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## CM VIJAY FLAGS OFF 250 NEW BUSES, 130 EV BUSES FOR CHENNAI

Chennai, 26 August

2026: Tamil Nadu  
Chief Minister C.  
Joseph Vijay today  
flagged off 250 new  
buses costing Rs  
290.08 crore for the  
benefit of the public at  
the Secretariat.

The new buses include 130 low-floor air-conditioned electric buses for the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) and 120 new buses for various Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations.

With the objective of reducing environmental pollution in Chennai, MTC is currently operating 625 low-floor electric



buses through five Tuesday. 120 new  
depots at a cost of Rs buses for State  
697 crore. transport corporations.

As part of the next phase, the State Government has planned to operate 750 new low-floor air-conditioned electric buses through seven depots at an estimated cost of Rs 1,337 crore.

The State Government has also planned to introduce 1,614 new buses for the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations at an estimated cost of Rs 756 crore.

As the first phase

As the first phase of the initiative, the Chief Minister flagged off 120 new buses worth Rs 55.58 crore through 130 new low-floor AC six State transport electric buses at a cost of Rs 234.50 crore on corporations. The initiative is

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aimed at strengthening public transport services and providing improved and more environment-friendly bus services to passengers.

Transport Minister A. Vijay Tamilan Parthiban, Chief Secretary M. Sai Kumar, Transport Department Secretary L. Nirmal Raj, MTC Managing Director T. Mohan and senior government officials attended the flag-off ceremony.

rainfall.

They said they had repeatedly raised these concerns with the previous DMK government and appealed against the airport project, but their representations had not been adequately addressed.

The residents said Chief Minister Vijay had now fulfilled the assurance given during the election by announcing the withdrawal of the project.

They said the announcement made in the Assembly on Monday had triggered celebrations across the Parandur region. Residents gathered, celebrated the decision by bursting fire crackers and expressed their happiness at what they described as the protection of their homes, farms and livelihoods.

## FREE TRAVEL ROUTE TO PROSPERITY: VIJAY'S ECONOMIC VISION

Chennai, 26 August accept a job without convenient ticketing larger customer base.

2026: Chief Minister calculating daily  
C. Joseph Vijay's transport expenses;  
decision to expand the a family can access  
women's free bus travel essential services more  
scheme to all bus easily.

The environmental benefits are equally significant. If public transport becomes more convenient, affordable and accessible, more people are likely to leave their two-wheelers and cars at home. Fewer private vehicles on city roads means less congestion, lower fuel consumption and reduced

This is much more than a concession in bus fares. It is an investment in mobility, women's empowerment, education, employment and the State's economic growth.

For years, the free passengers can get a travel scheme has seat, buses arrive on enabled women to time and services are travel to workplaces, comfortable, safe and educational institu reliable.. Public trans tions, hospitals and port must be treated as markets without economic infrastruc worrying about the cost ture, not merely as a of every journey. welfare measure.

Extending the facility to more services and across Tamil Nadu can substantially widen these opportunities. A student can consider a college farther from home; a woman can

and an integrated smart-card system have made public transport an attractive alternative to private vehicles. The result is better use of road space, lower dependence on cars and significant savings in fuel and parking requirements.

Tamil Nadu can pursue a similar public transport revolution suited to its own needs. More buses, better frequency, modern bus terminals, clean vehicles, digital ticketing, integrated bus-rail connectivity and comfortable passenger amenities can transform the way people move across cities and towns.

Such a transformation will have a direct economic impact. When people can travel farther at lower cost, the labour market expands. Employers can access workers from a wider geographical area. Students

Customers can visit markets and commercial centres more easily. Tourism can receive a boost. Local businesses can attract a

It can also reduce the pressure for expensive parking infrastructure. Instead of continuously creating more space for private vehicles, cities can use their limited public space more productively by encouraging mass transportation.

The most important point is that mobility creates opportunity. A bus journey may appear to be a small everyday matter, but for a student it could mean education, for a worker employment, for a mother access to essential services and for an entrepreneur a larger market.

Chief Minister  
Vijay's expansion of  
free bus travel should  
therefore be viewed as  
part of a larger econo-  
mic strategy putting  
people on the move so  
that Tamil Nadu's  
economy can move  
faster.

If accompanied by increased bus fleets, improved frequency, safety and comfort, this initiative can become one of the State's most consequential investments in social mobility and economic growth.

## CM PAYS TRIBUTE TO VIJAYAKANT ON BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Chennai, 26 August service to the people. conce rn fo r the poor forever," the chief

2026: Chief minister C In a social media post, Joseph Vijay on Tues Vijay said Vijaya kant day paid tribute to had carved a distinct DMDK founder and place for him self in the former leader of opposi film industry before tion Vijayakant on his emerging as a political birth anniversary, leader who prioritised recalling his humanita public welfare. He also rianism, courage and recalled Vijayakant's

concern for the poor forever,” the chief minister said. and under privileged minister said. and his philanthropic Vijayakant, popularly initiatives. “May the known as “Captain”, legacy of the revolution founded the Desiya tionary artiste, who Murpokku Dravida extended generous Kazhagam (DMDK) support to the poor and and served as leader of needy with love and opposition in the Tamil concern, live on Nadu assembly

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## LAPTOP PERFORMANCE LEADS PURCHASE DECISIONS, WHILE DISPLAY QUALITY TOPS TABLET BUYERS' PRIORITIES: AMAZON.IN BEST IN TECH SURVEY

Chennai, 26 August 2026: Amazon has released the second set of findings from its inaugural Best in Tech Survey, highlighting distinct purchase priorities among laptop and tablet buyers.

The survey, which received more than 40,000 responses across major consumer electronics categories, reveals that processor performance is the top purchase driver for 87% of laptop buyers, while 74% of tablet buyers rank display size and quality as their most important consideration.

For laptop buyers, 58% consider upcoming AI features “extremely useful” for productivity. On-device AI assistants, faster AI-processing chips and AI-powered content creation are among the most sought-after capabilities.

The survey also shows that specifications can outweigh brand familiarity, with 53% of respondents willing to choose another brand offering better specifications at the same price. Nearly half compare two to three brands before making a purchase, while reviews and ratings have greater influence than price and promotional offers.

Price considerations indicate a strong preference for premium laptops, with 50% of buyers considering devices priced between ₹40,000 and ₹80,000. Another 26% are considering laptops above ₹80,000.

Among tablet buyers, display quality dominates purchase decisions, with price also contribute to the upcoming Best in Tech Awards, scheduled for September 18, 2026, which will recognise brands and products aligned with evolving consumer expectations.

## GRANDMASTER PRANESH M CROWNED CHAMPION IN HUNGARY

Chennai, 26 August 2026: SRM Institute of Science and Technology proudly congratulates Grandmaster Pranesh M, III B.Sc. Computer Science student, on his remarkable international chess triumph at the Super Strong Kanizsa International Open Chess Tournament 2026, held in Hungary from 15 to 23 August 2026.

Competing against a strong international field, GM Pranesh M displayed exceptional skill, strategic brilliance, and remarkable consistency across nine intense rounds. He secured an impressive 7 points to emerge as the Champion of the prestigious tournament.

This outstanding achievement marks another significant milestone in Pranesh’s growing international chess career and brings immense pride to SRMIST and the nation. His victory reflects his dedication, discipline, determination, and excellence on the global chess stage.

SRMIST congratulates GM Pranesh M on this prestigious accomplishment and wishes him continued success in his future international competitions.



## CCI APPROVES ACQUISITION OF 100% STAKE IN KESTREL COAL GROUP PTY LTD. BY YANCOAL AUSTRALIA FROM CERTAIN SELLERS

Chennai, 26 August 2026: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 100% stake in Kestrel Coal Group Pty Ltd. by Yancoal Australia Limited from certain sellers.

The Proposed Combination envisages acquisition of 100% of equity interest and warrants in Kestrel Coal Group Pty Ltd. (Target) by Yancoal Australia Limited (Acquirer) from EMR Capital Advisors Pty Ltd., Kestrel Coal (EMR) Limited, EMR Capital Management Limited, and Adaro Capital Limited (the ‘Sellers’).

The Acquirer is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. It primarily produces thermal coal from mines located in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. It also produces a small volume of metallurgical coal. The Acquirer has no physical presence in India, and only has limited exports of thermal and metallurgical coal into India through its certain affiliates.

The Target is jointly owned by the Sellers and holds 80% interest in Kestrel Joint Venture (Kestrel JV) which owns and operates a small volume of thermal coal. The Target also has no physical presence in India, and its only nexus with India arises through Kestrel JV’s sale of metallurgical coal into India. The Target does not have any other business activities in India, directly or indirectly.

## A NEW GENERATION OF HOSTS: GEN Z HOSTING ON AIRBNB GROWS NEARLY 40% IN INDIA

New Delhi, 26 August 2026: India's Gen Z isn't just traveling differently - they're also increasingly opening their doors to the world too by turning to become hosts on Airbnb.

New Airbnb data reveals that the number of Gen Z hosts in India grew nearly 40% year-on-year in the first half of 2026, with nearly two in every five new hosts joining Airbnb in India aged 18-29, signalling the emergence of a new generation of young Indians embracing hosting.

Earlier this year, Airbnb's Never the Same report found that India's Gen Z has fundamentally changed how the country travels. The new data shows the same generation is now on the other side of that experience, and opening doors in places that are quietly rewriting India's hosting map.

A Generation on Both Sides of the Door

The growth of Gen Z hosting in India is nationwide, but its geography is one of its most telling dimensions. Cities seeing the sharpest expansion of Gen Z hosts include Bangalore, Delhi, Gurugram, Indore, Mumbai and Noida, with Indore growing by over 120% year-on-year. Beyond these cities, young hosts are also emerging across destinations including Dehradun, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kochi, Lucknow and Mathura destinations that reflect the same appetite for a more diverse, less predictable India that Never the Same identified in how Gen Z chooses to travel.

Shreya, a Gen Z Airbnb host from Dehradun, said: “The idea for hosting came when I moved back to Dehradun and began appreciating our home in a completely new way - the garden, the quiet and the sense of comfort it offered. With my mother’s encouragement, I turned our unused first floor into a space for guests. Hosting on Airbnb has allowed me to turn my love for creating warm, welcoming spaces into work, while giving me the flexibility to spend more time with my family, travel and explore my interest in sustainable tourism.”

Nearly one in seven Gen Z hosts in India has achieved Superhost status, Airbnb's recognition for consistently high hospitality, a share that has held steady even as the community grew nearly 40% in a single year. The expansion of young hosts, the data suggests, has not come at the cost of quality.

A New Map of Indian Hospitality

Perhaps the most significant dimension of India's Gen Z hosting story is where it is taking root beyond the cities. The number of Gen Z hosts in rural destinations grew 60% year-on-year, while low-density urban destinations saw almost 70% growth, pointing to a generation actively extending the reach of India's travel economy into communities that have historically sat outside its mainstream.



## DENGUE CASES HALVE IN TN; FOUR DEATHS THIS YEAR

Chennai, 26 August 2026: Tamil Nadu has recorded a sharp decline in dengue cases this year, with 12,543 infections and four deaths reported till August 23, compared with 25,521 cases and 12 deaths during the corresponding period last year.

Health minister K.G.Arunraj said Chennai had reported the highest number of dengue cases among districts, followed by Coimbatore, Kancheepuram, Erode, Tiruvallur and Tenkasi. With the monsoon approaching, health authorities have been directed to intensify preventive measures across the state.

Arunraj was speaking to reporters after chairing a video conference with district health officers and senior officials from the directorates of public health, medical education and medical services, besides deans of government medical colleges. The minister said dengue is transmitted by the day-biting Aedes mosquito, which breeds in stagnant clean water. He urged residents to prevent water accumulation around homes and ensure that containers, discarded tyres and other objects capable of holding water are emptied or kept covered. “Public cooperation is crucial to controlling dengue,” he said, adding that preventive measures were reviewed ahead of the monsoon.

Responding to questions about the government's Thaa Maaman gold ring scheme, Arunraj said the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) had been authorised to handle procurement and that the scheme would be implemented from Sept 15 after following the prescribed procedures. Clarifying questions over bids quoting one paisa, the minister said the tender was not for the cost of the gold. It covered making charges, packing, hall marking and transportation. He said 11 firms had qualified for the tender and some had quoted one paisa for these services. According to the minister, the firms said they viewed their participation as a contribution to the government initiative rather than a profitmaking exercise.

Kalyan Jewellers and Joy alukkas were among the firms that quoted one paisa, he said.

WALMART VRIDDHI AND GUIDANCE SIGN MOU TO EXPAND DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL MARKET ACCESS FOR TAMIL NADU MSMES

Chennai, 26 August also build MSME 2026: Walmart capabilities and create Vriddhi, in partnership pathways to national with Ideas to Impact and international Foundation (i2i), has supply chains through signed a Memorandum of Understanding Flipkart and Walmart Marketplace.

(MoU) with the Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau (Guidance), under the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department. The partnership will strengthen the state's MSME ecosystem through capacity building, digital transformation and access to both, domestic and international markets.

Formalized during the Vettri Tamil Nadu Investment Conclave in Chennai, the MoU marks another step toward Walmart Vriddhi's goal of empowering 170,000 MSMEs across India by 2028.

Through the partnership, Tamil Nadu-based MSMEs will have access to Walmart Vriddhi's free-of-cost training, personalized mentorship, market access opportunities and business tools to help them build resilient, digitally enabled businesses. The collaboration will

Guidance will facilitate outreach and mobilization of MSMEs across the state through its existing schemes, District Industries Centres and other government bodies. It will also support awareness of Walmart Vriddhi programs, initiatives and opportunities through its social media and cross-platform communications channels.

The partnership brings together Guidance's extensive industry outreach and facilitation capabilities with Walmart Vriddhi's supplier development expertise. Training sessions, workshops and seminars will focus on strengthening business readiness, accelerating digital transformation and enabling greater participation by Tamil Nadu entrepreneurs in domestic and international markets.

"Tamil Nadu has a strong base of entrepreneurs and manufac



turers with the potential to reach customers well beyond India. Through Walmart Marketplace, we want to help MSMEs strengthen their export capabilities, navigate cross-border trade and connect with customers in international markets. By creating clearer pathways to eCommerce beyond borders, we can enable more local businesses to turn their export ambitions into opportunities for sustainable growth," said Ashin Mathew, India Head, Cross-Border Trade, Walmart Marketplace.

The impact of Walmart Vriddhi is reflected in the growth journeys of entrepreneurs across Tamil Nadu. Anshad A, founder of childrens wear brand HUXX, joined Walmart Vriddhi to strengthen his business capabilities and prepare for growth through eCommerce. Through the program, Anshad strengthened his business operations and market readiness, helping him reposition HUXX as a digital-first brand and expand its presence on Flipkart. According to Anshad, the business has more than doubled from INR 70 lakh to INR 1.5 crore since joining the program, with Flipkart contributing INR 1.12 crore, or approximately 75% of annual revenue.

"At Walmart, we believe empowering MSMEs is essential to driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth. Through Walmart Vriddhi, in collaboration with Guidance, we aim to help entrepreneurs across Tamil Nadu with the skills, digital capabilities, mentorship and market access they need to build resilient, future-ready businesses and contribute to the state's thriving manufacturing ecosystem," said Avaneesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, General Merchandising & Fashion Sourcing, Walmart.

IRAN WARNS US OF RETALIATION: WE WILL HALT CRUDE OIL EXPORTS IF NEW ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ARE INTENSIFIED.

Chennai, 26 August 2026: Iran has warned that it is fully prepared to deliver a fitting response following the imposition of new sanctions by the administration of US President Trump. Amidst persisting tensions in the Middle East—and six months after airstrikes were launched against Iran by the US and Israel—the Trump adminis

tration has moved to intensify economic pressure to rein in Iran. As part of this effort, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced new sanctions targeting 60 individuals, companies, and commercial vessels, aiming to cripple Iran's economic lifeline. He further warned that nations continuing to trade with Iran would be

excluded from the international dollar transaction system. The Iranian government has strongly opposed these new US economic measures, warning of direct retaliation through both military means and a reduction in crude oil exports to the international market. In an interview regarding this development, Iranian Economy Minister Ali

Madanizadeh stated emphatically, "We are prepared to face US sanctions. China and Russia have not accepted this US directive. If adversaries attempt to launch acts of economic terrorism, our defensive measures will no longer be merely defensive; they must brace for a severe counter-attack from us."

GALAXY Z FOLD8 ULTRA, Z FOLD8 PRICES MAY GO UP ON HIGHER MEMORY COST

Coimbatore, 26 Measuring 4.1mm but retailers fear a price hike

August 2026: when unfolded, Galaxy Samsung's new Z Fold8 Ultra is corner given the increased the price, foldable smartphones Samsung's thinnest unprecedented demand Samsung's increment Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra, Galaxy Z Fold yet. On for memory chips that is relatively lesser than Galaxy Z Fold8 and the other hand, Galaxy are a vital component competition because Galaxy Z Flip8 are set Z Fold8 weighs just for smartphones. we have been absorb

to become costlier in 201 grams, making it Samsung last month said that it has been absorbing the incremental cost of smartphones to a great extent keeping the consumers' interest in mind. The company has also launched a long tenure zero-cost EMI for Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra, Galaxy Z Fold8 and Galaxy Z Flip8 buyers in India. "If you compare sales earlier this month,

SEVENTH HIGH LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN INDIAN AND VIETNAM COAST GUARDS HELD IN CHENNAI

Chennai, 26 August ongoing visit of the 2026: The seventh Vietnamese Coast Guard delegation to Chennai.

The meeting was followed by the 7th Indian Coast Guard (ICG) – Vietnam Coast Guard (VCG) High Level Meeting that was conducted in the Coast Guard Regional Headquarters, Chennai. The ICG delegation was led by DG Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, Indian Coast Guard PTM, TM and the VCG Shri Paramesh was led by Major Sivamani, AVSM, General Luong Dinh Hung. The high level

meeting served as an important platform for discussions on matters of mutual interest, further strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two maritime forces. The discussions focused on enhancing professional cooperation, strengthening

RAKSHA MANTRI APPROVES TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY OF DRDO-DEVELOPED MISSILE SYSTEMS TO INDIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY TO BOLSTER INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING

Chennai, 26 August promoting greater participation of the domestic industries in the defence ecosystem by enabling them to undertake indigenous production, as per applicable qualifications, certifications and regulatory requirements. The provision will enable successful transition of missile system development to industrial production, reflecting the continued efforts of DRDO

to leverage the capabilities of the Indian industry for the development and manufacture of advanced defence systems. The objective is to enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities, strengthen the defence industrial base and create opportunities for the participation of Indian MSMEs and other technology partners in the supply chain. The initiative aims

to enhance operational capability, reduce import dependence and increase domestic value addition, while supporting the growth of India's defence manufacturing sector. DRDO remains committed to working closely with Indian industry to facilitate the transfer and absorption of advanced defence technologies and to further strengthen the country's indigenous defence capabilities.



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## URBAN TRANSFORMATION GETS RS.1.5 LAKH CR PUSH; VIJAY ASSURES DELIVERY OF ALL POLL PROMISES

Chennai, 26 August 2026: The Tamil Nadu Government has unveiled a major five-year urban transformation plan with an estimated investment of Rs.1.50 lakh crore, while Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay has assured that the focus will remain on delivering essential civic services, strengthening urban infrastructure and making cities more resilient and citizen friendly.

The Chief Minister's Integrated Urban Development Mission (CMIUDM) 2026- 2031), covering all Urban Local Bodies, is the major new initiative outlined in the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department's Policy Note for 2026-27. The mission will cover drinking water, underground sewerage, solid waste management, roads and transport, urban greening, restoration of water bodies, social infrastructure, safety, digital governance and public health.

Among the key financial announcements for 2026-27 are Rs.100 crore for Namakku Naame Thittam (Urban), Rs.469

crore under the Capital Grant Fund, Rs.187.60 crore under the Opera tions and Maintenance Deficit Grant Fund and Rs.150.08 crore under the School Improvement Grant. The allocations are aimed at improving civic amenities, water and sewerage infrastructure, public assets and urban school facilities.

The policy note sets out a clear service-delivery assurance under Vetri Tamizhagam Vision 2031. The Government proposes 24x7 safe drinking water in all Corporations and a minimum three hours of daily supply in Municipalities, besides reducing non-revenue water losses below 15 per cent through leak detection, metering and system improvements.

The policy note also highlights measures already delivered during the previous phase, indicating continuity between earlier commitments and the new roadmap. Under the Kalaigarnagarmpura Mempo Thittam, Rs.5,300 crore was allocated, with 10,514 projects sanctioned and 7,465 works worth Rs.3,246.

87 crore completed. the Jal Jeevan Mission, approval has been given for 45 new Combined Water Supply Schemes and 56 retrofitting/single-village schemes at a total cost of Rs.18,579.69 crore. So far, 41 new schemes and 55 retrofitting schemes have been completed, with the remaining works under implementation.

The Government is also expanding welfare-oriented initiatives. The Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme, renamed in July 2026, currently benefits 4,06,956 students in Classes I to V through 165 centralised kitchens across 159 Urban Local Bodies. Steps are being taken to extend the scheme to students of Classes VI to VIII from September 17, 2026.

For sanitation workers, the Government has introduced the Chief Minister's Food Scheme, which currently benefits 78,324 sanitation workers in Corporations and Municipalities. The department has also said it will strengthen occupational safety, mechanisation and welfare coverage during 2026-27.

The policy note also records progress in water supply. Under

## SUGAR PRICES HAVE DROPPED BY 18%, WITH THE EX-FACTORY PRICE FALLING TO RS. 55 PER KG.

Chennai, 26 August 2026: Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra has explained that the price reduction followed government decisions to permit additional sugar imports and intensify legal action against hoarding. He clarified that the earlier spike in sugar prices was caused by mills artificially inflating rates, rather than any genuine market shortage. Stock



limits for bulk consumers have been established, and monitoring for sugar hoarding has been intensified nationwide through "flying squads." Although mill-gate

prices have dropped, the Secretary noted that it would take a few more days for these lower prices to fully reach the common consumer in the retail market.

## 2ND INDIA-NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE STRATEGIC DIALOGUE HELD IN WELLINGTON

Chennai, 26 August 2026: The second edition of Defence Strategic Dialogue between India and New Zealand took place in Wellington on August 24, 2026. Co-chaired by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence Shri Amitabh Prasad and Deputy Secretary, New Zealand Ministry of Defence Mr Richard Schmidt, the high-level talks focused on advancing maritime security, joint military training, and overall defence cooperation.

The two nations reaffirmed their commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. Delegations extensively reviewed options to expand military-to-military engagement via joint training exercises, cross-service personnel exchanges, and defence staff college partnerships across maritime, air, and land units.

Alongside the dialogue, the visiting Indian delegation conducted high-level meetings with key leaders of the New Zealand Defence Force and Ministry of Defence to further ensuring seamless coordination for upcoming engagements.

## INDIAN NAVY SET TO COMMISSION SECOND INDIGENOUS DIVING SUPPORT VESSEL 'NIPUN'

Chennai, 26 August 2026: The Indian Navy is set to commission Nipun, the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar-class, on 31 Aug 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

The induction of the specialised vessel will mark an important addition to the Navy's deep-sea diving and underwater support capabilities and herald the beginning of a new chapter in the ship's journey from construction to operational service.

Indigenously designed and constructed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Nipun represents a significant milestone in India's pursuit of self-reliance in defence shipbuilding. The vessel was delivered to the Indian Navy on 30 Jul 2026, following



completion of an extensive programme of outfitting and trials. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2292073>

Nipun is a purpose-built platform designed to support a wide spectrum of diving and underwater operations. The ship is equipped with modern diving systems and underwater intervention capabilities, enabling sustained support to divers operating in demanding conditions at sea.

It will also augment the Indian Navy's capability to support submarine rescue operations.

## INDIAN NAVY SET TO COMMISSION SECOND INDIGENOUS DIVING SUPPORT VESSEL 'NIPUN'



The ship incorporates modern systems for navigation, platform management and precise station keeping, complemented by specialised facilities for diving, underwater intervention and medical support. These capabilities enable Nipun to function as an integrated platform for complex operations beneath the surface.

The forthcoming commissioning of Nipun will further strengthen the Indian Navy's ability to undertake specialised diving and underwater missions across India's maritime areas of interest.

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