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AFTER 170 HOURS OF BUSINESS, ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED SINE DIE. CM VIJAY SEEKS COVERAGE INCLUSIVITY

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: The Tamil Nadu assembly concluded its Budget session on Tuesday after more than 170 hours of business, during which the House debated demands for grants for 56 departments, passed eight government resolutions and saw chief minister .C Joseph Vijay make a series of major policy announcements.

The session, which began on Aug 5, saw debates on the general and agriculture budgets, departmental demands for grants and Bills. The House was later adjourned sine die by Speaker J.C.D Prabhakar.

Among Vijay's major announcements were a new integrated Secretariat and Assembly complex at an estimated Rs 1,200 crore, an Olympic City, a Motor Sports City, enhancement of the annual coverage under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh, and Rs 673.44 crore for cancer preven

CM VIJAY SAYS ASSEMBLY GESTURE WAS UNINTENTIONAL

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: Chief minister C Joseph Vijay clarified that a gesture he made during his reply in the state assembly was spontaneous and not intended to mock or hurt anyone, after it drew criticism from political parties and on social media.

The controversy arose during Vijay's reply to the debate on demands for grants for

tion and treatment. Other announce ments included three cooking gas cylinders a year for eligible families under the Annapoorani Super 6 scheme, waiver of crop loans up to Rs 75,000, digital access to driving licences and vehicle registration certificates and cancellation of the proposed Parandur airport project. The govt also announced an increase in milk procurement prices and the free bus travel scheme for women.

The House adopted eight Government resolutions. These included resolutions urging the Centre to use

a predefined dropdown list instead of an open-ended entry system for the caste census, make Tamil an official language of the Madras high court, exempt teachers from the Teacher Eligibility Test, and opposing NEET. Resolutions concerning delimitation and women's reservation and giving precedence to Tamil Thai Vazhthu were

the police department on Monday. While referring to the Emergency-era Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), Vijay made a facial gesture that critics claimed appeared to mock former CM M K Stalin, who was arrested under MISA and jailed during the Emergency.

The gesture triggered criticism,

among the others protest near the Speaker's chair.

The session also witnessed prolonged sittings. On Aug 27, the House functioned continuously for nearly 10 hours, from 9.30am to 7.20pm, during debates on demands for grants for social justice, backward classes and minorities welfare departments.

In another first, TVK MLA Sathya bama presided over the p roceedings as an alternate chairperson, becoming the first woman to do so in the history of the Tamil Nadu assembly, according to the Speaker's account.

The final phase of the session witnessed heated exchanges between the treasury and opposition benches.

Vijay launched a sharp attack on the DMK during his reply to the police department debate, referring to the Sarkaria Commission and the Veeranam project. Opposition DMK MLAs later staged a

including from CPM State Secretary P Shanmugam, whose party is an ally of the ruling TV K . Responding to the controversy, Vijay said in a social media post that his body language during the Assembly speech was spontaneous and carried no ulterior motive.

“My body language was spontaneous and had no intention

According to figures presented in the House, the Assembly met for a total of 170 hours and six minutes, averaging six hours and four minutes a day. Demands for grants were debated for 15 days, with 165 MLAs speaking for a combined 63 hours and 53 minutes. The House also received 4,066 cut motions and took up 45 special call-attention motions involving 106 members. Ministers made 18 statements under Rule 110, including 17 by Vijay. The session also recorded 32,055 visitors, with students from 76 schools and colleges attending the proceedings, Prabha kar said. The entire session was live streamed, another first for the House.

Vijay also directed that from the next session, livestreams of Assembly proceedings should include qualified sign-language interpreters to make legislative debates accessible to people with hearing and speech disabilities.

Vijay said, adding that it should not be interpreted as an act intended to hurt anyone personally.

Vijay's clarification came a day after his Assembly speech in which he launched a sharp attack on the DMK while responding to the opposition's criticism of the law and order situation in the state.

VIJAY TO CHAIR ALLIANCE MEET AMID ALLIANCE RIFT

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and TVK leader C. Joseph Vijay will chair the ruling alliance's coordination meeting in Chennai on Wednesday amid growing differences with the Congress over national leadership and the decision of the CPI and CPI(M) to boycott the talks.

The meeting, the TVK's second major alliance coordination exercise, is expected to focus on formalising the coalition's structure, including a common minimum programme, a joint steering committee and an official identity based on secularism and social justice.

The Congress, Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), Indian Union Muslim League

VICE-PRESIDENT C. P. RADHAKRISHNAN VISITS DONYI-POLO MISSION SCHOOL FOR SPECIALLY ABLED CHILDREN IN ITANAGAR

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan today visited the Donyi-Polo Mission School for the Hearing, Visually and Intellectually Impaired at Chimpur, Itanagar, and interacted with students, teachers and staff. He visited various activity areas of the institution and addressed the students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that his visit to the institution filled him with a deep sense of emotion and patriotism, particularly after listening to the students singing Vande Mataram. He said the song was rendered with such sincerity that he

could feel the patriotism “coming from the heart” of the students. Appreciating the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the Donyi-Polo Mission, the management, teachers, rehabilitation professionals and staff, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan said that the achievements of the State Government under Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu cover “every spectrum of society”.

Addressing the students, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan urged them never to allow anyone to define the limits of their dreams. “Every individual is unique. Every indivi

(IUML) and Maru malarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) are expected to participate in the meeting. However, the CPI and CPI(M) have decided to stay away for the second consecutive time since the alliance talks began on July 1.

CPI (M) state secretary P. Shanmugam said the Left parties would continue to extend issue-based outside support to ensure stability in the Assembly.

The parties want to retain their political independence and have opposed joining a formal alliance structure that could influence future local body and 2029 Lok Sabha arrangements without cabinet representation.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of a public disagreement between the TVK and Congress over the question of national leadership. Statements by some TVK legislators and ministers projecting Vijay as a possible prime ministerial candidate for the 2029 Lok Sabha elections have drawn criticism from Congress leaders.

Tamil Nadu Congress Committee leaders have maintained that Rahul Gandhi remains the undisputed leader of the national Opposition bloc. Congress Minister S. Rajesh Kumar warned that attempts to undermine Rahul Gandhi's position could force the party to reconsider its role in the Tamil Nadu Cabinet.

Emphasising the transformative potential of technology, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan said that Artificial Intelligence, digital tools and assistive technologies can help overcome barriers and make education more accessible and personalised. He appreciated the Mission’s initiatives towards AI-enabled learning materials and holistic support for students.

Concluding his address, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan said, “Today, you have taught me a lot of things,” conveying his appreciation for the inspiration he drew from the students and their determination.

The TVK leader ship has sought to contain the controversy, saying the remarks projecting Vijay as a prime ministerial candidate represented the personal views of individual legislators.

The ruling Government currently depends on support from the Congress's five MLAs, besides two MLAs each from the VCK, IUML and the Left parties, making coalition coordination crucial for maintaining its slender majority.

Wednesday's meeting is therefore expected to be an important test of the ruling alliance's unity and its ability to establish a common governance roadmap ahead of future electoral battles.

He said, encouraging them to dream big, believe in themselves and work hard. Referring to the inspiring journey of Shri Srikanth Bolla, he urged the students to draw inspiration from those who have overcome challenges.

The Vice-President said that institutions such as the Donyi-Polo Mission School provide not merely education but also hope, dignity, opportunity, confidence and self-reliance. He said such institutions make a meaningful contribution towards building an inclusive Viksit Bharat @2047.

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MIRAE ASSET MF LAUNCHES BSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDEX FUND, OFFERING INVESTORS BROAD-BASED ACCESS TO INDIA'S IT SECTOR

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SOUTH INDIA DOESN'T NEED TO CATCH UP ON PROTEIN, IT'S ALREADY THERE

Chennai, 10 Sep kilogram of body margins.

2026: New consumer research turns attention back to one of the country's most complete, accessible and affordable sources of protein: the dairy already sitting in most Indian kitchens. A glass of milk, a bowl of curd, a cube of paneer, each carries meaningful, easily absorbed protein, and few parts of the country lean on this everyday source as naturally as South India already does.

The bigger opportunity lies in awareness. Even as more Indians actively look to build protein into their daily diet, a nationwide survey of urban, high-income households found that nearly three in four respondents were protein deficient, and that ninety-three percent could not correctly state how much protein an adult needs each day, despite the Indian Council of Medical Research already sits at the recommending 0.66 to 0.83 grams per

weight for a healthy adult. The gap, in other words, is rarely about what is on the table. It is about recognising the protein that is already there.

South India already demonstrates what closing that gap can look like, and government data backs it up. According to the National Family Health Survey, while less than half of Indians nationally consume milk or curd daily, that figure rises well above the national average of 48.8 % across the south. Andhra Pradesh (77.1% men, 74.8% women) and Karnataka (76.2% men, 77.9% women) lead the numbers, with Telangana (68.9 % men, 71.3 % women) and Kerala (62.5 % men, 59.4 % women) following close behind, and Tamil Nadu rounding out a region where dairy already sits at the centre of daily meals rather than at its

AARTHI SCANS AND LABS TAKES AFFORDABLE DIAGNOSTICS A STEP FURTHER WITH FREE MRI SCANS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PATIENTS

Chennai, 10 Sep and Mumbai. The 2026: Aarthi Scans and Labs, India's largest integrated diagnostics provider, has announced an initiative to provide MRI scans at zero cost to genuinely deserving patients from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, reinforcing its commitment to making quality diagnostic healthcare accessible without financial constraints. Under the initiative, eligible patients can avail themselves of a free MRI scan at select

The free MRI facility will be extended to patients who meet the defined eligibility criteria, with preference given to individuals below the poverty line. Patients can avail the facility through any of the following:

A referral note from a government medical college hospital doctor, along with the govern

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A consumer study, the India Lactograph, conducted among urban consumers aged 18 to 39 across South India, adds a sharper layer to this picture. The study found that curd is already near universal habits in the region, used regularly by 80.1% of respondents. Interestingly, the same study found a generational blind spot within these very habits: while a majority of South Indian parents say they give their children milk specifically for its protein value, adults are far less likely to make that same connection for themselves, with many more likely to reach for a packaged protein shake before considering the curd or paneer already on their table.

"South India has been getting its protein from dairy for generations. The India Lactograph report states that 80.1% of South Indian consumers eat curd regularly, and yet adults in the region are more likely to reach for a packaged protein shake than to recognise the nutrition already on their plate. The opportunity lies on educating the consumers about the benefits of dairy led-protein. Closing that awareness gap is something this region is exceptionally well-placed to lead.", said Gaurav Pande, Chief Executive Officer.

As a National Nutrition Week turns the country's attention to its broader nutrition gaps, the data suggests that closing them will not require the same starting point in every market. In South India, the ingredients and the habits are already in place, quietly, in kitchens across the region. What remains is making sure people give themselves credit for them, a shift in awareness rather than diet, and one this region is better positioned to lead than any other.

and submission of the requisite documentation.

Dr. Prasanna Vignesh, Executive Director & Radiologist, Aarthi Scans and Labs, said, "At Aarthi Scans and Labs, our core vision has always been to make quality diagnostics affordable and accessible to everyone, irrespective of their financial status.

This initiative is an extension of that value.

For those who genuinely need an MRI, we want to remove that barrier altogether and provide the scan free of cost."

The initiative will be available at select centres in Kilpauk, Chennai; Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru; Kondapur, Hyderabad; and Sion, Mumbai, subject to fulfilment of the eligibility criteria

NEW COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAY SAFETY FOR SOUTHERN CIRCLE, BENGALURU

Chennai, 10 Sep Metro Rail Limited. traction distribution

2026: Shri V. Venkata subramanian, Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) of 1993 batch, assumed charge as the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), Southern Circle, Bengaluru in September 2026.

His jurisdiction as Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, covers Southern Railway, South Western Railway, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Chennai Metro Rail Limited and Kochi

He has held important responsibilities in Electric locomotive maintenance and operations, besides being associated with the construction and maintenance of

An Electrical Engineering officer

Prior to assuming charge as Commissioner of Railway Safety, Shri Venkata subramanian was serving as Executive Director in the Railway Board, where he was responsible for electric and diesel locomotives and crew.

Commissioner of Railway Safety – Functions

· Authorization for opening of new Railway/Metro lines.

· Investigation into serious Railway accidents.



· Sanction for execution of minor works related with modifications.

· Condonation of infringements to Schedule of Dimensions; sanction for movement of Over Dimensional Consignment (ODC) on Indian Railways.

· Periodical inspection of running lines and other Railway /Metro assets.

INFOSYS FOUNDATION COLLABORATES WITH MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE TO STRENGTHEN CARDIO-OBSTETRIC CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Chennai, 10 Sep Shantharaman, Dean, 2026: Infosys Madras Medical College (MMC) and philanthropic and CSR arm of Infosys, today announced the inauguration of an exclusive cardio-obstetric outpatient unit and a state-of-the-art cardio obstetric catheterization laboratory at the Institute of Cardiology at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH), in Chennai, which is run by the Madras Medical College (MMC). These two units will help strengthen the cardio-obstetric care at RGGGH and help alleviate maternal mortality caused by heart-related diseases.

This initiative is part of a broader collaboration between Infosys Foundation and MMC, which runs multiple healthcare facilities in Chennai, including the Institute of Social Obstetrics and the Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children. In August 2024, Infosys Foundation inaugurated a special facility at the Institute of Social Obstetrics that is equipped with a high-risk antenatal ward and other critical care facilities to address cardiac complications among pregnant women.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. K. G. Arunraj, Hon'ble Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu; Dr. Darez Ahamed, IAS, Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu; Dr. K.



has given a grant of over INR 31 crore to help strengthen MMC's cardio-obstetric care facilities across its hospitals. In addition, the grant will also contribute towards managing patients under MMC's internationally acclaimed research program – the National Pregnancy and Cardiac Diseases (NPAC) study, the largest global single-center study on pregnancy-related heart disease, and the Tamil Nadu Pregnancy and Heart Disease Registry (TNPHDR), which is the largest registry in this world in this domain. The main objective of this study is to develop a care protocol for heart disease in pregnancy and evaluate its effect

iveness in improving pregnancy outcomes.

Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Trustee, Infosys Foundation, said, "Infosys Foundation is committed to addressing healthcare challenges and enabling initiatives towards the care and support for women's health. With the inauguration of these units at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, we aim to enhance maternal care by addressing the rising concern of cardiac complications during pregnancy. Our support not only aims to reduce maternal mortality but also contributes to research that will drive better healthcare solutions for women across the country."

"ALLU ARJUN FANS TAKE HPV AWARENESS TO 3 LAKH GIRLS ACROSS INDIA"

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: Taking fandom beyond cinema and celebrations, Allu Arjun fans across eight states have come together to conduct 820 HPV awareness programmes in schools, reaching nearly 3 lakh girl students across India.

Driven through the Allu Arjun Fans Association (AAFA), the initiative has been carried out across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, taking HPV awareness directly into schools and communities.

The programmes have focused on creating awareness among young girls about HPV, its prevention and the importance of vaccination, while encouraging students and families to seek appropriate guidance from qualified health care professionals.

What makes the initiative particularly significant is its grass roots scale. Instead of limiting fan activities to celebrations and film-related events, AAFA members have used their extensive network across states to take an



important health-awareness message directly to schools. 820 events. Nearly 3 lakh girls reached. Eight states.

The numbers reflect not just the scale of the initiative, but the ability of a nationwide fan community to come together with a shared purpose.

The campaign also represents a new dimension of Allu Arjun's nationwide connect, with his fan community increasing into social power.

FROM TEA TO TECHNOLOGY: SACHIN TENDULKAR TAKES YOU INSIDE THE HIDDEN WORLD OF DP WORLD'S GLOBAL LOGISTICS

Mumbai, 10 Sep 2026: A cup of tea, a smartphone, the clothes we wear or the car we drive; we rarely think about the journeys that make them possible. A new brand film from DP World featuring Global Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar turns the spotlight on that unseen world, revealing what it takes to move goods from where they are made to where they are needed.

Bringing DP World's 'We move the world to change what's possible' message to life, the campaign follows these journeys from origin to destination, highlighting the people, technology and logistics behind their movement.

Through Sachin Tendulkar's perspective, the film moves beyond explaining logistics capabilities to show what they mean for the businesses and consumers DP World ultimately

The DP World brand film captures the scale, complexity and interconnectedness of DP World's logistics capabilities through familiar, everyday experiences highlighting the role it plays in enabling the movement of goods and global trade. His presence also creates a human connection to a world that is often invisible, demonstrating that behind everything that reaches consumers, there is a journey, and behind every journey, there are people making it happen.

Hemant Kumar Ruia, Country Manager – India, DP World, said, "Logistics may operate behind the scenes, but it plays a vital role in keeping everyday life moving. This film brings these often-unseen multi-modal journeys to the forefront, showcasing the people, world-class infrastructure and technology working seamlessly across land, air and sea to keep goods moving. At DP World, we connect every stage of the supply chain to simplify logistics and help businesses deliver the products people depend on every day. We go beyond moving cargo, we connect businesses, people and markets, helping our customers unlock new opportunities and change what's possible."

DP World Global Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar commented, "I was delighted to be part of this campaign film because it allowed me to step into a world that most of us rarely see. Behind every product, every delivery and every journey is a remarkable story of people working together to keep the world moving. That spirit of connection, teamwork and making possibilities happen is at the heart of DP World. I hope the film

AJEETESH SANDHU OPENS TWO-SHOT LEAD AT CHENNAI OPEN 2026 POWERED BY CPCL

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: Ajeetesh Sandhu fired a six-under 66 to open a two-shot lead after the second round of the INR 1 crore Chennai Open 2026 Powered by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), at the TNGF Cosmo Golf Course.

The 37-year-old from Chandigarh (65-66), who began the day sharing the lead, made eight birdies against



second place at 11-under 133.

Delhi's Rashid Khan (66-68), winner of the Telangana Open but particularly in Vikarabad two weeks ago, occupied third place at 10-under 134. His four-under 68 included an eagle on the par-five 18th, four more demanding holes.

PRE-RELEASE EVENT OF THE MOVIE 'SIGMA'!

Chennai, 10 Sep 2026: Jason Sanjay is making his directorial debut with the film 'Sigma', produced by Lyca Productions Subhaskaran. The film, which stars Sundeep Kishan, Faria Abdullah and others, will hit the theatres on October 2nd. The pre-release event of the film was held.

Head of Lyca Productions Tamil Kumaran said, "'Sigma' is a very important film not only for director Sanjay but also for our production company. The first film we produced was 'Kaththi'. Now it is a matter of pride that Jason Sanjay is making his debut in our production. Sanjay is doing well in the making. The film is doing well. We introduced director Nelson in the film 'Kolamavu Kokila' and Sibi Chakravarthy in the film 'Don'. Today they are in a good situation. We believe that the film 'Sigma' will also collect more than Rs. 100 crores. Sanjay will definitely reach great heights. Hero Sandeep and the crew have worked very well. Congratulations to



main reason for this. He worked hard on this film to create a mark for himself. 'Sigma' is a very fun, genius film. Thank you Sanjay for trusting me and giving me the opportunity to do your first film well. If we do something we love without fear, we will definitely succeed. Similarly, 'Sigma' will also definitely succeed. The first reason for this success is Sanjay, and the second reason is Lyca Productions. The entire crew has worked sincerely. I am sure you will like this film too."

Director Jason Sanjay said, "I am happy to start the show with your support."

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Actor Sundeep Kishan said, "A film like this rarely happens. My love and gratitude to director Sanjay, who was the