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1. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched 18 services in the Registration Department, including a new service for registering deeds from home.

(i) The Registration Department is carrying out property registration, marriage registration, registration of associations and partnerships. The project to computerize the Registration Department, which has a 160-year-old tradition, was launched in 2000.

(ii) Following this, 18 services have now been introduced through the 'STAR 3.0' software project on the website <https://tnreginet.gov.in/portal>, including paperless document registration, document registration without the need for physical presence, automated document creation, a scheme for returning documents on the same day for resale of apartments without on-site building inspections, and simplified encumbrance certificate searches. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated these services at the Secretariat.

(iii) Details of key services:

Facility for instant provision of documents:

In the event of public requesting certified copies of property deeds, a new facility has been created to provide certified copies of documents including public authority documents, court orders, loan orders, reference orders, etc. submitted by residents abroad online with the electronic signature of the central computer.

Easy search of encumbrance certificate:

Citizens could search for encumbrance certificate using features such as previous document number based search and revenue village based search. Citizens can apply for encumbrance certificate (EC) at the present SRO alone even though the village was previously in another SRO – eliminating the need for multiple EC applications.

Paperless Document Registration:

The Aadhaar-based SMS or fingerprint verification of the property transferor and the transferee is done, and if the document details are correct, the person is registered immediately, the electronic signature of the Sub-Registrar is affixed and the electronic document is sent to the public online immediately.

Mobile App:

You can easily get Encumbrance certificate, token for document registration, guideline value, marriage and firm registrations, joint venture, deed company, document registration details, property value calculation through the Mobile App (TNREGINET). The status of different services of the Registration Department can also be sent via WhatsApp.

Who can register from home –

Only those who buy new apartments and newly created plots can avail this service.

After paying the fee online, the public can submit the document for registration online without having to go to the Sub-Registrar's office. These documents will be verified, registered and sent to the document holders online.

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Furthermore, the facility to register and transfer the title deed from the board itself has been provided for Tamil Nadu Housing Board and Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board properties.

2. A succession of landslides occurred in the North Island region of New Zealand due to continuous rains. Two people died in this; And some have disappeared.

(i) Landslide buried house and tourist camp. The work to rescue those trapped in the rubble is going on in full swing.

(ii) It was followed by another landslide at 'Beachide Holiday Park', a tourist camp at the base of Mount Maunganui. The vehicles, dormitories and buildings were buried in the ground.

3. A new international body, the Board of Peace, proposed by US President Donald Trump to ensure lasting peace in Gaza and oversee the reconstruction efforts there, officially began functioning.

(i) Trump signed the Board of Peace's charter on the sidelines of the World Economic Summit in Davos, Switzerland. The event was attended and supported by the leaders of around 20 countries including Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

(ii) Under Phase 2 of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire agreement, the United States proposed a 'Board of Peace' to oversee key tasks including coordinating funding and overseeing the administration of reconstruction work in Gaza devastated by Israeli attacks.

(iii) Further, there were speculations that the activities of this body could be expanded to settle international conflicts as an alternative to the UN or in collaboration with it.

(iv) In confirmation of this, the charter signed by Trump states, 'The Board of Peace is an international organization that seeks to promote stability, restore credible and legitimate governance and secure lasting peace in conflict-affected areas'.

(v) While India was also invited to join the Board of Peace, India skipped this signing event. Apart from India, countries like Russia, China, Cambodia, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Paraguay, Singapore, Thailand, Ukraine are yet to announce their decision.

4. Former Indian footballer Ilyas Pasha (61), passed away due to ill health.

(i) Pasha, a native of Karnataka, played as a defender for India, Karnataka and East Bengal. Since 1987, he has played for India in Nehru Cup, SAFF tournaments and Asia Cup Qualifiers.

5. Khalistan separatists stormed the Indian Embassy in the Central European country of Croatia and looted the property. They also took down the Indian flag and hoisted the Khalistan flag and wrote pro-Khalistan slogans on the walls.

(i) The Union Ministry of External Affairs strongly condemned the incident and urged the Croatian Government to take strict action against those involved. The Embassy of India has been functioning in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, for more than 40 years.

(ii) The demand of Khalistan separatists is to separate Punjab and create separate state of Khalistan. While these separatists have been largely suppressed in India, they are active in some countries including Canada, Australia, Britain, and the United States. The separatist movement 'Seeks for Justice' is at the forefront of this. They are engaged in activities like looting Hindu temples abroad and trying to attack embassies.

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(iii) The Ministry of External Affairs also referred to the Vienna Convention resolution on ensuring security of diplomatic premises.

6. In the country's 77th Republic Day Parade, Tamil Nadu will be represented by a tableaux reflecting tradition and modernity under the theme 'Mantra of Prosperity: Self-Reliance India'.

(i) On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day on 26th January, Delhi will get a spectacular parade on the line of duty to showcase the country's military prowess and culture. About 10 thousand special guests will participate in this event.

(ii) The theme of this year's parade is '150 years of Vande Mataram'.

(iii) 9 Agni soldiers will march along with the Indian Air Force Band for the Republic Day celebrations, for the first time. This is the first time that Agni veenas will participate in the Republic Day parade.

7. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin laid the foundation stone for a seawater desalination project with a production capacity of 60 million liters at Mullakkadu village in Thoothukudi district, at a cost of Rs.2,292.38 crore.

(i) Currently, water from the Thamirabarani river is being used to meet the needs of industries in Thoothukudi. As an alternative, a project was undertaken to establish a seawater desalination plant with a production capacity of 60 million liters per day in Mullakkadu village to supply water. This project is being implemented with a 40 percent contribution from SIPCOT and a 60 percent contribution from other industrial consortiums.

(ii) This will ensure an uninterrupted water supply through pipelines not only to the companies located in the Thoothukudi SIPCOT industrial park but also to industrial units in the surrounding areas.