

Nigeria: Military Plane Crashes into River – 32 Dead



Rescue teams engaged in the search for bodies

ABUJA: Nigeria is a country located in West Africa. Yesterday, a military plane departed from the city of Benin, heading towards Lagos. Thirty-two people lost their lives when a military plane crashed into a river in Nigeria.

There were 32 people on board the aircraft. While approaching Lagos, the plane crashed into a river in the area. All 32 people

on board perished in the accident.

Rescue teams rushed to the scene upon receiving the news and recovered the wreckage of the plane along with the bodies of some of the victims. However, rescue teams are continuing the search for the remaining bodies.

Meanwhile, officials are conducting an intensive investigation into the cause of the crash.

India and Switzerland sign 5 agreements in areas including trade, investment, security

Signing in the presence of Prime Minister Modi

NEW DELHI: India and Switzerland signed five agreements yesterday in five sectors: trade, investment, defense, nuclear energy, and infrastructure.

Swiss Prime Minister Guy Parmelin arrived in India yesterday on a three-day visit. This is his second visit to India this year. He had previously visited India to attend the Artificial Intelligence Conference held in Delhi in February.

In this context, President Guy Parmelin, who arrived yesterday, was given a special government welcome at the airport. Later, he visited Raj Ghat, the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, in Delhi. There, he laid a wreath at the Gandhi memorial and offered prayers. Earlier, Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Swiss President Bernama and discussed various aspects of bilateral



relations.

Following this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with President Guy Parmelin in Hyderabad. At the end of the meeting, both sides expressed their commitment to improve bilateral relations in terms of trade and investment and take them to the next level.

President Guy Parmelin

later told the audience that the visit was an opportunity to demonstrate the importance that the two countries attach to their relationship. India-Switzerland relations are based on "shared democratic values, trust and mutual respect," he said.

Following this, in the presence of Prime Minister Modi and President Guy Parmelin,

India and Switzerland signed 5 agreements yesterday in 5 sectors & trade, investment, defense, nuclear energy, and infrastructure development. The two countries signed these MoUs to promote co-operation in the areas of youth exchange program, transportation technologies, traffic arrangements, and infrastructure development.

VISAKHAPATNAM: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the country's first Fleet Support Ship (FSS&1) in Visakhapatnam, showcasing the nation's indigenous shipbuilding capabilities. The Indian Navy's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS&1), named 'Surya', commenced operations today (Oct 6) at the Hindustan Shipyard Limited facility in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Demonstrating the strength of indigenous shipbuilding capabilities, the vessel entered service just 18 months after construction began. Weighing 43,500 tonnes, the ship is specially designed to supply fuel, potable water, ammunition, and essential provisions to warships operating over long distances at sea. A total of five such ships are being constructed under



this project.

To accelerate their construction, new infrastructure—including 'Slipway&4' and a 300-tonne capacity crane—was also inaugurated today; this enables the easy

construction of large vessels weighing up to 45,000 tonnes within India. Speaking after inaugurating the ship, Rajnath Singh said, "I am delighted to be here with all of you at Hindustan Shipyard Limited today.

Meeting you all has further strengthened my confidence in India's maritime capabilities, our naval strength, and our commitment to a self-reliant India. Today is a very significant day."

Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav arrives in Fiji to attend Pre-COP discussions

SUVA: Oct 6 Union Minister for Environment Bhupendra Yadav arrived in Fiji's Nadi on Tuesday to participate in the Pre-COP discussions co-hosted by Australia and Fiji.

This meeting comes ahead of the COP31 conference under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held in Turkey next month.

Yadav is expected to engage in bilateral and multilateral discussions on key issues on the COP31 agenda and put forward India's position on the critical matters under consideration. "Arrived in Nadi, Fiji to participate in the Pre-COP discussions co-hosted by Australia and Fiji. Over the next few days, across bilaterals and multilaterals, will put forward India's views on matters related to critical agenda items leading up to COP31 next month in Türkiye."



Will also highlight how India, under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, through its domestic policies and international collaborations, has emerged as a leader in proactive climate actions," Yadav posted on X.

Last month, Yadav met Australian Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen in New Delhi, where both leaders discussed key priorities for the Pre-COP meeting in Fiji and upcoming COP31 in Turkey.

Bowen is also serving as President of the COP31

negotiations under the UNFCCC. Following the meeting, Yadav took to X and posted, "Happy to have met with Mr Chris Bowen, Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy and President of the COP31 negotiations, in New Delhi today.

We had an engaging discussion on key agenda items for the upcoming Pre-COP in Fiji and COP31 in Turkey." The Union Minister stated that during the meeting, he highlighted the "success stories" of India's climate action under the leadership

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past decade.

"I also reaffirmed India's commitment to being a supportive partner to Australia in its role as President of the COP31 negotiations," he added.

Bowen said that India is an indispensable voice in shaping the future of global climate and energy policy, and its clean-energy expansion demonstrates that the transition to cleaner sources can support economic prosperity.

Addressing a Pre-COP Dialogue titled Partners in Green Transition: Advancing Ambition,

Action and Partnerships for COP31 in New Delhi, he said India's experience would be important to the global climate conversation as countries work to accelerate implementation of their climate commitments.

Trump Approves Death Penalty for Former US Army Major

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump has approved a recommendation by Army Secretary Pete Hegseth to carry out the death penalty—via lethal injection—against former US Army Major Nidal Hasan, who was convicted for the 2009 shooting deaths of 13 people at the Fort Hood military base in Texas.

If the execution is carried out, it will mark the first time the US military has executed a death sentence

since 1961.

Plans were made to transfer him from a military prison in Kansas to a federal prison in Indiana for the execution. Under US military policy, the execution must be carried out no earlier than 60 days and no later than 150 days after the President's approval.



EAM Jaishankar undertakes five day visit to Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Ethiopia

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar embarked on a five-day official visit to Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, and Ethiopia starting Tuesday, with the objective of deepening the bilateral partnership between India and the three African nations. As detailed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), throughout the visit spanning October 6 to 10, the External Affairs Minister will hold bilateral meetings with his respective counterparts, alongside meeting with the leadership across all three countries to evaluate existing close ties characterised by friendship and cooperation.

The MEA stated, "Discussions will cover the whole gamut of bilateral ties across sectors, including trade and economic, development co-

operation, capacity building, and people-to-people ties. He will also exchange perspectives on regional and global matters of mutual interest."

While stationed in Ethiopia's Addis Ababa, the External Affairs Minister is additionally scheduled to chair the Regional Heads of Mission Conference. The MEA mentioned, "The visit of EAM is reflective of India's commitment to deepen its partnership with Africa, and will further India's solidarity with the Global South."

During a transit stop in Addis Ababa, EAM Jaishankar met Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, who serves as the Secretary & General of the Commonwealth. Sharing the encounter online, he posted on X, "Was so nice to see Secretary & General of the Com-

monwealth Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey during our transit in Addis Ababa." Earlier, the External Affairs Minister met former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in New Delhi, during which both leaders deliberated upon global developments alongside the changing landscape within the Indo-Pacific region.

Taking to social media on Tuesday, the External Affairs Minister stated, "A pleasure to meet up with former PM Dr Kevin Rudd in New Delhi yesterday. Exchanged perspectives on global developments and the Indo-Pacific."

Earlier on Monday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ghana announced that EAM Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Ghana from October 6 to 7, following an invitation extended by Ghana's Minister

for Foreign Affairs, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa. The Ministry stated in a Facebook post, "Ghana looks forward to hosting His Excellency Dr S. Jaishankar on this historic visit, which will afford the two countries the opportunity to renew their inseparable bond of solidarity and shared values."

The statement further added, "During the visit, Ghana and India will hold discussions that will advance their relations in pharmaceutical development within the framework of President (John Dramani) Mahama's Accra Reset philosophy; deepening agricultural cooperation in mechanisation and value addition; support for President Mahama's industrialisation and job creation agenda; and expanding scholarships and IT partnerships."

Today horoscope



Your word will gain value in the family. You will exchange your old vehicle for a new one. You will meet childhood friends after a long time. Debts will be collected in business. Workload will decrease in the office.



You will meet famous people in the society. You will attend special events at relatives' houses with your family. Your mother's health will be satisfactory. Anger will decrease. Goods will be sold in business. There will be an inflow of money.



Your influence in the outside world will increase. You will fulfill the wishes of your family members promptly. Your speech will be sweet. You will plan to expand your business. You will travel abroad. You will buy modern electrical appliances.



You will feel tired and restless. It is better to compromise with your family. You will have to face competition and jealousy in business. You need to be careful while traveling in a vehicle. Do not interfere in other people's affairs.



Long-awaited money will arrive. There will be support from an elder brother. New customers will be introduced in business. You will get support from your superiors in the office. You will receive artefacts.



All expectations will be fulfilled gradually. The chaos in the family will end and peace will return. Those involved in joint ventures will make profits. There will be love troubles from neighbors. There will be a sudden trip.



You will look refreshed. You will take on new responsibilities at the office. You will consider buying a house or plot. Siblings will help at the right time. There will be harmony between husband and wife.



All the pleasant events of the past will linger in your mind. Your children will behave responsibly. You will take care of your home and vehicle. You will plan to go on a spiritual journey with your family. Guests will visit.



You will meet new friends. You will get a favorable verdict in a property-related case. You will make significant profits in stock trading. A relative through your spouse will seek your help. Siblings will shower you with affection.



Expected help and opportunities will be hindered. It is better to avoid unnecessary arguments in the family. There will be peace in business. Foreign trips will bring uncertainty. Do not give any guarantees to anyone.



The arrival of guests will create a lively atmosphere in the family. There will be an unexpected influx of money. You will enjoy buying clothes and jewelry. Those looking for a job will receive good news. Relatives who have been away will come looking for you.



You will make plans for the future. You will see a positive change in the behavior of your children. Some things will be accomplished through childhood friends. You will start saving by reducing luxury expenses. You will develop an interest in spirituality.

VCK Functionary Murder Case: 9 Arrested

RANIPET: Nine individuals have been arrested in connection with the murder of a VCK functionary. Sivakumar, a resident of Nagaleri village in Ranipet district and a functionary of the Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), was traveling on a two-wheeler near Allalacheri on the 1st of the month. Unidentified assailants who were trailing him intercepted his vehicle, stabbed him repeatedly, and fled the scene.



Sivakumar sustained severe head injuries and tragically died on the spot. Relatives and VCK members staged a road blockade demanding the arrest of the perpetrators. Acting on orders from the District Superintendent of Police, special teams were formed to search for the absconding suspects.

The special team police arrested nine individuals on suspicion. It is alleged that four of them had posted status updates regarding the murder on social media following the incident. Upon interrogation, these four individuals confessed to killing Sivakumar to avenge the murder of a friend. Further questioning is currently underway.

GST Council Meeting to be Held the Day After Tomorrow Under the Chairmanship of the Union Finance Minister

DELHI: A GST Council meeting is scheduled to take place the day after tomorrow under the chairmanship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The 57th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting will be held in Delhi the day after tomorrow.

State Finance Ministers will participate in the



meeting chaired by Union

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Although the GST Council meeting was originally scheduled for tomorrow, it has been postponed to the day after tomorrow due to unavoidable reasons.

Various issues, including GST revenue sharing, will be discussed during this meeting.

India needs an AI security agency to prevent cyber fraud



CHENNAI: An AI security institute is needed in India to prevent cyber fraud, said Soumya Swaminathan, chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Institute.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released the book "Cashless Nation," co-authored by Chandanu Paul and Sampamurthy, explaining the changes brought about by UPI digital

Soumya Swaminathan

transactions in India, at the IIT Madras Alumni Association conference held in Bengaluru.

The book's launch was held at IIT Madras yesterday. Former RBI Governor Rangarajan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Institute Chairman Soumya Swaminathan, IIT Madras Director Kamakoti, former NCBI Chairman Balachandran and Bombay Stock Exchange Managing Director Sundararaman Ramamurthy were present as special guests.

Speaking at the event, IIT Director Kamakoti said, "The process of UPI technology is

very effective and simple. Just as India donated its vaccines to other countries during the Corona period, similarly, it is sharing its UPI technology with various countries."

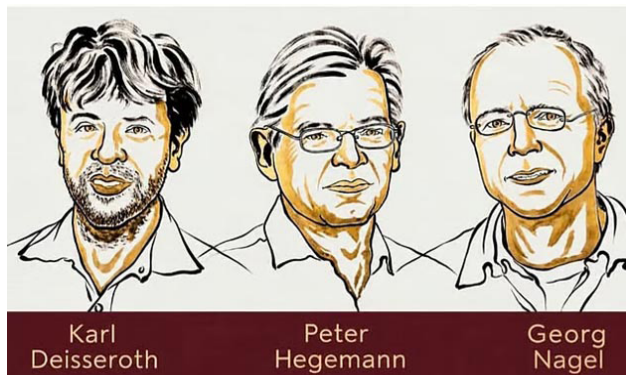
Former RBI Governor Rangarajan continued, "UPI was born as a result of autonomous integration and collaboration. Today, UPI has become a technology that the whole world is admiring. India's gross domestic product in 2025&26 is Rs. 346 lakh crore. Of this, the value of UPI transactions is Rs. 314 lakh crore, according to the official data. The GST Council meeting will be held soon. I would like to emphasize

that GST will not be levied on UPI transactions in this meeting," he said.

Earlier, Soumya Swaminathan, Chairman, MS Swaminathan Research Institute, said, "This book beautifully captures how the RBI has played a major role in the country's financial landscape and the changes that have occurred over time.

Before the advent of UPI, financial inclusion was a major challenge. In today's environment, the cyber frauds we face pose various threats. Some people are trying to use UPIs for fraud. Therefore, India really needs an AI Safety Institute."

Nobel Prize in Medicine awarded to 3 scientists from the US and Germany



STOCKHOLM: The Nobel Prize in Medicine has been shared between three scientists from the United States and Germany.

The Nobel Prize in Medicine has been awarded to American Carl Deisseroth (54) and German scientists Peter Hegemann (71) and Georg Nagel (73).

The human brain contains billions of neurons. Studying their functions has been a major challenge for scientists. In 2005, scientists Carl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, and Georg Nagel discovered a technology called optogenetics.

Intensive research is underway to restore vision to the blind through optogenetics

technology. Research is also underway to treat neurological diseases including Parkinson's, epilepsy, Alzheimer's, and depression.

In 2005, American scientist Carl Deisseroth first described the technology of optogenetics. He isolated a light-sensing protein called channelrhodopsin from single-celled algae. Genetic engineering

He demonstrated that the protein could be injected into the brain of mice and control the neurons. He also demonstrated that the same method could be used to control human nerve cells.

German scientists Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel are also considered pioneers

of optogenetics. The three scientists, working at different universities, have made significant contributions to the development of optogenetics technology, and the Nobel Prize was awarded to all three.

The Nobel Prizes for physics will be announced on October 6, chemistry on October 7, literature on October 8, peace on October 9, and economics on October 12. The Nobel Prizes will be awarded in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, in December. The Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded in Oslo, the capital of Norway. The 24-carat gold medal, a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 11.44 crore will also be awarded.

Transfer of Rs. 350 crore to the differently - abled welfare fund

Urge to abandon the rights project

CHENNAI: The Rs 1,773 crore RIGHTS scheme was launched in 2022 by the previous DMK government to improve and provide various services, including certificates and welfare assistance, to the differently abled in Tamil Nadu.

Accordingly, social rehabilitation workers will have to go door-to-door to conduct a census, compile complete data of the differently abled and connect them with services. In this context, the Highways Department issued a government order on October 8, 2024. In it, permission was given to transfer Rs. 350 crore saved in the Bill of Rights to the Highways Department. This information has now been released and has become a topic of discussion on social media. Disabled people's welfare associati-

ons have strongly opposed this move by the Tamil Nadu government.

Regarding this, Netrodaya Foundation founder C. Govindakrishnan wrote to the Chief Minister last month, "As per the Bill of Rights, the differently abled should not have to go to every office but should be provided with welfare schemes at the village and district level. But, no change has taken place on the ground.

While 878 charitable institutions have registered under this department, only 14 institutions have been given the job of social service providers. There is no transparency in this. According to an RTI reply dated September 3, Rs 299 crore has been spent so far on the contractual employees of the Rights Scheme working

at the State Commission and district levels alone. A serious investigation should be conducted in this regard. The Social Register Census was conducted in 1.41 crore families out of 2.28 crore families as of June 17.

As of August 20, out of the 10 lakh 76,926 unique

identity cards issued to all types of differently abled persons, only 61,312 people belonging to 14 categories have been issued cards. Therefore, the government should discontinue this scheme, which does not provide any benefit, and introduce new schemes," it said.

Nurses' Protest Temporarily Called Off

CHENNAI: The hunger strike conducted by nurses to press for various demands has been temporarily called off. Following assurances given by the Health Secretary, office bearers of the nurses' association decided to postpone the protest. Members of the Tamil Nadu Intermediate Health Workers Association had engaged in a one-day hunger strike yesterday near the Rajarathinam Stadium in Egmore, Chen-

nai, demanding job regularization and job security. Over a thousand nurses participated in the protest. Association representatives held talks with the Health Secretary regarding their demands.

It is reported that the Health Secretary assured them that appropriate action would be



taken concerning their requests. Accepting the Health Secretary's assurance, the association leaders decided to wait until November 3rd. Consequently,

they announced the temporary withdrawal of the protest. The nurses' associations have decided to wait and see if appropriate action is taken regarding their demands by November 3rd. It is expected that a decision on the next course of action will be made if the promised measures are not implemented.

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Sudden Dissolution of Parliament in Spain Due to Lack of Majority

Spanish Prime Minister Sánchez announced the sudden dissolution of the country's parliament. He stated that a snap general election would be held on November 29 due to the lack of a parliamentary majority. Pedro Sánchez serves as the Prime Minister of Spain. The lower house of parliament, the 'Congress of Deputies,' comprises a total of 350 seats. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's current minority coalition government holds only 147 of these 350 seats. Specifically, Prime Minister Sánchez's Socialist Party holds 121 seats, while its left-wing coalition partners hold 26 seats. With a majority of 176 seats required in parliament, Sánchez's left-wing coalition government relied on the support of regional and smaller parties to pass legislation. Prices and housing rents in Spain had skyrocketed. Widespread public protests erupted across the country after an 87-year-old man in Madrid was evicted from his home because he could not afford the rent. Sánchez's minority government was unable to legally address this crisis. Consequently, the central government introduced two emergency decrees to curb the drastic rent hikes and housing shortages. However, opposition parties defeated these two emergency decrees in parliament. This situation arose after coalition parties withdrew their support for Pedro Sánchez's party. This created a risk of the parliament coming to a complete standstill. To break the parliamentary deadlock and secure a new majority, Pedro Sánchez announced the dissolution of his cabinet. As opposition parties blocked government-sponsored legislation in parliament, Sánchez decided to dissolve the legislature and seek a fresh mandate from the public through an election, well before his term was due to end (prior to 2027). The election is scheduled for the 29th of next month (November), and he has announced that he will contest again representing his party. Until then, an interim government led by Pedro Sánchez will govern Spain.

3 new judges appointed to the Supreme Court



NEW DELHI: The Collegium Committee, comprising five senior judges, headed by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Surya Kant, met on the 28th of last month. In the meeting, a recommendation was made to the Central Government to appoint three Chief Justices of High Courts as Supreme Court judges.

Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal, Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Telangana High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh have been recommended for elevation to the Supreme Court. Based on the recommendation of the collegium, President Draupadi Murmu has given his assent to the appointment of three new judges to the Supreme Court.

The central government issued an official notification in this regard yesterday. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Justice, the three newly appointed judges will take oath soon. They will be administered the oath by Chief Justice Surya Kant. The total strength of judges in the Supreme Court will increase to 37 after the new judges take office, while the current strength of 34 judges is 37.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh attended a Barakhana organised by the Eastern Naval Command and interacted with Indian Navy personnel and their families at Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh

Shoba, Mother of CM Vijay, Offers Prayers at Tirupati Lord Venkateswara Temple



TIRUMALA: Shoba Chandrasekhar, the mother of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay, offered prayers at the Tirupati Lord Venkateswara temple. Upon arriving at Tirumala, Shoba Chandrasekhar visited the Lord Venkateswara temple to worship. Temple authorities welcomed her to the premises and made arrangements for her

assembly constituencies in Tamil Nadu are taking place today (the 6th). Voting began at 7:00 AM in both constituencies. Against this backdrop, the visit of Chief Minister Vijay's mother, Shoba Chandrasekhar, to the Tirupati temple for worship is noteworthy. Voters in both Maduranthakam and Dharapuram are casting their votes with enthusiasm. Shoba Chandrasekhar's visit to Tirupati to worship Lord Venkateswara on the day of the by-elections has drawn attention in both political circles and among devotees. After completing her prayers, she departed from the temple complex.

Kolathur TVK MLA V.S. Babu is undergoing intensive treatment by multidisciplinary doctors

CHENNAI: Multidisciplinary doctors are providing intensive treatment to Kolathur constituency Thaveka MLA V.S. Babu, who has been admitted to the MGM Hospital in Chennai. V.S. Babu, the MLA from Kolathur constituency in Chennai, became famous throughout Tamil Nadu after he contested and won against DMK leader M.K. Stalin in that constituency. He had been participating in the Legislative Assembly session that had been going on for a month when he suffered a stroke on the night of the 9th of last month. Following this, he was



admitted to the MGM Healthcare Hospital on Nelson Manickam Road in Chennai. He has been admitted to the intensive care unit and is being treated by a multidisciplinary team of doctors with the help of a ventilator as needed. On the 23rd, Chief Minister Vijay visited the hospital and met V.S. Babu and enquired about his well-being. He also inquired from the doctors about

the treatment being given to him and the progress of his health. Since various information about V.S. Babu's health has been circulating on social media from time to time, the hospital administration has officially released his health reports. However, since the reports have not been released for more than 10 days, various information about his health is again being published on social media. Meanwhile, it was reported that V.S. Babu had a tracheostomy device fitted in his neck to help him breathe. When contacted, his side said, "No such device was fitted. V.S. Babu is fine."

Dengue fever cases increase 4.8 times in Chengalpattu 98 people infected in August, 469 in September

247 people in Tambaram Corporation alone

CHENGALPATTU: Dengue fever cases have increased 4.8 times in a single month in Chengalpattu district. While 98 people were affected in August, the number has increased to 469 in September. This has necessitated intensified dengue prevention measures during the rainy season. According to the Health Department's bulletin, the incidence has increased in all parts of the district. Tambaram suffers the most: While 35 people were affected in Tambaram municipality in August, 247 people were affected in September. This is a 7-fold increase. The highest number of 69 people were affected in the 4th zone of the municipality. The number of cases in rural areas has increased from 53 to 172. 69 people have been affected in the St. Thomas Hill district. The number of cases in municipalities has increased from 7 to 40, and in urban areas from 3 to 10. Only 18 people have been

affected in the Kuduancheri municipality. If water accumulates in houses, vacant plots, public areas, school campuses and other public places due to rain, the chances of mosquito breeding may increase. Following this, mosquito eradication and cleaning works are being carried out by the infrastructure departments. Rainwater canals have been dug and stagnant soil and garbage have been removed. Awareness activities on dengue prevention have also been taken up in schools. The Health Department has instructed to intensify activities in the affected areas, including house and house visits to identify and destroy mosquito breeding sites, spraying fumigation where necessary, and monitoring the incidence of diseases. Since drinking water sources are prone to contamination during the rainy season, proper chlorination has also been advised. Measures are also being

taken to prevent not only dengue but also water-borne diseases including typhoid. Social activist Elango said: The public is reporting that mosquito problems increase during the rainy season due to stagnant rainwater and sewage in some areas. If you have a fever, you should avoid self-medication and taking pills and should consult a doctor. It is necessary to identify the cause of the fever through a medical examination and receive treatment accordingly. Awareness about this should be created among the public. During the rainy season, mosquito control, sanitation and pest control activities will continue, and the general public will also need to cooperate in preventive measures, including ensuring that water does not stagnate in their surroundings. The district administration and local government units will continue to take preventive measures in a coordinated manner, he said.

Live monitoring of voting at all polling stations in Thattanchavadi Puducherry Chief Minister performs special puja at Alukka Sami temple



PUDUCHERRY: Chief Minister Rangasamy performed a special puja at Vettaikaran Puthur to win the by-election. Chief Minister Rangasamy, who contested and won two

seats in the general election in Puducherry, resigned from the Thattanchavadi constituency. The by-election there is being held today. The Chief Minister is involved in Siddha worship. His spiritual guru is Alukkusamy (Dirty Siddha), the guru of Appa Paithiyam Swami. It is Rangaswamy's custom to visit these Siddhas and offer special worship when they are engaged in important matters. Based on that, with the Thattanchavadi by-election scheduled to be held today, he went to the Alukka Sami (Alukka Siddhar) temple in Vettaikaranputhur near Pollachi and offered prayers to the NR Congress candidate along with the details of the pooja items to pray for his victory in the election. The Chief Minister's side stated that he also engaged in special pooja.

Free scooters for 50,000 female graduates UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announces



LUCKNOW: "Under the Rani Lakshmbai Scooty Scheme, 50,000 female graduates who have completed their bachelor's degree in the

academic year 2025&26 will be provided free scooters next month," Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced. Speaking at a scholarship distribution event in Lucknow, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said: In the current financial year, a huge amount of Rs. 148 crore has been disbursed in the bank accounts of 4.6 lakh students of classes 9 and 10 and above. Earlier, only 60 to 70 out of 100

students received scholarships. Some people, including writers, were receiving the money illegally, thus defrauding the students. Earlier, the travel expenses incurred by the students to receive the scholarships were more than the amount they ultimately received. Now, the government is taking steps to ensure that the scholarship amount of each student is directly credited to their bank account. Students from Uttar Pradesh no longer need to

travel to other states to prepare for exams like JEE and NEET. Currently, the youth are benefiting from this through the Chief Minister's Appyudhaya Coaching Scheme. Under the Rani Lakshmbai Scooty Scheme, 50,000 female graduates who completed their bachelor's degree in the academic year 2025&26 will be provided free scooters next month, Chief Minister Adityanath said.

BJP announces 8 candidates for UP Rajya Sabha elections Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's name is not available

NEW DELHI: 10 Rajya Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh and 1 in Uttarakhand are falling vacant soon. Similarly, one seat is also lying vacant in West Bengal. Elections to all these 12 seats are scheduled to be held on October 16. The retiring members include BJP leaders like Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Arun Singh, Neeraj Shekhar, Brijlal, Union Minister of State P.L. Verma, Seema Dwivedi, Samajwadi

Party's Ram Gopal Yadav, and a member from the Bahujan Samaj Party. The BJP has eight of the vacant seats in UP. The party's national headquarters in charge Tarun Sukh released the list of 8 candidates approved by the party's central election committee. They include Dharampal Singh, Radhakant Ojha, Prakash Pal, Vidyasagar Sonkar, Gopi Krishna Pandey, Ram Pratap Singh Chauhan. There are also two women & Priyanka Singh Rawat and Shruti Gangwar.

Dharampal Singh, Prakash Pal and Shruti Gangwar have joined the OBC category. Vidyasagar Sonkar and Priyanka Singh Rawat have joined the Patiala constituency. This is seen as a social calculation keeping in mind the 2027 Assembly elections. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated the candidates after the release of the Patiala constituency. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance has 150 seats in the state assembly. The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly currently has 396 members. A candidate needs 37 first preference votes to be declared. This will give the Samajwadi Party two seats. The BJP is expected to win seven or eight of the remaining seats. The contest for the eighth seat is said to be fierce.

Narcotics worth ₹50 crore seized in Delhi; 4 arrested

NEW DELHI: Police received information regarding drug trafficking in the Begumpur area of Delhi. On the 16th of last month, they intercepted and searched a luxury car in the area, discovering 300 grams of heroin. The police seized the contraband and arrested Lakshman Hooda, who was transporting it for distribution. Acting on information provided by him, the police conducted a raid on an illegal heroin manufacturing unit operating in the Seetha Colony area of Lucknow. They recovered 7 kilograms of heroin—including 6 kilograms of freshly manufactured stock—along with raw materials. The seized drugs are valued at ₹50 crore in the international market. Four individuals were arrested.

West Bengal by election Humayun Kabir arrested in Rejinagar constituency

KOLKATA: Voting for the by-elections to two assembly seats in West Bengal is underway today (October 6). In this context, Aam Janata Unnao Party (AJUP) leader Humayun Kabir has been arrested in the Rejinagar constituency, where voting is taking place.

Humayun Kabir's son Ghulam Nabi Azad is contesting from the Rejinagar constituency. In this situation, Humayun Kabir had come to the AJUP party office this morning. At that time, an argument broke out between him and the policemen on duty there. Following which, the police arrested him and took him to the Rejinagar police station. Humayun Kabir contested and won the West Bengal state assembly elections from



Navotas constituency in Murshidabad district last April. He leveled allegations against the Trinamool Congress party, which was in power at the time. In this context, as voting is underway for the by-election today, he has been making various comments about the police engaged in security work in the Rejinagar constituency. The police were engaged in security work in areas including his house and party office. In this con-

text, he was arrested while he was casting his vote with his family. Voting for by-elections is underway today in the Regina and Nandigram constituencies in West Bengal, the Thattanchavadi constituency in Puducherry, the Madhurantakam and Tarapuram assembly constituencies in Tamil Nadu, and one Lok Sabha constituency in Assam. Voters from the respective constituencies are casting their votes in view of this.

Son gets away with killing his father after watching 'Drishyam 3'

PATNA: son killed his father after watching the movie Drishyam&3 and fled. The police have arrested him using his cell phone signal and are interrogating him.

Raghuveer Sahni (50) hails from Dharwa village near Samastipur in Bihar. His son is Shivshankar Sahni. There has been a long-standing property dispute between the father and son. Shivshankar had a fight with his father after he did not give him his share after selling the agricultural land. Following this, he separated from his father and is living in Surat with his wife. In this situation, Shivshankar recently watched the Indian film Drishyam&3. Seeing the hero Ajay Devgan covering up the murder, tampering with evidence, and destroying digital tr-

aces, he decided to kill his father in the same way. He then traveled 2,000



kilometers from Surat to Bihar. He turned off his cell phone and returned to the village, entered the house through the back door, and hacked his sleeping father to death with an axe. Later, he went to the Badori railway station. He turned on his cell phone, which he had turned off, and talked to his wife. He turned off his cell

phone again and returned to the village. While the police were



trying to find out who killed Raghuveer, they found a key clue that he had used his cell phone for a while at the Bhadori railway station. The police arrested Sivashankar on the basis of that. During interrogation, Sivashankar confessed that he had planned the murder after watching the movie Drishyam&3. He is currently in judicial custody.



The Minister of State for Science & Technology (Independent Charge), Earth Sciences (Independent Charge), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh and the President of the Swiss Confederation, Mr. Guy Parmelin attend the Indo - Swiss Research Flagship event held, in New Delhi.

CM writes to Union External Affairs Minister Jaishankar seeking a solution to the fishermen's issue

CHENNAI: Chief Minister Vijay has stated that the India&Sri Lanka Joint Working Group, established to address fishermen's issues, must be properly reconstituted and convened quickly. On the 3rd, nine fishermen from Rameswaram were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy, and their mechanized boats were confiscated.

Fishermen from Ram-anathapuram and adjacent coastal districts have tradi-



tionally engaged in fishing in the Palk Strait region. Fishing boats serve as their primary source of livelihood; the seizure of these boats causes them severe economic hardship. The India&Sri Lanka Joint Working Group, set up to

resolve these issues, needs to be properly reconstituted and its meeting convened urgently. Constructive solutions must be found for the problems faced by fishermen from both nations.

Necessary steps must be taken to secure the release of the 20 fishermen currently imprisoned in Sri Lanka and to retrieve the 270 confiscated boats. He conveyed this in his letter.

Ministers Ramesh and Srinath Offer Prayers at Kulasai Mutharamman Temple



THOOTHUKUDI: Ministers Ramesh and Srinath offered prayers at the Kulasai Mutharamman Temple.

The world&renown-ed Mutharamman Temp-

le (dedicated to Goddess Mutharamman and Lord Gnanamoortheswarar) is located in Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi district.

The Dussehra festival

celebrated at this temple is famous worldwide; this year's festival is set to commence on the 11th with the flag&hoisting ceremony. The festival's highlight, the

Mahishasura Samharam (the slaying of the demon Mahishasura), is scheduled to take place on the night of the 20th at the beach near the Kulasai Chidambareswarar Temple. With the festival approaching, officials are actively making the necessary arrangements.

Against this backdrop, Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Ramesh and Minister for Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Srinath visited the Kulasai Mutharamman Temple today to offer prayers. The ministers also inspected the arrangements being made for the Dussehra festival.

TVK Will Win Without Distributing Money Minister Vijay Balaji's Statement



CHENNAI: Minister Vijay Balaji has stated that there is no history

Vijay Balaji has denied these claims.

of TVK securing votes by distributing money. By&elections are currently underway in the Maduranthakam and Dharapuram constituencies of Tamil Nadu. Amidst various allegations that TVK is distributing cash for votes, Handlooms and Textiles Minister

Speaking to reporters on the matter, he said: "Everyone is aware of the 'Thirumangalam formula' associated with by&elections.

However, we are set to shatter that precedent; as the ruling party, we are poised to achieve a massive victory in this by&election without distributing even a single rupee. Critics will continue to criticize, but there is no history of TVK ever securing votes through cash handouts."

"Police high-handedness against nurses is the height of brutality" – EPS lashes out

CHENNAI: "The high&handedness displayed by the police against nurses represents the height of brutality. Instead of registering cases against them, all of them should be released immediately, and a solution should be reached through dialogue," stated AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi Palaniswami.

Regarding this, he posted on his X (formerly Twitter) page: "The anarchy unleashed by the police force of the current TVK government against nurses—who were protesting peacefully to press



for their demands—represents the height of brutality. "How will this 'Reels Chief Minister' justify the fascist atrocities committed by the police—who operate under his command—against nurses engaged in life&saving work? Do you remember what your party functionaries—i-

ncluding those who are now ministers—said when they stood before these very nurses prior to coming to power? Is 'saying one thing before assuming power and doing the exact opposite afterwards' what you call 'change'? The current Health Minister is someone who, instead of accepting valid concerns raised by the public regarding the spread of Dengue fever in Tamil Nadu, resorts to hurling slanderous remarks. "Did he utter even a single word about the nurses in his department who were

protesting? What task could possibly be more important for this minister than coming to hold talks with the nurses? I strongly condemn this 'Exclamation Mark' government for its despicable handling of the protest—actions that included cutting off electricity at the protest site and arresting nurses after summoning them under the pretext of holding talks. "I urge this government to immediately release all the arrested nurses, ensure that no cases are filed against them, and find a resolution by engaging in democratic dialogue with them."

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay invited to Mysore Dussehra celebrations

BENGALURU: The world&famous Mysore Dussehra festival will be held for 10 days from the 11th to the 21st. Laks of people from other states and abroad are expected to participate in this festival, which is being celebrated on a grand scale by the Karnataka government.

In this situation, Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar held a meeting with ministers, government officials, district MPs, MLAs and others in Mysuru yesterday. At that time, various

artistic events to be held during the 10 days and the invitation of special guests were discussed.

It seems that since this is the first Dussehra festival to be held after D.K. Shivakumar became the Chief Minister, it has been decided to celebrate it in a grand manner.

In this situation, Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has been invited to inaugurate the air show on behalf



of the Karnataka government.

Similarly, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay has been invited to participate in Dussehra as a special guest. The

Mysuru district administration has said that Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will soon call Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay.

"Dummy Chief Minister," "Buffoonish Rulers" Udhayanidhi Stalin's Sharp Criticism

CHENNAI: Udhayanidhi Stalin, the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, has severely criticized the government led by the "dummy Chief Minister" for the attack on nurses. In a post on his X (formerly Twitter) handle, he stated the following: "I strongly condemn the government of this 'dummy Chief Minister' for unleashing the police to carry out a brutal, indiscriminate attack on nurses who were protesting for demands such as job regularization and

equal pay for equal work. The very people—now acting like buffoons in power—who promised while in the opposition to regularize the nurses' jobs on their very first day in office, are now the first to send the police to suppress the nurses' protest with acts of lawlessness.

On one hand, these rulers commit excesses—confining nurses to a small area at the protest site, cutting off electricity, and threatening them by asking if they value their lives. On the other hand, they demean the nurses



and their struggle through 'Abusive Warriors'; this is the height of uncivilized behavior. It is shameful that, after once delivering 'punch dialogues' claiming they would not tolerate even a scratch on the nurses, they are now

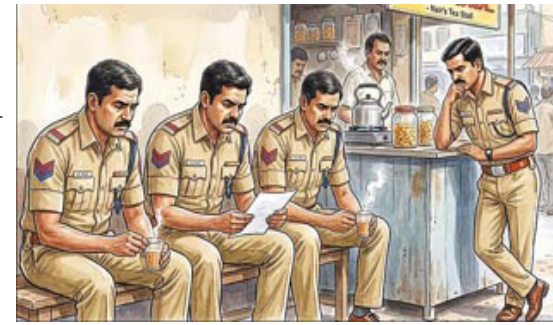
attacking not only the protesting nurses but even their children. What do you call this attack on children—a 'Maternal Uncle's Lathi&charge Scheme'? Why do the Chief Minister's hands, which reach out to wipe the 'fake tears' of a 'suitcase candidate,' refuse to wipe the genuine tears of life&saving nurses? I urge this government to immediately halt the oppression of the nurses, invite them for talks, and take the necessary steps to resolve their demands."

Police Personnel Yet to Receive Election Duty Travel Allowance Five Months After Polls

CHENNAI: Even though five months have passed since the elections concluded, the travel allowance due to police personnel for election duty has not yet been disbursed. Consequently, they are hoping to receive the allowance before the Diwali festival. During election periods, police personnel from various districts are deployed to other districts to provide security for political events such as conferences, public meetings, processions, and campaign tours by leaders. Many officers are sent from individual police stations on deputation for these duties.

In addition to regular stationing personnel, officers from specialized units—including the Special Task Force and the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad—are deployed for special election assignments. Police are also sent to distant districts

for various tasks, including security for candidate nominations, polling stations, the voting process, and the counting of votes. The government provides a daily travel allowance—ranging from ₹250 to ₹400 per person, depending on rank—to cover expenses such as food for these deployed officers. The State government provides the funds for Assembly elections, while the Central government provides them for Parliamentary elections. The total amount is calculated based on the period from the announcement of the election date to the declaration of results and is credited to each officer's account. The general election for the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was announced on March 15, and the



Model Code of Conduct came into effect on that day. Following the completion of vote counting and the full declaration of results, the Election Commission of India completely withdrew the Model Code of Conduct on May 7. From the day the election date was announced, police personnel in every Assembly constituency were engaged in security, surveillance, and vehicle checks around the clock, working in three shifts. Personnel ranging from Grade II constables to inspectors worked day and night for this purpose. The government is required to pay each

officer a travel allowance ranging from approximately ₹12,000 to ₹21,000, commensurate with their rank. However, the travel allowance for

the 53 days of duty performed during the recently concluded Assembly elections has not been disbursed even five months after the polls ended. In contrast, during the previous parliamentary elections, the travel allowance was credited to the officers' accounts within 15 days of the election's conclusion. The police are deeply dissatisfied that the allowance remains unpaid after five months and have urged senior police officials to take appropriate measures to ensure disbursement before the Diwali festival.

Woman branded a 'witch' achieves success in Rajasthan state exam!

JAIPUR: A woman who was mocked as a 'witch' after the deaths of her husband and daughter has achieved a remarkable feat by clearing the Rajasthan Administrative Services (RAS) examination. Rohini Gurjar, hailing from Ajmer, Rajasthan, earned the distinction of being the first woman from her village, Kukra, to graduate with a B.A. degree in 2006.

She married in 2011 and became a mother in 2013. Her husband passed away in 2021, a tragedy that caused her immense grief. Because she gave birth to two daughters, Rohini faced ridicule and a lack of support from her

in&laws. Furthermore, some villagers blamed her for her husband's death and branded her a 'witch.' Despite this, her brother Narendra Gurjar and her husband's grandmother, Pushpa Devi, stood by her as pillars of support.

Her grandmother, Pushpa Devi, constantly encouraged Rohini to resume her studies. Consequently, in 2021, Rohini began preparing for competitive examinations. She succeeded in the preliminary stage of the Rajasthan Administrative Services (RAS) exam on her first attempt but failed to clear the main examination due to a low score. Undeterred, she traveled to Jaipur to prepare



for the 2023 exam. During this time, her grandmother, Pushpa Devi, passed away. Eventually overcoming this grief, Rohini continued her studies. However, in 2024, her 10&year&old eldest daughter suddenly passed away due to illness. Devastated by this loss, Rohini decided not to take the RAS main exam again.

Yet, her family persuaded

her to appear for the exam, urging her to do so at least for the sake of her younger daughter, Bhumi. Amidst this, just two days before the RAS main exam, Rohini met with an accident and sustained a severe eye injury. With one eye bandaged, she took the exam relying on the vision of the other eye. She secured second place in the 'Widow' category under the Most Backward Classes (MBC) classification in the 2024 RAS examination. She has been allotted to the Rajasthan Accounts Service. That perseverance ultimately enabled her to cross the finish line to success in the RAS exam.