

# A bevy of celebrities, leaders attend swearing-in

Scores of party cadre from all over the State lined up on both sides of Kamaraj Salai to catch a glimpse of Jayalalitha



**VIP GATHERING:** (Clockwise) Newly inducted Ministers greet Chief Minister Jayalalitha at the swearing-in ceremony on Monday. Singer P.Susheela and other stars at the function; a section of the invitees. — PHOTOS: R. RAGU, G. SRIBHARATH AND BIJAY GHOSH

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**CHENNAI:** May 23 was a day to remember for the AIADMK as its general secretary Jayalalitha was sworn in as Chief Minister for a successive term. Scores of party cadre who had come from all over the State started lining both sides of the arterial Kamaraj Salai which leads to the venue — the Madras University Centenary auditorium — from as early as 8 a.m. Drummers positioned at various points kept a steady beat as the crowds cheered when Ms.

In all the districts, the government had arranged for live telecast of the ceremony

Jayalalitha's convoy passed by. The lucky ones among the partymen got passes and gained entry into the venue and were seated on the balcony. As she entered the hall on the dot at noon, supporters cheered, bringing a smile to

Ms. Jayalalitha's face.

Celebrities from the tinsel world including Sarath Kumar, Prabhu, Senthil, Harthi, Thyagu, Vaiyapuri, and 'Gundu' Kalyanam, P. Vasu, Manobala and R.B. Udhayakumar, playback singers P. Susheela and Vani Jayaram were present.

Industrialist Mallika Srinivasan, Apollo Hospitals Executive Vice Chairperson Preetha Reddy and Prince of Arcot Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali graced the occasion.

Among politicians, DMK

treasurer M.K. Stalin was seated in the rows behind, and D. Pandian of the CPI in the front row. Union Ministers Venkaiah Naidu and Pon. Radhakrishnan were also present at the event.

In addition, several IAS, IPS officers and judges attended the swearing-in ceremony. In all the districts, the State government had arranged for live telecast of the ceremony.

**M.S. Swaminathan's letter**

In a letter to Ms. Jayalalitha, agriculture scientist M. S.



Swaminathan, who congratulated her, recalled the "tremendous advances in every field of development and more particularly in the areas of education, agriculture and women

and child welfare" in her earlier periods of leadership.

Ms. Jayalalitha's associate Sasikalaa was also present.

## WEATHER WATCH (City-wise reading yesterday)

For metros highlighted, readings show max temperature

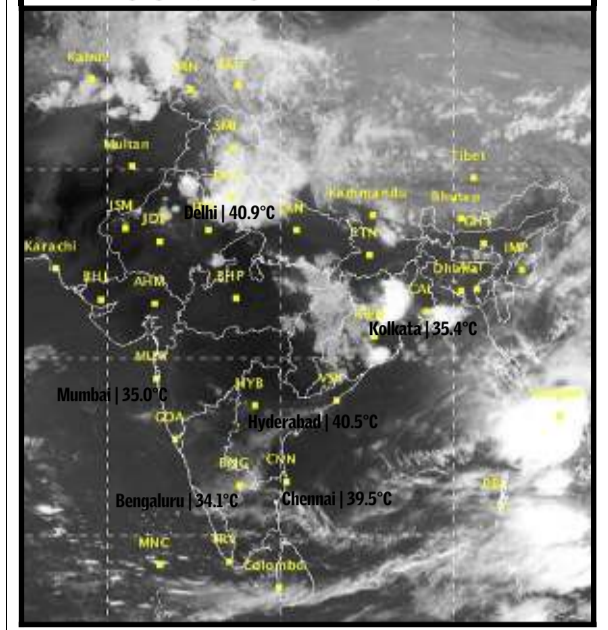


Image & Data: India Meteorological Department

**Forecast for Tuesday:** Heat wave conditions very likely at isolated places over west Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha. Heavy rain very likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with squalls very likely at isolated places over Jammu division of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Assam and Meghalaya. Dust/thunderstorm very likely at isolated places over Andhra Pradesh.

	Max	Min		Max	Min		Max	Min
Agartala	35.9	25.3	Hubballi	33.0	24.0	New Delhi	40.9	30.5
Ahmedabad	43.0	29.3	Hyderabad	40.5	27.3	Patna	38.0	26.6
Allahabad	43.0	26.0	Imphal	32.0	21.7	Port Blair	32.5	24.1
Aizawl	28.2	13.2	Jaipur	42.4	30.4	Pune	36.0	25.2
Bangalore	34.1	22.7	Kohima	19.4	16.4	Puducherry	39.2	28.5
Bhopal	41.5	28.5	Kolkata	35.4	28.8	Raipur	43.6	30.1
Bhubaneswar	40.5	28.7	Kochi	34.2	26.4	Ranchi	39.0	26.1
Chandigarh	38.2	31.0	Kozhikode	37.2	27.9	Shillong	23.9	15.8
Chennai	35.9	30.1	Kurnool	41.1	28.3	Shimla	27.1	12.6
Coimbatore	36.3	25.2	Lucknow	39.0	25.0	Srinagar	24.9	15.4
Dehradun	36.2	25.1	Madurai	41.0	27.0	Vijayawada	43.0	28.8
Gangtok	25.4	16.2	Mangaluru	36.0	27.5	Visakhapatnam	36.0	29.2
Goa	35.3	29.0	Mumbai	35.0	28.9	Thiruvananthapuram	33.5	25.6
Guwahati	34.8	23.5	Mysuru	34.7	21.5	Trichy	39.6	28.6

## 'Row' over seating position brings lack of political culture to centre-stage



DMK treasurer M.K. Stalin in the ceremony on Monday. — PHOTO: B.JOTHI RAMALINGAM

B. KOLAPPAN

**CHENNAI:** Bitter rivalry between the leaders of the two Dravidian parties was a political constant in Tamil Nadu for decades. On Monday, there was hope in the air that a new culture was emerging. But soon, the hopes were dashed.

The controversy on Monday centred around the seating position of DMK treasurer M. K. Stalin during the swearing-in ceremony of the new government. He was seated in

the back rows, since he was not allotted a front-row seat. However, he sat right through the event, surrounded by other party colleagues and ministers. If fact, he later tweeted, "Hope that she fulfils her election promises and works hard for the people of TN. Wish her the best."

But party leader M. Karunanidhi was aghast at the treatment meted out to his son Stalin and other MLAs at the ceremony.

"She has wantonly humili-

ated the DMK which has 89 members. Mr. Stalin and others were not given due respect, but R. Sarathkumar, defeated in the election, was seated in the first row. This shows Chief Minister Jayalalitha has not changed and will not change. Only the people of Tamil Nadu should change," he said in a statement.

In a State where political differences usually descend into personal animosity, what happened on Monday may

not come as a surprise. In the past, both the DMK and the AIADMK have avoided attending each other's investiture ceremonies.

The only exception in recent times was in 2001 when DMK general secretary K. Anbazhagan and treasurer M.K. Stalin attended the event.

Even then, the failure on the part of the state government to make proper seating arrangements evoked criticism. "Political decency de-

mands proper respect for opposition members," said Dravidian historian K. Thirunavukkarasu, recalling how DMK founder C.N. Annadurai buried his political differences and personally visited Rajaji, Periyar, Kamaraj, M. Bhaktavatsalam and sought their blessing after the DMK's victory in 1967.

Former Chief Minister M. Bhaktavatsalam attended the swearing-in ceremony of M.G. Ramachandran and his cabinet colleagues in 1980.

R. Kannan, biographer of Anna, said despite all that had happened between the two parties, both Karunanidhi and MGR appeared to possess lot of respect for each other.

On one occasion, Kalaignar reportedly said, "Power is not new to us. You are only tasting what we have eaten and left behind."

MGR's repartee was quick. "Yes. We have been voted to power to see how much you have eaten."

The bonhomie between the

two leaders was questioned by some DMK leaders and in a public meeting in Neyveli, Nellikuppam Krishnamurthy, a former DMK MP and an MLA, wondered whether they were planning a merger of the two parties. And, apparently, Karunanidhi replied, "Our meetings in the Assembly or at the Speaker's office are to discuss Assembly proceedings and not to look into the almanac for a date for the merger of the DMK and the AIADMK."

## Free power to benefit 1.90 cr. consumers

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A quick glance at how much a household will get to save (in Rs.)			
Current slabs Consumers using	Units consumed	Amount payable as per old tariff	Amount payable under Free 100 units scheme
1-100 units: 78.55 lakhs	100 (100x1+20 FC)	120	Nil
1-200 units: 55.36 lakhs	201 units		
	200xRs.2 = 400		100xRs.2 = 200 (100 units free)
201 - 500 units: 49.66 lakhs	1xRs.3 = 3		1xRs.3 = 3
	FC = 30	433	FC = 30 = 233
Above 500 units: 7.30 lakhs	501 units		
	200xRs.3.50 = 700		100xRs.3.50 = 350
	300xRs.4.60 = 1,380		300xRs.4.60 = 1,380
	1xRs.6.60 = 6.60		1xRs.6.60 = 6.60
<b>Total: 1.90 crore</b>	FC = 50	2,136.60	FC = 50 = 1,786.60

FC - Fixed charges; Source: Tangedco

R. SRIKANTH

**CHENNAI:** Soon after assuming office, Chief Minister Jayalalitha made good one of her key promises made during the election campaign—provision of 100 units of power for all domestic consumers in the State.

It is estimated that the State government would have to pay an additional subsidy of Rs. 1,609 crore to Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) to implement the scheme.

A senior official of Tangedco said the scheme, which came into effect from May 23 (Monday), would be applicable to about 1.90 crore domestic consumers across slabs.

While 78.55 lakh consumers would not have to pay any elec-

The scheme will impose an additional burden of Rs. 1,609 crore on the government

tricity bill at all under the scheme, 55.36 lakh consumers in the 200-units slab would make a saving of Rs. 150 in the bimonthly bill; those falling in the 201-500 units slab numbering 49.66 lakh would save Rs. 200 and more than 7.30 lakh consumers consuming above 500 units would save about Rs. 350.

For instance, if a consumer has used 201 units, as per the old rates, the electricity charge would be Rs. 433 (200 units x Rs. 2 + 1 unit x Rs. 3 + Rs. 30 fixed charge).

However, now, he has to pay only Rs. 233 for 101 units (100 units x Rs. 2 + 1 unit x Rs. 3 + Rs. 30 fixed charge). Similarly, if a consumer uses 501 units bimonthly, his bill as per old tariff would be Rs. 2,136.60; but now, he has to pay Rs. 1,786.60 for 401 units after deducting 100 free units (100 units x Rs. 3.50 + 300 units x Rs. 4.60 + 1 unit x Rs. 6.60 + Rs. 50 fixed charge).

The Chief Minister also signed an order providing 200 units of free electricity to handloom weavers and 750 units of power for powerloom weavers.

The official said the total subsidy for these two consumers would be Rs. 30 crore benefitting 31,500 handloom weavers and 98,000 powerloom weavers.

## Police open fire to quell mob

**SIVAGANGA:** Police opened fire to quell a mob, which stormed Madagupatti police station and pelted stones, protesting against police action against villagers at Keezhatheru for organising a function without permission.

The problem started when a police team detained five persons after they organised a function in memory of Perumbidigu Muthariyer at Keezhatheru.

Alleging that the police abused the community, villagers stormed the police station. When they staged a protest, police used force to disperse them.

## Ryots hail loan waiver

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**THANJAVUR:** Cutting across the political spectrum, leaders of all sections of farmers welcome Chief Minister Jayalalitha's decision to waive crop loans availed by small and medium farmers from primary agricultural cooperative banks. However, all of them uniformly have urged her to consider waiver of crop loans to farmers, irrespective of categorisation, availed from scheduled commercial and nationalised banks.

Ms. Jayalalitha's act has given farmers immense happiness,

hope and encouragement, observes Coordinator of the Tamil Nadu All Farmers' Federations P.R. Pandian. "The Chief Minister will be doing yeoman service to the farming community as a whole if she undertakes to compensate the scheduled commercial banks and nationalised banks the crop loans availed by farmers. Their debt burden that had increased over the past several years due to a plethora of factors will be eased a lot," general secretary of the Federation of Farmers' Associations of Cauvery Delta Districts Arupathy P. Kalyanan from Nagapattinam region told *The Hindu*.

### e-TENDER FOR MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), S. E. Railway, Kharagpur for and on behalf of the President of India for execution of the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. SL No., Tender No. & Description of work: (1) E-KGP-EAST-17-2016, Execution of deep screening of track by BCM (Ballast Cleaning Machine) Santragachi-Panskura Km 7/2-70/2 Up line including yard on Howrah Kharagpur under jurisdiction of ADEN/SHalimar, Panskura and Manual between Balikuranta section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Santragachi (2) E-KGP-EAST-18-2016, Renewal of Steel Channel sleepers by providing new 863 nos. H Beam sleepers of Br. No. 58, 59, 87, 92 (UP), Br. No. 57, 58, 59, 87, 92 (MID), Br. No. 58, 59, 67 (Dn line) Howrah-Kharagpur section. Tender Value: ₹2,09,32,251.57 (for Sl. No. 1) & ₹1,79,89,080.26 (for Sl. No. 2). EMD: ₹2,54,670/- (for Sl. No. 1) & ₹2,39,950/- (for Sl. No. 2). Cost of Tender documents: ₹100/- (for Sl. No. 1) & ₹5,000/- (for Sl. No. 2). Date of opening: 30.06.2016 (for each). Completion period of the work: 12 (twelve) months (for Sl. No. 1) & 06 (six) months (for Sl. No. 2). Date of submission: from 01.06.2016 and upto 15.00 hrs. on 30.06.2016. For detail visit website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) and submit bids online. In no case manual Tenders for these works will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) to participate in all tenders. PR/14

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Open Tender Notice No. 01/944/WB/SR/L/RNO/CNPR/DGD/16 Dhanbad, dated 12.05.2016. For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (P), East Central Railway, Dhanbad invites sealed Open Tender from 28.06.2016 to 27.06.2016 from 10.00 hrs. to 18.00 hrs. & up to 12.00 hrs. on 28.06.2016 for execution of the following work at Mahadiya, Dhanbad Division From the competent, reliable, experienced, reputed and RDSO approved firms/contractors in prescribed tender forms which will be opened at 12.30 hrs. on 28.06.2016 in presence of tenders. 1. Name of work with its location: Repairs/modelling and AMC of 120T Rail-in-motion weighbridge at Singrauli, Raikot, Champur & Dugda through open tender for two years. 2. Approx. Cost of the work: ₹54,28,584/- (Fifty four lakh twenty eight thousand five hundred eighty four) only. 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,08,580/- (One lakh eight thousand five hundred eighty) only to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft or F.D.R. issued by any nationalized bank in favour of FA & CAO/East Central Railway/Hajipur payable at Dhanbad. 4. Date & Time for submission of Tender and Opening of Tender: Tender form duly filled and accompanied with relevant documents can be dropped in the nominated Tender Box from 28.06.2016 to 28.06.2016 up to 12.00 hrs. at the Office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (P), DRM Office, Power Branch, East Central Railway, Dhanbad. Tender Box will be opened at 12.30 hrs. on 28.06.2016 at the Office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (P), DRM Office, East Central Railway, Dhanbad. 5. Website particulars, Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: East Central Railway-<http://www.ecr.indianrail.gov.in> & [www.tender.gov.in](http://www.tender.gov.in) Notice Board will be available at DRM Office Power Branch, East Central Railway, Dhanbad Tender form can be purchased at the office of Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (P), DRM Office, Power Branch, E.C. Railway, Dhanbad. In case of unusual occurrence i.e. BANDH, STRIKE, HOLIDAY etc. falls on the day of last selling of Tender paper/dosing of Tender/Opening of tender, the date will be extended by one day/one working day respectively. PR/165/DN/7/56 Sr.DME(P)/ECR/Dhanbad

## OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH	DEATH	DEATH ANNIVERSARIES	DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
<p><b>C.K.PARTHASARATHY (91Yrs)</b> S/o Late C.S. Krishnaswamy, attained Acharyan Prapthi on Wednesday 18/05/2016 at 22.30hrs at Chennai, Dasaslu at Sri Rama Theertham, 5/9A, Valluvar Salai Ramapuram, Chennai- 89. Ph. 044-23766909/9444836225</p> <p><b>S. RENGAKRISHNAN F.C.A</b> (70 years) Chartered Accountant, Karaiudi passed away on May 22, 2016. Cremation on May 24, 2016 at 4PM. Phone - 0465-224201.</p> <p><b>Smt. R. Pattammal</b> (86 yrs) Attained Acharyan Thiruvadi at 2.00pm on 22.05.16 and was Cremated the Same Day. Survived by Sons: R. Rajagopal 9445328460, R. Parthasarathy 9884044192; Daughters: R. Ambujam 9884942219, S. Vedamani 99405 37936; Daughters in law: Revathy Rajagopal 97909 06759 Usha Parthasarathy 9884214557</p>	<p><b>SRI.P. RAMANATHAN (82)</b> Retd Dy. C.O. S. S. Rly. attained Shivaloka Prapthi on 22.5.2016. Deeply mourned by Family Members &amp; Friends. 044-22531600</p> <p><b>SAD DEMISE</b> <b>Shri N.S. Natarajan</b> Attained Shivaloka Prapthi on 22/05/2016 Dassathu in Chennai on 01/06/2016. Contact: N. Athararaman (9884074032)</p> <p><b>SAD DEMISE</b> "Those who pass away from this world do not die and, we when they loved forget them."</p> <p><b>VISALAM NAGARAJAN</b> w/o Late P. Nagarajan (JCOBANK) Passed away peacefully on 22.5.2016. Cremation - Tuesday, 24.5.2016. Deeply loved and sorely missed by: N. Viswanathan (Son), Kasturi and Kartham (Daughter/Son-in-law), Grandchildren and their families. 24342336 / 42641366</p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY</b> <b>R. RAMACHANDRAN (RRC)</b> 1st Jan 1924 - 24th May 2007 Fondly Remembered by FAMILY, FRIENDS &amp; NAIJASADHWANI</p>	<p><b>FOURTH ANNIVERSARY</b> <b>RBALAMURUKAN</b> Born: 21.10.1969 Died: 24.05.2012 Fondly remembered by Father, Mother Wife, Daughters, Relatives, Friends &amp; Staffs THE PRECISION SCIENTIFIC CO.</p>
<p><b>DEATH</b> <b>SAD DEMISE</b> <b>Mr. B.K. SREENIVAS (BKS)</b> Retd. Director, UCAL Exports Pvt. Ltd. Expired on Sat. 21-5-16 at Age 81. Final respects to his mortal remains can be paid at his residence between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Wed. 25-05-16, followed by the Cremation at 11 a.m. at Besant Nagar Crematorium. Deeply mourned by his beloved Wife Revathi Sreenivas and family. Contact No: 044-24910843 +91 9840091875</p>	<p><b>DEATH ANNIVERSARIES</b> <b>7th Anniversary</b> <b>N. SAROJA</b> 24th May 2009 Years Pass We are here to Remember and Pray for Good.</p>	<p><b>DEATH</b> <b>SAD DEMISE</b> <b>N. SANTHANAM</b> Sri Kumanar Travels / KVN Auto Stores Passed away on 23 May 2016 Funeral starts at 9AM, 24 May 16 7, B-2, East Abhirampuram, I Street, Chennai-4 Dearest Appa. You have always been a guiding light, loving, laughing and ever so cheerful. You have helped many people build their lives and realise their dreams. We miss you. And you will remain in our hearts forever. Deeply mourned by Family, Friends, Relatives and All staff of Sri Kumanar Travels Phone: 24995299, 9445108264, 8971788925</p>	<p><b>In memory of your loved ones</b> To dedicate a space in this section, Please contact: <b>044 - 28575 711 / 28575 714</b> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. &amp; <b>72990 95757</b> from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. For Placing Advertisements Online log on to <b>www.thehinduads.com</b></p>