

# 2 men, cattle killed in lightning strike in Theni

In similar weather incident atop hill near TN-KL border, 10 others get injured while temple festival was under way



A huge crowd thronged the Mangala Devi Kannagi Temple on top of the hill for the Chitra Pournami festival on Friday. A constable was among those injured | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Theni

TWO persons and two cows have died in Theni district after they were struck by lightning in separate incidents since Thursday night.

In the first incident, Pandian (60), a farmer in Sithayagoundanpatti near Andipatti, went to his field after rain subsided on Thursday night to bring back his two cows to the shed. At that time, a lightning bolt struck, killing Pandian and the cattle on the spot.

Local residents retrieved the body and sent it to the Theni Government Medical College Hospital for post-mortem. Andipatti police have registered a case.

In the second incident, B Karthi Eswaran (24), from South Street, Kanni Sevai Servai, Chinnamanur, died after being struck by lightning while involved in farm works in his field on Friday afternoon. Chinnamanur police registered a case.

Further, 10 people, including a police personnel who was on

security duty, suffered injuries after they were struck by lightning atop the hill during the Chitra Pournami festival at the Mangala Devi Kannagi Temple.

The temple, located along the Tamil Nadu-Kerala border, drew a large crowd for the annual festival.

The incident occurred in the evening when devotees were climbing down the hill after darshan. A sudden spell of thunder and lightning led to a powerful strike, in which Ansar, a constable from the Idukki Armed Reserve, was thrown aside. He suffered fracture in his left elbow. He was given first aid at the Kumily Government Primary Health Centre and later shifted to a private hospital. Several devotees also lost balance due to the impact and sustained injuries.

Officials rescued the injured persons and admitted them for treatment. Though no external burn injuries were reported, doctors are closely monitoring the victims for shock-related complications.

# Heavy rainfall, thunderstorms lash parts of Madurai and nearby districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

IN a dramatic shift in weather, parts of Madurai witnessed heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds and severe thunderstorm activity on Friday evening, bringing relief to a sweltering day that saw temperature soar above 40°C.

Similar weather patterns were observed in neighbouring districts including Theni, Dindigul, and parts of Sivaganga, where moderate to heavy rainfall was recorded.

Madurai district, which reeled under oppressive heat through the morning and afternoon, witnessed a sudden change in atmospheric conditions in the evening. Dark clouds gathered swiftly, followed by sporadic spells of heavy rain across several parts of the district. Gusty winds swept through uprooting trees and disrupting normal life in multiple localities.

Residents reported loud thunderclaps and frequent lightning that illuminated the night sky, triggering concern among the public. The downpour, though brief in some areas, was intense enough to cause waterlogging on several roads causing minor traffic disruption during peak hours.

Corporation officials said in-



Madurai witnessed a sweltering day on Friday, with mercury levels soaring past 40°C. Sudden rain in the evening offered a much needed relief for the residents of the city | K K SUNDAR

## Madurai corporation clears 110 tonnes of waste

Madurai: The Madurai City Corporation intensified its sanitation drive in view of the Chithirai festival, deploying 582 workers along with 25 tractors (three shifts), two JCBs, and three tipper lorries. According to sources, a total of 89 tonnes of waste was cleared on April 30. On May 1, the corporation removed 38 tonnes of waste by 9 am, and the figure rose to 110 tonnes by 5 pm.

idents of tree falls were reported from various parts of the city. However, there were no major injuries or casualties.

"Though the rainfall brought temporary respite from the

heat, strong wind caused tree branches to break and fall on the roads causing commuters to face hardship," said K Saravanan, a resident of Avaniyapuram.

# Palm climber shot by cop seeks financial aid for medical treatment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thoothukudi/ Tenkasi

P MANIKANDAN, a palm tree climber from Tenkasi who was shot by a police sub-inspector, sought financial assistance from the state government to cover his medical expenses. On Wednesday, he was shifted to a private hospital in Thoothukudi for advanced medical treatment, and he said the government has not provided him any compensation for the injury so far.

On April 7, Manikandan (35), a resident of Maruthamputhur village in Tenkasi, was shot by Alangulam Sub-Inspector Esakki Raja during a raid over complaints on toddy tapping. Manikandan was shot in both his legs, with two bullet injuries just on his left leg, severely injuring his lower leg. Tenkasi Superintendent of Police A Mylvaganan placed Esakki Raja under suspension the following day.

The family members of the victim alleged that the treatment offered at the Tenkasi Government Hospital was "substandard" and Manikandan was discharged on April 24 without proper medical advice. On Wednesday, he was shifted to the private hospital in Thoothukudi for advanced medical care under the guidance of orthopedists.

Manikandan told *TNIE* that a police personnel from the

Alangulam police station met him on April 25 to reach a settlement, and assured him to offer ₹3 crore to cover the medical expenses. He alleged, "They (police) also threatened to kill me if I did not budge. Due to improper treatment and safety concerns, we shifted to the private hospital in Thoothukudi." He said the state government has not provided any support so far. "With the family in poverty, I need financial assistance from the government to meet the medical needs," he said.

Manikandan said that he used to extract pathaneer everyday before going to work as a loadman at a rice mill. His wife, Ponmani, is pregnant, and the couple has two children. He is the sole breadwinner of the family.

The orthopedic surgeons at the private hospital, where the gunshot victim has now been admitted, told *TNIE*, on condition of anonymity, that external fixators have been applied to Manikandan's left leg through surgery. "He will undergo another surgery for the removal of the external fixator, and for the internal fixation," said one of the doctors, adding that it includes multiple procedures. One of the specialists said that Manikandan could walk after three weeks of the surgery, and he would be under medical observation for three months.

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Specialists at a pvt hospital, Thoothukudi



## DEMONSTRATING FOR CHANGE

On International Labour Day on Friday, contract workers of the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital staged a protest seeking job security and cancelling the outsourcing system which has affected a total of 95 workers at the institute | V KARTHIGAI ALAGU

# 2 youngsters going to Azhagar fest among 3 killed in bike collision

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THREE youngsters, including two on their way to Madurai city to witness Kallazhagar's entry into the Vaigai river, died in a collision between two motorbikes on Thursday night.

Police identified the deceased as M Vishwa (21) and M Salman Khan (21), both from Natham in Dindigul district, and Mathesh (35) of Othakadai in Madurai.

Vishwa, Salman and a friend K Vignesh (21) of Natham, were on their way to Madurai on a two-wheeler. Around 11.45 pm, when they reached Narayanapuram, they collided into Mathesh's two-wheeler. In the impact, Mathesh, Salman and Vishwa died on the spot. Vignesh sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment at Government Rajaji Hospital.

Mathesh was on his way to Natham from Madurai city. The bodies of the deceased were shifted to Government Rajaji Hospital for post mortem. Tallakulam Traffic Investigation Wing II registered a case.

## Kumari man dies of suspected heatstroke

A 37-year-old man from Kanniyakumari died due to suspected heatstroke near Ramarayar Mandapam around 11 am on Friday. According to police, Sibubabu visited Madurai for the Chithirai festival. When he was watching Kallazhagar's procession, he collapsed. He was taken to GRH, but was declared dead upon arrival. Subsequently, the body was sent for post mortem. Mathichiyam police registered a case. Hospital sources said the exact cause for the death would be ascertained during post-mortem examination.

# Tasmac supervisor, two others booked for sale of liquor on Labour Day



PEW seizes 500 bottles of liquor from the worker of a bar attached to a Tasmac outlet in Ayyanaroothu | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thoothukudi

PROHIBITION Enforcement Wing (PEW) sleuths seized around 500 bottles of liquor from the worker of a bar attached to a Tasmac outlet in Ayyanaroothu for allegedly selling liquor on the International Labour Day (Friday), which was declared a dry day. The PEW registered a case against three individuals — the supervisor of the Tasmac outlet, owner of the bar, and the worker.

Based on complaints regarding illegal sale of liquor, the PEW officials conducted a surprise raid on Friday and seized the liquor bottles from the possession of the worker, Raja of Iavelangal village, said sources. During the inquiry that followed, the police found out about the alleged involvement of the Tasmac outlet supervisor and the bar owner. The police registered an FIR against all three suspects and initiated an investigation.

# Ttrain to Telangana to be operated via Virudhunagar, Karaikudi route till June 3

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thoothukudi

IN view of maintenance work at Madurai railway junction, the Thoothukudi-Kacheguda weekly Express will be operated via Virudhunagar-Manamadurai-Karaikudi until June 3, a press release from Southern Railway stated.

According to statement, the weekly Express will be rerouted through Virudhunagar, Manamadurai, Karaikudi, and Tiruchy on 6, 13 and 27 of May, and on 3 of June. The train will have additional stops at Manamadurai, Sivagangai, Karaikudi, and Pudukottai, the release added.



The victim, P Manikandan from Maruthamputhur in Tenkasi, has been shifted to a private hospital in Thoothukudi for advanced treatment | EXPRESS

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