

The youth are the backbone of a developing India

NEW DELHI: To mark Prime Minister Modi's 76th birthday and celebrate his 25 years of public service, a two&wheeler rally named 'Seva Yatra' is being conducted from Vadnagar in Gujarat to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Similarly, another two&wheeler rally is taking place in the reverse direction,

PM Modi during an interaction with the group undertaking the 'Seva Sankalp Yatra'

from Varanasi to Vadnagar. Both rallies began on September 17 and are scheduled to conclude on October 7. Vadnagar is Prime Minister Modi's birthplace, while he has served as the MP for the Varanasi constituency since

2014. These rallies, which pass through various cities, districts, and villages, are being organized to commemorate these milestones. Against this backdrop, Prime Minister Modi interacted with the participants of the

two&wheeler rally via video conference today. Speaking on the occasion, he said: "Over the past 12 years, the gap between urban and rural areas in India has narrowed significantly. Today, infrastructure facilities in villages

have improved vastly. One should work not merely for vote&bank politics, but for continuous social reforms and constructive change." He stated this during the interaction.

Schemes like Ayushman

Yojana are implemented driven by a spirit of selfless service.

You may have experienced such services while traveling between these two cities. Our primary objective is nation-building. We are

moving towards the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). The youth serve as the backbone of the nation in realizing the dream of a developed India by 2047, he said.



CM Vijay Visits Madurai on September 28

Open Drain Opposite Government Hospital Being Screened Off with Tin Sheets

MADURAI: Preparations are underway to screen off the open drain opposite the Madurai Government Hospital with tin sheets ahead of Chief Minister Vijay's visit on September 28. Vijay is scheduled to launch the 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram' (Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring) scheme.

Members of TVK (Tamilzhaga Vetri Kazhagam) have intensified the arrangements for this event. A key promise in the TVK election manifesto was the provision of gold rings to babies born in government hospitals.

Following TVK's rise to power, the 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram' scheme was announced on June 23. It was initially planned to



launch the scheme on the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna; however, the launch was rescheduled due to Chief Minister Vijay's trip to London. Consequently, he is now set to inaugurate the scheme at the Madurai Government Hospital on September 28.

Although the launch was originally planned for the government hospital in Usilampatti, the venue was

shifted to Madurai at the last minute.

The tender for this scheme has been awarded to Joyalukas and Kalyan Jewellers in a 70:30 ratio, and 1.20 lakh gold rings have been procured for the first phase. These rings will be presented to babies born in government hospitals on the day they are discharged.

With Chief Minister Vijay's visit approaching, TVK has accelerated the

necessary preparations. Road repair and maintenance work is already in progress along the routes Vijay is scheduled to travel in Madurai, with new roads being laid in some areas.

As the next step, work has begun to cover the open drain opposite the Madurai Government Hospital with corrugated metal sheets.

A large drain is situated across from the Madurai Rajaji Government Hospital, and local residents have long been demanding that it be covered with planks, as it has become a major breeding ground for dengue-carrying mosquitoes. However, criticism has now arisen suggesting that the drain is being covered with metal sheets specifically to prevent Vijay from seeing it.



Nepal's Foreign Minister, Shishir Khanal, has stated that relations between India and Nepal are currently "excellent." He noted that while there are occasional political differences between the two nations, Nepal is currently pursuing a friendly approach towards India.

VHP Condemns Minister Vanniyarasu



MADURAI: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has

condemned Minister Vanniyarasu's announcement that beef would be served to students in 'Social Justice' hostels. Speaking on this matter, Chandrasekaran, the Joint General Secretary of the Tamil Nadu VHP, stated: It is distressing that the TVK administration is adopting anti-Hindu stances and policies contrary to Hindu culture, following the path of the DMK. Chief Minister Vijay must curb the anti-Hindu tendencies of certain power centers within the TVK. In this context, Minister Vanniyarasu has announced plans to consider serving beef in 'Social Justice' hostels, where students from diverse backgrounds reside. This move warrants strong condemnation. If the Minister does not immediately withdraw this announcement, protests will be staged across Tamil Nadu.

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"We want China out of Tibet": Tibetans, Uyghurs hold anti, China protests in Washington over Xi's US visit

WASHINGTON: Tibetan protesters raised slogans including "We want China out of Tibet" as Xi met US President Donald Trump in Washington.

The demonstrations brought together members of Tibetan, Uyghur, Hong Kong, Southern Mongolian and Chinese democracy activists.

The protests were organised as part of a day-long mobilisation that included a demonstration outside the Chinese Embassy, a march

id. He alleged that policies of the Chinese government had restricted religious practice, language and cultural life in Tibet and said Uyghurs faced similar restrictions. "In Tibet, the



Chinese government imposed severe restrictions on religious practice, on Tibetan language and on cultural life. Tibetan children and separated from their families, raised without their language, culture or faith. Uyghur children now face the same fate as the boarding school system expands to East of Tibetans and Uyghurs is identical. As already said, Tibet was never part of China; East Turkistan was never a part of China. East Turkistan was occupied in 1949. Tibet was occupied in 1959," Kanat said.

Kanat said the issues were not limited to communities living inside China, arguing that members of the diaspora also faced pressure. "This repression is aimed at something fundamental & our ability to preserve our identity and pass it to the next generation. That's why solidarity between Tibetans and Uyghurs matters. It matters especially today as Xi Jinping is welcomed here in Washington, DC," he said. "For Tibetans, Uyghurs and others forgotten by the Chinese Govt, repression does not stop at the Chinese border. Even here in the diaspora, many of us face a terrible question & do we speak freely or do we protect our families? China's new Ethnic Unity Law makes that fear even more serious," Kanat said. The Tibetan mobilisation was led by the Tibetan Youth Congress and Capital Area Tibetan Association, with support from the International Campaign for Tibet, Students for a Free Tibet, Tibetan National Congress and

other organisations.

Over 2,000 Tibetans from across North America were expected to participate in the demonstrations. The protests coincided with Xi's meetings with Trump, with participating organisations urging the US administration to raise Tibet and broader human rights concerns during the bilateral discussions. Tibetan protesters also called for the Tibet issue to be raised with Beijing and for efforts towards a resolution of the longstanding dispute.

The protests reflect longstanding disagreements between Beijing and Tibetan and Uyghur advocacy groups over China's policies in Tibet and Xinjiang. Beijing rejects allegations that its policies constitute repression and maintains that its measures in these regions are aimed at development, stability and combating extremism. The demonstrations came as Xi's US visit placed China & US relations, including sensitive issues such as Taiwan, trade, technology and human rights, in focus during his talks with Trump.

'The king is acting with his attitude' - Palanivel Thiagarajan accuses Nirmal Kumar

MADURAI: Former Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan has posted sensational allegations against Electricity Minister Nirmal Kumar on his social media platform.

In it, "The Minister of Electricity, who considers himself the Pandya king ruling Madurai, has once again made false statements, as usual, about something called a 'family trust.' The question still arises as to who among the Chief Minister's advisors is helping him to act beyond the limits given to him every day. Firstly, as he claims, I have no uncle. Secondly, the trust, which is run in the name of my grandfather, has violated various laws and regulations. One of them is the pending property tax of more than Rs. 2 crore to the Madurai Corporation. I have been complaining about this for more than a decade. I believe that the main culprit



in the irregularities happening in the name of the trust is an auditor.

The man is already closely involved in scams involving Global Trust Bank and DSQ Software, among others. He is also the only person to have been forced to step down as chairman of PwC India due to his involvement in the Satyam scam.

He is also facing charges from India's Serious Financial Crimes Investigation Organization (SFIO) and the US SEC. It is not surprising that a

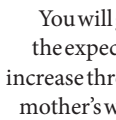
person facing various charges suddenly became close to the Law Minister. It is natural for people with similar personalities to become close. People should monitor this matter carefully because the auditor may have approached the Chennai and Madurai branches of the High Court more than twenty times and obtained approvals that were denied by several judges, contrary to the provisions of the law.

The person who imagines himself as the king of Madurai could take some 'cutting' in the outstanding property tax of over Rs. 2 crore that the trust owes to the corporation and force the authorities to obtain permits. The common people are suffering every day due to the widespread power cuts across Tamil Nadu. But he will be remembered as the worst electricity minister in the political history of Tamil Nadu, for not paying due attention to finding a solution to it and for deliberately exceeding the limits of authority given to him. "Giving the electricity department to an unreliable person who has crossed five parties, in addition to giving him the law department, and indirectly allowing him to act as a shadow 'power center', reveals the administrative failure of this government," Palanivel Thiagarajan alleged.

Today horoscope



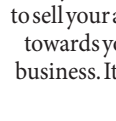
You will be respected in your hometown. You will seek a prestigious position. The resentment you had with your elder brothers and sisters will be resolved. Money will come through shares and commissions. You will learn the ins and outs of business. Avoid arguments in the office.



You will get peace of mind as you will receive the expected money. Your reputation will increase through your wife. You will fulfill your mother's wishes. Your interest in spirituality will increase. Business will be profitable. Do not hold any grudges against anyone in the office.



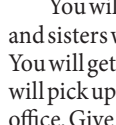
The heated arguments in the family will disappear. You will be proud of the achievements of your children. You will make friends with good people. You will have the opportunity to meet important people in business. A high-ranking official in the office will extend his love.



There will be tension and turmoil due to son's job and daughter's marriage. You will try to sell your ancestral house. Do not show anger towards your siblings. There will be profit in business. It is good to have your own job in the office.



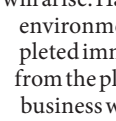
New people will be introduced. Confusion will be eliminated and peace will prevail in the family. Brothers and sisters will be helpful. There will be turbulence in business. It is better to act carefully in everything. Do not interfere in the affairs of others in the office.



You will resolve old problems. Brothers and sisters will be favorable for your growth. You will get clothes and jewelry. Business will pick up. There will be happiness in the office. Give importance to the opinion of the partners in business.



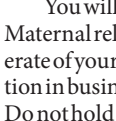
You will meet new people in your circle. Ego issues will be resolved and the couple will become closer. You will collect the money you have lent. Vehicle repairs will be resolved. You will expand your business on a large scale. Maintain peace in the office.



Mental distress will be relieved and clarity will arise. Happiness will prevail in the external environment. Delayed matters will be completed immediately. Money will be received from the place you asked for. Competition in business will decrease. Profits will be made. Problems in the office will be resolved.



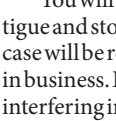
Marriage efforts at home will be fruitful. Travel will bring happiness. Your status in the outside world will rise. You will expand your ancestral home. Business will be satisfactory. You will get the opportunity to meet important personalities in the office.



You will reduce luxury expenses and save. Maternal relatives will be supportive. Be considerate of your neighbors. You will crush competition in business. Your partner will support you. Do not hold any grudges against anyone in the office.



It is good to compromise between husband and wife. You will make important decisions regarding the future of your children. You will struggle to collect dues in business. The workload will increase in the office. You will receive recognition for your hard work.



You will receive good news. Your physical fatigue and stomach ache will improve. A property case will be resolved. Old debts will be collected in business. Employees will be supportive. Avoid interfering in other people's affairs in the office.



Asian Games: Indian team wins silver in 4X400m medley relay

NAGOYA: The 20th Asian Games is being held in Aichi & Nagoya prefecture, Japan. In the 4X400 meter mixed relay event held yesterday, the Indian team comprising Poovamma Raju, Vishal Thennarasu, Vidya Ramraj, and T.S. Manu finished second in 3:14.46 seconds and won the silver medal. India had also won a silver medal in the last Asian Games held in Hangzhou. Vidya Ramraj's excellent performance in the final section led to India's silver medal.

The Bahrain team won the gold medal by finishing first in 3:12.87 seconds, while the Vietnamese team won the bronze medal by finishing third in 3:14.54. Vishal Thennarasu and Vidya Ramraj, who were part of the Indian team that won the silver medal, are from Tamil Nadu.

4 more people arrested for sexually harassing a minor girl

BIHAR: A few days ago, a 10th standard student was sexually assaulted by a group of men in Bihar's Jamui district, causing outrage. In this situation, a girl and a boy riding a two-wheeler in Samastipur stopped on the road and took a photograph. At that time, a gang on motorcycles sexually harassed the girl. A video of the incident was also posted on social media. Following this, the police, after conducting a thorough investigation, arrested 4 people.

Madhurantakam by-election

CM Vijay to campaign today only 5,000 people allowed



CHENNAI: The by-election campaign for the Madhurantakam and Dharapuram assembly constituencies is heating up. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Tamil Nadu Vetri Kazhagam leader Vijay will address a campaign rally in

Madhurantakam today in support of his party's candidate Maragatham Kumaravel. A grand stage has been set up for this near the Madhurantakam Athur toll plaza.

This public meeting will begin at 3 pm today. There is great expectation among the workers as this is the first election campaign that Vijay will participate in after taking charge as the Chief Minister. While the DMK and AIADMK are making various allegations against the government, it seems that Vijay will respond to it and collect votes. As Chief Minister Vijay is going to campaign in Madurantakam today, only 5,000 people have been given permission.

In this regard, TAVE-KA General Secretary Bussi Anand said in a statement: The Madhurantakam Assembly Constituency election campaign event to be attended by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay is scheduled to be held today (25.09.2026, Friday) at 3.00 pm near Athur Toll Plaza, Madhurantakam Assembly Constituency, Chengalpattu District. As per the guidelines for police permission, this event has been organized by the district administrators as a program exclusively for those who have obtained permission. Only 5000 people who have been given entry tickets with QR code admission tickets have been given only to those selected.

In particular, for safety reasons, pregnant women, children, school students, senior citizens, the differently-abled, and the physically challenged have not been given QR code passes to attend the event. Therefore, none of them should come. QR code passes have been issued and basic facilities including drinking water and medical facilities have been arranged for those who are going to attend the event. Club members and the public who do not have passes will definitely not be allowed. Therefore, we kindly request that they watch this event live on television and social media and only those who have QR code passes participate in it with full cooperation.

Heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh Normal life affected

AMARAVATI: Due to a low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal, the coastal districts of Srikakulam, Vijayanagaram, Visakhapatnam, and Guntur, Denali, Vijayawada, Amaravati, and Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh have been receiving heavy rains for the past 2 days.

This has caused many water bodies to overflow and inundate low-lying

areas.

Traffic has been severely affected due to flooding on various roads, including national highways. Electric poles and trees have fallen due to strong winds and rain. Crops covering several acres were destroyed. Schools and colleges in all districts of coastal Andhra Pradesh were closed yesterday due to continuous heavy rains. Chief



Minister Chandrababu Naidu held a video conference with district collectors and

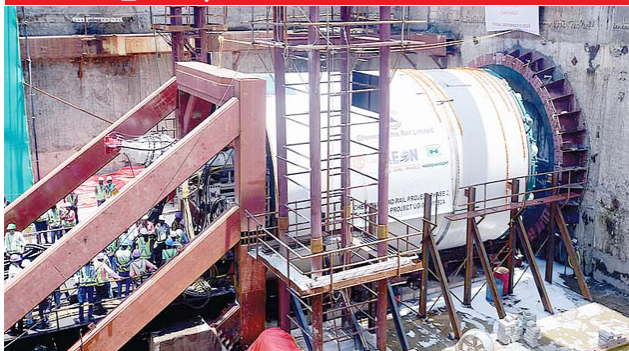
senior officials yesterday regarding rescue and relief operations.



The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C. R. Patil witnessing the Exchange of MoUs between India and Netherlands during the 9th India International Water Week - 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi.

Metro Rail Phase 2 Project: Decision to purchase 4 additional tunnel boring machines

The project is scheduled to be completed by 2028



CHENNAI: The Chennai Metro Rail Administration has decided to purchase 4 additional tunnel boring machines to make up for the time loss in the second phase of the Metro Rail project. Through this, it is planned to complete the work within the specified time frame.

In Chennai, the second phase of the Metro Rail Project is being implemented at a cost of Rs. 63,246 crore and is being implemented on 3 lines over a distance of 116.1 km. The third line is from Madhavaram to Siruseri (45.4 km) and the fourth line is from Kalankarai Vilakkam to Poonthamalli (26.1 km). Work is also underway on the 5th route from Madhavaram to Cholinganallur (44.6 km). Work is underway to build a

total of 118 metro stations, including 43 underground stations along a 42.6 km tunnel.

The metro rail construction work began in November 2020. The tunnel work, as far as it is concerned, began in Madhavaram in October 2022. Following this, tunneling work began at various locations including the Greenway, Kalankarai Villukgam, Sethupathi, and Panagal Park. 23 Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) were used in succession to carry out the metro tunnel works. Following this, the Greenway & Attiyaru, Sethupattu & Sterling Road, Ayanavaram & Perambur, Panagal Park & Kodambakkam tunnel works were completed in succession.

The tunnel works on Royapettah & RK Road and Green

Lane & Manthavelli have also been completed. In addition, tunnel works are in full swing at various places. The target has been set to complete the project by 2028.

In order to achieve this target without any delay, the Metro Rail Administration has decided to procure 4 additional Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs). Regarding this, Chennai Metro Rail Corporation officials said: Two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) have arrived from Thirumayilai towards Boat Club via Alwarpet.

Due to the narrow roads with insufficient space in the Alwarpet and Bharathidasan Salai metro station areas, the tunnels and other stations of this line are not in the usual lateral configuration, but are constructed in a two-story underground structure, one above the other.

Therefore, there is a situation where tunnel boring machines (TBMs) cannot be taken out in Alwarpet and Bharathidasan Metro. After this, TBMs can be taken out only in Boat Club Metro. The

DPM from Panagala Phungka is passing through Nandana. Due to lack of space, the DPM cannot be taken out from Nandana. Therefore, this DPM will also be taken from the Boat Club Metro. The DPM from Thirumalai Metro to Route 4 is going well.

Since the work was done after the contract for the metro station was signed, the DPM machines had to wait 6 to 8 months before they could dig. DPMs have been waiting for about 48 months both inside and outside. Two DPMs have been waiting for a year in the Mandhavelli area. In addition, a total of 24 km of tunnel work has been waiting for 48 months both inside and outside the Kellis & Thiruvannamiyur area.

To compensate for this delay, we decided to purchase 4 additional tunnel boring machines. Permission has been granted for this. It will take 4 months for the 4 TPM machines to arrive. We will bring these new TBMs underground, make up for the time lost, and complete all the work by 2028, and achieve the goal, they said.

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Siddaramaiah is acting as the Chief Minister in a movie

Supporters of Siddaramaiah, a prominent leader of the Karnataka Congress, now have the opportunity to see him as Chief Minister once again—this time, on the silver screen. Yes, he is preparing to play the role of a Chief Minister in an upcoming film. The Congress party currently governs



Karnataka. Siddaramaiah, a highly influential Congress leader known for his administrative acumen, previously served as Chief Minister for a total of eight years—spanning the 2013–2018 term and the period from 2023 until June 3 of this year.

He stepped down from the Chief Minister's post, handing it over to Shivakumar following pressure from the party high command—a move that left his supporters disappointed. Now, however, both his supporters and the people of the state have the chance to see him in the role of Chief Minister again. Siddaramaiah is set to play the Chief Minister in an upcoming Kannada film directed by debutant Rajesh and produced by R.A. Film Factory. He agreed to the role after being impressed by the story narrated by the director. The film is likely to be titled *Mukhya Mantri* (Chief Minister). Furthermore, the film crew plans to set a world record by completing the entire production—including shooting and editing—within just 48 hours. Acting is not new to Siddaramaiah; he has prior experience performing in plays during his school and college days. Notably, he previously appeared as the Chief Minister in the children's film *Summer Holidays*, directed by Kavitha Lankesh and released in 2017. Former Minister H.M. Revanna is also acting in this film. The crew is attempting to secure special appearances by Chief Minister Shivakumar and former Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao as well. It appears that filming will begin in November.

Court lifts White House media ban



WASHINGTON: US President Trump revoked the journalistic credentials of three media organizations & CNN, MSN and Politico & on September 18. The three organizations filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

Trump had imposed the ban on social media after he said the actions of the three media outlets he controlled were "false and misleading." But in court, Justice Department lawyers argued that the ban was imposed for national security reasons. In this situation, Judge Tim Kelly, who rejected the government's argument, issued a temporary restraining order on the White House ban on the three media organizations. He also pointed out that there was no proper notice or opportunity to explain before the permits were revoked. He also made it clear that there was no basis in the government's argument on national security. Judge Tim Kelly was appointed as a judge by Trump in his first term in 2017.

The judge ruled that the licenses of the three media outlets should be immediately reinstated. The injunction will remain in effect for 14 days while the case continues. Several media outlets, including Reuters, the Washington Post and Fox News, have also expressed support for the order. The case comes just weeks before the November 3 midterm elections.



Anthropic has testified before the UN Security Council that AI technology is advancing rapidly beyond human control and poses a danger to all of humanity.

Industry should participate in curriculum development Higher Education Minister P. Viswanathan emphasizes



CHENNAI: Higher Education Minister P. Viswanathan stressed that industry should be involved in curriculum development. A 3&day education&industry exhibition organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) began yesterday at the Nandambakkam Trade Centre in Chennai. Inaugurating the conference, Higher Education Minister Viswanathan said: Education and technology cannot be seen in isolation. Artificial intelligence (AI), hands&on learning, and data&driven education have begun to transform the way students are prepared for employment. In that sense, the relationship between the industry and the higher education sector has grown to an unprecedented level. The rate of higher education graduates in Tamil Nadu is 52.3 percent. The female enrollment rate is 53.1 percent. There are 13 government universities and 9 private universities in Tamil Nadu. There are 441 engineering colleges operating under Anna University. Around 8 lakh students are studying in these colleges. Educational institutions and industry should continue to work together. Industry should participate in curriculum development. Industry experts should visit colleges as guest lecturers and deliver lectures. Students should be allowed to participate in industry projects. Internship and apprenticeship opportunities should be enhanced. MoUs should be signed with international universities to improve the quality of higher education, he said.

Later, the minister told the audience, "Cases related to the appointment of vice&chancellors in universities are pending in the Ministry of Justice." They are pending. So we cannot discuss it in detail right now. In universities without a Vice&Chancellor, an interim administration is being carried out by a Syndicate. In each university, the members of the Syndicate meet, form a committee comprising senior professors, select a senior professor from among them, and take steps to appoint him to act with the powers of the Vice&Chancellor. "Provincial Vice&Chancellors have been appointed through this process at Nellai Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Karaikkudi Alagappa University. Provincial Vice&Chancellors are to be appointed in 11 universities soon," he said.

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MDR charges for transactions will not be passed on to customers

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

NEW DELHI: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stated that MDR (Merchant Discount Rate) charges for transactions will not be imposed on customers. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) issued a notification regarding the collection of charges from business establishments that accept digital payments via UPI. According to the notification, merchants receiving payments exceeding ₹2,000 must pay a charge of 0.4 percent.

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DMK, AIADMK secret alliance: Minister Sengottaiyan alleges

Tarapuram: Minister Sengottaiyan accused the DMK and AIADMK of having an indirect alliance. A consultative meeting of the executives of the Secular Social Justice Victory Alliance parties was held in Tarapuram, Tiruppur district yesterday. Ministers Sengottaiyan, Arunraj, Vijay Balaji, Lokesh Tamilselvan and others participated in it. Speaking at the meeting, Revenue Minister K.A. Sengottaiyan said, "The reason why the AIADMK candidate won in this constituency and resigned from his post is because of AIADMK General Secretary Palaniswami. It is because of him that 25 people voted for us. It is because his actions are not right that Sathyabhama has joined us." Is this party a party that takes money? DMK and AIADMK have an indirect alliance. 6 people resigned from their posts because Palaniswami wanted to seize power together with DMK. They are campaigning against the candidate because we will get a big victory. We will register a victory that no one can get. No one is competing with us. Our position is different when compared to other parties," he said. Sudden power outage: Earlier, while Minister Sengottaiyan was speaking at the meeting, the power went out. Following this, when the Thawekavis present tried to contact the electricity department officials on their cell phones, there was a commotion as no one picked up the call. After that, the power came back after a while. Arunraj's allegation: Meanwhile, Minister Arunraj campaigned yesterday in support of Thaweka candidate Sathyabhama in the Tarapuram constituency. Earlier, he told reporters: DMK is instigating the Thaweka candidate by giving money to some people not to let him enter the village. They are spreading false propaganda that he resigned from his post after receiving Rs. 50 crore. The AIADMK leadership greedily tried to form an alliance with the DMK leadership against the people's verdict. This was a conspiracy against the people's verdict, and 6 AIADMK MLAs resigned. The person who diluted the policy of the AIADMK party is its general secretary Palaniswami. He bought the Thaweka candidate in Edappadi constituency by paying Rs. 25 crore. If our candidate had stood there, Palaniswami would not have even taken a deposit in Edappadi. True AIADMK workers are coming towards the party in the footsteps of late former Chief Ministers MGR and Jayalalitha, said Minister Arunraj.

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Thirumavalavan urges immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner



CHENNAI: In this regard, he said in a statement: The revelations of various irregularities during the 'Special Radical Amendment' procedures of the Election Commission of India are shocking. Unauthorized and illegal changes were made affecting the names of 13 crore voters. Objections were raised on Form 6, which is used to register new voters. The voter registration database is centralized through technology departments, preventing the addition of new eligible voters to the list, in violation of the decisions of voter registration officers at the field level. Despite a Supreme Court order, 97 eligible voters were disenfranchised due to software glitches in Goa. Therefore, Presidential Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar should resign immediately and all SIR actions taken till now should be cancelled. Appropriate legal action should be taken against the Presidential Election Commissioner, who has acted in a manner that undermines the people's right to vote and electoral democracy, and he should be immediately arrested and put on trial, he said.



The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav at the launch workshop on Capacity Enhancement for Effective Forest Management Project, in New Delhi.

Akhilesh Yadav launches Rath Yatra campaign in UP



in red buses with party workers. This is an initiative to intensify the party's campaign in central Uttar Pradesh, focusing on the Pattadapuram (BDA) alliance, which includes Dalits and minorities. Earlier, Akhilesh Yadav told the participants in Lucknow, "The affected, the distressed, the oppressed people should join the PTA. Their pain is the common factor that unites them. The PTA people will form the PTA government and establish social justice," he said.

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THIRUVALLUR: A complaint has been raised that a patient was treated at a government hospital by mixing toilet tap water in a sodium chloride bottle.



A young man named Lokesh, from Periyapalayam area of Thiruvallur district, allegedly attempted suicide by consuming poison mixed with alcohol on the night of the 22nd due to a family dispute. Lokesh, who received first aid treatment at the Periyapalayam Government Primary Health Center, was admitted to the Thiruvallur Government Medical College Hospital in the early hours of the day before yesterday for further treatment. To flush out the toxins from his body, he was treated with sodium chloride mixed with water and administered through a tube into his nose. The complaint is being made by Lokesh that the water was from the hospital's toilet pipe. However, according to hospital staff, the tap water near

the toilet was contaminated with sodium chloride. In this situation, Lokesh and his friends who came with him recorded a video on their mobile phones and complained to the hospital administration that the contracted cleaner had leaked water from the toilet due to the negligence of the doctors and nurses. Relatives, who were upset because they did not receive a proper response, called the police and informed them about the incident. They took the notepad containing the details approved by Lokesh Hospital and left the hospital. He is currently admitted to a private hospital and is undergoing treatment. A video taken by Lokesh Darpanar is going viral on social media. Informing the audience about this, Principal Balaji of the Tiruvallur Government Medical College said, "The Tamil Nadu Medical Education Directorate has sought an explanation regarding the complaint that a sanitation worker mixed toilet tap water in a sodium chloride bottle." "We have submitted a report to the Medical Education Directorate. After the investigation by the Medical Education Directorate committee, if there is any wrongdoing, action will be taken against those involved," he said.

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Statue of Dharmadevi, a Guardian Deity of the Jain Era, Discovered

VILLUPURAM: Archaeologist Immanuel and postgraduate research students from the Department of History at Arignar Anna Government Arts College, Villupuram, conducted a field survey in Karadippakkam village near Villupuram. During the survey, they discovered a sculpture of a female figure beneath a Peepal tree within the premises of the local Mariamman temple. They stated the following regarding the discovery: The sculpture was identified as Dharmadevi, a guardian deity associated with Jainism. Jains worship her under various names, including Ambika, Ambai, Amba, Kushman-

dini, and Amra Kushmandini. The sculpture stands three feet tall and depicts Dharmadevi seated on a pedestal in the 'Sukhasana' posture. She wears an exquisite crown, featuring a seated figure of the Tirthankara Nemina-tha at its front. The deity is adorned with earrings, a pearl necklace, and a 'Sarappali' (chain necklace); a 'Mekalai' (waist girdle) encircles her waist, and 'Thandai' and 'Silambu' (anklets) are visible on her legs. A lion—Dharmadevi's 'vahana' (mount)—is depicted beneath her right leg. The sculpture also portrays her two children and an attendant. The researchers estimate the sculpture dates back to the 13th or 14th century CE.



China and the US Should Be Partners President Xi Jinping Emphasizes



WASHINGTON: President Xi Jinping emphasized that China and the United States should be partners rather than rivals.

At the invitation of US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping has arrived in the United States for a three-day state visit.

In a written statement issued upon his arrival, Xi Jinping conveyed best wishes to the American people on behalf of the people of China.

In his statement, Xi Jinping noted that China and the United States are major nations and that the people of both countries are remarkable. He highlighted the long-standing friendship between the two peoples and the fact that their interests are deeply intertwined. He stressed that China and the US should be partners, not rivals, and that the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the effort to make America strong again

should move forward in tandem.

This will help both nations achieve mutual success and enhance the well-being of people worldwide. When President Trump visited China last

May, an agreement was reached to establish a constructive and stable relationship between the two countries. This has provided a roadmap for the future development of bilateral ties.

China and the United States must move in the same direction and build a stable relationship that prioritizes cooperation.

The relationship should be characterized by manageable competition,

the ability to handle differences, and a commitment to peace. In this new era, China and the US must find the right path for peaceful coexistence.

The world is evolving, and times are changing; yet, the fundamental historical imperative for both nations to coexist peacefully remains unaltered. This journey will prove beneficial for improving the welfare of the people in both countries and fostering hope for global peace. This is what has been stated. This is Xi Jinping's first trip to Washington since 2015.

Discussions between the two leaders are expected to cover issues such as trade tariffs, technology, artificial intelligence, military relations, conflicts in West Asia, the Russia-Ukraine war, the space arms race, and US arms supplies to Taiwan.

'Make in India' has not met public expectations – Congress criticizes

NEW DELHI: The Congress has alleged that the Central Government's 'Make in India' initiative has failed to deliver the expected results, noting a lack of significant surge in private investment and an absence of widespread employment growth. The 'Make in India' initiative was launched on September 25, 2014. Its stated objectives included attracting investment, fostering innovation, creating world-class infrastructure, and transforming India into a global hub for manufacturing, design, and innovation.

The Congress has voiced this criticism as the initiative



marks the completion of 12 years since its launch. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh stated that the 'Make in India' initiative has significantly failed to live up to expectations and hopes. He based his criticism on data regarding Gross Value

Added (GVA) and the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), which measure growth in the manufacturing sector.

Ramesh pointed out that for the majority of the last 12 years, growth in the manufacturing sector has lagged behind overall economic growth. Consequently, he noted in

the post that the additional growth in the manufacturing sector—which should have resulted from the 'Make in India' initiative—is not evident. No surge in private investment? While encouraging investment was a key objective of the 'Make in India' initiative, he stated that private investment has not grown to the extent anticipated.

Similarly, the Congress has alleged that there has been insufficient growth in employment across various sectors of the country. These remarks by the Congress leader have emerged as the 'Make in India' initiative completes 12 years.

“India- China Cooperation Essential to Tackle Climate Change”

Nepal PM's Address at the UN

NEW DELHI: Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah has urged Nepal, India, and China to jointly establish a 'Himalayan Climate Resilience Mechanism.' Addressing the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly, he noted that the Himalayan ecosystem is facing severe disruption due to global warming and emphasized that international cooperation is vital to address climate change.

The Hindu-Kush Himalayan region is home to approximately two billion people. It serves as a crucial

life and support system for the planet, providing water, supporting agriculture, and sustaining livelihoods across multiple nations beyond Nepal. Nepal, India, and China must collaborate to tackle climate change. Such cooperation would enable the sharing of satellite data, monitoring of hazardous glacial lakes, strengthening of early warning systems, and coordination of cross-border assistance during disasters.

The melting of glaciers is triggering avalanches and



flash floods.

These events have severely affected the Nepal-China border regions, with floodwaters also surging towards India. While the death toll from the floods in Nepal has

surpassed 1,450, more than 6,000 people remain missing. I extend my gratitude to India, China, the United Nations, and other friendly nations for the immediate assistance provided during this critical time.

“While natural disasters threaten impoverished nations on one hand, global supply chains are being disrupted by unfair factors—thereby penalizing the poor—on the other. Such a collective effort is urgently needed to curb global warming and safeguard the livelihoods of more than two billion people,” he said.

UN delegates walk out as he begins to speak! Netanyahu lashes out in frustration



NEW YORK: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu prepared to deliver his address at the UN General Assembly session. Just as he was about to begin speaking, delegates from more than a dozen countries started walking out of the hall. Visibly agitated by this, Netanyahu harshly criticized them,

calling them “moral cowards” and hypocrites. The 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly is currently underway in New York, USA. Leaders from across the globe have gathered there to participate, including Chinese President Xi Jinping and heads of state from many other nations. Israeli

Assembly hall started to leave. Strong opposition had already arisen prior to his speech, with accusations that Israel was occupying the West Bank. Ignoring this, Netanyahu took the podium and began speaking; at that moment, many delegates walked out of the hall. However, some rema-

ined and applauded him. They also chanted slogans in support of Israel. Meanwhile, addressing those who had walked out, Netanyahu sharply remarked, “If there are any moral cowards left in this hall who haven't walked out yet, please leave right now.” Continuing his remarks, Netanyahu said, “Some of the countries whose representatives walked out have contacted me personally to express their gratitude for the military action taken against Iran. It is hard to imagine a more shocking double standard. Yet, that is the reality. Destroying Iran's nuclear weapons facilities was difficult, but had we not done so, we all would have lost our lives.”

Special Investigation Team formed in Gem Veeramani case

The committee is headed by IPS officer Thenmozhi



CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Police Director Mahesh Kumar Agarwal has ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team to investigate the Gem Veeramani child sexual abuse case.

The team, headed by Additional Commissioner of Police (Central Crime Branch) P.C. Thenmozhi IPS, also includes Joint Commissioner of Law and Order (Law and Order) Disha Mittal IPS, Superintendent of Police J. Mutharasi IPS, and Deputy Commissioner of Crimes Against Women and Children (Prevention of Crimes Against Women and Children) V.V. Geethanjali.

The order states that this special investigation team will function under the supervision of the Metropolitan Chennai Police Commissioner, and

that the Metropolitan Police Commissioner will provide the necessary manpower and logistical facilities for this. Gem Granites businessman Veeramani (84) has been arrested and imprisoned in Puzhal Prison for sexually assaulting girls in extreme poverty by providing them with various kinds of assistance, including money and cell phones.

Her assistant Shanthi and her husband Mahendra Simkan have also been jailed. In addition, Ganesan, who worked at Gem Granites for 23 years, was arrested and jailed by the Chennai Sexual Offences Unit of the police.

During the initial investigation into the case, it was revealed that Veeramani had been targeting girls for over

20 years. A complaint was filed with a video regarding Veeramani's sexual assaults on October 6, 2025. The police said that a case had been registered the next day.

Despite registering a case, there has been no progress in the case for about 11 months. Despite filing a complaint with video evidence, the case has been shelved. News has now emerged that the police are engaged in watering down the case during this period. In this tense situation, intensive searches were conducted at the offices of Jem Veeramani in Chennai the day before yesterday and in Salem yesterday. Although the police said that a complaint with video evidence was received about Veeramani only on October 6, 2025, Congress executive Ranjan

Kumar released new information the day before yesterday that he had filed a complaint with the police 2 years earlier, in 2024. This caused a stir.

At the time of Ranjan Kumar's complaint, the Additional DGP of Chennai, Arun, was the Commissioner of Police. Under him, N. Kannan was the Additional Commissioner of Police of South Chennai. After complaints were raised against both of them, both of them were immediately transferred to the waiting list.

Summons to 3 police officers: There have been allegations that the police acted in collusion with a gang of extortionists in the Gem Veeramani case.

Therefore, the Chennai Sexual Offences Unit police have summoned Assistant Commissioner Yasmin, Inspectors Mahesh Kumar and Rajalakshmi, who worked in the Chennai Sexual Offences Unit in October 2025, to appear in person for a departmental inquiry.

A Vel (spear) for Dhanush in Madurai an 18 foot Aruval (sickle) at a temple

MADURAI: Can fans remain calm when Dhanush visits Madurai? A crowd gathered at the airport, and the events that unfolded there are now drawing attention. In particular, an incident where a female fan waited with a *Vel* in hand to meet Dhanush—and subsequently handed it to him—has become a topic of discussion online.

Dhanush's 54th film is being directed by Tamilarasan Pachamuthu. Since this is Tamilarasan's next project following the film *Lubber Pandhu*, there is already significant anticipation surrounding this collaboration.

Reports indicate that the shooting will take place in areas surrounding Madurai. Amidst this, a large number of fans surrounded Dhanush when he arrived at the Madurai airport today. He waved to the fans and left the premises. However, an incident that



occurred as he was exiting the airport has captured the fans' attention. A female fan had been waiting for Dhanush holding a *Vel*; as he approached, she handed it to him.

Dhanush accepted it and left happily. While this could simply be an expression of a fan's affection, the ongoing political speculation surrounding Dhanush over the past few months has led fans to wonder if this incident signifies something more significant. There are reasons for this speculation; when the Dhanush fan club



occurred.

The *pooja* for Dhanush's film 'D56' is taking place near the Maranadu Karuppannasamy Temple. Dhanush has decided to offer an 18-foot-long *arival* (sickle) to the deity, Karuppannasamy, praying for the film's success.

Last year, Dhanush had visited the Karuppannasamy Temple in Thenni-Sankarapuram with his family to offer prayers for one of his films. So, with fans waiting at the airport holding *vels* (spears) on one hand, and an 18-foot sickle being offered at the temple on the other, it is natural to wonder: has Dhanush begun laying the groundwork for a political entry? However, the real question remains—is this truly the foundation for a political move, or are fans simply expressing their love and affection for their favorite actor in their own unique ways?

Anti-Corruption Department police conduct a raid at the residence of DMK MP Annadurai



TIRUVANMALAI: Officials from the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) conducted raids at the residence of Tiruvannamalai DMK MP Annadurai. Today (September 25), DVAC teams from Vellore and Tiruvannamalai carried out searches at more than ten locations linked to the MP in the Vengikkal area of Tiruv-

annamalai district. Allegations of irregularities have arisen regarding various contract works undertaken by Annadurai through the Highways Department during the DMK's tenure. DVAC officials stated that the raids were conducted based on complaints alleging that the MP had amassed assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.