

VIJAY PAYS TRIBUTE TO RAMASAMY PADAYACHI ON BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Chennai, 17 Sep In a social media public life.

2026: Tamil Nadu post, Vijay said Rama  
Chief Minister C. samy Padayachi had  
Joseph Vijay on worked tirelessly for  
Wednesday paid social justice and the  
tribute to freedom rights and advance  
fighter and Former ment of backward  
Minister S.S. Rama sections of society.

samy Padayachi on his  
birth anniversary,  
recalling his contri  
butions to social justice  
and the rights of  
backward commu  
nities.

“His service and  
initiatives, which  
placed education,  
social advancement  
and equal rights at the  
forefront, have left an  
indelible mark on  
Tamil Nadu's political  
landscape,” Vijay said.

He called upon  
people to commemo  
rate Padayachi's contri  
butions to public  
rights through his



welfare and honour his  
legacy on the occasion  
of his birth anniversary.

Ramasamy Pada  
yachi's birth anniver  
sary is observed on  
September 16.

TN TO LAUNCH EXPANDED KAMARAJ BREAKFAST SCHEME ON SEPT 22

Chennai, 17 Sep be launched on implemented across the expansion to  
2026: launch the Thursday but was Tamil Nadu, except support students from  
expanded Perun postponed as the Chief Chengalpattu and economically disadvan  
thalaivar Kamaraj Minister was away on Tiruppur, where tagged families by  
Breakfast Scheme for an official visit to Assembly by-elections providing nutritious  
students of Classes 6 to London for invest are underway and the breakfast before school  
8 across the State on ment-related meetings. Model Code of hours.

Social Welfare  
Secretary Pallavi  
Baldev has informed  
District Collectors  
about the revised date  
and directed them to  
make arrangements for  
the rollout. The  
programme will be  
government expects  
bodies and schools.

The scheme was  
originally scheduled to

MADURANTAKAM, DHARAPURAM BYPOLL NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Chennai, 17 Sep Bhanumathi, Commu  
2026: The deadline for  
filing nominations for  
the October 6 bypolls  
to the Madurantakam  
and Dharapuram  
Assembly consti  
tuent ends on Wednes  
day, with candidates  
from major political  
parties filing their  
papers on the final day.

In Madurantakam,  
AIADMK candidate  
Ganitha Sampath and  
CPI(M) candidate  
Suganthi filed their  
nominations.

In Dharapuram,  
Tamilaga Vettri Kaz ha  
gam (TVK) candi date  
Sathyabama filed her  
nomination at the RDO  
office on Wednesday in  
the presence of Minis  
ters K. A. Sengottaiyan  
and Jothimani.  
AIADMK candidate

The nomination  
process for the two  
bypolls began on  
September 9 at the  
respective RDO  
offices. Following a  
series of holidays on  
September 12, 13 and  
14, filing resumed on  
Tuesday, when 14

In Dharapuram, the  
number of nominations  
rose to 17. DMK candi  
date Suganya, a lawyer  
from Thalavaipatti

Officials have been  
instructed to coordi  
nate food supply,  
kitchen facilities,  
hygiene and timely  
distribution with the  
School Education  
Department, local  
bodies and schools.

The breakfast  
scheme, originally  
covering primary  
school students in  
government schools, is  
now being extended to  
Classes 6 to 8. The  
government expects  
bodies and schools.

The bypolls are  
being held in only two  
of the seven vacant  
Assembly consti  
tuent in Tamil Nadu. The  
contest in the two seats  
includes candidates  
from the TVK, DMK,  
AIADMK, Naam  
Tamilar Katchi and  
Communist parties.

Scrutiny of nomina  
tions will be held on  
Thursday, while Friday  
is the last day for with  
drawal of candidature.  
Polling will take place  
on October 6 and  
counting of votes will  
be held on October 9.

PM TO INAUGURATE SEMICON INDIA 2026 ON 17 SEPTEMBER IN NEW DELHI

Chennai, 17 Sep and Indian companies, women's leadership, than 600 participating

2026: Prime Minister policymakers, inves  
Shri Narendra Modi tors, researchers, start  
will inaugurate ups, academic institu  
SEMICON India 2026 tions and students from  
on 17 September 2026 across the semicon  
at around 10 AM at ductor and electronics  
Yashobhoomi, New value chain. The  
Delhi. Prime Minister conference will focus  
will also address the on advancing collabo  
gathering on the ration, investment,  
occasion. innovation and talent  
development in India.

The three-day  
conference and exhibi  
tion, being held from  
17 to 19 September  
2026, will be organised  
on the theme 'Silicon  
to Systems: Building  
the Ecosystem'. It will  
bring together global  
ventures, a forum on

among other sessions.

SEMICON India  
2026 will adopt a  
comprehensive value-  
chain approach, show  
casing the journey  
from semiconductor  
materials, equipment  
and chip design to  
fabrication, advanced  
packaging, electronics  
and systems. The new  
'Sand to Silicon to  
Systems' Value Chain  
Experience will  
present this journey  
across the semicon  
ductor ecosystem.

SEMICON India  
2026 will feature more  
Pavilion.

IRAN FM ARAGHCHI TO VISIT BEIJING

Chennai, 17 Sep Ministry confirmed The Beijing security and backed

2026: Iranian Foreign  
Minister Abbas  
Araghchi will visit  
Beijing on Wednesday  
for talks with his  
Chinese counterpart  
Wang Yi, as Tehran  
seeks closer diplomatic  
coordination with a key  
strategic partner amid  
continuing tensions in  
the Middle East.

China's Foreign

that Araghchi will visit  
China on September 16  
and that Wang Yi, a  
member of the Political  
Bureau of the Commu  
nist Party of China  
Central Committee and  
Foreign Minister, will  
hold talks with him.  
The two Ministers met  
on the sidelines of the  
BRICS Summit in New  
Delhi last week.

meeting comes about a  
week before Chinese  
President Xi Jinping is  
expected to travel to  
Washington D.C. for  
talks with US President  
Donald Trump. Iran-  
related developments  
are expected to draw  
attention during the  
proposed XiTrump  
meeting, alongside  
trade and broader US-  
China relations.

Araghchi's visit is

his second trip to China  
since the conflict to  
resume dialogue and  
involving Iran began in  
February. Tehran and  
Beijing have main  
tained close strategic  
relations, with China  
repeatedly calling for  
dialogue and negotia  
tions to address  
regional tensions.  
During their previous  
meeting in Beijing in  
May, Wang said China  
supported Iran in  
safeguarding its  
sovereignty and a  
US base in Jordan.



## INTERIO BY GODREJ BRINGS PERSONALISED COMFORT TO LIFE WITH ITS LATEST SOFA CAMPAIGN

Mumbai, 17 Sep 2026: Interio by Godrej, one of India’s leading furniture brands under the Godrej Enterprises Group, has unveiled its latest campaign for sofas category, highlighting the power of personalisation through a fun and relatable family narrative. The campaign showcases an idea that every family member has their own needs and personalisation is what brings everyone's needs together.

Shot in the style of a melodramatic family drama, the film follows a family shopping for a new sofa at an Interio store, where a playful game of persuasion unfolds. Each family member has their eye on a sofa they secretly want for themselves and tries to convince the others by pitching its feature as a benefit for someone else. The teenage son suggests a



sofa. At Interio, we believe that furniture should be designed around these individual needs and preferences. With our UPMODS range, consumers have the flexibility to create a sofa that truly feels like their own. Through this campaign, we wanted to capture this relatable family truth in a light-hearted manner, while showing how personalisation means no one in the family has to compromise.”

Produced by Thunder Films and directed by Sandeep Yadav, the film has been conceptualised by creative agency TBWA \Lintas and will be amplified across YouTube, social media and other digital platforms.

Through this campaign, Interio continues to bring its design philosophy to life by creating furniture solutions that combine functionality, aesthetics and personalisation for modern Indian homes.

## FLIPKART ANNOUNCES BIG BILLION DAYS 2026 WITH 'LUCK BADAL SAKTA HAI' CAMPAIGN

Chennai, 17 Sep 2026: Flipkart, India’s homegrown e-commerce market place, today announced Big Billion Days 2026, its flagship festive event, reliving the same ill-fated day on a loop. beginning on 8 October 2026.

The announcement marks the launch of its new campaign, ‘Luck Badal Sakta Hai, Yahan Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai’. Building on last year’s ‘Yahan Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai’, the campaign takes the idea further, bringing a new twist to the unexpected moments and possibilities that define Big Billion Days.

The film features Rohit Sharma, Sreeleela, Jackie Shroff, Aneet Padda and Samay Raina, who appear at different points in the protagonist’s reset day.



Pratik Shetty, Vice President and Head of Growth and Marketing, Flipkart, said, "Last year, ‘Yahan Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai’ captured the unexpected moments that make Big Billion Days special.

This year, we wanted to take that idea a step further and explore what happens when those unexpected moments actually change your luck.

The campaign has been conceptualised by Leo Burnett.

## 7 IN 10 URBAN INDIANS ASPIRE TO RETIRE EARLY, YET 82% OF GEN X+ FEAR THEY MAY NEED TO KEEP WORKING: AXIS MAX LIFE’S BHAROSA TALKS IRIS 6.0

New Delhi, 17 Sep 2026: Axis Max Life Insurance Limited (“Axis Max Life” / “Company”) today unveiled the findings of the sixth edition of its annual Bharosa Talks India Retirement Index Study (IRIS 6.0), conducted in partnership with Kantar. The study reveals a fundamental shift in how urban India is imagining retirement: Indians increasingly want to retire earlier and are beginning to think about retirement sooner, but the financial journey from aspiration to preparedness remains substantial.

India’s overall retirement preparedness remained resilient this year, with the Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0 score of 49 in 2026, compared with 48 in 2025 and 44 in 2022. Financial preparedness score improved marginally to 52 from 51, health prepared

ness score remained unchanged at 46, while emotional preparedness score stood at 57 compared with 58 last year.

The sixth edition of Bharosa Talks IRIS finds that 7 out of 10 urban Indians would like to retire before the traditional retirement age of 58–60 if their financial needs are fully taken care of. Half of those who want to retire, aim to achieve Financial Independence and Retire Early (FIRE) before the age of 50. However, respondents have accumulated only 28% of their target retirement corpus on average, highlighting the distance between retirement ambition and financial readiness for retirement.

Sumit Madan, MD & CEO, Axis Max Life Insurance, said, “One of the clearest messages from Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0 is that retirement



remains a financial challenge for many Indians. The finding that 82% of Gen X+ respondents expect to continue working for a steady income highlights a critical reality: retirement is not about reaching a certain age, but about having the financial freedom to choose what comes next. True retirement readiness should empower individuals to work because they want to, not because they need to. Encouragingly, younger Indians are beginning their retirement journey much earlier, signalling a welcome shift from reactive planning to proactive preparation. The task ahead is to convert this intent into sustained action across finances, health and emotional wellbeing, because a secure retirement is ultimately about independence, choice and peace of mind.”

Soumya Mohanty, Managing Director & Chief Client Officer, South Asia, Kantar, said, “Bharosa Talks IRIS 6.0 shows retirement planning evolving across generations and geographies. Younger Indians are starting the retirement planning process earlier. Health is also becoming an important part of retirement preparation, with 59% claiming to undertake regular or occasional health check-up. Additionally, out of those who regularly take part in physical activities, 44% engage daily. Tier II cities have also strengthened their retirement preparedness, pointing to a broader retirement conversation across urban India.”

## SAMSUNG INDIA LAUNCHES 2026 BESPOKE AI APPLIANCES TO MAKE HOMES SMARTER AND MORE CONNECTED

Coimbatore, 17 Sep 2026: Samsung India has launched its 2026 Bespoke AI appliances lineup, bringing AI-powered convenience, personalised experiences and connected home solutions to Indian consumers. The new range was showcased at 'The Brief Gurugram' and brings together AI, SmartThings connectivity, voice intelligence and Samsung Knox security across home appliances.

The new lineup includes the Family Hub Refrigerator with AI Vision built with Google Gemini, the Bespoke AI Wind

Free™ Pro Air Conditioner and the new Infinite 1-Way Cassette AC with WindFree™. The Family Hub refrigerator offers features such as Video-to-Recipe, Family Care and Pet Care, while the Bespoke AI Wind Free™ Pro AC combines AI-enabled controls with PM1.0 purification. The Infinite 1-Way Cassette AC offers draft-free cooling through 23,000 micro-holes and can reduce energy consumption by up to 30% with AI Energy Mode.

Powered by Samsung's AI Home



screen, upgraded Bixby voice assistant, SmartThings and Knox security, the new Bespoke AI ecosystem is designed to understand users' needs, adapt to their routines, connect appliances and provide smarter care. Features such as Voice ID, Family Care, Pet Care, AI Energy Mode and Wearable Good Sleep further enhance the personalised home experiences. Samsung will also provide seven years of software

updates through SmartThings for supported appliances. The Infinite 1-Way Cassette AC is available in 3.5 kW, 5.2 kW and 7.1 kW capacities, starting at INR 1,60,000, while the Family Hub is priced at INR 4,00,690 and the Bespoke AI WindFree™ Pro Air Conditioner is priced at INR 69,990. The products are available through authorised channel partners nationwide.

TATA STARBUCKS STRENGTHENS NORTHEAST PRESENCE WITH FIRST STORE IN SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA

Chennai, 17 Sep and planting, creating a 2026: TATA Starbucks sense of warmth and announces its first store depth throughout. in Meghalaya, marking Thoughtfully concei an important milestone ved as a space to linger in its India expansion and connect, the store and bringing its brings a distinct sense globally loved coffee of place to the signa house experience to the ture Starbucks coffee vibrant community of house experience. Shillong.

Commenting on the The interiors and launch, Adrit Mishra, design take cues from coo, TATA Starbucks, Shillong’s distinctive said, “We are delighted character, expressed to bring the Starbucks through a rich interplay Experience to North of natural materials, east India with our first tactile textures and lush store in Shillong. At greenery. Warm Starbucks, our passion timber, woven for coffee is at the heart detailing, earthy tones of everything we do, and patterned textiles from sourcing some of India and the world’s are layered with deep finest coffees to the diffused lighting, craft and expertise of lending the space a our trained partners contemporary yet (baristas) who bring inviting sensibility. At every cup to life. With its heart, a relaxed this new store, we look central lounge is forward to creating a complemented by welcoming Third Place intimate seating for the people of pockets, framed Shillong, a space artwork, open shelving beyond home and work



where customers can including Protein Cold connect, belong and Foam in Chocolate, enjoy meaningful Banana and Vanilla, moments over great and zero-sugar Vanilla, coffee.” Hazelnut and Caramel flavours for added customization.

Located in the heart of the city at the iconic Police Bazar, the store invites customers to come together over handcrafted beverages, thoughtfully curated food, and meaningful moments of connec tion. The wide array of offerings includes Starbucks signature Java Chip Frappuccino and Zesty Orange Cold Brew made with premium-quality arabica beans, refresh ing choices such as the Strawberry Açai and Mango Dragonfruit Refreshers, alongside health-forward options

SOUTHERN RAILWAY LAUNCHES SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2026 CAMPAIGN WITH CURTAIN RAISER AT GM’S OFFICE, SOUTHERN RAILWAY HEADQUARTERS

Chennai, 17 Sep Seva 2026 Campaign, 2026: Southern with the theme Railway today “Swachhata Mein organised the Curtain Sahbhag; Swachh Raiser event of the Bharat, Viksit Bharat” Swachhata Hi Seva (Participation in Cleanliness; Clean (SHS) 2026 Campaign Clean India, Developed at the General India) seeks to further Manager’s Office, strengthen the culture Southern Railway of cleanliness, hygiene Headquarters, of cleanliness, hygiene Chennai, marking the and public participa commencement of a tion across all spheres series of cleanliness of railway operations. and public participa tion initiatives across the Zone.

The Curtain Raiser to transform One lakh event was inaugurated unique locations across by Shri U. Subba Rao, the country into General Manager, Cleanliness Target Southern Railway, in Units (CTUs). The the presence of Shri initiative is intended to Vipin Kumar, create visible and Additional General sustainable improve Manager, Principal ments in cleanliness at Heads of Departments identified locations while encouraging active participation of railway personnel, passengers, students,



local communities and Gandhi and reaffirm other stakeholders. ing the collective commitment towards a cleaner and more sustainable India.

As part of the campaign, “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath” (One Day, One Hour, Together!) Shramdaan will be organised on 1st October 2026, encoura ging railway emplo yees and members of the public to come together and contribute one hour towards cleanliness.

The campaign will culminate in the observance of Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October 2026, comme morating the birth anni versary of Mahatma

“HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DOESN’T MEAN RECOVERED”: ANTARA CARE HOMES AND ACTOR PRIYAMANI SPOTLIGHT THE SILENT GAP IN SENIOR RECOVERY WITH NEW CAMPAIGN

Chennai, 17 Sep “For a senior and their 2026: Antara Care family, hospital Homes, part of Max discharge can bring a India Limited, has sense of relief, but it joined hands with can also mark the national award-win beginning of one of the ning actor Priyamani most demanding phases of recovery. for its latest digital Families can find campaign, “Hospital themselves becoming Discharge Does Not caregivers overnight, Mean Recovered”, to managing medication, spotlight one of the most under-addressed infections, physio needs of seniors and therapy, mobility and caregivers: Post-hospi support with activities talisation recovery. of daily living without necessarily having the training or resources to do so at home and while juggling profes sional work. This is where structured post-hospitalisation care, or transition care, can make a meaningful difference. Through this campaign, we want families to recognise that recovery requires planning and care in its own right, and it actually starts with hospital discharge. Antara Care Homes brings together doctor supervision, nursing care, multidisciplinary rehabilitation and technology-enabled interventions. It helps seniors regain good health, strength and independence, while giving caregivers the reassurance of recovery with profes sional support.”

For seniors recover ing from major surgery, acute illness, heart attack and stroke, or other neurological conditions, return from the hospital does not mean a return to everyday life. This transition often carries significant risk of re-hospitalisation and adverse events. Antara Care Homes’ latest digital campaign focuses on this critical gap between hospital discharge and com plete recovery, when seniors and their fami lies are emotionally and logistically most vulnerable. It invites families to recognise this important phase of recovery journey and adopt the right support.

Ishaan Khanna, CEO, Antara Assisted Care Services, said,

PRIME MINISTER CONGRATULATES ANANT NAG JI ON BEING CONFERRED DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD

Chennai, 17 Sep particularly Kannada 2026: The Prime cinema. Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has congratulated legendary actor Shri Anant Nag Ji on being conferred the Dada saheb Phalke Award. Shri Modi said that for several decades, Shri Anant Nag Ji’s effortless perfor mances, remarkable versatility and artistic brilliance have left an indelible mark on Indian cinema, Nag Ji on being

The Prime Minister said that the honour is richly deserved and reflects the immense contribution of Shri Anant Nag Ji to Indian cinema. He conveyed his best wishes to the distinguished artist on this special occasion.

Shri Modi posted on X:

“Congratulations to the legendary Anant Nag Ji on being



Strengthening post-stroke, heart attack, acute care in South organ transplants, India spinal cord injury, cancer, major

The campaign comes as Antara Care Homes strengthens its presence in South India, with facilities in Bengaluru and Chennai, where a changing demographic demands specialised services to age with dignity and indepen dence.

With its profes sionally managed post-acute and transition care model, Antara Care Homes offers personalised recovery plans based on individual patient needs and designed under the supervision of the treating doctor. It is supported by PMR-led rehabilitation delivered in state-of-the-art facility with robotic assistance.

An ecosystem for post-hospitalisation care creates an opportunity to remain closely involved in their loved one’s recovery without having to manage every aspect of rehabilitation and clinical care on their own.

Antara’s transition care or post-hospitali sation care model caters to patients recovering from



conferred the Dada saheb Phalke Award. particularly Kannada cinema. In whichever role he has played, he brought rare depth and authenticity.

For several decades, his effortless perfor mances, remarkable versatility and brilliance have left a richly deserved very strong mark on honour for a truly Indian cinema, distinguished artist.

## ‘NALLAPADAM’ CINEMA REVIEW: A HIGH-SPIRITED SOCIAL COMMENTARY PACKED WITH HUMOUR AND HEART

Chennai, 17 Sep 2026: Director Praburam C delivers an engaging and highly entertaining social drama with Nallapadam. Seamlessly blending mass entertainment with sharp societal commentary, the film presents an inventive look at human relationships, addiction, and sudden change.

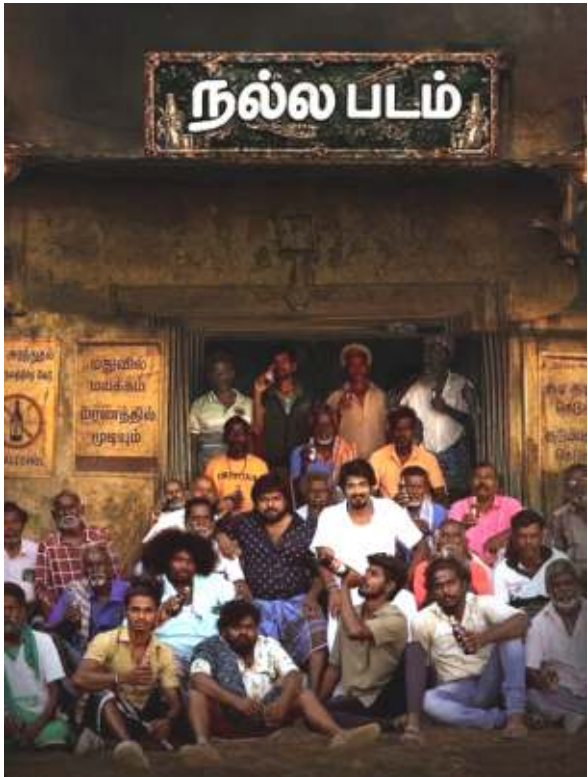
Director: Praburam C, Cast: Dr. A. Harish, Dhanalakshmi, Motta Rajendran, Kalki Raja, Music: Sagishna Xavier, Producer: A Alagu Pandian, PRO Suresh Chandra.

The storyline of Nallapadam revolves around Kumaran (played by Dr. A. Harish), a young man whose entire life and identity are dictated by his severe alcohol dependency. Despite the endless, unconditional support of his loving mother, his sister Amutha, and his long-suffering girl friend, Kumaran refuses to break free

from his routine. The screenplay shifts into high gear when an unexpected nationwide alcohol ban is declared in India. Forced into a corner, Kumaran’s sudden sobriety and his desperate adaptation to this new reality lead to an incredibly engaging, often hilarious, and deeply emotional journey. Director Praburam C handles this high-concept premise beautifully, making sure the film balances mass comedy with genuine weight.

Dr. A. Harish shines in the lead role, effortlessly carrying the transition of a flawed protagonist with immense charm and physical comedy. His transformation scenes are a treat to watch. Opposite him, Dhanalakshmi anchors the film with a strong, grounded emotional performance that lends his serious heart to the chaotic narrative.

The comedy tracks are elevated signifi



cantly by veteran comedian Motta Rajendran and Kalki Raja. Rajendran’s impeccable comic timing and eccentric screen presence keep the theatre laughing, ensuring that even when the film explores heavier themes of addiction, the entertainment quotient never drops.

Behind the camera, Iniyan Harris captures the vibrant, frantic energy of Kumaran’s world with bright and purposeful cinematography. The back ground score and music composed by Sagishna Xavier serve as the perfect catalyst for the film's pacing, delivering high-octane mass beats during the comedic chases while pulling back gracefully for the intimate family moments.

## AMAZON ANNOUNCES LARGEST-EVER OPERATIONS NETWORK EXPANSION AHEAD OF FESTIVE SEASON

Chennai, 17 Sep 2026: Amazon has announced its biggest-ever expansion of its operations network ahead of the festive season, launching 20 new fulfillment centres, six sort centres and 150 last-mile delivery stations across India. The expansion will increase Amazon’s total storage capacity by 50% to 64 million cubic feet, equivalent to more than 720 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The company is strengthening its presence beyond metros, with all six new sort centres and seven

The expansion



forms part of Amazon’s recently announced investment of over INR 2,800 crore to streng

then its pan-India operations network. The company said the investment will improve delivery speeds, bring sellers



## TAMIL NADU'S GROWING INDUSTRIAL CENTRES CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP: AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE

Madurai, 17 Sep 2026: Tamil Nadu is witnessing steady growth across industries such as manufacturing, automobiles, electronics, textiles, pharmaceuticals and logistics. With businesses expanding beyond the state’s major cities and new industrial and employment centres emerging in smaller towns and districts, more families are moving closer to these opportunities in search of jobs and a better quality of life.

According to reports, Tamil Nadu’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is expected to reach ₹35.29 lakh crore in

FY26. The state is also attracting investments across manufacturing, technology, renewable energy, transportation and other sectors. This growth is creating new employment opportunities and supporting the development of infrastructure and connectivity across emerging locations.

For families in Tier II, Tier III and semi-urban areas, the growth of local industries can mean more jobs closer to home. As employment opportunities increase, people working in manufacturing, logistics, small businesses and related services are increasingly looking for

homes that are closer to their workplaces. For many first-time home buyers, a stable income can also provide greater confidence to take the step towards owning a home.

Reflecting this

## COAS GENERAL DHIRAJ SETH EMBARKS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO RUSSIA

Chennai, 17 Sep 2026: General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), is on an official visit to Russia from 16 to 18 September 2026, aimed at further strengthening the longstanding defence partnership and military-to-military cooperation between the two countries.

During the visit, the COAS will receive a ceremonial Guard of Honour and pay tribute to the fallen soldiers at ‘Tomb of the Unknown

Sergeyevich Osmakov, Deputy Minister of Defence, dealing with defence industry and procurement. The engagements will provide an opportunity to exchange perspectives on contemporary military developments and avenues for enhancing defence cooperation. As part of the visit, General Dhiraj Seth will also travel to Saint Petersburg, where he will visit the Mikhailovskaya Military Artillery Academy and interact with its



leadership and faculty.

The visit reflects the importance attached by both countries to sustained military diplomacy and Army-to-Army engagement. The interactions are expected to further deepen military cooperation and reinforce the enduring defence relationship between India and Russia.

## DMA RECORDS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN SWACHHATA AND DISPOSAL OF PENDING MATTERS

Chennai, 17 Sep 2026: Following a nationwide Special Campaign 5.0 on Swachhata in October 2025, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) has organised 329 Swachhata campaigns between November 2025 and August 2026. During this period, a total of

18,255 files were reviewed and 8,688 files were weeded out. To sustain the momentum beyond Campaign 5.0, the Department issued directions to all attached and subordinate offices to dedicate two hours every week to Swachhata-related activities. DMA is currently making

efforts to achieve the 455 rules/processes were simplified by various organisations under DMA and a revenue of Rs. 41.6489 crores was generated from the disposal and sale of scrap. In respect of Record Management, 7,18,898 physical files were reviewed and 9602 files were weeded out.