

BILLING DISCREPANCY, POWER CUT COMPLAINTS. CM VIJAY MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO TNEB HEADQUARTERS

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: Amid complaints of frequent power cuts and higher electricity bills from consumers across Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay today made a surprise visit to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board headquarters on Anna Salai and reviewed power supply and the mechanism for redressing consumer grievances.

This was the first time Vijay visited the electricity board headquarters for an inspection after his Government assumed office.

During the visit, the Chief Minister inspected Minnagam, the electricity consumer service centre functioning from the headquarters, and interacted with officials on the manner in which complaints from the public were received and processed.

Vijay sought details on the nature and number of complaints received from different parts of the State and the time taken to resolve them. He also enquired about the mechanism through which complaints were forwarded to field-level officials for action.

The Chief Minister held discussions with officials on further strengthening Minnagam to ensure that complaints relating to power cuts, voltage fluctuations, billing and other electricity-related issues were addressed without delay.

The inspection assumes significance as consumers in several parts of Tamil Nadu have complained of interruptions in electricity supply in recent months. Complaints have particularly emerged from rural areas over disruptions during night hours.

Farmers have also raised concerns over interruptions in three phase electricity supply for agricultural purposes.

Electricity department officials have attributed the pressure on the power supply system to a combination of increased demand and a decline in wind power generation.

While wind power generation was expected to begin declining in October, officials said the reduction was witnessed as early as September this year. At the same time, unusually high temperatures continuing beyond the summer months have increased electricity consumption across the State.

Tamil Nadu's daily electricity demand has consequently touched around 23,000 MW. To meet the requirement, about 2,000 MW of electricity is being purchased every day from the open market, according to officials.

Apart from power cuts, complaints over electricity bills have for TVK candidates in the two constituencies on September 25 and 26 before proceeding to Karur on September 27.

This would be Vijay's second visit to Karur since assuming office as Chief Minister. The CBI investigation into the 2025 crowd crush resumed in June after a three-month pause following the announcement of the Assembly elections.

VIJAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO KARUR VICTIMS ON SEPT 27

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay is likely to visit Karur on September 27 to pay tribute to the 41 people who died in the crowd crush at a Tamilaga Vетtri Kazhagam (TVK) rally last year and lay the foundation stone for a memorial planned in their memory. The visit would mark the first anniversary of the tragedy. The crowd crush occurred at Velu samypuram in Karur district on September 27, 2025, during a political rally organised by the TVK. The incident claimed 41 lives and left more than 100 people injured. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is investigating the case.

Vijay had announced during his visit to Karur in July that a memorial would be established at Velusamypuram in



also surfaced on social media, with several consumers claiming that their bills had increased.

Officials explained to the Chief Minister the functioning of Minnagam and the process followed from the time a consumer registers a complaint until it is assigned to the concerned officials and resolved.

Vijay also discussed ways to improve coordination between the centralised consumer service centre and field-level electricity officials so that complaints could be attended to promptly. More than 1,000 employees work at the electricity board's headquarters on Anna Salai, from where power distribution and related operations across Tamil Nadu are coordinated.

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CM VIJAY REVIEWS COOUM RESTORATION PLAN. 3-KM STRETCH TO GET WALKWAYS, CYCLE TRACKS

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: In a major push to restore the Cooum river and transform its banks into accessible public spaces, Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Tuesday reviewed a plan to initially develop a selected 3-km stretch with walking and cycling tracks, river front promenades, viewing decks, green spaces and community facilities.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat, Vijay examined the progress in preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Cooum river restoration project, which aims to restore the river to its natural state and ensure sustainable ecological rejuvenation.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE 75TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the 75th annual convocation ceremony of the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda at Vadodara, Gujarat today (September 23, 2026).

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The government expected to lay down the roadmap for restoring the river, developing its banks and implementing longterm ecological measures.

Chief Secretary M. Saikumar, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Additional Chief Secretary Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Finance Additional Chief Secretary M.A. Siddique, Water Resources Secretary Prashant M. Wadneare, Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust Member Secretary Simranjeet Singh Kahlon and senior government officials attended the meeting.



tizing the interests of the nation and society, they will also progress, and that progress will bring them immense satisfaction.

The President said that education will be meaningful only if it benefits the country and society. She advised students that as engineers, they should develop technologies that improve people's lives; as doctors, they should view medicine not merely as a profession but as a form of service; as scientists,

SWASTIKA INFRA LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING CLOSES ON 25TH SEPTEMBER,2026

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026. The equity shares of the Company are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

Headquartered in Jaipur, Rajasthan, Swastika Infra provides end-to-end turnkey solutions across the Power T&D infrastructure value chain, encompassing underground cabling, construction of substations, rural and urban electrification projects, installation of street-lighting systems and renewable energy works. The Company's scope of services extends from procurement and construction to installation, testing and commissioning, enabling it to undertake projects through their complete execution

EDUCATION MINISTER HONOURS ST. JOSEPH'S ANGLO-INDIAN SCHOOL'S TOP SPORTS BOY

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: International peace Day was celebrated in St. Joseph Anglo Indian boys Hr Sec school on 21st Sep 2026. Honourable Education Minister Mr. RAJMOHAN presided over the function.

A moment of great pride and joy for St. Joseph Anglo Indian Hr.Sec. School as Master R. Ashwin, a student of VIII was honoured by the Honourable Education Minister for securing GOLD MEDAL in the State-Level Boxing Championship. He appreciated his outstanding achievement and commendable performance and emerging victorious in the state-level competition after competing against talented participants from across the state.

VISTAS HONOURS ST. JOSEPH'S HEADMISTRESS SOPHIA GNANA ROSE WITH TEACHERS' EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advance studies (VISTAS) honoured Headmistress Mrs.J Sophia Gnana Rose M. Sc., BEd.,of St Joseph, sAnglo Indian Boys Hr Sec School, Vepery, Chennai -7.She was honoured with Vels Award in recognition of her exceptional dedication and commitment to education for the Year 2026.

The excellence award was presented to the Head mistress with Medal and Merit Certificate by Dr.Sowmiya Anbumani, Honorable member of legislative Assembly and Dr. Preetha Ganesh, Vice President, Vels Group of Institutions. Mrs.J. Sophia Gana Rose, is one of the subject experts in Physics and produced number of centum scorers in



lifecycle. "The launch of our IPO marks an important milestone in Swastika Infra's growth journey. Over the years, we have built strong capabilities across the power transmission and distribution infrastructure value chain, enabling us to undertake projects across the entire lifecycle—from procurement and construction to testing and commissioning. Our experience across underground cabling, substations, rural and urban electrification, street lighting and

renewable energy works, together with our established execution capabilities and order book, provides us with a strong foundation for the next phase of growth. We intend to continue strengthening our execution capabilities and pursue opportunities across India's evolving power infrastructure landscape.

The proceeds from the issue will support and enable us to further strengthen our business as we pursue sustainable long-term growth."Mr. Vinay Gupta, Managing Director, Swastika Infra Limited.



The school correspondent Rev Fr.Peter Jerald, Asst Parish priest Rev Fr Christopher, Headmistress Mrs.J.Sophia Gnana Rose and the entire school community proudly congratulate the young champion and wish Master. Ashwin to continue success in future competitions at the national and international levels.

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Physics and also an eminent administrator with leadership and team management.

ICICI PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE LEADS WITH A 99.64% CLAIM SETTLEMENT RATIO IN TAMIL NADU IN FY2026

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: The Company has registered an industry leading claim settlement ratio of 99.64% in Tamil Nadu in FY2026, providing timely financial relief when families need it the most.

The Company also witnessed a strong 43.89% year-on-year growth in Q1-FY2027 for the term plan (retail protection) business in the state. The Company covered 33,92,793 lives in the State as on March 31, 2026. The Company is also receiving strong demand in its savings business that includes linked, non-linked and annuity business in the State of Tamil Nadu.

The Company's Assets under Management (AUM) stood at Rs. 22,294 crore as on March 31, 2026 in the State. Importantly, the Company reported a sum assured of Rs. 1,90,435 crore as on March 31, 2026 in the urban and emerging centres in the State. Over the past few quarters, we have seen a clear shift in customer behaviour, with individuals increasingly prioritising financial protection, long-term savings and retirement planning as part of their overall financial goals. Our continued investments in distribution, digital capabilities, diversified products and customer engagement are helping us deepen our presence in the region.

PRIME MINISTER HIGHLIGHTS SUCCESS OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT ON ITS EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

Chennai, 24 Sep 2026: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has enabled record savings on medical expenses, thereby benefiting the poor and middle class.

The Prime Minister further emphasized that healthcare is moving closer to every doorstep, observing that Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have already recorded over 500 crore visits, which is strengthening primary healthcare at the grassroots. He also extended his best wishes to all Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries.

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The Board of Directors recently approved a proposal to rename the Company as 'ICICI Life Insurance Limited', subject to relevant approvals. As on March 31, 2026, the Company has 30 branches and 17,827 advisors along with 11,446 partner branches and 6,022 specified persons in Tamil Nadu. Mr. Manikandan Rajamani, Chief of Distribution, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, said, "Tamil Nadu continues to be a strategically important market for our Company and we are witnessing strong analytics and digital tools and analytics.

Our Company's strategy is to make it effortless for customers to plan and take control of their future. All our efforts are focused in this direction. Moreover, we have launched the industry's first digital platform – ICICI Pru Partner Stack, a first-of-its kind artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics and digital tools and analytics.

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Prime Minister shared: "Eight years ago, Ayushman Bharat was rolled out with the idea that every Indian should have access to top-quality and affordable healthcare.

Today, more than 60 crore beneficiaries have access to Rs. 5 lakh annual health cover, making it the largest healthcare scheme in the world. It has enabled record savings on medical

expenses, thus benefiting the poor and middle class. And healthcare is moving closer to every doorstep. Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have already recorded over 500 crore visits, strengthening primary healthcare at the grassroots. My best wishes to all Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries. #8YearsOfAyushmanBharat"



ATM-link branches and Currency Chests to remain fully operational on 27.09.2026. The Department reiterates that the welfare and convenience of bank customers remains the Government's foremost priority. The Government and bank management have appealed to unions to defer the proposed strike, and have also taken measures to ensure that essential banking services continue uninterrupted.

PRE-RELEASE EVENT OF THE MOVIE 'DOROTHY'!

Chennai, 24 Sep the film 'Dorati'. I am 2026: 'Dorathy' is a happy with the develop film directed by ment of both Sanand Karthik Subbaraj and and Rishi. Keerthy produced by Jio Suresh is the director's Studios, Sikya Enter actress. I have bought tainment and Dham her autograph. Congra mam Films, starring tulations to all the Rishikanth, Sanand, crew."

The pre-release event of this film, which will be released in theaters on September 25, was held.

Actor Muthupandi said, "This is my first stage. Thank you to Karthik sir for giving me the opportunity. Everyone has acted well. Thank you to Keerthi Suresh mam, who was the guiding light for this film as the Meenakshi of the lyrics in Raja sir's music."

Actor Soundara Karthik Subbaraj sir rajan said, "I have film. This film itself known Karthik Subba was like magic. The raj since the short film film has come out days. He is a very well." Actor Rishikant said, "Thank you Karthik Subbaraj sir for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. 'Doraathi' is releasing on the 25th. We trained for two months in Madurai for

MAJOR BOOST TO 'AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT': MOD SIGNS RS 811 CRORE CONTRACT WITH BDL FOR 160 SATELLITE SMART ANTI AIRFIELD WEAPONS FOR IAF

Chennai, 24 Sep category. The contract 2026: Ministry of was signed in the Defence has inked a presence of Defence contract with Bharat Secretary Shri Rajesh Dynamics Limited Kumar Singh in New (BDL) for the procure Delhi on September ment of 160 Satellite 23,2026.

SAT-SAAW is an air-to-ground precision Weapons (SAT-SAAW) along with guided glide bomb associated equipment which can be launched for Indian Air Force from platforms like (IAF) with a total cost of Rs 810.79 crore under Buy (Indian - Jaguar, Hawk & Su-30 Indigenously MKI, and has the capability to neutralise Designed, Developed enemy airfields from a long stand-off range. and Manufactured) Indigenously designed



this film. Karthik sir experience.'Dorathy'is guided us very skill a more emotional story fully.If we get apprecia than 'Iraivi'. This film tion for this film, it will has been like magic be entirely on his since its inception. behalf. The entire crew Everyone who has seen has worked hard. the film has been Keerthi mam will win praising it. The art many more awards for director, the editor, and h e r k i n d n e s s . every technical team of Sanandhu and I have the film are talented. been friends for many We all saw every work years. We are happy to in this film. We grew up have acted together. I listening to Raja sir's finished 'Doraathi' music. The biggest before 'Modharaathri'. blessing for this film is I never even dreamed Raja sir's music. Thank that I would act in Raja you sir for Dorothy sir's music. Thank you being the soul of the foreverything." film. Sanand is a talented actor. We cast

Director Karthik Subbaraj said, "The Rishi after auditioning. Since Sanand and Rishi reason I got interested in cinema is the land of are real friends, it Madurai where I was worked out well on screen. Keerthy Suresh born and raised. It is a immediately agreed place known for its after hearing the story. taste in cinema. I have Her screen presence heard many people say gave the film even that Iraivi is the most more value. All the popular of my films. actors have acted well. The reason is that it is

close to human This My 10th film. emotions. The story is Thank you for all your also from my own support."



and developed by The delivery of DRDO,the system will SAT-SAAW is sche have an indigenous duled between 2027- content of 60% along 2028 and 2028-2029. with indigenisation of Its induction would sub-systems like Initial certainly enhance the Measurement Unit, operational capability Long Impact Delay of IAF to continue their Fuse and Twin Store unhindered operations Carrier to further boost and strengthen defence Aatmanirbharta in preparedness of the defence. country.

RX 100 HERO KARTIKEYA TAKES ON A NEW CHALLENGE WITH COMEBACK

Chennai, 24 Sep the story through a 2026: Kartikeya voiceover noting three Gummakonda is back years without word of a with COMEBACK, a boxer, played by project he revealed on Kartikeya. Early hints his birthday alongside are thrown that the a special glimpse that protagonist has been confirms a bold new written off by many. direction. The Questions swirl around announcement, made what a return can under his own banner achieve after such Kartikeya Creative silence, and the move Works, positions him clearly carries risk not only as the lead but because the inter also as the director, a vening years remain dual responsibility that unexplained. Focused raises the stakes for this m o v e m e n t a n d comeback after a prepared power are noticeable gap in his what the protagonist filmography. His wife, stands for. KR Kumar Lohitha Reddy, serves Manne's production as producer. The design is expected to be family-led production authentic. will grace the big Audiences can screens in 2027. expect a boxing movie

CEC GYANESH KUMAR MUST GO: HE HAS NO RIGHT TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE! - M.K. STALIN

Chennai, 24 Sep the concurrence of the 2026: The Dravida other two Election Commission's name, Munnetra Kazhagam, Commissioners. Even this cannot be along with other more alarming is the dismissed as a mere Opposition parties, has revelation that Thiru. internal or procedural consistently opposed Sukhbir Singh Sandhu matter. It constitutes a raised by two serving the move to delete and Thiru. Vivek Joshi grave assault on Indian Election Commis crores of voters from were kept in the dark democracy. sioners, the extent of the electoral rolls in the about crucial decisions political interference name of the Special being taken within the that may have taken Intensive Revision very institution they place within the (#SIR). Rushed jointly oversee. Their Election Commission through just months objections to decisions is plain to see. ahead of elections in being taken without As early as March State after State, the their knowledge were this year, the DMK, exercise was riddled brushed aside on as ordered that their along with other with irregularities and many as 14 occasions names be added to the Opposition parties, sparked widespread in just ten months. moved an impeach ment motion against unrest, particularly in These revelations have severely eroded the Chief Election Commi The Indian Express The Election themselves say they were kept in the dark. any longer. Thiru. #GyaneshKumarMust today, backed by Commission is a three- member body whose Go immediately. The evidence, have now business must, as far as SIR exercise must be halted. The DMK cast serious doubts possible, be transacted unanimously. Where demands a fair and over the results of every Assembly the Commissioners differ in opinion on any thorough investigation every Assembly election held after the matter, the decision into everything that has election held after the that Chief Election must be based on the transpired within the SIR exercise. The Commissioner Thiru. majority view.If two of Election Commission and that those investigation reveals its three members were responsible be held that Chief Election Commissioner Thiru. themselves kept unaware of what was accountable.



personal stakes over T a n g u t u r u o n flashy excess. Training costumes, and Surya sequences should feel Akella as creative real and demanding, director form the tracking the mental and creative team. With physical cost of cinematography by coming back. Karti Jagadeesh Cheekati, keya's known fitness the film has Sudheer background adds Telaprolu serving as weight to the physical the Executive Producer. scenes, and taking on

COMEBACK ends a clear gap in Kartikeya's lead work

Vijay Bulganin and uses a birthday scoring, Kalyan Surya reveal to give the prakash editing, Shilpa launch a personal edge.

being done in the changes had to be

made, was entirely under the control of one person. When such concerns are being raised by two serving Election Commis sioners, the extent of

The revelations concern the electoral rolls are equally disturbing. Appeals were filed against the inclusion of voters even after courts had this year, the DMK, ordered that their along with other names be added to the Opposition parties, electoral rolls. Who moved an impeach ment motion against appeals? Who filed Chief Election Commi them? The two Elec ssioner Gyanesh Kumar. He has no right to continue in office

any longer. Thiru. #GyaneshKumarMust The law empowers Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to Go immediately. The scrutinise and revise SIR exercise must be halted. The DMK electoral rolls. Yet, they demands a fair and were unable to add thorough investigation even those who had into everything that has been duly found eligi ble to vote. ERONet, and that those the digital platform responsible be held through which these accountable.