



GROUP I INTERVIEW PROGRAMME

NEWS OF THE DAY

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STATE

1. Chennai gets an online waste exchange

Adding value to waste

Chennai Corporation has launched Madras Waste Exchange, an online waste trading platform

- The exchange is both a web portal as well as an application
- Currently a pilot, the initiative will go State-wide later
- Residents can use the platform to sell household waste
- Initially, only recyclable waste will be accepted
- Later, based on new initiatives by entrepreneurs, bio-degradable waste will also be accepted
- The Android app can be downloaded from Google Play and the link to the portal is www.madras-wasteexchange.com

HOW IT WORKS

- Buyers and sellers will have to register on the portal to trade; the portal has been integrated with the app
- On Day 1 itself, 30 buyers have registered
- Residents who want to sell a particular type of waste will be able to browse through a list of potential buyers and the prices quoted by them
- Buyers, including 2,600 scrap dealers in Chennai, will also be able to find a list of sellers who have waste products that they need
- The buyer and seller can decide a mutually convenient pick-up time
- Initially, the payment method will be cash-on-delivery; third-party payment gateways will be brought in later



Chennai has become the first city to have an online waste exchange for municipal solid waste.

Residents who want to sell their waste online will be able to contact 2,600 scrap dealers and other agencies across the city.

The Madras Waste Exchange, which is both a web portal and an application, has been conceptualised by the Smart City Mission, with support from the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The web portal is www.madraswasteexchange.com and the Android app can be downloaded from Google Play.

2. Isai Natya Nataka Vizha begins

The Isai Natya Nataka Vizha of the Narada Gana Sabha was inaugurated on Friday. The festival will be held until January 1. The Birudhu Nadhabrahmam award was conferred on Kalyanpuram R. Aaravamudachariar. He teaches Harikatha to meritorious students in Srirangam.

Alleppey Venkatesan received the senior musician award. Tirunelveli P. Subramania Award was presented to Nadaswaram vidwans Sheikh Mahaboob Subhani and Kaleeshabi Mahaboob.

3. IIT-M comes up with 3D Braille puzzle

Shaastra 2020, the annual tech fest of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, has taken up improving the lives of the visually challenged as part of its social initiative. The students, led by Vishnu, a student of third year M.A. integrated programme at the institute, have come up with a 3D printed Braille puzzle to make learning fun for the visually challenged.

4. Assembly unanimously passes Disha Bill

Days after the rape and murder of the 26-year-old veterinarian in Hyderabad, which sparked off a national outrage, Andhra Pradesh became the first State to enact a law aimed at awarding capital punishment to the guilty in specified offences against women and to expedite trial in such cases within 21 days of committing the crime.

Dealing with an iron fist

- Setting up of special courts for specified offences against women and children

- **Setting up of 'Women and Children Offenders Register' in electronic form**

- Amendments to Indian Penal Code (1860); new sections added

- **Section 354E to deal with cases relating to harassment of women, which includes abuse on social media platforms and making romantic**



overtures repeatedly.

- **Section 354G to deal with aggravated sexual assault on children by those in uniformed service, public servants, etc.**

- **Amendments to Sections 376, 376D and 376DA providing death sentence to convicts in cases relating to rape and murder of a woman.**

- **Period of disposal of appeals to be reduced to three months.**

NATIONAL

1. Sabarimala issue explosive now: SC

The Supreme Court on Friday advocated patience to women of menstruating age fighting for their right to enter and worship at the Sabarimala temple in Kerala.

The court said the review petitions would be listed as soon as the seven-judge Bench gave its judgment. "I will be constituting the seven-judge Bench at the earliest," Chief Justice Bobde said.

2. SC says no minors were held in J&K

The Supreme Court on Friday disposed of a writ petition filed by activist Enakshi Ganguly alleging that minors aged under 18 and as young as nine were illegally detained in the Valley

following the withdrawal of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 on August 5.

The court relied on a detailed ground report submitted by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Juvenile Justice Committee, led by Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, and comprising three other High Court judges, who made visits to detention centres and jails to check the veracity of reports published in international and domestic media that children had been detained.

The committee said it did not find any children under detention.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Boris Johnson wins huge majority

Britain was speeding towards Brexit on Friday after Prime Minister Boris Johnson won a crushing election victory, ending three years of uncertainty since the country decided to leave the bloc.

A poll of the 650 parliamentary constituencies showed that Mr. Johnson's Conservative Party had trounced its main opponent, winning 364 seats to the Labour Party's 203.

2. India-Japan meet put off

The annual India-Japan summit, scheduled for December 15-17 in Guwahati, has been cancelled following the protests.

"Both sides have decided to defer the visit to a mutually convenient date in the near future," Raveesh Kumar, official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, said.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

1. Chennai Corporation launches website to help buy, sell waste

CHENNAI: Said to be the country's first waste exchange platform, Greater Chennai Corporation on Friday launched

www.madraswasteexchange.com that will help connect buyers and sellers of different kind of waste.

Corporation commissioner G Prakash on Friday inaugurated the website which will be run on a pilot basis for the first three months. Based on the response from public and waste recyclers, more features will be added to the website, officials said.

2. No child detained in J&K: SC accepts findings of HC panel

NEW DELHI: Refuting allegations that security forces had detained several children in Jammu and Kashmir in the aftermath of the state's special status being scrapped, the J&K high court told the Supreme Court on Friday that not a single minor was detained or lodged in jail.

3. Andhra assembly clears bill to award death to rapists

AMARAVATI: The Andhra Pradesh assembly on Friday passed the Disha Bill, which prescribes death penalty for rape convicts, putting it on course to become the first state in the country to award death penalty for rape.

4. Winter session saw 116% Lok Sabha productivity

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha recorded productivity of 116% in the winter session while for Rajya Sabha it was at 99%, parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said on Friday, the last day of the session.

Fourteen bills were passed by the Lower House while 15 bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. Overall, 15 bills were passed

5. House committee votes to impeach Donald Trump

WASHINGTON: By a 23-17 vote that hewed along party lines, the US House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee on Friday approved two articles of impeachment accusing President Donald Trump of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The matter now goes before the full 435-member House where Democrats have a comfortable 233-197 majority (with some

6. More measures to boost economy as and when required:

Nirmala Sitharaman

NEW DELHI: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday promised more stimulus measures for sectors of the economy in distress as she counted on steps taken till now to boost growth by driving up consumption. She also said the Centre is aware of the pending GST compensation to states and will honour its commitment.



தி இந்து

1. 2022-இல் புதிய நாடாளுமன்ற கட்டடம்: மக்களவைத் தலைவர் ஓம் பிர்லா
2. தேனி கிருஷ்ணகிரி உள்ளிட்ட 5 மாவட்டங்களில் குழந்தை திருமணத்தை தடுக்க செயல்திட்டம் - சமூகநலத்துறை நடவடிக்கை.
3. வரைவு வாக்காளர் பட்டியல் வெளியீடு டிசம்பர் 23-ம் தேதிக்கு தள்ளிவைப்பு - தமிழக தலைமை தேர்தல் அதிகாரி சத்யப்ரதா சாஹு தகவல்
4. நாடாளுமன்றத் தாக்குதல் நினைவு நாள் அனுசரிப்பு
கடந்த 2001-ம் ஆண்டு டிசம்பர் 13-ம் தேதி நாடாளுமன்ற வளாகத்தில் புகுந்த ஜெய்ஷ்-இ-முகமது லஷ்கர்-இ-தொய்பா இயக்கங்களைச் சேர்ந்த தீவிர வாதிகள் தாக்குதல் நடத்தினர்
5. உலகின் சக்திவாய்ந்த பெண்கள் பட்டியலில் நிர்மலா சீதாராமன் 34-ம் இடத்தில் உள்ளார்.

6. வேலையின்மையே பொருளாதார சரிவுக்கு முக்கிய காரணம் - பொருளாதார ஆய்வு நிறுவனம் மூடிஸ்.
7. பெண்களிடம் தவறாக நடந்தால் மரண தண்டனை - ஆந்திர அமைச்சரவை ஒப்புதல்.
8. பிரிட்டன் தேர்தல் :
 - I. கன்செர்வேட்டிவ் கட்சி வெற்றி
 - II. இந்தியா வம்சாவளியை சேர்ந்த 15 பேர் வெற்றி

தினமணி

1. நாடாளுமன்றக் குளிர்கால கூட்டத்தொடர் நிறைவு:
 - (i) நான்கு வாரங்களாக நடைபெற்று வந்த நாடாளுமன்றக் குளிர்கால கூட்டத்தொடர் நேற்று நிறைவுபெற்றது. மக்களவை மற்றும் மாநிலங்களவையை அவைத் தலைவர்கள் தேதி குறிப்பிடாமல் ஒத்திவைத்தனர்.
2. உறவை பலப்படுத்த இந்தியா- மாலத்தீவு நாடுகளிடையே பேச்சுவார்த்தை தொடக்கம்.
3. குடிசை மாற்று வாரிய குடியிருப்பு திட்டங்களை விரைந்து முடிக்க வேண்டும்: துணை முதல்வர் உத்தரவு.
4. மணிமுத்தாறு அணையிலிருந்துபிசான சாகுபடிக்கு தண்ணீர் திறப்பு.
5. உலகின் சக்திவாய்ந்த 100 பெண்களின் பட்டியலில் இந்தியாவின் மத்திய நிதித் துறை அமைச்சர் நிர்மலா சீதாராமன் இடம்பெற்றிருப்பதாக ஃபோர்ப்ஸ் தெரிவித்துள்ளது.
6. பாரம்பரிய உடையில் நோபல் பரிசு பெற்ற அபிஜித் பானர்ஜி, அவரது மனைவி எஸ்தர் டஃப்லோ ஆகியோர்

பாரம்பரிய உடையான வேட்டி மற்றும் சேலை அணிந்து
நோபல் பரிசு பெற்றனர்.

7. சீனப் பொருள்களுக்கான கூடுதல் வரிவிதிப்பை
நிறுத்திவைப்பதற்காக அமெரிக்காவுக்கும் சீனாவுக்கும்
இடையே மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட ஒப்பந்தத்துக்கு அமெரிக்க
அதிபர் டொனால்ட் டிரம்ப் ஒப்புதல் அளித்துள்ளார்.

8. பிரிட்டனில் நடைபெற்ற நாடாளுமன்றத் தேர்தலில்
பிரதமர் போரிஸ் ஜான்சன் தலைமையிலான கன்சர்வேடிவ்
கட்சி வெற்றி பெற்றுள்ளது.