

SUMMARY OF THE HINDU

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Cyclone triggered rain brigade Chennai to a halt, claims 6 lives

Compounded by relentless rain and under the impact of Cyclone Michaung, Chennai and its neighboring districts were marooned on Monday, reviving haunting memories of 2015.

Chennai airport was closed at 9 AM, with 300 flights canceled and more than 1500 stranded. Southern railways canceled many long haul trains coming to City. Over 9600 people from coastal regions were moved to 234 relief camps. Army and NDRF personnel are helping authorities to restore cities infrastructure.

Home Minister Amit Shah called CM M k Stalin and offered help from center. Mr Stalin called for deployment of additional NSRF personals

➡ Michaung landfall in A.P. expected today

The cyclonic storm Michaung over Bay of Bengal off South Andhra Pradesh intensified into a 'severe cyclonic storm 'on Monday afternoon . It is going to make its landfall between Nellore and Machhalipattnam on Tuesday afternoon . International Metrological department said on Monday

▶ ZPM comfortably wins Mizoram in a single party show

Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) won Mizoram's assembly polls by bagging 27 seats in the 40 member house.

Results: Total seats = 40, Zoram's People Movement - 27, Mizo National Front - 10, BJP - 2, INC - 1

Vote percentage

ZPM - 37 %, MNF - 35 %, BJP - 5 %, INC - 20.8 %

Previous assembly election. results

ZPM - 8; MNF- 26.; INC - 5

ZPM is led by Lalduhoma, former CM from MNF Zoramthanga lost from Aizawl east. Mr Laldohunga told that Election results are expected. BJP opened its account in Mizoram by winning 2 seats

One third of all 2022 suicides were if Daily wage earners, farmers, says NCRB report

National Crime Record Bureau has released its report . Some major findings are :

- India reported a total suicides if 1.7 lakh crore suicides in 2022, nearly one third of them were daily wage earners, agriculture labourers a d farmers.
- Amonf suicide by farmers major staes are Maharashtra (22,746), TamilNadu (19, 834), Madhya Pradesh (15,386), and Kerala (10, 162), Telangana (9980).
- Certain states mainly ,West Bengal , Bihar , Odisha , Delhi , Mizoram etc haven't reported any farmer suicide .
- Overall increase in crime committed against Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST), with overall increase in cases in Rajsthan, Chhatisharh, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana.
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- In 2022 there was 25 % increase in cases registered under Unlawful Action Prevention Act (UAPA).
- Government authorities seized ₹342 crore of fake currency notes were seized , mostly of ₹2000.

▶ Center committed to increasing the women in defense forces says , Modi

PM Modi along with Navy personnel celebrated Navy day on December 4, at Sindhudurg district in. Konkan Coast in Maharashtra.

Earlier PM Modi unveiled a statue of Chhatrapit Shivaji at Rajkot fort . He said that India was shaking the "slave mentality "by moving forward inspired by Shivaji .

"The Sindhudurg Fort instills a pride in every citizen of India"

PM Modi made announcement that the ranks in Indian Navy will be renamed in Indian culture. He also told that government was looking to increase women power in India's defense forces. He congratulated NAvy for appointing country's first Naval commanding officer on women ship.

The Sindhudurg fort was constructed between 1664 and 1667 by Shivaji.

Navy day is celebrated on 4 th December every year. On 4 th December, 1971 during India - Pakistan war, Indian Navy under "operation Trident "had destroyed the Karanchi port.



▶ Ladakh leaders want reservation , people 's empowerment

Civil society groups in Ladakh raised the issue of disempowerment of local people, trust deficit in the name of development, reservation for local people in job, electoral representation, a d tribal status for Ladakh at first structured meeting with Minister of state Home ministry.

A 14 memeber civil society group held its first structured meeting with govt . Govt has told them to give their demands in written and frequent meeting will be held on their demands

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World

▶ Israel orders evacuation as it orders as it widens offensive on Gaza

Israel military on Monday renewed calls for mass evacuation from southern town of Khan Younis, where tens of thousands of displaced Palestinians have sought refugees in recent weeks as it widens the ground offensive a s

▶ Venezuela claims Guyana region in vote

Venezuelan electoral authorities on Sunday claimed that 95% of voters in a non binding referendum approved of the nation's territorial claims on a huge chunk of oil rich Guyana.

PresidentNicholas Maduro said "An overwhelming victory for * yes "throughout Venezuela .." "We have taken first stage to a new historic stage in the struggle to what belongs to us ". He said .

The referendum raised fears in Guyana, and around the region. Guyana's president Irafaan Ali said that his country was working to protect county's borders and keep people safe."

Guyana asserts the border was set in British Colonial era in 1899

■ Ukraine aid to run out soon : White house

The white house Budget Chief has warned that failure to agree on fresh funds for Ukriane by the end of this year would "kneecap "kyiv on battlefield.

President Joe Biden in October had asked Congress in October for 106 billion dollar of National Security Fund, including support for Ukriane and for War's on Israel's war against Hamas.

The agreement over fund has been stalled by opposition by Republicans

→ 11 bodies recovered after volcanic eruption in Indonesia , 12 missing

▶ US navy ships illegally intruded in South China Sea , says China

The Chinese military said that US military ship, UsS Gabrielle Gifford "illegally intruded "on Monday in the water near the second Thomas Shoal, the site of territorial dispute between the China and Philippines in South China sea

▶ 80 Spanish media houses file 600 mn dollar lawsuit against Meta

A group of 80 Spanish media houses on Monday filed 600 million dollar lawsuit against Instagram owner Meta for violating EU's regulation of extracting personal informatics n from users and selling it to advertisers



Editorial

Needless diversion

Venezuela should not escalate territorial dispute with Guyana

The editorial is about recent referendum in Venezuela on whether it should exercise sovereignty over Essequibo . Essequibo is a vast oil rich region of Guyana . 95% of voters voted in "yes". In Venezuela president Nicholas Madura is going to be for election next year and he wants to keep this issue alive.

Guyana the only English speaking nation of South America maintains that 1899 border agreement between International arbitrators (from Britain, Russia and US) as final, and approached the International Court of Jutcie (ICJ) over the dispute in 2018. ICJ refused to stay on any referendum . Venezuela always says that it was not part of 1899 agreement and it tells it null and void.

Venezuela currently is facing economic crisis within country and such move is just a distraction from real issues. Venezuela even for its own wellbeing should refrain from going in these, otherwise this can result in wide range instability in the region.

