

'KL govt using PFI men in stirrs against me'

T'PURAM: Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Saturday levelled serious allegations against the state government, accusing it of using activists of the banned outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) to stage protests against him.

nor further charged the state government with not only sheltering but using the members of a banned organisation to create law and order problems in Kerala. He also said the state authorities were doing these things to provoke him to take some "drastic action", but he was not going to oblige them.

Minor hacked to death by 17-year-old in Kovai

A 17-year-old boy studying in Class 12 was hacked to death by another minor at Ondipudur in Coimbatore on Saturday. The murder took place in broad daylight in full public view. It is suspected that they had a previous enmity.

the sickle. Pranav who suffered multiple cut injuries died at the spot. Eye-witnesses attempted to stop the murderer but he escaped on a bike. Police rushed to the spot and sent the body for postmortem.



Police said Pranav was a classmate of the accused's younger sister. Two years ago, a clash broke out between the boys at the school, after the girl complained (to her brother) that Pranav and his friends mocked her. After the clash, in May 2023 he allegedly attempted to murder Pranav's friend at area, police sources claimed.

Aadhava Trust's office bearer held

THE district crime branch police arrested a woman office bearer of the Aadhava Trust, which was accused of a multi-crore job scam by cheating over 3,000 teachers in the state.

According to sources, the police arrested Petchi Shanthi, the office bearer and sister of the trust's managing director Balakumaresan, the prime accused in the case. The DCB had filed FIRs in connection with the scam on July 25, 2023, based on a complaint by C Shanmugalakshmi, wife of one Ponraj, who was cheated by the Trust. The Trust had assured Ponraj a salary of ₹7,500 and a return of deposits when he quit his job but failed to do so.

Selvaperunthagai is new TNCC chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai PUTTING an end to speculations, the All India Congress Committee appointed K Selvaperunthagai, Congress Assembly floor leader, as the new chief of TNCC. The announcement was made by AICC general secretary KC Venugopal late on Saturday evening.

The party has appointed Killiyoor MLA S Rajesh Kumar as the new Assembly floor leader. Venugopal, in a statement, also acknowledged the contributions of outgoing TNCC chief KS Alagiri.

parties (including MLA of Mangalore on a VCK ticket) joined Congress in 2010. Currently serving as MLA from Sriperumbudur, Selvaperunthagai has been the Assembly floor leader since June 2021.

Carry out inspections in cracker units, says EPS

Officials from the state revenue department and Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organisation (PESO) inspected the facility. While officials refused to share further details about the incident, Alankulam police officials said a case has been registered and a probe is under way.

ISRO's 'Naughty Boy' puts India's weather satellite into orbit

THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s 'Naughty Boy' lifted off at 5.30 pm on Saturday successfully launching INSAT-3DS—India's exclusive meteorological satellite in space.

DMK fostered peaceful environment in TN: CM

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin, while addressing a consultative meeting on minority welfare at the secretariat on Saturday, said the Dravidian model of governance has successfully fostered a peaceful environment in the state. This statement comes as a response to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's remarks, accusing the DMK government of being 'divisive'.

Opposition leader Edappadi K Palaniswami has urged the state government to carry out inspections in firecracker units to ensure strict compliance of safety measures. More than 100 people, including family members of the victims and villagers, staged a protest seeking higher compensation and government jobs for family members of the victims.

Man on spree to avenge brother's murder held

A 42-year-old man who murdered five persons to avenge the murder of his brother was arrested by the Chengalpattu police while he was planning to murder a sixth person in Namakkal.

hacked to death in full public view in 2012. Suresh Kumar took a vow to eliminate the gang to avenge his brother. The six accused—Kuppan, Duraidass, Chandru, Sekar, Nithyanandam and 'Bunk' Venkatesan—were arrested in this connection and later released on bail. However, Suresh Kumar and his gang went on a killing spree. Suresh Kumar was arrested for the murders and subsequently released on bail. "Every time on bail, he murdered a person," police said.

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The spacecraft will provide continuity of services to the existing in-orbit INSAT-3D and 3DR satellites and significantly enhance the capabilities of the INSAT system. The mission's life has been planned for 10 years. This is ISRO's second successful mission in 2024 after the XPOSat satellite to study black holes and neutron stars was launched on January 1.



Sunflowers in full bloom at a field in Kovilpatti of Thoothukudi district | V KARTHIGAI ALAGU

'Bittersweet' cotton candy ban hits workers

AFTER the Tamil Nadu government imposed a ban on cotton candy in the state, the migrant workers who indulged in the cotton candy trade here in the Coimbatore district stopped making it. While many of them who were dependent on this candy trade started returning to their hometown in northern India, some said they have planned to start selling ice creams in view of the summer season for their bread and butter.

warned of stern action against those illegally selling cotton candy and instructed the respective Food Safety Department Officials to take necessary action in regards to it. Rajesh Kumar, one of the traders from Agra in Uttar Pradesh, told ZNIZ. "Our trade has come to a screeching halt now. As soon as the announcement from the government came, we immediately stopped making the candy. Most of the traders who had no idea what to do next after losing their livelihood went back to their hometowns in UP. We have to shell out Rs 50 to 100 per day for the place that we are staying and making the candy, some have left for their hometowns."

that some traders have decided to stay back in Coimbatore and start selling ice creams in view of the summer season. "There are over 50 traders who are into cotton candy-making and selling here. Now many have left for their hometowns. Some of us have planned to get ice cream from the ice cream-making factory at Irugur, Ondipudur and sell it across Coimbatore as we need to earn and send money to our families who are staying in our hometown," he added.

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