

and nausea. Apart from including the public experiences of the gas leak in the report, the panel has added some recommendations to the government. Some of the recommendations are: The government must provide interim relief to the affected people and withdraw criminal cases against people who protested. Also, a health check-up must be conducted to assess the short-term and long-term impact of exposure of ammonia, and counsellors must also be roped in for the community. The offsite emergency plans of such companies must be made public along with the government's inspection report.

CM opens 10 fish landing centres

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Trichy/Madurai: Chief minister M K Stalin on Thursday inaugurated ten fishing landing centres in the state through video-conferencing from Chennai. They included four upgraded ones at a cost of ₹134 crore. Two of them at Vanagiri and Chinnameedu fishing hamlets in Mayiladuthurai district were constructed at a cost of ₹17.78 crore which would benefit around 5,000 fishermen.

Located 28 kilometre away from Mayiladuthurai town, Vanagiri hamlet has 3,401 fishermen who have 46 motor-fitted trawlers and 222 fibre boats. The fish landing centre includes a fish auction centre and a fishnet mending hall built at a cost of ₹8 crore.

District collector A P Mahabharathi, Poompuhar MLA Nivetha M Murugan and officials participated. A similar facility inaugurated at Chinnameedu fishing hamlet costs ₹9.78 crore.



Folk artists hit city streets to keep tradition alive

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Folk artists showcased unique performances at the 11th Veedhi Virudh Vizha procession from Valluvarkottam to Loyola College in Chennai. The event, organised by Loyola College in collaboration with Alternative Media Society, aims to provide a platform for folk artists to reach a larger audience and support their families. Artists presented various traditional dances like Oyillattam, Puliattam, and Therukoothu (Streetplay), while advocating for increased income ceiling for pensioners. More than 4,000 artists took part in the cultural extravaganza that began on Wednesday. During the festival, ex-gratia of ₹10,000 was given to the family of artists who lost their lives, financial aid to the senior artists also were distributed during the festival. College saw all the artists who participated in the festival were awarded certificates.



STREET SPECTACLE: Artists presented various traditional dances like Oyillattam, Puliattam, and Therukoothu

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