

Indian pilot Sumit Machhar fought valiantly to save Israeli air passengers

DELHI: Captain Sumit Machhar, a Mumbai native who completed his pilot training in Gurgaon, managed to regain control of the Flydubai aircraft despite being injured. His actions are garnering widespread praise. Indian pilot Sumit Machhar works for the airline Flydubai. During a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv, his co-pilot attempted to hijack the plane after stabbing him with a knife. He is now being praised globally for

Prime Minister Narendra Modi praises him

saving the lives of 174 passengers while battling severe injuries in such a perilous situation. Displaying great courage, Captain Sumit Machhar—who hails from Mumbai and trained in Gurgaon—took control of the aircraft. While he stabilized the plane, the cabin crew opened the cockpit door and subdued the co-pilot who had launched the attack.



Machhar, who previously worked for SpiceJet for ten years until 2023, is currently

in stable condition. "Sumit Machhar underwent training for his commercial pilot license

in New Zealand. I cannot say a single negative thing about him," said a senior pilot who

had trained him. Sumit Machhar's brother is also a pilot; he works for Flydubai as well. In a post regarding this incident, Prime Minister Modi stated:

"Captain Sumit Machhar is a hero; he demonstrated courage and determination to save the lives of others, even while facing a critically dangerous situation

and suffering severe injuries." "His heroic act helped save hundreds of lives and avert a major tragedy. India is proud of Captain Sumit Machhar. I pray for his speedy recovery and good health," said Prime Minister Modi.

Averted a Tragedy!

In a post regarding this, Union External Affairs Minister Jaishankar stated: The extraordinary courage and presence of mind displayed by Captain Sumit Machhar in a critically dangerous situation not only saved hundreds of lives but also averted a major tragedy. We join the countless voices from across the globe in commending his bravery and praying for his speedy recovery.

'Vetripayan' project to start tomorrow: CM Vijay announces

CHENNAI: Chief Minister Vijay has announced that the expanded 'Vetri Payaan' scheme, under which women can travel free of charge on government buses, will come into effect from tomorrow (October 2).

In a social media post, Chief Minister Vijay said, "A free travel scheme for all the respected women of Tamil Nadu, our grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters and transgender, will be launched from October 2nd."



Chief Minister Vijay had announced in the Assembly session that the women's free travel scheme will be expanded and implemented under

the name 'Vetri Payaan' from October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

Through this, in the first phase, women will be able

to travel free of cost not only in ordinary buses but also in express, LSS and deluxe government buses in the city and towns.

In addition, women can travel free of charge in suburban and hilly areas, in regular fare buses, to facilitate inter-district travel. There is no income cap or restriction on the number of trips. Transgender people can also travel free of charge. This will cost Rs. 6 thousand crores annually to implement.

Explosion at Mangaluru Plant: One Dead, 8 Injured

MANGALURU: One person died and eight others were injured in an explosion at a plant in Mangaluru. A facility known as Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) operates in the city of Mangaluru, Karnataka. A sudden explosion occurred at the plant, resulting in the death of a worker and injuries to eight others. Upon learning of the incident, Karnataka Minister U. Tae. Speaking to reporters, he described the event as sudden and shocking.



He stated that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar immediately took

note of the incident and inquired about the details. He also mentioned that a

senior official has been appointed to investigate the explosion.

CM Orders Rs. 30 Lakh Incentive Each for TN Athletes Joshna Chinappa and Shameena Riaz

CHENNAI: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has congratulated Tamil Nadu athletes Joshna Chinappa and Shameena Riaz for winning bronze medals in the squash event at the Asian Games held in Japan.

He announced that a substantial incentive of Rs 30 lakh each would be awarded to them on behalf of the state government. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), he stated, "I extend my heartfelt appreciation and



best wishes to the Indian team—which achieved success by winning the bronze medal in the women's team squash event at the 20th Asian

Games in Japan—and to the squash players from Tamil Nadu, Joshna Chinappa and Shameena Riaz, who were part of that team. To honor

this achievement, the Tamil Nadu government will award a substantial incentive of Rs 30 lakh to each of them. This victory, secured through their talent, self-confidence, and perseverance, has further strengthened Tamil Nadu's sporting prowess. Their success will serve as a great inspiration for aspiring youth and women. I wish them continued success in the future as they further elevate the pride of Tamil Nadu and India on the global stage."

A True Hero; I Salute the Indian Pilot- Israeli PM Moved

TELAVIV: The Israeli Prime Minister has expressed his admiration on social media, saluting the Indian pilot who thwarted a plot to destroy the aircraft. While the Flydubai flight FZ1073 was en route from Dubai to Tel Aviv, a violent altercation broke out between the pilots mid-air.

The Omani co-pilot suddenly stood up and viciously attacked the Indian captain, Smith Machhar, stabbing him with a knife. Despite sustaining stab wounds, Machhar fought bravely and managed to open the cockpit door.

Fellow passengers and crew immediately rushed in, subdued the co-pilot, and tied him up with a rope.

This action foiled the plot to destroy the plane, saving the lives of 174 passengers. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu met with the passengers upon their safe return to Israel. He stated that Machhar, the passengers, and the crew had acted to avert a major disaster. He personally commended Machhar for his courageous actions.

In a statement regarding the incident, he said, "I salute Indian pilot Captain Smith



Machhar for acting with extraordinary bravery. Even after being stabbed and severely injured, he fought back." He noted that the pilot opened the cockpit door to allow passengers and crew to enter and subdue the attacker, thereby pre-

venting a mid-air catastrophe. He saved the lives of 174 people, including Israeli citizens and nationals of other countries. I pray to the Almighty for his speedy and complete recovery. He has praised him as a true hero.

'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' scheme staff must be paid salary arrears and granted job security: Palaniswami

CHENNAI: AIADMK General Secretary Palaniswami has stated that salary arrears must be paid to the officials working under the Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project ('Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' scheme), and their job security must be ensured. In a statement regarding this matter, he noted, "The 'Rural Innovation Project', launched in 2005 during Jayalithaa's tenure as Chief Minister, was renamed the 'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' (Let Us Live) project in 2021 under the DMK administration.

Across Tamil Nadu, more than 500 supervisory officers and over 3,900 field staff work at the state, district, and block levels under this scheme. All these officers are graduates, with 90% holding postgraduate degrees. They have been working on a consolidated pay basis since 2005—a period ranging from 10 to 18 years. Their primary responsibilities include mobilizing rural farmers to form Farmer Producer Groups and providing them with free training and initial grant funding; issuing identity cards and special assistance to differently abled

and vulnerable individuals in rural areas; assisting with the census; establishing grassroots community organizations; providing skill training and direct employment opportunities for youth; setting up e-Sevai centers in village panchayats; and fostering entrepreneurship by facilitating micro-loans.

They effectively implement various government rural schemes and deliver a wide range of services. Notably, they have ensured a repayment rate of over 95% for the micro-loans extended to rural residents. In their representation, they stated that they work by directly engaging with approximately 6.5 lakh beneficiaries across rural Tamil Nadu. Their performance was exemplary during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019. Furthermore, they have been handling additional responsibilities related to women's welfare schemes..." as stated in their petition. Following the successful implementation of Phases 1.0 and 2.0 under the 'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' (Let Us Live and Show) scheme, Government Order No. 40, dated 13.02.2026, was

issued to expand the scheme. Consequently, Phase 2 (Part 3.0) of the 'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' scheme was proposed. In their petition, the employees stated that Government



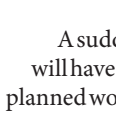
Order No. 40 stipulated that the scheme should be implemented using existing staff; that adequate funds were allocated for their salaries; that the existing staff should continue until the project report was finalized; that no new staff should be recruited; and that these employees could also be utilized for the 'Magalir Thittam' (Women's Development Project). They have represented to the government that they have not received their salaries for the past two months and that all staff working at the state level were relieved from duty effective 23.09.2026. They have

requested job security, the continued payment of salaries for the months they have worked, and the expedited approval and implementation of Phase 3.0 of the 'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' scheme, as outlined in the Government Order. Having served continuously for 10 to 18 years in the Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project / 'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' scheme, they have crossed the age limit for entry into government service. Furthermore, having spent the greater part of their careers in this sector, they face a difficult situation where they are unable to transition to alternative employment. Taking this situation into consideration, the government [is urged to retain] these individuals—who have received adequate training under the 'Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom' scheme—without any break in service... "I urge the government to allow them to work under '3.0' or to integrate them into the Women's Scheme—thereby ensuring job security—and to immediately release the two months' salary owed to them," he stated.

Today horoscope



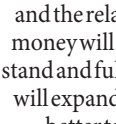
— You will get help from an unexpected place. You will discover the unique talents of your children. There will be benefits from the government. Business will bring profits. You will accept the advice of a new partner and act accordingly. Your administrative skills will be revealed in the office.



A sudden trip will be troublesome. You will have to struggle a lot to complete the planned work. You will struggle. You will renovate, expand and build your ancestral house. Old debts will be collected in business. Do not hold any grudges against anyone in the office.



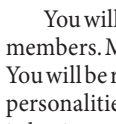
The house will be filled with guests. You will listen to and fulfill the wishes of your children. Vehicle repairs will be resolved. Your superior will entrust you with important responsibilities at the office. Business will pick up steam and be profitable.



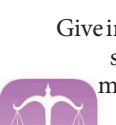
Conflicts within the couple will be resolved and the relationship will increase. The flow of money will bring satisfaction. You will understand and fulfill the wishes of your children. You will expand your business on a large scale. It is better to avoid arguments in the office.



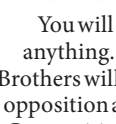
You will complete challenging tasks easily. Your family will listen to your words. There will be unexpected trips. You will meet old friends and relatives. Business will be successful. You will find an important document you were looking for in the office.



You will fulfill the wishes of your family members. Money will flow in your hands. You will be refreshed by meeting important personalities. You will struggle to collect dues in business. Office problems will go away.



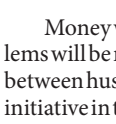
Give in to family issues. You need to be careful in your speech. Your anger will increase. You will spend money on a vehicle. Competition will increase in business. It is better to get used to living in the office and doing your own work.



You will have the mental strength to endure anything. There will be an influx of money. Brothers will be on your side. You will overcome opposition and disappointments and succeed. Competition in business will decrease. Do not complain to the headquarters about anyone in the office.



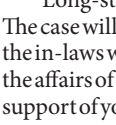
Expected help will be received at the right time. The conflicts between husband and wife will be resolved. You will enjoy buying modern electronic devices, and goods will be sold in business. It is not good to be hostile to superiors in the office.



Money will flow in your hands. Ego problems will be resolved and there will be closeness between husband and wife. You will take the initiative in the special events of your hometown. Government officials will extend their love. You will see progress in business and career.



There will be a sudden turn of events. Family cooperation will increase. Money that is due will come in handy. Anger will decrease. You will be recommended for a new position in the office. New partners will be supportive in business. Profits will increase.



Long-standing problems will be resolved. The case will be favorable. The ego problem with the in-laws will be resolved. Do not interfere in the affairs of others at the office. You will get the support of your employees in business.

Adani Port to Handle 3,20,000 Containers Simultaneously

COLOMBO: This expansion project, involving an investment of approximately US\$ 750 million, has generated significant anticipation. Through this second phase of expansion, the terminal's cargo handling capacity has increased from 1.6 million to 3.2 million TEUs. This means the port can now handle approximately 320,000 20-foot containers simultaneously; previously, the capacity stood at 160,000. Within just the first 18 months of its operation, the terminal handled two million TEUs of cargo, setting a record as the fastest terminal in the history of the Port of Colombo to reach this milestone. Following this capacity enhancement, three of the world's largest mega-container vessels can be berthed at the terminal at the same time.

This will further boost Colombo's significance along the East & West international maritime trade route. This terminal is Sri Lanka's first fully automated, deep-water container terminal. It is designed to achieve zero carbon emissions through electrified operations. The project is a joint venture between Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, developed under a 35-year Build & Operate & Transfer (BOT) agreement.

It has generated over 3,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities. Under this agreement, Adani Ports holds a 51% stake, John Keells Holdings holds 34%, and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority holds 15%. Its infrastructure is designed to easily handle 'Ultra & Mega' class vessels—some of the world's largest container ships. As it is one of the deepest terminals at the Port of Colombo, these massive vessels can easily navigate in and out.

16 District Revenue Officers including Chennai TASMAG General Manager transferred

CHENNAI: 16 District Revenue Officers (TROs) across Tamil Nadu, including the Chennai TASMAG General Manager, were suddenly transferred.

In this regard, Chief Secretary M. Saikumar said in a statement issued yesterday: P. Sailendhiran, who is working as the District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition) in the Tamil Nadu Housing and Urban Development Department in Chennai, has been transferred and appointed as the Sivaganga District Revenue Officer. Chennai Municipal Corpora-

tion Assistant Commissioner (General Administration and Personnel Division) Uma Maheshwari Ramachandran is transferred and posted as Joint Commissioner of Land Administration. D. Ambayranandan, who is working as the Special District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition), Highways, Villupuram, has been transferred and posted as the Special District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition), Chennai Airport Expansion Project. K. Manikandan, who is working as the District Revenue Officer of the Tamil

Nadu Health System Project in Chennai, has been transferred and posted as the Special District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition) of the Villupuram Highway. S. Bhanu, who worked as the Director of Medical Education in Chennai, has been appointed as the District Revenue Officer of the Tamil Nadu Health System Project.

V. Vimalkumar, who is working as the Special District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition) of Seyyar Chippokot, has been posted as the Member & Secretary of the State Study Group of the So-

cial Justice Department in Chennai. S. Sivaramthiruchi, who is serving as the General Manager (Commerce) of the Tamil Nadu Consumer Goods Corporation in Chennai, has been appointed as the Commissioner of Regulatory Affairs.

T. Muthuramalingam, who is working as the General Manager (Sales) of TASMAG in Chennai, has been transferred and appointed as the District Revenue Officer (Land and Estate) of the Chennai Metropolitan Municipality. It is said that 16 people have been transferred in this way.

Explosion at Mangaluru oil refinery One dead; 10+ injured



BENGALURU: One person died in an explosion at an oil refinery in Mangaluru, Karnataka. More than 10 people have been hospitalized with serious injuries.

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) plant is operating in Jogatte in Mangaluru,

Karnataka. The public sector undertaking suffered a major explosion at around 12.30 pm yesterday (Wednesday) after a high-pressure coal separator in the coker hydrotreater (CHD) section of the plant ruptured.

The explosion, accompanied by a loud noise, sent

thick black smoke billowing from the refinery. The fire, which reached the sky, spread to nearby units. Emergency rescue teams and fire brigades rushed to the spot and tried to extinguish the fire.

The fire was completely brought under control after a struggle of about 3 hours. Residents of Jogatte, Kavur, Surathkal, Bajpe and Mangalore International Airport were reportedly shocked by the blast. Officials said that the windows of the administrative office at Mangalore International Airport were shattered due to the blast.

Mangaluru City Police

Commissioner Sudhir Kumar Reddy said,

"The explosion has been completely brought under control. The battery limits of the affected unit have been isolated. The emergency rescue and firefighting teams of the oil refinery have rushed to the spot for rescue operations.

"A contract worker named Manish (32) died due to burns in the accident. An employee named Rajesh Baptiste (36) suffered 50 percent burns. 10 of the seriously injured are undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit. 6 were treated in the outpatient department," he said.

Defective service at private hotel

Rs. 3.20 lakh compensation to customer, Consumer Court orders

CHENNAI: The Chennai South District Consumer Disputes Commission has ordered a hotel establishment to refund Rs. 3.20 lakhs to a customer who suffered mental distress due to non-provision of service as promised.

R. Sridhar, who joined Thiruvanniyur, Chennai, was staying at a private hotel in Kodaikanal when, believing the attractive promises made by the representative of the establishment, he joined the

10&year 'Sterling Vantage' membership plan by paying Rs. 3.30 lakhs. It was assured that various facilities would be available, including annual points, free welcome, special days, and priority booking at any time. However, when Sridhar tried to make a reservation to stay with his family at a hotel in Wayanad, Kerala, the management rejected the reservation, citing several conditions.

Meanwhile, private book-

ing apps revealed that rooms were vacant in the same hotel. It was also revealed that the establishment had shared the seasonal rules with the members only a year after joining. Sridhar, who was distressed by this, filed a case with the Chennai South District Consumer Redressal Commission. The case came up for hearing before a bench comprising Commission Chairman P. Jija and members V. Ramamoorthy and J. Ravindran.

At that time, "Hiding the facts during membership recruitment and then imposing restrictions is a lack of service and an unfair business practice." Therefore, the respondents should pay a total of Rs. 3.20 lakhs to the aggrieved Sridhar within a period of 8 weeks, including Rs. 3 lakhs as compensation for the loss of service, Rs. 10 thousand as compensation for the loss of service and Rs. 10 thousand as legal costs.

AI-based traffic management system in Delhi: Cabinet approves Rs. 1,789 crore project



NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet yesterday approved the implementation of an AI-based Traffic Management System (TM-

S) at a cost of Rs 1,789 crore to improve traffic management in Delhi.

The Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Modi was held yesterday. After the meeting, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said: The Union Cabinet has approved the AI-based Traffic Management System project to be implemented at a cost of Rs

1,789 crore to improve traffic management in Delhi.

The project will help in better managing Delhi's existing road network through real-time traffic data, adaptive signals, automated rule enforcement and integrated traffic management. The project will cover 42 major traffic routes. It will be implemented in 3 phases over 2 years, he said.

The Union Cabinet yesterday approved the PM & Tharaka scheme to

strengthen the inter-state transmission of renewable energy.

The total cost of the scheme is Rs 1.86 lakh crore. The scheme, which will strengthen the power system, will connect 135 GW of renewable energy from states and union territories to the power grid and strengthen the power transmission system.

The scheme is targeted to be completed by the financial year 2032 & 33.

TASMAG Shops to Remain Closed Tomorrow for Gandhi Jayanti



CHENNAI: The District Collector has ordered the closure of TASMAG shops and their attached bars in

the Chennai district in observance of Gandhi Jayanti.

Accordingly, under the Tamil Nadu Liquor Retail Vending (in Shops and Bars) Rules, 2003, TASMAG shops and their attached bars must remain closed tomorrow (Friday). On that day, all establishments hold-

ing FL1, FL2, FL3, FL3A, and FL3AA licenses, as well as FL11 licensed shops and bars, must remain completely closed. The District Collector has also warned that strict action will be taken in accordance with the rules against anyone found engaging in the illegal sale of liquor on Gandhi Jayanti.

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34% Reservation for Backward Classes in Local Bodies



A coalition government led by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), with the BJP as a partner, is currently in power in Andhra Pradesh. The alliance comprises the TDP, actor Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party, and the BJP. TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu serves as the Chief Minister, while Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan serves as the Deputy Chief Minister. Local body elections are set to be held soon in Andhra Pradesh. Amidst this, the reservation quota for the Backward Classes in these elections was significantly increased. Government orders were issued raising the reservation for Backward Classes to 34% in rural local bodies and to 33.33% in urban local bodies. Two separate government orders were issued regarding this matter.

A case challenging these orders was filed in the Andhra Pradesh High Court. The verdict was delivered today; the High Court struck down the increased reservation quotas for Backward Classes in the local body elections. Observing that the total reservation must not exceed 59% and that the government orders violated Supreme Court guidelines, the High Court set aside both orders issued by the Andhra government.

Furthermore, while ordering that the election process must commence within six months, the Court dismissed a petition that had sought to mandate a survey of the Backward Classes prior to holding the elections.

Free AC buses for women in Andhra Pradesh soon

CM Chandrababu Naidu announces



VIJAYAWADA: At a function held in Vijayawada yesterday, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu distributed house plots to 26,401 poor people under the 'Pattaabhishekam for the Poor' scheme. Speaking at the event,

he said: We have fulfilled all the promises made during the elections.

Our government is succeeding with the cooperation of the central government. In the last 2 years, we have provided housing plots to 60 thousand people. A long-standing demand has been fulfilled. A free bus scheme for women has been implemented in the state. A free AC bus scheme for women will also be implemented soon. Chandrababu Naidu said this.

Lashkar terrorist Musa killed in encounter



JAMMU: Following specific inputs about the presence of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Hashim Musa in Budgam, Kashmir, security forces, including the Indian Army's 15 Chinari Brigade, Kashmir Police and CRPF, launched a cordon and search operation in the Gurvet Kalan area on Tuesday night.

The militants, who were hiding at the time, opened fire. The security forces also fired back. Musa died in the gunfight. An AK-47 rifle and a mobile phone were recovered from the scene. Musa, also known as Asif Fauji and Sulaiman, is a Pakistani national.

“Like MGR and J., I am the only one who opposes DMK in Delhi”

Chief Minister Vijay’s speech in Dharapuram

TARAPURAM: “Like MGR and Jayalalithaa, this Vijay is the only one who is still opposing DMK in Delhi. Now voting for DMK and AIADMK is the same. They are both one, they are disguised on the outside, and both are a team. DMK and AIADMK, which conspired to prevent the formation of a Thaweka government, should be taught a proper lesson,” said Chief Minister Vijay at a campaign meeting in Tarapuram.

Speaking at an election campaign meeting in Tarapuram, Thaweka leader and Chief Minister Vijay said, “We are gradually fulfilling the promises made in the short period of Thaweka rule. Since the day our government took office, we have been ensuring corruption-free and bribe-free administration with full dedication. 717 TASMACHOPs near schools and places of worship were closed. We created a Lioness Task Force to ensure women’s safety and provided 200 units of free electricity.

Furthermore, we have fulfilled the election promises of expanding the breakfast program from grades 6 to 8, waiving crop loans, additional incentives for paddy, increasing the purchase price of milk, and the Thaimaman Gold Ring Program. The Vetti Travel Scheme, where women travel free on government buses, 3 free cylinders per year for women, and an increase in medical insurance premiums will be implemented in

succession.

Forgetting that the people voted for the TDP to win the 2026 elections and sent the DMK home, we are still the Chief Minister, our family is still in power, and we do not have the monarchical mentality that everyone should be slaves under our family.

We adhere to what Anna said: “Go to the people, live with the people.” But we are not like those who forget Anna and the party he started in his name and join forces indirectly, as a proxy, and for selfish gain.

We have come into politics to repay the debt of gratitude to the people. We will definitely protect the trust that the people have placed in us. We have come into politics because our religion is our religion. We have come into politics because we believe in God, and we have come into politics because we are not against anyone’s belief in God.

We respect the trust of the people. That is why our policy is a secular social justice policy, and our alliance is a secular social justice victory alliance. Let us wish you a happy Krishna Jayanti, a happy Christmas and a happy Bakrid. We are all one and equal. We will not be like the DMK, who disguise themselves like others and hide inside their homes.

The DMK General Secretary has said that during



the Anna era, people from ordinary families were fielded in the elections and all the kings were defeated. That is what happened during the Anna era and the MGR era. That is what has happened in our era too. DMK from very ordinary families were fielded in the elections and the DMK kings and petty kings were defeated. He has said this truth while having DMK leaders on the stage.

The DMK leader speaks of me in the singular as “he” and “Ivan”. Earlier, when I affectionately called Stalin, who was the Chief Minister, “Uncle”, they asked how the Chief Minister could be called like this. Now they say “he” and “Ivan” in the singular. Leave your favorite party members and agents and let them talk about me in a derogatory manner, using your ancestral property, the rivers of obscenity and slander. If you talk about me in a derogatory manner, people will raise our standards and put us above them. DMK leader Stalin will say that we will bow to the verdict of the people, but

he will not respect it. He will plan what conspiracy he can do, whether even those who should not join hands will join hands. AIADMK, which was a faction of the BJP, has now become a faction of the DMK. AIADMK does what the DMK says and does. They are one and the same, they both have the same owner. When God and the people are with us, no one can do anything to us.

If MGR and Jayalalitha plan to form a government in alliance with the evil DMK, which they have opposed all along, wouldn’t it be an insult to them? That is why Sathyabhama, who won this constituency, came with us as a true devotee of MGR and Jayalalitha. He did not jump the party while he was an MLA, he resigned from his post and came with us. They call this a donkey and horse bargain. Why do we have a bargain when the people have support? All these slanders are spread by DMK and AIADMK. AIADMK supports DMK. When I talk about the Sarkaria Commission in the Assembly, AIADMK gets angry

and asks why are you talking. If I now talk about what AIADMK has been talking about for so many years, that party gets angry and supports me.

Like MGR and Jayalalitha, this Vijay is the only one who is still opposing DMK like a hawk. MGR’s supporters will understand that very well. DMK and AIADMK are planning to dissolve our government in a short-cut, but it will not be fulfilled. I will do good for the people no matter what. The people of Dharapuram should give me a guarantee. Will you vote for DMK? Will you vote for AIADMK, which betrayed MGR and Jayalalitha?

The people of Kongu region have stood with MGR and Jayalalitha, who opposed DMK, without considering caste or religion, with sincerity and feeling. You will always stand on the side of truth, so you should support Sathyabhama. Voting for DMK and AIADMK is the same. They are both the same. They are disguised on the outside, but both are a team. So do not believe the lies they tell. DMK and AIADMK, who conspired to prevent our government from being formed, should be taught a proper lesson.

“That was the rule of the mother, the rule of the father, and now the rule of our children is happening. This is the true rule of the people,” he said.



PM took a walk through of Exhibition showcased at the Centenary Celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi

41 infiltrators from Pakistan killed Afghan government information

KABUL: The Afghan Ministry of Defense has said that its forces have killed 41 people who allegedly infiltrated into Afghanistan from Pakistan.

Regarding this, the Afghan Ministry of Defense said: A clash occurred while trying to prevent people from entering the Kamtash district of Nuristan province in the northeastern part of Afghanistan from Pakistan for 3 days from last Sunday to Tuesday.

Of these, 41 were killed by our forces. In addition, 62 were arrested. Among those killed were those who had joined the Islamic State (IS) organization. We will not allow any party to disrupt the security of the



country. If such an attempt is made again, a stern response will be given. This was stated by the Ministry of Defense.

There was no immediate comment from Pakistan on the Afghan security forces’ allegations that they infiltrated with Pakistani support. Long-standing issues related to the movement of infiltrators

in all directions continue to strain relations between the two countries.

It is worth noting that the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) reported last week that more than 1,100 civilians have been killed in cross-border violence in Afghanistan so far this year.

UPI transactions to be suspended in shops tomorrow

Council of Traders’ Associations announcement

CHENNAI: UPI transactions will be suspended in shops tomorrow, Gandhi Jayanti, said S. Soundararajan, president of the Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In this regard, he issued a statement: The assembly has announced that a protest demonstration will be held on October 7th to condemn the anti-business policy of the central government, which imposes a fee of more than Rs. 2,000 on UPI transactions, thereby destroying the livelihood of traders.

Following the demand of the All India Traders’ Association, this meeting has



taken an important decision as a precursor to the protest and to convey the united opposition of the traders to the central government in a moral way.

On October 2, the birthday of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, who fought against foreign goods and

unjust taxes, all merchants across Tamil Nadu should suspend all types of UPI and QR code transactions in their shops for a whole day and only conduct cash transactions. It has been advised to put up a notice board to inform the public in this regard, the statement said.

Devotees donate golden elephant and lion vehicles to Kalyana Venkateswara



TIRUPATI: Devotees from Hyderabad donated new gold-plated elephant and lion chariots to the Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Temple in Kattupat of the Tirupati Devasthanams yesterday.



The Srinivasa Mangapuram Kalyana Venkateswara Temple under the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Paramaribo is very famous. In this context, devotees Lakshmi Reddy and Divya Priyanka

from Hyderabad handed over gold-plated elephant and lion chariots made at a cost of Rs. 40 lakhs to the Deputy Administrator of the Kalyana Venkateswara Temple, Varalakshmi, yesterday.

Special pujas were performed for these vehicles yesterday. The temple authorities said that they will be used in the upcoming Brahmotsava festival at the temple. Assistant Administrative Officer Gopinath, Superintendent Rajkumar, priests and other officials participated in the event.

“Sivaji Ganesan’s artistic achievements will endure for generations”

CM Vijay Pukala salutes



CHENNAI: In a post posted by Chief Minister Vijay, he said, “On the birth anniversary of actor Thilakam Chevaliyi Sivaji Ganesan, who brought the characters he took on to life with his unparalleled acting skills and majestic voice, became the idol of the film industry and made an indelible mark in the hearts of Tamils around the world. I remember and pay tribute to his great artistic work.

He brought all the characters, from historical heroes to mythological figures to the common people of society, to life with his incredible acting, making the richness and glory of Tamil known to the world through films, and becoming a model for acting.

Actor Thilakam Chevaliyi Sivaji Ganesan, who expressed the dimensions of human emotions such as love, affection, bravery, anger, and sadness through his performances, said, “His artistic achievements will remain the pride of Tamil soil for generations to come.”

Supreme Court Judges Praise CMi Vijay’s Performance

NEW DELHI: During the hearing of a case related to Tamil Nadu at the Supreme Court, judges expressed appreciation for the performance of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay. A criminal case concerning Tamil Nadu came up for hearing before a bench comprising Supreme Court Judges Sanjay Kumar and Sanjeev Sachdeva. Advocate P. Karunakaran, appearing on behalf of the Tamil Nadu government, stated, “I had previously appeared for the petitioner in this case. Now that I have assumed the role of a government counsel, the responsibility for this case needs to be transferred to someone else. I request an adjournment of the hearing.”

The judges accepted this request and agreed to adjourn the proceedings.

Subsequently, the judges remarked,

“There are still some matters in Tamil Nadu that need improvement. However, we are currently receiving positive reports regarding the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister’s performance. We are pleased with this.” “I view this as recognition of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister’s performance,” said lawyer Karunakaran.

Delivery worker arrested for stealing cylinders in Bengaluru and selling them in Tamil Nadu

BENGALURU: A private gas cylinder agency is operating in Indira Nagar, Bengaluru. On the night of the 13th, they loaded 173 empty cylinders from the godown into a vehicle. The next morning, they were shocked to find 74 cylinders missing from the vehicle.

Following this, the manager of the gas cylinder agency, Ramesh Kumar, filed a complaint at the Indira Nagar police station. A case was registered and the police conducted an investigation. When the CCTV camera there was examined, it was revealed that the delivery employee, Jayaseelan (64), had stolen the cylinders in another vehicle. Following this, the police conducted a search at Jayaseelan’s house and godown. 65 empty cylinders worth Rs. 4.45 lakh were found in them. The police arrested him and

seized Rs. 2.49 lakh in cash and a 4-wheeler from him.

In this regard, Indira Nagar police said, “Jayaseelan, who works as a delivery employee at a gas agency, stole cylinders in Bengaluru and sold them in Tamil Nadu. “He has sold cylinders at high prices to illegal cylinder vendors in towns including Hosur, Krishnagiri, and Dharmapuri. We have registered a case against him under 4 sections and are investigating.”

Murthy (65) had illegally stored gas cylinders in a makeshift shed in a vacant lot in Payyappanahalli, Bengaluru. Yesterday at around 3pm, three cylinders suddenly exploded, sending flames 30 feet high. The shed was completely destroyed in the explosion.

Firefighters rushed to the scene after receiving information

and extinguished the fire. There were no casualties or injuries as the area was uninhabited. The Payyappanahalli police have registered a case and are investigating.

Even small steps taken by women are essential for society

Writer Bharathi’s comments at a discussion event

CHENNAI:

Ratna Books Publishing House and the Madras Book Club organized a launch and discussion event for “The Stone in the Backyard & The Srirajapuram Saga”, the English translation of the Tamil novel ‘Ranga Nayagi’ by author K. Bharathi Ezhiya, at Alwarpet, Chennai yesterday.

Senior journalist and writer Kavita Muralitharan spoke to the translator of the book, Professor T. Sriraman, and writer K. Bharathi about the novel and the characters in it.

Speaking at the event, writer K. Bharathi said, “Women are an essential part of a home. But for



centuries they have been silenced. Their voices have gone unheard and unheard. Keeping this in mind, I decided that it would be appropriate to give this title to my novel. Throughout this novel, a ‘stone’ travels as a silent witness. It is an excellent metaphor for explaining the condition of women.

Just like women throughout history who left home and revolutionized public life, every small step

women take within the family is vital and important for social progress.

“Because those changes are very consistent. It is that kind of consistent consistency that has brought women to the level of development they are today,” she says.

Translator T. Sriraman spoke and said, “Associating a work with a translator is like marrying off a daughter you have raised with love to another family.”

“We will free Punjab from addiction” - Amit Shah

CHANDIGARH: Speaking at the concluding ceremony of the BJP's 'Drug&Free Punjab Yatra' in Punjab, Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured that Punjab will be free from the clutches of drugs before December 2029. He also criticized the Aam Aadmi Party government as a disaster and said that the BJP will face the elections with the slogan of a drug&free Punjab.

The 13&day pilgrimage, which began on September 18 from four directions, covered about 4,000 km and reached Jalandhar last Tuesday. The concluding ceremony rally was held yesterday.

Lakhs of people and families of drug addicts participated in the rally held on 60 acres in Jalandhar's Paragpur village. The Indian Coast Guard and the Gujarat Anti&Terrorism



Squad jointly intercepted and searched a suspicious boat

that was approaching the western Arabian Sea near Lakshadweep on the 25th. About 526 kg of drugs were seized from the Iranian ship. Five Pakistani nationals who were operating the ship were arrested. The value of the seized drugs is estimated to be more than Rs. 3,000 crore in the international market.

Enforcement Directorate begins probe into Rs. 100 crore corruption case involving Anbil Mahesh

CHENNAI: The Chennai Central Crime Branch police have registered a case regarding an alleged Rs 100 crore fraud involving promises to secure permanent recognition for private schools. DMK functionary Arasakumar and three of his relatives have been arrested in connection with this case.

The police have also implicated former School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi in the case. Searches were conducted at his

residence and offices, and the Central Crime Branch police summoned him for questioning.

The police are also searching for former DMK MLA Muthukumar in connection with the matter. Amidst this, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated an investigation into the Rs 100 crore corruption allegation against former Minister Anbil Mahesh.

The ED is conducting its inquiry based on the FIR



registered by the Central Crime Branch police against him and is examining the illegal transactions involved. Furthermore, the ED plans to conduct searches at



premises linked to former Minister Anbil Mahesh and Arasakumar. The agency has obtained documents related to the case from the Central Crime Branch police.

Major Agreement Signed in Chennai: India and Malaysia Join Hands in Omni Bus and Tourism Sectors

CHENNAI: The All Omni Bus Owners Association and the Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Chennai today to foster knowledge exchange and cooperation in the passenger transport and tourism sectors.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Anbalagan, President of the All Omni Bus Owners Association, and Mr. Subramaniam Punusamy, Hono-



rary Secretary&General of the Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents. The objective of this agreement is to share experiences and best practices in areas such

as electric buses, charging infrastructure, vehicle maintenance, digital booking systems, passenger safety, and training for drivers and technical personnel.

Both associations will also explore opportunities for collaboration regarding tourist bus operations, passenger service quality, visits to technical centers and manufacturing plants, and participation in seminars and trade exhibitions. The agreement provides a collaborative framework for professional meetings, technical presentations, and potential pilot projects involving members from both India and Malaysia.

Permission Granted to Release TET Special Eligibility Test Results: Madras High Court Order

CHENNAI: The Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB) conducted a special eligibility test last July for graduate teachers and middle school headmasters working in government schools.

Several individuals, including P. Natarajan and N. Selvan from Dharmapuri district, filed a case in the Madras High Court seeking an order directing the TRB to award one grace mark for each year of their service experience. The case came up for hearing before Justice P.T. Asha.

During the hearing, the government

side stated that the Tamil Nadu government was planning to make a policy decision regarding the reduction of minimum qualifying marks for the eligibility test applicable to general category teachers.

Acknowledging this, the judge issued an interim order staying the release of the results of the special eligibility test conducted for the teachers. Although the petitioners had not made a specific request for an interim order, the stay on releasing the results had been imposed.

Subsequently, the Tamil Nadu School

Education Department filed a petition seeking the lifting of the stay, stating that they were ready for the final hearing of the main case. This petition came up for hearing today before Justice Mummineni Sudheer Kumar.

Accepting the government's request, the judge ordered the lifting of the interim stay and granted permission to the Teachers Recruitment Board to release the results of the special eligibility test. Furthermore, the judge adjourned the main case—filed by teachers seeking one grace mark for each year of service experience—to the 7th of the month.

Ban on Loading Gravel and M- Sand in Lorries Without GPS! Effective Today

CHENNAI: The Department of Geology and Mining has ordered that, effective today, lorries not equipped with GPS devices are prohibited from transporting gravel and M&Sand. Complaints had arisen regarding the smuggling of mineral resources from Tamil Nadu to neighboring states like Kerala, Karnataka, and Telangana.

Mineral resources were also being exploited and transported within Tamil Nadu using unauthorized lorries.

To curb this, the Tamil Nadu government has implemented a new scheme. Instructions were issued requiring GPS devices to be installed on lorries transporting mineral resources, with a deadline set for yesterday. However, the majority of lorries have not yet been fitted with these de-



vices; consequently, action is set to be taken against them. Arumuga Nainar, Joint Director of the Department of Geology and Mining, stated the following: “Lorry owners were given a grace period to install GPS devices to prevent the illegal smuggling of mineral resources.

That deadline expired yesterday. In Tamil Nadu, 140,000 lorries registered

their intent to transport mineral resources, yet GPS devices have been installed on only 24,000 of them so far. The remaining lorries must have the devices installed immediately; otherwise, their trip sheets (authorization documents) will be cancelled. Moving forward, mineral resources cannot be transported in lorries without authorization. Only lorries

equipped with GPS devices will be permitted to load and transport mineral resources.”

“No other trucks are permitted to transport materials such as granite stones, M&Sand, or sand. Immediate action will be taken if the public lodges complaints regarding the illegal transport of mineral resources,” he stated.

Yuvaraj, President of the Tamil Nadu Sand Lorry Owners' Federation, said, “We will fully support all government efforts to prevent the looting of mineral resources.

Instructions have been issued to install GPS devices in trucks that lack them, and this work is proceeding rapidly.

In compliance with court orders, appropriate measures must also be taken to install cameras at quarries.”

“Let’s create a healthy society that will come forward to donate blood” - CM Vijay

CHENNAI: Chief Minister Vijay has emphasized, “Let us commit to creating a healthy society that is aware of the importance of voluntary blood donation among the people and donate blood.”

In a social media post on the occasion of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, Chief Minister Vijay wrote, “My heartfelt greetings on National Voluntary Blood Donation Day to all the blood donors who save lives by don-

ating blood voluntarily and uphold the highest dignity of humanity! Blood donation is essential to save lives in various situations, including surgery and accidents. Every drop of blood we donate not only saves a person's life, but also protects the future hope of the family.

Blood donors are the true life&saving ambassadors of society. Their selfless service and noble humanity are always admirable.



“Let us take this day to raise awareness among the people about the importance of voluntary blood donation

and to create a healthy society that is aware of blood donation,” Chief Minister Vijay emphasized.

“Misrepresenting a woman’s tears for political gain?” – Minister Rajmohan clarifies



CHENNAI: School Education Minister Rajmohan has issued a clarification regarding a controversy that arose during an election campaign in Dharapuram, stating that it is deeply distressing to see a woman's tears misrepresented for political reasons. Speaking to reporters on

the matter, he said, “During the Dharapuram campaign attended by the Chief Minister, I merely told candidate Sathyabhama, ‘The public has been waiting since morning, and Vijay is also waiting; please wrap up your speech quickly.’ It is distressing to see a woman's tears misrepresented for political

reasons. I strongly condemn making such statements without any factual basis. The organizers had informed me that time was running out while Arunraj was speaking, and they conveyed the same to me when Sathyabhama was speaking. I swear on my mother that I asked her to finish quickly only because

the public was waiting in the heat. It is certain that TVK will win the by&election. The TVK alliance is a winning alliance for secularism and social justice. TVK leader Vijay and the leaders of the alliance will meet and discuss before making a decision regarding joining this alliance.”

High Court’s Stern Order to Curb Reckless Speeding of Private Buses on the Madurai- Theni Route

MADURAI: Reckless speeding by private buses has become a recurring issue across various routes. High&speed private buses are causing numerous accidents on routes such as Coimbatore&Pollachi, Salem&Attathur, Madurai&Theni, and Tirunelveli&Nagercoil. While hearing a case regarding accidents in Theni and Madurai, High Court judges questioned District Collectors about the number of radar cameras installed on highways to monitor vehicle speeds. Private buses often speed excessively to meet scheduled timing requirements at bus terminals. Buses travel at breakneck speeds on routes including Coimbatore&Pollachi, Salem&Attathur, Salem&Dharmapuri, Erode&Salem, Coimbatore&Tiruppur, Madurai&Paramakudi, Madurai&Theni, Dindigul&Palani, Dindigul&Trichy, Cuddalore&Kallakurichi, and

Nagercoil&Tirunelveli.

There are widespread complaints that such speeding leads to numerous accidents. Advocate Praveen Kumar, a resident of Ezhumalai village in the Peraiyur Taluk of Madurai district, filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition at the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court regarding this matter. The petition stated, “I practice as a lawyer at the Madurai High Court and regularly visit my native village once a week.

While traveling on the Madurai&Theni highway, I have observed that private buses operating between Madurai and Theni drive at dangerously high speeds. This leads to frequent accidents and significant loss of life on this route. Fifteen private buses operate daily at scheduled intervals along routes connecting Madurai to Theni, Cumbum,

Kumily, Bodinayakanur, and Devaram. Driven by the motive of maximizing profits, these private buses compete daily with government buses. It has become a recurring issue for them to endanger passengers' lives by driving recklessly at high speeds and using loud horns. Consequently, I obtained information regarding accidents on the Madurai&Theni route under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

The data reveals that over 460 vehicle accidents occurred on the Theni&Madurai highway between 2018 and 2026. While it typically takes 45 minutes to cover the 39&-km stretch between Theni and Usilampatti, private buses on this route complete the journey in just 30 minutes. To curb this, authorities should be ordered to mandate the installation of speed governors in every private bus, ensure strict monitoring,

and install cameras along the route.” The case came up for hearing yesterday before Justices C.V. Karthikeyan and Sakthivel of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court.

In the order issued at the time, the judges directed the District Collectors of Madurai and Theni, along with the regional transport officials of these districts, to submit details regarding the number of automatic speed&detection radar cameras and speed&display systems installed on national and state highways. They were also ordered to provide particulars concerning the government and private buses operating on the Madurai&Theni&Bodi&Cumbum&Kumily and Devaram routes, as well as the names of the operators running these buses. Having issued these directions, the judges adjourned the hearing to the 12th.

Indian Pilot’s Gripping Account: Fighting to Save 174 Israeli Passengers Despite Being Stabbed

MUMBAI: A gripping account has emerged from an Indian pilot who fought to save the lives of 174 Israeli passengers after being stabbed. A fierce altercation broke out mid&air between the pilots of Flydubai flight FZ1073, which had departed from Dubai bound for Tel Aviv, Israel.

The co&pilot, a national of Oman, suddenly stood up and viciously attacked the captain—an Indian pilot named Smith Machar—stabbing him with a knife. Despite his stab wounds, Machar fought bravely and managed to open the cockpit door. Fellow passengers and crew members immediately rushed in, sub-

dued the co&pilot, and tied him up with a rope.

This action thwarted a plot to destroy the aircraft, saving the lives of all 174 passengers. Captain Smith Machar, who was in command of the flight, is an Indian national hailing from the Ghatkopar East area of Mumbai; he had been living in Dubai for work. In an earlier interview, he had enthusiastically shared details about his journey and his dream of becoming a pilot. He mentioned that working in the aviation industry was not a childhood dream of his; instead, he had assumed he would eventually join the family business—a garment



trade. Consequently, after finishing school, Machar enrolled in a textile engineering course. It was only after completing his degree and while pursuing a management course that he considered becoming a pilot. He was 19 years old when he decided he wanted to fly, but his mother was opposed to the idea, fearing for his safety even then. This is because

there is a vast difference between the aviation sector today and how it was 17 years ago; back then, one rarely heard of people becoming pilots, a fact that filled his mother with apprehension.

Flying itself also made her fearful. Nevertheless, Machar's father raised no objections to his decision to become a pilot; Machar stated that his father accepted it happily.