

Baby did not die, was adopted: Probe

Three persons have been detained by police in Madurai city in connection with illegal adoption of two toddlers

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Investigations revealed that the one-year-old baby boy who was believed to be dead was, in fact, adopted by a couple illegally. Three persons have been detained by the city police in connection with illegal adoption of two toddlers...

Sources said that a childless couple - Kannan and Bhavani - residing at Ismailpuram, adopted one-year-old Manickam on June 13, and the couple Shahubarsathik and Anishrani from Kalmedu adopted two-year-old Dhanam on June 16. While Kannan owns a jewelry shop, Shahubarsathik is a partner at a utensil manufacturing factory...

The Tallakulam police detained Kannan, Bhavani, and Anishrani and rescued two children. On Tuesday night, news emerged that Manickam was under the care of Idhayam Trust died of Covid at the Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH). Upon enquiry, it was found that no such infant was admitted to the GRH. Further, the collector ordered a probe into the alleged burial using fake documents.

Later on Tuesday night, the police started their investigation with Ishwarya, a 21-year-old girl from Sekkipatti near Melavalavu who is an inmate at the shelter home, and found that the documents were forged. Further, the Chief Executive Director of Idhayam Trust, GR Sivakumar, went absconding. According to police, the mother was mentally disturbed and already had two kids. On June 13, Sivakumar and the

field educator at Idhayam Trust MG Madharsha allegedly took the child from the mother, saying that the infant was infected by Covid. Days after, when she asked the NGO for her child, they took her to GRH and told her that the child was admitted there and that no one was allowed inside. "On June 29, she was made to believe that her infant had died," a police official said. Read the full story on www.newindianexpress.com

Work on intelligent methods to fight terror, says Vice-President

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V-P M Venkaiah Naidu

EXPRESSING concern over the use of drones to target the Jammu Air Force Station, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday called upon the research community and institutions like IITs to develop intelligent solutions to combat such threats.

He advised institutions like IITs to also focus on areas related to terrorism and come up with solutions to counter the efforts of terrorists. Naidu pointed out that such low-flying drones used by terrorists could not be detected by military radars and therefore there was a need for innovative methods to deal with the problem.

He also advised higher education institutes to go beyond classroom programmes and prepare students for real-world challenges by inculcating a holistic approach to problem-solving. The Vice-President also stressed the need for IITs to identify the focus areas for technological intervention in our country.

Speaking on higher education, Naidu suggested that premier institutes like IITs are best placed to foresee the upcoming technological revolutions and keep the country better prepared in seizing new opportunities. He also advised higher education institutes to go beyond classroom programmes and prepare students for real-world challenges by inculcating a holistic approach to problem-solving.

DAY 3 AND COUNTING

Have no role in delay in portfolio allotment: BJP

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THREE days after their swearing-in, five ministers of the AINRC-BJP government are yet to receive their portfolios. It is for Chief Minister N Rangasamy to allot the portfolios based on the agreement between the two parties, Nirmal Kumar Surana, Karnataka BJP vice-president and the party's political observer in charge of Puducherry told Express. The party said that it has no role in the delay in allotting portfolios.

on account of BJP wanting some key portfolios, Surana said that the issue was already decided. Even BJP is expecting allotment of portfolios to ministers without delay. "However, if the Chief Minister wants to have a discussion, I am ready to come and meet him," said Surana. Meanwhile, AINRC sources said that the CM would take a decision on the finalisation of portfolios in a day or two. Already, the home portfolio has been assured to BJP. Based on that, Minister A Namasivayam, the No 2 in the Council of Ministers, has designated himself as Home Minister on his Twitter account.

There are 47 ministerial portfolios, which would be shared between the Chief Minister and the five ministers. Already, discussions had taken place between the CM and BJP Rajya Sabha member Rajeev Chandrasekhar in Puducherry, he said. Asked whether the delay is

The Opposition has been critical of the delay, as more than 50 days have passed since the formation of the government

Flipkart's grocery services in Kovai

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FLIPKART on Wednesday launched its grocery services in Coimbatore with opening of its first fulfilment centre in the region. The facility also bolsters Flipkart's supply chain in the South and would create thousands of direct and indirect employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. Spread across over 1.2 lakh

square feet, the newly built facility would generate direct employment for nearly 1,200 people while encouraging local entrepreneurship. In the initial stages, only a part of the facility would be utilised for which over 500 people would be hired. This would be the only facility of Flipkart which would almost be entirely run by women, constituting 90 per cent of the overall workforce.

To enable more women join, Flipkart set up a creche facility and will offer transportation and meals to all employees, said the company. Neeraj Mittal, Principal Secretary, IT, Government of Tamil Nadu said: "Flipkart's new facility in Coimbatore will drive economic growth for the local ecosystem. The IT department will continue to provide support to emerging IT-based businesses."

Chief Minister grants ₹5 lakh to family of Tamil cinema's first 'superstar'

Chennai: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday granted ₹5 lakh as financial assistance to the family of Sairam, grandson of MK Thiagaraja Bhagavathar, the first 'superstar' of Tamil film industry, considering the economic background of Sairam's family. An official release here said on knowing about the indigent condition of Sairam's family, the Chief Minister also allocated a house at concessional rent in the residential quarters of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board. Bhagavathar was a renowned Carnatic musician as well as actor in 1940s and he starred in many blockbuster movies in those years.ENS

Information Director will also function as Arasu Cable TV MD

Chennai: VP Jayaselan, Director, Information and Public Relations, will also function as Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation until further orders, said a G.O issued by Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu on Tuesday. The G.O also said Shilpa Prabhakr Satish, Special Officer, Chief Minister in Your Constituency department, will hold full additional charge as Special Officer, Chief Minister's Special Cell, Grievance Redressal and e-Governance, until further orders. ENS

Ramasamy Jagannathan appointed Vice Chancellor of Periyar University

Chennai: Ramasamy Jagannathan, the former Dean of the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, has been appointed the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Periyar University, Salem, on Monday. According to a statement issued by the office of Governor Banwarilal Purohit, Jagannathan has published over 55 research papers, presented 14 papers internationally and guided 14 PhD scholars until now. In 2017, Jagannathan was conferred with the Service for Agro Meteorology in India Award. The tenure of former Vice-Chancellor P Kolandaivel ended in January, but extended until further notice. ENS

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