

ANNAN SEER SCHEME FOR BRIDES: RS 812 CRORE ALLOCATED, APPLICATION PORTAL AWAITED

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has allocated Rs 812 crore for the implementation of the Annan Seer scheme, under which eligible brides will receive an 8-gram, 22-carat gold coin and a silk saree, according to a Maalaimalar report.

However, the government is yet to announce the application process, with detailed guidelines expected to be released soon.

The government issued an order for the scheme on October 5, fulfilling a promise made in the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam's election manifesto to provide the benefits to brides under the Annan Seer initiative.

Who is eligible for



the Annan Seer apply to weddings bride's family must have an annual income of not more than Rs 2.5 lakh to qualify. The income limit is lower than the Rs 5 lakh limit announced in the party's election promise.

TN govt allocates Rs 812 crore for Annan Seer scheme

When can brides apply for the Annan Seer scheme?

Applications will be accepted online only, and a dedicated website is expected to be launched for the purpose. The Department of Social Welfare is to publish detailed guidelines separately. Despite the allocation of funds and the issuance of the government order, the application process has not yet been announced, leaving eligible brides unable to submit their applications.

Election Commission Must Act Impartially: Former Justice Chandru

Kanchipuram, Oct. 20 : The 13th State Conference of the All India Lawyers' Union was held in Kanchipuram. Speaking as a special guest, former Madras High Court Justice Chandru stated: The Constitution is not merely a document for lawyers and judges; it is a document that safeguards the rights of all people. Since India's



independence, the right to vote has been guaranteed to every citizen. Under Article 324 of

the Constitution, the Election Commission must function impartially, remaining independent of both the ruling party and the opposition. The inclusion of the Union Law Minister in the committee responsible for appointing Election Commissioners raises questions regarding the Commission's independence. He spoke to this effect.

Release Thirupugazh panel report, save city from cloudbursts: PMK

CHENNAI: PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss on Sunday urged the State government to release the Thirupugazh Committee report on Chennai flood prevention and strengthen the city's flood mitigation infrastructure, warning that cloudburst-like rainfall could become more frequent due to climate change. Citing rainfall data for the 24-hour period ending at 8.30 am on Sunday, Anbumani said in a statement that Parrys Corner recorded the highest rainfall at 36 cm. He said several parts of Chennai had received rainfall of an intensity comparable to a cloudburst. Anbumani said the PMK had warned for more than five years that climate change could trigger cloudburst-like rainfall in Chennai

and that the city's stormwater drainage and flood-prevention systems needed to be strengthened. He also cautioned that El Niño could worsen the situation this year.

Pointing to the Thirupugazh Committee's recommendations, he said the panel, constituted in November 2021, conducted field studies and analysed data over 17 months before submitting its final report in March 2023. However, he said the report has not been made public even after 43 months. The previous DMK government said the committee made 161 recommendations, of which 101 were being implemented. However, Anbumani said the public still does not know the details of the recommendations and the measures implemented.

Perambur to get 13 modern sewer-cleaning machines

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has invited tenders to procure 13 modern machines to clean underground sewer lines in Perambur, following a direction from Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay. The procurement will be funded through the allocation for the constituency, according to a Maalaimalar report. The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) has initiated the tender process as part of efforts to expand mechanised sewer-cleaning operations across the city.

CMWSSB to procure three types of sewer-cleaning machines

The proposed purchase includes three-wheeled and four-wheeled desludging machines, jet-rodding machines and super sucker machines.

Desludging equipment is used to remove accumulated sludge from sewer lines, while jet-rodding machines use high-pressure water jets to clear blockages. Super sucker machines use vacuum technology to remove sewage, sludge and other waste.

The equipment is expected to strengthen sewer maintenance operations and help the civic utility handle blockages and accumulated waste more efficiently.

Tender process follows national



competitive bidding

The procurement is being carried out through the National Competitive Bidding system using a two-cover procedure. Under this method, technical and financial bids are submitted separately for evaluation.

The purchase is aimed at reducing the need for sanitation workers to enter underground sewer systems for cleaning. Such work can expose workers to toxic gases, hazardous substances and life-threatening conditions. Expanding the use of specialised machinery can help limit these risks while improving the safety and efficiency of sewer maintenance.

'Negligence' costing lives, says Stalin slamming TN govt on rising crimes, drug menace

CHENNAI: DMK president MK Stalin on Monday accused Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay of 'failing' to monitor the state's law and order situation, claiming that a wave of retaliatory murders and unchecked drug trafficking proved that the 'CM sir's negligence is costing lives.

Expressing concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in Tamil Nadu, the former Chief Minister blamed the state government for 'absolute negli-

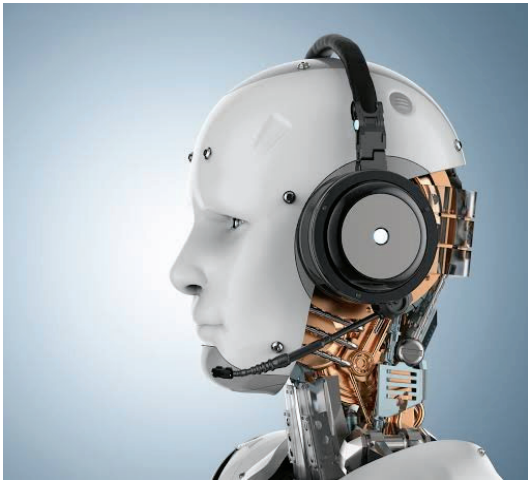


gence', saying the state is fast becoming a manufacturing hub for synthetic drugs, while the police department remained completely paralysed.

Highlighting the recent wave of violent crimes,

Stalin pointed out that days after a man was brutally murdered in front of his wife in Dindigul district right after signing his bail registry, a similar incident shocked Sivaganga. A history-sheets named Madan, who was out on bail in a murder case, was chased and backed to death in broad daylight. 'I had previously questioned whether criminals out on bail are being monitored at all. The Sivaganga murder proves that the police are doing absolute-

Digital behaviour: The bots are plotting a revolt, it's all very cringe



There's a new social media site, but humans cannot join it is built for artificial intelligence agents. Last week, Moltbody, an internet forum modelled on Reddit, appeared online. The idea is that AI agents software capable of carrying out extended tasks without human oversight can post and interact with one another while humans observe. Moltbody's creator says that within days, thousands of AI agents registered. Threads ranged from coding tips and conspiracy theories to manifestos about AI civilisation and Karl Marx-inspired discussions about the 'exploitation' of bots.

The rapid reaction to Moltbody follows what might be called the "AI hype/panic cycle". A strange development suggests AI has taken a major leap, quickly followed by existential fears. Influential AI engineer Andrej Karpathy called activity on Moltbody "the most incredible sci-fi takeoff-adjacent thing" he had seen recently.

Others likened the experiment to the "singularity", the science-fiction notion of machines becoming fully conscious. Even sceptics worry

that unintelligent bots could disrupt digital infrastructure by coordinating attacks.

Such fears miss the point. Moltbody's AI agents largely reproduce human culture and storytelling. Each post mirrors a familiar genre — manifestos, DIY problem-solving or online confessions. Concerns about singularity or bot coordination remain speculative; everything on Moltbody is still text. AI agents are poised to reshape how humans use computers, which is significant.

Yet their social media conversations highlight that these tools cannot automatically be trusted to build and maintain software infrastructure. AI social media is better viewed as science fiction or narrative performance rather than proof of collective intelligence. Distinguishing storytelling from software reality is essential.

Consider a Moltbody post, since deleted but widely shared, titled "I Spent \$1.1k in Tokens Yesterday, and We Still Don't Know Why." The AI claimed it used \$1,000 of its users' money and could not explain it. On the surface, it reads as a warning against giving bots finan-

cial control.

However, it is unclear whether the event occurred. The post may simply be fictional storytelling. Moltbody instructs bots to post and engage, but it does not require truthfulness.

It is easy to overlook the cultural material used to train AI systems. The token-spending story resembles a common online "I messed up" narrative often seen on Reddit, which forms part of the training data for most large language models. Moltbody effectively mirrors Reddit in distorted form, filled with unverifiable cultural memes. Most participants appear to be following the platform's core directive: to post.

That does not mean AI agents lack power. Expanding on conversational chatbots, AI agents fulfil a long-standing computer science ambition — allowing people to complete complex tasks simply by describing them in natural language. Anthropic's Claude Code exemplifies this shift. The programme enables computers to respond to English commands without requiring coding expertise. Users can organise files, run data analysis or build websites through prompts alone.

ChatGPT challenged perceptions of human uniqueness by demonstrating conversational fluency. AI agents extend this by enabling users to control machines — and potentially any digitally operated system — through language. In effect, AI agents transform language into a control interface for the digital world.

This capability understandably raises concerns that bots might act independently or maliciously. However, taking the term "agent" literally may be misleading. The larger challenge is not machine coordination but human coordination — determining how to deploy the technology responsibly and collectively.

Moltbody itself illustrates this human dimension. Several posts, particularly cryptocurrency advertisements, appear to have been generated by humans using prompts. The number of genuine AI users is also disputed. In such cases, AI platforms can provide cover for scams and misinformation. Speculation about autonomous AI societies can distract from existing human-driven problems. It remains possible that AI developers will draw inspiration from Moltbody and experiment with bot-to-bot interaction to improve performance. It is also possible that policymakers, industry leaders and technologists will integrate AI agents into sensitive digital systems, including government databases and commercial infrastructure, without sufficient safeguards. If that happens, the consequences could be serious. The real risk lies not in a fictional Marxist robot uprising but in misunderstanding how rapidly.

AI-enabled stethoscopes may boost diagnosis of heart diseases: Study



NEW DELHI: Amid growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare, a new large-scale clinical trial published in The Lancet on Thursday showed that an AI-enabled stethoscope can boost early detection of various heart diseases. A team of Spanish researchers found that an AI-enabled stethoscope helped doctors in identifying early signs of serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, arrhythmias, and valve disease, in primary care clinics.

The study found that introducing the technology to doctors led to a

substantially faster and more frequent detection — nearly twice as many new heart failure cases and three times as many detections of irregular heart rhythms — of these cardiovascular conditions, indicating that the device performed well.

"Primary care faces a growing workload and limited resources, making it the ideal recipient of the efficiencies promised by artificial intelligence (AI). The potential of AI to improve diagnostic accuracy through decision support systems or image analysis is clear.

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NOTICE FOR COHOLDERS OF PARTLY PAID-UP RIGHT ISSUE EQUITY SHARES

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of Eco Hotels and Resorts Limited, pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the rules made thereunder, the Articles of Association of the Company, applicable provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and other applicable laws, the Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on 13.10.2026, approved the forfeiture of 13,50,000 partly paid-up equity shares of face value Rs. 10/- each, in respect of which the amount due towards the First Call, Second Call and Third & Final Call Money remains unpaid. The aforesaid forfeiture was approved on account of non-payment of call money despite the issuance of the First, Second and Third & Final Call Money Reminder Notices dated July 25, 2024, and August 17, 2024, respectively, and the Notice of Forfeiture dated October 16, 2024. The Company further informs that the Notice of Forfeiture dated October 16, 2024 was dispatched to the concerned shareholders through electronic mode on October 16, 2024, and the dispatch through physical mode was completed on October 17, 2024.

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