to intervene and recover the money from the NGO and requesting police action against the individuals involved.

Bee Attack at Cuddalore School Leaves Over 50 Students Injured

Cuddalore, July 15

More than 50 students were affected by a bee attack at the Government Higher Secondary School in Mangalur village, near Vepur in Cuddalore district. Bees from a hive located on the school premises swarmed and stung the students. As the bees chased and stung them, the students ran in panic, screaming. Within moments, the entire school was in a state of chaos. Many students sustained injuries from the stings, and some received treatment at nearby hospitals. Parents alleged that no officials arrived even



several hours after the incident occurred. Fire and rescue personnel arrived upon receiving the information, removed the beehive, and brought the situ-

ation under control. Parents and social activists have now demanded the removal of other beehives located elsewhere on the school campus.

Karapattu Government PHC Gets ₹65 Lakh Health Laboratory; MLA Abhishek Inaugurates Facility

Tiruvannamalai Polur MLA Abhishek inaugurated a new health laboratory, established at a cost of ₹65 lakh, at the Government Primary Health Centre in Karapattu Panchayat (Pudupalayam Union, Kalasapakkam constituency, Tiruvannamalai district). District Health Officer Venkatramanan presided over the event, while District Assistant Programme Manager Vijayaraman was present as a special invitee. Block Medical Officer Ramanathan welcomed the gathering. Following the virtual inauguration of the new laboratory by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister S. Joseph Vijay, MLA Abhishek lit the traditional lamp and dedicated the facility to public use. Speaking on the occasion, he stated



that the new laboratory would enable the public to access various diagnostic tests, basic medical examinations, and treatment-related services right at the Karapattu Government Primary Health Centre. Consequently, there would no longer be a need to travel to the Tiruvannamalai Government Medical College Hospital for minor tests. He noted that residents of Karapattu and more than 15 surrounding villages would benefit from this facility. As quality diagnostic services

are now available close to home, the public will save both time and money. Furthermore, he clarified that an Aadhaar card is not mandatory for every visit to a government hospital; the Aadhaar number and mobile number are required only during the initial health card registration. Once registered, the patient’s medical records would be accessible electronically at any government or private hospital across Tamil Nadu, eliminating the hassle of carrying physical medical documents.



The Honorable Minister for School Education, Tamil Official Language & Tamil Culture, and Information & Publicity, Thiru. Rajmohan, issued No-Objection Certificates for the establishment of 15 CBSE and other board schools, as well as permission orders for 10 private schools, at the Secretariat today

US bases in Kuwait leveled in Iranian military attack

Dubai

Iran has launched a series of attacks on its military bases in Kuwait as tensions with the US escalate. The ongoing direct war between the United States and Iran has now reached a new peak, spreading to neighboring countries. In response to the US's repeated airstrikes, Iran has launched its third round of military action, promising an eye for an eye, or 'revenge for revenge'. In its first move, Iran targeted the Prince Hassan Air Base in Jordan, destroying several US weapons depots and fuel stations there. In its

second move, Iran attacked the Sheikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain, which houses the US Navy and Air Force. As a follow-up, it carried out its third phase of attacks on Kuwait yesterday. Specifically, Iran launched missile attacks on key US military bases in Kuwait yesterday. This has created a major threat to global security and the international crude oil



trade. According to the Anadolu Agency, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) announced that it had repeatedly destroyed US Patriot anti-missile defense systems and fuel storage facilities at the Ali al-Salem Air Base in Kuwait. It also said that the US advanced FPS radar installation at the Ahmed al-Jaber Air Base was also destroyed in the attack.

Iran attacks two UAE ships in Strait of Hormuz: One Indian killed, 8 injured

Dubai

Iran launched missile attacks on two UAE cargo ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz, killing one Indian sailor and injuring eight others, six of whom were Indians. Tensions between the US and Iran escalated in late February, with both sides declaring a ceasefire. A peace deal was signed last month, and both sides are working to finalize it. In this situation, Iran imposed restrictions that oil ships must only pass through a specific route in the Strait of Hormuz and not pass through the coast of Oman. Last week, Iran attacked three oil tankers that were passing through the Strait of Hormuz off the coast of Oman, violating Iranian orders. Following this, US President Trump announced that the ceasefire had been canceled. In addition, the US attacked Iran in response to the attack. Iran also attacked in response. Now the conflict has intensified. Two UAE ships attacked In this context, Iran has attacked two UAE cargo ships with missiles as they passed through the

Strait of Hormuz via the coast of Oman. The UAE government has confirmed this attack. Iran has attacked two cargo ships, the Mombasa and the Al Bahia. One Indian sailor was killed in the attack. Eight sailors were injured. Six of them were Indians and two were from Ukraine. The UAE Ministry of Defense has issued a statement in this regard. In it, 'Iran launched missiles at our country's cargo ships Mombasa and Al Bahia, which were sailing in the southern part of the Strait of Hormuz, in the Sea of Oman. One Indian sailor was killed. 8 people were injured. The deceased Indian sailor was on the Mombasa ship. We express our condolences to the deceased. The ships were also damaged in this attack. The fire was contained. This action by Iran is condemnable. Iran should



act based on regional security and interests. "We urge Iran to stop this type of attack. Iran should not impose any restrictions on the passage of any cargo ships through the Strait of Hormuz. It would benefit the country, the region and the world," it said. Earlier, the US targeted 140 Iranian military bases after Iran attacked an oil tanker and closed the Strait of Hormuz. In retaliation, Iran launched missile and drone attacks on US military bases in the UAE and Qatar. The US military has destroyed all the military bases on the Iranian coast. In this situation, it has now started attacking the interior of Iran. The Strait of Hormuz has come under US control. Iran has carried out this attack after it was reported that ships have been banned from entering and leaving Iranian ports.

India supports Palestine's bid for UN membership

Brussels

India has said it is providing continued support to Palestine's bid to be recognized as a member state of the United Nations. The ministerial-level meeting of the Palestine Donors Group was held in the Belgian capital, Brussels, yesterday (July 13). It was attended by European Union member states, Palestine and other key international partners and financial institutions. Foreign Secretary Sripriya Ranganathan represented India at the meeting, which was jointly organized by the European Commission

and the Palestinian Authority. Addressing the meeting, Sripriya Ranganathan said, "India has been a long-standing and steadfast partner of the Palestinian people. India has consistently supported the two-state solution and Palestine's efforts to gain recognition as a member state of the United Nations. India



has been continuously providing skill development programmes and humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. India's programmes are based on the needs of the people. India is focusing on health, education, skill development and vocational training. Furthermore, India is currently implementing major projects in the sectors of health, women's development, and institution building in Palestine. "India continues to be a committed partner, making a strong contribution to meeting the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people," he said.

Attack on 2 oil tankers in Strait of Hormuz Indian sailor killed, 10 injured India strongly condemns Iran

New Delhi

The Iranian military launched a missile attack on two oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz yesterday. One Indian sailor was killed and 10 Indian sailors were seriously injured. The central government summoned Iranian embassy offi-



deeply concerned about the attacks on cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz. It is necessary to de-escalate tensions and restore peace in West Asia in accordance with international law, it said. The Iranian Ambassador to India was felicitated on behalf of the central government. Accordingly, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Iranian Embassy, Mohammad Javad Hosseini, and a senior official of the embassy appeared at the Central External Affairs Ministry office in Delhi yesterday. At that time, the Central government registered a strong protest with the Iranian embassy officials regarding the death of the Indian sailor.

11 boats stand at sea

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told reporters in Delhi yesterday that 2,361 Indians have returned home safely from Iran. Due to the ongoing war, 11 oil tankers that were supposed to come to India have been stopped in the Persian Gulf region. These vessels include 148 Indian sailors and staff. The purpose is to defuse tensions in West Asia. The purpose is to ensure safe passage of vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Strong condolences were conveyed to the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Iranian Embassy regarding the death of the Indian sailor. He said. US President Donald Trump said yesterday, "There was a plan to impose a 20% tariff on oil ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz. However, on the advice of leaders from the Gulf countries, the 20% tariff plan is being abandoned. Instead, trade agreements will be made with the Gulf countries. We are very determined that Iran should not have nuclear weapons." Meanwhile, the Iranian military said, "The Strait of Hormuz has been completely closed. The strait will only be opened if the US violations stop." As the war between the US and Iran intensifies, there are fears that there will be another shortage of crude oil and gas throughout the world.

cials in person and expressed its condemnation in this regard. On February 28, the United States and Iran went to war. A ceasefire was signed between the two countries on April 8 after negotiations between various countries. On June 17, the two sides signed a peace agreement. After this, the Iranian military imposed restrictions on oil ships to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, which they had blocked. In violation of this, the Iranian military attacked oil ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz via the Sea of Oman using drones. Due to this, US President Donald Trump publicly announced on the 8th that the peace treaty would be canceled. Currently, there is an intense war going on between the US and Iran. In this context, two oil tankers, MD Al Bahia and MD Mombasa, belonging to the United Arab Emirates, tried to pass through the Strait of Hormuz yesterday. Both the tankers had a total of 46 crew members, including sailors. 30 of them were Indians. The Iranian military launched a missile attack targeting these oil tankers. Both tankers were severely damaged. One Indian sailor was killed in the at-

Clashes in occupied Kashmir 6 killed in firing by Pakistani troops

Muzaffarabad

The people of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are participating in protests against the severe economic hardship, power outages, and oppression by the Pakistani government. In this situation, security forces tried to disperse the people who were protesting near the Rawalakot New Bus Stand yesterday by using batons. At that time, a clash broke out between the two sides. Subsequently, 6 people were killed in the gunfire opened by the security forces. This further intensified the dissatisfaction against the Pakistani government and heightened the tension in the area. The Pakistan-occupied Kashmiri community living in the United States staged a protest outside the White House in Washington yesterday. They were involved in this protest to draw the attention of the international community to the

Pakistani government's repression in occupied Kashmir. "The Pakistani army must withdraw from civilian areas. The international community must take action against the brutal attacks on unarmed people," they stressed. They also demanded, "About 40 lakh people have lost contact with the outside world due to the internet shutdown. India should intervene to save lives and provide humanitarian assistance. The cut-off line should be opened through Poonch and Doda districts to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches the affected people." In this context, Indian External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said yester-

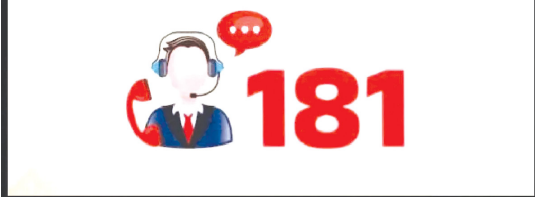


day, "These protests are a direct result of decades of exploitation, denial of fundamental rights, and administrative repression in areas under Pakistan's illegal occupation." "Instead of addressing the legitimate grievances of the people of Inlur, the Pakistani government is resorting to police brutality against everyone, including women and children. This has led to the loss of many lives. It has also blocked the distribution of essential goods including food and medicine, and has also disrupted internet services. The international community must hold Pakistan accountable for this oppression of the common people," he said.

America's serious attack

The US military launched missiles at military bases and weapons depots in the Iranian cities of Bushehr, Bandar Abbas, Mahsahr, and Abadan yesterday. US warplanes also bombed. The Iranian military routinely attacks warships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz using unmanned drones. In a similar vein, the US Navy launched a drone attack on Iran's Bandar Abbas naval base yesterday. A video of the attack was posted on social media. In response to the US attack, the Iranian military launched missiles at US bases in Kuwait, Bahrain and Jordan yesterday. The Iranian military also publicly announced that it had attacked two oil tankers from the United Arab Emirates.

Women Helpline Number



Tiruvannamalai District Collector Mrs. Vandana Garg, IAS, distributed identity cards to beneficiaries—specifically preachers and staff working in Christian churches—during the Public Grievance Redressal Day meeting held today at the District Collector's office; the cards were issued on behalf of the Department for the Welfare of Backward Classes and Minorities.



Mr. Azamat Yeskarayev, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to India, met with the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru S. Joseph Vijay, at the Secretariat today