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CM VIJAY HAILS WALGREENS' FIRST INDIA GCC CHENNAI FACILITY TO CREATE 250 JOBS

Chennai, 19 Sep expand the centre and
2026: Chief Minister increase employment
C. Joseph Vijay on in the coming years.

Friday facilitated an MoU between the Tamil Nadu government and US-based Walgreens India Private Limited to establish the company's first Global Capability Centre (GCC) in India at Taramani in Chennai, creating 250 high-value jobs in the first year.

The GCC will come up at DLF Downtown in Taramani, located along the OMR GCC corridor recently announced by the state government. It will primarily focus on technology and business services supporting Walgreens' global operations.

The MoU was exchanged in Vijay's presence at the Secretariat as part of the state government's efforts to attract global capability centres and generate skilled employment. The company plans to



will be its first GCC in India. The company is planning to set up a technology and business service operations.

During the event, Industries Minister Vijay urged the company to expand its presence to Tier-II and Tier-III cities in Tamil Nadu and provide employment opportunities to youth in these regions.

The state government said Walgreens' decision to establish its maiden India GCC in Tamil Nadu would strengthen the state's GCC ecosystem and its position as a destination for service operations.

Industries Minister S. Keerthana, Chief Secretary M. Saikumar, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Additional Chief Secretary S. Vijayakumar, Tamil Nadu Managing Director and CEO Deepak Jacob, Walgreens GCC head Umapathy Viswanathan, Walgreens director Masood Ahmed and senior officials were present.

CCB GRILLS ANBIL MAHESH IN SCHOOL FRAUD CASE

Chennai, 19 Sep fraud case.

2026: Former Tamil Nadu School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamazhi appeared before the Chennai Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Friday for questioning in connection with an alleged Rs. 100 crore private school approval

The case relates to allegations that money was collected from private school managers by promising to secure permanent recognition, school upgradation, DTCP approvals and other government clearances.

Police have said the probe covers 177 private schools and that more than Rs. 100 crore was allegedly collected. The CBI has also seized various digital records, including mobile phones, laptops, pen drives, computer hard disks and other electronic devices.

The CCB had booked Mahesh under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act based on state records, documents and electronic evidence. The investigation was initially launched following a complaint by the Federation of Associations of Private Schools in Tamil Nadu.

gathered during the investigation. The former minister's name was added to the case following the probe into the alleged transactions.

On September 16, other accused in the the CCB conducted case. searches at nine Mahesh has denied locations in Chennai wrongdoing and said and Tiruchy linked to he would face the Mahesh and people investigation legally associated with him.

Police seized 118 documents and contest the allegations.

MADURANTAKAM, DHARAPURAM BYPOLLS FIELD NARROWS: 50 NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED, 49 REJECTED

Chennai, 19 Sep	A n n a D r a v i d a	with the TVK, DMK,	October 6.
2026: The electoral	Munnetra Kazhagam	AIADMK, NTK and	Thattanchavady by
field for the October 6	(AIADMK), Naam	Left parties fielding	poll
Assembly byelections	Tamilar Katchi (NTK)	candidates separately.	
in Madurantakam and	and the Left parties	The CPI and CPI(M)	Meanwhile, in
Dharapuram was	were accepted.	have said that they	neighbouring Pudu

narrowed down, with 49 of the 99 nomination papers filed in the two constituencies being rejected during scrutiny. A total of 50 nominations were accepted.

In Madurantakam, Kanitha Sampath, 48 nomination papers CPI(M) candidate P. Suganthi and NTK were filed, of which 28 were accepted and 20 nominee K. Janaki rejected. In Dharaman. In Dharapuram, 51 papers were the accepted nominations included those of TVK candidate P. Sathyabama, DMK scrutiny was conducted by the respective candidate S. Suganya, and 29 rejected. The election authorities. AIADMK candidate

The nominations of candidates fielded by the major parties - the

Kazhagam (TVK), the Opposition Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), the All India

The entry of the Left parties has resulted in a five-way contest in both constituencies,

AMID WAR, TEAM TRUMP ALLOWS IRAN DELEGATION TO ATTEND UN ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Chennai, 19 Sep Iranian regime will be
2026: The United able to attend UN
States is allowing an General Assembly
Iranian delegation to High Level Week," the
attend the United State Department
Nations General spokesman said. But
Assembly in New York the official added that
next week, a State the delegation will be
Department spokes smaller than last year. It
man said Thursday, will also face travel
despite a war that has restrictions and prohibi
entered its seventh tions on purchases of
month. luxury goods and other

A source familiar with the matter confirmed this would cover Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian.

"Consistent with our host country obligations, the core delegation from the spread across the Middle East. Tehran retaliated with a blockade of the

with the TVK, DMK, October 6.
AIADMK, NTK and Thattanchavady by
Left parties fielding poll

The CPI and CPI(M) have said that they would continue their outside support to the TVK government despite contesting the by-elections independently.

The Maduranta kam and Dharapuram by-elections were necessitated by the resignation of AIADMK MLAs Maragatham Kumaravel and P. Sathyabama, respectively, who subsequently joined the TVK and are contesting the bypolls on the ruling party's tickets. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is September 19, after which the final list of contestants will be announced. Polling for the two constituencies is scheduled for

Strait of Hormuz, a key waterway for energy transit, sending global oil prices soaring.

There has been a fresh upsurge in fighting between the United States and Iran in recent weeks, while shipping remains restricted in the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab al-Mandab Strait off Yemen, where Houthi rebels have seized control.

The step taken by President Donald Trump's administration last year forced the Palestinian leader, a regular at the UN

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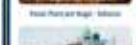
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SAMSUNG INDIA MAKES GALAXY Z FOLD8 ULTRA AND GALAXY Z FOLD8 MORE ACCESSIBLE WITH LOWER MONTHLY EMIS THROUGH GALAXY FOREVER

Coimbatore, 19 Sep 2026: Samsung India has introduced a flexible payment plan through 24 EMIs, for its latest flagship foldables, the Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra and Galaxy Z Fold8, under the Galaxy Forever programme. The new ‘bullet-payment’ option reduces monthly EMIs by 25% over 24 months, making the devices more accessible to customers.

Under the two-year programme, customers pay 60% of the device price along with the Galaxy Forever programme fee while the remaining 40% is deferred as a bullet payment at the end of the tenure. Customers can then choose to upgrade to the latest Galaxy device, retain the existing device by paying the bullet amount, or return the device and exit the programme. The programme also offers assured buyback options for eligible early returns or



upgrades and includes Samsung Care+ protection against accidental and liquid damage, without separate purchase.

The Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra features an 8-inch main display, 200MP main camera, Snapdragon 8 Elite Gen 5 for Galaxy platform and a 5000mAh battery with 45 W fast charging. The Galaxy Z Fold8 offers an immersive foldable experience with a 3000-nit peak-brightness display, dual 50MP cameras, a 4800mAh battery and a lighter 201g design.

UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK LAUNCHES ‘NOTHING SMALL ABOUT US’ CAMPAIGN WITH R. MADHAVAN AS BRAND AMBASSADOR

Bangalore, 19 Sep 2026: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited (Ujjivan SFB), serving over 1 crore customers through 800+ branches across 26 States and Union Territories, announced the launch of its new brand campaign ‘Nothing Small About Us’, featuring acclaimed actor and Padma Shri awardee R. Madhavan as its Brand Ambassador.



The campaign is rooted in a key customer insight: the word ‘Small’ can sometimes create a perception that the Bank caters primarily to small-ticket financial needs, has a limited range of banking products and offerings, or operates at a smaller scale. ‘Nothing Small About Us’ seeks to address this perception by showcasing the Ujjivan Small Finance Bank of today.

Ujjivan offers a comprehensive range of banking solutions across savings, deposits, lending and business banking,

Commenting on the campaign, Lakshman Velayutham, Chief Marketing Officer, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, said: “Nothing Small About Us’ comes from a very real customer insight. We found that the word ‘Small’ can sometimes lead to a perception that our offerings, ticket sizes or even our scale may be limited. The Ujjivan of today is very different from that perception, with an extensive branch network and a comprehensive range of banking and lending solutions catering to diverse customer needs. Through this campaign, we want everyone to see Ujjivan for what it is today, a bank with the scale, reach and breadth of offerings to serve the diverse financial needs. R. Madhavan, with the credibility, authenticity and trust he has built over the years, is a natural fit to convey this message.”

The choice of R. Madhavan as Ujjivan’s Brand Ambassador stems from the strong alignment between the values he represents and those of the Bank. Over the years, R. Madhavan has built an image associated with integrity, humility, versatility and authenticity, earning trust through consistency, and establishing a strong connect across audiences and geographies.

Commenting on his association with Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, Padma Shri awardee R. Madhavan said: “Whenever I associate with a brand, The integrated campaign will be amplified across television, print, digital, OTT/CTV, outdoor, social media and Ujjivan’s branch network, creating a consistent brand narrative across consumer touchpoints.

BHARAT FORGE AND RTX'S PRATT & WHITNEY CANADA TO EXPLORE TURBOPROP ENGINES FOR INDIA'S INDIGENOUS HALE UAV PROGRAMME

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: Bharat Forge will evaluate engine compatibility, performance and installation requirements. Bharat Forge will lead engine-airframe integration, including installation design and systems interfaces, drawing on its advanced engineering, manufacturing and aerospace systems capabilities.

"Bharat Forge Aerospace business is proud to collaborate with Pratt & Whitney Canada to advance India's indigenous aerospace and defense supports India's indigenous unmanned aerial systems efforts under the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Pratt



combining Pratt & Whitney's globally proven propulsion technologies with Pratt & Whitney. “Pratt Bharat Forge’s & Whitney Canada’s engineering and turboprop engines have systems integration a proven legacy of expertise, we aim to support development of a world-class HALE platform that strengthens India’s strategic self-reliance and defense preparedness.”

The collaboration supports India's indigenous unmanned aerial systems efforts under the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Pratt

HALE UAVs provide long-endurance surveillance, intelligence and reconnaissance across land and maritime domains.

25TH MEETING OF SCO MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN TRADE ACTIVITIES HELD IN TAJIKISTAN

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: The 25th Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Foreign Economic and Trade Activities was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 17 September 2026.

increased intra-SCO trade, lower trade costs, resilient supply chains and enhanced connectivity.

The Meeting reviewed ongoing cooperation among SCO Member States in the areas of economic and trade activities and exchanged views on measures to further deepen trade and economic cooperation within the SCO framework.

The Ministers also approved the ‘Regulations on the Special Working Group of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States on the Development of the Creative Economy’.

The Ministers took note of the information provided by the representative of the SCO Business Council regarding the activities of the Council. They also took note of the information provided by the Tajik side on the work of the SCO Consortium of Economic Analytical Centres. The Ministers noted that the next Ministerial Meeting will be held in 2027 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

India further called for greater participation of SCO economies in global value chains and reiterated its commitment to an open, inclusive and

BEYOND THE TOURIST WALLET: WIZZ FINANCIAL LAUNCHES THE FIRST GLOBAL CROSS-BORDER WALLET WHERE UPI MEETS REMITTANCE - FOR EVERY NATIONALITY, RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT ALIKE

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: Wizz Financial today unveiled the Wizz Financial App at Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026, bringing a comprehensive range of financial services together on a single digital platform.

The app brings together Wizz Financial's technology capabilities with the scale, reach and trust of its India network, which serves more than 5 million customers through more than 360 branches across 22 states.

Through the app, customers can access inward and outward remittances, foreign exchange, multi-currency prepaid cards, lending solutions, UPI for global users to India and bill payments, mobile recharges, and travel and visa services.

A key feature of the platform is SWITCH, Wizz Financial's proprietary interoper

VICE-PRESIDENT C. P. RADHAKRISHNAN INAUGURATES 38TH PUNE FESTIVAL

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan today inaugurated the 38th Pune Festival at Shri Ganesh Kala Krida Rangmanch, Pune.

Maharashtra Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Deputy Chief Minister Smt. Sunetra Pawar, Minister for Higher & Technical Education Shri Chandrakant Patil, Minister for Cultural Affairs Shri Ashish Shelar, MP Smt. Hema Malini, MP Dr. Medha Kulkarni and former Union Home Minister Shri Sushil kumar Shinde were among those present.

The Vice-President

ability infrastructure, designed to connect its applications across the US, UAE and India, as well as participating third-party wallets and financial platforms.

SWITCH enables customers to move money seamlessly across the Wizz Financial ecosystem. Cross-border payouts are supported by Wizz Financial's proprietary payout network, reaching more than 80 countries.

The platform also connects Wizz Financial's US and UAE propositions with India's UPI ecosystem, enabling eligible real-time transfers into Indian UPI accounts. Through the UPI One World framework, eligible international visitors can also use the Wizz Financial App to make cashless payments across India, subject to applicable regulatory requirements and prescribed limits.

He also paid tribute to Lokmanya Tilak, Mahatma Jyotiba



“UPI is one of the most powerful pieces of public digital infrastructure the world has ever built. We have followed the Prime Minister's vision for UPI from the very beginning, and I am prouder than ever that Wizz Financial is now helping carry that vision beyond India's borders, spearheading a truly global, cross-border UPI ecosystem.

With SWITCH, we are bringing payments, wallets and cross-border money movement together across the US, UAE and India, so that residents, non-residents and international customers can all move money through the same trusted rails," said Amir Nagammy, Founder & Group CEO, Wizz Financial.

"Wizz Financial has built the trust of millions of customers in India through accessibility and service excellence. By combining our nation wide branch presence with our digital capabilities, we are giving customers a simpler and more convenient way to access and manage their financial needs," said Krishnan R, Director & CEO, Wizz Financial India.

The launch at GFF 2026 marks a significant step in Wizz Financial's strategy to build an integrated financial platform connecting customers and businesses across key global economic corridors.

Appreciating Pune's growing global character, the Vice-President particularly lauded the performance of international students at the inauguration session. He noted that students from around 20 countries participated in Traditional Ganesh Worship programme , describing it as a beautiful manifestation of the spirit of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.”

The Vice-President said Pune has emerged as a major centre of education, industry, sports, information and creativity.

INDIAN RAILWAYS APPROVES ₹493 CRORE FOR 38.21 KM NEW RAIL LINE BETWEEN MUKUTBAN (ADILABAD) AND GADCHANDUR

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: In a significant step towards strengthening regional rail connectivity and facilitating faster and more efficient movement of passengers and freight, Indian Railways has approved the construction of the 38.21 km new rail line between Mukutban (Adilabad) and Gadchandur in South Central Railway at a cost of ₹493 crore.

Strengthening Connectivity to Industrial and Mining Centres

Mukutban in Yavatmal district and Gadchandur in Chandrapur district are important industrial and mining centres, serving several cement plants, coal mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. and nearby lime

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI RECEIVES A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UAE

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received a telephone call from His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates.

The UAE President conveyed warm greetings on the Prime

JAISHANKAR HANDS OVER EVS TO BHUTAN

Chennai, 19 Sep 2026: India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday called on Bhutanese Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay as part of his official visit to Bhutan from September 16 to 18.

The meeting covered a range of

stone mines. The new rail line will strengthen rail connectivity to these industrial clusters and facilitate more efficient movement of freight.

Shorter Route to Improve Freight Movement and Decongest Existing Network

The new rail line will provide a shorter and more efficient rail route, reducing travel distance, transportation time and associated costs. It will also provide an alternative route to decongest the existing Wardha-Manikgarh section, supporting smoother movement of freight traffic. The freight traffic is expected to include coal and coke, cement, sponge iron, metal scrap, iron & steel, fertilisers and food

Reducing Dependence on Congested Balharshah-Nagpur Route - The project will reduce dependence on the congested Balharshah-Nagpur High-Density Network (HDN) route, while improving rail connectivity to the relatively

Minister's birthday. congratulated the five outcomes under

Prime Minister on India's successful BRICS Presidency. Prime Minister appreciated the participation of His Highness Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled in the BRICS Summit and the UAE's cooperation and partnership in achieving substan

Assistance (PTA). Fortyfive EVs had earlier been handed over to Bhutan in July under the same project.

Dr Jaishankar and Bhutan's Foreign Affairs and External Trade Minister D.N. Dhungyel jointly unveiled plaques for three development projects in Bumthang and handed over 43 pure Jersey cows as part of cooperation in livestock development.

On Wednesday, India and Bhutan also marked progress in several areas of development cooperation, including hydropower, healthcare, road connectivity and

'TRANSFER' - PRESENTED BY ARUN MATHESWARAN ON BEHALF OF BLACK WHITEBO PRODUCTION HOUSE, AND PRODUCED BY SOUNDARYA DILEEPAN, N. RAJENDRAN, AND RAMU THANGARAJ UNDER THE SILVER STREAM STUDIOS BANNER!

Chennai, 19 Sep responsibility and the 2026: Transfer is a pressure of the moment tense and hard-hitting collide, leading to short film that revolves conse quences that around a police neither policeman can encounter that spirals control.

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US F-16 FIGHTER JET CRASHES IN MICHIGAN, PILOT EJECTS

Chennai, 19 Sep Fighter Wing...crashed 2026: A Texas-based during a routine US military F-16 training mission" near fighter jet crashed Traverse City, the unit Thursday during a said in a statement on training mission in its Facebook page. Michigan, with the "The pilot success pilot able to eject, the fully ejected from the unit to which the aircraft. The incident is aircraft belonged said. under investigation," it "A Texas Air added, without provid National Guard F-16 ing further details. Fighting Falcon Grand Traverse assigned to the 149th County Emergency

STEEL CUTTING OF SECOND NEXT GENERATION MISSILE VESSEL (NGMV) FOR INDIAN NAVY AT COCHIN SHIPYARD LIMITED, KOCHI

Chennai, 19 Sep Indian Navy and CSL 2026: ‘Steel Cutting’ were also present for ceremony of the the occasion. second ship of the Next Contract for cons Generation Missile truction of NGMVs Vessel (NGMV) was concluded with project was held at CSL in March 2023. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi The NGMVs are planned to be installed on 17 Sep 2026, with with state-of-the-art RAdm Kapil Mehta, weapon and sensors, Assistant Controller of which would signifi Warship Production & cantly enhance the Acquisition as the combat capabilities of Chief Guest. the Indian Navy as a ‘Future Ready and Other senior Combat Ready Force’. officials from the



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Management in state's two US senators, Michigan said on said on X that he was Facebook that an "aware of the plane evacuation order is "in crash near Traverse City" and was "closely monitoring the situation as we work to get more information on the incident.” And Gary Peters, one of the northern



The construction of major role defining the ships reinforces equipment have been India’s commitment to i n d i g e n o u s l y build a strong and developed and manu modern Navy, capable factured, underscoring of operating in the the Nation’s prowess complex maritime and are in consonance environment of the with GoI initiative of Indian Ocean Region. ‘AatmanirbharBharat’ Further, all the ‘Makeinindia’ and ‘MakefortheWorld’.

PM TO INAUGURATE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “THE FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE DYNAMICS” ON 19 SEPTEMBER

Chennai, 19 Sep Tribunal on 19 and 20 State Environment nance practices and 2026: Prime Minister September 2026. It will Impact Assessment institutional experi Shri Narendra Modi witness the participa Authorities (SEIAAs), ences across jurisdic will inaugurate the tion of environmental State Wetland tions. International Confe experts, Judges of the Authorities and other It will facilitate rence on “The Future Supreme Court of India stakeholders. It will dialogue on critical of Environment and and High Courts, also bring together environmental and Climate Dynamics” on District Court Judges, eminent Judges and climate challenges, 19 September 2026 at Secretaries of various judicial representatives including gaps in around 10 AM at Ministries, senior from 17 countries. policy formulation, Vigyan Bhawan, New government officials, implementation and Delhi. representatives of State will provide a platform enforcement, and The two-day Judicial Academies, for the exchange of explore ways to streng Conference is being State Legal Services judicial approaches, then environmental organised by the Authorities, State scientific knowledge, governance and insti National Green Expert Appraisal environmental gover tutional cooperation. Committees (SEACs),

HAL HANDS OVER 2 LCA FOC TWIN SEATER TRAINERS & 3 HTT 40 BASIC TRAINERS TO IAF AND 4 DHRUV NG HELICOPTERS TO PHL IN THE PRESENCE OF RAKSHA MANTRI & CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

Chennai, 19 Sep confidence and self- 2026: Hindustan reliance. “Our aim is to Aeronautics Limited make India capable, (HAL) handed over self-reliant, and two Light Combat globally competitive in Aircraft (LCA) Tejas meeting its aerospace Final Operational requirements,” he said. Clearance (FOC) Twin Seater Trainers & three HTT 40 Basic Trainers to the Indian Air Force (IAF), and four Dhruv Next Generation (NG) helicopters to Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Minister of Civil Aviation Shri K Rammohan Naidu in Bengaluru, Karnataka on September 18, 2026. In his address, Raksha Mantri descri bed the handing over as a significant milestone in the nation’s progress towards indigenous aerospace capability, technological self-



Shri Rajnath Singh level playing field,” he forward one step at a asserted that India is added, while listing the time. Naturally, there moving systematically steps taken by the would be challenges, towards Aatmanir Ministry of Defence to but we need to view bharta in defence, as promote self-reliance. them as milestones on a the nation is manufac larger roadmap to turing the state-of-the- achieve progress in a art equipment indi stressed the need to sector as complex and genously ever since advance systematically and crucial as aerospace,” Prime Minister Shri in the aerospace sector, he said. Narendra Modi-led terming self-reliance in Shri Rajnath Singh Government began of the hour. “There can called for realistic working with the core be no sudden ‘big bang’ project timelines to mantra of self-reliance. in the development of address delays in “We’ve taken steps to aerospace systems. It is ongoing technical a vast and gradual projects. He noted that process involving a delays can create gaps wide range of compo in meeting critical nents. All the products defence requirements, and components lead to cost escalations involved represent and increase the risk of small rungs on a long technology obsole ladder; we must move science.

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