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CHENNAI TO GET STARBUCKS' FIRST GCC IN INDIA 800 HIGH-PAYING TECH JOBS TO BE CREATED

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN TAKES STRONG ACTION, SUSPENDS OFFICER OVER BRIBERY COMPLAINT

Chennai, 22 Sep Pradesh's Shohare
2026: Union Agricul district. According to
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Welfare Minister Shri officer allegedly
Shivraj Singh Chouhan demanded money
has ordered the during an inspection in
immediate suspension Shohare district in
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bribes from two ware Bhairunda tehsil, while
houses in Madhya ₹60,000 was allegedly

The complaint was brought to the attention of Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Taking serious note of the allegations, the Minister directed immediate action in the matter. Following the	The action also underlines the Ministry's position that complaints of irregularities or bribery in government processes concerning farmers and warehouse operators will be taken seriously and acted upon.
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Under Vetri
Payanam, the benefit
will be extended to
Express, LSS and
Deluxe Government
buses operating in
metropolitan and urban

MOD INKS RS 586 CRORE CONTRACT TO PROCURE AUXILIARY POWER UNITS FOR T-72 & T-90 TANKS

The APU is an alternate source for

The CM had announced the Vetri Payanam scheme in the assembly on August 24

Officials said the work to integrate buses covered under Vetri Payanam with electronic ticketing machines (ETMs) has been completed. Testing and verification will be completed by September 25, while a trial run has been scheduled for September 27 ahead of the statewide rollout.

The Government

of critical sub-systems aligned with the vision of Armoured Platforms Government's vision and demonstrates of Viksit Bharat at 2047 and industry led research @2047 and marks a notable milestone in the development of the Make-II. This also shows the effective Aatmanirbharta in the business of the mechanism Defence and building a resilient, self-reliant & globally competitive Indian defence industry.

A GRAND KABADDI COMPETITION WAS HELD IN KARIYAMPATTI PANCHAYAT TO MARK THE 100-DAY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE THAVEKA GOVERNMENT. *DINDIGUL WEST DISTRICT SECRETARY S KARTHIK RAJAN HONORED THE WINNERS WITH PRIZES

Chennai, 22 Sep than 25 teams participated in the competition. The first-place team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000, a trophy and a medal. The second-place winning teams were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 8,001, the third-place winning teams were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 6,001, the fourth-place winning teams were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,001, and medals including a trophy. Dindigul West District Secretary Karthik Rajan presented prizes to the winning teams at this event.



Secretary Guru Arun (A) Arun Pandian, Ottanchathiram East Union Secretary Sura Suresh, Ottanchathiram Central Union Secretary Dinesh, JPS. Sakthees Kumar, Prem Kumar, Kallimantham Branch Secretary Raj kumar, and Thaveka executives, the public, and the public.

TATA AIA LIFE INSURANCE LAUNCHES SHUBH SIP, A FLEXIBLE FINANCIAL SOLUTION DESIGNED TO EVOLVE THROUGH EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

Mumbai, 22 Sep together within one flexible solution. 2026: Financial priorities evolve with life. An individual may begin by focusing on building wealth, later prioritise protecting a growing family and eventually look at creating a planned income stream for retirement. However, these needs are often managed through separate financial decisions.



Commenting on the launch, Jeelani Basha, Chief Business Officer – Partnership Distribution and Group Business, Tata AIA Life Insurance, said, “Financial priorities do not remain constant throughout life. The need today may be wealth creation, tomorrow it may be protecting family responsibilities, and later it may be creating a steady income during retirement. With Tata AIA Shubh SIP, our aim was to bring these evolving needs together within one flexible solution, enabling individuals to continue their financial journey without having

to start again at every stage of life.” Tata AIA Shubh SIP enables individuals to build a market-linked corpus, with Loyalty Additions and Maturity Boosters to support long-term wealth creation, subject to applicable policy terms and conditions. For family protection, the plan offers enhanced Waiver of Premium benefits with 1X, 2X and 3X multipliers, depending on the option selected, along with a Family Income Continuation Benefit providing additional monthly income to dependants in the event of the policyholder’s death. For retirement, the Retirement/Whole Life option allows individuals to build a retirement corpus and opt for an automatic Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP) from age 60, through either a fixed amount or percentage of fund value. The plan also provides partial withdrawals and an Automatic Partial Withdrawal Facility, subject to applicable terms and conditions.



PRIME MINISTER CONDOLES THE PASSING OF HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH AHMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM

Chennai, 22 Sep Family and the people of Dubai, Shri Modi said that His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's efforts to serve society will be cherished by generations to come. Shri Modi posted on

X: Deeply saddened by the passing of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. His efforts to serve society will be cherished by generations to come. I convey heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family



and the people of Dubai. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

HER – WOMEN’S HEALTH & LONGEVITY SUMMIT BRINGS MULTIPLE MEDICAL SPECIALITIES UNDER ONE PLATFORM

Chennai, 22 Sep changing healthcare needs of women. 2026: Dr. Irfana Hameed, Founder and Clinical Director of Be The One Longevity Centre, convened HER – Women’s Health & Longevity Summit on September 19 at Hotel Pullman, Teynampet. Positioned as one of India’s first multi speciality summits dedicated to women’s health and longevity, HER brought together medical experts from across disciplines to look at women’s health through the different stages of life.



The one-day summit featured conversations spanning multiple areas of women’s healthcare, with a focus on prevention, emerging medical approaches, longevity and the

The summit also marked a significant new chapter for Dr. Irfana and Be The One with the launch of BTO Longevity – Women, a dedicated FemTech initiative designed to help women take greater charge of their health. The initiative was launched by Dr. Irfana during the HER conference and inaugurated by C.K. Kumara vel, Founder of Naturals Salon, who presided over the summit. The platform will bring together health information and monitoring in one place, with plans to integrate menstrual cycle tracking, wearable technology

INDUS TOWERS' CSR INITIATIVES POSITIVELY IMPACT 33.88 MILLION LIVES ACROSS INDIA IN FY26

Chennai, 22 Sep approach lies a commitment to empower communities with digital skills, education, healthcare access, livelihood opportunities and sustainable infrastructure. The Company’s interventions are designed to support the vision of a participatory India, where development is driven not only for communities but with communities. The aim is to work closely with local stakeholders, government institutions, implementation partners and beneficiary groups to identify needs, create solutions and build long-term community ownership. The programmes are aligned with several national underserved regions of

development priorities the country. With a long-term ambition of positively impacting 150 million lives by 2030, Indus Towers will continue to deepen its engagement with underserved communities through scalable, high-impact interventions that create measurable and sustainable outcomes. Leveraging its extensive nationwide presence, technology-led approach and deep understanding of local realities, Indus Towers aims to continue contributing meaningfully to India’s priorities around digital inclusion, human capital development, environmental sustainability, women’s empowerment and equitable economic growth.

Over the years, the Company has developed a diverse portfolio of interventions aimed at addressing critical development challenges across underserved regions of

TROPOLITE SHOWCASES BAKERY AND FOOD SOLUTIONS AT INDIA BAKERY EXPO 2026 IN CHENNAI

Chennai, 22 Sep seminars, workshops, 2026: Tropolite is live baking demonstrations and cake bakery, culinary, decoration competitions. frozen and whipped cream solutions at the

7th edition of India Bakery Expo 2026, being held from September 18 to 20 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai. The company is exhibiting at Stalls 210 and 213.

Organised by the Tamil Nadu Bakers Federation, India, the three-day B2B exhibition is expected to attract over 200 exhibitors and more than 18,000 business visitors, including bakery owners, home bakers, entrepreneurs, distributors and equipment dealers. The event also features technical

At the expo, Tropolite is highlighting its bakery portfolio, including Premium Whip Toppings, Cake Premixes, Fondants and Aromas, alongside Cooking Base for culinary applications. The company is demonstrating its products across practical foodservice and manufacturing applications, addressing industry requirements for product development, consistency and commercial-scale production.

JAIPUR BOOKMARK 2027 RETURNS FOR ITS 14TH EDITION, ANNOUNCES INDIA-UK PUBLISHING FELLOWSHIP AND FOCUS ON GUJARATI LITERATURE

New Delhi, 22 Sep of the India-UK Jaipur BookMark from 2026: Jaipur BookMark (JBM), South Asia's leading B2B publishing platform, will return for its 14th edition from 14-18 January 2027 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur, alongside the Jaipur Literature Festival. The 2027 edition will bring together publishers, editors, literary agents, authors, translators, booksellers, illustrators, designers, rights managers and publishing professionals from India and across the world, with a focus on Gujarati literature, translation, emerging forms of storytelling, publishing innovation, and the evolving impact of technology and artificial intelligence on the book industry.

Through an open-call process, two independent publishers - one from India and one from the UK, will be selected to participate in a curated programme at Jaipur BookMark 2027 and the London Book Fair 2027. The selected Fellows will attend



solutions, Tropolite has expanded into culinary, beverages and frozen desserts. Its participation reflects the company's continued efforts to strengthen its presence across Southern India's bakery, foodservice and hospitality sectors and build relationships with industry professionals. Puneet Davar, CEO & Managing Director, Tropolite, said, "India Bakery Expo allows us to meet bakery and food businesses from

Industry professionals are invited to visit Tropolite at Stalls 210 and 213 to interact with the team and explore its solutions.

The programme will provide opportunities for professional development, industry engagement and exposure to publishing communities across both markets. The India-UK Publishing Fellowship will be open to independent publishers from India and the UK who meet the programme's eligibility requirements. Fellows will be selected by a panel comprising representatives from Jaipur BookMark and the British Council. Selection will consider the relevance and strength of the applicant's publishing list, demonstrated interest in India-UK collaboration and translation,

ing new work in translation, capacity to benefit professionally from the Fellowship and alignment with the aims of the programme. Preference will be given to publishers who have not previously participated in similar international opportunities.

The 2027 edition will also place a special focus on Gujarati literature, bringing its writers, publishers, translators and literary traditions into conversation with the wider publishing ecosystem in India and internationally. The programme will explore the richness of Gujarati publishing while examining the role of translation in enabling literature to travel across languages and markets.

BHARATGAS ASSURES QUALITY WITH 'ZERO KA DUM - DEFECT MILA TOH REFILL FREE'

Coimbatore, 22 Sep gas cylinder at the time of delivery, subject to applicable terms and conditions. Limited (BPCL) has

strengthened its focus on LPG cylinder quality and customer safety through its 'Zero Ka Dum' (ZKD) programme. Under the 'Defect Mila Toh Refill Free' initiative, customers in select cities, including Coimbatore, can avail a free refill if a genuine defect is identified in a Bharat



The programme ensures stringent quality checks at every stage, from LPG bottling plants to the customer's doorstep. BPCL's LPG bottling plants undergo rigorous third-party certification audits by independent agencies accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB). So far, 55 LPG bottling plants have successfully achieved 'Zero Ka Dum' certification.

The initiative combines advanced technology, stringent maintenance practices, safety checkpoints and independent quality certification to strengthen operational controls and ensure that only defect-free cylinders reach customers. The programme has been launched in select cities and will be gradually rolled out to other locations.

DP WORLD COCHIN WELCOMES NEW SHIPPING SERVICE CONNECTING INDIA TO KEY MIDDLE EAST HUBS

Cochin, 22 Sep The new MGR IFR service connects two major Indian gateways; Cochin's International Container Transhipment Terminal (ICTT) and Nhava Sheva in Maharashtra with Fujairah (UAE), Sohar (Oman) and Aden (Yemen) on a fortnightly rotation.

The service is operated by two vessels, M.V. MARSA VIRGO and M.V. MARSA ZENITH, each offering a capacity of more than 500 TEUs per voyage. It began with the inaugural call of M.V. MARSA VIRGO at DP World Cochin, where



the terminal handled trade routes. DP World Cochin

The rotation of Cochin, Nhava Sheva, Fujairah, Sohar, Aden, Cochin, enables faster cargo movement and strengthens DP World Cochin's expanding portfolio of global shipping services. The direct connection gives exporters and importers in southern India more efficient access to Middle East markets and onward global months.

AMAZON GREAT INDIAN FESTIVAL TO BEGIN OCTOBER 8

Chennai, 22 Sep will feature 2026: Amazon.in has announced that its annual Amazon Great Indian Festival will begin on October 8, offering customers festive-season deals across smartphones, electronics, fashion, beauty, home essentials and groceries. Customers will be eligible for a 10% instant discount on SBI Credit and Debit Cards and EMI transactions, while Prime members can avail themselves of additional benefits of up to 10%. The festival



new launches and savings. Ahead of the festive season, Amazon India has created more than 1.6 lakh seasonal work opportunities across its operations network covering 400 cities.

Meanwhile, Amazon Now, its quick-delivery service, is available in over 60 centres, six sort centres and 150 last-mile delivery stations. before Diwali.

KAUVERY HOSPITAL LAUNCHES “KAUVERY FIRST RESPONDERS”, A NETWORK OF BIKE AMBULANCES TO DELIVER RAPID FIRST RESPONSE ACROSS CHENNAI

Chennai, 22 Sep sioner of Police 2026: Kauvery (Traffic – South), Hospital has launched Chennai, participated Kauvery First Respon in the event as the ders, a network of bike ChiefGuest.

ambulances across Chennai aimed at bringing trained medical first responders and essential emergency equipment closer to patients at the critical first moments of an emergency. Operated by trained medical responders, the bikes are designed to reach emergency scenes quickly, assess patients and provide appropriate first-response care within established training and protocols, while simultaneously coordinating with the hospital and conventional ambulance services for timely further management and transportation.

Thiru P. Pakalavan, IPS, Joint Commis

BIOCON'S PERTUZUMAB BECOMES FIRST BIOSIMILAR TO SECURE EMA CHMP APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION UNDER NEW TAILORED CLINICAL APPROACH

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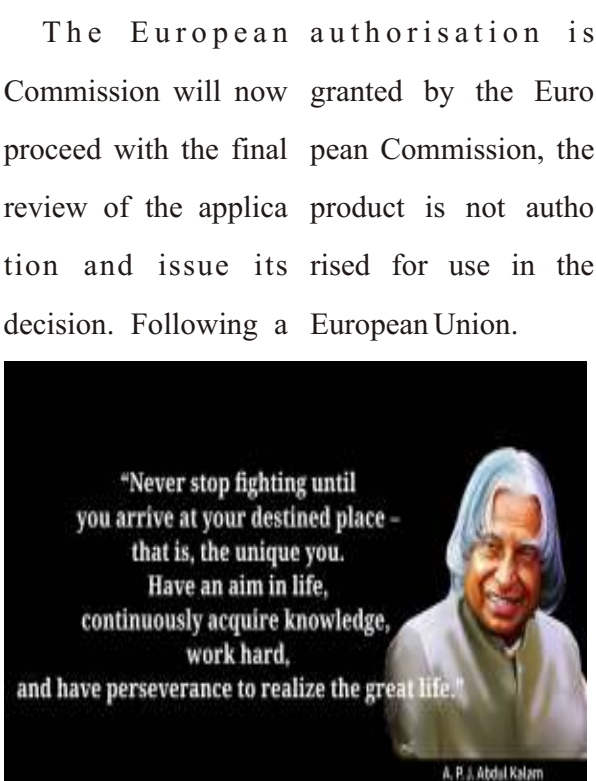


tional ambulance is to carry out immediate coordinated for further assessment and management and provide first-response transportation, when care in accordance with established protocols. Each First Responder bike is equipped with essential emergency-response equipment, including an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), oxygen support and an emergency medical kit.

In a suspected cardiac arrest, for instance, the AED can analyse the patient's heart rhythm and deliver an electrical shock when indicated. Oxygen can be administered when clinically appropriate, while the emergency medical kit enables the responder with the hospital team while at the scene, enabling real-time coordination and facilitating the transition to further care when the patient is transported to the hospital.

People can contact the hospital's emergency care at 044-40006000.

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INVESCO MUTUAL FUND UNVEILS INVESCO INDIA NIFTY INDIA DEFENCE INDEX FUND AND INVESCO INDIA NIFTY CHEMICAL INDEX FUND

Mumbai, 22 Sep are integral to India's

2026: Invesco Mutual defence ecosystem, Fund today announced including aerospace the launch of the and defence manu Invesco India Nifty facturers, defence India Defence Index electronics companies, Fund (an open-ended shipbuilders, explo scheme replicating/ sives manufacturers and related businesses. tracking Nifty India

Defence Index) and The Scheme will invest in companies that are constituents of the Nifty India Defence Index in the same weights as the Index, offering investors an opportunity to participate in two sectors benefiting from long-term structural and policy-driven growth trends in India.

The Invesco India Nifty India Defence Index Fund will make passive investments in equity and equity-related securities replicating the composition of the Nifty India Defence Index, subject to tracking error. The Index provides exposure to companies that

AXIS BANK'S LATEST 'OPEN' CAMPAIGN ASKS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CUSTOMERS GET USED TO BETTER EXPERIENCE

Mumbai, 22 Sep focused on showcasing films, the campaign protagonist expects 2026: Axis Bank, one what the platform showcases some of the one airline to provide of the largest private could do, 'open' ki app's key capabilities, information about sector banks in India, aadat pad jaayegi including multi-bank flights booked with today unveiled ‘open’ represents the next leap account aggregation, other airlines. The ki aadat pad jaayegi, in the brand's evolu investment and loan interaction mirrors the the next chapter in the tion, shifting the narra management, spend convenience of the evolution of ‘open’, the tive from features and insights, card controls, View feature on the Bank’s digital banking functionality to the Mobile App Code, ‘open’ app, which proposition. Moving impact they have on Safety Centre and FD allows customers to beyond product-led customers' everyday access details of storytelling, the lives. The campaign multiple bank accounts the campaign explores how conveni ence, personalization through the ‘open’ app. explores how conveni and control become second nature, rein be rolled out across TV, forcing the promise of digital, social and 'Dil Se Open, 24x7'. integrated media platforms nationwide.

Each film follows the protagonist seeking the same convenience, personalization and control she enjoys on the 'open' app to other areas of life, highlighting how great digital experiences shape expectations beyond banking.

Introduced in 2023 as part of Axis Bank's Axis 2.0 transformation journey, 'open' marked a significant step in the Bank's digital banking evolution. While Open 2023



specialty chemicals, strategic and industrial agrochemicals, self-reliance. While the commodity chemicals, defence sector is benefiting from rising fertilizers, industrial defence spending, indigenous diversification and growing export opportunities, the chemical sector is gaining from expanding domestic consumption, value-added manufacturing and global supply chain diversification. Together, the Invesco India Nifty India Defence Index Fund and the Invesco India Nifty Chemical Index Fund are designed to offer investors transparent, cost-efficient access to two long-term growth themes through passive investing. Both the schemes will be managed by Abhisek Bahinipati.

The Scheme will invest in companies that are constituents of the Nifty Chemical Index in the same weights as the Index, with an endeavour to achieve returns corresponding to the performance of the benchmark, subject to tracking error.

India's growth story continues to be supported by structural reforms, increasing domestic demand, manufacturing-led development and a strong policy focus on

Seven Films, One Simple Question: ‘Agar Mera Bank Aisa Kar Sakta Hai, Toh Aap Kyun Nahi?’ The campaign will be rolled out across TV, digital, social and integrated media platforms nationwide. Through relatable storytelling rooted in everyday situations, the campaign reinforces Axis Bank's belief that when digital journeys deliver greater convenience, control and security, they don't just meet expectations, they redefine them.

One View, Many Banks: Set at an airport check-in counter, the Across the seven

NIDHHI AGERWAL: THE AMBITION TO DO MORE, ACHIEVE MORE

Chennai, 22 Sep 2026: Nidhhi Agerwal is entering an important and ambitious phase of her career. Having already shared screen space with some of the biggest names in Indian cinema, the actress is now looking at the next chapter with a clear intention — to work more, grow continuously and establish herself among the leading actresses of South Indian cinema.

For Nidhhi, success is not simply about the number of films she does. It is about the journey, the work and the opportunities that allow her to grow as an actor.

Speaking about what drives her, Nidhhi has said: “My goals keep me motivated. I’m basically a hard worker, and I know I have to keep putting in the effort to reach where I want to be.”

That determination has been evident in the way she has

approached her career. Her approach is therefore simple: do plenty, but make the work count. As she has previously put it, “At the end, if you are good in your film and you have more films coming your way and good characters to play, nothing else counts.”

Aiming for the Top
Nidhhi’s ambition is to build a long-lasting career rather than simply chase short-term visibility. Her journey across Hindi, Telugu and Tamil cinema has given her exposure to different kinds of filmmaking, and her recent work alongside major stars has expanded her visibility further.

Her recent major credits include Hari Hara Veera Mallu with Pawan Kalyan and The Raja Saab with Prabhas. She has also indicated that more Telugu and Hindi projects are in the pipeline.

The next phase is about expanding her body of work — across languages, genres and characters. Nidhhi has made it clear that she does not want to limit herself to only big-star commercial films. She wants to combine scale with substance and is increasingly looking for roles that give her something meaningful to perform. She has also spoken about her interest in Tamil cinema as a space where she can explore more meaningful characters.

TRIPLE M PRODUCTION EXPANDS IN TAMIL CINEMA

Chennai, 22 Sep 2026: Led by Executive Director G. Babu Ramakrishnan, the UAE-based company is working to connect South Indian film makers with audiences across the GCC and other international markets.

G.Babu Ramakrishnan brings a strong business background to the entertainment industry, with experience in FMCG trading and international investments across the UAE, Qatar, India and Singapore. Through Triple M Production, he has extended his business interests into cinema and entertain

The company has been associated with several Tamil films, including Irani, Niram Marum Ulagil, Ace, Akkenam and Butter Jam.

Triple M Production has also handled theatrical releases in GCC countries, including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman.

One of the company's major upcoming projects is director Ram's Yezhu Kadal Yezhu Malai, starring Nivin Pauly, Anjali and Soori, with music by Yuva



Shankar Raja.

The film is produced by Suresh Kamatchi under V House Productions, while Triple M Production LLC, Dubai, is associated with its Overseas distribution.



pipeline.

More Films. More Challenges. More Growth.

For Nidhhi, the goal now is not merely to be seen — it is to build a body of work that establishes her as one of the most recognizable and versatile leading actresses in South Indian cinema.

With ambition driving her, hard work as her constant and a growing slate of opportunities ahead, Nidhhi Agerwal is ready for a phase where she wants to do more, explore more, achieve more — and keep moving towards the top. “I love cinema. For me, it is love.”

Nidhhi Agerwal — More to do. More to achieve. More to

PANORAMA STUDIOS JOIN HANDS WITH MARCO-FAME ACTOR UNNI MUKUNDAN AND HIS PRODUCTION BANNER UNNI MUKUNDAN FILMS (UMF) FOR A MAJOR NEW MALAYALAM PROJECT

Chennai, 22 Sep 2026: Kumar Mangat Pathak and Abhishek Pathak’s Panorama Studios join hands with Marco-fame actor Unni Mukundan and his production banner Unni Mukundan Films (UMF) for a major new Malayalam project, set to headline the film as its Writer-Director. The collaboration brings together two National Award-Winning production houses, Panorama Studios and Unni Mukundan Films (UMF), for the first time on a project together, combining their creative strengths and shared vision for compelling, pan-Indian cinema.

Panorama Studios has established itself as one of India's leading content-driven film

SHE SAID “BREAK...” HE HEARD “BREAK UP”! VIDRA MACHA A KUTHU-FUELLED LOVE FAILURE WITH A CRAZY TWIST IS HERE!

Chennai, 22 Sep 2026: Independent music has steadily emerged as an exciting parallel space for musical storytelling in Tamil, with audiences embracing indie songs with an enthusiasm that is increasingly comparable to the reception enjoyed by film albums.

Continuing this growing trend is a quirky new track that brings together romance, heartbreak, humour and high-energy kuthu beats in a refreshingly unconventional format.

Featuring Ashik and Shravnitha Srikanth, the song brings together a fresh artistic combination, with



banner, Unni Mukundan on the role of Writer-Director for his 50th film. Speaking about the project, he said, “My 50th film is a very special milestone for me, and being able to step into the role of Writer-Director makes it even more meaningful. I’ve always wanted to tell stories in my own voice, and this felt like the right project and the right time to take that step.

Further details regarding the title,

For Unni Mukundan, the collaboration marks a significant new chapter as he takes the makers soon.



into heartbreak, as he energy gives the track embraces his supposed its unique flavour, love-failure with creating a love-failure complete emotional number that is as intensity. playful as it is catchy.

Adding to the fun is With its catchy his friend, who looks at musical energy, quirky the breakup as a premise and a comic blessing and celebrates take on the familiar the newfound freedom, heartbreak-song setting the stage for a format, this indie track vibrant musical ride. promises to add The song then bursts another colourful entry into energetic kuthu to Tamil music’s beats, blending rapidly expanding melancholic lyrical independent music lines with quirky and culture. The song is humorous flashbacks. released on K Music The contrast between Tamil label that has the protagonist’s already made an emotional state and the impeccable musical song’s lively musical spell in Telugu Market.

BIGG BOSS RAJU JEYAMOHAN’S DIRECTORIAL-STARRER “ALMOST NALLAVAN” ENTERS ITS SECOND SCHEDULE IN TENKASI, TAKING ITS DARK HUMOUR INTO THE HEART OF NATURE

Chennai, 22 Sep depending extensively on constructed sets, the team is taking the story to its actual surroundings, with rain, forests and the landscape becoming an integral part of the film’s visual world. Adding another layer of authenticity, the production is also involving local people from the respective regions wherever the film travels for its shoot.

Director-Actor Raju Jeyamohan says, “We wanted to make ALMOST Nallavan with nature as an important part of the film. Instead of creating everything through sets, we are shooting extensively in real locations, allowing the rain, forests and the surrounding environment to become part of the story. Wherever we travel for the shoot, we

A L M O S T Nallavan, a dark humour by its genre, is being filmed with naturalistic backdrops of real locations rather than confining to set works. Rather than

‘ENNA VILAI’ RECEIVES OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM AUDIENCE AND MEDIA

Chennai, 22 Sep The film has also received appreciation from the media, with positive feedback for the director’s approach, performances and content-driven storytelling. The encouraging response has created a growing buzz around the film, with strong word-of-mouth further contributing to audience interest. A significant indication of the film’s reception is the increase in the number of theatre screens in several places, as exhibitors respond to the growing demand and audience interest. The expansion in screens has further strengthened the film’s theatrical journey.

Written and directed by Sajeev Pazhoor, the film has generated considerable interest for its distinctive premise and treatment. The audience response in theatres has been particularly encouraging, with viewers appreciating the film’s content, performances and the manner in which the story unfolds.

Produced by overwhe l m i n g



are also involving Nelson Dilipkumar, is making his directorial debut with ALMOST Nallavan, while simultaneously playing the lead character. Produced by Sudhan Sundaram under Passion Studios and H. Vinoth under Aspire Ubuntu Films, the film features cinematography by T.S. Prasnna, editing by Govinda, art direction by Bala Jayapradha, music by Foxn, action choreography by Vicky. Costume design by Ramya Shekar and VFX by Knack Studios.

Raju Jeyamohan, Further updates on who has previously the film are expected to be announced to Bhagyaraj and induce course.



Githesh Vishwanath response to Enna Vilai gives us immense confidence.

“I sincerely thank every audience member who has supported Enna Vilai and the media for their appreciation. We are confident that the film will achieve even better results in the coming days.

Director Sajeev Pazhoor said:

“Awards alone are never enough to encourage filmmakers to make better films; the rewards that come from the audience matter just as much. We know for a fact that Tamil audiences are far ahead when it comes to recognising and supporting good content. The

More importantly, we hope this response will inspire producers and directors to come forward with more films that are driven by strong content and meaningful storytelling.”

THE OG IS BACK! “KAAKHA KAAKHA- NAAN AVANILLAI’ JEEVAN ENTERS ‘LOVER BOY’ MODE ALONGSIDE ARJITH SHANKAR & KRITHI SHETTY

Chennai, 22 Sep Shankar and Krithi

2026: The Most Shetty starrer Lover Fascinating actor of all Boy, directed by times Jeevan, who Ashok Kumar, struck the Blockbuster marking an exciting chords as stylish villain addition to the film’s in ‘Kaakha Kaakha’ already promising and Grey-shaded ensemble.

protagonist in ‘Naan Avanillai’ joins “Lover Boy” produced by Passion Studios and KVN Productions and directed by Ashok Kumar.

Actor Jeevan, who has immediately sparked excitement among fans who have fondly remembered his unique screen presence, charisma and ability to bring a distinctive attitude to his characters. What makes the comeback even more intriguing is Jeevan’s striking appearance in the announcement glimpse, with the actor retaining the same charismatic aura



and screen presence Arjith’s debut as a lead that audiences have admired over the years. together a promising

Jeevan’s arrival adds another interesting dimension to Lover Boy, which brings together a fresh generation of talent with an established performer making his return. While the makers are keeping the details of his character under wraps, his inclusion is certain to add curiosity to the film and its evolving world.

With Jeevan now joining the sets, Lover Boy continues to build anticipation around its casting and the fresh talent coming together for the project. Further details about the film and its characters are expected to be unveiled by the makers in the coming days.

Starring Arjith Shankar and Krithi Shetty in the lead roles, Lover Boy marks

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