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NEWS OF THE DAY

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TAMIL NADU

1. Demand for FASTags spikes, as December 1 deadline nears

In the fast lane
FASTag cards, which are set to be made mandatory from **December 1**, will considerably reduce the waiting time for vehicles at toll plazas

What is FASTag?
It is a sticker that uses radio frequency identification technology for making toll payments. It is either a prepaid card or is linked to your savings bank account. It is affixed on the windscreen of the assigned vehicle and allows motorists to drive through toll plazas without stopping for cash transactions

FASTag helpline
1300



• B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

- The tag has a lifetime validity and is vehicle specific
- No tags for two-wheelers, autorickshaws and other small vehicles that do not pay toll now

- My FASTag App is available for customers to buy the tags online and link bank accounts/wallets and other services with the card

- You can buy FASTags from branches of banks, including SBI, HDFC, ICICI, Bank of Baroda, Axis and City Union Bank, apart from Paytm Mall or toll plazas in the State

- If customers buy tags online, the bank or wallet will send the tag to the customer's address

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR FASTag:

- Copy of registration certificate of vehicle
- Passport size photographs of vehicle owner
- ID proof and address proof

COLOUR CODES AND COST



- Car/jeep/van **Violet ₹500**
- Tata ace/mini LCV **Violet ₹500**
- LCV 2 axle **Orange ₹600**
- Bus/Truck/ 3 axle **Yellow ₹700**
- Bus/truck 2 axle **Green ₹600**
- Truck 4 axle and above **Pink ₹800**
- Over sized **Light blue ₹900**
- Earth movers **Grey ₹800**

- ₹100 is charged for cards of all categories
- A certain amount will be collected as a refundable deposit, while the remaining amount will be retained as balance in the card

2. The State government, while giving its nod for the renewal of lease for the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA), Madras Cricket Club (MCC) and TNCA Club, has decided to go in for three different leases, instead of the earlier arrangement of one. Film on 10-year-old

3. Mamallapuram skateboarder qualifies for 2020 Oscars short list

'Kamali' , directed by Sasha Rainbow, is about the skateboarding prodigy and her mother

4. The Tamil Nadu Director General of Police J.K. Tripathy issued a circular asking police personnel in the State to maintain all records in Tamil. In a communication, which was sent to all commissioners and zonal inspector generals of police, Mr. Tripathy said he had held a review meeting with officials on the implementation of the official language recently.
5. The Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (Tasmac) will be adding to, and improving, infrastructure at de-addiction centres across the State. A budget of Rs. 3.65 crore has been earmarked for this, a government official said. The allocated budget will be utilised for purchasing cots, equipment and the construction of new wards.
6. The price of onion, an important kitchen staple, touched Rs. 100 a kg in the wholesale market on Tuesday. Traders note there may be a further spike in its cost, and prices may drop only around mid-December.

NATIONAL

1. New regime to take office in Maharashtra on December 1; Fadnavis, Ajit Pawar quit ahead of floor test. Uddhav Thackeray stakes claim to form government
2. 18 parties boycott joint House session
Opposition parties boycotted the joint parliamentary sitting to commemorate the Constitution Day on Tuesday. Instead, they all congregated at the statue of B.R. Ambedkar in the Parliament gardens to protest against the attempt by the BJP to form the government in Maharashtra by poaching NCP MLAs.
3. India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised downwards its growth projection for the second quarter of the current financial year to 4.7% and the full-year

- growth estimate to 5.6%, it announced on Tuesday.
4. Union Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy introduced a Bill in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday to merge the Union Territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The Bill seeks to provide “better delivery of services to the citizens of both Union Territories by improving efficiency and reducing paper work.”
 5. A Bill which seeks to provide a legal framework to grant ownership rights to people living in unauthorised colonies in Delhi was introduced in the Lok Sabha by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday.
 6. The Sangankal Museum Committee has proposed to name the upcoming museum, being established at the cultural complex in BALLARI, after British geologist and archaeologist Robert Bruce Foote in recognition of his contribution.
 7. Cartosat-3 to take to the skies today.
PSLV-C47 will carry the earth observation satellite and 13 small ones
Advanced earth observation satellite Cartosat-3, which is due to be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR at Sriharikota in coastal Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday morning, will have the ‘sharpest eye’ of civil remote sensing satellites in the world.

Mapping the earth

Cartosat-3 is a third generation earth observation satellite with high resolution imaging capability. A look at some of its features



A view of Cartosat-3 at the Assembly Complex at Sriharikota. ■ PTI

Uses: Large scale urban planning, rural resource and infrastructure development, coastal land use and land cover

Overall mass: 1,625 kg

Mission Life: 5 years

Minute details: The satellite will be able to see objects that are just

25 cm
from its perch of around 500 km

- The previous best view from a Cartosat was 65 cm

- Only government or government-authorized agencies can access images below a resolution of 1 m

8. President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday quoted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to say that all the three organs of the State, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members and citizens should abide by “constitutional morality”.

The President made the observation at a joint sitting of Parliament in the Central Hall of Parliament to mark Constitution Day on the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the statute.

9. Lokpal Chairman Justice (retired) Pinaki Chandra Ghose on Tuesday launched the new logo for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman. A new motto, ‘Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone’s

wealth)', was also adopted.



The Lok Sabha on Tuesday took up for discussion a Bill that proposes a ban on e-cigarettes, prescribes a maximum punishment of three years in jail and a fine of up to Rs. 5 lakh for violations.

10. The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Bill, 2019, has been brought in to replace an Ordinance issued on September 18.

The Bill, moved by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, makes manufacturing, production, import/export, distribution, transport, sale, storage or advertisements of e-cigarettes and similar devices a cognisable offence.

First-time violators can be sentenced for up to one-year imprisonment and fine up to Rs. 1 lakh. Subsequent offences would attract up to three years' jail term or a maximum fine of Rs. 5 lakh, or both. Storage will also be punishable with up to six months jail or a fine of up to Rs. 50,000, or both.

11. Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation

(ISRO) K. Sivan has termed Cartosat-3 the most complex and advanced satellite India has ever developed.

It is also the satellite with the highest-ever resolution that the ISRO has developed till date.

12. The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019, declaring the NIDs in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Assam institutions of national importance. The Rajya Sabha had cleared the Bill during the previous session. Earlier, these institutes came under the Societies Registration Act and did not have the power to issue degrees or diplomas.



தி இந்து

1. மகாராஷ்டிராவில் ஆட்சி அமைக்கிறது சிவசேனா கூட்டணி
2. ஆளுநரை சந்தித்து உரிமை கோரினார் உத்தவ் தாக்கரே
3. பொங்கல் பண்டிகையை சிறப்பாக கொண்டாடும் வகையில் கடந்த ஆண்டு வழங்கப்பட்டதைப் போன்று இந்தாண்டும் அரிசி குடும்ப அட்டைதாரர்களுக்கு பொங்கல் தொகுப்புடன் ரூ.1,000 ரொக்கம் வழங்கப்படும் என கள்ளக்குறிச்சி யில் நடைபெற்ற மாவட்டத் தொடக்க விழாவில் முதல்வர் பழனிசாமி அறிவித்தார். தமிழகம் அறிவுசார் மக்களின் முனையமாக திகழ்கிறது என அரசியல் சாசன சட்ட தினவிழா மற்றும் இளம் வழக்கறிஞர்கள் பதிவு நிகழ்ச்சியில் உயர் நீதிமன்ற தலைமை நீதிபதி ஏ.பி.சாஹி புகழாரம் சூட்டினார்.

4. ஊட்டி தாவரவியல் பூங்காவில் உள்ள கண்ணாடி மாளிகை தோட்டம் போல சென்னையில் முதன்முறையாக வண்ணாரப் பேட்டையில் உள்அரங்கத் தோட்டத்துடன்கூடிய (Indoor Garden) மரபியல் பூங்கா உருவாகி வருகிறது.
5. கோட்டூர்புரத்தில் 'மியாவாக்கி' முறையில் பசுமைக் காடுகள் உருவாக்கப்பட உள்ளதாக பெரு நகர சென்னை மாநகராட்சி ஆணையர் கோ.பிரகாஷ் தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.
6. மழைநீர் வடிகால் கால்வாயில் சாக்கடை நீரையோ, செட்டிக் டேங்க் கழிவையோ கலந்தால் ரூ.1 லட்சம் வரை அபராதம் விதிக்கப்படும் என்று சென்னை மாநகராட்சி ஆணையர் கோ.பிரகாஷ் எச்சரித்துள்ளார்.
7. ஆத்தூர் அடுத்த தலைவாசலில் அமையவுள்ள சர்வதேச அள விலான கால்நடை ஆராய்ச்சிப் பூங்காவுக்கு முதல்வர் தலைமை யில் வரும் ஜனவரி மாதம் அடிக்கல் நாட்டு விழா நடத்தப்படும். மேலும், இங்கு அமையும் கால்நடை மருத்துவ உயர் கல்வி கல்லூரி வரும் கல்வியாண்டு முதல் செயல்படத் தொடங்கும் என்று அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. முதியோர்கள் தங்களுக்கு தேவையான

உதவிகளைப் பெற கட்டணமில்லா உதவி எண்ணாக சென்னைக்கு மட்டும் '1253' என்ற எண்ணும், பிற மாவட்டங்களுக்கு 1800-180-1253 என்ற எண்ணும், பொது சேவை எண்ணாக செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

8. வேலூர் மாவட்டத்தில் இருந்து புதிதாக உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ள திருப்பத்தூர், ராணிப்பேட்டை ஆகிய புதிய மாவட்டங்களை முதல்வர் பழனிசாமி நாளை (நவ.28) தொடங்கி வைத்து, நலத் திட்ட உதவிகளை வழங்குகிறார்.

தினமணி

1. இந்திய அரசமைப்பு சட்டம் நாட்டின் புனித நூலாக உள்ளது என்று பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை தெரிவித்தார். மேலும், அரசமைப்புச் சட்டத்தில் கூறப்பட்டுள்ள அடிப்படைக் கடமைகளில் மக்கள் கவனம் செலுத்த வேண்டிய நேரம் வந்துவிட்டது என்றும் அவர் கூறினார்.
2. கிராமப்புறங்களில் உள்ள 42 சதவீதம் வீடுகளுக்கு அடிசூழாயே குடிநீர் ஆதாரமாக விளங்குவதாக தேசிய புள்ளியியல் அலுவலக (என்எஸ்ஓ) ஆய்வறிக்கை சுட்டிக்காட்டியுள்ளது.
3. தமிழகத்தில் சட்டக்கல்வி உள்ளிட்ட கல்வியை தரமானதாக வழங்க தமிழக அரசு முக்கியத்துவம் அளித்து வருவதாக தமிழக முதல்வர் எடப்பாடி கே.பழனிசாமி தெரிவித்தார்.

4. திருவண்ணாமலை அருணாசலேஸ்வரர் கோயில் காா்த்திகை தீபத் திருவிழா டிசம்பர் 10-ஆம் தேதி நடைபெறுவதையொட்டி, கோயிலின் 9 கோபுரங்களுக்கும் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை மின்விளக்கு அலங்காரம் செய்யப்பட்டது.
5. பிசான சாகுபடிக்காக கடனாநதி அணை, ராமநதி அணை, கருப்பாநதி அணை, அடவிநயினாா் அணை ஆகியவற்றிலிருந்து செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை தண்ணீர் திறந்துவிடப்பட்டது
6. உள்ளாட்சி பதவிகளில் எஸ்.சி., எஸ்.டி பிரிவினருக்கு இடஒதுக்கீடு வழங்க கோரிய வழக்கு: தமிழக அரசு பதிலளிக்க உத்தரவு
7. அரசுப் பள்ளி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு பின்லாந்து குழு சிறப்புப் பயிற்சி அளித்து வருவதாக பள்ளிக் கல்வித்துறை ஆணையர் சிஜி தாமஸ் தெரிவித்துள்ளாா்.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

1. Maharashtra governor's decision to invite BJP still under Supreme Court lens
2. Tamil Nadu schools to have three breaks to ensure kids drink enough water during three breaks - morning, lunch and evening - during school hours,
3. MLAs to take oath today, Maharashtra governor appoints pro tem speaker, the governor appointed Kalidas Kolambkar, BJP MLA from Wadala, as the pro tem speaker. He is the senior-most MLA who has won the assembly elections for eight consecutive terms.
4. 21 'corrupt' junior I-T officers sacked: Union Govt
5. The information and broadcasting ministry has put in the public domain the draft Registration of Press and Periodicals Bill 2019, which seeks to replace the archaic Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867 that governs registration of print and publishing industry in India.
6. The draft legislation also proposes to do away with the prosecution provisions of imprisonment of publishers and to simplify the implementation of the registration process through a Press Registrar General, which it

proposes to institute. In addition, it has recommended that publishers and printers no longer need to furnish declarations before the local administration where the publications are registered.

7. The draft bill says publishers of news on digital media shall register themselves with the Registrar of Newspapers of India and has also proposed a system of registering e-papers.
8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked banks to monitor loans under the Mudra scheme over concerns of growing levels of non-performing assets (NPAs) in that category.
9. Phone parts maker Salcomp has acquired a unit of Nokia and one of LiteOnMobile in Sriperumbudur for nearly \$50 million (Rs 350 crore) and promised additional investments of Rs 2,000 crore to create 10,000 new jobs, giving a leg up to engineering manufacturing services.
10. Tamil Nadu discom Tangedco will get additional 200MW of electricity starting next month as unit 1 of Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS) is set to resume power generation on December 1.

There are two units at MAPS with a capacity of 220MW each. The units get fuel from within the country as it is not part of the India's civil nuclear agreement. Units under the civil nuclear agreement will be under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), but both the units of MAPS come outside the purview of IAEA.

11. Tamil Nadu DGP J K Tripathy has instructed all men

and women in khaki in the state to sign in Tamil in all registers, and has directed all personnel to write 'Kaval' (police) in Tamil prominently on their patrol vehicles. The top cop has also asked personnel to keep a stock of seals and name boards of stations in Tamil

12. At least one in every 20 parents in the Chennai city is hesitant about vaccinating his/her children, particularly if the vaccines are new or if they are for diseases that aren't common, says a city-based study.
13. Union water resources minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Monday assured AIADMK leaders that the proposed dam safety law will not alter the existing arrangement of Mullaperiyar dam ownership, its operations and maintenance, and the water rights of Tamil Nadu.
14. Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Tuesday appointed N Panchanatham as vice-chancellor of Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University.
15. Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Tuesday announced a Rs 1,000 Pongal dole for all 1.88 crore rice cardholders in the state in addition to 1kg rice, 1kg sugar, and packets of cashews and raisins.
Last Pongal, the government had announced a similar dole for the two crore ration cardholders in the state, including the 10.12 lakh sugar cardholders. This was challenged in the Madras high court, which told the government to confine the dole to those below the poverty line.

16. Chief Justice of India (CJI) S A Bobde said on Tuesday that the Supreme Court has proposed to introduce a system of artificial intelligence (AI) which would aid in the administration of justice delivery.
17. India is set to get its first law protecting the rights of the transgender community. The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed through voice vote the much debated bill on protection of rights of transgender persons after a motion to refer it to a select committee of the Upper House was defeated.
18. The Supreme Court on Tuesday said a balance has to be maintained between people's right to liberty and freedom of speech in Jammu and Kashmir and national security while putting restrictions in the aftermath of scrapping of special status of the erstwhile state.
19. The railways is likely to revise passenger fares soon as prime minister's office (PMO) has allowed it to implement a "creeping increase" and also to spread awareness about the need for such fare rationalisation.
20. World heading for 3.2 degree Celsius temperature rise by 2100: UN
21. Global emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) hit a new high in 2018 despite "scientific warnings and political commitments", said a UN report as it warned that the world is heading for an average temperature rise by 3.2 degree Celsius by 2100 bringing more disastrous consequences of climate change even if all current commitments under the Paris Agreement are

implemented.

22. India is now all set to hold exercises with Russia and China almost simultaneously next month.

In "defence diplomacy", lining up exercises with Nepal (Exercise Surya Kiran), Bangladesh (Sampriti), Sri Lanka (Mitra Shakti) and Myanmar (IMBEX) in the December-February time-frame.