

CM Vijay to Visit Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple the Day After Tomorrow

MADURAI: Police are intensifying security arrangements as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay plans to visit the Meenakshi Amman Temple during his trip to Madurai the day after tomorrow (Monday). The 'Maha Kumbabishekam' (grand consecration ceremony) of the world-renowned Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple took place on the 17th, following a gap of 17 years; hundreds of thousands of devotees participated and offered prayers.

Subsequently, *Mandala Poojas* have been underway

Arrangements to currently being made by both the temple administration and the police department

from September 18 to October 2. Meanwhile, the launch event for the 'Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring Scheme'—intended for babies born in government hospitals—was originally scheduled to be held in Usilampatti on September 28. However, the venue was suddenly changed, and the event is now set to take place on the same date at the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai.

Consequently, government sources indicate that Chief Minister Vijay also plans

to offer prayers at the Meenakshi Amman Temple during his visit to Madurai.

Arrangements to welcome the Chief Minister are currently being made by both the temple administration and the police department. As Chief Minister Vijay is visiting Madurai for the first time since assuming



office, police officials are deliberating on security measures within the city, specifically along the route from the airport to the Government Rajaji Hospital.

Furthermore, since he is scheduled to visit the Meenakshi Amman Temple, plans are reportedly underway to mobilize police personnel from both local and outside areas to ensure robust security arrangements.

Meanwhile, buildings within the Rajaji Hospital complex are undergoing complete renovation and painting to welcome the Chief Minister.

Additionally, pothole-ridden roads that previously hindered traffic are being repaired, and the laying of new tar roads is proceeding briskly.

Heavy security arrangements are being put in place, as a large turnout of the general public and cadres of the *Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam* is expected for the Chief Minister's visit.

During his visit to Madurai, Chief Minister Vijay will launch the 'Thaaimaman Thanga Mothiram' (Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring) scheme at Rajaji Hospital at 12:30 PM.

Subsequently, at 1:00 PM, he will inaugurate the renovated Gandhi Museum. Reports indicate that he is also scheduled to offer prayers at the Meenakshi Amman Temple at 4:30 PM.

Metro Rail Service Between Poonamallee and Vadapalani

PM Modi to Inaugurate on Oct 11 Governor and CM to Participate



CHENNAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Metro rail service between Poonamallee and Vadapalani—part of the Phase II Metro project—on October 11. Governor Arlekar and Chief Minister Vijay will participate in the event.

Under Phase I, Chennai Metro Rail Limited currently operates services across two corridors covering a distance of 55 km: from Central to

St. Thomas Mount and from Wimco Nagar to the Airport. The Metro rail has received a positive response from passengers. Consequently, under Phase II, new rail lines spanning 118.9 km are being constructed at a cost of ₹63,246 crore. These include the Madhavaram to SIPCOT route (Corridor 3), Lighthouse to Poonamallee Bypass route (Corridor 4), and Madhavaram to Sholinganallur route (Corridor

5). Construction work on the Poonamallee–Vadapalani stretch of Corridor 4 (Lighthouse to Poonamallee Bypass) was completed last February. The Commissioner of Railway Safety inspected this 14.64 km stretch and issued a safety certificate last May, clearing it for passenger operations.

However, the launch of Metro services on this route had been delayed, and the public had been eagerly awaiting the start of operations between Poonamallee and Vadapalani. It has been announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Metro rail service between Poonamallee and Vadapalani on October 11.

After inaugurating the service, the Prime Minister

will travel by Metro train up to Porur.

Subsequently, he will inaugurate the Vellore Airport and various National Highway projects at an event held at the IIT Madras campus. He will also lay the foundation stones for new projects. Governor R.N. Ravi, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, and other officials are expected to participate in these events.

Plans are in place to operate trains at 10-minute intervals during the initial phase on the Poonamallee–Vadapalani route. As construction work on the Saligramam and Alapakkam stations—located between Vadapalani and Porur—has not yet been completed, trains will not stop at these stations.

Union Minister Jaishankar Retorts to Pakistan's Question on Terrorism Support

NEW YORK: Union Minister Jaishankar has retorted to a question raised by Pakistan regarding support for terrorism. The 81st session of the UN General Assembly took place in New York, USA. During a press conference, a Pakistani journalist asked Union External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, "When will your government stop supporting terrorism in Pakistan?" In response, Jaishankar retorted, "A terrorist nation is asking me this question." Subsequently, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Harish Parvathaneni, remarked, "You have clearly received the answer to your question."



Following this, Union Minister Jaishankar and his delegation immediately rose and left the room.

In the past, Pakistan has been behind incidents of terrorist attacks against India, and India has been retaliating against them. As an example of this, on April 22, 2025, a brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu

and Kashmir, resulted in the killing of 26 innocent tourists, including a Nepali national. Investigations into this incident—which shocked the entire nation—revealed links to the banned Pakistan-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba. The attack was carried out by the 'Resistance Front', a terrorist group operating in

conjunction with that organization. In retaliation, two weeks later—on May 7—the Indian Army launched an offensive named 'Operation Sindhur', targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Indian armed forces targeted and razed nine terrorist infrastructure sites: Muzaffarabad, Kotli, Bahawalpur, Rawalakot, Chakswari,

Bhimber, Neelum Valley, Jhelum, and Chakwal. Of these, four locations were in Pakistan and five were in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Following this incident, a tense situation bordering on war arose between India and Pakistan. Four days later, both nations agreed to a ceasefire.

Madurai Corporation Bribery Case: Engineering Wing Officials Likely to be Transferred

MADURAI: Following the registration of a case by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) against Madurai Corporation engineering wing officials over the seizure of bribe money, reports suggest that all officials involved may face a mass transfer. The engineering wing has always been a powerful and politically connected arm of the Corporation administration.

The role of these officials is crucial, encompassing everything from announcing online and offline tenders—ranging from a few lakhs to thousands of crores of rupees—and issuing work orders, to constructing new roads and buildings, planning infrastructure upgrades, securing government approvals, and overseeing project implementation. Generally, officials and contractors avoid antagonizing one another; however, the specific con-

tracts awarded and the contractors engaged often shift depending on which officials hold power within the wing. Issues regarding "kickbacks" (or "greasing palms") usually come to light when officials coerce contractors into making such payments or when the "commissions" collected are not shared equitably among the officials themselves. In such instances, disgruntled officials may report the matter—backed by some evidence—to higher authorities. If those superiors choose to turn a blind eye, the aggrieved officials, as a last resort, bring the issue to the attention of the anti-corruption police. It is reported that the raid conducted by the Anti-Corruption police on September 22—triggered by a tip-off regarding the exchange of bribes between contractors and officials in the Corporation's central office engineering wing—was orchestrated by a dissident

faction of officials within the department. Commenting on the incident, some engineering wing officials said, "On September 22, all officials of the central office engineering wing were subjected to the police raid. However, none of them—from the Chief Engineer and his Personal Assistant to the other engineers—were caught red-handed accepting bribe money."

Nevertheless, the police seized ₹1.35 lakh in unaccounted cash from the officials, contractors, and contract staff present in the office. The police subsequently interrogated and recorded statements from the individuals found in possession of the money. Based on this, even though no cash was recovered directly from them, the police have registered cases against a total of 14 individuals—including officials, staff, and contractors—implicating them in the matter.

Chief Engineer Ramasamy became embroiled in this issue because he had been acting in collusion with a controversial former official of the Corporation. Under that official's guidance, he had met with a prominent minister and several MLAs.

Given that the police have registered cases, there is a strong likelihood that the key engineering wing officials at the central office—including the Chief Engineer and his Personal Assistant—will be transferred.

Although these officials were not caught red-handed while accepting the bribe, police investigations revealed that the money was intended for them; consequently, a case has been registered. Amidst this controversy and the allegations, it is reported that the Municipal Administration Department is taking steps to transfer the entire group of officials from the Corporation's engineering wing.

Plane crash in Congo; 14 people, including army officers, killed

KINSHASA: Fourteen people, including army officers, were killed in a plane crash in Congo. The aircraft had departed from the city of Kikwit in southwestern Congo, heading towards Kinshasa. On board were

two senior army officers—Lieutenant General Mutumbo Katala Tiyan and Lieutenant General Pahumi Ligulia—along with 12 others. While flying over the area of Kenge, the plane suddenly crashed. All 14

people on board, including the army officers, lost their lives in the incident. This was confirmed in a statement issued by Major General Efomi Ekenge, the spokesperson for the Congolese army. It is suspected that the

crash may have been caused by a technical malfunction. However, Tryphon Kin-Kiey, the head of the civil aviation authority, stated that the cause of the crash is not yet known and that an investigation is underway.

Rs. 800 Crore Financial Firm Fraud Commotion in Madurai as Victims Gather to File Complaints

MADURAI: Victims of an Rs. 800 crore financial firm fraud gathered at the Madurai Economic Offences Wing (EOW) police office to lodge complaints. Uma Shankar Janarthanan, Arun Kumar, Saravana Kumar, and their relatives operated 34 subsidiary companies—including Disc Assets Lead India Limited, Dal Marketing Solutions Limited, and Aiyan Marketing Private Limited—headquartered in Madurai since 2006.

People from various locations—including Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, Karur, Erode, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu, as well as Pudukcherry and Kerala—had invested their savings in these schemes.

It is reported that approximately Rs. 1,137 crore was collected from the public with the promise of returning the investment amount along with

12.5% interest after five years. While over Rs. 400 crore was reportedly disbursed to 5 lakh depositors, the remaining Rs. 800 crore due to 8 lakh other depositors was allegedly not paid. Acting on complaints regarding this matter, the Economic Offences Wing police registered a case and initiated an investigation.

Meanwhile, the Madras High Court had directed that the money be disbursed to the

victims promptly; however, it appears that the funds have not yet been returned. Against this backdrop, hundreds of people who lost their money gathered in front of the Madurai Economic Offences Wing police office yesterday morning.

They submitted petitions demanding the speedy recovery of their funds, causing a stir in the area for some time.

Today horoscope



You will change your approach and complete the work that was interrupted. You will work hard for your sister's special. Your talents will be revealed in the office. You will have to travel abroad for business purposes.



You will act according to the taste of others. Your relatives will look at you with pride. You will take pride in local events. In business, old debts will be collected. It is better to have your own job and live in the office.



You will succeed in completing challenging tasks skillfully. All obstacles will be removed. You will make important decisions. Competition in business will decrease. Profits will increase. You will give importance to the opinion of the shareholders. Your career will be successful.



You will return the money you received in exchange. There will be a cheerful atmosphere in the family. You will get the support of your superiors at the office. You will attract old customers by adopting new strategies in business.



Obstacles and distractions will come and go. There will be expenses due to family members. You will make efforts to renovate and expand your ancestral house. You will have to struggle to collect old debts in business. Maintain peace in the office.



Meeting important personalities will bring you satisfaction. Ego issues will be resolved and the couple will become closer. You will make new investments in business. Do not ignore the advice of your partner. A satisfactory atmosphere will be created in the office.



You will complete the work that was dragging on. Your cash flow will increase. It is good to be considerate of your siblings. Business partners will be supportive. There will be peace in the office. You will get support from your superiors.



You will listen to your children's thoughts and fulfill them. You will achieve things by speaking kindly. There will be cooperation from siblings. Debts will be collected in business. It is good to have your own job in the office.



Obstacles will be removed and auspicious events will be organized in the family. Money will increase. You will get the expected help from friends. You will meet some people in business. You will have the support of your superior at the office. Your respect among colleagues will increase.



Your face will be clear. There will be good news from your spouse. You will fix a vehicle that has been causing you trouble. You will collect debts in business. You will move your shop to a place where people gather a lot. You will gain the trust of your superiors in the office.



The money you expected will arrive. You will listen to your wife's wishes and fulfill them. You will be happy with your children. Vehicle maintenance costs will decrease. You will quickly collect dues in business. You will avoid arguments at the office.



Talk to your spouse and resolve problems in the family. Take care of your mother's health. There will be some confusion regarding your children's studies. Maintain peace at the office. Business will pick up steam and you will see profits.

Ganesha idols parade enthusiastically in
Hyderabad: Laddu Prasad auctioned for Rs. 39 lakh

HYDERABAD: Thousands of Ganesha idols were taken out in procession in Hyderabad yesterday and immersed in water bodies under heavy security. Among them, the Maha Laddu Prasad held in the hand of the Balapur Ganesha idol was auctioned for Rs. 39 lakhs this year.

The Ganesh Chaturthi festival was celebrated across the country on the 14th. Following this, on the 12th day, yesterday, all the Ganesh idols were taken out in a procession in Hyderabad under strict security and immersed in several bodies of water. A large number of devotees participated in the procession of the 69&foot Maha Ganapati in Hyderabad.

This Ganesha idol was immersed in the Hussain Sagar on the Necklace Road at 2.15 pm yesterday. Subsequently, thousands of Ganesha idols, including the Balapur Ganesha idol, were taken out in procession and immersed in 36 water bodies. From 7 am to midnight yesterday, the Ganesha idols were taken out in procession and immersed in the water bodies with the help of cranes. About 10,000 police personnel were involved in security work. Every year, devotees of Hyderabad's Balapur Ganesha idol are especially worshipped. For the past 45 years, a huge pandal has been erected in Balapur on the occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi. At that time, laddu prasad is offered to Ganesha. The laddu is auctioned before the Ganesha idol procession on the 9th or 11th day.

For the first time, this laddu prasad was auctioned for Rs. 450. This year, a special laddu made with almonds, pistachios and cashews was auctioned for Rs. 39 lakhs yesterday. This laddu prasad was auctioned by a person named Praneeth Reddy from Sahib Nagar. It is worth noting that last year, this laddu was auctioned for Rs. 35 lakhs.

Janaki's son's petition seeking ownership
of MGR property dismissed

Permission to approach the Civil Court

CHENNAI: Surendhiran, son of V.N. Janaki's first husband, has filed a petition in the Madras High Court seeking administrative rights to the property in Tiruchirappalli belonging to the late former Chief Minister MGR.

The hearing on this petition was held before Justice A.D. Maria Glad. At that time, on the side of Surendhiran, MGR had written a

will in 1987 regarding who should inherit his assets and to whom. There is no mention of the property in Tiruchirappalli in that will. That property has not been given to anyone till now. In the case regarding the copyright of MGR's autobiography, Why Was I Born, the Supreme Court ruled that Janaki was MGR's heir. Therefore, it was argued that I, Janaki's son,

should be given the right to manage that property. In response, the heirs of MGR's brother Sakkarapani argued that "since they also have rights in MGR's property in Tiruchi, they should also be included in this case and investigated."

After hearing arguments from both sides, the bench said, "The petitioner has not filed any evidence to prove that Janaki is MGR's

heir. Janaki passed away in 1996, and this case was filed only in 2019."

Meanwhile, the petitioner has not provided any information regarding the ownership of the property," he said, dismissing the petition. At the same time, he allowed the petitioner to approach the relevant legal department with the relevant documents and seek redress.

Trump's banquet for Chinese President
Xi Jinping: Elon Musk, Tim Cook attend

WASHINGTON: Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is on a state visit to the United States, has been presented with a special award by the

US government. US President Donald Trump hosted a lavish state dinner for Chinese President Xi Jinping at the White House

in Washington on Thursday night, amid deepening tensions between the two superpowers.

The special award was attended by leaders of America's leading technology companies, including Elon Musk of Tesla, Tim Cook of Apple, Jensen Huang of Nvidia, and Sam Altman of OpenAI.

This will ensure that tra-

de and artificial intelligence technology will occupy a prominent place in the talks between the leaders of the two countries.

Speaking at the award ceremony, Trump said, "We understand that President Jinping and I represent two different systems of governance. However, the bond between our peoples will always continue."

Chinese President Xi Jinping said, "The United States and China should live together peacefully and act as responsible major powers."

Iran used Chinese spy satellites to attack US bases



WASHINGTON: CNN, a media outlet based

in New York City, USA, has published a special report on the war between the United States and Iran. It states: Last July, the Iranian military attacked a US military base in Jordan with missiles and drones.

The attack caused significant damage to the US military base. Three soldiers were killed. US military officials confirmed that the Iranian military was carrying out the attack with the help of

Chinese spy satellites.

The Iranian military is also monitoring the vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz with the help of Chinese satellites. Through this, the country is also carrying out missile and drone attacks on enemy vessels with great precision. Without China's help, the Iranian military would not

have been able to carry out such a precise attack on US military bases.

China wanted to block oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz. This would raise global crude oil prices and cause economic distress. China provided special equipment to enable Iranian drones to carry out precision strikes.

Russia also helped Iran.

Iran was able to fight the US military with direct and indirect assistance from both countries. But the Trump administration has not directly monitored China,

CNN reported. An article published by the American Wall Street Journal states: Missiles and drones

are the backbone of Iran's military. The spare parts for these are sent to Iran from China.

Between February and June, China sent 1,300 aircraft and helicopters to Iran to transport spare parts. GPS equipment, aircraft engines, and motors were also shipped from China to Iran, the report said.

Asian Games: CM congratulates
squash players Joshna Chinappa
and Velavan Senthilkumar

CHENNAI: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has congratulated squash players Joshna

Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar, both from Tamil Nadu, for winning the bronze

medal in the mixed doubles event at the Asian Games. In a social media post regarding this, he stated, "My heartfelt congratulations and appreciation go to squash players Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar for bringing pride to both India and Tamil Nadu by winning the bronze medal in the mixed doubles category at the Asian Games currently underway in Japan.

In recognition of this magnificent achievement, the Tamil Nadu government will award a substantial cash incentive of ₹30 lakh to each of them.

Their victory will provide fresh inspiration and hope to the young generation of athletes in Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu government will always stand in support of all such talented athletes. I wish them success in achieving many more milestones."

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Tamil Nadu ranks first among
states attracting the most
Foreign Direct Investment

Tamil Nadu has secured the top spot among states attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, drawing investments worth ₹57,011 crore. Tamil Nadu leads the country in attracting FDI for the first quarter of the 2026&27 fiscal year.

The state attracted investments totaling ₹57,011 crore; in contrast, FDI stood at ₹25,870 crore during the first quarter of the 2025&26 fiscal year.

The current figure is more than double that of the previous fiscal year. Consequently, Tamil Nadu has emerged as a leading state for FDI inflows, capturing 30 percent of the total FDI. Investments have risen in the services sector, which encompasses finance, banking, insurance, commerce, and research. Analysts attribute this surge primarily to a massive investment received by Tamil Nadu-based Shriram Finance from the leading Japanese firm MUFG. While Karnataka's share of India's total investment was 31 percent in the first quarter of the 2025&26 fiscal year, it dropped to 11 percent in the first quarter of the 2026&27 fiscal year. Maharashtra also saw a decline, with its share falling from 29 percent to 21 percent. Maharashtra and Karnataka have faced a significant setback,

whereas Gujarat has witnessed a slight increase. Similarly, in the current quarter (July–September), Tamil Nadu has attracted two major investments, including from the leading US-based pharmaceutical company 'Walgreens' and the coffee company 'Starbucks'.



CHENNAI: Condemning the appointment of nurses on a temporary basis, nurses have announced a continuous protest starting on the 28th.

“We are going to win” Israeli
Prime Minister's speech at the
UN General Assembly

NEW YORK: The 81st UN General Assembly meeting is underway at the UN headquarters in New York City, USA. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the meeting.

At that time, he justified the war against Hamas in Gaza and the military operations being carried out in Iran, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.

Noting that Israel is engaged in a seven-pronged war, including Gaza, the occupied West Bank, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Yemen's Houthis and militant groups in Iraq, he said, "We are going to win. We have no other choice." Many UN representatives walked out of the assembly in protest of Netanyahu's speech. They chanted slogans condemning Netanyahu and left. At the same time, supporters of Israel in the assembly stood up and clapped their hands. This caused a commotion in the assembly for a while.

Burqa ban in schools
New law passed in Italy

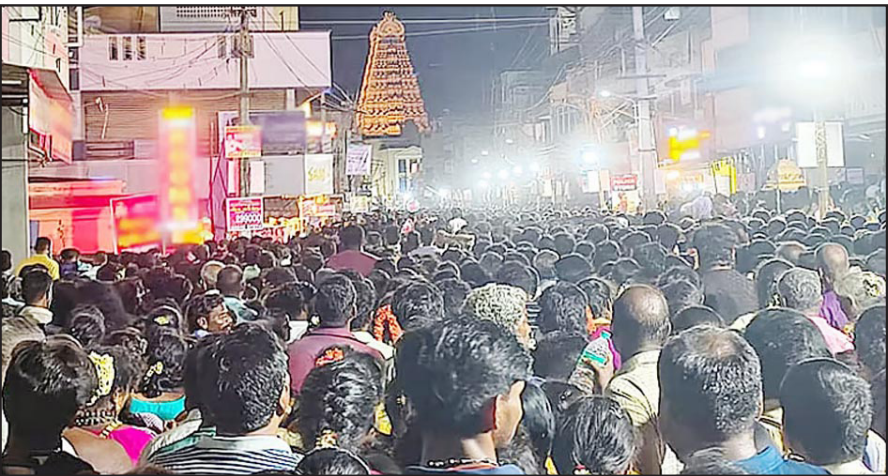
ROME: A cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Italy is being held the day before yesterday. During this meeting, a law banning the wearing of burqas and niqabs in churches in Italy was passed.

Regarding this, Prime Minister Meloni said, "The ban on wearing the burqa and niqab in mosques is a security measure. When a woman or a girl is forced to cover her face, her basic rights and integrity are denied." Similarly, a law was passed that set the number of students with insufficient proficiency in Italian at 30 percent of a class.

This will provide additional facilities for learning Italian. If a child faces serious difficulties in integrating into school, the social welfare authorities will be informed. Furthermore, the parents of that child will be required to participate in free Italian language training classes.



A young male elephant has been brought from the state of Assam to the world famous Rameswaram Ramanathaswamy Temple. Named 'Shiva', the young elephant arrived in Rameswaram after a journey of approximately 10 days by truck from Assam.



On the occasion of the full moon in Tiruvannamalai, a large number of devotees undertook the *Girivalam* (circumambulation of the holy hill) throughout the night. The full moon period for the Tamil month of Purattasi commenced at approximately 11:06 PM yesterday; consequently, the crowd began to swell in Tiruvannamalai from 7 PM onwards. Devotees arrived in large numbers using various modes of transport, including motorcycles, cars, vans, buses, and trains, to perform the circumambulation.

Karnataka government decides to appeal against Cauvery Management Authority order in Supreme Court



BENGALURU: The Karnataka government has decided to appeal in the Supreme Court against the decision of the Cauvery Management Authority, which has decided to release 4,000 cubic feet of water to Tamil Nadu for the next 15 days. Due to the failure of monsoon in Karnataka this year, there has been a conflict between Karnataka and Ta-

mil Nadu over the sharing of Cauvery river water. In this situation, the Cauvery Water Management Committee meeting held the day before yesterday recommended to the Karnataka government to release 4,000 cubic feet of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu for the next 15 days. This decision was strongly

condemned by the Kannada leaders and farmers' associations in Karnataka. Seeing this, Kannada activists and farmers' unions joined the protest yesterday in Mysore, Mandya, and Bengaluru. In this situation, Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar told reporters in Bengaluru yesterday, "We are in a situation where we are unable to implement the decision of the Cauvery Management Authority. There is not enough water in Karnataka's dams. Due to drought, we are unable to release water to Karnataka's farmers. We are consulting legal experts and will appeal in the Supreme Court against this decision."

A team of 4 female police officers has been appointed to investigate the Gem Veeramani sexual assault case

DGP Mahesh Kumar Agarwal orders

CHENNAI: DGP Mahesh Kumar Agarwal has ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the Gem Veeramani sexual assault case. The team includes 4 female police officers.

Gem Granites founder Veeramani (84) has been arrested and lodged in Puzhal jail in connection with the sexual assault of poor girls. His assistant Shanthi, her husband Mahendra Simkan and another assistant Ganesan were arrested in succession for their complicity. During the investigation, it was revealed that Veeramani had been sexually abusing poor girls for over 20 years. In this case, Veeramani's assistant Shanthi's group secretly recorded a video of the girls being sexually abused by Veeramani. They showed it and extorted crores of rupees from Veeramani. The video related to Veeramani has gone viral not only to Shanthi but also to many others. After that, many people have blackmailed Veeramani by telling about the video incident and received money. There was a large group behind this. It was in this context that Congress executive Ranjan Kumar alleged that he had filed a complaint with the Chennai Police regarding

Veeramani's sexual assault in 2024, but the police had not taken appropriate action. Action was also taken against police officers Arun and Kannan for their negligence in the investigation of the Veeramani sexual assault case. They were transferred to the waiting list. Meanwhile, Shanthi and her husband Mahendra Simkan, who were taken into police custody, were intensively questioned yesterday. They were also taken to their house in Teynampet and the police conducted another search. At that time, the police seized some more pornographic videos related to Veeramani that Shanthi had hidden in the house. Some documents were also seized. The police said that this will be additional evidence for the investigation of this case. In this situation, DGP Mahesh Kumar Agarwal has issued orders to form a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a thorough investigation into the Veeramani case and bring the culprits to justice. The group includes Chennai Central Crime Branch Additional Commissioner of Police P.C. Thenmozhi, Chennai Metropolitan Police West Zone Joint Commissioner Disha Mittal, SP and Tamil Nadu Police Media Relation



ns Officer J. Mutharasi, and Crimes Against Women and Children Prevention Division Deputy Commissioner V.V. Geethanjali. This special investigation team will summon all the accused one by one and call them to appear in person for questioning. They will record their answers in the form of statements and videos. They will continue to visit the places where the girls were sexually assaulted and collect information from the affected girls. They will interrogate the main accused, Veeramani, separately. They will collect details about their sexual assaults, the girls involved, and the gang that filmed it and extorted money. Following this, Shanthi, her husband Mahendra Simkan and Ganesan will be questioned separately. After the investigation is complet-

ed, the Special Investigation Team will file a chargesheet in the court. Following this, the Special Investigation Team officials immediately began their investigation yesterday. In particular, they summoned Congress functionary Ranjan Kumar to the Chennai Police Commissioner's office and conducted an intensive investigation for about 5 hours. As the Special Investigation Team has begun its investigation into the Veeramani case, it is expected that more people involved will be implicated. IPS officer Thenmozhi, who is part of the Special Investigation Team, is known as an excellent investigative officer. He hails from Dindigul district and is currently serving as the Additional Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch. He has extensive experience

working in investigative agencies including the CBI and CBCID. Joint Commissioner Disha Mittal is from Punjab. She started her career as an IPS officer in the Tamil Nadu division in 2009. She has held various important positions including Deputy Commissioner of Mylapore, Joint Commissioner of Chennai East Zone, DIG of Villupuram, Joint Commissioner of North Chennai Traffic Police. She is known as an officer who has performed well in law and order work. Deputy Commissioner Geethanjali has experience of effectively handling important responsibilities including Deputy Commissioner of Central Crime Branch, Chennai. She has experience of working as a superintendent in several districts. She has effectively solved various important cases.

Disappointed after booking a hotel that doesn't exist in Kashmir: Family stays in car in freezing cold

Private company ordered to pay Rs. 48 thousand



NEW DELHI: Advocate Rajesh Sohan, who hails from Gurdaspur in Punjab, booked rooms at two hotels, Heritage Rose Inn in Srinagar and Apple Tree

Resorts in Gulmarg, through the website of Make My Trip India, for a family trip to places including Srinagar in December last year. When Rajesh's family

went to the hotel in Srinagar as per the plan, they found that there was no hotel by that name. Following this, when they went to Apple Tree Resorts in Gulmarg, they found that there was no hotel by that name there. Rajesh was cheated by paying for 2 hotels that were not there. As a result, they had to stay in the car in the bitter cold. Rajesh filed a case in this regard in the District Consumer Disputes Commission in Gurdaspur. The commission

chairman Lalit Mohan Dogra and member Bhagwan Singh Madaru, who heard the case, ordered Make My Trip India to pay Rs. 48,775 to Rajesh's family. The Grievance Redressal Commission's decision stated that Make My Trip should pay a total of Rs. 48,775 to Rajesh Sohan's family, including Rs. 18,775 for booking the hotel room, Rs. 25,000 in damages for the emotional distress and financial loss caused to the family, and Rs. 5,000 in legal expenses.

158 sub-registrars transferred across Tamil Nadu in a single day

CHENNAI: The transfer of 158 independent journalists across Tamil Nadu in a single day has caused a stir. Chief Minister Vijay launched the first registration of houses and plots in new projects in Tamil Nadu on August 15th, without having to visit the registrar's office directly, but online from the relevant sales office.



In this regard, the Department of Registration has conducted various studies and issued new guidelines. Accordingly, in new projects, the first sale of houses and plots, mortgage documents, etc., will not require registration, but the will certificate obtained on the website will suffice. Document verification Mortgage documents will also be eligible for registration if they are filed through the 'Citizen Portal'. No need to see the receipt of the loan completion doc-

uments to register the receipt documents. No need to pay the holiday fee for the non-face-to-face registration. It has been stated that in the absence of direct attendance, the document holder can register online from anywhere, but the Special Public Authority Document cannot be used. It has been reported that 76,000 newspapers have been published in the last 40 days through this hassle-free, non-attendance-based newspaper publishing system, which is easy for the general public. Meanwhile, registration officials have announced that from October 15, it will be

mandatory to register four types of family law documents in a paperless registration system, and documents will be sent electronically. In this context, yesterday, in a single day, 158 officials from across Tamil Nadu were transferred and the head of the Registration Department, Arun Sundar Dayalan, was given the task, causing a stir in the Registration Department.



Glimpse of departure ceremony of Indian Coast Guard Ship Shaunak, in Chennai

Protests across Tamil Nadu on Oct. 1 demanding the removal of Gyanesh Kumar

Communists announce

CHENNAI: It has been announced that a protest demonstration will be held across Tamil Nadu on October 1 by the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India, and Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation demanding the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

In a joint statement issued in this regard, it was said, "A major conspiracy and abuse of power within the Election Commission of India has come to light. The Chief Election Commissioner has blatantly violated the principles that the three Election Commissioners of the Election Commission of India should act unanimously and take decisions collectively. On issues where consensus cannot be reached, the Chief Election Commissioner should act on the basis of majority opinion. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has acted in an authoritarian manner, ignoring the views, objections and opposition of the other two Election Commissioners, as per his wishes. He has acted

according to the wishes of the Union BJP government. The truth has now come out that he has disrupted the free and fair election process. It has been revealed that the other two Election Commissioners, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and

out. As a result, the names of over 13 crore voters in various states and union territories have been removed from the draft electoral rolls. The ruling BJP, the union party, has made free elections meaningless by allowing only its supporters to remain

Commissioners Appointment Act, 2023 removed the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from the selection committee for Election Commissioners and replaced him with a Union Cabinet Minister appointed by the Prime Minister.

That change has weakened the independence of the Election Commission, a democratic institution. It has led to the Election Commission becoming a puppet of the ruling party. This change should be repealed and the old system should be followed. The Constitutional responsibility of the Election Commission is very clear. Its primary duty is to protect and ensure the right to vote and the opportunity to vote without fear for every eligible citizen.

We urge the Election Commission not to abdicate that duty under any circumstances. Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah must be held accountable for the attack and disruption of Indian parliamentary democracy by depriving crores of voters of their right to vote. The Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) have demanded the immediate removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and legal action be taken against him. "To emphasize this demand, a protest demonstration will be held on behalf of the Left Party in district capitals across Tamil Nadu on Thursday (01.10.2026). We request the people of all parts to participate in this nationwide struggle to protect democracy."



Vivek Joshi, have written to the Chief Election Commissioner at least 14 times in the last 10 months to protest against his actions in order to maintain fair election procedures and protect the voting rights of voters. They have expressed strong opposition to the decisions including the revision of the Special Electoral Roll, making "illegal" and "unauthorized" changes in Form 6 for voter registration, and centralizing the electoral roll software.

The two Election Commissioners have also appealed to the Union Cabinet Secretary regarding the centralization of controls related to the voter roll. This has revealed that although the Chief Election Commissioner's abuse of power was brought to the attention of the Union Government, it has been ignored. All objections from the two Election Commissioners have been ignored and a special intensive voter list revision has been carried

voters through the Election Commission and turning the Election Commission into its puppet for this. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been the central instrument in the massive removal of voters from the voter list. This has eroded the public's trust in the Election Commission, a constitutionally democratic institution. He is completely unfit to continue in that position. To restore trust and credibility in the Election Commission of India, he must be removed from office immediately. The Supreme Court should seriously examine the decisions taken by the Election Commission of India and the manner in which they were taken. This crisis cannot be separated from the changes made by the BJP government in 2023 to the method of appointing the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners. The Chief Election Commissioner and Election



The Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. L. Murugan attends the Reception of Celebration of National Day of the High Commission of Malaysia, in New Delhi

Union Minister Jaishankar holds talks with Foreign Ministers of Iran, Russia

NEW YORK: Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held consultations with the Foreign Ministers of Iran and Russia.

The 81st session of the UN General Assembly is underway in New York, USA. Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is participating in this on behalf of India.

He met and held talks with the foreign ministers of Iran and Russia.

Discussions were held on various issues, including bilateral affairs, cooperation with BRICS member countries, and the conflict in the Gulf region.

During this trip, he met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and also met with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi. The BRICS summit was held in Delhi earlier this month, attended by several leaders from the BRICS



member countries, including Russian President Putin and Iranian President Masoud Bejashian.

Bank staff tied up; Rs. 33.60 crore looted, Manhunt launched for the gang

JAMSHEDPUR: A gang has looted gold jewelry and cash worth approximately Rs 33.62 crore from a bank, causing widespread shock.

A branch of Canara Bank operates in the Masjid Road area of Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. Yesterday morning, shortly after the bank opened, an armed gang of five people barged in.

They threatened the bank staff and the security guard, holding them hostage. The gang assaulted the security guard when he attempted to intervene. A complaint filed with the police states that the staff members' hands and legs were bound with tape, and their mouths were gagged.

The gang then threatened the bank manager at gunpoint to obtain the keys to the strongroom.

Subsequently, they opened the vault containing gold jewelry pledged by customers and looted both the jewelry and cash.

It is reported that the bank's strongroom held approximately 650 packets of pledged gold jewelry. About 23.80 kg of gold jewelry was looted, valued at approximately Rs 33.20 crore.

Additionally, around Rs 42 lakh in cash was stolen. The gang executed the robbery within an hour



and fled via different routes on the motorcycles they had arrived on. Upon receiving information about the incident, the Golmuri police registered a case and launched an investigation.

Forensic experts inspected the crime scene and collected evidence, including fingerprints. Police

are also examining CCTV footage recorded at the bank. Reports indicate that a special investigation team, led by the District Superintendent of Police (SP), has been formed to swiftly apprehend the robbers. The police are actively working to identify the culprits and trace the routes they took to escape.

'King of Fish' Pulasa Auctioned for ₹26,000

CHENNAI: The 'Pulasa' fish—often hailed as the 'King of Fish'—is always in high demand. While these fish are found in the Godavari River, they are particularly prized in the regions of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Now, a surprising incident in Puducherry has astonished everyone. The Pulasa fish (Hilsa) is characterized by a shimmering, silver-like body, a sharp head, and a flattened shape.



It is renowned for its exceptional taste when cooked and is considered a fish with numerous medicinal properties. Pulasa is rich in protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, and minerals that support bone strength, vision, and immune system health. Crucially, it contains abundant Omega-3 fatty acids, which are beneficial for heart health. Additionally, Pulasa helps control blood pressure, reduce bad cholesterol, and improve brain function.

These fish are primarily found in the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh and the estuaries where the river meets the Bay of Bengal. They are available mainly during the monsoon season (specifically the Tamil months of Aadi and Aavani). They swim upstream from the sea to the river to breed, at which point fishermen catch them. Due to its rarity and exquisite taste, it is a premium fish variety that commands a high price.

There is often fierce competition to win the bid for this highly flavorful and protein-rich fish. Whenever this fish is caught,

seafood enthusiasts purchase it at a price determined by its weight. Recently, a Pulasa fish was caught in the Yanam region—specifically in the Gautami Godavari River—where it became entangled in a fisherman's net. The fish, weighing 1,300 grams, was brought to the auction center at the Yanam fish market.

At the auction, the starting price was set at ₹26,000. Malladi Satyanarayana, a fisherman from Kotipalli, Kakinada, won the bid at ₹26,000. Shortly thereafter, he sold it to another buyer for ₹27,000, making a profit of ₹1,000 within minutes. There is another significant aspect to this: only about seven Pulasa fish have been caught in the Gautami Godavari River over the past ten days. Those fish sold for prices ranging from ₹14,000 to ₹22,000. However, this 1.3 kg specimen fetched ₹27,000, marking a

rise in price compared to the recent catch. Sellers state that ₹27,000 is the highest price recorded for a single Pulasa fish in the Yanam area this year. The supply of Pulasa fish is reportedly very low during the monsoon season; the fact that only seven fish were caught in ten days serves as an example of this scarcity. Sellers attribute the high prices to this limited supply and the resulting high demand. Beyond its unique taste, the Pulasa fish is also believed to possess medicinal properties. Whenever this fish is caught, seafood enthusiasts purchase it based on its weight. People believe it is particularly beneficial for brain development and boosting immunity. Consequently, the price of the Pulasa fish far exceeds that of ordinary fish, often reaching several thousand rupees. This year, a Pulasa fish was sold for an unprecedented ₹27,000; the fact that a fish weighing just 1,300 grams was bought at auction for ₹26,000 and resold for ₹27,000 within minutes highlights the immense demand for it.

A ₹500 Crore Deal... Figures Who Extorted Money from 'Gem' Veeramani!

MADURAI: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay is set to launch the 'Maternal Uncle Gold Ring Scheme'—a key announcement in the TVK election manifesto—at the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai the day after tomorrow. Following this, he will inaugurate the renovated Gandhi Museum building. With only one day remaining before the event, Tamil Nadu Minister for Electricity and Law, CTR Nirmal Kumar, inspected the arrangements at the Gandhi Museum alongside officials.

CTR Nirmalkumar: Continuing his interaction with the press, he said, "The Chief Minister is inaugurating the 'Thai&man Thanga Mothiram' (Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring) scheme and the Gandhi Museum. Launching a significant scheme for the poor in Madurai on the 28th is a key event. Only these two programs have been confirmed; he is not staying overnight in Madurai. When the DMK overreacts, it implies there is something wrong. Many such cases have been hushed up elsewhere; the Veeramani case is a particularly egregious one." Raghupathy: "We have seen how the DMK handled this.

Raghupathy claims there is insufficient evidence because only a shadow is visible in the video, stating that proceedings would begin only if there were concrete proof. This is not a matter to be brushed aside lightly; they are trying to shield



Veeramani. A complaint was filed in 2024, which reached the then Police Commissioners and, presumably, the Chief Minister as well."

M.K. Stalin: "What orders did the then Chief Minister issue? Allegations arose that several people extorted money from Veeramani through bargaining. What was the Chief Minister doing while all this was happening? They closed the case citing 'insufficient evidence'—does that imply the 'bargaining' had concluded satisfactorily? This issue had been unfolding behind the scenes for a year and a half." Financial Bargaining: "Marxist Shanmugam spoke to me yesterday. I had commented based on an incorrect date mentioned in a press report; he has said he will clarify the matter today. He had been misinformed. Severe action will be taken against those who committed such a heinous crime and those who abetted it."

PTR Palanivel Thiagarajan: "During the previous regime, PTR would release a budget after the budget session concluded; it was based on this that he was appointed Finance Minister. He is someone who was removed from the post du-

ring the DMK's own tenure for being an inefficient minister. Spitting out the bear..." PTR is someone who was disqualified [in the past], unlike those who come from four generations of political lineage. We have entered politics with the support of our leader. The entire town knows about PTR's efficiency. None of us are 'power centers'; we simply do what is necessary for the people.

DMK vs. AIADMK: We caused no trouble to the trustee; he is speaking out of ego. Issues within their own trust are arising due to ego clashes. Why did they leave the AIADMK? The reason was the attempt to form a coalition government between the DMK and AIADMK. How many former AIADMK ministers are campaigning now? The current party is neither Edappadi's AIADMK nor the 'Puratchi Thalaivar's' (MGR's) AIADMK. Why are figures like S.P. Velumani, Thangamani, and C.P.S. not with them? Udhayanidhi: There are no loyalists of 'Ammu' left in that party. The DMK will undergo a similar transformation; the party that existed under Anna and Kalaingar is gone. Today, people are unable to place their trust in either Stalin or Udh-

yanidhi. Can Stalin seek votes in the next election by relying on Udhayanidhi? Their actions have diminished the DMK's reputation. Those who genuinely wish to serve the people will eventually leave for the sake of their political future. Parandur Airport: Money was distributed for votes in every area, yet

our candidates secured the highest number of votes. The opposition won only about 30 to 40 constituencies. Regarding issues affecting Tamil Nadu, it was the 'Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam' that approached the Supreme Court—specifically on the Waqf Board issue. Finally, regarding the Parandur airport—canceling an airport project initiated by the Union government for the entire country is an unprecedented move. Vijay is the only leader who has declared the BJP to be his ideological adversary. Edappadi Palaniswami: Why are key former AIADMK leaders no longer with Edappadi? Edappadi Palaniswami has mortgaged the AIADMK's legacy to the DMK. For those who resigned and left because they could not tolerate this... "There is nothing wrong with allocating the ticket. In another two years, the DMK will face the same fate as the AIADMK. No one who envisions a political future and intends to engage with the public will choose to align themselves with Udhayanidhi, Stalin, or Edappadi. Not a single new person will join that party from now on," he said.

Asian Games: Indian Women's Kabaddi Team Wins Gold by Defeating Iran

India Moves Up to 12th Place in the Medal Tally

JAPAN: The Indian women's kabaddi team won the gold medal by defeating Iran at the Asian Games. With this victory, India's gold medal count has risen to three. The Iranian and Indian teams clashed in the kabaddi final held at the Citizen Gymnasium in Tokai, Japan.

In a thrilling match, the Indian team defeated Iran with a score of 37&34. This victory brings India's total gold medal count in the current Asian Games to three. Previously, the women's cricket team and the mixed team



pair of Suruchi Singh Phogat and Kamaljeet (in the 10 mair pistol event) had won gold medals.

Women's kabaddi has been part of the Asian Games since 2010. In the 2018 games, India finished second behind Iran;

however, the Indian women's team has won the gold medal in every Asian Games since then. This marks the 12th gold medal India has won in the kabaddi category at the Asian Games. Of these, the men's team has won eight gold medals since

1990. The Indian men's team is set to face Iran in the men's kabaddi final today. China holds the top spot in the medal tally with a total of 165 medals, comprising 102 gold, 38 silver, and 25 bronze.

Japan has secured second place with 117 medals, comprising 29 gold, 43 silver, and 45 bronze. South Korea has taken third place with 66 medals, consisting of 13 gold, 18 silver, and 35 bronze. India has finished in 12th place with a total of 27 medals—3 gold, 11 silver, and 13 bronze.

TVK has spent ₹19.8 crore for the 2026 Assembly elections

CHENNAI: Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) has spent ₹19.8 crore for the 2026 Assembly elections. It has been revealed that this expenditure is merely one-eighth of the ₹197.84 crore spent by the DMK. Assembly elections for five states—Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Assam, West Bengal, and Kerala—were announced on March 16. All political parties are required to submit their expenditure accounts to the Election Commission of India, covering the period from the announcement date until the conclusion of voting. The details,

verified and published on the Election Commission's website, are as follows: The DMK and AIADMK filed reports with the Election Commission stating expenditures of ₹198 crore and ₹112 crore, respectively. Following the election announcement, the Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) received ₹2.20 crore in revenue from various sources. A total of ₹1.37 crore was spent, comprising ₹93.29 lakh for election campaigning, ₹2.30 lakh for star speakers, and costs related to travel and advertising. TVK has now reported an

expenditure of ₹19.8 crore for the elections. This amount is just one-eighth of the ₹197.84 crore spent by the DMK. * Vijay's air travel expenses: ₹3.54 crore * Advertising expenses: ₹6.34 crore * Campaign materials: ₹40.54 lakh * Public meeting and roadshow expenses: ₹2.06 crore * Other campaign expenses: ₹27.04 crore * Total receipts from all sources during the election period: ₹7.02 crore * An expenditure of ₹40 lakh was incurred for each of the two constituencies—Perambur and Trichy East—where Vijay contested.

It was revealed that no funds were spent on online campaigns conducted via social media platforms. However, a significant portion of the party's general campaign expenditure—₹26.35 crore—was spent on media advertisements, including newspapers, digital media, and radio. At the time the election was announced, the party's opening balance stood at ₹3.03 crore; receipts during the election period amounted to ₹7.02 crore. It is noteworthy that Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam contested in 233 constituencies and won 108 seats.