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The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday held steadfast in its battle against inflation amid weakening growth momentum, with four of six members voting to keep policy reportate unchanged at 6.50% for the 11th bi-monthly review in a row.

However, acknowledging that the economy is facing tight liquidity conditions that are likely to persist for a few months, it cut the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) for banks by 50 basis points to 4%, after a gap of two and half years, in a bid to support growth.

While divisions within the MPC on a

status quo

on rates expanded from the 5:1 vote in October, the panel was unanimous on sticking to a neutral stance and remaining unambiguously focused on a durable alignment of inflation with its 4% target, while supporting growth. Inflation had spiked to a 14-month high of 6.2% in October, the last available price rise number.

The MPC took note of the recent slowdown in the growth momentum, which translates into a downward revision in the growth forecast for the current year. Going forward into the second half of this year and the next year, the MPC assessed the growth outlook to be resilient, but warranting close monitoring, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in his statement.

Noting the RBIs mandate is to ensure price stability while supporting growth, he said persistently high inflation reduced the disposable income of consumers and dented private consumption which negatively impacted the real GDP growth.

Real GDP growth in the July to September quarter fell to a seven-quarter low of 5.4%, compared to RBIs 7% projection, and the MPC has now downgraded the growth forecast for 2024-25 to 6.6% from 7.2%.

Similarly, with inflation increasing sharply in September and October led by an unanticipated increase in food prices, the retail inflation for 2024-25 has now been projected at 4.8% compared to the 4.5% average projected till October.

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In Indias first high-level diplomatic outreach to Bangladesh since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led regime, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will visit Dhaka on December 9, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Friday. His visit is part of structured interactions with Bangladesh, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Mr. Misris day-long visit comes against the backdrop of a heated war of words between the two countries that has escalated in recent weeks, especially regarding attacks against the Hindu minority in Bangladesh.

On Friday, Bangladesh called back its Acting Deputy High Commissioner Shikdar Mohammad Ashrafur Rahman in Kolkata, and Arif Mohammad, Assistant High Commissioner in its Agartala mission, for urgent consultation, after a Hindu group committed an act of vandalism at the Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh in Tripuras capital Agartala.

Bangladesh condemned the incident and India expressed regret but the Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka, Pranay Verma, was still summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka on Wednesday.

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Apollo Hospitals has launched an Integrated Neuro-ENT Vertigo and Balance Disorders Clinic at Apollo One.

The innovative clinic combines the expertise of neurologists and ENT specialists, offering advanced care for patients suffering from vertigo, imbalance (functional balance disorder), and the fear of falling. The clinic utilises state-of-the-art diagnostic technologies, including videonystagmography (VNG), Video Head Impulse Test (vHIT), caloric testing, and brain imaging, ensuring precise and comprehensive evaluations, a release said.

In addition, Apollo Hospitals will host the Chennai Vertigo Summit 2024 on December 7 and 8. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals, said: The launch of the Integrated Neuro-ENT Vertigo and Balance Disorders Clinic is an important step in tackling a critical healthcare issue that is often overlooked in India. By combining the latest technology with the expertise of our highly skilled doctors, we aim to raise the standard of care and reinforce our commitment to providing advanced, patient-focused healthcare across the country.

To raise awareness about balance and fall prevention, Apollo Hospitals Vanagaram is launching the Dance4Balance challenge. This initiative encourages participants to showcase their dance moves to a special music clip, while also highlighting the importance of balance in daily life. It combines entertainment and education to promote awareness on balance-related conditions such as vertigo, imbalance, and the fear of falling. Additionally, a cyclothon will take place on December 9 to further

promote awareness.
Michael Strupp, Professor of Neurology & Clinical Neurophysiology, Munich, Germany, and senior
consultants from Apollo Hospitals in neurology and ENT specialisations were present.
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Several persons, including artistes with disabilities, were honoured at the inauguration of Margazhi Matram-Artabilities 4 All, organised by SciArtsRUs and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, at the Rasika Ranjani Sabha here on Friday.

The Rani Maganty Lifetime Achievement Award went to Carnatic musician, music therapist and musicologist S. Hariharan Nair and Japanese veena artiste Yuko Matoba. Mr. Hariharans award was collected by his relative, Arun.

The Rising Star Apex Award was presented to vocalist and violinist Akshaya Parthasarathy.

V-Excel Educational Trust (India), cross-disability rights advocate Smitha Sadasivan, and Bharatanatyam exponent Lucrezia Maniscotti were given the Trailblazer Award.

S. Natesan, student of The Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University, Chennai, received the Vasantha Ramachander Memorial Scholarship. Vasudha Prakash, founder of V-Excel Educational Trust, noted that recognising differences was important.

In this world, which is divided and filled with intolerance, we have to send a message that difference is okay. We have to learn to embrace everyone, she said.

Ms. Sadasivan, who joined the event virtually, said disability could affect anyone if there is lack of support. There is a need to support each other in the community and break barriers so that everyone can participate equally...

Ms. Parthasarathy said it was important to provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to

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perform.
Parvathi Ravi Ghantasala, artistic director, Kala Pradarshini; Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti, industrialist;
Ranjini Kaushik of SciArtsRUs; and R. Sundar, secretary of Hamsadhwani spoke.
K.N. Ramaswamy, director of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, was also present at the event.
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Another weather system, which has the potential to bring heavy rain over some coastal and delta districts from December 11, is brewing over the Bay of Bengal.

With widespread rain easing over the State after Cyclone Fengal, the Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai, is monitoring the new weather system which is likely to develop as a low pressure area over south Bay of Bengal on Saturday.

S. Balachandran, Additional Director-General of Meteorology, Chennai, said the weather models indicated that the system was likely to move west-northwestwards and reach southwest Bay of Bengal off the Sri Lanka-Tamil Nadu coasts around December 12. We expect rainfall to pick up on Wednesday [December 11]. There are chances of heavy rainfall in six districts, including Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur, in Tamil Nadu and Karaikal [in Puducherry] on December 11. Rainfall of moderate to heavy intensity can be expected over many coastal places on December 12, he added.

Heavy rainfall was likely in nine districts, including Chengalpattu, Cuddalore, and Nagapattinam, and Karaikal in Puducherry on December 12.

Officials of the Meteorological department, however, added that chances were slim for the weather disturbance to develop into a depression. The weather system was being tracked for its path and the extent of rainfall.

Chennai woke up to a misty morning due to factors such as high pressure in the upper atmosphere, resulting in a clear sky and cool night temperature, officials said.

Since October 1, the State has recorded nearly 45 cm of rainfall 18% more than its seasonal average.

Improved storage

Meanwhile, storage in Chennais reservoirs has improved rapidly in the last two days, owing to the heavy inflow from Kosasthalaiyars catchment areas. Officials have ruled out water shortage during the ensuing summer.

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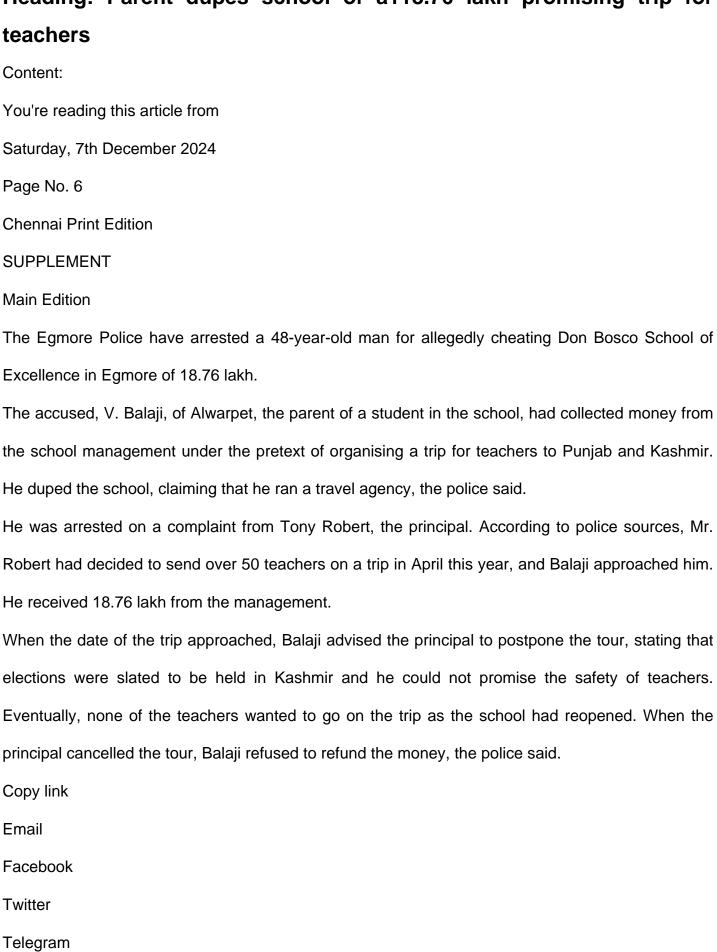
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Civic bodies in the Chennai Metropolitan Area, including the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), will establish new parking spaces near bus stops by adopting a standard design to promote intermediate public transport such as share auto-rickshaws and cabs.

The preparation of a parking policy, strategy, and action plan for the Chennai Metropolitan Area is in the advanced stages.

Standard design

All the bus stops and parking spaces in the zones within the corporation limits and the local bodies in Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu districts will get a standard design, officials said.

The design is expected to be finalised soon to improve last-mile connectivity and promote intermediate public transport in the city. The pilot project is expected to be implemented in areas such as Anna Nagar, where a large number of residents depend on intermediate public transport.

Once the parking policy, strategy, and action plan for the Chennai Metropolitan Area are finalised by the government this month, all the bus stops will get a makeover, with better parking spaces for intermediate public transport, said an official.

The advertisements in bus stops will be reduced in size, and the space for passenger-friendly infrastructure will improve. The name of bus stops will be clear, with better visibility, said another official.

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A 75-year-old patient from Mayiladuthurai has successfully undergone a dual surgery, which combined heart and hip procedures in a single operation, at Kauvery Hospital in Chennai. The patient, a farmer and retired teacher, had a complex medical history, including a heart valve replacement in 2013, which had begun to fail.

Given the severity of the heart and hip problems, doctors decided to perform both procedures at the same time.

At a press conference on Friday, R. Anantharaman, senior interventional cardiologist; Mukunth K., senior orthopaedic consultant; and Mahesh Kumar, medical superintendent, said the heart surgery, called Transcatheter Mitral ViV replacement, successfully stabilised the patients heart. Following that, the orthopaedic team performed a dual mobility hip replacement.

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A recent climate risk assessment by Anna Universitys Climate Studio has identified the northeastern coastal districts of Tamil Nadu as the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Districts such as Mayiladuthurai, Tiruvarur, Kancheepuram, and Nagapattinam are facing heightened risks from extreme weather events such as cyclones, pluvial floods, and rising sea levels.

Crop damage

The report also highlights how prolonged water stagnation is exacerbating crop damage in these regions, which are already grappling with the challenges posed by climate change.

The report, which was released by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin during the second meeting of the Governing Council on Climate Change on December 5, utilised downscaled climate model data.

According to the report, other regions of the State face varying degrees of vulnerability.

While the lower delta areas, including Pudukottai, Sivaganga, and Ramanathapuram face comparatively lower impact from coastal hazards, the Eastern Ghats are suffering from degradation.

This aggravates drought conditions, posing a threat to agricultural productivity.

In contrast, the Western Ghats regions such as Palghat Pass and Kanyakumari Aralvaimozhi Pass showed greater resilience, courtesy of its dense forests, robust carbon sinks, and substantial rainfall from both monsoon seasons.

The report calls for urgent climate adaptation strategies, particularly in the central districts, where

moderate risks persist.

Proposed measures include flood management, cascading water tank systems, and diversion

projects to mitigate flood risks.

Climate action plan

An action plan was released for Mayiladuthurai, which has been identified as the district most prone

to climate risk.

It is particularly vulnerable due to its reliance on agriculture and its proximity to the coast. The region

is facing a range of climate challenges, including rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, cyclones, and

sea-level rise.

The plan puts forth sectoral targeted action for water resource management, besides agriculture

practices.

It suggests functional household tap connections and improved pond and channel systems for

ensuring sustainable water supply. It focuses on enhancing groundwater resilience with recharge

structures and monitoring, while preventing salinity intrusion.

Other recommendations include adopting climate-smart agriculture by promoting climate-adaptive

crop varieties, encouraging farm-level horticulture, and agroforestry practices.

Sustainable practices

Efforts to improve soil health and enhance conservation techniques are key to ensuring sustainable

farming practices, the report says.

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Consumption of safe food and water, hand sanitation, and timely vaccination are the most important safeguards against ailments during the rainy season, doctors from Kauvery Hospital, Chennai, said at

The Hindu

s wellness webinar on Monsoon illnesses: Management and Cure on Thursday.

According to them, people were at a higher risk of common cold, influenza and water and air-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue and allergic asthma if they do not take simple precautions. In the backdrop of the recent flooding in the State, Vijayalakshmi Balakrishnan, Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases, at Kauvery Hospital, Chennai, explained why the monsoon was becoming a major problem and how to handle the health issues.

Common infections

Everyone worries about common infections such as cold, cough, and sore throat during monsoon. They should also remember that infections can stimulate vascular catastrophe (like myocardial infarction and stroke) and bad lung issues, she said.

S. Karthikeyan, Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist from Maa Kauvery, Tiruchi, spoke about the symptoms of Influenza high fever, severe body ache, muscle and joint pains, runny or stuffy nose, and nausea among others and the significance of basic etiquette of repeated hand wash, wearing of a mask in crowded places, covering the mouth and nose with a kerchief while sneezing or

coughing and using mosquito repellents.

Emphasising that timely vaccination helps in disease prevention, K. Abirami, Senior Consultant and

Head of Nephrology department at Kauvery-Salem, recommended annual flu vaccine, the

pneumococcal vaccine (two strains to be taken within a gap of eight weeks) and the single dose of

typhoid vaccine that lasts three to five years as mandatory for children, senior citizens and high-risk

individuals.

Dos and donts

Dr. Karthikeyan advised against taking steam and Nebulisation at home, and said that these should

be done in the hospital. Inhalers are better to use at home to clear stuffy nose..., he said, adding

that having a fever with temperature running up to 102 degrees Fahrenheit in the first 48 hours was

not a cause for concern.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi said children were prone to catching cold from school.

The speakers said steroids should be avoided during fever, unless prescribed by doctors. Steroids

mask the symptoms and give a false sense of recovery, they said.

The webinar was jointly presented by Kauvery Hospital and

The Hindu

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Heading: Gasteroenterologist bags clinical excellence award Content: You're reading this article from Saturday, 7th December 2024 Page No. 8 Chennai Print Edition SUPPLEMENT Main Edition The Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) recently conferred Chennai-based interventional gastroenterologist T.S. Chandrasekar with the ISG-Dr. Balakrishnan Clinical Excellence Award. Dr. Chandrasekar is the chairman and chief interventional gastroenterologist of MedIndia Hospitals. The ISG is a national professional medical institution with over 3,500 members. Dr. Chandrasekar received the award on Wednesday. The award has been instituted in memory of V. Balakrishnan, who is a recipient of the B.C. Roy award and a doyen of gastroenterology. Copy link Email Facebook Twitter Telegram LinkedIn WhatsApp Reddit

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Heading: Tax official found dead in Porur Lake Content: You're reading this article from Saturday, 7th December 2024 Page No. 8 Chennai Print Edition SUPPLEMENT Main Edition An Assistant Commissioner in the Commercial Taxes Department was found dead at Porur lake on Friday. The deceased has been identified as J. Senthilvel, 53, who was working as Assistant Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, in Chengalpattu. On Friday morning, his body was found floating in Porur lake. The police recovered the body and sent it for postmortem. The police ruled out any foul play and said that he may have taken the extreme step due to mounting debts. (Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on the States health helpline 104, Tele-MANAS 14416, and Snehas suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050) Copy link Email Facebook

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Governor R.N. Ravi on Friday, citing data from the National Crime Records Bureau, said Tamil Nadu has seen a 40% increase in crimes against Dalits over the last three years.

He said that despite political parties espousing social justice, B.R. Ambedkar is being used either as a slogan or to project oneself as a champion of social justice.

Participating in the 69

th

memorial day of Ambedkar (observed as Mahaparinirvan Diwas) at the Raj Bhavan in Chennai, Mr. Ravi said, When it comes to delivering justice to victims of crimes, where are we? There has been a sharp decline in the conviction of those who have committed crimes against Dalits. The most heinous crime... is the rape of the Dalit woman. In our State, the rate of conviction in cases involving Dalit women is less than half of the national average. This is disturbing and not acceptable, he said. I get complaints that a Dalit person, who has been elected as panchayat president, is not allowed to assume office [duties]. Are we following Babasahebs ideals of social justice?, he asked.

A beautiful document

He said the Indian Constitution was a beautiful document... the most remarkable blend of strength and resilience.

Equality of all human beings was something that was dear to his [Ambedkars] heart. The Constitution carries a dream... a goal the country must reach, encapsulated in the Preamble. It also

talks about justice social, economic, and political. Today, some people believe that social justice is

a franchise of that political organisation. No, it is a fundamental principle of the Constitution, he said.

According to him, Ambedkar remains the most grossly under appreciated leader of the country.

Man of principles

He [Ambedkar] ought to have been celebrated all throughout as the most revered leader of this

country. Unfortunately, it didnt happen. He was a man of principles. Ambedkar resigned in protest

against women not being given equal rights, the Governor said.

There were obscurantist forces who were not agreeable at that time and he resigned. But some

decades later, a woman goes to Supreme Court seeking relief because her husband had divorced

her without giving any compensation, and the Court gives her compensation, and we had a leader,

who went to Parliament, made a law negating the SC order, denying equal rights to women. Look at

the contrast, he further said.

Ilamurugu Muthu, president, Ambedkar Makkal Iyakkam, appreciated Governor Ravi for turning Raj

Bhavan into Makkal Bhavan.

All great leaders Chief Ministers take oath here. This is a historical place. Our Ambedkar people

movement was founded in 1977 in front of then Governor Prabhudas Patwari and today, after 47

years, we had a great opportunity to be with the Governor. There have been many governors, but

he [Mr. Ravi] is special. Raj Bhavan had been open only to big people, but he has turned it into

Peoples Bhavan, Mr. Ilamurugu Muthu said.

Former principal secretary of the Government of Tamil Nadu V. Varaprasad Rao, also spoke at the

event.

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The Cyber Crime Wing of the Tamil Nadu Police has issued an alert regarding a new scam that targets mobile money-users (those making payments through mobile phones).

Known as the Jumped Deposit scam, this fraudulent method exploits users trust to execute unauthorised withdrawals through Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

The scam begins with the fraudster sending a small amount, typically around 5,000, to the victims bank account through UPI. This unexpected deposit would trigger a notification via an SMS, prompting a person to check the balance in his/her account.

Modus operandi

The scammer then immediately initiates a withdrawal request. When the victims, out of curiosity, open their banking app and enter a personal identification number (PIN) to verify the deposit, the fraudulent withdrawal gets approved. The amount withdrawn is often significantly higher than the initial deposit, the police said.

The Tamil Nadu Police have cautioned members of the public to be vigilant.

The Cyber Crime Wing has advised people receiving such suspicious deposits to wait for about 15-30 minutes before checking the bank balance. This would result in the expiry of the withdrawal request, if any.

In case of any unexpected credit, the customer should contact the bank to verify the authenticity of the deposit, it said.

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The people of Tamil Nadu will minus (negative) the selfish alliance calculations of the ruling party in Tamil Nadu, which did not care about their safety, in the 2026 Assembly election, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay said in Chennai on Friday.

Mr. Vijay launched the book,

Ellorukkumaana Thalaivar Ambedkar

(Ambedkar: A leader for all), authored by Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) deputy general secretary Aadhav Arjuna; published by Vikatan Group; and co-published by Voice of Commons. Copies of the book were received by Anand Teltumbde, scholar and civil rights activist; and Justice K. Chandru, former Judge of the Madras High Court.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Vijay said Ambedkar faced caste-based discrimination since childhood. His self-confidence made him study hard and become a great intellectual, against all odds. We all should be proud of Ambedkar, who gave us the Constitution. Had Ambedkar been alive today, would he feel happy or sad to see the state of affairs in India now? If our country is to grow, democracy should prevail. To save democracy, the Constitution must be saved. The duty to save the Constitution is on each one of us, he said.

The root of democracy is free and fair elections. Every Indian should have faith in elections. To ensure voter confidence in elections, the Election Commissioners should be appointed based only on consensus, he said, and appealed to the Union government to declare April 14, the birth

anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, as Democratic Rights Day.

We all know what is happening in Manipur. But the Union government is not paying any attention to

the issue. Similarly, the State government that speaks about social justice has not taken any action

in the Vengaivayal issue. Even after several months, there has been no development in the case. If

Ambedkar would see these issues today, he would hang his head in shame, Mr. Vijay said.

To ensure the safety of people living in Tamil Nadu, a government that really cares about them

should come to power. Instead of posting on social media and giving statements as a custom, we

should stand with the people emotionally, he said.

I am warning the anti-people [DMK] government that always thinks only about stitching alliances,

and arrogantly claims it will win 200 seats. The people of Tamil Nadu will minus your selfish alliance

calculations in the 2026 Assembly election, he said.

VCK leaders absence

VCK president Thol. Thirumavalavam is not here in person. He couldnt come for the launch of a

book, that too on Ambedkar, because of political pressure in the alliance. But his thoughts will be

only with us today, Mr. Vijay said.

Mr. Arjuna said, In Tamil Nadu, only monarchy exists. In 2026, monarchy should come to an end.

Chief Ministers should not be chosen based on birth. We need ideologically committed leaders to

rule Tamil Nadu. A common man, a Dalit, should become Chief Minister.

He claimed a single company was controlling the cinema industry in the State. He hailed Mr. Vijay

for announcing that he would share power with the TVKs allies in 2026 if his party comes to power.

Justice Chandru, Mr. Teltumbde, and P. Srinivasan, Managing Director, Vikatan Group, were among

those who spoke at the event.

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In a message to those spreading rumours against his government, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Friday that religious and caste fanatics could never achieve their aims in Tamil Nadu. I am not denying the fact that there are some obstacles on our ambitious path. Some people are trying to blow them out of proportion for political ends, he said, adding that those individuals were even questioning whether the State was indeed the land of Periyar E.V. Ramasamy or of Ambedkar. Mr. Stalin called out those who were intentionally spreading rumours to bring the Dravidian model of governance into disrepute, without understanding an incident that occurred in a location. My message to them is: Your religious and caste fanaticism would not succeed in this land of Periyar and Ambedkar. You could never achieve your aims as long as this Stalin exists, he said. His government would remove the obstacles in society, expose the divisive forces, uphold the ideal of social justice, and create an egalitarian society, he added.

Speaking at a function, Mr. Stalin said his government was taking steps to empower the Adi Dravidars and the Scheduled Tribes. He recalled the affinity the late Periyar and former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi had for Dr. Ambedkar.

He launched the distribution of new vehicles under an initiative to make conservancy workers entrepreneurs. He also handed over loans under the Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme. He gave away insurance cards to conservancy workers and aid for building houses to some beneficiaries of the Narikorava community.

Ministers K.N. Nehru, S. Regupathy, Ma. Subramanian, P.K. Sekarbabu, and M. Mathiventhan; Chennai Mayor R. Priya; legislators K. Selvaperunthagai and I. Paranthamen; Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam; and senior officials were also present.

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Leader of the Opposition and AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Friday accused the Highways Department of having ignored an advisory issued by the Water Resources Department (WRD) to increase the height and number of pillars of the new bridge that collapsed in the floods in the Thenpennai in Tiruvannamalai district.

Interacting with journalists after inspecting the collapsed bridge at Agarampallipattu near Thandarampattu, he said the WRD had given the advisory to ensure that the structure could withstand massive floods and cyclones. However, the Highways Department built the bridge without conducting research on previous instances of flooding in the river.

The collapse of the new bridge was the result of carelessness of the DMK government in undertaking public projects. As a result, taxpayers money went waste, he said.

The 15.90-crore bridge was inaugurated by Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports E.V. Velu on September 2. It was washed away last Tuesday after over two lakh cusecs of water was discharged into the river following heavy rain upstream.

Mr. Palaniswami said around 2.40 lakh cusecs was released into the river after heavy rain upstream in 1972. However, the collapsed bridge was designed to withstand a discharge of only 54,417 cusecs, he added. It shows that the Highways Department has not done any research. It is a case of sheer negligence on the part of the ruling DMK, he said.

He dismissed the comparison between the release of water from the Chembarambakkam reservoir

near Chennai in 2015 and the discharge of a huge quantity of water from the Sathanur dam recently that brought the bridge down. He said a maximum of 30,000 cusecs could be released from the Chembarambakkam lake, as against the claim made in the media that over one lakh cusecs was released before the 2015 floods. The excess water let out of smaller waterbodies into the Adyar had flooded Chennai, he said.

Later in the day, Mr. Palaniswami met the kin of the seven landslip victims in Tiruvannamalai, and handed over a cheque for 1 lakh to each family.

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The team will survey Villupuram, Cuddalore, Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, and Krishnagiri districts from Saturday.

The team, led by Rajesh Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, met Mr. Stalin at the Secretariat, where a presentation was made. It also met senior officials of the State government and discussed the sites to be inspected.

About 14 districts were affected by the cyclone last month. The Chief Minister had earlier requested 2,000 crore in interim relief. An official release said normalcy is fast returning in the affected districts owing to the State governments efforts.

K. Ponnusamy (Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare); Sonamani Haobam (Union Ministry of Finance); R. Saravanan (Union Ministry of Jal Shakti); Dhanapalan Kumaran (Union Ministry of Road Transport); Rahul Bachkheti (Union Ministry of Power); and Balajee K.M. (Union Ministry of Rural Development) are the other members of the team.

Earlier in the day, DMK member Tiruchi Siva raised the issue in the Rajya Sabha. He said the cyclone had ravaged 14 districts, directly affecting 1.5 crore people, displacing 69 lakh families and causing the loss of 40 lives, besides 3,000 head of cattle and 2.50 lakh poultry. The initial assessment shows that we need 2,475 crore, but the State government has demanded 2,000 crore in immediate relief from the Union government. We are worried, going by the past inadequacies in disaster relief, he said.

The SDRF is the main fund available with the State governments for their response to notified

disasters. The Centre contributes 75% of the SDRF allocation for the general category States and Union Territories, and 90% for the special category States/Union Territories (Northeastern States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir).

According to Section 46 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the NDRF supplements the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in case of a disaster of severe nature, provided adequate funds are not available in the SDRF. The States have to submit utilisation certificates, pending which no further allocation is made.



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Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) founder and Chidambaram MP Thol. Thirumavalavan on Friday said he decided not to appear on stage with Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) leader Vijay at the launch of the book,

Ellorukkumaana Thalaivar Ambedkar

, co-published by VCK deputy general secretary Aadhav Arjuna, to ensure that the plans of our

ideological enemies were thwarted instead of thinking solely about what he would gain from it.

In a statement explaining his decision to withdraw from the event, Mr. Thirumavalavan said, Why

doesnt anyone have the guts to ask how the publication

(Vikatan

) was able to come to an easy decision to go ahead with the event with Mr. Vijay? Nobody questioned the publications decision, which was aimed at ensuring that Mr. Vijay wasnt hurt in any

way, but didnt care about whether I was hurt. I am just putting it out there for a debate.

Mr. Thirumavalavan said he, too, was one of the reasons why

Vikatan

had come to the decision.

I had communicated to

Vikatan

that I would never ask them to disinvite Mr. Vijay, and that I would never embarrass them. After I

realised that I am being used as a pawn in Tamil Nadus politics, how could I allow it? I took a decision to ensure that the plans of our ideological enemies were thwarted instead of looking at how I would benefit. Therefore, I asked them to go ahead with the event with Mr. Vijay, he said.

Nobody could threaten or control us, Mr. Thirumavalavan added.

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Leader of the Opposition and AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Friday accused Chief Minister M.K. Stalin of spreading falsehood that the AIADMK had not brought in any scheme when it was in power, and had not done anything for the betterment of the people.

It was under the AIADMK government that Tamil Nadu got 11 medical colleges, six law colleges, five veterinary colleges and research institutions, and agriculture and government engineering colleges, he said, adding that all these achievements were not visible to Mr. Stalin.

Speaking at the wedding of AIADMK Ariyalur district secretary Thamarai Rajendrans daughter, Mr. Palaniswami alleged that in its 43-month rule, the DMK had not introduced any scheme. He wondered whether the ruling party could set up even a single medical college in Tamil Nadu. It was claiming credit for the schemes brought in by the AIADMK government, he said.

When it was in power, the AIADMK swiftly came to the rescue of farmers whenever they were affected by natural calamities, he said.

Rejecting Mr. Stalins claims on the handling of natural disasters by the erstwhile AIADMK government, Mr. Palaniswami criticised the DMK government over its handling of cyclone Fengal.

In a video posted on social media, Mr. Palaniswami said his government had come face to face with many natural calamities, including cyclones Thane, Vardah, and Gaja, and it had worked on a war footing to overcome their impact.

When Chennai experienced heavy rain due to cyclone Michaung in December 2023, there was

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Former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam on Friday criticised the DMK government over the deaths due to a suspected case of contamination of drinking water in Tambaram. He demanded a solatium of 10 lakh each to the families of the deceased. In a statement, Mr. Panneerselvam alleged that though there had been complaints of contamination of drinking water in various places, the DMK government was indifferent to them. Two people have died due to the lethargy of the DMK government. About 30 more people are hospitalised, he said. He sought the Chief Ministers intervention in the issue.

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Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday paid tribute to B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution, on his death anniversary. Dr. Ambedkar remains a protector and warrior, whose ideas continue to inspire us and safeguard our rights. His legacy will forever guide us towards a fair and just society, Mr. Stalin said in a social media post. Ambedkar was a visionary leader who emerged to challenge the deep-rooted injustices that denied rights and dignity to many, Mr. Stalin said, adding: He demonstrated the transformative power of education and harnessed his wisdom to pave the way for equality and justice. In a social media post, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami said it was Ambedkar who laid the foundation for the empowerment of the downtrodden and oppressed sections of society.

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