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NEWS OF THE DAY

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TAMIL NADU

1. Following rise in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumption, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) plans to commission a new bottling plant on 40 acres of SIPCOT land in Tirunelveli .

It will start functioning in a couple of months after statutory clearance. It will share the load of Madurai plant and cater to consumers in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari districts. IOCL was expanding its storage and bottling facilities to meet the growing demand in Tamil Nadu, said K.S. Shankar, DGM (LPG), Tamil Nadu

The oil company also plans to augment its storage at its Madurai plant by 1,800 Metric Tonnes (MT). The plant already has a mounded storage facility with a capacity to store 900 MT of LPG in three bullets.

The IOC took a group of students and journalists to its Madurai plant at Mattaparai in Dindigul district on Thursday. Spread over 37 acres, the plant caters to consumers in the six districts of Madurai, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari.

2. Seventeen-year-old M. Dhanalakshmi from Madurai district will represent Tamil Nadu at a three-day national-level conference to be held in New Delhi from November 18.

The conference, organised by not-for-profit

organisation working with children, is held to commemorate the 30th year of inception of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Ms. Dhanalakshmi will trace Tamil Nadu's progress on child rights protection in the past 30 years.

3. The Madras High Court has lamented that policy decisions of the government keep changing as per the wishes of the political parties that capture power after every general election, and that such changes are made without considering the efficacy of those policies and their usefulness to the public.
4. The State government has cleared the inclusion of 16 more sub-basins of rivers at a revised cost of Rs. 649.55 crore under the World Bank-assisted Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP-II)

Under phase-I, work is in progress on 18 sub-basins, for which a sum of about Rs. 744 crore has been set aside. Also, emergency rehabilitation of tank systems, affected during the 2015 floods, is nearing completion. An amount of Rs. 43.63 crore has been sanctioned

TNIAMP-II, which is estimated to cost Rs. 2,962 crore totally, will bring 66 sub-basins under its fold. The aim of the project is to increase the coverage of ayacut and food production. Among the projects to be implemented are rehabilitation and modernisation of system tanks [which are being served by water releases from rivers], non-system or rain-fed tanks, anicuts and supply channels in the sub-basins

5. The long-pending dream of residents to get the Chitlapakkam lake restored to its former glory may soon be realised as the Water Resources Department plans to start eco-restoration of the waterbody by this month-end.

Chitlapakkam lake is the uppermost tank in the Keelkattalai cluster of waterbodies and was originally used for irrigation, with an ayacut area of 219 acres

6. The Madras High Court has sought the response of the Centre by December 12 to a public interest litigation petition challenging the insistence of Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS) certificates from those who apply for making changes in the column meant for mentioning the sex of a person in his/her passport.
7. Union Minister of State for Shipping, Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya, on Thursday, inaugurated various projects at the Chennai Port. The projects include RFID-based online harbour entry permit system, integrated CCTV camera control system, oil spill recovery vehicle, coastal berth facility and a tree plantation project

The RFID-based online harbour entry permit system would cover eight gates, 20 lanes and 27 card readers, avoiding procedural delays in approvals, enhancing the overall security of the port, easing congestion and reducing waiting time at the counters, officials said

8. In an effort to replenish natural fish stock in the sea off

the coast of Tamil Nadu, the Fisheries Department has planned to ranch seeds of black tiger shrimps, Indian prawn and cobia at a total cost of Rs. 10.50 crore.

“Sea ranching or ocean ranching is an internationally accepted concept where fish that are commercially important and also need replenishment are reared in a controlled laboratory environment and let into the sea when they are of a certain size. The expectation is that they would grow and develop so that local fishers can catch them.

9. The Child Help Desk at the Egmore Railway Station has rescued 224 children between April and September.
10. VIT launches 9th world engineering education forum
11. Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2019- Devi Nachiyappan, a well known publisher of children's books, for receiving the award, said that her father Azha Valliappa was a famous poet who was called 'Kuzhandai Kavignar'.

NATIONAL

1. SC dismisses pleas to review Rafale ruling, raps Rahul
1. A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, on Thursday dismissed petitions seeking a review of its December 14, 2018 judgment upholding the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft.

Free to fly

The SC rejected pleas for a review of its judgment that gave a clean chit to the govt. on the purchase of 36 Rafale fighters. Key points of the judgment:



- Rafale jets are a necessity. The contract had remained pending through

different governments

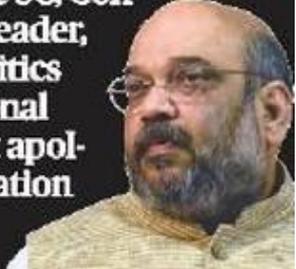
- There is no ground to order an FIR by the CBI or a roving inquiry
- It refused to reexamine aspects of pricing, the decision making process and the selection of offset partner saying the review applications cannot be entertained unless there is an "error apparent on the face of the record"
- It said comparing the prices of bare aircraft and fully-loaded aircraft to weigh losses was like comparing apples and oranges

Justice Joseph has opened a huge door into investigation of RAFALE scam. An investigation must now begin in full earnest. A JPC must also be set up



RAHUL GANDHI,
CONGRESS LEADER

After today's rebuke from the SC, Congress and its leader, for whom politics is above national interest, must apologise to the nation



AMIT SHAH, UNION
HOME MINISTER

2. A majority judgment delivered by a five-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi on Thursday kept a final decision on the Sabarimala review and writ petitions in abeyance till a larger Bench of seven judges delivers an "authoritative pronouncement" on the exact role a non-epistolary court can play in deciding whether a particular practice is essential or integral to a religion.
3. The review Bench, however, did not pass any interim order for stay of its September 28, 2018 judgment, which upheld the right of women aged between 10 and 50 to enter and worship at the temple in Kerala.
4. Vodafone Idea, India's second largest telco by number of subscribers, reported a record net loss of ₹ 50,922 crore, the largest in Indian corporate history, due to a

one-time provision of ₹ 30,774.5 crore made post the Supreme Court's ruling in favour of the Department of Telecom's interpretation of adjusted gross revenues (AGR).

Bharti Airtel posted a net loss of ₹ 22,830.1 crore for the quarter that ended September 30 due to the 'significant financial implication' following the Supreme Court ruling.

OLDER JUDGEMENT: OCT 24,2019

In a blow to telecom service providers, the Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the Department of Telecom's move to recover adjusted gross revenue (AGR) of about ₹ 92,000 crore from them.

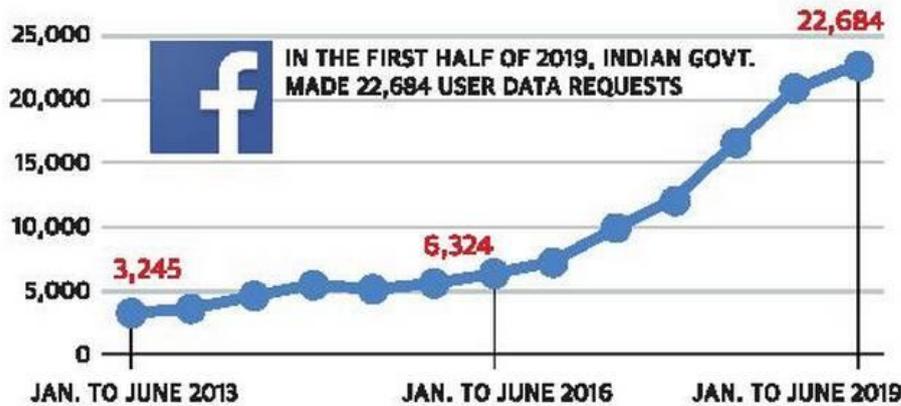
A Bench, led by Justice Arun Mishra, said the sector had long reaped the fruits of the Centre's liberalised mode of payment by the revenue sharing regime. "It has benefited immensely under the scheme as apparent from the gross revenue trend from 2004 to 2015," he said.

However, the service providers failed to fulfil their obligations to the government and raised frivolous objections.

5. India's requests for Facebook user data rising sharply

Seeking information

The government's user data requests from Facebook have steadily gone up in the last six years



United States	India	U.K.	Germany
50,741	22,684	7,721	7,302

6. One in six people with diabetes in the world is from India. The numbers place the country among the top 10 countries for people with diabetes, coming in at number two with an estimated 77 million diabetics. China leads the list with over 116 million diabetics.

On International Diabetes Day, the International Diabetes Foundation Diabetes Atlas makes it clear India needs to pause and re-evaluate its strategy to combat diabetes.

7. It proved to be a special Children's Day for 12-year-old girl Ojal Sunil Nalavadi as she set the Guinness record for the fastest 400 metres on roller skates blindfolded in the girls category in HUBBALLI, on Thursday.
8. Renowned mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh died at a government hospital in Patna on Thursday. Mr. Singh, who had worked at the NASA in the U.S. and IITs in India, had been suffering from schizophrenia for a long time. The State has announced

a full state funeral for the mathematician.

9. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday arrested former Ranbaxy promoter Malvinder Singh and the then chairman-cum-managing director of Religare Enterprises Limited (REL) Sunil Godhwani, in a money laundering case.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the keynote speech at the inaugural centenary event of **Bangladesh** founder Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 17, 2020 in Dhaka. The event will launch year-long programmes between 2020 and 2021, formally described as “Mujib year” celebrations. An array of Indian leaders, along with international dignitaries, will attend the event and the year-long celebrations, officials said.
2. Student gunman kills 2, wounds 3 at California high school before shooting self
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 14 emplaned for New Delhi after attending a “very productive” BRICS summit in **Brazil** during which the member nations held dialogues on cementing ties in trade, innovation, technology and culture.



தி இந்து

1.

1. தென்பெண்ணை ஆற்றின் குறுக்கே கர்நாடகா அரசு அணை கட்டத் தடையில்லை என உச்ச நீதிமன்றம் தீர்ப்பு வழங்கியுள்ளது.

2. ரஃபேல் போர் விமானக் கொள்முதல் வழக்கு:

i. சீராய்வு மனுவைத் தள்ளுபடி செய்தது உச்ச நீதிமன்றம்.

ii. சிபிஐ விசாரணைக்கு மறுப்பு.

3. சபரிமலை வழக்கு:

i. சபரிமலைக்கு அனைத்து வயதுப் பெண்களும் செல்லலாம் என்ற தற்போதைய நிலையே தொடரும்:

ii. சபரிமலை வழக்கு 7 நீதிபதிகள் கொண்ட அமர்வுக்கு மாற்றம் என உச்ச நீதிமன்றம் உத்தரவு

4. பிரேசிலில் நடைபெற்று வரும் பிரிக்ஸ் மாநாட்டில் கலந்து கொண்டுள்ள பிரதமர் மோடி ரஷ்ய அதிபர் புதினைச் சந்தித்தார்.

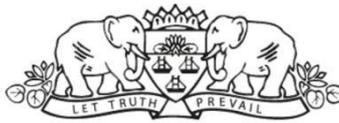
5. நெகிழி மாசில்லா தமிழ்நாடு எனும் விழிப்புணர்வு இயக்கத்தை முதல்வர் பழனிசாமி தொடங்கிவைத்தார். உலக சாதனைகடாக 10 லட்சம் மாணவ மாணவிகள் உறுதிமொழி.
6. தஞ்சை, விழுப்புரம், விருதுநகர் மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர்கள் உள்பட 13 IAS அதிகாரிகள் இடமாற்றம். பள்ளி கல்வி துறையில் ஆணையர் பதவி உருவாக்கம்.
7. சந்திரயான் 3 விண்கலம் அடுத்த ஆண்டு விண்ணில் ஏவப்படும் - ISRO அறிவிப்பு.
8. 2020-ம் ஆண்டு குடியரசு தின விழாவில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக பங்கேற்கிறார் பிரேசில் அதிபர் ஜெய்ர் போல்சனாரோ.

தினமணி

1. எல்லைப் பிரச்சனை தொடர்பாக அடுத்த கட்ட பேச்சுவாா்த்தை: மோடி- ஷி ஜின்பிங் கூட்டாக முடிவு
2. பயங்கரவாதத்தால் உலகப் பொருளாதாரத்துக்கு ரூ.72 லட்சம் கோடி இழப்பு: பிரதமர் மோடி
3. 2020 டோக்கியோ பாராலிம்பிக் போட்டிக்கு தகுதி பெற்றுள்ளாா் இந்தியாவின் நிஷாத் குமாா்
4. இந்தூர் டெஸ்ட்: வங்கதேசம் 150 ஆல் அவுட் இந்தியா 86/1
5. மணிப்பூருக்கு எதிரான சையது முஷ்டாக் அலி டி20 ஆட்டத்தில் தமிழகம் 9 விக்கெட் வித்தியாசத்தில் அபார வெற்றி பெற்றது.
6. காவலர் பணிக்கு வரும் 18-ஆம் தேதி நடைபெறவுள்ள உடற்தகுதித் தேர்வில், எழுத்துத் தேர்வில் பங்கேற்ற 3 திருநங்கைகளை அனுமதிக்க வேண்டும் என தமிழ்நாடு சீருடைப் பணியாளர்

தேர்வாணையத்துக்கு உயர்நீதிமன்றம்
உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளது.

7. 34 மாதங்களில் 4,391 சிறுவர், சிறுமிகள் மீட்பு:
ரயில்வே பாதுகாப்பு ஆணையர் தகவல்



THE TIMES OF INDIA

1. Combined Q2 loss of Rs 74,000 crore for Vodafone, Airtel
2. Terrorism cost world economy \$1 trillion:
PM Modi
Mr Rahul Gandhi needs to be more careful:
SC
3. NDA's deal 2.9% cheaper than UPA's, said CAG
4. PM Modi, Xi Jinping agree on early trade and border talks
5. Gaganyaan: 7 of 12 potential astronauts finish screening
6. Two batches of test pilots selected as potential astronauts for Gaganyaan — a total of seven men — have completed screening in Russia for India's first manned space mission.
7. Tamil Nadu government orders diversion of 0.5 tmcft of Mettur surplus water to Salem tanks

8. Isro has mechanism to deal with cyber security issue: Kasturirangan on hacking threat alert

9. Vehicles emit 25% of PM2.5 in Chennai, but always get clean CHIT