

October 26, 2025 – Dinamani Newspaper – Tit bits

1. Cyclone Warning Signal-I was hoisted in the ports of Pamban, Cuddalore, Puducherry, Nagapattinam and Karaikal in response to Cyclone Montha.
2. As part of U.S. President Donald Trump's tough measures against gangs smuggling drugs from Latin America into the country, America's largest aircraft carrier is being sent to the Caribbean Sea.
 - i. In this regard, the Pentagon, the headquarters of the US Department of Defense, has issued an order to send the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier to the Caribbean Sea.
 - ii. The United States has already attacked and destroyed 10 boats traveling through the Caribbean Sea, claiming they were smuggling drugs. Many of them died. Such attacks have raised tensions between Latin American countries and the United States, and there are fears that the deployment of a powerful aircraft carrier by the U.S. to the Caribbean will further escalate those tensions.
 - iii. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has criticized the United States' decision to send an aircraft carrier to the Caribbean Sea.
3. Late astrophysicist Jayant Narlikar has been selected for the 'Vignan Ratna-2025' award, the highest award in the field of science in India.
 - i. The award was presented to him in recognition of his research work with British astronomer Fred Hoyle, which refuted the Big Bang theory of the origin of the universe.
 - ii. While the Big Bang theory states that the universe was created in a single moment, their claim is that the universe has always existed with continuous creation of new matter into infinity.
 - iii. The Vigyan Ratna Award was instituted in 2023. The first award was given to Govindarajan Padmanaban, a biochemistry and biotechnology researcher from Tamil Nadu, in 2024. Now, the second award has been announced for the late scientist Jayant Narlikar.
 - iv. Similarly, Vigyan Shri and Vigyan Yuva Awards have also been announced for researchers who have worked exceptionally well in various fields. The Vigyan Group Award has been conferred on the Aroma Mission team of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for its successful initiative to promote the cultivation of lavender flowers in Jammu and Kashmir.
4. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a suo motu case on Monday (Oct. 27) regarding the increasing digital arrest scam in the country.
5. To boost television channels' revenues, new guidelines are being formulated for the Procedure for Determination of TV Rating Points (TRP), Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw said.
 - i. He also noted that as the media sector is rapidly becoming digital, the Government is planning various initiatives to protect the interests of print media, radio and television channels.

- ii. He said the Central Government is working in coordination with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), and Press Information Bureau (PIB) to improve coordination across media outreach and regulatory functions.
 - iii. It is noteworthy that television channels receive advertisements based on Television Rating Points (TRPs), which measure the popularity of different television programs.
6. The Higher Education Minister Govi Chezhiyan has announced that the Tamil Nadu Private Universities Amendment Bill, introduced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on October 15, will be repealed and reviewed.
 - i. This bill was brought with the objective to simplify some of the existing procedures for the establishment of new private universities and for the existing private educational institutions which want to be elevated to state private universities.
 - ii. In Tamil Nadu, India's premier state in terms of higher education, the existing Tamil Nadu Private Universities Act 2019, Section 4, requires a minimum land size of 100 acres of contiguous land to establish private universities. However, it is very difficult to identify such a large amount of contiguous land in the corporation, municipality and township areas.
 - iii. It was suggested that if the land area were reduced to match the laws of private universities in other neighboring states, private educational institutions wishing to convert into universities would have an opportunity to pursue that option.
 - iv. According to the new bill, the minimum land holding required is 25 acres for municipal corporations, 35 acres for municipalities and town panchayats and 50 acres for other areas.
7. The Indian Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra held discussions with US Deputy Secretary of Energy James Danly on expanding energy trade between India and the US.
8. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has congratulated the Tamil Nadu players who won medals in the International Para Badminton Championship.
 - i. Players from Tamil Nadu have won medals at the International Para Badminton Championship in Australia.
9. A Pakistani state-owned passenger airline has flown to Britain for the first time after a five-year ban.