

# Terrorists who dare to clash with India will certainly be given a befitting reply

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Modi has categorically stated that terrorists who dare to confront India will certainly face a befitting response. Speaking on the 'Mann Ki Baat' program, Prime Minister Modi said: From the Balakot strike to 'Operation Sindhur', the key message we convey is the same—terrorists who dare to challenge India will undoubtedly receive a fitting reply; India has made it clear that it will counter terrorism with decisive retaliatory action. We are approaching the 10th anniversary of the 'Surgical Strike,' a significant

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserts

historic achievement for India. The way our brave soldiers crossed the Line of Control and struck terrorist hideouts in Pakistan left the entire world in awe. This attack set a new global precedent for India's counter-terrorism policy. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Among the innocent lives lost at the World Trade Center in the US, Indians constituted the largest group of victims after American citizens. I recall visiting the US to pay

tribute to those innocent citizens in New York after assuming office as Prime Minister in 2014; even today, on behalf of crores of Indians, I extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We began this year with the Somnath Self & Respect Festival. In 1026 AD, Mahmud of Ghazni destroyed the Somnath Temple for the first time. Those who sought to erase India's very identity by destroying the Somnath Temple have themselves ceased to



exist today. Meanwhile, that temple stands majestically along the vast coastline in all its glory, bestowing a sense of timelessness upon India. In

1026 AD—the same year the Somnath Temple was destroyed by the forces of Mahmud of Ghazni—the renowned Modhera Sun Temple in Gu-

jarat was also demolished. This means that a thousand years have now passed since the destruction of the Modhera temple. Such a massive invasion—involving the desecration of a major place of worship like the Somnath Temple and attacks across various locations—could easily have shattered the resolve of any community or administration. Yet, Bhimadeva I not only stood up against Mahmud of Ghazni but also rebuilt

the Modhera Sun Temple within a short span of time. Our connection with the past remains vibrant today, largely due to those who work with dedication and hard work to strengthen that bond. One such unique initiative is currently underway in Manapparai, in the Trichy district of Tamil Nadu. Selvaraju, a faculty member from the Tamil department of a local college, is spearheading this effort. The initiatives undertaken by Selvaraju are helping to

discover ancient idols and temples.

This aids us in connecting with our heritage and understanding it better. He first learned about certain ancient sculptures from a student during a classroom lesson. Following a discussion on the matter, he planned a field survey. During this survey, he discovered numerous sculptures and ancient temples across various locations. This serves as an interesting way to connect with the past and gain a better understanding of our heritage. Prime Minister Modi spoke in this manner.

## Strategy Against Russia

### Trump Administration Makes Bold Move to Supply Alternative Energy to India



WASHINGTON: The Trump-led US administration has taken a decisive step to supply alternative energy to India as part of a strategy to counter Russia. US President Trump has introduced new economic sanctions against Russia and Iran.

Under these measures,

the US has warned that countries purchasing crude oil from Russia could face additional tariffs of up to 100 percent.

This raised concerns that India, a major importer of Russian oil, would face a severe crisis. Reports indicate that the US government made this decision as part

of a broader strategy against Russia and has simultaneously decided to step in as an alternative energy supplier for India. A senior US State Department official provided a key clarification regarding this matter. The official stated, "We are aware that India relies on various countries to meet its energy needs, and we have no issue with that."

The US is prepared to become a primary supplier to meet India's massive energy requirements, serving

as an alternative to Russia."

The US is a global leader in the export of cooking gas and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG); therefore, it has assured India that it can provide the necessary energy supplies without interruption. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar had visited New York to attend the UN General Assembly session.

During his visit, he expressed India's concerns that the new US tariff flaws could impact bilateral relations. However, official sources have stated that the Trump administration has the authority to grant India an exemption from these tariffs under the U.S. national security waiver provision, and that discussions on this matter are ongoing.

### Manipur: Second Incident in 3 Days; Two Members of Naga Community Shot Dead

IMPHAL: Two members of the Naga community were shot dead after a group stormed a village headman's house in Manipur. The Naga people form the majority population in Kalenjang village, located in the Senapati district of Manipur. Yesterday afternoon, a militant group forcibly entered a house in the village—reportedly the residence of the village headman. The group opened fire on four individuals present in the house before fleeing.

Two men, identified as Rocky and Kumar, lost their lives, while Adani Manio (33) and Ashiho Sani (49) sustained severe injuries. Manipur Chief Minister Y. Khemchand Singh has strongly condemned the killings. The Chief Minister



was attending a college's silver jubilee celebration at the time; the attack occurred approximately 30 km away from the Mao area where he was present. This marks the second such incident in three days. Earlier, in the early hours of the day before yesterday, an armed rebel group from neighboring Myanmar had suddenly entered Pilang village in Manipur's Kamjong

district, near the Indo-Myanmar border. They opened fire on villagers before escaping. Following that incident, the bodies of four individuals were recovered; they belonged to the Naga community and had died from gunshot wounds. The motive behind the attack remains unknown, and efforts to identify the perpetrators are underway.

A case has been registered

under the UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act) and the Arms Act. Chief Minister Khemsanth Singh condemned the incident and expressed his condolences to the affected families. Following this, the Naga community announced a 24-hour shutdown of shops, effective from 7:00 AM the day before yesterday until 7:00 AM yesterday.

Last May, six members of the Naga community were abducted and killed, sparking strong opposition from the community.

Protests were held demanding the resignation of the Deputy Chief Minister and justice for the six victims. At that time, tripartite talks involving the state and central governments were held as a conciliatory measure.

## 'Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring' Scheme CM Vijay to Launch It Tomorrow!

MADURAI: Chief Minister Vijay is set to launch the "Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring Scheme" tomorrow, under which a one-gram gold ring will be gifted to babies born in government hospitals. Preparations for the launch event at Madurai Rajaji Government Hospital have reached the final stages. Election promises played a pivotal role in Vijay coming to power in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

Key initiatives included the 'Annan Seer' scheme (providing gold for the 'Thali'), the 'Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring' scheme for newborns in government hospitals, and the expansion of the free bus travel scheme. Having assumed office, the Vijay government is now implementing these schemes one by one. Accordingly, the 'Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring' scheme—providing a one-gram gold ring to babies born in government hospitals—is being rolled out, with the nec-



essary funds already allocated. Reports indicate that a total of approximately 440,000 gold rings will be distributed.

Contracts for the scheme have already been awarded, with companies such as Joyalukkas and Kalyan Jewellers securing the bids. Joyalukkas received the order to manufacture approximately 70% of the rings, while Kalyan Jewellers was tasked with producing the remaining 30%. Under the initial phase of the contract, Joyalukkas has already manufactured and supplied around 89,000 gold

rings. Each ring, weighing one gram and made of 22-carat gold, bears the BIS Hallmark and an HUID number. A total of 89,955 gold rings have been dispatched to 117 government maternal and child health centers that record high delivery rates.

Amidst great anticipation, Chief Minister Vijay is set to launch the 'Thaimaaman' (Maternal Uncle) Gold Ring Scheme tomorrow at the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai. Preparations for the event are currently in full swing. Fans, the general public, and

members of the Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam are preparing to give an enthusiastic welcome to Vijay, who will arrive in Madurai by air from Chennai tomorrow morning.

Following the launch of the 'Thaimaaman' Gold Ring Scheme, he will participate in various events, including the inauguration of the renovated Gandhi Museum in Madurai; arrangements for these events have reached the final stages. In anticipation of Chief Minister Vijay's visit, over a thousand police personnel—including District Superintendents from districts such as Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, and Sivaganga—have been deployed for security duties across various parts of Madurai.

Additionally, a ban on flying drones has been imposed in the city for the duration of the visit.

## Power outages will be fully resolved within three months

### Electricity Minister Nirmal Kumar

MADURAI: "Faults within the electricity sector are being identified and rectified. Power outages will be completely resolved within the next three months," stated Electricity Minister Nirmal Kumar. Speaking in Madurai, he said: "The DMK government handled the 'Gem' Veeramani case incorrectly. The party's overreaction to this matter suggests something is amiss in the case; DMK members are attempting to shield Veeramani."

Former Law Minister Raghupathy dismissed the issue by claiming there was insufficient evidence in the



video, but this is not a matter to be taken lightly.

A complaint filed against Veeramani in 2024 reached the then Police Commissioner; it would have also reached the then Chief Minister Stalin.

Allegations have arisen that several individuals extorted money from Veeramani through negotiations.

Amidst such significant issues, what did the then Chief Minister Stalin do? What orders did he issue? The case was closed citing a lack of evidence. Does this imply that a deal was struck? This issue has been unfolding behind the scenes for a year and a half, involving negotiations worth hundreds of

crores of rupees.

Stern action will be taken against those who committed this heinous crime and those who abetted it. Faults within the electricity sector are being identified and rectified. Power outages will be completely resolved within the next three months."

## Today horoscope



New ideas will come to mind. You will have the support of family members. Your health will improve. Your interest in spirituality will increase. Anger will go away. Business will be satisfactory. It is better to avoid arguments at the office.



You will take some bold decisions. There will be happiness in the family. Siblings will be supportive. You will overcome competition in business and make profits. Get used to being in the office and doing your job.



You will get the support of those in power. Ego issues will be resolved and the couple will become closer. Vehicle maintenance costs will decrease. Savings will increase. Dues will be collected in business. An important document you were looking for in the office will be found.



Family problems will be resolved. Elder brother will help. Cash flow will be satisfactory. Dues will be collected in business. Important personalities will be customers. Avoid interfering in the affairs of others in the office.



Give up on your family. You will have to work hard to complete your planned tasks. Be careful while traveling. You will try to expand your business on a large scale. Your reputation will increase in the office.



Relatives and friends who had a bad opinion of you will change their minds. Happiness will prevail in the house. Go to the temple of your ancestral deity with your family and fulfill your prayers. You will overcome competition in business. You will be successful in your job.



The auspicious things that were hindered will happen smoothly. Childhood friends will be by your side. You will meet some important personalities in business. You will get support from your partner. Do not hold any grudge against anyone in the office.



You will speak your mind eloquently. Confusions will be resolved and a lively atmosphere will arise in the family. You will find peace of mind with relatives and friends. You will collect debts in business. You will have the support of your superiors in the office. You will be respected by your colleagues.



You will complete your planned tasks successfully. Any grievances with your maternal relatives will be resolved. Senior officials at the office will be supportive. Dues will be collected in business. Act on the advice of your partners.



Confusion will be eliminated and happiness will prevail in the family. You will have to rely on others and delegate some tasks and then complete them yourself. You will go abroad on business. Do not complain to the headquarters about anyone in the office.



You will impress those around you by speaking in a charming manner. You will benefit from celebrities. You will renovate and expand your ancestral house. Your mother's health will improve. You will expand your business. You will be recommended for a new position in the office.



It is better to avoid anger and make intelligent decisions. There will be peace in the family. A vehicle will cost you money. You will embark on a major expansion of your business. Avoid arguments at the office.



## Don't believe rumors about darshan tickets: Tirupati Devasthanams appeal

TIRUMALA: Tirupati Devasthanams is releasing all the services, including special darshan of Rs. 300, and tickets for the elderly and the differently & abled online every month.

But they sell out in 3 minutes. Only a few get darshan tickets or free tokens. This leaves lakhs of devotees dissatisfied.

Information is circulating on social media that this is happening because someone deliberately booked too many tickets in advance.

In this regard, the Tirupati Devasthanams said in a statement, "Every month, the Devasthanams issue 2.69 lakh special darshan tickets of Rs. 300. However, on an average, 6 lakh devotees at a time try to book 24 lakh tickets at the rate of 4 tickets each."

"It is not possible to book tickets because many people are trying at the same time. Bank servers are also the reason for this. Many devotees are waiting for the temple to take action to fix this problem soon. Until then, do not believe in rumors," it said.

## PM Modi participates in 'Bhajan Clubbing' event with Gen Z youth Excitement as the Kanjira instrument plays the devotional song 'Parvati'



New Delhi: At a 'Bhajan Clubbing' event held in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with youth from various walks of life, mesmerized everyone by playing the Kanjira musical instrument to the popular devotional

song 'Parvati'.

A 'Bhajan Clubbing' event was held in Delhi on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Prime Minister Modi participated in the event.

Singer Sadhus Tiwari sang the famous devotional song 'Parvati' from the movie 'Hanuman Ansh'.

At that time, Prime Minister Modi also enthusiastically enjoyed the event along with the youth of Zen Zi. He also impressed everyone by playing the Kanjira musical instrument.

Prime Minister Modi shared a video of the event on his social media. He had posted, "Bhajan clubbing in Delhi. Amazing!" In this regard, 'Hanuman Ansh' film actor Shobinav Satya said, "When

I saw the way Prime Minister Modi came to the event and sat on a chair, the way he played the kanjira musical instrument in his hands, I felt like he had become a child among children. Only a true saint can do this."

'Bhajan clubbing' is a new hobby that is growing among the youth of Zen Zi. It presents traditional devotional songs in the style of modern musical performances. Devotional songs are sung with modern stage setup, colorful lights, live bands and energetic music. It is designed to engage the younger generation in spiritual activities.



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah at launch of various initiatives related to women empowerment and cooperation at the Pavithram Convention Centre, in Kollam, Kerala

## Reading habit should be encouraged in children: Mayilsamy Annadurai emphasizes

CHENNAI: ISRO scientist Mayilsamy Annadurai emphasized the need to encourage the habit of reading among children at the 'Sadavu' book launch event held in Chennai.

The Tamil literary organization 'Echhuthu' organizes a novel competition every year under the name 'Thirumathi Soundara Kailasam Literary Prize' to encourage young writers. A 3-member jury is formed to select the best novels and award them. In that regard, the novel 'Sadavu' written by writer S. Eknathraj has won the 'Thirumathi Soundara Kailasam Literary Prize' for the year 2025.

The prize distribution ceremony for this was held yesterday in Chennai's Thiruvananthapuram on behalf of the literary organization and 'Kavitha Publishing House'. Former Union Minister and MP P. Chidambaram presen-

ted a cheque for Rs. 2 lakh and an award certificate to the author S. Eknath Raj.

Following that, the first copy of the novel 'Sadavu' was received by poet Vairamuthu for publication by ISRO scientist Mayilsamy Annadurai, chairman of the Tamil Nadu Curriculum Drafting Committee. Sethu. Sokkalingam, publisher of Kavita, delivered the welcome address, while writer N. Sriram gave an introductory speech on behalf of the jury, and writer A. Vennila gave a book review. Speaking at the event, scientist Mayil Sami Annadurai said: 'Sadavu' provides a tireless reading experience. This novel has beautifully recorded the challenges faced by women across generations within a family



structure and their struggles for rights. In particular, the story of a woman who fights and wins to establish that daughters have an equal share in the property earned by their father will have a great impact on the readers.

Reading books, more than watching movies, expands the imagination of humans manifold. When reading a novel, the freedom to create scenes and background music for it in their imagination is only in reading. Therefore, parents should buy inspiring works that will create a new

society for their children and instill the habit of reading in them. He emphasized this.

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram said, "Serving as a jury member for selecting a novel for this prize is not an easy job. No great decision can be made in this world without consensus. We should organize festivals for Tamil writers and scholars in Tamil Nadu and celebrate their works." Karthik Chidambaram, trustee of the literary organization, and poet Ilakiya Natarajan participated in the event.

## Central government orders coal-fired power plants to operate at full capacity to meet power demand

NEW DELHI: Due to the El Nino effect, the temperature has increased this year more than usual. Due to this, the demand for electricity has increased. The demand for electricity is expected to increase further in the coming months. Therefore, the central government has taken steps to meet the increasing demand for electricity.

Accordingly, the central government has ordered that more than 100 coal & fired power plants for own use should operate at maximum capacity from October 1st until the end of the year. The Union Ministry of Power has also advised that the excess electricity genera-

ted should be sold through power exchange markets.

This order, issued under the emergency provisions of the Electricity Act, applies to power plants with a generating capacity of at least 50 MW.

These self & consumption power plants often generate electricity for the needs of their industrial enterprises, such as aluminum smelters, steel manufacturing companies, cement plants, and oil refineries.

Specifically, 112 power plants owned by companies including Vedanta, Tata Steel, Hindalco Industries, Ultratech Cement, Reliance Industries, Indian Oil, Bharat



Aluminium, Hindustan Zinc and Nayara Energy come under this order.

The ministry has also ordered power plants to submit details including the amount of electricity generated, electricity consumption for own use, electricity sold and coal reserves to the Central Electricity Authority on a weekly basis. Meanwhile, the previous emergency order

requiring Tata Power's imported coal & fired power plant in Mundra, Gujarat, to operate at full capacity has been extended until December 31.

It is noteworthy that under Section 11 of the Electricity Act, the Central Government can order power producers to operate power generating stations in accordance with government instructions in extraordinary circumstances.

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## 27 Years of Hard Work! Government Teaching Job at 59

Vijay Kumar Sharma (59) hails from the Baraut area of Baghpat district, Uttar Pradesh. Since 1999, he had been continuously taking exams to secure a government teaching position. To date, he has appeared for the Graduate Teacher examination six times and the Post-Graduate Teacher examination four times. He passed these exams and attended interviews on six occasions, yet he failed to secure the job; his name never appeared on the final selection list. However, he did not lose heart, nor did he abandon his studies to pursue a different career path. Despite facing setbacks each time, he would refocus on his studies and prepare for the next examination. Finally, he was selected in an examination held this year that did not require an interview. Subsequently, he received his appointment letter from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at a ceremony held in Lucknow on the 22nd. He has been appointed as a Sanskrit teacher. It is noteworthy that while preparing for the government teaching exams, Sharma had also been working as a Sanskrit and Hindi teacher in private schools for the past 27 years. Sharma stands as a shining example that with perseverance, hard work, and a burning desire to achieve one's goal, success is possible at any age. It is hoped that the students he teaches will also emulate his dedication and work ethic in their own lives.

## Eggs, stones pelted at Trinamool Congress MLA's car



KOLKATA: A public meeting was held yesterday on behalf of the Trinamool Congress in Serampore, Hooghly district, West Bengal.

Former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, who took responsibility for the irregularities in the electoral roll revision process. The Calcutta High Court had allowed the meeting on the condition that only 1,000 people could participate.

Trinamool Congress MLA Kunal Ghosh was travelling in a car to attend the rally. On the way, a mob blocked Kunal Ghosh's car with black flags and sticks at Uttar Para, pelted him with eggs and bricks and broke the windows. Kunal Ghosh has alleged that he was unable to move forward due to glass fragments falling on him and that he sustained an injury on his left side. After the attack, he returned to Kolkata and said that he would file a complaint at the state police headquarters, accusing BJP goons of being responsible and that there were no police officers there.

## Son arrested for shooting head constable



CHANDIGARH: Nitin Singh, who was working as the head constable in the accounts department of the Chandigarh Police Headquarters, was found dead in his government residence with bullet wounds to the head on the morning of the previous day.

Upon receiving information about this, the police went to the scene and seized the country-made gun used in the murder. Nitin's son Armaan has been arrested in this regard and is being investigated. The police said:

Nitin Singh's 18-year-old son Armaan has been arguing with his parents to get his girlfriend married immediately. But since the marriageable age for men is 21, they have asked him to wait until then. Angered by this, Armaan demanded Rs. 10 lakh for the wedding last Thursday evening. But they refused to give the money.

In this situation, the investigation revealed that Armaan shot his father Nitin Singh dead with a country-made gun early on Friday morning. Along with killing his father, Armaan also tried to strangle his mother. When the mother, who had fled from the spot, screamed, the neighbors came and informed the police. They said this.

# US, China agree on favourable tariff for \$30 bn non-sensitive goods, AI dialogue

WASHINGTON: The United States and China agreed on more favourable tariff treatment for USD 30 billion of non-sensitive goods in each direction and established a new dialogue on emerging technologies during Chinese President Xi Jinping's three-day summit with US President Donald Trump, according to a White House fact sheet.

According to the White House, the two countries operationalised the US&China Board of Trade and the US&China Board of Investment, which were chartered during the May 2026 summit in Beijing. Under the Board of Trade, Washington and Beijing reached consensus on recommendations for more favourable tariff treatment for USD 30 billion of non-sensitive goods in each direction. The board also launched a working group focused on addressing market access barriers in the agricultural sector.

As per the document, US exports covered under the arrangement include agricultural goods, fish and seafood, logs and wood, cosmetics and medical



devices, while US imports include small appliances, toys, holiday decorations and children's car seats. The fact sheet said China would import at least 10 million metric tonnes of US coal in 2027 and 2028.

The Board of Investment will discuss investment opportunities and impediments and provide a structured channel to address commercially meaningful investment-related issues.

The two countries also continue work on supply chain shortages involving rare earths and other critical minerals, to ensure shipment levels return to appropriate levels, as per the fact sheet. The US and China agreed

to build a "constructive relationship of strategic stability" based on "respect, fairness, and reciprocity," while supporting each other as hosts of the G20 and APEC.

Trump and Xi also discussed Russia, North Korea and Iran. They agreed that Iran can never have a nuclear weapon and that "no country or institution can impose tolls on international waterways." On emerging technologies, the two countries agreed to use the term "super intelligence" for applicable technologies and established the US&China Super Intelligence (SI) Dialogue to exchange views on its risks and benefits.

The next SI exchange is scheduled to take place by November 2026, while the two countries will also establish a bilateral communication channel for SI incidents. The leaders also recalled the US&China alliance during World War II, and Trump advocated for trilateral arms control negotiations between the United States, Russia and China.

The three-day summit between Xi and Trump concluded on Friday (local time), while Xi later returned to Beijing on Saturday (local time).

The US President said he looked forward to his next meeting with Xi, with the two leaders scheduled to meet again in China in November and at the G20 summit in Miami in December.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said, "President Xi and Madam Peng have just left D.C., heading for China. The meeting was one of Friendship, Strength, and Success, for both China and the U.S.A. We will be meeting again in November, in China, and then at the G20 in December, in Miami, Florida. Much has been, and will be, accomplished. I look forward to our next meeting!"

Xi Jinping's three-day visit to the US marked his second meeting with Trump in less than six months.

This marked the first visit to the White House by a Chinese President in more than a decade and the first time a Chinese leader has made two formal state visits to the United States.



## Mata Amritanandamayi's birthday celebrations begin today

### C.P. Radhakrishnan, Amit Shah participate

KOLLAM: The 73rd birth anniversary celebrations of its founder, Mata Amritanandamayi, of the Amritapuri campus in Kollam district of Kerala will begin today.

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan, who will arrive in Amritas this morning, will inaugurate the celebrations at 11 am.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who

arrived in Amritapuri yesterday evening, met Mata Amritanandamayi and received her greetings.

Following this, Amit Shah inaugurated the programs held there. Kerala Governor R.V. Arlekar, Chief Minister V.T. Satheesan, Union Ministers K. Rammohan Naidu, Union Minister of State Suresh Gopi, Kerala Ministers Ramesh Chenn-

ithala, K. Muralitharan and others will participate in the celebration program to be held this morning.

During the event, former Goa Governor and former Attorney General P.S. Taran Pillai will be conferred with the Amritha Kirti Award. A fund of Rs. 2 crore will be provided for the Assam Flood Relief Fund on behalf of the Amrithanandamayi Math.

# Consultation meeting with Tamil Nadu and Andhra fishermen regarding fishing in Pazhaverkadu Lake

GUMMIDIPOONDI: A consultation meeting was held yesterday with fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh regarding fishing in the Pazhaverkadu Lake in Gummidiipoondi. Representatives of the fishermen's associations demanded that GPS be installed in the lake and boundaries be set.



The Pazhaverakkadu Lake on the Tamil Nadu-&Andhra Pradesh border is the 2nd largest salt water lake in India. It is 60 km long and 17.5 km wide. For many years, fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have been fishing peacefully in this lake. In this situation, a problem arose between more than 25 fishing villages from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu about the fishing boundary 30 years ago.

Since then, it has been cu-

stomary for fishermen from both states to have disputes over fishing from time to time, and for government officials from both states to hold peace talks. In this context, a consultation meeting with fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh regarding fishing in the Pazhaverkadu Lake was held yesterday at the Gummidiipoondi Panchayat Union Office in Thiruvallur District, under the chairmanship of Thiruvallur District Collector

Kavitha and in the presence of Tirupati District Additional Collector R. Govinda Rao.

Ponneri and Sulurpet MLAs M.S. Ravi, Nelavala Vijayasree and Kottayam District Officers Murugavel (in&charge), Devendra Reddy, District Forest Officer Srinivasa Reddy, Tiruvallur ADSP Julius Caesar, Andhra Pradesh DSP Senu Babu, Tamil Nadu Fisheries Department Joint Director Elango, Assistant Director Janardhanan, Andhra

Pradesh Fisheries Department Deputy Director Nagaiah, and other officials and representatives of fishermen associations from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh participated in this. At the meeting,

representatives of fishing associations from more than 25 fishing villages in both states said: While the current system of fishing in the Pazhaverkadu Lake is being followed, the fishing sector of the lake should be changed to an open system so that fishermen from both states can fish anywhere they want. If this is not possible, the boundaries of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu should be determined correctly. Since the boundaries of the two states are not known when fishing, there is a situation where the boundaries change.

At that time, problems arise between the fishermen of the two states. Earlier, the borders were divided by planting palm trees. This should be changed and the borders should be established by installing GPS using modern technologies. This is what they said. Following this, Thiruvallur District Collector Kavitha said, "The views of the representatives of the fishermen associations of the two states will be taken to the headquarters of the two state governments and an appropriate solution will be found. Until then, the existing procedures for fishing in the Pazhaverkadu lake will be followed."

# TN Government Issues Order Exempting Law and Order Wing from RTI Act

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has issued a Government Order (G.O.) exempting the Law and Order wing of the Public Department from the purview of the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The order states that restrictions are being imposed on accessing information related to law and order matters under the Public Department. This exemption is granted by designating the wing as an



agency involved in intelligence and security operations. Consequently, restrictions will apply to obtaining information regarding appointments related to law and order inquiry commissions, communal

and caste-based clashes, police arrests, police custody, custodial deaths, and police investigation reports. These restrictions will also extend to details concerning monthly law and order review meetings and special law and order meetings convened under the instructions of the Chief Secretary. Accordingly, information

cannot be obtained regarding responses provided in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha concerning law and order issues, nor regarding protests by students, farmers, or political parties, or matters involving defamatory articles, news snippets, and speeches. The Tamil Nadu government has taken this significant decision, stating that it is not possible to disclose all information to the public regarding law and order matters.

# Protest if meter fares are not increased by Oct. 31 Auto Trade Union Federation information

CHENNAI: The Federation of All Auto Unions has said that a serious protest will be launched if meter fares are not increased by October 31st.

The Federation of All Auto Trade Unions had announced a protest march towards the Fort yesterday (September 26th) to press for demands including an increase in auto meter fares and a ban on bike taxis. In this situation, the day before yesterday, the Transport Commissioner and officials called auto union representatives and held talks. The officials promised to fulfill

their demands and appealed to them to call off the protest.

Additionally, the practice of only having reflector stickers affixed to a specific person for autos going to FC has been relaxed, allowing them to affix quality stickers anywhere. Officials said that they are removing the practice of taking photos of autos arriving at the FC, uploading them online and obtaining an online certificate. Based on this, the Federation of All Auto Unions has postponed the protest march towards the Fort.



The Federation of All Auto Trade Unions has stated that if the auto meter fare is not increased by October 31st in

a manner acceptable to auto drivers, a strong and serious protest will be launched on behalf of the federation.

KATHMANDU:: At least 10 people have gone missing after an avalanche struck the base camp of Himlung Himal in western Nepal, bordering Tibet, expedition organisers confirmed on Sunday.

Expedition organiser Mingma Gyalje Sherpa confirmed that two of his kitchen staff were among those missing after the avalanche. "The avalanche hit on Sunday morning," he said. According to Sherpa, expedition teams and rope&fixing teams had evacuated the mountain slopes following a weather warning issued last week, while some people reluctantly stayed back.

The mountain region had witnessed heavy snowfall for several days, forcing climbers to retreat from the autumn ascent of the mountain. Those missing in Sunday's avalanche are from different expedition companies.

Himlung Himal, standing at 7,126 metres in Manang district, requires an additional permit for helicopter flights,

adding to the difficulties involved in reaching the mountain.

The 7,126&metre peak is a popular objective for climbers seeking experience at high altitude. The incident comes as a weather system over the Bay of Bengal brings heavy snowfall to the mountains and persistent rainfall to Nepal's hills and plains. Rain and snowfall have affected several parts of the country.

Nepal has been witnessing adverse weather conditions since Friday, disrupting roads and prompting local authorities to close several sections to traffic. Tourism authorities have urged trekkers and climbers to suspend activities as weather conditions deteriorate. The Department of Tourism has also issued an alert advising that tourism activities be put on hold. The weather disruption follows last month's devastating floods in Rasuwa, which killed more than 1,400 people and left more than 5,000 missing.



The disaster washed away settlements along the Trishuli River and dealt another blow to Nepal's tourism industry. Persistent rainfall and snowfall have since disrupted several trekking routes and forced the cancellation or suspension of major expeditions on Manaslu and Dhaulagiri. Earlier, in August, after a massive avalanche swept them off Pakistan's Broad Peak, the remains of three of Nepal's most decorated high&altitude guides and climbers returned home to grieving families.

The climbers identified as Kili Pemba Sherpa, also widely known as Kili, along with Gyalu Sherpa and Nima Sherpa, had arrived at Tribhuvan International Airport

aboard a Qatar Airways flight from Doha.

The three guides were among 10 climbers killed when an avalanche struck around 9:30 am on July 30 as the group climbed between Camp 2 and Camp 3, roughly 6,600 meters up the 8,051&meter peak, the world's 12th&highest mountain, in Pakistan's Karakoram range.

The entire 10&person international team perished, including British&Nepali climbing star Nirmal Purja, also known as Nimsdai; Pur Bahadur Gurung; Nawang Thindu Sherpa; Omani climber Nadhira Al Harthy; Chinese climber Wang Zhong; Pakistani guide Sohail Sakhi; and American climber Mallory Geis.

# A.I. Technology used to defraud a private bank in Italy of Rs. 1,034 crore

ROME: Another division of Intesa San Paolo, Italy's largest private bank, is Fiturum.

Last February, Fiturum chairman Paolo Molesini received a WhatsApp message from Intesa San Paolo CEO

Carlo Messina, requesting help with an urgent financial transaction abroad. This was followed by a phone call that appeared to be from a senior lawyer at a prominent law firm. The lawyer who spoke

in it confirmed that the order received through WhatsApp was genuine. Believing this information to be genuine, Molesini ordered the money to be transferred to foreign bank accounts. Accordingly, a total

of 95 million euros (about Rs. 1,034 crore) was transferred in several stages. Only then did it become clear that this was an AI technology fraud. According to reports, an investigation is underway in this regard.

# “The most painful day of my life” - Chief Minister Vijay Anjali

## Karur Tragedy: First Anniversary Commemoration



CHENNAI: Chief Minister Vijay has paid tribute to those who died in a stampede during a Thaweka campaign rally in Karur on the same day last year, calling it the most painful event of his life.

On September 27, 2025, 41 people died in a stampede at a campaign rally attended by TDP leader Vijay in Veluchampuram, Karur district.

More than 140 people were seriously injured. As per the Supreme Court order, CBI officials are investigating the matter. In this situation, the families of the deceased were provided financial assistance on behalf of the Teva. Following Vijay's victory in the 2026 assembly elections and his assumption of office as Chief Minister, it was decided to

provide government jobs on a compassionate basis to the families of those who died in the Karur incident. At a function held in Karur on July 10, Chief Minister Vijay issued government job appointment orders to 31 people from the affected families. A case was filed in the High Court against this government action. The High Court, which heard the case, quashed the government order granting government jobs to the families of those who died in the stampede. The Tamil Nadu government appealed to the Supreme Court against it. Following this, the Supreme Court issued an interim stay on the order of the Madurai branch of the

Madras High Court.

“Hello to everyone who lives in my heart. Last year, this day, that is, 2025, September 27. A day in my lifetime, in the lives of our Karur relatives, in the hearts of our Tamil Nadu relatives, a painful event occurred that left an unhealed wound, an inexhaustible pain.

Westand with an unspeakable sadness, we, our Karur relatives, and the relatives of the Tamil Nadu Victory Party.

“We will be a source of comfort, support and refuge for those who are suffering from the loss of loved ones. Our heartfelt condolences to all the loved ones who live in our memories,” Chief Minister Vijay posted on social media.

## Steps must be taken to light the lamp atop Thiruparankundram Hill says Hindu Munnani State President



ERODE: The Hindu Munnani State Executive Committee meeting was held

yesterday at a private hall in Mullamparappu, near Erode. State President Kadeswara

C. Subramaniam presided over the meeting, during which several resolutions were passed. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Kadeswara C. Subramaniam stated the following: “A court in Saudi Arabia has sentenced Eelam Tamil Sivarasa Anojan to death; the Central Government must intervene immediately to rescue him. The Tamil Nadu government must

implement, without delay, the High Court verdict directing that the Karthigai Deepam be lit on the lamp pillar atop Thiruparankundram Hill.

The government must remove encroachments on government-owned ‘po-ramboke’ lands and take legal action.

Remarks regarding the provision of beef to school students are condemnable.”

## 3 Day Strike: Banks to Operate Normally Today

NEW DELHI: Despite the upcoming three-day strike, banks will function as usual today. Bank employees across the country are set to observe a three-day strike starting tomorrow and continuing until the 30th. This strike—called to press for demands

such as a five-day work week, pension benefits, filling of vacancies, and the regularization of temporary staff—threatens to disrupt banking services. To prevent inconvenience to customers, the Central Government announced that banks would operate today.

Similarly, banks have advised customers to complete essential transactions before the strike begins. They have also encouraged the use of ATMs, internet banking, and UPI services for cash needs. Accordingly, various public and private sector banks are sending text messages

to alert their customers. Thus, banks will function normally today.

They will remain open to minimize the inconvenience caused to the public by the strike, which follows the weekend holidays; the public is encouraged to avail themselves of these services.

## “Rise in rice prices; fine variety rice should be sold at ration shops for ₹50/kg, following Andhra’s model” – Anbumani

CHENNAI: PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss has urged the Tamil Nadu government to follow the example of the Andhra Pradesh government and take steps to sell fine variety rice at ₹50 per kilogram—in addition to the free rice already being distributed—within the state. In a statement issued regarding this, he said, “Over the past two months, the prices of rice used for daily consumption in Tamil Nadu have risen by ₹17 to ₹40 per kilogram. It is disappointing that the government has failed to take action to alleviate the distress of the poor and middle-class people, who are struggling to cope with this price hike. Rice prices in Tamil Nadu have been rising since last June. In July alone, the price of ‘Idli rice’ increased by up to ₹8 per kg, fine grain rice by up to ₹15, and certain other varieties by up to ₹30. Highlighting this, I issued a statement on July 22 urging both the Central and State governments to take measures to control rice prices. However, as no action was taken, the prices have continued to rise unchecked. Two months

ago, the price of varieties like Mysore Ponni and Andhra Ponni rose from ₹50 to ₹65; now, it has increased by another ₹20, reaching ₹85 per



kg. The price of ‘super & fine’ rice initially rose from ₹55 to ₹75 and has now climbed to between ₹90 and ₹95. The price of Idli rice has gradually increased from ₹43 to ₹60. Premium & quality Idli rice is being sold for up to ₹71 per kg. Until a few months ago, the price of table rice did not exceed ₹70 per kg; now, however, no table rice is available for less than ₹70. At one time, the maximum price for Idli rice was ₹50, but now the minimum price itself has reached ₹60. Consequently, the poor and middle-class populations have been severely affected. Due to the failure of the monsoon rains,

the summer and ‘Kuruvai’ (short-term) crop seasons in the Cauvery irrigation districts...” A decline in cultivation is cited as the reason for this. It is also reported that reduced paddy production in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka due to drought conditions has contributed to the price hike. While there is some truth to this, it is not the sole reason for the rise in rice prices. Given the bumper paddy harvests across the

State governments have a duty and responsibility to mitigate the situation. The Central Government should take steps to lower prices by increasing the availability of rice in the domestic market through measures such as banning rice exports and imposing stock limits on wholesale traders. Similarly, the State government must also implement price control measures. The neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh is performing this duty admirably. To control open-market rice prices, Andhra Pradesh has established dedicated rice sales counters at ‘Rythu Bazaars’ (farmers’ markets); varieties such as ‘Bapatla’ (Samba Masuri) and ‘KNM’ (Sona Masuri) are being sold at ₹50 per kilogram, while onions are sold at ₹35 per kilogram. These rice varieties, which retail for ₹90–95 per kilogram in the open market, are being sold at nearly half that price, while onions—normally sold for up to ₹75 per kilogram—are available at less than half that cost... The people of that state are also benefiting greatly from its availability.

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Marking the first anniversary of the deaths caused by a crowd crush at a TVK meeting in Karur, relatives of the deceased and TVK members—clad in black and holding candles—paid a tearful tribute to the victims at a decorated stage near the Old Bus Stand roundabout.

## TNPSC Group 1 Exam Today: 2.23 Lakh Candidates Compete for 46 Posts!

CHENNAI: The Group 1 preliminary written examination for posts including Deputy Collector and Assistant Commissioner (Commercial Taxes) is being held today. A total of 2.23 lakh candidates are taking the exam for 46 vacancies.

The examination is being conducted across 128 schools in Chennai. The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) had issued a notification on June

23 to fill 26 vacancies, comprising 12 Deputy Collectors, 2 Assistant Commissioners (Commercial Taxes), 3 Deputy Registrars of Cooperative Societies, 8 District Registrars (Tamil Nadu Registration Service), and one Assistant Commissioner of Labour. Subsequently, TNPSC increased the number of Group 1 vacancies, raising the total to 46. The Group 1 preliminary exam was initially scheduled for September 6. Later, due to

administrative reasons, TNPSC rescheduled the exam to September 27. Accordingly, the preliminary examination is taking place today (Sunday).

A total of 2,23,440 candidates are appearing for the exam, comprising 95,984 men, 1,27,441 women, and 15 transgender individuals. To facilitate this, 754 examination halls have been set up across Tamil Nadu. A total of 754 Chief Invigilators—one for each examination hall—have

been deployed to oversee the process. In Chennai, examination centers have been established in 128 schools. In Chennai, 37,659 candidates are taking the exam; this includes 19,508 men, 18,148 women, and 3 transgender individuals. The Group-1 preliminary examination, which began at 9:30 AM today, is scheduled to continue until 12:30 PM. Video recording of the examination process is being conducted at all exam centers.

## Iran: Bus Overturns, 11 Dead

IRAN: Eleven people have died after a bus overturned in Iran. A bus traveling along the Saveh & Hamedan road in Iran's central Markazi pro-

vince suddenly overturned. Eleven people on board lost their lives in the incident, and 24 others were injured. Provincial traffic police investigated the matter and

stated that the accident occurred after the driver lost consciousness.

Experts note that accidents in Iran are often caused by factors such as a lack of

adherence to traffic regulations and inadequate emergency service facilities. Consequently, up to 17,000 people lose their lives in accidents annually.

## Student Died After Being Violated by Businessman Veeramani

### Mother's Tearful Complaint Sparks Sensation

CHENNAI: While a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has taken up the case involving businessman Veeramani, a woman has submitted a tearful complaint at the Chennai Police Commissioner's office.

Police officials were shocked upon reading the contents of the petition. In the complaint, the woman revealed the shocking information that her daughter had taken her own life after being sexually violated by Veeramani. She stated that they had met Veeramani after learning that he provided educational assistance to children from poor families. He had agreed to cover her daughter's school

expenses and enrolled her in a private school in Teynampet. However, he violated her daughter's chastity while she was studying in Class 12. Devastated by this, her daughter committed suicide. Although she had previously lodged a complaint at the Ice House police station, Veeramani managed to escape consequences by leveraging his influence and financial power.

Now that Veeramani has been arrested, the woman has reportedly stated in her petition that she seeks justice for the atrocity committed against her daughter. It is alleged that Veeramani

has been involved in sexual orgies since 2004.

The incident involving the student's suicide occurred ten years ago. The Ice House police had registered a case based on the complaint filed by her mother at the time. However, during the riots associated with the Jallikattu protests in 2017, the Ice House police station was set on fire, and documents related to cases registered there were destroyed in the blaze. In light of these developments, the woman's complaint has now been forwarded to the Mylapore All & Women Police Station for investigation. Since the details of the



case registration would have been uploaded to the court's website, the police plan to secure the case documents and conduct an investigation based on them.



MADURAI: The Lakshmi Theertha tank, measuring 66 meters in length and width and 25 feet in depth, is situated within the premises of the Thiruparankundram Murugan Temple, covering an area of approximately one acre. Legend has it that this sacred tank was created for Goddess Deivanai. Currently, the interior of the tank is completely overgrown with lush green grass and thickets. Consequently, devotees have urged the authorities to renovate the tank and ensure its ongoing maintenance.