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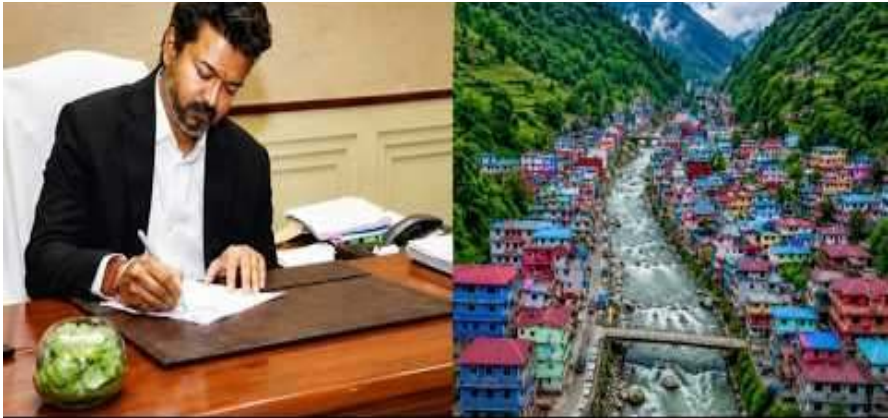
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TAMILS STRANDED IN NEPAL FLOODS; CM VIJAY ORDERS SWIFT RESCUE

Chennai, 28 August 2026: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay has directed senior officials to take immediate and coordinated steps to rescue Tamils stranded or missing in the devastating flash floods in Nepal and ensure that all necessary assistance reaches those affected.

The Chief Minister ordered officials of the Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi to coordinate with the Union Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Embassy in Nepal to obtain the latest information on Tamil Nadu pilgrims and establish their safety.

The directions came after reports that several Indians, including a large number of Tamil Nadu pilgrims, were caught in the sudden floods that swept through the Nepal-Tibet region. The disaster has caused extensive damage to roads, bridges and



other infrastructure, while communication links remain disrupted.

The disaster struck the Rasuwa Bhoté Koshi region on Wednesday, sweeping away roads, bridges, vehicles and buildings and leaving hundreds of people missing.

A 57-member group from Kumbakonam, comprising pilgrims from Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Mayiladuthurai districts, had left Chennai on August 23 for the Kailash Manasarovar pilgrimage. The group was travelling in three vehicles when the flash floods struck.

According to the latest information available to the travel operator, 20 members of the group were safe,

while another 37 had lost their belongings and were staying at a military camp. Their exact situation and the status of the remaining pilgrims were being verified.

The issue was also raised in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, where members of the DMK and AIADMK sought details about the stranded pilgrims. Minister Rajmohan informed the House that the government was closely monitoring the situation and taking all possible steps to assist those stranded and keep their families informed.

Political leaders, including former chief ministers M.K. Stalin, Edappadi K. Palani swami, Anbumani Ramadoss and G.K.

Vasan, have also urged the Centre and State governments to intensify rescue efforts. With the Himalayan disaster continuing to disrupt roads and communications, the Tamil Nadu Government is maintaining close contact with authorities in Nepal to trace the pilgrims and facilitate their safe return.

The scale of the disaster remains fluid as rescue teams struggle through destroyed roads, land slides and damaged communication networks.

The flash flood has turned a pilgrimage route into a deadly disaster zone, leaving families across Tamil Nadu praying for the safe return of their loved ones.

"UNKNOWN PROJECTILE" HIT TANKER, CAUSED FIRE IN HORMUZ: UK MARITIME AGENCY

Chennai, 28 August 2026: An "unknown projectile" struck a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz this week, causing a fire that has since been put out, a British maritime agency said early on Thursday.

Iran has effectively blockaded the Strait of Hormuz since the United States and Israel attacked the Islamic republic in late February.

Tehran wants to charge tolls for

passage, and has attacked ships it accuses of trying to skirt its preferred route.

"Local authorities have reported a tanker has been hit by an unknown projectile causing fire to the vessel which has since been extinguished," the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said. The incident occurred near the Omani coastal city of Khasab and was reported to the UKMTO on



Tuesday, the agency said.

There were no casualties among the crew and no adverse environmental impact, it said. Authorities are investigating the cause, it added. The online notice did not specify the vessel's nationality

or direction of travel. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent laid out plans on Monday for the "economic asphyxiation" of Iran.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Wednesday that the new sanctions "will not achieve anything".

OFFICER TRAINEES OF INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Chennai, 28 August 2026: The Officer Trainees of Indian Foreign Service (2025 Batch) and two diplomats from Bhutan who are currently undergoing induction training programme in Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (August 27, 2026).

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated the Officer Trainees of the Indian Foreign Service and said that they will have the privilege and responsibility of representing India abroad, advancing the nation's interests, and strengthening India's relations with countries across the world.

The President said

LOK SABHA SPEAKER GREETES PEOPLE ON THE EVE OF RAKSHA BANDHAN

Chennai, 27 August 2026: Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla has greeted the people on the eve of Raksha Bandhan. In his message, Shri Birla has said,

"Dear fellow citizens, brothers and sisters,

Heartfelt greetings to all of you on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the festival that celebrates the mutual love, affection, and trust between brothers and sisters.

This festival is a symbol of our country's rich culture, family values, and the unbreakable bonds of

that India's economic rise is creating new possibilities for our engagement with the world. She advised diplomats to remain alert to emerging opportunities in areas such as investment, technology, manufacturing, renewable energy and innovation, and build partnerships that advance India's national interests. She said that diplomacy must contribute directly to India's prosperity.

The President said that India's engagement with the world should always align closely with the aspirations of our people: Rashtrahit Sarvopari. This should remain an enduring principle of Indian Foreign Service officers' professional lives. She highlighted the expanding role of diplomacy as the

affection and belonging. Raksha Bandhan is not merely a festival of tying a sacred thread of protection; it is a celebration of trust, respect, love, and the lifelong commitment to stand by one another.

The bond between a brother and sister is considered one of the purest relationships in the world. There is neither selfishness nor any condition attached to this relationship.

Every brother considers his sister's happiness, safety, and dignity his responsibility, while every sister sincerely prays for her brother's happiness, good health,



country progresses towards the goal of becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The President said that diplomats should not limit engagement to government offices and official meetings. They should also reach out to universities, businesses, researchers, innovators, cultural institutions, civil society and local communities. She advised them to engage meaningfully with the Indian diaspora, especially to encourage young members of the diaspora to remain connected with India and identify opportunities for them to

contribute to our development journey.

The President said that in an increasingly

uncertain and complex world, diplomats must be agile, curious and continuously willing to learn. Above all, they need to retain humility. She urged the young officer trainees to always remember while travelling abroad, that they represent not only the Government of India, but 1.4 billion Indians and their hopes and aspirations. She advised them to maintain the highest standards of integrity, probity and professionalism.

times, we should also resolve to always preserve love, trust, and open communication within our families.

We should respect our elders, provide equal opportunities to our daughters, and further strengthen the spirit of brotherhood, harmony, and unity in society. These are our values, and these are the greatest strengths of India.

With this message, once again, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all citizens on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

Jai Hind. Thank you."

In today's changing

AXIS PENSION FUND CROSSES ₹20,000 CRORE IN AUM, DOUBLES ASSETS IN 15 MONTHS

Chennai, 28 August 2026: Axis Pension Fund, the pension fund management arm of Axis Asset Management Company Limited (Axis AMC) and a step-down subsidiary of Axis Bank Limited, has crossed ₹20,000 crore in Assets Under Management (AUM), marking a significant milestone in its growth journey and reinforcing its position among the fastest-growing players in India's non-government pension segment.

The milestone comes on the back of strong momentum in the business, with Axis Pension Fund adding its latest ₹10,000 crore in AUM in just 15 months (from June 2025 to Aug 2026). The accelerated growth reflects the increasing trust among subscribers and partners, expanding distribution reach and growing adoption of NPS as a long-term retirement

planning solution. The growth has been supported by a strong focus on building a broad-based NPS franchise through Axis Bank's distribution network. The business has continued to expand its reach and strengthen engagement across retail, affluent, corporate, government and institutional segments, while strengthening execution across customer segments and product categories. This diversified approach has enabled Axis Pension Fund to build a sustainable presence across the pension ecosystem.

Commenting on the milestone, Mr. Sumit Shukla, Managing Director & CEO, Axis Pension Fund, said, "Crossing ₹20,000 crore in AUM is an important milestone for Axis Pension Fund and, more importantly, reflects the trust that our subscribers and

partners continue to place in us. The increase in AUM demonstrates the momentum we are seeing in the business and the growing acceptance of NPS as a retirement solution. As we scale further, our focus will remain on making pension solutions simpler and more accessible, while maintaining the highest standards of compliance, prudent investment management and customer security."

India's pension industry is expanding in an accelerated manner, supported by increasing awareness around retirement planning, deeper customer penetration and greater accessibility of pension products. Axis Pension Fund is focused on leveraging this opportunity along with technology and customer-centric initiatives to expand NPS adoption.

One such initiative

by Axis Pension Funds is the Tatkal onboarding journey, which enables customers to open an NPS account in approximately 15–20 seconds, significantly reducing the turnaround time and making the onboarding process faster and more seamless. The pension fund house is also leveraging initiatives such as MSF (Multiple Scheme Framework), NPS Swasthya and NPS Vatsalya to broaden pension coverage and cater to evolving customer needs across segments.

"As we look ahead, we see significant headroom for growth. Our priority is to combine technology-led customer experiences with strong governance and investment discipline. Ultimately, safeguarding customers' retirement savings and building long-term trust will remain central to our growth," Mr. Shukla added.

GODREJ INDUSTRIES GROUP'S NATIONAL CHEMISTRY DAY SUMMIT EXPLORES RESILIENCE AS A DEFINING CAPABILITY FOR CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Mumbai, 28 August 2026: Godrej Industries Group (GIG) hosted the third edition of the National Chemistry Day Summit. Building on the success and momentum of the previous two editions, this joint initiative by GIG companies, Godrej Industries (Chemicals) and Astec LifeSciences, brought together leaders from across the chemical industry under the theme "Staying Resilient in a New Age World," to examine how businesses can adapt, innovate and build for the future.

The Indian chemical industry finds itself in a period of major transformation, with changing market dynamics, evolving supply chains, technological disruptions and a shifting sustainability landscape reshaping the way businesses operate. Against this backdrop, the summit explored how organizations can move beyond responding to

change to anticipating it, strengthening their capabilities and creating long term value.

Reflecting on the summit Vishal Sharma, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, Godrej Industries (Chemicals) and Chairperson, Astec LifeSciences, said: "Resilience today is no longer just about managing disruption; it is about anticipating and being prepared for what comes next. As our industry navigates geopolitical uncertainty, evolving customer needs, and a rapidly changing environment, agility will define the winners. But no company can build that future alone.

In the chemical industry, each of us is simultaneously a competitor, a supplier, and a customer. If we want to take this industry forward in the right direction for India, we must move beyond operating only



as individual companies and work together as the Chemical industry.

That is the spirit behind National Chemistry Day and our commitment to build

ing it as a permanent platform for collaboration. Together, we can create an industry that is more innovative, more agile, more sustainable, and most importantly, future ready and resilient."

The first panel, "Resilience Beyond the Enterprise: Building a Future-Ready Chemical Industry," was moderated by Vishal Sharma, and brought together Murali Krishna Duvvuri, Senior Managing Director, Life Sciences, Asia and innovation and scale.

GIFTS WORLD EXPO BENGALURU 2026 CONCLUDES, REINFORCING ITS POSITION AS A KEY GIFTING MARKETPLACE FOR SOUTH INDIA

Chennai, 28 August 2026: The sixth edition of Gifts World Expo Bengaluru 2026 concluded at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, following three days of strong business engagement and industry participation. The exhibition brought together over 250 exhibitors, more than 1,000 brands and 8,000+ products, attracting 11,762 visitors from across South India and other parts of the country. The event also featured 75+ new participants, 50+ product launches, the

first-time Stationery World Pavilion and the Startup & Innovation Hub.

Sharing her experience, Ms Narayani Jha, General Manager – Corporate Marketing (South & Gujarat), Swiss Military Consumer Goods Ltd, said that the expo provided the company with valuable exposure to a new market and offered partners an opportunity to explore its complete product portfolio and new launches under one roof. Mr Praveen Bafna, Managing



Director, Saino Pen & Plastic Pvt Ltd, also expressed satisfaction with the strong response from existing customers, dealers, distributors and new corporate buyers.

The exhibition was jointly organised by Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt Ltd and MEX Exhibitions Pvt Ltd, with support from several industry associations. The successful conclusion of the event reinforced Bengaluru's growing importance as a strategic market for the gifting and corporate procurement industry, creating opportunities for product discovery, business networking, sourcing and knowledge exchange across South India.



KUMARAN HOSPITALS, KILPAUK PERFORMS 20-HOUR MARATHON SURGERY TO REMOVE RARE, COMPLEX MESENTERIC TUMOUR IN 29-YEAR-OLD

Chennai, 28 August 2026: Kumaran Hospitals, Kilpauk successfully performed a 20-hour marathon surgery on a 29-year-old IT professional to remove a rare 20 x 20 x 18cm, high-grade malignant retroperitoneal tumour that had developed in the mesentery, the tissue that supports and connects the intestines within the abdomen.

The patient was discharged after ten days & is expected to resume normal activities very soon. It is to be noted that the patient had a genetic predisposition, Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), a hereditary

condition associated with an increased risk of developing certain tumours.

The medical breakthrough was achieved by Prof. Rela's team & Dr. P. Kapil Nagaraj, Gastrointestinal Surgeon, with pre- and post-surgical support from a multidisciplinary team comprising an anaesthetist, liver transplant specialist with vascular expertise, intensivist, infectious disease specialist, radiologist & intensive care nurses. The surgery was supported by advanced surgical technologies along with sophisticated monitoring systems, enabling precise tissue

dissection, effective vessel sealing and close monitoring of the patient throughout the prolonged procedure.

In his comments, *Dr Kapil Nagaraj* said, "The patient presented with significant fatigability, poor oral intake and weight loss. Imaging, including CT scans, revealed a mesenteric tumour, measuring 20 x 20 x 18 cm. The real challenge, however, was not only the size of the tumour

but its location.

It was situated at the root of the mesentery, the central region of the abdomen where the major blood vessels supplying the abdominal organs are located. It was closely related to major vessels, making every surgical manoeuvre extremely demanding leaving no margin for error throughout the 20-hour procedure to avoid injury to these vessels.

FLIPKART ADS LAUNCHES SAARTHI TO HELP SELLERS GROW WITH AI-POWERED TOOLS AND EXPERT ADVERTISING SUPPORT

Chennai, 28 August 2026: Flipkart, India’s homegrown e-commerce marketplace, announced the launch of ‘Saarthi’, Flipkart Ads Partner Program that brings together intelligence tools and expert agency support to give every seller and brand access to professional advertising support at zero cost.

Built around two complementary pillars, an AI-powered campaign tool available to all sellers, and a network of certified agency partners providing hands-on campaign management, Saarthi marks the next step in Flipkart Ads’ mission to democratise digital advertising for businesses of every

Sellers across India consistently pointed to three challenges: managing campaigns felt complex, knowing where to begin wasn’t always clear, and understanding what was actually working remained difficult. Flipkart Ads built Saarthi as a direct response. Named after the Sanskrit word for ‘Charioteer,’ it is a program designed to empower sellers to navigate these challenges. Through a rigorous induction and deep integration into Flipkart’s proprietary ad-tech ecosystem in 2025, globally trusted consultancies including Accenture and Dentsu are now equipped to guide sellers from their first



campaign to sustained, measurable growth. Sellers and brands are matched to agency partners based on business stage, growth objectives, and advertising readiness. The technology pillar of Saarthi is an AI-powered campaign dashboard, built in collaboration with AtTheRate.ai, putting best-in-class campaign intelligence directly in the hands of every seller on the Flipkart platform. The dashboard consolidates campaign and business performance metrics in a single view, enabling product-level (FSN) analysis, automated alerts, custom rule-setting, and day-parting (ad-scheduling) capabilities. Through conversational AI, sellers can quickly identify underperforming campaigns, surface optimization opportunities, and receive actionable recommendations, while retaining full control over every decision they make.

Commenting on the launch, Vijay Iyer, Vice President, Flipkart Ads, said, “No seller should be held back by a gap in advertising expertise or access to intelligent tools.

PLANNING BEYOND SAVINGS: BUILDING A FINANCIAL FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD’S FUTURE

Chennai, 28 August 2026: Children today are growing up in a world of expanding possibilities. From higher education and specialised careers to entrepreneurship and emerging fields, the paths they may choose are becoming more diverse than ever before.

For parents, the challenge is not just encouraging these dreams—it is being financially prepared to support them when opportunities arise.

Preparing for a child’s future is not about predicting their path. It is about building financial readiness to support the opportunities they choose.

The advantage in financial planning isn't just how much you save—it’s how early

you begin. Many parents start serious financial planning only when important milestones such as higher education or career decisions are closer. However, long-term goals require time to build.

Starting early helps parents: Build gradually over time: Spread savings across a longer period through disciplined contributions rather than arranging a significant amount when the need becomes immediate.

Create greater flexibility: Adapt financial plans as children's interests, aspirations and future goals evolve.

Reduce future financial pressure: Prepare systematically



instead of depending on last-minute financial arrangements.

Starting early is not about knowing exactly what the future holds. It is about ensuring finances are prepared when opportunities arise.

Building a corpus is important. Protecting the future aspiration is equally important

While saving is an essential part of financial planning, long-term goals also need protection.

A child's important milestones may be years away, and unexpected life events can affect a family's

ability to continue contributing towards those goals.

This raises an important question:

Will your financial plan continue supporting your child's aspirations even if circumstances change?

This is where child insurance plans can play an important role.

By combining disciplined savings with financial protection, child insurance plans help parents build a dedicated corpus for future milestones while providing continuity in the journey towards achieving those goals.

GODREJ PROPERTIES AND XYNTEO LAUNCH HABITAT MATTERS TO ACCELERATE INDIA'S LOW-CARBON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Mumbai, 28 August 2026: Godrej Properties (GPL) today announced the launch of Habitat Matters in partnership with Xynteo, a CSR initiative aimed at accelerating the adoption of low-carbon construction materials in India's built environment. The programme will be piloted through Godrej Good & Green Labs, the innovation arm of Good & Green, Godrej Industries Group.

India is in the midst of one of the largest construction booms of any economy in the world. By 2050, the country is expected to have approximately 34 billion square metres of new building stocks, with many studies estimating new construction almost doubling its current levels.

FIRST EVER YAMAHA YZF-R2 MAKES ITS GLOBAL DEBUT IN INDIA; UNVEILS THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE R-SERIES

Chennai, 28 August 2026: India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt. Ltd. today announced the launch of the all-new globally first YZF-R2 in India, further strengthening the company's iconic R-series portfolio in the country. Priced from INR 2,30,500 (ex-show room, Delhi), the YZF-R2 underscores Yamaha's commitment to expanding its premium motorcycle lineup and offering products that cater to the evolving aspirations of Indian riders.

The all-new YZF-R2 is Yamaha's first offering in the highly competitive 200cc segment, developed for a new generation of riders seeking pure super sport performance, advanced technology, and everyday versatility. Built on an

Every building constructed in that window locks in its environmental footprint the moment it is built, making today's material choices a decision with consequences that cannot be undone.

Cement, concrete, steel, glass, and blocks that form every wall account for a significant share of construction's carbon impact and remain among the least addressed challenges in the industry. Habitat Matters is designed to close the gap between promising low-carbon material innovations and their real-world deployment on a live construction project, by identifying credible innovations, piloting them, and evaluating their performance under real conditions.

Over the next five years, Godrej Proper and Sustainability ties aims to deploy such pilots, building a

body of validated, on-ground evidence that can inform how the wider industry builds going forward.

"Godrej Properties Good & Green Labs, has always been at the forefront of sustainability in Indian real estate, and Habitat Matters is our effort to take that a step further. We aim to bridge the gap between promising ideas and what can actually be deployed on a live site.

Through this, innovators get engineering rigour, a real site to test innovations in agile and real-world dynamic conditions and evaluations that will help create new industry standards," said Rohit



Yamaha to strengthen its overall motorcycle business and further expand its presence in one of the country's most promising market segments. Purpose-developed for this evolving category, the YZF-R2 strikes the ideal balance between power, agility, and everyday rideability, making it equally capable on the track, highways and on daily commutes.

The all-new YZF-R2 will be offered in three variants across five distinctive colour options, allowing riders to choose a motorcycle that best suits their riding style

"India's growth story over the next decade will be written in the choices we make about how we build. At Good & Green Labs, we exist to take on the big hairy problems the industry hasn't cracked yet, and low-carbon construction materials is one of the biggest. We don't believe in solving these in isolation; every solution we back is built in partnership with people who understand the science and the ground reality. We aim to build solutions that the wider real estate ecosystem can adopt, scale and take the entire industry forward," said Pakzan Dastoor, Head, Good & Green, Godrej Industries Group.

It also features body coloured alloy wheels, model-specific graphics, and premium material finishes that further accentuate its sporty character.

CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU, C. JOSEPH VIJAY INAUGURATES THE WORLD'S FIRST PINHOLE PUPILLOPLASTY CENTRE AT DR AGARWALS EYE HOSPITAL, TTK ROAD, ALWARPET, CHENNAI

Chennai, 28 August 2026: The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay, today inaugurated the World’s First Pinhole Pupilloplasty Centre at Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, TTK Road, Alwarpet, Chennai, in the presence of Dr Amar Agarwal, Dr Manoj Khatri and many other important dignitaries, marking an important step in advancing access to innovative, tissue-preserving solutions for selected patients affected by complex corneal conditions. The initiative also complements the ongoing 41st National Eye Donation Fortnight, reinforcing the importance of exploring innovative approaches to restoring vision while preserving precious donor tissue.

The dedicated centre will focus on Pinhole Pupilloplasty (PPP), a microsurgical technique, developed by Dr Amar Agarwal, designed to improve

the quality of vision in appropriately selected patients with conditions such as corneal scars, irregular corneas, high corneal aberrations and certain post-surgical optical distortions. The inauguration places renewed focus on an important challenge in ophthalmology, restoring useful vision to patients with complex corneal optics while preserving the natural cornea whenever clinically possible.

Instead of replacing the cornea, PPP modifies the eye's optical system by creating a small, precisely centred pupillary aperture.

The smaller aperture helps block scattered and distorted light rays and allows better-focused rays to reach the retina. This pinhole effect can reduce the impact of higher-order optical aberrations and thereby improve functional vision and visual



quality.

Importantly, the procedure does not require donor corneal tissue, making it particularly relevant in the context of the global shortage of donor corneas. A landmark international survey on corneal transplantation and eye banking estimated that approximately 12.7 million people world wide were awaiting corneal transplantation, while only one donor cornea was available for every 70 people in need. The survey further reported that approximately 185,000 corneal transplants were performed annually across 116 countries, highlighting the significant gap between global demand and donor tissue availability.

Prof. Dr. Amar Thaa Kizhavi took my career to the next level. Now, playing Devi, Bucks Sir’s wife, in Motha Rathiri has brought me immense love and appreciation. I am truly overwhelmed by the response to the character.

I am currently playing Kishore Sir’s wife in Vetrimaaran Sir’s Rajan Vagaiyara. I am also part of some very interesting projects, including Love Bite, starring Santhanam Sir, Om, starring Dhanush and directed by Rajkumar Periasamy of Amaran fame, and a film directed by Mari Selvaraj.

Being associated with such talented

Agarwal, Chairman, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, said: "We are immensely thankful to the Honourable Chief Minister, Thiru. C. Joseph Vijay, for inaugurating the PPP Centre. The inauguration of a dedicated Pinhole Pupilloplasty Centre is an important milestone because it will enhance the access and wide adaptation of this path-breaking surgical innovation, thus providing vision to many.” He further added, "The PPP Centre enables us to create a highly structured pathway, from detailed corneal diagnostics and optical assessment to surgery and long-term outcome monitoring. It will also become a platform for teaching ophthalmologists how to identify the right patient for the right procedure.”



actors and acclaimed filmmakers is a matter of great happiness and excitement for me. I am looking forward to this new phase of my journey.”

With several promising projects alongside some of Tamil cinema’s leading names, Banupriya is certainly an actress to watch out for as she takes the next big step in her cinematic journey.

‘NOVA’ — A TAMIL FILM THAT QUESTIONS TIME, SCIENCE AND THE UNKNOWN

Chennai, 28 August 2026: Produced by Royal Fortuna Creations and featuring Raiza Wilson, Dhruva, Adhivathi Shetty, Senrayan, Hrithika Biswas and “Finally” Swathika, ‘NOVA – Phase One: The Arrival’, directed by Milo, is gearing up for its theatrical release.

The title itself is intriguing. When asked about it, director Milo says that instead of following the familiar path of ghosts, haunted bungalows and revenge stories that usually define horror films in Tamil cinema, he has attempted to create a distinctive world that brings together time, human memories, science and fear.

The screenplay of NOVA is one of its biggest highlights. Rather than giving the audience immediate answers, the narrative is designed to keep raising questions throughout the film.

“This film should not be viewed merely as a horror film. It uses fear as a medium to tell a larger mystery. Our intention is to ensure that audiences walk out of the theatre with a few questions still lingering in their minds,” says director

Milo.

One of the biggest visual challenges in NOVA was ensuring that sunlight would not appear in any scene of the film.

For this very reason, the team waited for dark clouds to gather before filming several sequences.

The 32-day shoot came with its own set of challenges, particularly due to the demanding natural surroundings.

According to Milo, the entire film was shot in a mountainous village in Kerala, and even reaching the shooting location itself was a challenge.

A Screenplay That Doesn’t Spell Everything Out

Another distinctive aspect of NOVA is the director’s strong belief in the intelligence of the audience.

“The film needs to be watched very carefully from beginning to end. Because I have immense faith in the audience, I have deliberately avoided spelling everything out,” says Milo.

As a result, every small scene, every dialogue and even every character’s look could have a purpose.



Because in NOVA, certain truths are not meant to be told to the audience... they are meant to be discovered by them.

According to Milo, NOVA cannot be confined to a single genre.

Ghosts, demons, science fiction, the supernatural, space and different periods of history — the film brings together several distinct worlds and connects them in unexpected ways.

The team also reveals that several actors from outside the state have played important special appearances in the film.

“If we reveal everything about the film in advance, the experience of watching NOVA would change completely.

So, certain things have to be discovered by the audience themselves inside the theatre,” says Milo.

Raiza Wilson’s character in NOVA is also said to be unlike anything she has

portrayed before.

Most notably, her character does not have a single dialogue in the film.

Yet, without words, she creates the presence of the character through her eyes and body language, says the team.

“You will see Raiza in a completely different way in this film. She has no dialogue at all. But her eyes themselves will communicate a lot,” says Milo.

Director Milo is unwilling to reveal too much about the plot of NOVA.

And the reason is understandable.

The film’s greatest strength lies in its mystery.

Is it a science-based film?

Is it supernatural?

Or is it something beyond our imagination?

“Certain truths in NOVA are not meant to be told to the audience; they are meant to be discovered by them.”

THE SHOOTING OF 'ARASAN' IS GOING ON AT A FAST PACE!

Chennai, 28 August 2026: The shooting of the film 'Arasan', starring Silambarasan TR, directed by Vetrimaaran and produced by Kalaipuli S. Thanu, is underway in Chennai.

Currently, the shooting is underway in a grand theater set up in Chennai's Taramani, and the shooting is progressing rapidly as planned without any delays.

In this situation, Silambarasan TR, director Vetrimaaran and music composer Anirudh met on the set and discussed the work of the film. The much-awaited collaboration of this trio has further increased the expectations for the film 'Arasan'.

'Arasan', which is set in a storyline related to the 'Vada Chennai' universe, stars Silambarasan TR along with



Andrea, Samuthirakani, Kishore and others. The eagerly awaited collaboration of Silambarasan TR – Vetrimaaran – Anirudh is a huge treat for fans, and the next updates of the film 'Arasan' are

expected to be released soon. As the shooting continues at a rapid pace without any interruption, expectations for 'Arasan' are increasing day by day among the fans.