

TN DRAWS RS. 15,300 CR INVESTMENT PROPOSALS, 10,000 JOBS IN LONDON

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: Tamil Nadu secured investment commitments and proposals worth Rs 15,300 crore with the potential to create at least 10,000 jobs during Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay's investment engagements in London on Monday, with projects spanning automotive manufacturing, Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and electrical equipment.

The largest commitment came from Samvardhana Mother son International Ltd (SAMIL), which, along with its joint ventures in Europe and the UK, signed an MoU with Guidance Tamil Nadu for an investment of about Rs 11,000 crore. The proposed investment in design, engineering, manufacturing, assembly and logistics is expected to create around 7,000 jobs.

SAMIL Group

INDIA-CANADA TRADE TALKS ENTER FOURTH ROUND

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: India and Canada have begun the fourth round of negotiations for a proposed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), with both countries seeking to conclude the talks by the end of 2026 and substantially expand bilateral trade in the coming years.

The five-day round of negotiations began in New Delhi on September 14 and will continue until



Global Marketing and Communications Head Barry Painter and Guidance Tamil Nadu Managing Director Deepak Jacob signed and exchanged the agreement in Vijay's presence.

Tamil Nadu also signed two agreements to establish and expand GCCs, together generating more than 2,600 high-value jobs. A leading UK-headquartered global communications company plans to establish a GCC with an investment of about Rs 1,000 crore and create more than 2,000 high-value jobs.

Guidance Tamil Nadu signed an MoU with Ernst & Young to facilitate the project. The proposed centre will come up in the

September 18. Discussions are covering trade in goods and services, rules of origin and technical barriers to trade, among other areas. The latest round follows the third round held in Ottawa in July and comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney agreed earlier this year to work towards completing the trade negotiations by the end of 2026.

The two countries

newly announced GCC equipment manufacturing sector.

Sweden-based Sigma Technology Group, meanwhile, committed to expanding its GCCs in Chennai and Tiruchi rappalli through its Indian company, Sriya Solutions. The expansion will generate 600 high-value jobs in embedded systems, electrification and industrial digitalisation.

In another investment deal, Wilson Power Solutions signed an MoU with the state government to invest Rs 300 crore in Tiruvallur district and create 400 jobs. The project is aimed at strengthening Tamil Nadu's electrical people.



have set an ambitious target of increasing bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030. However, the value of two-way trade declined to around \$7.95 billion in 2025-26 from \$8.66 billion in the previous financial year, underlining the scale of expansion required to meet the long-term target.

Finolex Industries Limited Executive Chairman Prakash P. Chhabria and Director Rita Hinduja Chhabria also met the Chief Minister. Indian High Commissioner to the UK Kumaran Periasamy and senior Tamil Nadu government officials were present during the investment engagements.

The latest investment push comes as Tamil Nadu seeks to become a \$1.5 trillion economy by 2036. The state government has said that in its first 100 days, it signed MoUs with 104 companies involving investments of Rs 1,02,514 crore and employment potential for 1,21,788 people.

India's major exports to Canada include pharmaceuticals, iron and steel products, seafood, cotton garments, electronic goods and chemicals. Canada supplies India with products including pulses, coal, fertilisers, paper, pearls and semi-precious stones and petroleum crude.

ANNA BIRTH ANNIVERSARY - CM VIJAY, J.C.D. PRABHAKAR, MINISTERS PAY TRIBUTES

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Tuesday paid tribute to Former Chief Minister C. N. Annadurai on his birth anniversary, recalling his role in championing the rights of the poor, advancing State autonomy and shaping Tamil Nadu's social and political history.

In a social media post, Vijay said Annadurai, popularly known as Perarignar Anna, had opened a new chapter in Tamil Nadu's political history and won people's support through his inspiring oratory and sharp writing. "I fondly remember and honour his far-sighted vision and service to the people on his birth anniversary," Vijay said.

Highlighting Anna's contributions, the Chief Minister recalled that his deep attachment to the Tamil language led to the renaming of the State as "Tamil Nadu".

HC DISMISSES PETITION AGAINST SENGOTTAIYAN

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: The Madras High Court on Tuesday dismissed an election petition challenging the victory of Tamil Nadu Revenue Minister K.A. Sengottaiyan from Gobichetti palayam Assembly constituency in the recent state election.

Justice G.K. Ilanthiraiyan passed the order while allowing an application

He also credited Anna with laying the foundation for the demand for State autonomy and granting legal recognition to self-respect marriages. Vijay said these measures had enabled Anna to leave an enduring imprint on the State's social and political history.

Recalling Anna's famous slogans, "Duty, Dignity and Discipline" and "Let us see God in the smile of the poor", Vijay called upon people to uphold his ideals. "Let us resolve on this day to ensure that social justice, equality and fraternity flourish everywhere and to safeguard the pride of Tamil," the Chief Minister said.

Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker J.C.D. Prabhakar and Ministers also paid floral tribute to former Chief Minister and Dravidian leader C.N. Annadurai on his 118th birth anniversary at Anna Salai in Chennai.

ing Officer should not have accepted the nomination and that the alleged procedural violation affected the validity of Sengottaiyan's candidature. Sengottaiyan's counsel argued that the allegations did not constitute valid grounds for setting aside the election and sought rejection of the petition without a full trial. After hearing



On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, J.C.D. Prabhakar, Ministers N. Anand, K.G. Arunraj, Rajmohan, Dr. T.K. Prabhu, Vanni Arasu, A. Vijay, Parthiban and R. Kumar garlanded Annadurai's statue and paid floral tribute to his portrait placed nearby.

The Government recalled Annadurai's contributions to Tamil Nadu, including renaming Madras State as Tamil Nadu and promoting Tamil administration and education. He also organised the Second World Tamil Conference in 1968.

Annadurai, who was born in Kancheepuram on September 15, 1909, was remembered as a writer, orator and political leader present.

who popularised the principles of "duty, dignity and discipline" and worked for the welfare of the poor. The government also highlighted his role in changing the name of Fort St George to "Tamil Nadu Government Secretariat" in 1967 and replacing the English wording "Government of Madras" on the state emblem with "Tamil Nadu Government."

Annadurai's birth anniversary is observed as a government function in Tamil Nadu every year. Senior officials, including Tamil Development and Information Department Secretary V. Rajaram and Director of Information and Public Relations A. Arun Thamburaj, were present.

arguments from both sides, Justice Ilanthiraiyan allowed Sengottaiyan's application and dismissed the election petition. Sengottaiyan, who contested on a Tamil Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) ticket, won Gobichettipalayam by 16,620 votes, securing 82,612 votes against DMK's N. Nallasivam, who polled 65,992 votes. Prabhu secured 56,232 votes.

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Amazon Now to more other daily essentials.

85% NEARLY ALL ORGANIZATIONS MEET STORAGE REQUIREMENTS, BUT ONLY 10% ARE FULLY PREPARED

85% of organizations (98%) agree that "As data volumes grow, so does the value of data. AI is transforming organizations can transform storage into strategic business infrastructure. Organizations can derive from the data.

Together, the findings reveal that organizations are broadening their AI infrastructure focus beyond compute to include the data foundations needed to support rising storage requirements, improve accessibility and governance, and scale

They need data infrastructure that helps them preserve, access and use more of that data over time. Sustainable Scaling is about making those infrastructure decisions more efficient, more durable and more connected to long-term data value."

time. Seagate defines this approach as Sustainable Scaling: increasing AI capacity and business value while continuously improving the efficiency of the infrastructure that supports it.

"AI is reshaping the way organizations

"The next phase of AI will require capacity growth, but capacity alone will not be enough," Banda said. "It will be defined by smarter infrastructure decisions on how effectively organizations scale, organize, retain and use the data that AI depends on.

The companies that create lasting value from AI will be the ones that treat data infrastructure as a business strategy.”

SAMSUNG LAUNCHES GALAXY S26 FE IN INDIA WITH
FLAGSHIP CAMERA, GALAXY AI AND POWERFUL PERFORMANCE

Coimbatore, 16 Sep 2026: Samsung India today launched the Galaxy S26 FE, the latest addition to its Galaxy S26 family, bringing together flagship camera capabilities, context-aware Galaxy AI, powerful performance and a refined design. The Galaxy S26 FE features a 6.7-inch Dynamic AMOLED 2X display with up to 120Hz refresh rate, an Exynos 2500 processor, a 4900mAh battery with 45W wired charging, and a versatile triple rear camera setup comprising a 50MP wide camera, 12MP ultra-wide camera and 8MP telephoto camera with 3x optical zoom, along with a 12MP front camera.

The Galaxy S26 FE introduces My FanCam to the Galaxy

“I AM SURE ENNA VILAI WILL REMAIN A MEMORABLE
FILM FOR CINEMA LOVERS” – ACTRESS NIMISHA SAJAYAN

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: Acclaimed actress Nimisha Sajayan has consistently stood out for the remarkable naturalism and emotional depth she brings to every character. With an eclectic body of work spanning multiple languages and industries, she has steadily established herself as one of the most compelling performers of her generation. Her recent performances, including the much-appreciated Hindi release Babita Singh Reporting, has further reflected her ability to inhabit vastly different characters with complete conviction. As Enna Vilai heads towards its theatrical release, the actress is receiving encouraging appreciation from the

“When Sajeev narrated the story to me, he didn’t tell me which character he had in mind for me. He simply said, ‘Okay, now you pick.’ There were two beautifully written characters, and Rishi’s character was also brilliantly written. So, I was genuinely curious and a little sceptical about whether he was considering me for Vijayalakshmi’s character or role of Kanchana. But honestly, I was happy either way. I was completely open to taking up Viji’s character as well because I really liked the space the character offered..”

“But I already had a soft corner for



objects. and create.”

Designed for long-term use, Galaxy S26 FE supports up to seven generations of OS upgrades and seven years of security updates. The device also comes with an IP68 rating for water and dust resistance and an upgraded Smart Switch for easier data transfer from Android and iOS devices. Aditya Babbar, Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India, said, “Galaxy S26 FE is designed to bring the best of the Galaxy experience to more consumers in India, with innovations that are meaningful to how they live, work, choose any one option.



Kanchana’s character. Rajendran, Nizhalgal So, when Sajeev Ravi, Praveena, Mohan Ram, Chetan Kumar, Kavithalaya Krishnan, Kamalesh, Goli Soda Pandi, J.S. Kavi, Swaminathan, Deepa Shankar, Kavi Nakkalites and others. Written and directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Sajeev Pazhoor, Enna Vilai is produced by Githesh V under the banner of Kalamaya Films. The film features music by Sam C.S., Cinematography by Alby Antony and editing by Sreejith Sarang. Enna Vilai is set to arrive worldwide in theatres on September 17, 2026.

FLIPKART CREATES OVER 2.5 LAKH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THIS
FESTIVE SEASON, INCLUDING 75,000 FIRST-TIME WORKFORCE ENTRANTS

Bangalore, 16 Sep 2026: Flipkart, India’s homegrown e-commerce market place, today announced the creation of more than 2.5 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities, including gig workers, for the festive season. Nearly 75,000 of these opportunities, close to 30%, are for people entering the workforce for the first time, creating pathways into employment across communities in India. These opportunities span more than 7,000 Ekart facilities across the country, including fulfilment centres, sortation hubs and last-mile delivery operations.

With over 900 new festive delivery hubs and nearly 1.4 lakh additional last-mile employment opportunities, Flipkart is expanding its delivery network to meet rising customer demand ahead of Big Billion Days. Last-mile opportunities account for 60% of the new employment created this season, reflecting

AMAZON INDIA SURVEY REVEALS PICTURE QUALITY, ENERGY
EFFICIENCY DRIVE SMART TV AND APPLIANCE PURCHASES

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: Amazon India has unveiled the third set of findings from its inaugural Best in Tech Survey, highlighting the factors influencing Indian consumers while purchasing Smart TVs and home appliances. The survey, based on more than 40,000 responses across major consumer electronics categories, also informs product selection on Amazon. in and the upcoming Best in Tech Awards 2026, scheduled for September 18.

A I - powered features are also gaining traction, with 60% of respondents expressing interest, particularly in picture enhancement and voice assistants.

In air conditioners, high energy star ratings ranked as the top purchase driver at 35%, For Smart TV buyers, picture quality



entrepreneurship for more people, including communities that have historically had fewer opportunities to participate in the formal economy.

Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, Customer Experience and Re-Commerce, Flipkart Group, said, “The festive season brings together the full scale of India’s commerce ecosystem, and our supply chain plays a critical role in making that possible. This year, we are expanding our fulfilment and last-mile network significantly to meet rising customer demand, while creating employment opportunities across the country.

Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group, said, “Commerce at scale creates opportunity at scale, across jobs, livelihoods and entrepreneurship. The nearly 75,000 people entering the workforce for the first time through Flipkart this festive season are one part of that larger ecosystem. As digital commerce grows across India, our responsibility is to ensure that this growth creates pathways into employment and

Flipkart’s Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) has awarded nearly 10,000 certifications ahead of the festive season, with trainees gaining hands-on experience across

emerged as the leading followed by inverter machine buyers, the technology and inverter motor led preferences at 40%, while 18% showed interest in AI-powered wash programs that automatically detect fabric type and load size.

For refrigerators, The findings underline a broader shift towards technology-led purchasing, energy efficiency and seamless post-purchase experiences, with consumers increasingly evaluating products beyond specifications to include delivery, installation and long-term value.

Among washing

‘MANDAVETTI’ TEASER UNLEASHES A CHILLING SUPERNATURAL MYSTERY WITH KOMALEE PRASAD AT THE HEART OF THE DARKNESS

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: The mystery surrounding ‘Mandavetti’ deepens with the release of its two-minute teaser, which plunges audiences into a disturbing world where fear arrives without warning and the line between the known and the supernatural begins to disappear. Directed by Saranraj Senthilkumar, the teaser wastes no time in establishing an unsettling atmosphere, opening with a woman in a trance-like state whose presence immediately creates an inexplicable sense of dread.

From there, the teaser unfolds through a series of mysterious happenings, fragmented conversations and unsettling glimpses of characters attempting to make sense of something far beyond their understanding. At the centre of these conversations is ‘Senji Saamy’, an enigmatic

CINEMA REVIEW | ‘ENNA VILAI’: A POWERFUL, MUST-WATCH TALE OF DIGNITY AND JUSTICE

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: Sajeev Pazhoor’s directorial debut is a brilliant socio-political drama that transcends the typical thriller genre, delivering an emotionally charged masterpiece about a common man’s fight for self-respect.

* Film: Enna Vilai, * Director: Sajeev Pazhoor, * Cast: Karunaas, Nimisha Sajayan, * Music: Sam C.S.

The Narrative Set against the rustic backdrop of Rameswaram, Enna Vilai follows the life of Thavasi (played by Karunaas), a humble and hardworking fisherman. His

force whose presence appears to be closely connected to the strange events unfolding around them. Rather than revealing the answers, the teaser carefully leaves the mystery intact, creating the feeling that every revelation could lead to something far more disturbing.

The visual language of ‘Mandavetti’ plays a crucial role in building this world. Shadows, locations, expressions and fleeting images combine with Deepak Venugopal’s background score to create an atmosphere that grows increasingly ominous as the teaser progresses. The result is a glimpse that leans into psychological unease and supernatural mystery, promising a story where folklore and human fear collide.

Written, directed and produced by Saranraj Senthilkumar, the film features a peaceful, ordinary life is turned completely upside down when he discovers a washed-up gold pendant. What begins as a seemingly lucky find quickly spirals into a nightmare of false accusations, police hostility, and systemic corruption.

National Award-winning writer Sajeev Pazhoor, making his directorial debut, crafts a narrative that is less about the material value of the gold and more about the invaluable nature of human dignity. The screenplay expertly navigates Thavasi’s harrowing descent into an unfair legal system and his subsequent rise to reclaim his honor.



Saranraj Senthilkumar, the cinematographer, under the banner of Tuskers Den Pictures, Mandavetti is conceived as a dark supernatural crime thriller blending psychological tension, folklore and raw human emotions. The film explores the mysterious mythology surrounding “Senji,” a fierce local deity, whose presence drives the story into deeply unsettling and emotionally charged territory.

The film features Prakash Manithan as the



Technical Excellence overpowering the dialogue or the performances.

Director Sajeev Pazhoor deserves immense credit for keeping the story grounded. He consciously avoids loud, artificial melodrama, allowing the organic weight of the situation to drive the tension.

Complementing the direction is Sam C.S.’s exceptional background score. The music remains beautifully understated, enhancing the film’s heavy, realistic atmosphere without ever

the cinematographer, Guna Palanisamy as the editor and Deepak Venugopals the music director. Gowtham has choreographed the stunts, while Sangeetha Sen is the costume designer. Tony J is handling sound mixing, Bala ganghadaran is overseeing DI grading, Vijayan is responsible for VFX. Mahendran Kandasamy is the production manager and Narmada is the makeup artist. The film’s PROs are Suresh Chandra and Abdul Nassar.

THE CENTURY-OLD SERVICE OF THE RSS REFLECTS INDIA'S TRADITION OF SERVICE: VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC C. P. RADHAKRISHNAN

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: The Vice President of the Republic, Shri. C. P. Radhakrishnan, today released a book titled “A Century of Service – 100 Years of the RSS in 100 Acts of Seva” written by Dr. Tamilisai Soundarajan, former Governor of Telangana and former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, recording the century-long service, social responsibility and contributions of the RSS to nation building, at the Uparashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

The event was attended by Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Dr. L. Murugan, Puducherry Home Minister Mr. A. Namachivayam, author Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, owner

ULTRAVIOLETTE BUILDS ON BIGGA FACTORY MOMENTUM WITH NEW UV SPACE STATION IN CHENNAI

Chennai, 16 Sep 2026: Ultraviolette Automotive today announced the launch of a new UV Space Station in Porur, marking a significant

milestone in the company's expanding retail footprint across emerging mobility markets in India. The expansion comes at a pivotal phase in Ultraviolette's growth journey, following the announcement of the company's BIGGA (Big Global Ambition) Factory, the introduction of the Battery Flex (BaaS) platform, and the launch of the X-47 Crossover. With this addition, the company strengthens customer access to its performance-oriented vehicles in Tamil Nadu



of Alliance Publishing House Mr. Srinivasan and others.

Speaking at the event, the Vice President said that releasing this book gives him great personal joy and pride. He noted that it is worrying that the habit of reading books is gradually declining in today's times, and praised the publication of this book with the aim of passing on goodwill to the next generation, without personal profit motive, and to have it recorded in history.

“Can a movement continue to serve for a century? And that too in the face of various oppositions?” The Vice President noted that the RSS is a movement that has continued to serve for a century despite challenges.

He said that this book documents how the great feeling of idea that “Service is “service” developed in Dharma; it is duty,” and the heart of every that this idea forms the patriot and manifested foundation of its itself as social work. service work.

Pointing out that Even during the “today’s news is Corona pandemic, tomorrow’s history,” when people were in the Vice President said fear, RSS workers were that unrecorded good engaged in the work of deeds may disappear bringing essential over time, and goods including documenting them in medicines and food to books is essential to the people across the provide true history to country, instilling future generations. hope, the Vice President recalled.

He said that the RSS has been serving not only the upper class of the author, Dr. society but also the Tamilisai Soundarajan, and everyone people and various who contributed to the sections of society, and publication of the its various service book, and expressed activities have been his desire to see more recorded in this book. such books that He said that the basic document true history ideal of the RSS is the come out.



The experience founder & CEO, centre will showcase Ultraviolette, said Ultraviolette's flagship “This is an exciting performance motor time for us as we cycles, the X-47 and expand across Chennai F77s. The products with the launch of our redefine electric third space station here. performance with a Tamil Nadu offers a powertrain delivering an ideal environment 40.2 hp and 100 Nm of for us to build and scale torque, enabling globally competitive acceleration from 0-60 mobility solutions km/h in just 2.8 from India. As we scale our manufacturing through our recently announced BIGGA Factory, we are equally focused on building a strong physical presence that brings launch, Narayan Ultraviolette closer to Subramaniam, Co- our community.