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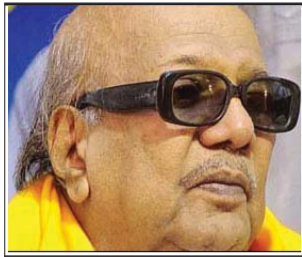
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## Ministers, industrialists misusing LPG cylinders?

NEW DELHI: Too much subsidised cooking gas (LPG) is being consumed by country's VVIPs, according to the transparency portal launched on Friday by state-owned oil firms.

Vice-President Hamid Ansari's official residence in New Delhi consumed 171 subsidised LPG cylinders in the year to May 31, while Minister of State for External Affairs Preneet Kaur used up 161 cylinders. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna used 83 refills of 14.2-kg cylinder at his Mathura Line residence in the national capital, BJP leader Rajnath Singh consumed 80 cylinders and former Union Minister M S Gill 79.

The portal showed that industrialist Naveen Jindal's 6, Prithvi Raj Road residence in the capital received 369 refills, or more than one cylinder a day, through two LPG connections — one in name of his father late OP Jindal and another in name



of Radha Devi Rawat.

Oil Minister S Jaipal Reddy, who launched the portal so that people can track their bookings as well as see if someone was jumping the queue to get a replacement before him, got 26 refills or more than two per month. As per norms, general pub-

lic is not allowed to book a refill within 21 days of delivery of a cylinder.

"This (large number of refills) shows I am a popular leader," Reddy said in lighter vein. "I get so many visitors everyday... sometimes 200 to 300. Naturally, consump-

tion will be high."

While the same argument may be true for most of the public figures, there might also be instances of dealers fraudulently showing bookings in certain names and actually diverting the subsidised bottles to commercial establishments.

## Germany responds positively to India's call on EU crisis

BANGALORE: Germany Friday endorsed the views of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who stressed in

for the better future of Europe and stability of the European currency. He was speaking at a press conference here after the bilateral meeting between India and Germany with his counterpart S M Krishna.



the G20-meet in Mexico the need to stimulate growth in the crisis ridden Eurozone.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said Germany would work hard

in the European Union but the entire global economy.

"The sovereign debt crisis in parts of Europe can have great implications not only for Europe but for the entire global economy. The reassurance given by the German Foreign Minister goes a long way to create a right kind of psychological impact needed in coping with the crisis of this kind," Mr Krishna said.

Mr Krishna earlier feared that a crisis in European banking system can choke trade and finance quite quickly and economic growth not just in Eurozone but in world at large. He urged Germany to lead the fight against the euro crisis and not only affected countries

think stimulating the growth is key to solve this crisis," Mr Westerwelle said.

Meanwhile, Germany fully supported India for its bid for permanent seat in the UN Security Council and said the UN needed restructuring in its architecture. Mr Westerwelle said, "We think we have to restructure the architecture of the UN. The UN Security Council should mirror the situation of the present world architecture in the changed global situation. We (India and Germany) have to be represented in the Security Council."

He said the German presence in the Afghanistan will not end with the withdrawal of the international combat troops in 2014, but it will continue its civil assistance to the war-torn country. Germany was interested in long time stability of the war-torn country and the entire region, he added.

## Manmohan congratulates new Pak PM

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday congratulated Raja Parvez Ashraf on his appointment as Pakistan's new Prime Minister and expressed confidence that the two countries will continue to make progress on bilateral issues during his tenure.

"I am confident that during your term as Prime Minister our two countries will continue to make progress in their bilateral dialogue on all issues and build good neighbourly relations by strengthening their cooperation in all areas for the benefit of the people," he said in a message to the Pakistan Prime Minister.

Ashraf, a stalwart of the ruling PPP, was administered the oath of office by President Asif Ali Zardari last night, hours after he was elected as the new Prime Minister by the National



Assembly. The 61-year-old loyalist of the Bhutto family was pitchforked into the hot seat after the original choice Makhdoom Shahabuddin faced an arrest warrant.

Addressing the National Assembly following his election, Ashraf promised to keep bettering of ties with India as one of his foreign policy priorities.

He said Pakistan will work to strengthen the dialogue process that is already underway to resolve problems like the Kashmir issue.

## Gandhi's message very relevant today: Nirupama Rao



WASHINGTON: Asserting that Mahatma Gandhi's message is still relevant today, Indian ambassador Nirupama Rao has called for a pooling of individual capabilities for the advancement of the Asia-Pacific region.

"When we see the divisions and frontiers that divide humanity today, we must understand that the power to overcome them can only come from within ourselves," she said delivering the 29th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture at the University of California at San Diego Thursday.

"Gandhiji sought to awaken us to those reserves of inner strength. That message is still relevant for the world of today," she said. "Today, as the world fills with talk about the rise of Asia, and countries like India and China, Gandhiji would have been a tireless advocate of regional cooperation and the pooling of individual capabilities for collective progress and advancement of our region, the Asia-Pacific world," Rao said.

"Communication, as Gandhiji willed it, has to rest on openness, transparency, and truth. It has to rest on education," she said. "It must involve the imaginative use of technology, including social media, as we saw being used by young Egyptian bloggers during the Arab Spring," Rao said asserting that the Mahatma "is not dated in any manner."

"He wished to create that communications software

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## BCCI Chief re-elected as TNCA President

CHENNAI: Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Chief N Srinivasan and K S Viswanathan were unanimously re-elected President and Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) at its 82nd Annual General Body held here Friday evening.

A TNCA release here said there was contest only for the post of Joint Secretary in which Dr G Natarajan defeated his rival S Srinivasan by a huge margin and retained the post.

Dr Natarajan polled 152 votes as against 13 by his rival. Mr Srinivasan has invited A Sankar Krishnan and S Ganesan as 'Special Invitees' to serve on the Executive Committee of the TNCA for the year 2012-2013.

Following are the office-



bearers: President: N Srinivasan; Vice Presidents (City): Kalpathi S Aghoram; U Prabhakar Rao, P S Ramman, and P S Jagannathan.

Vice-Presidents (Districts): V R Venkatachalam and N R Manivannan.

Secretary: K S Viswanathan, Assistant Secretary: R S Ramasaamy, Treasurer: V P Narasimhan.

## Veteran journalist D.S Ravindrados passes away



Theekathir, weekly magazine Cinema Express and in visual Medias Vijay TV, Tamilan TV and Win TV.

He is survived by his wife Sasikala Devi, sons Subash, Kamal and daughters Ajitha and Vandhana.

He was instrumental in allotment of lands in Padappai outskirts of Chennai for his journalist's fraternity.

He was also helping out journalists in getting Tamil Nadu Government Pension for Journalists and helping out the families of journalists on their demise financially through the union.

Numerous journalists from all over Tamil Nadu visited Mr Ravindrados' residents and paid their last respects to the departed soul.

'Chennai Metro' mourns his death.

## RBI to make major announcement: FM



Monday to arrest the steep decline of the Indian Rupee.

The Indian rupee logged its worst weekly fall in nine-months, hurt by dollar demand from oil firms and gold importers as well as the broad risk-off sentiment. At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (Forex) market the partially convertible rupee ended at 57.15 per dollar, recording this year's biggest fall of 85 paise in a day, after hitting a record low of 57.37. For the week, the rupee dropped a little over 3 percent, to post its worst weekly decline in nine months.

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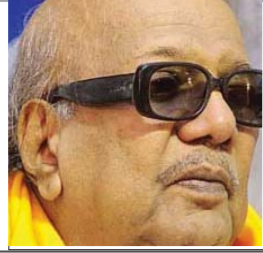
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**DMK not to demand dismissal of AIADMK Govt**

(Describing the continuous arrests and re-arrests of DMK leaders and former ministers as a people's issue, DMK President M Karunanidhi said his party would not seek the dismissal of the AIADMK Government in Tamil Nadu.)

"We are well aware that it will be improper to demand the Centre to dismiss the State Government on such (Partymen arrests) issues",

- DMK President M Karunanidhi DMK

**Docs perform TACE on liver cancer patient**

PUDUCHERRY: A team of doctors from Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) has successfully performed a procedure called Trans-arterial Chemoembolisation (TACE) on a patient suffering from Liver cancer.

According to a Jipmer release here Friday, the procedure was performed on a 52-year-old man hailing from Nilgiri in Tamil Nadu. He was suffering from liver cancer and had a 9 CM tumour located on the right side of the liver and two small tumours less than 2cm on the left side.

Surgical removal of the tumour was not possible because he was also suffering from viral Hepatitis B and cirrhosis. A 3D spiral CT scan was done for identifying and mapping the liver cancer before the procedure and it was performed through a needle introduced through a blood vessel in the right thigh.

A catheter was introduced through the needle in the thigh to the main blood vessel of the body called aorta. The catheter was then pushed upwards, guided through the blood vessel to the liver and then to the small vessel supplying blood to the tumour.

A mixture of two anti-cancer medicines was then injected through the catheter in the thigh to reach the tumor in the liver to kill the cancer cells. The blood vessel supplying the tumour was then blocked by a procedure called embolisation to kill the cancer cells further.

The whole procedure did not require general anaesthesia and it was performed on June 15 and the patient discharged after three days. Treatment with TACE increases survival in patients with liver cancer in whom operation is not possible.

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**Youth's arm severed as truck hits TNSTC bus**

THENI: In a macabre incident, right hand of a youth was severed when a Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) bus in which he was traveling in was hit by a truck at Narayana-devanpatti village in Theni district of Tamil Nadu.

Police said today G Rajesh (23), hailing from Karunakkamuthanpatti village, has been working as a tailor in a shop at Kamayagoundanpatti was returning his native place on Thursday in the STC bus.

On Thursday night, after completing his work Rajesh was going to his native place in a TNSTC bus. When the bus was crossing the Narayana-devanpatti village, an unidentified truck coming from the opposite direction grazed the right side of the bus.

The passengers heard the

scraping sound of metal followed by a piercing scream from Rajesh, who was sitting with his right elbow resting on the window rails. He was sitting in the right window seat and had fallen asleep while the bus was in motion.

The driver of the bus halted the vehicle and the passengers were horrified to witness the youth's bleeding remains of the right hand. Rajesh, who had fallen unconscious, was immediately rushed to the GH along with the severed hand.

Later, he was admitted to the Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) at Madurai, where he would be undergoing a micro-vascular surgery to reattach the amputated hand.

Police have registered a case and are searching the truck driver.

**Continue Page 1 Gandhi's message very...**

that enables the exchange of ideas, best practices in education, the study of foreign cultures, and the promotion of dialogue between civilizations, the maintenance of that harmony between heaven and earth."

"He would want us to possess that mental infrastructure that opens the mind that resists injustice and does not fear it, that is confident

about interaction with the outside world."

Noting that education, research & development and innovation are crucial areas of cooperation between India and the United States, she said: "It is our cooperation in this vital field that can provide intellectual sustenance to the idea of a strong India-US partnership."

**A hydraulic door on MTC buses a bane or boon?**

CHENNAI: After introduction of deluxe, super deluxe, air conditioned Volvo coaches on MTC buses, the Tamil Nadu Government hiked the bus fare rates. That apart ordinary white board buses are rare to be seen on the city roads.

The automatic hydraulic doors fixed on these buses, a bane say most of the commuters, for they are hindrance in overcrowded buses. The passengers who could not move into the buses, at times get entangled

their legs, when the doors were opened.

miyur, a sixty year old passenger, while boarding the bus, before he got into the bus, the driver suddenly closed the doors, resulting in his holding on to the handles and hanging outside the bus, his legs brushing the road, shouting for help. The cautious bus conductor whistled to stop the bus, fortunately nothing happened.

The MTC crews on the other hand say that the passengers alight and board the bus at signals. The careless passengers by doing so endanger their lives, as well as the bus crew were taken to task.

**AP unveils Electronic Hardware policy**

HYDERABAD: Andhra Pradesh Government has unveiled Electronic Hardware Policy 2012-2017 offering incentives, including 100 per cent reimbursement of value-added tax (VAT) and goods and services tax (GST), for the promotion of Electronic Hardware sector in the state. The policy was released by Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy during the inaugural session of two-day IT Summit-'Advantage Andhra Pradesh' held here yesterday.

General incentives of ICT

policy automatically applicable to all in the Electronic hardware industry and the incentives to the Electronic hardware sector will be in force for a period of 5 years to those who set up units in Hyderabad and other parts of the state, the government said in the policy.

Under the policy, the government has also exempted the electronic hardware industry from any power cuts and statutory inspections, except in the case of a specific complaint, besides facilitating three-shift opera-

tions with women working in the night shifts as well.

Among the key initiatives to back up the policy incentives, the government has proposed to create four hubs (or clusters) in and around the newly-built outer ring road around the state capital, common testing and incubation facilities, a common fund under Public-private participation to promote design, manufacturing, assembling and innovation, a single-window system for necessary clearances, among others.

**Frequent donor of rare blood honoured**



CHENNAI Not far from the manicured village of Kayalpatnam in Tuticorin district, Sadaqathullah, has been in the books of many for he has donated the rare group blood variety AIB at least 40 times so

far in various parts of the Tamil Nadu. It is said that there is only one percent of the population in the world are blessed with the variety. Sadaqathullah started donating blood, when he came to know through his ham friend Hema, whose relative was undergoing operation at the Chennai Egmore Hospital. Sadaqathullah wanted to donate blood to the patient. The patient was saved, after the operation and since then he had decided to become a blood donor. Whenever, there is a clarion call Sadaqathullah could be seen in the hospital, smilingly donating blood. In a recently held function on the World Blood Donation Day, Sadaqathullah was felicitated by the TN Dr MGR University VC Dr Mayilvahanan and the TNPSA Chairman R. Nataraj at a function.

"I will continue to donate blood, as long as there are patients whose lives should be saved" says the donor who is also business man.

**Government communications with Facebook, Twitter**



PATNA: Bihar turned to social-networking sites Friday to reach out to people, especially the young and start communicating with them over policy and governance issues related to the state, officials said.

The government's information and public relations department has opened accounts on Facebook and Twitter sites, which officials say would be used to inform, propagate and share views on important issues.

"We would upload certain information and important announcements of the state government on both the sites," Deepak Kumar, principal secretary of the information and public rela-

tions department said. People can easily get updates on the government's activities through these social-networking sites, Kumar told IANS.

"The Bihar government can be added to the friend list on Facebook and Twitter," he added. The friend request can be submitted to the address of information and public relations department given on the account pages.

Officials said that once the request is accepted, one can use networking sites' applications to 'like' or 'dislike' an activity of the government, download information, share it and comment on it.



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### NDA will remain united

JD(U)Sharad Yadav sought to downplay the BJP-JD(U) rift, says NDA was united and will remain so. Yadav's remarks came amid speculation that the JD(U) might walk out of the NDA over Narendra Modi, whom the BJP might project as its PM candidate in 2014 polls. The JD(U) has also decided to support the Pranab, while the NDA is backing PA Sangma.

### 3 killed, 16 hurt in TN mishaps

TIRUCHIRAPALLI: Three persons were killed and 16 others injured in three different road accidents that took place here and Pudukkottai Districts since Friday night.

Police said a 35-year-old realtor was killed and another injured when the car in which they were travelling dashed a roadside tree at Thayanur Chandai near here. Doctors at the Government GH declared that one of the injured brought dead, the police said.

In an yet another accident, a load van driver of Tuticorin was killed on the spot when his vehicle rammmed into the rear side of a stationary lorry at Virazhimalai in Pudukkottai District near here in the wee hours of today. Police said, Ganesan was transporting fish from Tuticorin to Tiruchirappalli when the accident occurred. Police registered a case and are look out for the lorry driver who was said to be absconding. One person was killed and 15 injured when a van in which they were travelling overturned at Thullukkappatti under Valanadu Police Limits near Manapparai, near here, early today.

Police said, the occupants of the van were hailing from Kallangadu village in Pudukkottai District and were on their way to their native after attending a betrothal at Vannarapatti Village near Manapparai when the accident occurred.

The deceased was identified a Karuppaiah (25) of Kallangadu. The injured were admitted to GH, Manapparai and a private hospital at Ponnamaravathi, police said.

### Fire in lodging house

NAGAPATTINAM: A 48-year-old man was killed and two seriously injured in a fire mishap at a private lodging house here on Friday.

Police said the ground floor of the lodging house was rented out for shops of which a retail outlet of the Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) was also located. In the wee hours of Friday, fire broke out inside the IMFL shop in which liquor bottles burst with a loud noise. Smoke engulfed the lodging rooms situated on the first and second floors of the building.

On information, Fire and Rescue Service Department personnel from different parts rushed to the spot and put out the fire and safely evacuated 13 inmates of the lodging house who had swooned in due to the heavy smoke. After gave first aid to them, and three of them were rushed to GH.

On the way to hospital, Bakruddin of Tiruchur (Vellanganallur) in Kerala died. Fish Merchant Mohammed Gowshick Ali (35) of Guwahati Assam and Panneerselvam (38) were admitted to the same hospital, police added.

## CPI calls Pranab as 'protagonist of economic crisis'

MADURAI: The Communist Party of India (CPI) has decided not to support the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) sponsored Presidential candidate Pranab Mukherjee, as he is the 'protagonist' of the present economic crisis in the country.

Talking to newsmen here Friday, CPI State Secretary D Pandiyan said the party has decided to abstain from voting during the Presidential elections as Mr Mukherjee was pursuing the neo-liberal agenda as the Finance Minister.

'We are unhappy with the economic policies pursued by Mukherjee and the Centre and hence we don't want



to support him'. 'Since Sangma was supported by the BJP, the CPI will not support him', he said.

He expressed concern over Prime Minister Manmohan

Singh's announcement in G20 summit in Mexico that India will pledge \$10 billion financial contribution to the International Monetary Fund's Crisis Management Fund to deal with the Euro-zone crisis, despite the 'downturn in India's economy.'

Strongly condemning Kerala Government's move to build a dam across the Siruvani river, he urged the intervention of Centre to stop Kerala from proceeding with the Attapadi Irrigation Scheme or any other scheme on the Siruvani river, which will affect the economy of Tamilnadu state.

He said Kerala has planned to build a dam of four TMC

ft capacities on Siruvani river that would reduce inflow into Bhavani river. The Coimbatore City and its adjoining areas dependent on Siruvani for drinking water needs would be totally affected, if such a dam was built. The move would also deprive Coimbatore, Erode and Tiruppur Districts of water, he claimed.

Accusing Kerala Government of confronting Tamil Nadu on river water disputes, including Mullaperiyar, Mr Pandiyan said the CPI will lead a massive struggle against Kerala's adamant attitude in Coimbatore, Nilgris, Theni, Madurai and Ramanathapuram districts, shortly.

## Centre committed to eliminate Child Labour in country: Kharge

BANGALORE: Union Ministry of Labour proposes to bring an amendment to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Abolition) Act 1986 in an attempt to eliminate Child Labour in the Country.

Union Minister for Labour M Malikarjun Kharge said Friday. 'It is to ensure that children in the age group of 14-18 are not employed. The existing law applies

only to the children below 14 years of age,' he added.

Mr Kharge said that 'the Centre is committed to protecting the welfare of children. Elimination of child labour is an article of faith and commitment to us.'

Speaking at the inauguration of Apex Hi-Tech Institute Building here, he said that Medical College will start functioning from this academic year in ESI Hos-

pital here.

'We have received the necessary approval and the intake will be 100 seats. Preference will be given to children of workers,' he added.

Mr Kharge said that a Bill to fix minimum wages for Beedi workers, domestic servants and safai workers has been prepared and it would be introduced in the next Session of Parliament



after getting approval in the Cabinet.

## BHEL distributes college-aids worth Rs. 5 lakh

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI: As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility programme, the BHEL here has distributed 120 sets of benches and desks meant for 600 students and 4 almira for Government Arts College, Thuvakudi, Tiruchirappalli worth Rs 5 lakhs. A BHEL press release said that at a special function held at the college premises here today, Mr AV Krishnan, Executive Director, BHEL here, handed over the benches and desks to the College.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Krishnan said that the local unit of the BHEL was giving foremost thrust to educational sector of the society by imparting technical skills for making them employable and also by providing the basic needs of the

students like class rooms, uniforms and notebooks and libraries.

He also said that BHEL Tiruchirappalli had distributed scholarships recently worth Rs 11,00,000/- for 268 students from all over Tamil Nadu for pursuing X, XI and XII-Standards, Diploma and other professional courses.

As part of its corporate social responsibility scheme, the BHEL Tiruchirappalli also focuses on health sector like conducting medical camps and providing basic facilities to the nearby villages.

M Palanivel, Additional General Manager, Human Resource, in his address said BHEL Tiruchirappalli had spent Rs 1.5 Crore as part of the CSR scheme in 2011-12.

## Madurai Mutt gets bomb threat letter, security beefed up

MADURAI: Security was tightened around the millennium-years-old Madurai Aadheenam (Mutt), which was in the midst of controversy over appointment of tainted godman Nithyananda as the junior pontiff, following receipt of a bomb threat letter.

Police said Friday the mutt authorities received a post card in which it was stated that a bomb would go off inside the mutt on June 27. The letter was written in Tamil, under the name Parisutha

Raja of 'Madurai Aadheenam Retrieval Committee' and the 'Madurai Meenakshipillai Retrieval Sangam,' Subramaniapuram Branch. The Secretary of the Mutt Gnana Sorubananda lodged

a complaint with the Intelligence Section (IS) of Police, based on which the security measures around the mutt, located at South Aavani Moola Street in the heart of the city was beefed up. Already police protection was given to the mutt in the wake of strong protests from various Hindu and Saivite outfits over the appointment of Nithyananda as the junior pontiff of Madurai Aadheenam.

All visitors, including the devotees, were allowed to enter the mutt after a thorough check. Police suspect it may be a 'prank letter' to trigger panic. An investigation to trace source of the letter was underway, police added.

## DMK announces 'Jail Bharo' on Jul 4

CHENNAI: The Opposition DMK in Tamil Nadu Friday announced a 'Jail Bharo' agitation across the State on July four to condemn the continuing arrests of former DMK Ministers and party functionaries by the ruling AIADMK.

A resolution to this effect was adopted at the marathon Executive Committee Meeting of the DMK chaired by its President M Karunanidhi.

The meeting was convened in the backdrop of continuing arrests of Former DMK Ministers and party leaders, including the detention of Former Agriculture Minister and Veerapandi S Arumugham under the Goondas Act a few days back.

'To counter the oppressive acts, of the AIADMK regime and to condemn the arrests of DMK leaders, as has been claimed by the DMK in the meeting has



decided to organise a Jail Bharo throughout the State. It said the agitation would be a peaceful protest, the DMK leader in the meeting asked his party cadres.

The meeting, which began in the morning, debated at length the arrests of several Former DMK Ministers, including the detention of Mr Arumugham under the Goondas Act and the other arrests of party functionaries.

After breaking for lunch, the meeting resumed at around 1600 hrs and deliberated for nearly an hour before adopting a resolution to launch the stir.

Mr Arumugham, who was earlier arrested on land grabbing charges and released on bail, was arrested in connection with the torching of huts at Angammal Colony in Salem. It is said he had allegedly encroached upon the land and evicted the tenements when the DMK was ruling the State.

After the AIADMK came to power, the tenements were relocated back in the colony. It was alleged a couple of huts were torched at the instigation of Mr Arumugham.

After arresting Mr Arumugham in this connection, Salem City Police Commissioner K C Mahali issued the orders on June 18, detaining him under the Goondas Act and the orders were served on him at the Vellore Central Prison where he was lodged.

## Jaya announces Rs 109 cr decongestion projects for Chennai

CHENNAI: In a bid to decongest the city roads in the wake of rising traffic problems, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha Friday announced construction of new bridges and skywalks at a cost of Rs 109 crores.

An official release here said as part of traffic decongestion measures, a flyover would be constructed at Koyambedu at a cost of Rs 40 crore.



Besides, a skywalk and bridge connecting Central

and Park Railway Stations and the Government General Hospital would too be constructed at a cost of Rs 20 and Rs eight crore respectively.

The bridge would be constructed across Cooum river near the General Hospital, the CM said. Besides, subways and other facilities would be constructed to ease the traffic congestion as part of the total Rs 109 crore projects.

## Govt whip resorts to dharna

PUDUCHERRY: Tension prevailed as N R Congress Legislator Nehru, who is the government whip, resorted to a dharna in front of the office of the Superintendent of Police (Traffic) along with his supporters Friday. According to police, a few people who came to Puducherry from Chen-

nai in a car last night had wrongly entered in a one way road. The traffic constable who was on duty then booked them in violation of Traffic Rules. When an argument between the police and the passengers erupted, the constable took them to the Grand Bazaar Police Station.

Hearing the news, Mr Nehru came for their rescue and police failed to pay any heed to his request. The legislator, who left the police station last night, returned along with his supporters and resorted to dharna.

Traffic Police Superintendent Sivadasan held talks with him and pacified him.

## Merchant robbed of Rs 17 lakh jewels

PERAMBALUR: Unidentified miscreants gained entry into a commercial godown of a fancy goods merchant and decamped with 70 sovereigns of gold ornaments worth Rs 17 lakhs and a cash of Rs

10,000 kept in a steel almira, here on Friday night. Police said Muthaiah kept the valuables in a steel almira of his godown adjacent to his residence. Last night they locked the godown and

went to sleep. Muthaiah, later found the back door of the godown and the steel almira were broken open. Based on a complaint, police registered a case and are investigating.

### Work shop on HIV/AIDS



State level workshop for NGO chief functionaries on HIV/AIDS quality Intervention and governance for NGOs in Tamilnadu and Puducherry" held at Chennai on Friday. TN Minister for Co-operation Sellur K Raju, Gokula Indira Minister for Tourism Valarmathi, Minister for Social Welfare & Chennai Mayor, Saidai S. Duraisamy took part in the inauguration. .

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## England to face intriguing Italy on sunday

England and Italy, two teams packed with experience but spiced by youth and some volatility, meet in Kiev on Sunday in probably the most intriguing of the Euro 2012 quarter-final ties. Clashing for the first time in more than a decade, England have met Italy only twice at major tournaments with the Italians winning a 1980 European Championship group game 1-0 in Turin and a 1990 World Cup third-place playoff 2-1 in Bari. Both teams, enjoying unbeaten runs in competitive fixtures lasting 11 and 13 games respectively, are built on sound defence and counter-attack.



## Germany crushed Greece 4-2 in a one-sided quarter-final



Miroslav Klose of Germany scores their third goal during the UEFA EURO 2012 quarter final match between Germany and Greece at The Municipal Stadium on June 22, 2012 in Gdansk, Poland.

Germany crushed Greece 4-2 in a one-sided Euro 2012 quarter-final on Friday and set up a last-four clash against England or Italy with their 15th successive win in competitive matches. The Germans, who will have to wait until Sunday to find out their semi-final opponents, have won all five European Championship quarter-finals they have played and they have reached the final on the four previous occasions.

In a one-sided contest, Germany took the lead through captain Philipp Lahm late in the first half and survived a scare 10 minutes after the restart when rank outsiders Greece levelled with a breakaway goal from Giorgos Samaras.

But the three-times European champions, who had never previously scored four goals in a match at the tournament, were in no mood for an upset and three goals in 13 minutes kept them on track for their first title in 16

years.

Greece cut the deficit with a late Dimitris Salpingidis penalty.

"We made it unnecessarily difficult for us," said Lahm, who has scored for his country once every two years since 2004 to take his tally to five. "We had huge chances to go into the lead in the first quarter hour. We got into the lead but gifted it away. "We were too slow at times and made too many easy mistakes but the important thing is that we are in the semi-finals.

For the Greeks, shock 2004 European champions, it was an expected end to their campaign after advancing to the last eight with a surprise 1-0 win over Russia. "We could have held the ball more and maybe taken a few more chances," said Greece coach Fernando Santos. "But we did not manage to breathe. We did not have the space to breathe. They pressed us all the time."

**BAILOUT BATTLE**

The match billed as the euro zone battle, pitting debt-ridden Greece against its northern paymaster, was always expected to be dominated by the Germans with the Greeks missing creative midfielder and captain Giorgos Karagounis through suspension and it lived up to its billing from the start.

The Germans, cheered on by their Chancellor Angela Merkel in the stands, started at a high tempo with Andre Schuerrle and Marco Reus, replacing Lukas Podolski and Thomas Mueller, charging down the wings.

But after battering the Greek goal for more than half an hour they had failed to get the early goal they wanted. Germany coach Joachim Loew, who fielded a more offensive team with Miroslav Klose replacing Mario Gomez, had urged patience and it paid off when Lahm released a trademark swerving shot from 25 metres to beat keeper Michalis Si-fakis.

Merkel jumped to her feet to celebrate as her lucky charm tag for Germany worked yet again.

Despite the scoreline the Germans made it hard for themselves with sloppy passing and wayward finishing.

Greece, with their youngest ever squad for a European championship at an average of 26 years, refused to surrender and hit back at the start of the second half as Salpingidis burst down the right and crossed for Giorgos Samaras to level.

But Germany's Sami Khedira volleyed in on the hour to settle any nerves. Klose headed in another four minutes later with his 64th international goal, leaving him four short of Gerd Mueller's German all-time record of 68.

With the Greeks pummeled into submission, Reus struck in the 74th before Salpingidis converted a spot-kick a minute from time to claim a minor consolation.

## Computer genius Alan Turing honoured

MANCHESTER: Google honoured computer genius Alan Mathison Turing with its doodle on his 100th birth anniversary.

Allan Turing, who was born on 23 June 1912, is also being honoured with an award named after him in Manchester for people who help the development of computer science. Turing is now recognised as a hero in the history of the information technology industry, and was also highly influential in the development of computer science, providing a formalisation of the concepts of "algorithm" and "computation" with the Turing machine, which played a significant role in the creation of the modern computer.

Councillor Kevin Peel, Manchester City Council's lead member for gay men's issues, said: "Had he not been hounded to death by the state because of his sexuality, who knows what other breakthroughs he could have made. "The fact that we are celebrating his life and work shows how society has moved on, but the battle

against homophobia continues. This represents a lasting legacy to Alan Turing, and is a fitting tribute to that great man." This award declaration comes ahead of the 100th centenary of Turing's birth on Saturday.

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Turing, who is widely known as the father of computer science and artificial intelligence, committed suicide in 1954, just over two weeks before his 42nd birthday, following his homosexuality resulted in a criminal prosecution in 1952, since homosexual acts were still illegal in the United Kingdom at that time.

## Honeymoon ends, the actors ready for shooting



Prasanna and Sneha is now back in Chennai, after completing their honeymoon in New Zealand. The newlywed spent their honeymoon two weeks in some of the exotic locales of the country. "We were unable to go for honeymoon immediately after our marriage, since Sneha had to shoot for her upcoming film Haridas. A couple of weeks ago, we got some time and left for New

Zealand," says Prasanna. He added "My next focus is on work. I am going to act in Muran fame Rajan Madhav's next film. Before that, I will act in the Tamil remake of Malayalam hit Traffic."

Prasanna further added "Sarath Kumar, Prakash Raj and others playing important roles in the film. I am happy to work with these veterans".

## Suriya becomes 'Sakalakala Vallavan'

It is widely rumoured that Suriya is going to do the role of Kamala Hassan 1982 flick Sakalakala Vallavan. If it is going to be true, then Suriya will be heading the title of Kamal Number Two of the South Indian Film Industry. It is said, both the actors are good friends and once Kamal had bought him a sports instrument. The makers of the film, who had come up with the idea, had approached the AVM to get



rights of the story. It is said that AVM themselves has come volunteered for the remake of the film. Suriya has planned to allot dates for the shooting of the film.

## I call her 'Strawberry': Jaya Bachchan



NEW DELHI: Jaya Bachchan rarely gives bites to the media be it on films or politics. And personal life? Forget it, dude! But thanks to Baby Aaradhya, the beaming granny just can't stop gushing about her grandchild during her recent interview with London's radio station.

Senior Mrs. Bachchan announced that Aardhya looks a bit like both her parents and is growing a good speed. She even went about praising bahu Aishwarya and said that, "Aishwarya is a hands on mom. She is

sometimes overcautious. Baby Aaradhya is not intimidated by faces, she is beautiful!"

But she did not finish there. Jaya further revealed that she loves calling Aardhya as 'Strawberry' because when she was born she reminded her of the fruit. Also she added, "She is always smiling! Now she's trying to crawl and it's very special to us. Sometimes I tease Aishwarya and I say, well, Aardhya is a very lucky girl because can you imagine having a nurse like Miss World?!"

## Music launch of 'Mere dost, Picture Abhi Baki'



MUMBAI: Bollywood actor Sunil Shetty launched the music of his upcoming film 'Mere Dost Picture Abhi Baki Hai' at a star-studded function here last night.

Filmbox Entertainment's 'Mere Dost Picture Abhi Baki Hai', directed by Rajnish Raj Thakur, is the journey of Amar Joshi (Sunil Shetty) who aspires to be a filmmaker, but despite facing objections from his father, Joshi decides to join a film institute in London and his journey begins from there.

Speaking to reporters, Sunil Shetty said, "the music

of the film is very energetic and different from other movies and I hope the film as well as the music is liked by everyone". There will be quite a few promotional events, which will be taking place in coming weeks for the movie, he added.

Director Thakur said "I have tried to make a comedy film, which revolves around the film industry itself. Hope the film becomes successful in entertaining the audience".

The cast of the film includes Rajpal Yadav, Udit Goswami, Rakesh Bedi, Om Puri and Avtar Gill.

## Kamal inaugurates modern commercial complex



Padmasri Kamala Hassan on Friday inaugurated the modern commercial complex, Spectrum Mall constructed by the Ganga Foundations Private Limited. Seen are Kamala Hassan with the foundations' president Chittibabu and the MD Senthilkumar and others.

## South Indian film Stars fly to Dubai for SIIMA

Galaxy of South Indian film stars have flown to Dubai on Thursday to participate in the very first edition of the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) function. Madhavan,

Lakshmi Manchu and Parvathy Omanakuttan are the hosts and SIIMA features scintillating performances by Sameera Reddy, Amala Paul, Hansika, Shruti Haasan, Priyamani and Deeksha

Seth. It is expected that practically every star in the South Indian film firmament will be in Dubai.

STR and Aishwarya Dhanush among others con-

firmed their participation in SIIMA. Fans are waiting to see if their favorite stars will win awards at this prestigious event that seeks to get South cinema noticed on a global platform.

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