

CHENNAI Timings

SATURDAY, DEC. 01
RISE 06:15 SET 17:41
RISE 00:49 SET 13:26

SUNDAY, DEC. 02
RISE 06:16 SET 17:41
RISE 01:43 SET 14:09

MONDAY, DEC. 03
RISE 06:16 SET 17:41
RISE 02:36 SET 14:53

Chennai Weather

	max	min
Thiruvallur	30	23
Chennai Airport	31	23
Chennai City	31	23

Chennai Airport Today
32°C The sky will be cloudy over the region. A summery and humid day is ahead. Night is likely to be pleasant.

Chennai Airport Tomorrow
33°C A partly cloudy sky expected. A clammy day lies ahead. Night will remain pleasant.

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Two Koreans arrested, gold seized

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The sleuths of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested two Korean nationals and three others and seized 7 kg of gold and ₹11 crore in currency on Thursday.

According to DRI sources, the Chennai zonal unit received information that a Chennai-based businessman was to receive smuggled gold from foreign nationals at a hotel in Mylapore. The sleuths monitored the hotel and intercepted a businessman. Upon examining a pouch, 6 kg of gold bars was found.

Based on information given by him, sleuths raided the textile shop owned by the businessman and recovered 1 kg of smuggled gold bars and over ₹11 crore.

IT industry demands better infrastructure along OMR

Safety, toll collection among issues; civic agencies to hold meet next week

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IT and ITeS companies have raised the issue of poor infrastructure in the city, traffic congestion along Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR), challenges to safety and security of employees and issues relating to toll collection for road users within city limits. Various line agencies of the government will conduct a high-level meeting on December 3 to sort out issues and develop civic infrastructure in the vicinity of IT companies.

For example, IT majors in Sholinganallur have pointed to inadequate civic infrastructure in the area, leading to traffic congestion along Rajiv Gandhi Salai. ELCOT has already allocated 50 acres for Satyam, 80 acres for Wipro, 50 acres for HCL, 20 acres for Cognizant Technology Solutions and 15 acres for Sutherland in Sholinganallur. "Representatives of 60,000 employees in the ELCOSEZ in Sholinganallur have demanded better civic infrastructure. Toll collection in the Chennai Corporation limits is yet another concern of IT employees,"

Flash strike by MTC staff

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Operation of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) buses to various parts of the city were affected for more than an hour after the drivers and conductors went on a flash strike on Friday.

A group of drivers and

IT corridor: a wish list

Infrastructure projects needed for improvement of civic conditions along Rajiv Gandhi Salai and its neighbourhoods



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- An elevated road along a stretch of Rajiv Gandhi Salai at an estimated cost of ₹2,500 crore in the first phase
- Subways and pedestrian facilities at congested junctions of Rajiv Gandhi Salai for pedestrian movement

- Development of a Bus Rapid Transit System along Rajiv Gandhi Salai
- Development of bridges across the Buckingham Canal connecting East Coast Road and Rajiv Gandhi Salai by the Chennai Corporation
- Extension of Metro along the entire stretch of IT corridor
- Development of stormwater drains in the Kovalam basin by Chennai Corporation in areas such as Sholinganallur and Perungudi at an estimated cost of ₹1,000 crore
- Development of a new canal in the area to drain stormwater directly to the sea during floods
- Development of a grid of roads along Rajiv Gandhi Salai to reduce traffic congestion and improve connectivity for residential neighbourhoods along the corridor, as per the proposal of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

said an official.

Commuters' nightmare

"Traffic congestion at Sholinganallur junction is causing difficulty for motorists. Diversion by the traffic police is making matters worse. It is delaying commuters," said D. Robinson, an employee of TCS.

Former Chennai Mayor and DMK district secretary

Ma. Subramanian said the opposition has been organising protests against the delay in development of civic infrastructure in such areas. "Work on drainage along ECR has started following protest. The gaps in infrastructure should be identified to promote IT industry in the city. Toll collection on Rajiv Gandhi Salai in the city is also affecting local residents

and IT professionals," he said.

Sources from the IT sector said that the meeting will be convened regarding infrastructure issues. "We will be making a representation to the government regarding challenges on Rajiv Gandhi Salai pertaining to toll roads and encroachments among others," said an IT sector source.

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Student crushed to death

CHENNAI: A 15-year-old student died when he fell from an MTC bus near Tiruvottiyur on Friday. B. Kabilan of Ennore, a class IX student in a government school, was travelling on the footboard

of the bus that was going to Madhavaram from Mint.

When his backpack got entangled in a transformer, he fell and came under the rear wheel. Police are investigating.

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