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Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate 'Pink' Metro line today

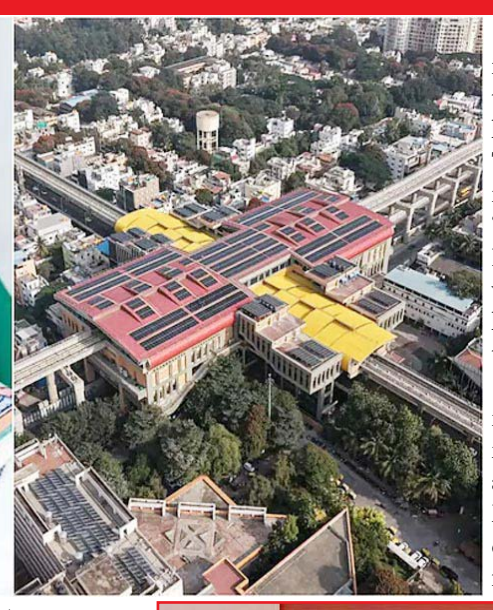
Karnataka Governor Sudha Yadav and CM D.K. Shivakumar are participating

BENGALURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a visit to Karnataka today and tomorrow. He will arrive in Bengaluru from Delhi by a special flight this morning.

At 10:00 AM, he will participate in the golden jubilee celebrations of 'Prashanti Kutiram,' the headquarters of the Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S&VYASA) located in Anekal, near Bengaluru. Prime Minister Modi attended the golden jubilee celebrations of the Swami Vivekananda Yoga organization in Bengaluru. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "I had the opportunity to experience the remarkable power of Yoga here in Bengaluru.

Karnataka is a land that has given birth to many teachers and scholars associated with Yoga. In Bengaluru, the renowned Kannada actor Dr. Rajkumar was himself a practitioner of Yoga. It is due to India's efforts that International Yoga Day is celebrated worldwide." "Wherever I travel, people bring up the topic of Yoga during lunch or dinner. Yoga has become a symbol for understanding India; many royal families have dedicated themselves entirely to it.





Yoga has also evolved into a significant sport, with various countries now hosting Yoga competitions. The influence of Yoga is spreading across the globe." "Over the past 12 years, India has confidently showcased its culture, identity, knowledge, and science to the world.

We have encouraged research in traditional medicine, and today, we are witnessing the results. Exports of AYUSH products and herbal goods from India are steadily increasing. Furthermore, the introduction of the e&AYUSH visa has made it easier for people to access India's traditional systems of medicine," Prime Minister Modi stated.

Later, at 12:45 PM, he will inaugurate the 'Pink Line' Metro service—stretching from Tavarekere to IIM Bengaluru—and take a ride on the line. Karnataka Governor Sudha Yadav and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will also be present at the event. Following this, at 1:15 PM, the Prime Minister will launch development projects in Bengaluru worth ₹15,600 crore and dedicate completed projects to the nation.

He will also flag off a Vande Bharat Express train, which will run from Bengaluru to Madgaon in Goa, via Mangaluru.

Following this, Prime Minister Modi will travel to Mysuru, where he will participate in a tree&planting event at Bharat Bhavan at 3:30 PM. At 4:00 PM, he will inaugurate the Cosmos Planetarium, which has been constructed in Mysuru. In light of the Prime Minister's visit, tight police security and traffic restrictions have been implemented in both Bengaluru and Mysuru.

Children's Day: CM Vijay distributes cake to school students in Kolathur, Chennai

CHENNAI: On the occasion of Children's Day, Chief Minister Vijay launched an initiative this morning to distribute cake to school students.

He personally handed out cake to students at a school in Kolathur, Chennai. The Chief Minister distributed cake to students at the Corporation Middle School in Maduma Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai, covering every class in the school. He was accompanied by Ministers Rajmohan, Srinath, and Jagadeeswari, along with various government officials. During the visit, some students appeared dressed as national leaders, and Chief Minister Vijay spent time interacting with them.



He also personally fed cake to some of the kindergarten children. Following the Chief Minister's distribution of cake, the initiative was rolled out across government and government&aided schools throughout Tamil Nadu. Reports indicate that Ministers and officials are overseeing the distribution process in their respective districts. Children's Day is celebrated annually on November 14th. In light of this, the Tamil Nadu government decided to provide cake to school students alongside their midday nutritious meal this year. To facilitate this, the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation issued a short&term tender on October 11th, valued at Rs. 9.27 crore. Based on this, contracts for the supply of cakes were awarded to four prominent companies, and a total of 6,246,412 cake packets—each weighing approximately 45 grams—were procured. Of these, Britannia supplied 1,003,996 cakes (45g each), while Dream Bake provided 3,387,459 cakes (in 45g and 50g variants). Elite Natural supplied 1,060,861 cakes (45g each), and ITC produced 848,096 cakes (43.2g each). Marking Children's Day, Chief Minister Vijay launched the government initiative today around 10:00 AM by distributing cakes to students at the Chennai Middle School in Kolathur.

Initially, it was expected that the Chief Minister would launch this scheme in the Ambasamudram constituency; however, the venue was subsequently changed to Kolathur. In the areas under the Greater Chennai Corporation, cakes and greeting cards are being distributed to 2.90 lakh students.

)) 'TVK government is undermining the Ambedkar Overseas Higher Education Scholarship Scheme' – Stalin's accusation Chennai: M.K. Stalin has accused the TVK (Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam) government of undermining the 'Annal Ambedkar Overseas Higher Education Scholarship Scheme.' In a post on X (formerly Twitter) regarding this, he questioned: "Why does the TVK government harbor such animosity toward the Annal Ambedkar Overseas Higher Education Scholarship Scheme? Why are you causing distress and mental agony to students by withholding their tuition fee disbursements, even after they have submitted all the required documentation?

A response obtained through an RTI (Right to Information) inquiry has revealed that, for the current academic year, the scholarship has been released to only 65 out of the 164 students who secured admission to educational institutions abroad.

What pretext does this government intend to use against the remaining students? If students are subjected to such hardship, how can students from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes continue to rely on this scheme to pursue their dreams of higher education abroad? Why is the TVK government so obsessed with dismantling a well&implemented scheme that was successfully executed by the DMK government? It seems that the 'social justice'—which is explicitly included in the department's very name—is nowhere to be seen in actual practice!"



PM participates in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Prashanti Kutiram in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Argentina: Our Partnership Keeps Indian Kitchens Running Affordably



NEW DELHI: Argentine Ambassador to India, Mariano Agustín Caucino, has emphasized Argentina's critical role in ensuring food security for Indian families.

Speaking at the Bharat Agriculture Conference 2026, Caucino highlighted that Argentina is India's largest supplier of edible oils, accounting for over 60% of the crude soybean oil imports. This steady supply, he noted, helps maintain stable and affordable cooking oil prices for Indian households.

The ambassador pointed out the robust trade relationship, with bilateral trade reaching a record US$6.9 billion in 2025. Agro&industrial products form the backbone of this growing partnership. Caucino also stressed the potential for deeper cooperation in agricultural technology, citing discussions on drones and smart farming during the 4th Joint Trade Committee meeting. Furthermore, he mentioned that Argentina's experience in large&scale drone spraying and precision agriculture can complement India's drone manufacturing capabilities. The ambassador also noted that Argentine purchases of Indian agricultural machinery, particularly tractors, have seen a significant 34% increase between 2019 and 2025. With India now Argentina's sixth&largest economic partner, Caucino expressed optimism for continued expansion, including opening markets for products like Argentine citrus, walnuts, and Indian onions and grapes.

Horrific multi- vehicle collision in the UAE; 14 dead, including Indian nationals

ABU DHABI: A truck was traveling along the Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Road in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, when the driver suddenly lost control.

The truck veered off course and collided violently with a car traveling ahead of it. As this occurred on a major highway, other vehicles approaching at high speed were unable to react in time, leading to a chain&reaction collision involving 23 vehicles. The diesel tank of the initial truck caught fire, and the flames rapidly spread to the other vehicles involved in the pile&up. This horrific accident resulted in the deaths of 14 people, including Indian nationals, while another 30 individuals sustained serious injuries. The Indian Consulate in Dubai has confirmed that at least three of the victims were from the state of Kerala.

Microsoft Service Outage: 3 Flights Cancelled in Delhi

NEW DELHI: A global Microsoft service outage has occurred, impacting flight operations in the national capital, Delhi. Here is what the airlines have reported: Due to the Microsoft service outage, SpiceJet has cancelled three flights—those operating between Delhi–Pune, Delhi–Leh, and Delhi–Mumbai. Additionally, two other flights operated by the airline have faced delays. Meanwhile, Air India has stated that its flight operations remain unaffected by the Microsoft outage.

However, the airline has advised passengers to check the status of their flights in advance. Air India also noted that its communication systems are functioning normally.

Other airlines, including IndiGo and Akasa Air, have issued similar advisories to their passengers. The Delhi Airport authorities have also issued an alert to travelers. Microsoft 365 services—which include Outlook and Teams—are currently down, and Microsoft is actively working to restore them. The Microsoft service disruption began globally early today (November 13).

The outage has affected regions across the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Approximately 74 countries are experiencing disruptions to Microsoft 365 services, leaving millions of users unable to access them. Meanwhile, Microsoft stated that it is working to restore the affected services.

However, the services are not yet operational. Microsoft has indicated that the initial restoration efforts did not yield the expected results. The company stated that it is currently exploring alternative solutions.

Furthermore, it explained that it is attempting to bring the services back online by restarting the affected servers.

Today horoscope

You will devise new ways to resolve old problems. You may secure a new job. Your father's health will improve. Old friends may reach out to you. In business, your partners will be cooperative. At the workplace, avoid interfering in matters that do not concern you.

You may need to put in extra effort regarding your son's education. There will be positive progress in discussions concerning your daughter's marriage. Try to be accommodating with your family members. Do not rush into decisions in business. Your workload at the office is likely to increase.

Happiness will prevail in your family. Your mother's health will remain stable. The arrival of relatives will bring a lively atmosphere to your home. Unnecessary arguments in business will cease, and profits will rise. Travels will prove satisfying.

Confusion will dissipate, and happiness will settle within the family. You will take pride in the achievements of your children. In business, you may gain advantages through interactions with people from different linguistic or religious back grounds. At work, you will complete your tasks promptly and earn appreciation from your superiors.

You will find joy in meeting loved ones. Engage in open, heart-to-heart conversations with your family members. Issues like headaches and sleeplessness will subside. In business, you will be able to recover long-pending dues. At the work place, it is best to focus solely on your own tasks.

Meeting certain prominent individuals may bring about positive changes in your life. Your interest in spiritual matters will grow. In business, your staff will prove helpful; consider the advice offered by new partners. Your professional career will flourish.

You will listen to the wishes of your family members and fulfill them. You may secure a new job. You will be showered with affection from your children. At the workplace, you will successfully complete your assigned duties. In business, you will attract customers by employing new strategies.

You will find solutions to long-standing problems by adopting a fresh approach. You may acquire new electronic items for your home. In business, you will have the opportunity to connect with influential people. At the workplace, avoid any conflict with your superiors.

Make important decisions with care. Listen to the advice of elders before taking action. You may incur expenses related to your vehicle. In business, you will have to put in extra effort to collect outstanding dues; however, by employing new strategies, you will achieve success. Maintain a calm demeanor at your workplace.

You may gain benefits through people you meet unexpectedly. Relatives and friends will reach out to you. There will be peace and contentment within your family. Pending government-related tasks will finally be completed. You will learn the nuances of conducting business. Avoid getting into arguments at your workplace.

Your drive to achieve your goals will intensify. You will form friendships with influential people in society. Your elder siblings will be supportive. In business, value the opinions of your partners. Your responsibilities at the workplace will increase.

Confusion will dissipate, bringing happiness to your family. Any underlying tension between you and your spouse will resolve. You can expect an inflow of money, and expenses related to your vehicle will decrease.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh addressing the Air Force Commanders' Conference, in New Delhi.

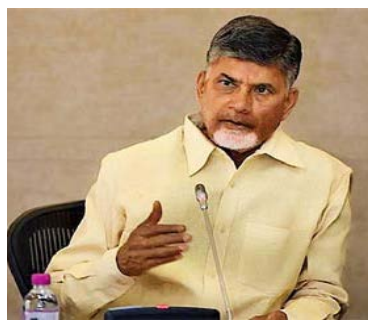
Those married in India cannot obtain a divorce abroad: Supreme Court ruling

NEW DELHI: In 2003, a couple was married in Andhra Pradesh according to Hindu religious rites. Following their marriage, the couple settled in the United Kingdom.

After some years, differences arose between the husband and wife. Subsequently, in 2007, the wife returned to Andhra Pradesh. The husband made persistent efforts to obtain a divorce through a court in Andhra Pradesh, but his attempts were unsuccessful. The husband, who worked as a doctor in the UK, acquired British citizenship in February 2013. Citing this, he filed for divorce in a British court and obtained a decree. Following this, he entered into a second marriage in the UK. In connection with this matter, a complaint was filed with the Andhra Pradesh police on behalf of the first wife.

Based on this, the police registered a case against the husband, his parents, and his second wife. A petition was filed in the Andhra High Court on behalf of the husband, seeking to have this case quashed. The High Court dismissed the petition.

Protection Law for Investors is Essential: Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu Urges



VISAKAPATINAM: The 'Investors' Conference&2026' began yesterday in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Union Minister Piyush Goyal attended the three&day event as the chief guest. Other notable attendees included Union Minister Rammohan Naidu, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, as well as CEOs and managing directors of companies from 58 countries.

Inaugurating the conference, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu stated: "Under my leadership, eight such investors' conferences have been held so far. It is heartening that many companies have come forward to set up businesses here, placing their trust in me.

Since June 2024, 714 agreements have been signed, representing investments worth Rs 22.6 lakh crore. Of this, investments amounting to Rs 7.3 lakh crore are currently at the stage of commencing operations. It is crucial to enact a law that provides proper protection to investors—a request I place before Union Minister Piyush Goyal. Often, when governments change, industries become targets of political vendetta."

In this regard, we will enact legislation through the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, Legislative Assembly, and Legislative Council and submit it. If such a law is enacted at the national level, no one will be able to hinder India's growth—he stated. Union Minister Piyush Goyal remarked that when it comes to instilling confidence in investors, Chandrababu Naidu is truly in a league of his own.

Shooting near the White House in the U.S. leaves 2 dead and 4 critically injured

WASHINGTON: The White House, the official residence of the U.S. President, is located in Washington, D.C.—an area under the highest level of security. Yesterday, a shooting occurred in the Logan Circle area, approximately one mile north of the White House.

An unidentified individual entered a gym and suddenly opened fire. The assailant then left the gym and proceeded to a nearby apartment complex, where he opened fire in the ground&floor parking area. This sparked widespread panic and alarm, causing people in the vicinity to scatter in all directions to escape. One person was killed in the shooting, and four others sustained critical injuries. Upon receiving reports of the incident, police and security forces rushed to the scene. They rescued the injured individuals and transported them to a hospital for medical treatment. Meanwhile, the unidentified individual who opened fire went to the 7th floor of an apartment building and took his own life by shooting himself. The police are conducting an intensive investigation into the motive behind the shooting. The incident, which occurred near the White House, caused a major stir.

'Ramayana' sets a new record by crossing Rs.1,000 crore in global box office collections in just 8 days



MUMBAI: The film 'Ramayana', directed by Nitesh Tiwari and starring Ranbir Kapoor, Yash, and Sai Pallavi, has set a new record by surpassing Rs 1,000 crore in global box office collections within just 8 days of its release. Produced on a grand scale and directed by Nitesh Tiwari, 'Ramayana - Part 1' was released worldwide on November 5, coinciding with the Diwali festival. The film features Ranbir Kapoor as Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Yash as Ravana, Ravi Dubey as Lakshmana, and Sunny Deol as Hanuman. From the day of its release, the film received an overwhelming response from audiences and has been a massive box office success.

The Diwali holiday period further boosted attendance, leading to packed theaters. By the afternoon of the 8th day (November 12), 'Ramayana' reached the monumental milestone of Rs 1,000 crore in global earnings. With this achievement, 'Ramayana' has become the 11th Indian film to cross the Rs 1,000 crore mark globally. Furthermore, it now ranks third among the fastest Indian films to join the Rs 1,000 crore club, following 'Pushpa 2' (7 days) and 'Durandhar 2' (7 days). 'Ramayana' has easily surpassed the records previously set by films such as 'Baahubali 2' (10 days), 'RRR' (16 days), 'KGF 2' (18 days), 'Jawan' (18 days), and 'Pathaan' (27 days).

It is noteworthy that the second installment of this film is scheduled for release during Diwali 2028. Furthermore, the recent revelation that the film will be released as a three-part series has heightened anticipation.

800 Spurious Books Removed from Library Named After Karunanidhi in Madurai



MADURAI: 800 books, which had been assigned fake registration numbers, have been removed from a library in Madurai named after Karunanidhi. It was previously discovered that a library in Coimbatore—named after E.V.R. (Periyar)—contained spurious books from publishers identified as 'Agalvilakku' and 'Phoenix'. Following this, an inspection was conducted at the library in Madurai named after Karunanidhi regarding books procured from similar publishers.

Through an analysis based on the International Standard Book Number (ISBN)—a unique identifier for books—it was revealed that books bearing the name of 'Phoenix' publishers were, in fact, spurious. It was found that 'Phoenix' publishers had printed and supplied these books to the library by obtaining ISBNs for titles and authors of works that are no longer under copyright. Consequently, the library administration removed 800 books associated with 'Phoenix' publishers. These books had been procured during the 2022–23 period, under the DMK administration.

A library official stated: "Following this controversy, an order was issued to remove all books attributed to 'Phoenix' publishers. Accordingly, 800 books—covering 356 titles across various subjects, including English, science, and computer science—were removed." The official added that there were no books from 'Agalvilakku' publishers present in the collection.

Erode: 17 workers under the 100 day employment scheme sustain serious injuries after being hit by a car



ERODE: n Erode district, near Gobichettipalayam, 17 workers employed under the 100&day rural employment scheme were injured after a car, which had gone out of control, plowed into them while they were standing by the roadside.

The workers, who are part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and hail from the areas surrounding Gobichettipalayam, were standing by the roadside for their work.

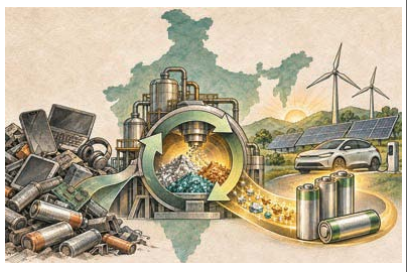
At that moment, a speeding car—attempting to make way for an oncoming two&wheeler—swerved suddenly. The driver lost control of the vehicle, which then veered off the road and struck the group of workers. In this horrific accident, 17 workers sustained serious injuries.

Upon learning of the incident, local residents and rescue teams rushed to the scene, transported the injured via '108' ambulances to the Government Hospital in Gobichettipalayam, where they are currently undergoing intensive medical treatment. The Gobichettipalayam police have registered a case and are conducting a thorough investigation. The incident has caused significant shock and sorrow in the area.

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Discarded Batteries, Resources We Cannot Afford to Lose

A nation's wealth does not lie buried beneath its soil alone. It is also embedded in the products its people use and discard. Lithium and other critical minerals contained in India's battery waste are a compelling example. Whether we regard them as rubbish or as capital for tomorrow's economy will reveal the quality of our foresight.



The mineral&rich powder produced by shredding spent lithium&ion batteries and battery manufacturing waste is known as "black mass". The Directorate General of Foreign Trade's decision to prohibit exports of black mass generated in India deserves a welcome. Though overdue, it corrects a glaring economic contradiction.

On the one hand, domestic recycling plants have been unable to operate at full capacity because they lack feedstock. On the other, the very material they need has been shipped abroad. The commerce ministry itself has stated that some recyclers had to import material to meet their requirements. What kind of policy allows our resources to leave the country while making our industries dependent on supplies from elsewhere?

This contradiction becomes even more troubling when viewed alongside the ₹1,500 crore committed to expanding recycling capacity under a scheme approved by the Union Cabinet in September 2025. What economic sense does it make to fund recycling plants while allowing their essential feedstock to flow out of the country? India was exporting a source of lithium that required no mining at all.

Critical minerals are no longer merely industrial inputs. They have become instruments of national strategy. Waste containing those minerals has acquired the same importance. China accounts for more than three&quarters of the world's capacity to pre&treat battery waste and 90% of its capacity to recover materials from it. In March 2025, the European Union classified black mass as hazardous waste, with the stated aim of retaining it within the European economy. When the world recognises the wealth in waste, India cannot afford indifference.

Yet an export prohibition does not complete the task. The withdrawal of foreign buyers could reduce the prices domestic recyclers pay for black mass. That could, in turn, hurt collectors' earnings and weaken the incentive to collect discarded batteries. The government must address this risk. If falling prices undermine the collection network, the purpose of the prohibition itself will suffer.

The answer is not to reopen the export gates. It is to establish transparent market practices that ensure fair prices, convenient collection facilities and dependable links with licensed recycling plants. Indian recyclers, meanwhile, must demonstrate their ability to recover lithium efficiently at scale. Government protection cannot become a substitute for industrial performance.

The next major challenge is to bring batteries lying forgotten in household drawers, and those trapped inside discarded electronic devices, into authorised recycling facilities. Local authorities, manufacturers, retailers and recycling companies must all take responsibility. There is little value in speaking of recovering resources from waste unless people have safe and convenient ways to hand it over.

The International Energy Agency estimates that India's announced recycling capacity would be able to handle only one&tenth of the country's battery waste in 2040. That projection alone reveals the enormous gap between future requirements and current preparedness.

Recovered lithium must find its way back into electric vehicles, new battery cells and energy storage systems. It must also support the expansion of renewable energy.

Stopping exports is the first step. Recovering every spent battery as a national resource is the larger goal. India must become a nation that creates wealth from waste.

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Some people think they carry the Constitution in their shirt pockets: PM Modi's dig

NEW DELHI: Without explicitly naming Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Prime Minister Modi took an indirect dig at him, remarking that some people seem to believe they carry the Constitution in their shirt pockets.

Speaking at a conference organized by a private news channel in Delhi, PM Modi stated that agricultural development and the empowerment of farmers play a crucial role in achieving the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). He emphasized that his government's primary objective is to transform farmers into 'agri&entrepreneurs.' He noted that some individuals act as if the nation's Constitution and democracy are tucked away in their own shirt pockets. Even though they are not currently in power, they harbor an excessive sense of entitlement—behaving as if they still hold authority. It is a peculiar form of 'intoxication with power.' When global crude oil prices surged, the central government absorbed Rs 43 of the potential Rs 50&per&liter increase in diesel prices, ensuring that the burden on farmers and the general public was limited to just Rs 7.

While diesel prices in neighboring countries rose by 40 to 50 percent during the same period, the Indian government has been shouldering a financial burden of Rs 14,000 crore every month to keep fuel price hikes in check. Over the last 12 years, the central government has spent Rs 16 lakh crore to ensure that farmers have access to affordable fertilizers. The Prime Minister also encouraged farmers to adopt natural farming practices.

He highlighted that while a bag of DAP fertilizer costs Rs 5,000 in the international market, it is provided to Indian farmers for Rs 1,300; similarly, a bag of urea, which sells for Rs 3,000 internationally, is made available to Indian farmers for less than Rs 300.

"We are keeping agricultural costs under control and ensuring the availability of fertilizers at affordable prices," said Prime Minister Modi.

"If Modi debates me face to face, he won't be able to continue as PM" – Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has once again issued a challenge, stating that if Prime Minister Modi were to engage in a face&to&face debate with him, the Prime Minister would not be able to remain in office. During a Q&A session on Instagram, Gandhi remarked, "Whenever I try to speak in Parliament on critical issues—such as the farm laws or the situation with China—my microphone is switched off, and I am denied permission to continue."



"We don't need long, drawn&out debates. I am calling for a direct, face&to&face discussion where Prime Minister Modi sits on one side of a table and I sit on the other, and we present our respective charges against each other." "I have no objection if he chooses someone like Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani or RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat to moderate this debate. After such a face&to&face discussion with me, Prime Minister Modi would no longer be able to continue in his position," he stated. BJP leaders have sharply criticized this challenge, accusing Rahul Gandhi of shying away from debates in Parliament—the very venue where such discussions are meant to take place. Commenting on the matter, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "Rahul Gandhi is looking for a different venue for a debate, but he should realize that the appropriate place for such discussions is already the Parliament.

Instead of issuing such challenges, Rahul Gandhi should act with greater seriousness and a sense of responsibility."

Apartment building collapses in New York; 8 dead, including 2 children

WASHINGTON: In the Brooklyn borough of New York, USA, a three&story apartment building suddenly collapsed yesterday. The collapse occurred while construction work was underway on an adjacent site, with debris from the apartment building falling onto the construction area.



Upon receiving news of the incident, firefighters rushed to the scene to carry out rescue operations. Efforts were hampered by rain. Construction workers who were on&site at the time of the collapse were among those trapped in the rubble. Eight people, including two children, have died in the incident. Another 18 individuals were rescued with serious injuries and have been admitted to hospitals. A thorough investigation is underway to determine the cause of the sudden collapse.

India, Oman, UAE Form Trilateral Committee to Tackle West Asia Airspace Challenges



USA: Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu announced the formation of a technical trilateral committee involving India, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

This committee aims to address operational challenges in West Asian airspace amidst evolving geopolitical tensions. Naidu held discussions with UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, where the agreement was reached. The initiative comes as the region faces significant disruptions due to ongoing conflicts involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, and drone attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels. These events have created complex challenges for flight operations and regional air traffic management.

Minister Naidu emphasized the need for greater regional coordination to ensure safe and efficient air travel. The establishment of this committee is seen as a proactive step to find coordinated solutions and mitigate risks.

The meeting also laid the groundwork for upcoming technical discussions within the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) concerning its Middle East and Asia&Pacific regions, highlighting a collaborative approach to regional aviation security and efficiency.

There are 25.13 lakh voters in Madurai district

MADURAI: Madurai district has 25.13 lakh voters. Following the process of new additions and deletions, the final electoral roll will be published on January 4 of next year. On November 12, District Collector Nishanth Krishna released the draft electoral roll for the inclusion of new voters. District Revenue Officer (DRO) Jayapreetha, Personal Assistant Selvi, Tahsildar Senthamarai Valli, and others were present. The draft roll includes 12,29,742 men and 12,83,703 women, totaling 25,13,711 voters in the district.

Applications for the addition, deletion, or correction of voter details can be submitted until December 11. Those who will reach the age of 18 by January 1 are also eligible to apply. Form 6 should be used for new registrations, Form 7 for deletions, and Form 8 for corrections—such as changes in address, issuance of a new voter ID card, or updating details regarding persons with disabilities.

Applications can also be submitted online at https://voters.eci.gov.in. Additionally, special camps will be held at respective polling stations on November 21, 22, and 29, where applications can be submitted. These applications will undergo field verification before being incorporated into the electoral roll, which will be finalized and published on January 4, 2027. The Collector stated that, following a reorganization of polling stations last month, 7 new polling stations were established to accommodate locations that previously had more than 1,200 voters.

One polling station with a very low number of voters has been merged with a nearby polling station. Based on this, he stated that there are a total of 3,082 polling stations in the district.

Heist of Gold and Diamond Jewelry Worth Rs. 21 Crore at a Madurai Jewelry Store: A New Twist Emerges

MADURAI: The occurrence of 15 murders in various locations across Tamil Nadu on the day of Diwali has caused a major stir. Amidst allegations from opposition parties that law and order has collapsed, a heist at a newly opened jewelry store in Madurai has come as a fresh shock. A new showroom of Tanishq Jewellers is located in the Nehru Nagar area, along the Palanganathame&Kalavasal bypass road in Madurai. The store had opened only a few days ago.



The three&story building features a ground floor designated for vehicle parking, while the first floor houses the gold jewelry section. Work was underway on the second floor—intended for diamond jewelry—and the third floor, which was being prepared for silver jewelry and silverware. Additionally, construction work is ongoing in the areas surrounding the store and in the parking zone.

For this purpose, scaffolding made of iron rods had been erected at the rear of the building. Yesterday morning, around 9:30 AM, staff arrived to open the store. Upon entering, they were met with a shocking sight on the first floor: a large quantity of jewelry intended for sale had vanished. Empty boxes that once held the items were found scattered about. It became clear that a massive theft had taken place.

Distressed, the staff immediately alerted the police. Police arrived at the scene and inspected the premises. It was confirmed that approximately 15 kilograms of gold jewelry, along with a significant amount of diamond jewelry, had been stolen. According to the police, the total value of the stolen gold and diamond items is estimated to be around Rs. 21 crore. Forensic experts collected evidence from the scene of the robbery. Sniffer dogs were also brought in to conduct a thorough search.

Madurai City Police Commissioner Rajendran and other senior officials visited the site to carry out an intensive investigation, which included reviewing footage from the store's surveillance cameras. At approximately 3:00 AM yesterday, an individual—dressed entirely in black fabric and wearing a mask and gloves—arrived at the premises. He accessed the rooftop by climbing scaffolding installed at the rear of the building. From there, he descended into the first floor via the elevator shaft, using a rope that had been left in place for ongoing elevator installation work. Once inside, he calmly gathered the jewelry displayed for sale, placing the items into a large bag he had brought with him. Police stated that surveillance footage captured him escaping by breaking open the iron bars of a window. Although the perpetrator's face was not clearly captured, the police are conducting an extensive investigation based on his physical build. Given the store's proximity to the Madurai Railway Station, authorities suspect the robber may have fled by train toward Kerala or states in North India; consequently, police have been placed on high alert at various railway stations, and rigorous checks are underway.

Investigators are also exploring whether workers from other construction sites near the jewelry store might be involved.

Specifically, they are examining whether individuals previously hired for construction or cabinetry work at the store played a role in the heist. As some of these workers are from North India, the police are collecting their details for further questioning. Additionally, it is noted that 25 employees were working at this newly opened showroom.

The police questioned them individually. Given that approximately 80 cameras were installed in the jewelry store where the robbery took place, the police are conducting a thorough examination to see if the perpetrator's face was captured by any of them.

The police stated that while the footage shows only one individual, they suspect that two or three people may have been involved in the robbery. Three special teams have been formed to investigate the incident.

CCTV footage from the previous week shows a masked individual attempting to commit a robbery at the store; it has been confirmed that the actual robbery was carried out during a second attempt.

Convict escapes from Madurai court

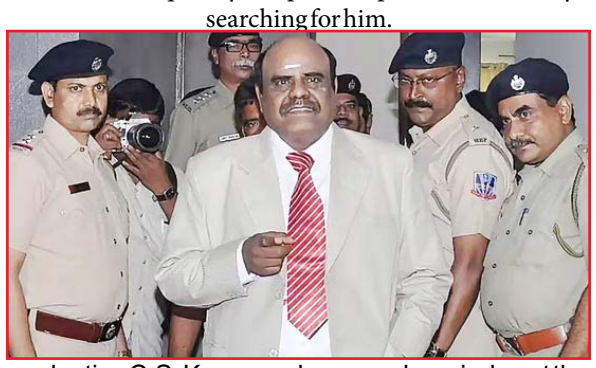
MADURAI: A convict, sentenced to imprisonment by a Madurai court in a ganja (cannabis) possession case, managed to escape after asking to use the restroom.

On May 20, 2024, the Dindigul Prohibition Enforcement Wing police were conducting vehicle checks near the 'Vandi Karuppanasamy' temple on the Trichy National Highway, near Ayyalur.



During the operation, they seized 30 kilograms of ganja from an auto&rickshaw. A case was subsequently registered against six individuals: Subramani, Madhankumar, Madhubalan, Thamaraikannan, Madhavan, and Raja—all from Dindigul.

The trial took place at the special court in Madurai, which handles cases related to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Presiding Judge G. Sudhakar ruled that the prosecution had proven the charges against the six individuals—Subramani, Madhankumar, Raja, and the others—beyond a reasonable doubt. He sentenced each of them to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh each. As the police were preparing to escort them to prison, one of the convicts, Raja, asked to use the restroom and subsequently escaped. The police are currently searching for him.



Justice C.S. Karnan, who served as a judge at the Madras and Calcutta High Courts before retiring, has passed away due to ill health.



The public expects the stream connecting the Periyakulam irrigation tank in Ezhumalai to the Kanakkankulam irrigation tank to be restored.

US-Israel Military Action May Bolster Iran's Nuclear Ambitions: Ex-Diplomat Anil Trigunayat

USA: Former Indian diplomat Anil Trigunayat suggests that joint military actions by the United States and Israel against Iran may have inadvertently strengthened Tehran's resolve to pursue nuclear weapons, rather than deterring its nuclear program.

Trigunayat argues that Washington's strategy has exposed critical shortcomings.

He highlighted that the initial military offensive lacked a clear exit strategy, while Iran's decades&long preparedness for confrontation prevented it from backing down.

"The Americans came and attacked along with Israelis without a real strategy. And strategy, as you know, is always how to exit from war, which was not there," Trigunayat stated.

Questioning Washington's approach, he noted that military action could push Tehran towards developing nuclear weapons as a deterrent.



"That shows not the sincerity whether you want really a nuclear&free Iran, or you want to make Iran become more emboldened in getting nuclear weapons by attacking," he added.

The conflict also elevated the Strait of Hormuz as a strategic choke point, shifting from battlefield engagements to economic blockades. Domestically, the Iranian regime has seen its position strengthened, while Gulf nations are reassessing their reliance on the US for regional security due to economic repercussions.

Trigunayat mentioned Iran's conditions for negotiation include ending hostilities, reparations, unfreezing funds, lifting sanctions, and blockades. Despite tough public stances, diplomatic talks are reportedly continuing via regional intermediaries.

US Vice President JD Vance is also said to be exploring direct talks with Iranian security officials, according to The Wall Street Journal.

No Barriers... No Warning Signs! Accidents Continue Near Uthangarai

UTHANKARAI: Six people traveling in a car survived with minor injuries after their vehicle plunged into a pit dug for bridge construction work on the National Highway near Uthangarai, in Krishnagiri district.

Bridge construction is currently underway on the National Highway near Uthangarai, for which a pit has been excavated along the roadside.

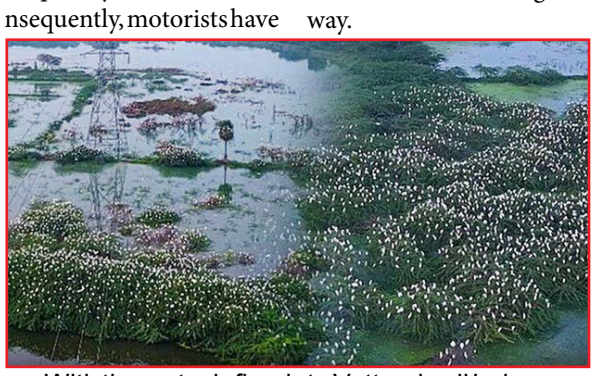
A car carrying six passengers was traveling along this route when it unexpectedly fell into the pit. The occupants were left shaken by the incident.

Fortunately, all six individuals escaped with only minor injuries, and a major tragedy was averted. Local residents arrived at the scene to assist. Meanwhile, motorists have alleged that there are no warning signs to alert drivers about the ongoing construction work, nor are there any safety barriers around the pit.

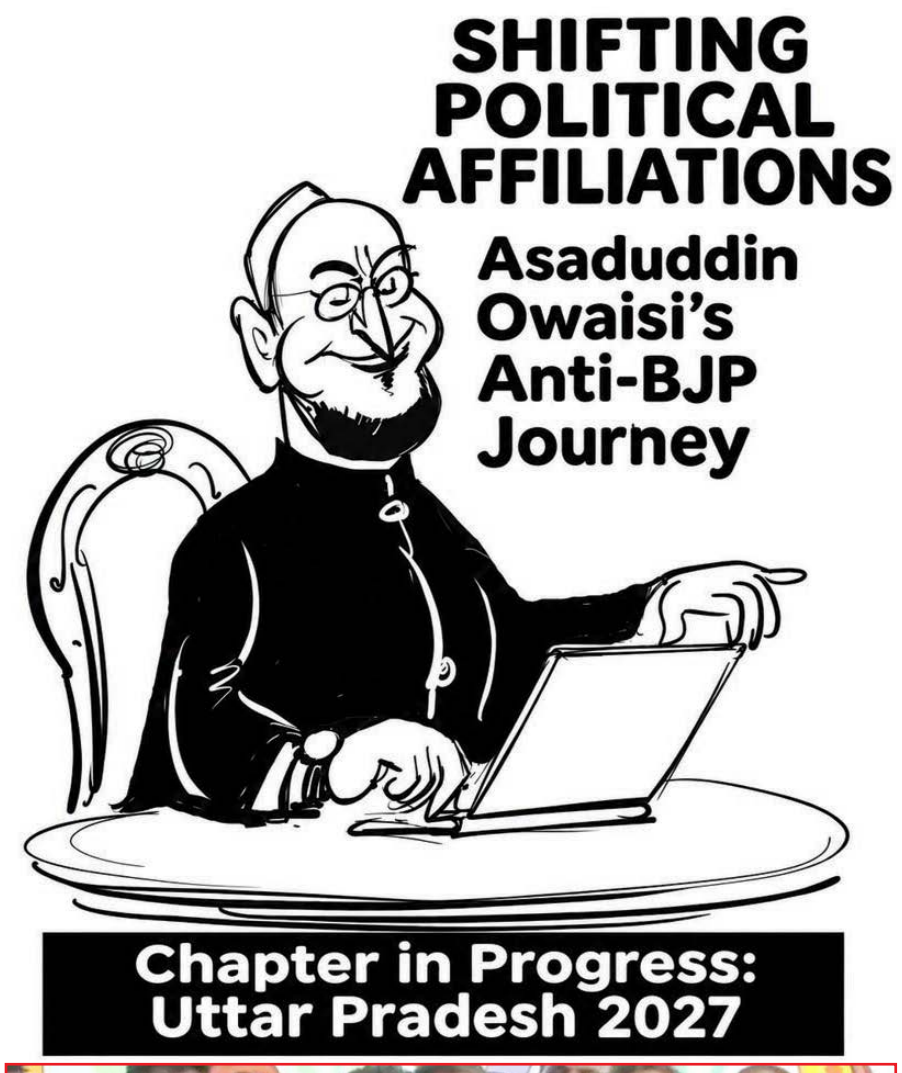


Drivers point out that, especially at night, those traveling along this stretch are at risk of falling into the pit, as it remains unmarked.

They note that accidents have been occurring frequently in this area. Consequently, motorists have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate action by installing proper safety barriers, illuminated warning lights, and clear signage at the construction site on the National Highway.



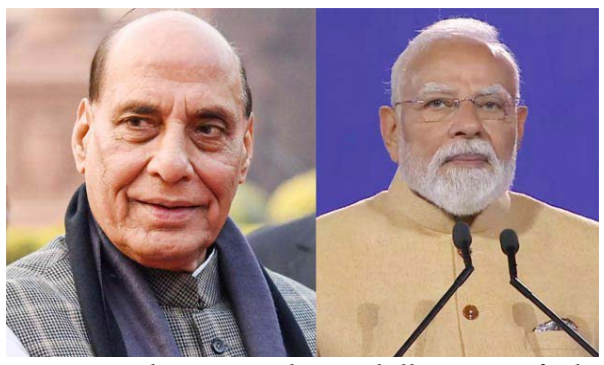
With the water inflow into Vettambadi Lake near Namakkal having increased, various species of migratory birds have begun to arrive. As flocks of birds have gathered in the trees around the lake, the area now resembles a bird sanctuary.



Chhath Festival: Greetings from Prime Minister Modi and Minister Rajnath Singh

NEW DELHI: The four&day Chhath festival begins today (November 13) in northern states, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

Celebrated in North India, this festival is dedicated to expressing gratitude to the Sun God and seeking blessings for the well&being and prosperity of one's family. During the festival, devotees take holy dips in water bodies such as rivers and ponds.



They offer prayers to the setting sun in the evening and to the rising sun the following morning.

Prime Minister Modi extended his greetings for the Chhath festival. In a post, he stated, "I extend my heartfelt wishes to all my fellow citizens on the commencement of the four&day Chhath festival—a celebration deeply rooted in public faith and the worship of the Sun God." "I offer my respects to all those observing the fast. It is my wish that the Sun God bestows blessings upon everyone," he added.

Regarding the occasion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh wrote, "The four&day Chhath festival begins today with sacred rituals. Dedicated to the Sun God, this noble festival stands as a unique symbol of our rich spiritual and cultural heritage.

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all my fellow countrymen on the occasion of Chhath." "I offer my humble respects to all those observing the fast. May the blessings of the Sun God bring happiness, peace, good health, and prosperity into everyone's life; may all your wishes be fulfilled," he noted.

Law and Order in Tamil Nadu: Governor Arlekar Submits Report to Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar departed from Chennai for Delhi by flight this morning (November 13) for a three&day visit. Upon arrival, he met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

It is understood that Governor Arlekar had planned to meet Amit Shah during a previous visit to Delhi last week; however, the meeting did not take place as the Home Minister was not in the capital at that time. During this current visit, the Governor held a direct meeting with the Union Home Minister.

Reports suggest that the two discussed the prevailing political climate and the law&and&order situation in Tamil Nadu. Specifically, it is reported that the Governor briefed Amit Shah on various criminal incidents occurring in the state—including murders and robberies—and provided details regarding the overall law&and&order situation. Furthermore, it is understood that he submitted a formal report on these matters to the Union Home Minister.

Notably, this marks the first meeting between Governor Arlekar and Union Home Minister Amit Shah since the former assumed his full&time role as the Governor of Tamil Nadu. According to his itinerary, Governor Arlekar is scheduled to travel from Delhi to Jammu today.



After concluding his engagements there, he will return to Delhi on November 14. Following the completion of his three&day visit, he is set to return to Chennai on the evening of November 15. Amidst the political climate and law&and&order issues in Tamil Nadu, Governor Arlekar's meeting with Amit Shah has drawn significant attention within Tamil Nadu's political circles.



Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker JCD Prabakaran distributed cakes to schoolchildren at Chennai Middle School in Nungambakkam on Friday as part of Children's Day celebrations.

"Why were Anganwadi children not given cake?" – Minister Ramesh's clarification

TRICHY: "There is no division or discrimination made among the students. The Chief Minister will ensure that everyone's needs are met," stated Minister Ramesh. On the occasion of Children's Day, Tamil Nadu Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Ramesh, inaugurated an event to distribute cakes to students at the Syed Murthuza Higher Secondary School in Trichy.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "To mark Children's Day, 5.28 lakh cakes are being distributed to a total of 2.64 lakh people—including 2.50 lakh students, as well as teachers and staff—across the Trichy district." "The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is focused on providing a joyful learning environment for students. In line with this, he has arranged for cakes and greeting cards to be distributed to students throughout Tamil Nadu," he added. When



asked why Anganwadi children were left out—noting that they were also excluded from the public holiday for Diwali—he explained, "The Chief Minister has introduced this initiative for students from classes 1 to 12 for the first time." "This point will be brought to the Chief Minister's attention, and if any changes are required in the future, he will certainly take the necessary steps.

The Chief Minister embraces all students and children with the heart of a mother. There is no division or discrimination among the students; he will provide whatever is needed for everyone. District Education Officers are currently preparing reports on schools with unhygienic premises and those lacking basic infrastructure. Measures will soon be taken to upgrade all such schools.

The government is fully committed to ensuring that all its schemes reach the people and the students. If any minor shortcomings are brought to our attention, immediate action will be taken," he said.

11 Dead After Passenger Van Plunges into River in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: At least 11 people have died after a passenger van plunged into a river in the Gilgit&Baltistan region of Pakistan&occupied Kashmir (PoK). The accident occurred yesterday (Thursday) evening while the van was traveling from Gilgit toward the Yasin Valley in the Ghizer District. According to the police, the driver lost control of the vehicle near the Morga Bridge, causing it to fall into the Yasin River. Rescue teams recovered the bodies of 10 passengers, including two women. Three other passengers—including a child—were rescued and taken to the Gupis Civil Hospital for treatment.

The police stated that the child later succumbed to their injuries, bringing the death toll to 11. Both the deceased and the injured are residents of the Yasin Valley in Pakistan&occupied Kashmir (PoK). The police have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the accident. Road accidents are frequent in this region.

Just last week, eight people were killed and 30 others injured when a passenger bus traveling from Gilgit to Islamabad collided with a truck near the Havelian interchange on the Hazara Motorway.

Tamil Nadu, once an exemplary state, has turned into a 'cinema state—TTV Dhinakaran's criticism

COVAI: AMMK General Secretary TTV Dhinakaran has criticized the state of affairs in Tamil Nadu, stating that it is no longer an exemplary state but has instead become a 'cinema state.' Upon arriving in Coimbatore from Chennai by flight, he spoke to reporters at the airport, stating, "Under Dravidian&led administrations, Tamil Nadu had become one of the most significant and developed states in India, with the DMK and AIADMK alternating in power. While various development initiatives were implemented, the public—driven by a desire for change and fueled by rivalries—made a grave error by placing individuals in power who should never have held such positions. Tamil Nadu, once an exemplary state, has now effectively become a 'cinema state.' Young men and women cast their votes in the belief that a film hero would bring about change. Have you ever heard of a Deputy Speaker assaulting someone? The reports emerging now are truly shameful.



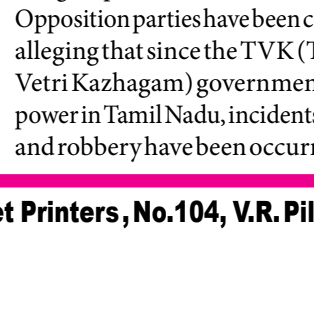
There are reports that a TVK (Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam) MLA sent an inappropriate text message to a District Collector and even attempted to meet the official while under the influence of alcohol. Yet, has any action been taken? People who once sold movie tickets on the black market, die&hard fans of Vijay, and individuals with no other qualifications—some of whom cannot even speak their own mother tongue, Tamil, properly—have been appointed as ministers.

Vijay has no standing to be compared to MGR. While it is true that Vijay played the hero in films, he himself admitted before the election that he is a 'villain' in real life. In a democracy, anyone is free to enter politics; however, one must possess the necessary political experience, a clear ideology, and personal integrity. In Assam, a party once rose to power without any foundational base—everyone knows what eventually became of that party. Today, personal integrity has eroded. Leaders like Anna and Kamarajar always emphasized that personal integrity is paramount in politics. The public must closely observe how those in power conduct themselves and ensure that such mistakes are not repeated in the future. I am part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Regarding the five constituencies where by&elections are set to take place..." The AIADMK had previously won in these constituencies; therefore, it is only fair that the AIADMK contests them. There is no connection between the title of the film 'Sandiyar' and any specific community. Consequently, the controversy surrounding this name is unnecessary. Krishnasamy should reconsider his stance on this issue. Corruption of this nature should not have occurred under the banner of 'Periyar Arivulagam' (Periyar Intellectual Centre). Appropriate action must be taken against those responsible, regardless of who they are. The public is well aware of how this government is functioning. As for your question about moving a no&confidence motion—this government will collapse on its own, even if left untouched. It is our desire to see Jayalalithaa's administration restored.

To that end, we will stand by the AIADMK and work wholeheartedly to support them. Prime Minister Modi continues to hold his position because he delivered excellent governance in Gujarat. He operates beyond the confines of caste or religion. It was his good governance in Gujarat that brought him nationwide acclaim. Vijay has only just entered politics; yet, look for yourselves at the extent to which Tamil Nadu has suffered in just these past six months," said Dhinakaran.

"India must share the fruits of modern research with the world" – PM Modi

BENGALURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for sharing the benefits of India's ancient knowledge and modern research with the rest of the world. He also highlighted the expanding reach of India's cultural influence globally. Speaking in Bengaluru today (November 13) at the golden jubilee celebrations of 'Prashanthi Kuteeram' and the centenary commemoration of writer H. V. Seshadri, Prime Minister Modi said, "We must share the fruits of our ancient knowledge and modern research with humanity. In doing so, we should recognize the opportunities this creates for our youth. We have promoted research into Ayurveda and encouraged Ayurveda&based patents; today, we are witnessing the results. Consequently, the export of AYUSH and herbal products from India continues to grow." "To assist foreign patients seeking treatment in India, the government has introduced an 'e&AYUSH visa.' Furthermore, the World Health Organization's 'Global Centre for Traditional Medicine' has been established in Jamnagar. Research and international collaboration in the field of traditional medicine are being actively encouraged." "Over the past 12 years, India has presented its culture, identity, knowledge, and science to the world with great self&confidence. It is because of this that 'International Yoga Day' is now celebrated across the globe—an initiative that originated in India. These shifts are highly significant for India; they have opened up various avenues for those involved in the field of Yoga to participate in diverse competitive events," the Prime Minister stated.



Chief Minister Vijay Consults on Re-establishing the 'Friends of Police' Group



CHENNAI: Chief Minister Vijay has held consultations with officials regarding the re&establishment of the 'Friends of Police' group to address law and order issues. Opposition parties have been consistently alleging that since the TVK (Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam) government assumed power in Tamil Nadu, incidents of murder and robbery have been occurring frequently across various districts, including Chennai, and that the government has failed to maintain law and order. Against this backdrop, Chief Minister Vijay held a meeting with officials at the Secretariat yesterday to discuss the law and order situation. The meeting was attended by Law Minister Nirmal Kumar, Chief Secretary Sai Kumar, Home Secretary Karthik, DGP Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, Additional DGP (Prisons) Shankar, and Chennai City Police Commissioner Amalraj

During the meeting, officials informed the Chief Minister that there is a shortage of police personnel in Tamil Nadu, with officers in every district facing an excessive workload. They suggested that increasing the number of police personnel would help manage the situation. Since the process of recruiting, training, and inducting new personnel into the police force—including the armed reserve—would take over a year, the Chief Minister discussed the possibility of reviving the 'Friends of Police' group. This initiative is intended to assist police personnel currently engaged in law and order duties in managing the present situation.

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