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Arrested inspector sent to judicial remand in custodial death case:

Vijayawada: Circle Inspector SSVV Nagaraju, who was found by the Special Investigation Team to have been involved in the custodial death of a youth G Sai Krishna, was remanded to 14 days judicial custody by a court on Wednesday. The SIT was appointed recently on the directions of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu following the demand by the opposition YSRCP for a CBI probe after the mother of the deceased youth filed a habeas corpus petition suspecting foul play and seekimg his production in court. She had also met the Chief Minister seeking his intervention to trace the whereabouts of her son. The SIT officials led by IGP Ravi Prakash arrested Inspector Nagaraju and took him to the Government General Hospital on Wednesday for medical examination. Later he was produced before a court which sent him to judicial remand till 8 July. He was sent to the Rajahmundry central prison today.

Telangana Cyber Security Bureau alerts people about 'Boss Scam':

Hyderabad: The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has alerted citizens, government departments, public sector organisations, private companies, and business establishments about an emerging cyber fraud trend known as the "Boss Scam" or CEO Impersonation Fraud. As per an advisory issued by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), cybercriminals are targeting senior executives, government officials, business owners, and organisational leaders through malicious files sent via email and WhatsApp under the guise of urgent regulatory or compliance-related communications, said Shikha Goel, Director, TGCSB. She said in a release on Wednesday that more than 300 complaints have been reported across the country within a span of nearly 20 days, indicating a significant increase in such incidents.

India urges BRICS nations to build shared space economy

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India on Wednesday called for the creation of a "BRICS Space Economy", urging member nations to strengthen collaboration in space technology, innovation and investment as the sector emerges as a key driver of economic growth.

Addressing the valedictory session of the BRICS Heads of Space Agencies (HOSA) Meeting in Bengaluru, Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said the future of the global space economy would depend on partnerships rather than countries working in isolation.

"The future of the space economy will not be shaped by nations working in isolation. It will be shaped by partnerships, shared innovation and collective ambition. BRICS countries have the potential to become one of the strongest pillars of this emerging global space ecosystem," said Singh.

The two-day meeting, hosted by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) under India's BRICS Chairship 2026, brought together heads of space agencies and senior officials from Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates.

According to the minister, BRICS countries possess the scientific expertise, technological capabilities and industrial capacity to become a major force in the rapidly expanding global space sector. He argued that deeper cooperation could create opportunities for innovation, technology transfer, industrial partnerships and investment while addressing shared developmental priorities.

The meeting reviewed progress on existing cooperation mechanisms and discussed issues including space sustainability, debris-free missions, strengthening the BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation (RSSC), expanding participation of newer BRICS members and advancing discussions on a proposed BRICS Space Council.

Delegates also explored future collaboration in disaster management, Earth observation, capacity building and knowledge sharing.

Singh said space technology is increasingly critical for communication, navigation, disaster preparedness, agriculture, healthcare, education and environmental monitoring, adding that challenges such as climate change and food and water security require collective solutions supported by advanced space technologies.

He also stressed the need for responsible behaviour and greater international cooperation to tackle rising space traffic and orbital debris, calling sustainable space operations essential for the long-term future of space activities.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the minister released an Indian space industry brochure and interacted with representatives of India's growing private space sector and new space startups.

DMK accuses TVK govt of using DIPR for political messaging

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The Opposition DMK on Wednesday accused the ruling TVK in Tamil government of misusing the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) for political purposes, cautioning that it may initiate legal action if the practice continues.

The controversy arose after the DIPR released a video clip featuring Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay's reply to the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor for his address in the State Assembly yesterday. The clip reportedly carried a caption describing his remarks as a "befitting reply" to the Opposition, which drew sharp criticism from DMK leaders.

Condemning the move, DMK Rajya Sabha MP and senior advocate P. Wilson alleged that official government platforms were being used to target opposition parties and their legislators.

In a post on X, Wilson stressed that there must be a clear separation between the functioning of a political party and that of the government. "It is unprecedented for a government department funded by public money to be used for political messaging against the Opposition. The DIPR is meant to disseminate official information and government programmes, not function as a political communication platform," he added.

Urging the Chief Minister to refrain from using the department as a personal public relations agency, he also warned of possible legal recourse and that the Opposition would not hesitate to act if such practices persist.

"The department operates using public funds. If it continues to be used for partisan purposes, appropriate legal action will be initiated," he wrote.

Wilson also raised questions over whether the government's communication strategy was influenced by the recent appointment of Jagadish as Personal Secretary to the Chief Minister, hinting at a possible shift in how official messaging is being handled.

"The Department of Information and Public Relations is a government department. While it's part of their job to post speeches of Hon. CM & Ministers on social media, the captions being added by the DIPR are political attacks on the opposition & MLAs. These kind of political statements by a government department is unprecedented and does not bode well for parliamentary democracy", Wilson said.

"There's is a difference between party and government. Hope the bureaucrats don't blur this line in a new found frenzy to please the new CM. Hon'ble CM @actorvijay , stop using @TNDIPRNEWS as your personal PR agency. Is this the effect of @Jagadishbliss being your private secretary in the CMO?, DIPR runs on public exchequer, don't go down this Route", the Rajya Sabha MP said.

Politically isolated DMK pounces on former ally CPI-M for deserting alliance

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CONTINUING ITS TIRADE AGAINST THE CPI-M, THE DMK'S OFFICIAL DAILY, 'MURASOLI', ON WEDNESDAY SINGLED OUT THE MARXIST PARTY'S STATE SECRETARY P SHANMUGAM, QUESTIONING HIS JUSTIFICATIONS FOR EXTENDING SUPPORT TO THE TVK GOVERNMENT.

Left without allies and politically isolated following the electoral defeat, the opposition DMK, staring at a bleak future, on Wednesday turned its wrath against its former ally, the CPI-M, for deserting the alliance and teaming up with the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) of Chief Minister Joseph Vijay.

Continuing its tirade against the CPI-M, the DMK's official daily, 'Murasoli', on Wednesday singled out the Marxist party's state secretary P Shanmugam, questioning his justifications for extending support to the TVK government. A two-part write-up titled 'True Face of P Shanmugam' in the paper painted the left leader as one harbouring deep-seated hatred towards the DMK and said that was the reason for the Marxist party jumping onto the TVK bandwagon.

Interestingly, this comes within days of Shanmugam debunking the DMK's narrative that its former allies had secured the DMK's consent before extending support to the TVK to form the government and making it clear that the Left Parties had vetoed the proposal of a coalition government of the DMK and AIADMK to stymie the TVK, which had emerged as the single largest party, from taking over the reins. Indeed, he rubbed salt on the wounds the DMK suffered in the Assembly election when he said that the TVK's victory resulted from public disgruntlement against the DMK government's corruption and plunder of natural resources, as well as the youth's desire for change. The unkindest cut was his rejection of the DMK's narrative that the TVK had won merely through effective use of social media and that the electorate had fallen for that. The 'Murasoli' write-up, recalling Shanmugam's valiant struggle in securing justice for the tribal women of Vachathi hamlet, who were raped and their village ransacked by police and forest department personnel in 1992, asked how he could now shake hands with TVK minister KA Sengottaiyan, who was then the Forest Minister in the Jayalalithaa government? Also listing news articles in the CPI(M) organ 'Theekathir', which lambasted Vijay and the TVK, it asked what has changed now, warranting the CPI-M to extend unconditional support to the Vijay government.

No wonder the DMK appears unforgiving of the CPI-M, though the Congress was the first to leave the DMK and team up with the TVK. But it was the Left Parties' decision that triggered a domino effect of other allies like the VCK and IUML following suit. Further, it is the CPI-M which continues to counter the DMK's narratives against the TVK government, more than the TVK itself.

With the DMK engaging in a war of words with its former allies and the Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi attempting to score over Vijay, observers believe the Dravidian major betrays insecurity arising from the loss of power, rather than engaging in introspection and course correction.

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I, NEHA Choudhuri, D/o. Binod Choudhuri, residing at New Molla Para, Balitikuri, P.O.: Balitikuri, P.S.: Dasnagar, Howrah-711113, do hereby declare that Neha Choudhuri and Neha Noor is the same and one identical person vide Affidavit No. 17618 dated 21-05-2026 before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court.

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Karnataka High Court slams blanket bail in Vachanananda Swamy POCSO case

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In sharp oral observations, the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday came down heavily on what it termed "blanket bail" granted in a serious POCSO case, indicating that it is inclined to set aside the anticipatory bail granted to a seer accused of sexual offences against minors.

The court was hearing a petition challenging the Sessions Court's May 2 order granting anticipatory bail to Vachanananda Swami, who has been booked under multiple provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The complainant has sought cancellation of the bail and a stay on the lower court order.

As the matter came up before Justice M. Nagaprasanna, senior counsel for the petitioner argued that the Sessions Court had erred in granting anticipatory bail despite the gravity of allegations and the completion of the investigation with the filing of a chargesheet.

The respondent's counsel sought time to file vakalatnama and objections, but the court, at the outset, expressed strong reservations about the nature of the bail granted.

"I will set aside this order. This bail could not have been granted. We will reserve the liberty to get regular bail. The manner in which it is granted I will set it aside," the court orally observed, indicating its prima facie view.

The court also noted that similar proceedings were already pending and reiterated that anticipatory bail in such circumstances required serious scrutiny.

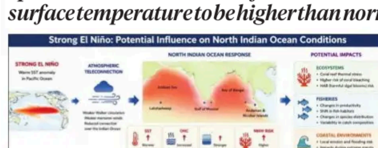
At one point, the court questioned the very basis of granting such relief in a case involving allegations of sexual assault of minors. "Such anticipatory bail cannot be granted at all. This is what? Sodomy? The only thing is, since he has the benefit of anticipatory bail, right or wrong, let him seek regular bail," the judge orally remarked.

The petitioner's side further informed the court that the accused had allegedly issued threats after the filing of the petition, prompting the complainant to approach the police again.

Making a broader observation on child safety, the court said, "You have not left the boys... minor girls are not safe and the minor boys are also not safe," underscoring the seriousness with which it viewed the allegations.

The defence, however, maintained that the case was false and stemmed from an internal dispute involving trustees, claiming the complaint was motivated.

Specialised El Nino bulletin forecasts Indian Ocean sea surface temperature to be higher than normal: INCOIS



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The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) released its specialised El Nino bulletin to highlight the possible impact on the Maritime sectors with the first report forecasting the sea surface temperature in the Indian Ocean to be higher than normal till May 2027.

The first specialised bulletin was released by Chevella Member of Parliament Konda Vishweshwar Reddy In Telangana, a PIB release said here today.

The bulletin confirms that the El Nino event continues to develop and is expected to peak in the winter season (November 2026 to January 2027). As a result, the sea surface temperature in the Indian Ocean will be higher than normal until April/May 2027.

The marine ecosystem in the Northern Indian Ocean (both Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal) is likely to be under thermal stress in the coming months, especially during March-May 2027. This can lead to increased bleaching of coral reefs, more episodes of marine heat waves and reduction in the fish catch (particularly sardine and mackerel species) due to migration of fish stock to suitable habitats or due to decrease in the recruitment.

Further, the fish may not reach the desired sizes due to changes in the marine environmental conditions related to the developing El Nino, it said.

The sea state in the Bay of Bengal will remain rough during the monsoon season and there are chances for increased coastal erosion and flooding in the east coast of India.