

## Modi inaugurates Bose museum

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New Delhi, Jan 23:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the Subhash Chandra Bose museum at Red Fort, marking the 122nd birth anniversary of the leader. The museum, dedicated to Bose and the Indian National Army, was unveiled at 9.30 am.

The Prime Minister also visited the Yaad-e-Jallian Museum, (museum on the Jallianwala Bagh and World War I) and the Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence and Drishyakala-Museum on Indian Art at the same venue.

The museum on Bose and the Indian National Army showcases various artefacts related to Subhash Chandra Bose and INA. The artefacts include a wooden chair and sword used by the leader, medals, badges, uniforms and other artefacts related to the INA.

The Yaad-e-Jallian Museum provides an authentic account of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre



that happened on April 13, 1919. The museum will also showcase the heroism, valour and sacrifices made by Indian soldiers during the World War-I.

The Museum on 1857-India's first war of Independence portrays the historical narrative of the 1857 war of independence, showcasing the valour and sacrifices made by Indians during the period.

The Drishyakala- Exhibition on Indian Art showcases art works from 16th century till India's independence.

# Ennore port to receive new lease of life

◆ **Japanese Ambassador Hiramatsu explains about ties between TN and his nation**

[NT Bureau]  
Chennai, Jan 23:

'Japan is supporting Tamilnadu Investment Promotion Programme by improving Ennore Port access road and developing an electrical substation in One Hub,' said Japanese Ambassador to India Kenji Hiramatsu at Global Investors Meet 2019 at Chennai Trade Centre today.

Japan participated as a partner country for the second time in a row. More than 100 Japanese business people from 45 companies made their presence felt at the investment event.

Tamilnadu is the sixth largest State of India by population, but its economy is the second largest. Historically, commercial engagement between Japan and Tamilnadu started with cotton. In 1889, governmental envoys from Japan visited the State to learn about the cotton industries here. Since then, our economic ties



**Kenji Hiramatsu** have expanded and deepened considerably,' he added.

Explaining about the value addition by Japanese companies, he said, 'Currently, out of 1,441 Japanese companies operating in India, 201 are present in Tamilnadu. What is more, they are diversifying from automobile sector to food processing and service sectors. And small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are coming into the State as well. Tamilnadu has three industrial townships

### FROM METRO TO INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR

- Japan supports smart city initiative and is a major supporter of the Chennai Metro. During its Phase-one, Japan provided 183.5 billion yen (about 110 billion Rupees) of ODA loans since 2008. It will be soon completed and open to the public in a full scale.
- Japan and India have recently signed the exchange of notes on ODA loan agreements for Chennai Metro Phase-two amounting to 75.5 billion yen (about 47.7 billion Rupees). This is the first project wherein a special ODA loan scheme with a generous interest rate is applied.
- Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) is supported by Japan with its master-plan and construction of the Chennai Peripheral Ring Road and Chennai Seawater Desalination Plant Project.

developed by Japanese companies, namely One Hub Chennai, SOJITZ MOTHERSON, and Sumitomo-Mahindra Industrial Park. Already five companies are operating in One Hub Chennai and new companies are going to operate in the other two townships this year.'

Explaining about the strengths of Indian workforce, he said, 'Yamaha Motors India established the Yamaha Motor NTTF

Training Centre (YNTC), the first Japan-India Institute for Manufacturing (JIM) in Chennai, in July 2017. They are teaching practical skills and disciplines in Japanese-style manufacturing to young people. Furthermore, 15 youths from Tamilnadu have been receiving technical training in factories in Japan since last year, under the Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP). Another 12 youths will visit Japan this year.'

## 12-year-old boy designs ship to clean oceans

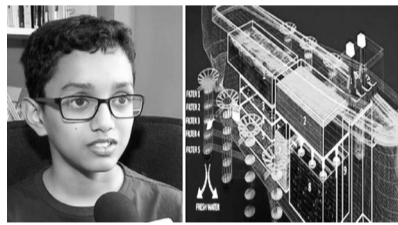
◆ **It will reduce pollution, save marine life**

Pune, Jan 23:

A 12-year-old Pune-based boy Haaziq Kazi designed a ship called 'ERVIS' that will help reduce pollution in the ocean and save marine life.

Talking to ANI, Haaziq Kazi said: 'I watched some documentaries and realised the impact waste has on marine life. I felt I had to do something. The fish we eat in food are eating plastic in the ocean so the cycle of pollution comes to us and that is even affecting human lives. Hence, I came up with ERVIS.'

Explaining about the functions and features of ERVIS, Haaziq said: 'The saucers use centripetal force to suck in the waste, which



is then segregated between water, marine life and waste. Marine life and water are sent back to the ocean, while the waste is segregated into five more parts.'

Haaziq who has also presented his idea on an international platform through various platforms like TedEx and Ted8 has been appreciated by many international scholars and organisation.

He has claimed that his designed ship has the machine in its base

which sucks the plastic from the ocean and segregates it according to its size. As per his design, there is a sensor or mechanism on its bottom which detects marine life, water and plastic while passing on from the ocean and accordingly it segregates it.

Haaziq said the idea to design a ship came to his mind when he was nine-year-old. He thought of doing something for marine life. After he watched several documentaries, he came across few facts about damage caused to due to plastic and pollution.

Presently, Haaziq has been working with different people, organisations and forums to create public awareness for highlighting the hazards of ocean plastic pollution and measures to prevent it.

## Priyanka Gandhi appointed AICC general secy

New Delhi, Jan 23 (PTI):

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was today appointed AICC general secretary for Uttar Pradesh East by her brother and party chief Rahul Gandhi, the party said.

Jyotiraditya Scindia was appointed AICC general secretary for UP West, a party spokesperson said.

The party also replaced Ashok Gehlot as AICC general secretary Organisation with K C Venugopal.

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad was appointed AICC general secretary in charge of Haryana, the party said.

Priyanka Gandhi will take over as AICC general secretary for UP East in the first week of February, the party said.



**Employees of Kingfa Science & Technology (India) Limited visited Madras Seva Sadan and Mercy Home in Chennai and interacted with underprivileged children, women and elderly citizens as part of their CSR activity.**

## Kanaka Durga denied entry into house

◆ **One of Sabarimala temple's first entrants finds shelter in govt home**  
◆ **Beaten up by her mother-in-law, she was told to apologise**

[NT Bureau]  
Chennai, Jan 23:

Kanaka Durga (42), the Kerala government's Civil Supplies employee, who made history by becoming one of the two menstruating age women entering the Sabarimala temple for the first time, has been forced to find shelter in a Ministry of Women and Child Development's (MWCD) One-Stop Centre (OSC) at Perinthalmanna in Malappuram district.

She has been given shelter at the centre after she filed a complaint with the district violence protection officer. The Angadipuram-based woman being denied entry into her husband's house in Malappuram.

The Supreme Court had, in a historic verdict last year, lifted the centuries-old ban and allowed women of all age groups to offer prayers at the temple.

The two were the first women of the menstrual age group to offer prayers at the Lord Ayyappa

shrine after the Supreme Court verdict.

When Kanaka entered her house after the visit, she was reportedly beaten up by her mother-in-law, who insisted she apologise to all devotees for having committed the 'crime'. She was hospitalised at Calicut Medical College. After she was discharged, she was denied entry into her husband's house.

The 42-year-old said legal action will be taken against her family for domestic violence, adding that she won't enter her home before she gets the court order.

Expressing gratitude, she said she has enough police protection now.

Kanaka's brother Bharat Bhooshan had also said she won't be allowed inside his house at Areekode until she apologises to Ayyappa devotees and the Hindu community.

The Supreme Court had ordered full-time security for Kanaka Durga and Bindu after they approached the top court seeking protection.

## Jacto-Geo protestors arrested

◆ **Govt staff, teachers strike enters second day** ◆ **Trainees asked to conduct classes in schools**

[NT Bureau]  
Chennai, Jan 23:

On the second day of the Jacto-Geo strike, hundreds of teachers and State government employees were arrested in various places across Tamilnadu and the situation has crippled over 80 per cent of work in government offices and schools.

More than 120 government employees' and teachers' associations belonging to Jacto-Geo group began the indefinite strike Tuesday. The protest took place in over 300 places all over the State. Over 300 employees were arrested at Tirunavur and Thiruthurai and another 500 were held at Mannargudi, Avinasi and Rajapalayam for obstructing traffic.

According to a report, the police said 79.5 per cent of government officials and teachers belonging to more than 120 associations stayed

off work. In Chennai Corporation schools, 90 per cent of teachers did not report for work.

On Tuesday, members of Jacto-Geo picketed their respective taluk offices, stressing their 9-point charter of demands.

Today, the School Education Department has asked the district educational officers to make teacher training students and matriculation school teachers take the place of those on strike.

Leading from the front, Vilupuram district chief education officer, K Munuswamy, took upon himself to conduct classes in a government primary school in Tirunavur, standing in for the absentee teachers. Undeterred by these happenings, the organiser of Jacto-Geo, M Subramanian, informed that the protests would intensify in the coming days if the government failed to meet their demands.

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bakthi. She openly visited temples, offered prayers and remained a staunch Vaishnavite till her last breath.

### STALIN'S SHOW UP

Last year, DMK president MK Stalin accepted the honours given by priests of the Sri Ranganathaswamy temple, but declined their invitation to enter the temple. During his visit to Sri Rangan, Stalin stopped at the entrance of the Renga Renga gopuram, where a few priests waiting there presented him with the prasadam, shawl and a garland. He then offered sugarcane and jaggery to an elephant.

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DMDK chief Vijayakanth, who is from the temple town of Madurai, is known for his temple visits along with his family members. He was many a time seen with 'thiruneeru' (holy ash) on his forehead. While MDMK supremo Vaiko had to deny a claim that he had converted to Christianity and was reading the Bible twice a day. Following the claim by an evangelist, Vaiko had said, 'I am not a Christian. I respect all religions and my daughter-in-law has a pooja room in which you can see images of all Gods'. He also added: 'My brother and I regularly contribute to the maintenance of the Vinayagar temple in my village'.

### MUPPAATAN MUQABLA

Naam Tamizhar Katchi leader Seeman grabbed the attention of many when he announced Lord Muruga as his 'muppaattan' (forefather) and started performing rituals. But his critics alleged he was a Malayali Christian and was involved in such 'attention diversion' tactics to hide his identity.

**TAILPIECE 1:** Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, who is mostly seen with a smile and viboothi on his face, is not included in this article

**TAILPIECE 2:** Both Dravidam and Dheivam start with 'D' and end with 'M'.

# Preventing another 26/11

◆ **Navy conducts Exercise Sea Vigil along with fishing and coastal community** ◆ **It is country's largest ever sea defence drill**

[NT Bureau]  
Chennai, Jan 23:

Ten years after the unfortunate 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks, the Indian navy is coordinating the country's largest ever coastal defence exercise - Exercise Sea Vigil - off the Indian coast to prevent another incident. The two-day exercise commenced Tuesday.

The exercise which is the first of its kind is being undertaken along the entire 7516.6 km of coastline and EEZ of India and will involve all 13 coastal States and Union Territories along with maritime stakeholders including fishing and coastal community. The scale of the exercise is unprecedented and its a build up towards the major TROPEx [Theatre-level Readiness Opera-



tional Exercise) conducted by the Navy.

### What is covered?

Sea Vigil and TROPEx together will cover the entire spectrum of maritime security including the transition from peace to conflict. The conduct of the exercise is being facilitated by the Ministry of

Defence, Home Affairs, Shipping, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Fisheries, Customs, State Governments and other agencies of Centre/State.

Seaward monitoring will also entail inputs from technical means, including intelligence sources. Shore-based monitoring will entail enhanced vigil by the State Police along the coast;

monitoring of fish landing centres by state fisheries departments; as also monitoring of port areas by respective port authorities.

### Why is it done?

Exercise Sea Vigil aims to comprehensively and holistically validate the efficacy of measures taken since 26/11. While smaller exercises are conducted in coastal states regularly, the conduct of a security exercise at a national level reflects the distance that has been covered since 26/11 and the relative maturing of the organisation for coastal security to take on this large scale endeavour.

This exercise will provide a realistic assessment of our strengths and weakness. It will further help in strengthening the maritime security and in turn national security, a statement from the Coast Guard said.

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services, and health Care, he said. Speaking about the investment the State is garnering in the aero sector, Palaniswami said, '35 companies from Tamilnadu have already signed Transfer of Technology agreements with DRDO, including MRF, which manufactures Aero-muscle Tyre indigenously developed for Sukhoi fighter jets of the Indian Air Force. LMW is establishing an aerospace and defence components manufacturing unit in Coimbatore. Many more such projects are on the anvil.'

Palaniswami concluded his speech saying that he hopes to make an announcement on the resounding success of the meet and the investments garnered during the valedictory function to be held tomorrow.

Earlier, Nirmala released the Defence and Aerospace Industrial Policy 2019 and said this is to ensure Tamilnadu's success in the sector.

She said Tamilnadu's excellence in trade and industry has been built over centuries of dedicated efforts and enterprise.

'Tamilnadu was chosen to be the home of India's first Defence Corridor to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of self sufficiency in defence manufacture. Tamilnadu is an entrepreneurial State not just for years or decades but centuries,' she said and added that the Central government will provide all necessary support to the State government.