

Congress man files papers as independent in DMK's seat

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FORMER Pradesh Congress Committee member and Southern Dryland Farmers Association president Prem Kumar (55), filed his nomination on Monday as an independent candidate from Kovilpatti Assembly constituency, where the Congress ally DMK is in the fray.

Speaking to reporters after filing his nomination, Prem Kumar said the Congress had not contested from Kovilpatti for the past 30 years and that he was entering the fray at the request of farmers and the public. He further said he had sought the post of north district president and also requested a party ticket, but alleged that the state-level leadership did not respond. Claiming that the Congress still has a strong base in Kovilpatti, he said the party had not sought the constituency after 1984.

Meanwhile, a total of 21 candidates filed their nominations across the six Assembly segments in Thoothukudi district on Monday. Of them, six filed nominations in Tiruchendur, four in Kovilpatti, three each in Vilathikulam, Thoothukudi and Srivaikuntam, and two in Ottapidaram (reserved).



Prem Kumar submitting his nomination papers to Kovilpatti Assembly constituency Returning Officer Himanshu Mangle on Monday | EXPRESS

TVK fields film actor Srinath in Thoothukudi



Thoothukudi: In the Thoothukudi Assembly constituency, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) has named actor Srinath (52), one of the close associates of party leader Vijay, as its candidate. His selection allegedly disappointed party aspirant Aijtha Agnel, who had gained attention over the past year for her ground-level activities across the district. Srinath, a native of Thoothukudi, who hails from the family of former AIADMK minister GR Edmund, has acted alongside Vijay and has also directed several films. Sources said Aijtha, who had been expecting a ticket, was unable to meet Vijay despite repeated attempts. She had earlier drawn attention on social media after blocking Vijay's car at Panaiyur. Following the announcement, some of her supporters were allegedly upset and removed party flags and other TVK symbols from their vehicles.

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‘Evacuate 400 fishers stranded in Iran border’

KANNIYAKUMARI: International Fishermen Development Trust (INFIDET) president P Justin Antony on Monday urged the centre to safely evacuate Tamil Nadu fishermen stranded in the India-Armenia border without the money to bear the expenses of their flight trip home. The Indian embassy has been assisting with the evacuation, and the first batch, comprising around 400 fishermen mostly from Cheero, recently arrived at the border after a 30-hour journey.

The fishermen are mainly from Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, and Ramanathapuram districts and had been working in Cheero, Kish Island and different parts of Iran. Justin told *TNIE* that a few fishermen contacted him, saying the embassy has been making arrangements for their visa to Armenia and their stay. However, he said, the embassy had told the fishermen that they should bear the cost of flight tickets from Armenia to India. Justin said the fishermen could not bear such a huge amount since many had been employed under the pay-for-catch system rather than a fixed wage, and could not venture into the sea for many days due to the war situation in the region. *ENS*

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THE flying squads launched a search at K R Saratha Government Higher Secondary School at Duraisaimypuram near Nalattinuputhur late on Sunday for allegedly hoarding illegal cash and freebies, prompting cadres of various political parties to besiege the officials.

According to sources, the flying squad, led by Panchayat Union Assistant Engineer Sankara Subramanian and accompanied by police personnel, carried out a search at the school following information that illegal cash and freebies were allegedly being hoarded there.

Kovilpatti constituency Assistant Returning Officer and Tahsildar Appanaraj also visited the spot as cadres from the DMK, AIADMK, Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) and Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) assembled outside the school premises.

"The search was conducted in all the classrooms and laboratories. However, nothing was recovered," Appanaraj said.

As the officials emerged empty-handed, cadres of the political parties, suspecting foul play, besieged the team and demanded an explanation about the



Nothing was confiscated during the search held at the K R Saratha Government Higher Secondary School in Duraisampuram late on Sunday, says Kovilpatti tahsildar | EXPRESS



purpose and outcome of the inspection. Following police intervention and talks, the cadres dispersed around 2 am on Monday.

When asked, the Assistant

Returning Officer said he had submitted a report to the District Election Officer regarding the search conducted at the government higher secondary school.



Members of Karunchiruthai Makkal Iyakkam arrived at the Tirunelveli collectorate for filing nominations on Monday by carrying a man on a symbolic 'paadai' in a procession, in order to highlight concerns over women's safety and alleged custodial deaths in Tamil Nadu | **V KARTHIK ALAGU**

'AIADMK manifesto has promises already implemented by DMK'

Thoothukudi: Minister Geetha Jeevan on Monday said the AIADMK's manifesto features promises already implemented by the DMK government. Campaigning for Kovilpatti candidate K Karunanidhi, she said the party has enormous support from the people. On AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami's claim of DMK copying their manifesto, Geetha retorted that the AIADMK manifesto features the operation of night flights from Thoothukudi airport and the formation of East Coast Road, which were already implemented by MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, and the night flight operations began from March 29. ENS

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LIGHT WORSHIP

Ahead of the Panguni festival, women took part in the traditional *vilakku poojai* conducted at the Kaliyamman temple in Karapettai, Thoothukudi, on Monday | **V KARTHIK ALAGU**

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Track doubling: Speed trial held between Nagercoil and Eraniel

Kanniyakumari: A high-speed trial run was conducted on the 13-kilometre stretch of the double railway line laid between Eraniel and Nagercoil town railway stations on Monday. Sources said the railway line was inspected on Saturday and Sunday, after which, a senior railway official conducted the trial run the following day. Sources added that the track doubling works along the Kanniyakumari-Thiruvananthapuram Central section are at the pre-commissioning stage, with the track, electrical, and engineering systems recently inspected. ENS

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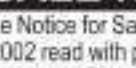
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