

# City to get relief from heat; rain to continue till Monday

Weather bureau forecasts moderate showers, 2-3°C fall in temperature

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WIDESPREAD rain activity continued in the state on Thursday, with several interior and southern districts recording heavy rainfall. The meteorological department has forecast more showers and a gradual drop in temperatures in the coming days.

In Chennai, rainfall was moderate and localised, with some areas recording up to 3 cm in the rain gauge.

Temperature trends remained largely normal, with Vellore recording a maximum of 38.9 degree Celsius, while the mercury level in parts of western Tamil Nadu such as Erode was in the range of 35-36°C. Hill stations like Kodaikanal remained much cooler.

According to official data, Mimisal in Pudukkottai district and Siruvalur in Erode recorded 10 cm of rainfall each in the 24-hour period ending 8.30 am on Thursday - the highest in the state. Savundapur in Erode received 9 cm, while Shencottah in Tenkasi logged 8 cm of rainfall during the period. Fur-



Watermelons unloaded along the Puzhivakkam railway station offering refreshing respite for commuters and residents battling the heat | ASHWIN PRASATH

ther, several locations across Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari and Sivaganga recorded 6-7 cm rainfall.

Experts attribute the current weather conditions to a trough extending from southeast Arabian Sea to central India, which continues to draw moisture over the region.

The forecast indicates light to moderate rain with thunderstorms across Tamil Nadu, Pudukcherry and Karaikal over the next week. Heavy rainfall is

likely at isolated places over western, central and southern districts until May 11, before shifting towards delta and coastal regions in the following days.

Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds of 40-50 kmph are expected at isolated locations. The met department has also forecast a gradual fall of 2-3°C in maximum temperatures, which could bring some relief from the prevailing heat.

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### Fire breaks out at GST Bhavan; 2 hospitalised

CHENNAI: Two employees suffocated and fainted after a fire broke out at the GST Bhavan in Nungambakkam during the early hours of Thursday. Computers and other electronic equipment were damaged in the blaze. GST Bhavan is located on Uthamar Gandhi Salai in Nungambakkam. Police said smoke was noticed around midnight from a room on the fifth floor of an adjacent building on the premises. Employees tried to douse the fire, but were unsuccessful. During the firefighting attempt, S Kaliswaran (23) and T Sabarinathan (24) inhaled the smoke and fainted. They were admitted to the Government Royapettah Hospital for treatment. Upon receiving information, the Egmore Fire and Rescue Services station officials rushed and brought the fire under control after a brief struggle. ENS



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# Soon, swap EV battery at suburban stns in city

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MOTORISTS can now swap discharged EV batteries within minutes, as the Chennai Division of Southern Railway has established EV battery swapping stations at 21 suburban railway stations across the city. According to railway officials, the initiative aligns with the Railway Board's plans to promote green mobility, reduce carbon emissions, and encourage the use of electric vehicles (EVs).

The battery swapping system allows users to replace discharged batteries with fully charged ones in a short period of time, avoiding the waiting period associated with conventional EV charging. The service can be accessed through the

mobile applications of authorised Charge Point Operators (CPOs), ensuring ease of use.

The battery swapping stations cater to two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers by providing batteries with varying capacities for exchange.

The facilities have been installed at stations including Chennai Central, Annanur, Greenways Road, Korattur, Kotturpuram, Chintadripet, Mundakkanni Amman Koil, Kodambakkam, Mandaveli, Chennai Egmore, Tiruvallikeni, Thirumayilai, Perungudi, Pallavaram, Saidapet, St Thomas Mount, Taramani, Thiruvanniyur, Velachery, Villivakkam, and Washermanpet.

A total of 21 contracts have been awarded for a five-year period for the installation and op-

eration of the facilities. The project is expected to generate an annual licence fee revenue of ₹53.43 lakh. The railway authorities are also identifying additional feasible locations to expand the facility further.

As of March last year, the state had around 3 lakh electric vehicles, including 25,574 trans-

port EVs and 2.74 lakh non-transport EVs. In 2024-25, about 66,635 non-transport EVs - mostly two-wheelers - were registered in the state.

The Chennai suburban railway network caters to nearly 10.5 lakh passengers daily. The railway officials said the battery swapping stations are expected to improve last-mile connectivity and benefit commuters, delivery personnel, students, and the general public using electric vehicles.

As part of the agreement, the licensees will be responsible for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the facilities, while the railway administration will provide suitable space within station premises. Officials added the system requires minimal space and will not affect passenger movement.



The swapping system lets drivers replace old ones instead of recharging | EXPRESS

# AP resumes release of Krishna water to TN

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THE Andhra Pradesh government has resumed the release of Krishna river water to Chennai from Kandaluru reservoir following the completion of maintenance works of Kandaluru - Poondi Canal (KP Canal).

The reservoir in the neighbouring state was opened on Wednesday and the water is expected to reach the Tamil Nadu border on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Krishna water was last released from the Kandaluru reservoir in February, reaching the Zero Point on the state border on February 25. The release is part of the Telugu Ganga Project agreement between Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, under which water is to be supplied from July to October and January to April.

Since February 25, Tamil Nadu has received about 1 TMC of water. However, the release was stopped mid-April citing the maintenance work.

Earlier, the Water Resources Department (WRD) had diverted water stored in Poondi lake to Redhills and Chembarambakkam lakes that are terminal reservoirs to keep the Poondi lake relatively empty since Krishna water will reach Poondi first.

Even though Andhra Pradesh is obligated to release water only up to April, the extended release is a part of an understanding between the two governments.

"We will not receive water during the Northeast monsoon as the lakes in Chennai are already full. So, we adjust the schedule based on requirement," a Metro Water official said.



Water was stopped mid-April | EXPRESS

# RGGGH docs save two women with aneurysm

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A 40-year-old woman had aneurysm in subclavian artery, which recurred after surgery and required another one. Both costs ₹10 lakh at private hospitals. In the second, a 58-year-old with fusiform aneurysm, had it removed using an open procedure that would have cost ₹3-4 lakh

THE doctors at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital saved the lives of two women by treating abnormal bulging of a major blood vessel, through surgery recently.

The doctors diagnosed an aneurysm, bulging, in a subclavian artery, a major paired blood vessel that supplies oxygenated blood to the arms, neck and brain. In one case, a 40-year-old woman came to the hospital with a large, painful swelling in her left side of neck. The swelling was there for almost one-and-a-half years. The doctors found a left subclavian artery aneurysm had ruptured. Considering the life-threatening and complex nature of the disease, endovascular stenting was initially performed, said a press release.

However, after a month, the subclavian artery aneurysm recurred in the same location. In an emergency procedure, the doctors performed a thoracotomy, a surgery by opening the ribs, to remove the aneurysm, and control the disease. The surgery which would cost around ₹10 lakh at private hospitals was performed free of cost at the RGGGH, the release said.

In another case, the doctors performed synthetic graft on a 58-year-old woman suffering from left upper arm pain and neck swelling for two weeks. A fusiform aneurysm, a spindle shaped dilation of blood vessels of the subclavian artery was diagnosed, the release said. The doctors successfully removed the aneurysm using an open procedure and reconstructed the blood vessel using a synthetic graft. The procedure which would cost ₹3 to 4 lakh was performed free of cost under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, the release added.

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