

'Bring back Madurai rly division recruitment under Chennai RRB'

Vaiko raises demand at meeting of Southern Railway authorities with parliamentarians

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

RAJYA Sabha MP Vaiko urged the Southern Railway authorities to bring back recruitment in Madurai Division under the administrative control of the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) in Chennai.

Earlier in the day, Southern Railway General Manager RN Singh welcomed the MPs in the presence of Principal Head of all departments of Southern Railway and Divisional Railway Manager P Ananth, and apprised them of the achieve-

ments made by the Southern Railway and setting up of passenger amenities at stations under the Madurai Division. He further highlighted the re-development works taken up at five stations and the development of 15 railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme phase I.

Apart from Vaiko, MPs S Thirunavukarasar (Tiruchy), S Venkatesan (Madurai), P Velusamy (Dindigul), B Manickam Tagore (Virudhunagar), Dhannush M Kumar (Tenkasi), Karti P Chidambaram (Sivaganga) and P Raveendranath (Theni) took part in the meeting and spoke on demands from their

constituencies.

While S Venkatesan sought toilet facilities in trains for women loco pilots, who have to work for up to 16 hours continuously, Manickam Tagore demanded stoppages for the Antyodaya train at Sattur and Thirumanagalam. He also sought stoppage for train no.16101 Chennai-Egmore-Kollam Express at Sivakasi, and operation of the Silambu superfast express as a daily service.

General Manager Singh in his response said all the demands may not receive immediate approvals. "Even if a Railway Board member was present during this meeting, all de-

mands could not be approved at once. The Union Railway Minister will have to provide consent for the major demands," he said.

Following the meeting, MP S Venkatesan met media persons and said, "The railway officials have informed us that they are making efforts to convert Koodal Nagar railway station as the second terminus in Madurai. I have asked the authorities to announce a special zone between Madurai and Tirunelveli, and Madurai and Tiruchy, so that passengers can get season tickets for travelling over 150 km distance regularly."

Karti Chidambaram, meanwhile, said the meeting was an eyewash. "We raised various demands, but the officials during the meeting said they don't have the power to implement anything. We were told that the demands will be forwarded to other officials," he told media persons.

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23 kg ganja washes ashore in Rameswaram in 3 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ramanathapuram

FOR the second time this week, large consignments of ganja washed ashore in Rameswaram coastal lines on Friday. The police, in total, seized about 23 kilos of ganja from the shores, following which they have increased patrolling along the coast and in the waters to prevent such smuggling activities.

Based on information about a mysterious bag that washed ashore near Cherakopptai sea shore, the police arrived at the spot and recovered at least 10 tightly wrapped bundles of ganja on Friday. According to sources, an inquiry revealed that all the parcels contain ganja, with each parcel consisting of 2 kg.

"A total of 20 kg of ganja was recovered from the shores. Ear-

lier, the police had recovered a parcel containing nearly three kilos of ganja from near the Rameswaram Jetty on March 08. More than 200 kg of ganja packed in bundles were recovered from Rameswaram shore during the months of July and August in 2022, following which, such incidents of large consignments of ganja being washed ashore, have been occurring frequently. However, the whereabouts of these ganja parcels remain unknown and a further inquiry is on," sources added.

When contacted, Superintendent of Police P Thangadurai, Ramanathapuram said that the miscreants involved in smuggling activities via sea routes must have dropped these bundles in the sea, which are currently being washed ashore at Rameswaram.

Copra farmers told to register with regulatory markets

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

DISTRICT collector has advised farmers to register in regulatory markets ahead of copra procurement set to begin from April. Official sources said, as per the order, the purchase of copra from Vadipatti and Melur areas of Madurai district is set to commence from April to September this year through regulated outlets under the price support scheme based on the minimum source price of ₹10,860 per quintal. Farmers who are cultivating coconut in the district have also been asked to sell their copra. Ahead of the procurement, farmers have to register at Vadipatti and Melur regulatory markets with a copy of Aadhaar card and a bank account document. Copra will be procured from registered farmers only, said officials. They added that the copra procured from farmers should be as per the required procurement standard with moisture content less than 6%. The amount for the purchased copra will be directly credited to the farmer's bank account. Farmers in Vadipatti can contact 8778981501 and farmers in Melur can contact 9629079588 for more details.

Six held for allegedly killing construction labourer

Madurai: Madurai city police arrested six persons, including one woman on Thursday, in connection with a 28-year-old construction worker murder case. According to the police, the deceased, identified as Vasudevan, was a construction worker from Yagappa Nagar in Madurai city. "Aravinthan (28) from Sathasivam Nagar was allegedly in a love affair with Vasudevan's sister. Upon knowing this, Vasudevan warned him and asked him to stay away from his sister. Holding a grudge against Vasudevan following this incident, Aravinthan, along with his friends assaulted him with swords and other weapons. Upon information, the police recovered the body and sent it for autopsy. ENS

SON BATS FOR FATHER

Wait and watch for OPS' next step, cadre furious at EPS: MP Ravindhranath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THENI MP and former chief minister O Paneerselvam's son P Ravindhranath Kumar said

condition is now," Kumar said. Upon questions on the alleged rift developing between alliance partners AIADMK and BJP, he said party leaders would have to make decisions based on the opinion of the cadre.

Members of the EPS faction believe they can get away with anything in the absence of former AIADMK supremo J Jayalalithaa. But, the party cadre are furious at them

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"I actually believe that the BJP leaders will take the right decisions on the matter. But, I can't say the same about the present AIADMK leadership," he added.

When asked about OPS' stand regarding the upcoming AIADMK general secretary election, the MP said the late leader Jayalalithaa had thrice made OPS the state's chief

minister. "Everyone needs to wait and watch what his next move would be. The party cadre are all furious at the members of the EPS faction," Kumar further said.

EXPRESS READ

Three-day MADITSSIA exhibition from today

Madurai: MADITSSIA (Madurai District Tiny & Small Scale Industries Association) is planning to organise a Build and Property Exhibition at the MADITSSIA hall in Madurai from March 11 to 13. This exhibition will serve as a bridge to learn about technologies, innovations in the construction industry and future business opportunities. Collector S Aneesh Sekhar will inaugurate the event. Exhibition chairman N Nagalaxman will deliver speech and MADITSSIA President M S Sampath will preside over expo.

Collector warns milk producers amid strike

Madurai: Collector Dr S Aneesh Sekhar has warned milk producers that there should not be any disturbance in supply of Aavin milk amid strike called by TN Milk Producers Welfare Association and TN Milk Producers Association for increasing the procurement price to ₹7 per litre. "The government is considering the demand. Office-bearers of Madurai District Co-operative Milk Producers Union and Belgian Milk Companies should supply milk regularly. Action will be taken if they fail to do so," he said. ENS

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