

## ALL PARTY MEETING ON PAHALGAM TERRORIST ATTACK

Chennai, 25 April 2025: An all-party meeting, called by the central government, to discuss the Pahalgam terrorist attack will be held at 6 pm at the Parliament on Thursday.

According to the sources, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will chair the meeting. Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde will represent the party at the meeting to discuss the attack in which 26 people were killed, Ekanth Shinde-led Shiv Sena released a statement informing of the participation of Shrikant Shinde and expressed “unwavering” support.

“Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde will

represent the party at the all-party meeting to be held today in New Delhi. In light of the recent developments in Jammu & Kashmir and the ongoing national security concerns, Shrikant Shinde will convey Shiv Sena’s firm stand on national unity, security, and the unwavering support for every citizen affected by the Pahalgam attack,” Shiv Sena said.

Meanwhile, Nitish Kumar led Janata Dal (United) will not be able to attend the meeting in light of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Madhubani in Bihar. However, the party expressed complete

support for the government.

JDU Working President Sanjay Kumar Jha, said, “All top JDU leaders are engaged in the Prime Minister’s program in Madhubani district today, so we are not able to attend the allparty meeting.

Whatever decision will be taken in the meeting, JDU will stand with the government decision and support the Government in the country’s interest.”

Terrorists attacked tourists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on Tuesday, killing 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen

while leaving several others injured, in one of the deadliest attacks in the valley since the 2019 Pulwama strike in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed.

Following the attack, India has taken strong counter-measures against Pakistan for its support to cross-border terrorism.

In the CCS meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the presence of Home Minister Amit Shah, India decided to hold Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in abeyance until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.

## US URGES RUSSIA, UKRAINE TO IMPLEMENT CEASEFIRE. WASHINGTON THREATENS TO STOP MEDIATION

Chennai, 25 April 2025: US President Trump lambasted Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday over his remarks that his country would not recognise Russian control of Crimea.

He called Zelensky’s comments “detrimental” to peace negotiations with Russia, CNN reported.

In a post on his social media platform Truth social, Trump said, “It’s inflammatory statements like Zelenskyy’s that make it so difficult to settle this war.

He has nothing to boast about! The situation for Ukraine is

dire - He can have peace or he can fight for another three years before losing the whole country.” Crimea has been occupied by Russia since 2014. Ukraine does not want to compromise over it, while the US is pushing Kyiv to come to an agreement.

Meanwhile, Vice President J.D. Vance has warned that Russia and Ukraine must reach a ceasefire agreement or the US will step down from its mediation efforts.

“We’ve issued a very explicit proposal to both the Russians and the Ukrainians, and it’s time for them to either say yes, or for the United States to walk away from this

process,” Vance told reporters during his visit to Jaipur in India according to CBS News.

“It’s now time, I think, to take, if not the final step, one of the final steps, which is, at a broad level, the party saying we’re going to stop the killing, we’re going to freeze the territorial lines at some level close to where they are today,” Vance stated.

“Now, of course, that means the Ukrainians and the Russians are both going to have to give up some of the territory they currently own.” Vance’s remarks came as senior officials from the US, France, the UK, Germany and

Ukraine were holding talks in London aimed at securing a ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia, after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio pulled out of higher-level talks that had been scheduled earlier.

Ending the Russia-Ukraine war has been one of the key agendas of the Trump administration, which had earlier said that it will end the ongoing three-year-war in less than a week.

Despite President Trump’s mediation efforts, no final solution has been reached by either party, as Kyiv has repeatedly refused to agree on Moscow’s terms for bringing a ceasefire.

## STALIN ANNOUNCES KARUNANIDHI UNIVERSITY IN KUMBAKONAM

Chennai, 25 April 2025: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has announced in the State Assembly that a university will soon be established in Kumbakonam, Thanjavur district, in the name of former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi.

During today’s

Assembly session, members from various political parties jointly raised a special attention motion urging the government to set up a university named after the late leader. Accepting the request, Chief Minister Stalin made the official announcement.

Chief Minister

Stalin said, “Karunanidhi is one of the key figures responsible for Tamil Nadu’s rise to the top in the field of education, with colleges and universities excelling across the state. He introduced numerous initiatives that laid the foundation for educational growth.

A towering figure in higher education, Karunanidhi was truly a university among universities.

To honor his legacy, a university will soon be established in Kumbakonam, which lies in the integrated Thanjavur district where he was born,” the Chief Minister said.

## INDIA'S UNDERGROUND COAL MINING GETS A MAJOR BOOST WITH NEW INCENTIVES BY MINISTRY OF COAL

Chennai, 25 April 2025: In a decisive step towards revitalizing India’s coal sector, the Ministry of Coal has introduced a series of transformative policy measures aimed at promoting underground coal mining. These bold reforms address the traditional challenges of high capital investment and longer gestation periods, reaffirming the Government’s resolve to modernize the coal ecosystem while aligning with the broader vision of sustainable development.

To accelerate the growth/ Operationalization of underground coal mining, the Ministry of Coal has introduced a robust package of incentives:

1. Reduction in Floor Revenue Share: The floor percentage of revenue share for underground coal

mines has been reduced from 4% to 2%. This targeted reduction offers substantial fiscal relief and enhances the financial viability of underground projects.

2. Waiver of Upfront Payment: The mandatory upfront payment requirement for underground mining ventures has been completely waived off. This measure removes a significant financial barrier, encouraging broader participation from the private sector and facilitating faster project implementation.

These incentives are further complemented by an existing 50% rebate on performance security for underground coal blocks, collectively lowering the entry threshold and facilitating smoother project implementation.

The Ministry’s reform-oriented approach underscores its commitment to fostering a future-ready, investment-friendly, and innovation-driven coal sector. By incentivizing underground mining, the Government is not only catalyzing economic growth but also driving the industry toward greater efficiency, safety, and employment generation.

Underground coal mining is inherently more environment-friendly, as it causes significantly less surface disruption compared to opencast operations. These policy measures are expected to encourage the adoption of advanced technologies—such as continuous miners, longwall systems, remote sensing tools,

and AI-based safety mechanisms—which will boost productivity while ensuring ecological balance.

These forward-leaning reforms mark a strategic shift toward cleaner and more sustainable coal extraction practices. They are poised to unlock the vast untapped potential of underground mining in India, fostering innovation, reducing carbon emissions, and contributing meaningfully to the nation’s energy security and Atmanirbhar Bharat objectives.

With this visionary roadmap, the Ministry of Coal is not only reshaping the future of coal mining but also reaffirming its role as a catalyst in India’s journey toward self-reliant and environmentally responsible industrial growth.

Chennai, 25 April 2025: The Vatican has revealed the final words of Pope Francis, who passed away on April 21.

The 88-year-old spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church had reportedly said that he was both “tired” and at the same time “content”, and thanked his longtime aide Massimiliano

Strappetti.

Among his final words in the day before his death were, “thank you”, according to the Vatican.

“Around an hour later, after making a gesture of farewell with his hand to his longtime health aide, Massimiliano Strappetti, lying in bed in his second-floor

apartment at the Casa Santa Marta, the Pope fell into a coma,” the Vatican said.

“According to those who were with him in his final moments, he did not suffer.

It all happened quickly,” the church’s statement continued, describing Francis’ death as “discreet ...

almost sudden, without long suffering or public alarm”.

The Pope’s health deteriorated quickly on Monday morning, according to the church, with “the first signs of the sudden illness” appearing about 5:30 a.m. local time.

During the Pontiff’s final hours, he had hesitated to surprise a throng of 50,000 faithful who amassed in St. Peter’s Square with a ride in the popemobile following his Easter blessing from the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican News reported.

The pontiff had asked Strappetti, “Do you think I can manage it?”

Once Francis was reassured, he took his tour of the square, stopping to embrace people, especially children, on his route.

Strappetti was with the Pope on Easter Sunday when Francis blessed the throngs at St. Peter’s Square. Strappetti told Vatican News that Francis’ final words included “thank you for bringing me back to the square”.

For encouraging Francis to take the ride in the popemobile after the Easter service.

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Trichy, 25 April 2025: This ‘Earth Day’, as the world unites under the theme ‘Our Power, Our Planet’, we are reminded that the responsibility to safeguard our environment lies with each one of us.



positive behavioral change to become environmental stewards.

As we move towards our ambitious goal of achieving ‘Carbon-Neutral Manufacturing Operations’ by 2035, we are continually advancing our efforts in energy efficiency, sustainable material usage, environmental compliance and the adoption of cleaner technologies – all of which contribute to reducing the environmental impact.

Additionally, we continue to actively share our best eco practices with our value chain – dealers, suppliers and logistic partners, as well as community members, thereby amplifying positive environmental impact, beyond our factory premises.

As India accelerates its transition towards becoming energy independent, the role of the automotive industry in enabling clean mobility solutions has never been more crucial.

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& Conversion).

Challenge 4 - Minimizing & Optimizing Water Usage (4R – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Recharge).

Challenge 5 - Establishing a Recycled-based Society & Systems (Resource Optimization, Waste-to-Value Management and End of Life Vehicle Management).

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In addition to reducing CO2 emissions in every stage of the vehicle lifecycle (production of materials/parts, vehicle assembly, logistic operations, energy consumption/conservation and adoption of renewable energy in manufacturing, etc.), We are also advancing our efforts under

Challenge 4-6 which are aimed at minimizing water usage, promoting a recycling-based society, and fostering a future society in harmony with nature.

Our operations today run on 100% renewable grid electricity; over 96% of our waste is recycled; and 89.3% of our water requirements for production are met through rainwater harvesting and recycled water—marking tangible steps toward becoming a Zero Carbon, Zero Liquid Discharge, and Zero Waste to Landfill company.

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# SAIVA SIDDHANTHA CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FROM 3 RD TO 5 TH MAY 2025 AT SRMIST

Chennai, 25 April 2025: Dharmapuram Adheenam and SRM Tamil Perayam conducts the 6th International Saiva Siddhanta Conference is scheduled to be held on 3rd to 5th May, 2025. The Union Health Minister Honourable J.P. Nadda and Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu R.N. Ravi will also be present at the conference.

The valedictory function will be graced by Honourable Governor of Maharashtra, C.P. Radhakrishnan and other dignitaries will participate. More than 300 Saiva religious scholars from 16 countries of the world are expected to participate in the conference. More than a thousand religious scholars from all parts of Tamil Nadu are expected to participate.

# PNB METLIFE LAUNCHES GROW PLAN. A COMPREHENSIVE LIFE INSURANCE SOLUTION FOR EVERY LIFE STAGE

Chennai, 25 April 2025: PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited (PNB MetLife), one of the leading life insurance companies in India, has launched PNB MetLife GROW Plan (UIN: 117N167V01). This Non-Linked, Participating, Individual Life Insurance Savings plan is designed to offer customers flexible options such as increasing income, milestone-based payouts or a lump sum at maturity. Unlike many traditional plans where life cover ends upon maturity, the GROW plan covers customers for their entire lifetime, while enabling them to access maturity benefits much earlier. With customizable premium paying terms, maturity age, and payment frequency, the plan can be tailored to meet diverse financial goals and life stages.

Key Features of the GROW Plan include: Flexible Maturity Options: Choose from maturity age from 70, 75, 80, 85 or 100 years with premium payment



terms ranging between 7 and 15 years.

Milestone Income Option: Receive survival benefit every 4 or 5 years, ideal for funding major life goals such as education, travel, or important personal events.

Increasing Income Option: Enjoy increasing income every year from end of 2nd policy year until maturity, with the flexibility to defer the income start year.

Extended Life Cover Option: Extend life cover up to age 100 even while receiving maturity benefits earlier.

Return of Premium: All plan options offer a return of the total premiums paid at maturity.

Shakti Benefit: A special feature offering an additional 1% benefit exclusively for female Policyholders.

Add on Riders: Enhance protection with riders such as Accidental Death Benefit and Serious Illness Rider.

Mohit Garg, Chief Strategy Officer & Head Products, PNB MetLife, said, “The GROW plan reflects PNB MetLife’s ‘Circle of Life’ philosophy, which is centered around supporting customers through every stage of their financial journey - from building a foundation to planning for life’s milestones and long-term security.

The plan helps customers to pick options suited to their needs, helping them stay protected throughout their lives.”

About PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited:

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# 12 US STATES SUE TRUMP ON ILLEGAL TARIFFS

Chennai, 25 April 2025: A coalition of 12 US States sued President Donald Trump’s administration on Wednesday over “illegal tariffs” in the US Court of International Trade in New York.

Attorneys general of Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Vermont filed the lawsuit to seek a court order to block the Trump administration from enacting the tariffs.

The lawsuit said the policy has left the national trade policy subject to Trump’s “whims rather than the sound exercise of lawful authority,” asking the court to declare the tariffs illegal and to block government agencies and officers from enforcing them.

It noted the US President can only invoke the emergency act when there is an “unusual and extraordinary threat” from abroad. “By claiming the authority to impose immense and ever-changing

tariffs on whatever goods entering the United States he chooses, for whatever reason he finds convenient to declare an emergency, the President has upended the constitutional order and brought chaos to the American economy,” the legal action said.

“Congress has not granted the president the authority to impose these tariffs and therefore the administration violated the law by imposing them through executive orders, social media

posts, and agency orders,” New York Attorney General Letitia James’ office said in a statement. “His tariffs are unlawful and if not stopped, they will lead to more inflation, unemployment, and economic damage,” said James.

“President Trump’s reckless tariffs have skyrocketed costs for consumers and unleashed economic chaos across the country,” New York Governor Kathy Hochul said in a statement on Wednesday.

# BELGIUM COURT REJECTS FUGITIVE CHOKSI’S BAIL PLEA

Chennai, 25 April 2025: The rejection of the bail plea by a court in Belgium of absconding diamond merchant, Mehul Choksi, is a major victory for Indian agencies seeking to get him extradited, sources in the Mumbai Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Wednesday.

ED is investigating the Rs 13,500 crore Punjab National Bank loan fraud case along with the Central Bureau of Investigation in which Choksi is figured as prime accused. CBI has filed six economic offences against him in 2018 and 2022. The sources also said that

after a Court of Appeal in city of Antwerp rejected Choksi’s plea, the path to get him extradited to India is clear.

According to the details, the Antwerp Court of Appeal on Tuesday rejected arrested Choksi’s plea to release him on bail, saying that fears about him fleeing from the clutches of Belgian authorities are “legitimate”. Choksi was arrested in Belgium on India’s request, but later he moved a bail application arguing that he is suffering from cancer and undergoing treatment while seeking liberty to be released on bail

pending extradition proceedings. His lawyer Vijay Aggarwal had said that they will make an appeal against the rejection of bail.

It may be recalled that CBI had tracked Choksi in Belgium in July last year, after which an extradition request was sent on August 27, 2024. The agency even sent its team twice to convince the authorities to arrest him. A second extradition request was sent by CBI shortly after August 2024 as Choksi was charged in six cases of fraud by the agency.

The extradition has been sought under Indian Penal Code

(IPC) Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 201 (destruction of evidence), 409 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 477A (falsification of accounts) and sections 7 and 13 (bribery) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The Belgium government examined India’s request at various levels and approved initiating action in the matter after it was convinced about the “dual criminality” clause in the 1901 extradition treaty between two countries.

An “order of arrest” for Choksi was issued by the Belgian prosecutors on November 25, 2024.



# ISRO NATIONAL MEET ON LUNAR SAMPLE

Chennai, 25 April 2025: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) organised a national meet on the potential aspects of lunar sample science in the context of the forthcoming Chandrayaan-4 mission planned for launch in year 2027-2028 time frame, which aims at returning lunar samples back to the Earth.

This national meet was attended by the lunar science community engaged in analysing meteorite samples, terrestrial analogs, lunar soil simulants, as well as the scientists who are keen to constraint the remote sensing observations of the lunar surface with ground-truth experiments with the returned-samples.

The participants comprised about 50 scientists; almost 50 per cent of them represented 12 research and academic institutes (outside the Department of Space), including private academic institute, across the country, ISRO said in an update on Thursday. In the opening remarks, M. Ganesh Pillai, scientific secretary,

ISRO, emphasised on the significance of this national meet in the context of the Chandrayaan-4 mission, fitting in the overall road map of India's lunar exploration programme as a major milestone, which would eventually lead to India's first human-spaceflight mission to the Moon by the year 2040.

# POST PAHALAGAM ATTACK, MAJOR INFILTRATION FOILED

Chennai, 25 April 2025: A day after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, security forces killed two unidentified militants while foiling an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control in the Uri sector of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday.

On the same day, another gunfight broke out between militants and security forces in south Kashmir's Kulgam district with the operation still underway.

The two back to back operations come a day after 28 people were killed in a brutal terror attack in Pahalgam of south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The Army said that a counter infiltration operation was launched in the Uri sector when terrorists attempted to infiltrate

through the general area of Sarjeevan near Uri Nala.

Commander of Army's 161 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier Mayank Shukla said that intelligence inputs over the past several days had indicated movement of Pakistani terrorists across the LoC, with intentions to disrupt peace and development in Kashmir.

He said following the input, security forces intensified land and aerial surveillance and enhanced ground deployment, especially in forested areas despite inclement weather.

"On the night of April 22-23 around 1 am suspicious movement was detected near a launch pad across the Uri Nala?. As the terrorists moved closer to the LoC, forces tracked their move

ment using drones and repositioned ambush teams. At approximately 3 am, the terrorists attempted to cross the LoC, prompting an immediate engagement by Indian troops. The firefight continued for about two hours, resulting in the elimination of two infiltrators," Brigadier Shukla told reporters while briefing about the operation.

The identities of the slain are being ascertained by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, he said.

The Army officer said a subsequent sanitisation and search operation led to the recovery of two AK-47 rifles, a Chinese 9mm pistol, magazines, a large cache of ammunition, and an improvised explosive device (IED) weighing approximately 10 kilograms.

"This successful operation has foiled a major conspiracy and showcases the excellent coordination between intelligence agencies and security forces," the Army officer said, adding that efforts will continue to safeguard peace and development in the region.

Hours after the Uri operation, an encounter broke out at Tangmarg area of Kulgam when joint teams of Police, Army and CRPF launched a cordon and a search operation in the area following an input about militant presence.

"The CASO turned into an encounter when hiding terrorists opened fire on the joint teams. Forces are on job," a security officer said. A police officer said gunshots were heard during the search operation.

# JAMMU BANDH IN PROTEST AGAINST TERRORISM

Chennai, 25 April 2025: Jammu witnessed a total dawn-to-dusk shutdown yesterday as the region united in protest against yesterday's terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, South Kashmir. 1 Respon

ding to a bandh call by the VHP, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and various political and socio-religious organizations, shops remained closed, private educational institutions suspended operations, and traffic from the roads.

Across Jammu city and its outskirts, angry citizens held demonstrations, voicing their outrage through slogans and by torching effigies of Pakistan. Protestors enforced the shutdown by restricting the movement of three-wheelers and private

vehicles. Notably, the bandh proceeded peacefully without any reported untoward incidents. Members of the Muslim community also extended their full support, actively participating in protests throughout the Jammu region.

# HP INTRODUCES NEXT-GEN AI PCS ACROSS BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SEGMENTS IN INDIA

New Delhi, 25 April 2025: Today HP unveiled its most powerful and comprehensive line up of next-gen AI PCs in India. The new HP EliteBook, HP ProBook and HP OmniBook series are designed to enhance the computing experience of users across large enterprises, startups, and retail consumers.

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# GENERAL MANAGER HOLDS MEETING WITH MPS IN THE JURISDICTION OF MADURAI DIVISION

Chennai, 25 April 2025: In a meeting held today (24.04.2025) between the General Manager, Southern Railway Shri R.N.Singh and Hon'ble Members of Parliament, key development works - both completed and ongoing - pertaining to various constituencies under the Madurai Division were reviewed and appraised to the Hon'ble MPs. The meeting reflected Southern Railway's continued commitment to improving passenger amenities and infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by the following Hon'ble Members of Parliament:

Shri Kodikkunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mavelikkara.

Shri Vaiko, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

Shri S.Venkatesan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Madurai

Shri Manickam Tagore, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Virudhunagar

Shri Robert Bruce, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tirunelveli

Dr. Rani Srikumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tenkasi

Shri Thanga Tamilselvan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Theni

Shri Durai Vaiko, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tiruchchi rappalli

Shri R.Sachithanantham, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Dindigul

Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

Shri R. Dharmar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

Shri R.N. Singh, General Manager, Southern Railway, welcomed the Hon'ble MPs and provided an overview of the functioning of Southern Railway. He detailed the recent achievements and various initiatives taken to enhance passenger amenities across the zone in general and Madurai Division in particular. Shri M.S. Sharad Srivastava, Divisional Railway Manager, Madurai Division, along with Principal Heads of Departments of Southern Railway, also participated in the meeting.

The Hon'ble MPs deliberated on various issues including introduction of new trains, provision of additional stoppages, progress on new railway line constructions, extensions of existing services, station development, doubling and electrification works, construction of Road Over Bridges/ Road Under

Bridges, improvement of passenger amenities, and land acquisition for railway projects at various locations. They also offered valuable suggestions for the further development of the Madurai Division and improvement of services.

Dindigul Constituency:

Significant milestones include the electrification of the Dindigul-Palani and Palani-Pollachi sections, extensive passenger amenity upgrades with lifts, FOBs, platform shelters, and parking facilities at major stations like Dindigul and Palani. Station modernisation under the Amrit Bharat scheme is progressing at Dindigul and Palani. Sectional speeds have been increased 110 kmph in Tiruchchi rappalli - Tirunelveli and Dindigul - Palani sections. Several new trains including Vande Bharat Express trains were introduced and stoppages provided at major stations in the constituency.

Karur Constituency:

Passenger amenities such as lifts, Covered parking, lighting improvements, and an OSOP stall were provided at Manaparai. FOBs, toilet blocks, and shelters were completed at various stations. A new Subway (LUS) is constructed in Tiruchi - Dindigul section between Kolatur - Manaparai stations in lieu of level crossing to facilitate hasslefree movement of rail and road users. Extension of Express trains and stoppages at Manaparai and Vadamadurai further boosted connectivity.

Madurai Constituency:

The Madurai-Bodinayakanur section was gauge converted and fully electrified recently. Tirumangalam-Madurai Doubling with Electrification was also completed. Doubling works were also completed in Madurai - Thiruparankundram section. Madurai Jn witnessed major infrastructure additions like lifts, shelters, waiting halls, and multilevel parking. Platform extensions, coach maintenance facilities, and water coolers. Redevelopment of Madurai Jn include provision of air concourse, terminal buildings, and skywalks. Multiple new trains were introduced and existing services have been extended up to Bodinayakanur.

Mavelikkara Constituency:

Kollam-Punalur and Punalur-Edamann and Bagavathipuram - Edamann sections were electrified. Amenities like lifts, shelters, water coolers, catering stalls, and waiting halls were completed at Kottarakkara and Auvaneeswaram. Introduction and extension of express trains, along with improved station access and passenger

seating, have enhanced travel experience in the region.

Pollachi Constituency:

Electrification of the Palani-Pollachi section has enhanced the train services in the section. Udumalai pettai station saw upgrades including water cooler, parking, catering units, and improvements to the circulating area. A bi-weekly express service through Pollachi was also introduced to connect key regions.

Kollam Constituency:

Significant enhancements include provision of lifts, platform shelters, toilets, FOBs, and water supply at Punalur, Kundara, and Kilikollur stations. Catering units and Waiting stalls were provided, at Punalur. Work under the Amrit Bharat scheme is ongoing at Punalur.

Ramanathapuram Constituency:

The New Pamban Bridge unveiled by Hon'ble PM recently on 6th April 2025 restored the rail connectivity to Rameswaram island. Ramana thapuram and Rameswaram stations witnessed infrastructure enhancements including retiring rooms, dormitories, lifts, toilet blocks, and catering stalls. Covered parking and platform upgrades were provided at key stations along the Rameswaram - Madurai section. Introduction and extension of long-distance services further enriched connectivity. Station redevelopment of Rameswaram and Upgradation of Ramanathapuram and Paramakudi stations under Amrit Bharat Scheme are in progress.

Sivaganga Constituency:

Electrification was completed on Karai kudi - Manamadurai - Virudhunagar sections. Lifts, platform shelters, benches, water coolers, and Divyangjan facilities were provided at stations like Karai kudi, Manamadurai, and Sivaganga. FOBs and speed enhancement projects complemented new train services and Upgradation under Amrit Bharat Scheme is in progress at Karaikudi.

Tirunelveli Constituency:

Electrification of Tirunelveli-Tenkasi and Tirunelveli- Tiruchendur sections, installation of lifts, platform shelters, toilets, and benches improved infrastructure of stations such as Ambasamudram, Tirunelveli, Palayamkottai, Gangaikondan and Kallidai kurichi. Increase of sectional Speed, new Vande Bharat and express trains, and platform extensions at Tirunelveli and nearby stations benefitted passengers. Amrit Bharat Station work is in progress at Ambasamudram.

Theni Constituency:

Gauge conversion and electrification of the Madurai- Bodinayakanur section has enhanced the Rail connectivity in the region. FOBs, lifts, shelters, and waiting halls were developed at key stations. Passenger facilities including parking and catering were added. Several express trains were extended up to Bodinayakanur. Amrit Bharat Station work is in progress at Sholvandan.

Tuticorin Constituency:

New lines project between Milavittan-Melamarudur were completed. Electrification, platform upgrades, FOBs, and various shelters were added. Extensive provisioning of benches, parking, catering units, and OSOP stalls were undertaken at major stations like Tuticorin, Tiruchendur, and Kovilpatti. Amrit Bharat Station work is in progress at Tuticorin, Tiruchendur and Kovipatti.

Tiruchchirappalli Constituency:

Infrastructure at Pudukottai and nearby stations was improved with lifts, FOBs, benches, and toilets. LUS and ROBs enhanced safety, while shelters and platform raising works were executed. Station redevelopment under Amrit Bharat is progressing in Pudukottai.

Tenkasi Constituency:

Electrification of Tenkasi sections and amenities like lifts, FOBs, shelters, and toilets were completed at major stations. Speed enhancements along with new and extended train services, provided enhanced connectivity. Station redevelopment works are ongoing at Tenkasi, Rajapalayam and Srivilliputtur.

Virudhunagar Constituency:

Doubling of Thirupparankundram - Nalli section, Gauge Conversion with electrification of Madurai-Bodinayakanur section and Electrification of Virudhunagar-Tenkasi & Tirumanagalam - Madurai section enhanced the Rail Travel experience in the region. Station enhancements included lifts, shelters, toilets, benches, and Divyangjan amenities provided at Sivakasi, Sattur, Kalligudi, Tulukapatti stations. Platform raising and speed upgrades were carried out in the section/stations in Virudunagar constituency. Several express trains were introduced / extended, and station redevelopment is ongoing under Amrit Bharat at Virudunagar.

Southern Railway reaffirms its commitment to meeting the aspirations of passengers and elected representatives through sustained infrastructure development and operational excellence.

# VALLAMAI MOVIE REVIEW: A HEARTFELT, YET FLAWED JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE

Chennai, 25 April 2025: Vallamai tells a poignant and daring story of a hearing-impaired father, Saravanan (played by Premgi), and his young daughter, Boomika (Dhivadarshini), who are thrust into an unexpected and difficult journey of survival and revenge after a traumatic incident. The film captures the intense emotional bond between father and daughter, and their determination to seek justice in the face of adversity.

Premgi does a commendable job in portraying the deeply human struggles of Saravanan, a father trying to protect his daughter while also grappling with his own vulnerabilities. The chemistry between him



and Dhivadarshini is heartwarming, providing a solid emotional core to the film. The performances feel sincere, and it's clear that both actors bring a lot of genuine feeling to their roles.

Director Karuppaiyaa Murugan successfully highlights the rural-to-urban transition, which adds a layer of authenticity to the narrative.

His attempt to weave in a larger social commentary about justice and family is

admirable, even if some moments could have been more finely tuned.

The film's premise has real potential to touch on themes of resilience and revenge, which makes it an engaging watch for those who appreciate a story about personal growth and survival.

The film's music, composed by GKV, and Sooraj Nallu sami's camerawork elevate the experience, offering moments of visual and auditory

beauty that keep you invested despite the film's occasional pacing issues. There's a rawness to the storytelling that, while sometimes uneven, speaks to the director's ambition to address tough issues with sincerity.

While Vallamai might not hit every mark, it's a film driven by heart. The emotional stakes are high, and the performances from the leads keep you rooting for their journey, despite the story's few missteps. It's an imperfect but valiant attempt at telling an important and compelling story, and for viewers who are looking for an emotional rollercoaster, Vallamai will certainly resonate on a deeper level.

# TN BANS RAW EGG MAYONNAISE

Chennai, 25 April 2025: The Tamil Nadu government has imposed a one-year ban on the manufacture, storage and sale of mayonnaise made with raw eggs due to health concerns, effective April 8. In an official gazette, a notification was issued by R Lalvena, Commissioner of Food Safety

and Drug Administration stating that under section 30 (2) (a) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, any activities related to any stage of manufacture, processing, packaging, storage, distribution or sale of raw egg mayonnaise is prohibited in the state of Tamil Nadu for a year.



The ban is effective from April 8. The notification says that mayonnaise,

processed using raw eggs, has a high health risk which can lead to food poison.

# GOVT TO PROCURE 746 CNG BUSES: MINISTER

Chennai, 25 April 2025: Transport Minister SS Sivasankar announced that tenders would be floated for the procurement of 3,000 new buses, including 746 CNG buses, soon.

Replying to a debate on the demand for grants for the Transport department, he said the government planned procurement of 11,907 new buses through the funding support from the German funding agency KfW, the World Bank, the special area

development programme and the state government. "Of this, 3,778 new buses have already been inducted into the fleet, and 3,468 new buses will be added to the fleet by March 2026," he said.

Providing the breakup of the procurement, Sivasankar said the state government announced the procurement of a total of 5,000 buses at Rs 2,401 crore from 2022-

23 to 2024-25. Of them, 3,210 buses were added to the fleet, and the rest will be added soon.

Under the KfW funding, he said that the 552 low-floor buses were added to the fleet of the KfW, and a tender has been floated for the procurement of 1,614 diesel buses and 500 electric buses.

Key announcements:

Introduction of a

driver monitoring system in 500 buses.

Installation of 360-degree view cameras in 4,000 buses to enhance driver visibility, with Rs 15 crore allocated for the initiative.

Modernisation of 50 maintenance depots at a cost of Rs 75 crore.

Upgrading five Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) into model RTOs with improved facilities to curb the influence of touts.

# HC INITIATES SUO MOTU ACTION ON PONMUDY

Chennai, 25 April 2025: Justice N Anand Venkatesh said Ponmudy's comment was "prima facie" akin to "hate speech," and directed the High Court Registry to place the suo motu case before chief justice K Sriram to decide on the

further course of action in the matter.

On April 17, justice Venkatesh took serious note of the issue after an extract of the video containing Ponmudy's remarks was played in open court by a lawyer, during the hearing of a 2023 suo motu

revision petition taken up by the court against the minister's acquittal in a case of disproportionate assets.

This case was also initiated by justice Venkatesh.

At the time, the judge asked the state

police to file an FIR against Ponmudi for his comments made on April 8 during a local meeting. Amid a public uproar over these comments, Ponmudy was also removed by the DMK from his post of the party deputy general secretary..