

J-K government approves Aadhaar-linked payment mode for disbursal of pension

The Jammu and Kashmir government approved Aadhaar-linked payment mode for disbursal of pension to beneficiaries under various central and state sponsored schemes in order to ensure transparency and avoid delays. The decision was taken by the State Administrative Council (SAC) which met under the chairmanship of Governor Satya Pal Malik.

10th edition of World Tamil Conference held in Chicago

The 10th World Tamil Conference (WTC) will be held in Chicago for four days from July 4-7. The conference was sponsored by International Association of Tamil Research (IATR), Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America (FeTNA) and Chicago Tamil Sangam (CTS). This is the first time a world Tamil conference is being held on the American soil. The ninth edition was held at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in 2015. Tamil Nadu Minister for Tamil Official Language and Culture K Pandiarajan released 'Sootti Magizhvom ThamizhPeyargal', a book containing 46,000 Tamil names. The book was edited by S. Parthasarathy, founder of Valaithamizh and writer Pavala Shankari. Poet Ve. Pathumanar is the publishing editor.

India successfully tests vertical steep dive version of BrahMos missile

India has successfully test-fired a vertical deep dive version of the indigenous BrahMos supersonic missile. CEO of BrahMos Aerospace, Sudhir Kumar Mishra, stated that the upgraded version of the world's fastest supersonic cruise missile which has an enhanced range of up to 500 km was also ready. India has attained the status of becoming the only country in the world to integrate long-range missiles onto fighter jets with the test-firing of the BrahMos missile from a Sukhoi 30 aircraft of the Indian Air Force.

BSF launches operation 'Sudarshan' to fortify Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu

The Border Security Force (BSF) has launched a massive exercise, code named 'Sudarshan', to fortify the 'anti-infiltration grid' along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu. The operation was launched on July 1 and will cover the entire over 1,000-kms length of the India-Pakistan International Border. While Jammu shares about 485-kms of the sensitive IB with Pakistan, about 553-kms of the front is in Punjab.

Hima Das clinches gold in Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland

Star Indian sprinter Hima Das won her second international gold in women's 200m with a top finish at the Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland. National record holder Muhammed Anas also won the gold in men's 200m race with a time of 21.18 seconds. MP Jabir won the gold in men's 400m hurdles in 50.21 seconds while Jithin Paul was third in 52.26 secs.

Vinesh Phogat, Divya Kakran wins gold at Grand Prix of Spain India's top wrestler

Vinesh Phogat won her first gold medal after shifting to 53kg category while Divya Kakran claimed the top honours in the 68kg category at the Grand Prix of Spain. World Championship bronze medallist Pooja Dhanda (57kg) had to be content with a silver after losing the title clash to Russia's Veronika Chumikova. India finished second with 130 points in team championship behind Russia (165).

Legendary Brazilian musician and songwriter Joao Gilberto passed away

João Gilberto, a Brazilian singer, guitarist and songwriter considered one of the fathers of the bossa nova genre has passed away. João Gilberto introduced bossa nova to the world in 1958: he created a new beat, with his unique guitar style, mixing traditional samba music with modern jazz influences.