



The PM 2.5 level recorded at Madurai on Thursday. Nitrogen dioxide level was at 23 µg/m³ against the prescribed standard of 80 µg/m³

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Court quashes FIR over route deviation in mineral transport

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AFTER quashing an FIR filed against a person in Madurai rural limits, the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court observed that when a person transports minerals under a valid transit pass, the mere deviation from the route prescribed in the pass without any allegation of theft or illegal mining will not attract the offenses.

Justice R Vijayakumar was hearing a petition filed by P Asaithambi of Ottakkovilpatti in Ayyapatti in Melur to quash an FIR filed by Palamedu police station of Madurai rural against him under 303 (2) of BNS - (punishment for the offense of theft) r/w section 21 (5) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act - (without lawful authority, transfer minerals).

Asaithambi was the sole accused in the case where he was



alleged to have committed an offence. The FIR reveals that he was transporting fencing stones in his tractor, and the transit pass was granted to carry fencing stones from Melur to Alanganallur in the Madurai district limits. However, the vehicle was intercepted at Palamedu, as it was not en route to Alanganallur.

The counsel to the petitioner argued that the sections, i.e., 303 (2) of BNS or section 21 (5) of the act, would not get attracted even assuming that the route mentioned in the transit pass has been violated. The state

counsel for the police submitted that it violated the route in the transit pass.

The court said the only allegation in the FIR is that the transit pass has been granted for carrying fencing stones from Melur to Alanganallur, but the tractor was found at Manikampatti in Palamedu police station limit, which is not en route to Alanganallur from Melur. The petitioner was having a valid transit pass, but he was transporting the fencing stones on a different route. It means there is only a violation in the pass and no theft of stones or any minerals belonging to the government. In such circumstances, the invoking of the above-mentioned sections would not be legally sustainable. The judge further stated that the continuation of criminal proceedings against the petitioner would be an abuse of the process of law by quashing the FIR.

Six arrested for attack on Dalit family in Dindigul

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SIX persons from a caste Hindu community were arrested for hurling a casteist slur and thrashing a Dalit family in Palani on Thursday morning.

On Wednesday, V Arumugam (42) and his wife A Lakshmi (37) of VP Pudur near Naikarapatti in Palani were targeted twice, said police.

Initially, S Karthi (26), a caste Hindu, attacked Arumugam with a stone after a quarrel escalated into violence.

Arumugam, who is a farm labourer, was chatting with his fellow workers outside the field when the incident happened.

Co-workers intervened to pacify Karthi and immediately took Arumugam to the

Primary Health Centre (PHC). After receiving first aid, he was discharged.

However, the conflict didn't end. On the same night, a group of individuals from the caste Hindu community, led by Karthi, stormed Arumugam's house and assaulted him, his wife Lakshmi, and three relatives who tried to intervene.

The group also vandalised the house before fleeing, police said. Arumugam's daughter Jayanthi, relatives Ramathai and another man called Arumugam who were injured in the attack were admitted to the Palani Government Hospital that night. A case was registered under the SC/ST Act. Police said 11 were booked under the Act, with six of them already arrested and remanded to custody.



TOSS TO GLOSS

With the cultivation completed, workers are now engaged in post-harvest activities, tossing and drying paddy to remove husk and impurities | K K SUNDAR

Class 7 girl killed in crash, minor rider held in Ramnad

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A 12-year-old student was killed after a two-wheeler allegedly ridden by a minor hit her near Ervadi on Wednesday evening. Following the accident, residents and relatives staged a protest on Wednesday night.

The suspect person were arrested in the early hours of Thursday.

The deceased was M Darshika from Vettamanai village near Ervadi Dargah. She was a Class 7 student at a government higher secondary school in the area. Police said Darshika was returning home after school when she was hit by a speeding bike allegedly ridden by a 17-year-old boy from Ervadi Dargah North Street.

She sustained severe head injuries and was taken to the Ervadi government primary health centre for first aid before being referred to the Ramanathapuram Government Medical College Hospital. However, doctors declared that she had died already.

The girl's relatives gathered outside the police station, demanding that action be taken against the parents of the minor for allowing him to ride the vehicle.

During talks with officials, residents also sought speed-breakers near Vettamanai and deployment of police personnel during school hours.

EXPRESS READ

Two nutritious meal organisers suspended

THENI: Two nutritious meal organisers were suspended after inspection by top officials of the MGR Sathunavu Thittam scheme in parts of Theni district on Thursday. P Dhanalakshmi and V Kuruvamma were suspended for being irregular in their work and other deficiencies that came to light during inspection. Dhanalakshmi and Kuruvamma were of Government Higher secondary School in Allinagaram and Kullapalayam (in Periyakulam), respectively, said sources. ENS

2 hurl 'bomb' at murder accused's house, held

THOOTHUKUDI: The Thalamuthunagar police have arrested two persons, including a minor, on charges of hurling molotov cocktail at the house of an accused who was arrested for killing their friend. On May 28, a fisherman, M Mariselvam (21), of Nehru Colony was hacked to death. Police arrested four suspects, including one S Hariharasudhan of the same locality. To avenge his murder, the suspects plotted the crime. ENS

Kin refuse body, continues stir over death due to medical negligence at Ramnad GH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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RELATIVES of a 35-year-old woman continued their road blockade protest outside the Ramanathapuram Government Medical College Hospital for the second consecutive day, refusing to receive her body and alleging that she died due to medical negligence.

According to sources, Tamilselvi, wife of daily wage worker Muniyasamy from Palkarai village, was admitted to the hospital on May 18 for breathing difficulties caused by sinus-related issues.

Tamilselvi died, following which her family refused to accept the body, alleging improper treatment. They demanded the suspension of the doctors

involved, including Medical College Principal Amutha Rani, and financial assistance for the bereaved family.

The family had earlier staged a road blockade on May 27, demanding answers from the hospital administration. Doctors later suggested shifting her to Madurai for advanced treatment, but the relatives declined.

Though officials held talks and the protest was temporarily withdrawn, the relatives resumed the blockade on Thursday as their demands remained unmet. Police attempts to remove the protesters led to a brief scuffle. Later, the protesters moved back inside the hospital premises. They continued to demand action against the doctors who treated the woman.

Family demands docs' suspicion

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Veeravasantharayar Mandapam revamp: Final pillar installed at Meenakshi temple

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE reconstruction work of the historic Veeravasantharayar Mandapam at the Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple in Madurai reached another milestone with the installation of the final, 79th pillar on Thursday.

Temple officials said that the mandapam was severely damaged in a fire accident that broke

out at shops inside the temple premises on February 2, 2018. Following the incident, the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department prepared an estimate of ₹35.30 crore for reconstructing the damaged structure.

Stones required for the reconstruction were sourced from a quarry at Pattinam village in Rasipuram taluk of Namakkal district after obtaining permission from the Department of

Geology and Mining. The stones were transported to the temple's worksite at Koodal Sengulam farm, where they were carved and shaped for use in the mandapam.

The stone carving and installation works were carried out by sculptor V P Velmurugan of Thirumuruganpoondi in Tiruppur district. Officials said around 65,000 cubic feet of stone had been brought from the quarry for the project.

Ministry of Labour and Employment
Government of India

Prime Minister to disburse Rs.2,400 crore as incentives under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana in New Delhi on 19th June 2026

Employment to 15 lakh beneficiaries across the country under the scheme

First-time employees to receive incentive of up to Rs.15,000; employers to receive incentive of up to Rs. 3,000 per month for each additional employee

Initiative aimed at boosting employment generation, enhancing employability, promoting formal employment and expanding social security coverage

New Delhi, 18 June 2026

In a major step towards strengthening employment generation and accelerating India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will disburse incentives amounting to Rs.2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) at a special event to be held in New Delhi, on 19 June 2026. This incentive has supported 15 Lakh employments across the country.

The event will be attended by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, and Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, along with beneficiary employees and employers, senior government officials, representatives of industry and workers' organizations.

The programme marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the PM-VBRY, a flagship employment-linked incentive initiative of the Government of India designed to catalyse job creation, enhance employability, promote formalisation of employment and expand social security coverage across sectors. Under the scheme, first-time employees are eligible for an incentive of up to Rs.15,000, while employers creating additional employment are eligible for incentives of up to Rs.3,000 per month per additional employee. The employers of manufacturing sector will be incentivised for four years while those in all other sectors will receive the incentive for 2 years. The scheme seeks to encourage formal employment while supporting both workers and employers.

PM-VBRY represents the Government's commitment to creating an enabling ecosystem for employment-led growth. With incentives for both first-time employees and employers, the scheme is designed to facilitating the creation of quality formal employment opportunities.

PM-VBRY, under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, came into effect from 1st August 2025. With an outlay of Rs 99,446 Crore, the PM-VBRY aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years. Out of these, 1.92 Crore beneficiaries will be first timers, entering the workforce. The benefits of the Scheme would be applicable to jobs created between 01st August 2025 and 31st July 2027.

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NOTICE OF 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND INFORMATION ON E-VOTING

Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of the Hannah Joseph Hospital Limited ("Company") will be held through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM), on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 12:00 noon (IST) to transact the business as set out in the Notice convening the AGM.

The Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2025-26 has been sent by electronic mode to all the Members holding equity shares of the Company as on June 17, 2026, whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/Registrar and Share Transfer Agent or the Depositories, in accordance with the General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 and subsequent circulars issued in this regard, the latest being General Circular No. 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2024/133 dated October 3, 2024 issued by SEBI (collectively referred to as the "Circulars"). Members participating through the VC/OAVM facility shall be reckoned for the purpose of quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Additionally, in accordance with Regulation 36(1)(b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a communication has been sent to the shareholders whose e-mail IDs are not registered with the Company / RTA / Depository Participants, providing the web-link and instructions for accessing the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2025-26.

The Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for the F.Y. 2025-26 and other relevant documents are also available on the website of the Company at www.hannahjosephhospital.com and on the website of Stock Exchange i.e., BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the NSDL website at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") and Secretarial Standard -2 on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, the Company is pleased to provide the facility to members to exercise their right to vote by electronic means on all Resolutions proposed to be passed at AGM. The Company has engaged NSDL for providing the facility for voting through remote e-voting, for participation in the AGM through VC/OAVM, and e-voting during the AGM.

Particulars	Date & Time
Record Date / Cut-off Date for e-voting and entitlement to dividend	July 08, 2026
Commencement of remote e-voting	July 12, 2026, at 09:00 A.M. (IST)
End of remote e-voting	July 14, 2026, at 05:00 P.M. (IST)

Members will have an opportunity to cast their votes through remote e-voting or e-voting during the AGM on the businesses set out in the Notice convening the AGM. The manner of voting through remote e-voting or e-voting during the AGM for Members holding shares in dematerialised form and for those Members who have not registered their e-mail addresses is provided in the Notice of the AGM. Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the Notice of the AGM through e-mail and holds shares as on the cut-off date may obtain the login credentials for remote e-voting by sending a request to NSDL at evoting@nsdl.co.in or to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent. However, Members who are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting may use their existing User ID and Password for casting their votes.

The Board of Directors has appointed M/s. S. Rajaguru & Associates, Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process and e-voting during the AGM in a fair and transparent manner. In case of any queries or issues regarding participation in the AGM through VC/OAVM or e-voting through the NSDL platform, Members may write to evoting@nsdl.co.in or call the toll-free number 1800 1020 990 / 1800 22 44 30. For more details, Members are requested to refer to the instructions provided in the Notice of the AGM.

The Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on May 29, 2026, has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 2/- (Rupees Two only) per equity share of face value of Rs. 10/- each for the Financial Year 2025-26, subject to the approval of the Members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. If declared at the AGM, the dividend will be paid within the statutory time limit to those Members whose names appear in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Record Date, i.e., July 08, 2026.

For Hannah Joseph Hospital Limited
Sd/-
CS Yuvaraj Saravanan
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Madurai
Date: 19.06.2026