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GOVT EARMARKS RS. 755.83 CR. CM VIJAY LAUNCHES GOLD RING. SCHEME FOR NEWBORNS. 6.11 LAKH BABIES TO BENEFIT ANNUALLY

Chennai, 29 Sep 2026: Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Monday launched the 'Thaimaman Gold Ring' scheme at Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai, fulfilling a key election promise to provide a one-gram gold ring to every eligible baby born in government hospitals and primary health centres in Tamil Nadu. The scheme is expected to benefit around 6.11 lakh new borns every year, with the State Government earmarking Rs 755.83 crore annually. Launching the scheme, Vijay personally presented one-gram gold rings to 25 newborns at the venue. He later visited the maternity ward of the hospital and presented rings to 10 more babies born there. He also interacted with pregnant women and mothers undergoing treatment and enquired about their wellbeing. The Government allocated Rs. 560 crore towards the scheme for the current year. Around 1.28 lakh one-gram gold rings have already been procured and kept ready for distribution to children born between June 22, when the scheme was announced, and Sept 28, when it was

formally launched.

The scheme was simultaneously rolled out at 107 Government hospitals across Tamil Nadu, with Ministers and MLAs participating in distribution programmes in their respective areas. However, the launch was not held in Chengal pattu and Tiruppur districts in view of the ongoing assembly byelections in Madurantakam and Dharpuram constituencies.

The gold ring scheme was among the promises made by Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) in its manifesto for the 2026 Assembly election. After the party formed the govt, Vijay announced the 'Thaimaman Gold Ring' scheme on June 22 as part of the implementation of the poll promise.

The initiative has been named after the traditional 'thaimaman', or maternal uncle, who holds a significant place in family ceremonies associated with child birth in Tamil Nadu. The Government has also projected the scheme as an initiative to encourage deliveries in government health care institutions.

PRIME MINISTER PAYS TRIBUTES TO ASHOK SINGHAL, HIGHLIGHTING HIS SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO SOCIAL UNITY

Chennai, 29 Sep 2026: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tributes to Shri Ashok Singhal today, highlighting his firm conviction, simplicity, and unwavering dedication to social unity.

The Prime Minister remembered his tireless organizational work and shared an article penned as a tribute dedicated to his life and thoughts.

In a series of tweets shared on X, the Prime Minister wrote;



The statewide launch was initially proposed to be held at Usilampatti in Madurai district, a region known for giving prominence to the maternal uncle tradition. The main function was subsequently shifted to Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai considering various factors, including security arrangements.

Vijay arrived at Madurai airport around 10.30 a.m. on a private aircraft from Chennai.

Ministers Anand, Arunraj, Nirmal Kumar, Jagatheeswari and Viswanathan, district collector Nishant Krishna, MLAs and senior police and civic officials received him at the airport.

He then travelled towards Government Rajaji Hospital in an open-top vehicle. People and TVK cadre

gathered at several points along the route, including Perungudi, Mandela Nagar, Chintamani, Ring Road and Karuppayurani, to greet him. During the journey, Vijay spotted a young girl dressed as Goddess Meenakshi among the crowd, picked her up and interacted with her briefly. On reaching the Government Rajaji Hospital campus, he also interacted with people gathered there and took photographs with some of them.

After the main function, Vijay visited the maternity ward and presented gold rings to 10 newborns. He also spoke to mothers and pregnant women admitted to the hospital. The govt said the scheme would cover eligible babies born in government medical college hospitals, government hospitals and primary health centres across the State.



to social unity.

Penned a tribute to him.

50 RINGS PER DAY FOR 40 DAYS

Chennai, 29 Sep 2026: Babies born in Government hospitals and primary health centres of Tamil Nadu from Monday got one-gram gold ring under the 'Thai Maman Gold Ring' scheme.

The scheme, announced by the State Government to encourage deliveries in Government hospitals and strengthen public confidence in the public healthcare system.

For the first 40 days, the Madurai District administration - where the scheme was launched by CM Vijay - made arrangements to distribute gold rings to 50 beneficiaries a day at each centre. Distribution will be carried out in two sessions, with 25

beneficiaries receiving rings between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and another 25 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to prevent overcrowding.

Special distribution programmes will be held at Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai and Government hospitals in Usilampatti, Tirumangalam and Melur.

On the first day, beneficiaries from any one of the prescribed documents established their residence in Tamil Nadu. These include an e-KYC-linked Aadhaar card, voter ID, ration card, identity card issued by a labour welfare board or address proof issued by the Postal Department. Village health nurses will hand over

beneficiaries reach the distribution centres. However, for babies born on or after September 28, parents will not have to travel to designated distribution centres. The one-gram gold ring will be provided at the Government hospital where the delivery takes place, officials said.

To avail the benefit, mothers should possess any one of the prescribed documents establishing their residence in Tamil Nadu. These include an e-KYC-linked Aadhaar card, voter ID, ration card, identity card issued by a labour welfare board or address proof issued by the Postal Department. Village health nurses will hand over

TRUMP, XI MEETING HISTORIC MILESTONE: CHINA

Chennai, 29 Sep 2026: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said the recent summit between President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump had made fresh progress in strategic stability between the two countries. Xi visited the US from September 23 to 25, holding meetings with Trump, their second summit since the American leader's visit to Beijing in May. Beijing described that meeting as a historic diplomatic milestone.

Wang said the leaders held candid, in-depth discussions in a friendly atmosphere of mutual respect, covering

ing strategic issues in bilateral relations and the wider global situation, according to Chinese state media. He noted that Xi and Trump had held three in-person meetings and five phone calls, developing an inter-action based on sincerity and mutual respect, which he described as a strategic asset for China-US relations.

Wang said Xi stressed that stable economic and trade ties required expanding areas of cooperation while reducing problems. He urged Washington to treat Chinese companies fairly and resolve differences through dia-

logue and negotiations. During the visit, the countries agreed to establish a dialogue on artificial intelligencerelated incidents, operationalise trade and investment boards, and pursue tariff reductions covering non-sensitive goods worth USD 30 billion in each direction.

The leaders agreed that Iran must never possess nuclear weapons and that no country or institution should impose tolls on international waterways. China's Foreign Ministry said they would sign a memorandum of understanding to strengthen crisis communications and

invitations to eligible beneficiaries specifying the date and time at which they should report to the respective centres. Beneficiaries have been advised to visit only during their allotted slots to prevent crowding.

The scheme has been named 'Thai Maman Gold Ring' to reflect the traditional role of a maternal uncle in celebrating the birth of a child, while using the initiative to encourage more families to opt for deliveries in government healthcare institutions.

For queries regarding the scheme, beneficiaries in Madurai can contact the District administration at 9150094107 or 0452-2640778.

prevent crises between their militaries.

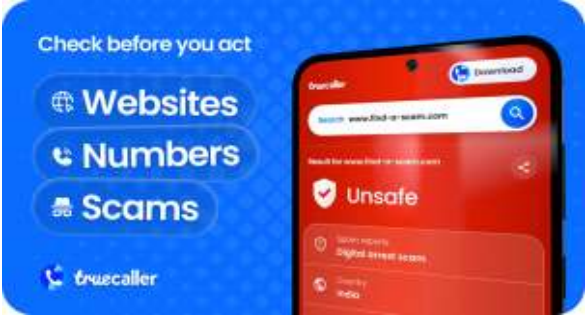
The White House said the leaders would use the term “super intelligence” for emerging technologies.

Trump urged Xi to increase refined petroleum production to help stabilise global supply.

Wang rejected the claim that China caused America'sentanyl abuse problem, saying Beijing had acted in good faith to assist Washington. The leaders directed law enforcement agencies to strengthen cooperation and combat transnational crime.

TRUECALLER SCAM CHECKER BRINGS TOGETHER SCAM DETECTION AND COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE

Chennai, 29 Sep phone numbers, 2026: Truecaller today discover relevant scam reports, and better of Truecaller Scam understand potential Checker on the web fraud attempts before and app, a new desti taking action.



nation designed to help people quickly assess whether they may be dealing with a scam and stay informed about the latest fraud trends. The intent is to extend Truecaller’s scam protection beyond caller identification and spam blocking.

The solution brings together multiple scam-detection capabilities into a single experience, allowing users to check suspicious web links, search

With Truecaller Scam Checker, people can Check a link for signs that it may be malicious or used in a phishing attempt. Look up a phone number to see what Truecaller’s detection systems and community signals indicate.

Search Scam feed reports to find similar scams described by other people. Describe a concern in their own words and get relevant results, including checks on links or

numbers in the query additional capabilities and related community reports.

Together, these cover the three things a suspicious message usually contains: a number, a link, and a story. A person can check all three in the same place, in seconds.

The company also plans to expand True caller Scam Checker with broader coverage of scam techniques, screenshot uploads for richer analysis, user authentication, and

“People often sense that something is wrong, but they need a quick way to check before responding,” said Rishit Jhunjhunwala, CEO of True caller.

“Scam Checker brings together our detection capabilities and what our community has reported so that people can investigate a suspicious link, number or story in one place.”

WALMART DEEPENS ENGAGEMENT ACROSS ANDHRA PRADESH’S MSME, EXPORT AND FARMING ECOSYSTEMS

Visakhapatnam, 29 Sep 2026: Walmart perspectives on the hosted the Walmart capabilities and connections needed to prepare V r i d d h i M S M E for their next stage of Connect Visakhapatnam 2026 on September 26, in partnership with Ideas to Impact Foundation (i2i).

The event brought together entrepreneurs and representatives from the Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation, AP Chamber of Commerce and Industry Federation, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Women Entrepreneurs Society, Walmart, Flipkart, and the wider MSME ecosystem.

Sessions focused on practical pathways for MSME growth, including digital commerce, cross-border trade, access to finance, government resources and market readiness. They offered partici

Shri Kondapalli Srinivas, Hon’ble Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises & Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Government of Andhra Pradesh, said, “Through the Andhra Pradesh MSME and Entrepreneurship Development Policy 2024–29, and initiatives such as ‘One Family, One Entrepreneur’, the government is working to strengthen MSMEs through better access to finance, technology and markets.

The Government is also developing 175 MSME Parks, one in each Assembly constituency, alongside the Chief Minister’s Entre



preneur Programme and Cluster Development Programme. Initiatives such as Walmart Vridhhi can complement these priorities by bringing practical capabilities and market connections closer to entrepreneurs and supporting MSMEs to scale.

Walmart’s broader engagement in Andhra Pradesh

Beyond the event, Walmart’s engagement

in Andhra Pradesh extends across MSME capability-building, sourcing, cross-border eCommerce and Wal

mart Foundation-supported programs focused on smallholder farmers and Farmer Producer Organiza

tions (FPOs). Paul Dyck, Senior Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Walmart, said, “Andhra Pradesh’s entrepreneurs, suppliers, exporters and farming communities each contribute to the state’s growth in distinct ways. Our focus is on connecting them with the capabilities, markets and partnerships that can help them scale.

By bringing together the full breadth of Walmart and working with local partners, we aim to support more competitive businesses, stronger livelihoods and inclusive, long-term growth across the state.”

BEYOND ‘NORMAL’ RANGE: WHY KNOWING YOUR PERSONAL LDL-C GOAL IS THE KEY TO HEART HEALTH

Chennai, 29 Sep Density Lipoprotein condition, known as testing is important. 2026: Most Indians Cholesterol (LDL-C) atherosclerosis, can know their cholesterol goal.

Vikram’s story reflects a growing reality across urban India. High cholesterol is responsible for 7.8% of deaths in India, with 31% of the population showing elevated cholesterol levels. 1, 2

When 34-year-old Vikram Desai* received his annual health check-up results, his cholesterol numbers fell within standard reference limits. Fit and active, he assumed all was well. It was only after discussing the report with his doctor that he understood an important distinction: standard lab ranges provide a general baseline, but individual risk factors—like family history or diabetes—determine a person’s true Low-

The Silent Nature of LDL-C

High LDL-C is often called a “silent killer” because it works without visible symptoms, slowly causing fat deposits (plaque) in the arteries. This

Dr. Aravind Duruvasal MD , DM, Interventional Cardiologist at Prashanth Hospitals Velachery, Chennai says, “Early detection of elevated LDL-C is an important first step, but managing cholesterol is not simply about achieving a particular number. LDL-C goals are individualised and depend on a person’s overall cardiovascular risk, including factors such as age, family history, diabetes, hypertension and other health conditions. Regular monitoring, adherence to medical advice and being informed about your health can help individuals take a proactive approach to managing cholesterol and protecting their heart health”.

Personalized Targets for LDL Cholesterol Management

To maintain LDL cholesterol levels, it is necessary to get tested at an early age. The Cardiology Society of India (CSI) recommends lipid profile checkups starting at age 18. Early checkups help in finding problems before they become serious. Even people who seem healthy may have high LDL-C, so regular

INDIAN NAVY TO HOST SECOND EDITION OF COMMANDERS’ CONFERENCE 2026 AT NAUSENA BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

Chennai, 29 Sep nism. 2026: The Commanders’ Conference 2026/02 (the second edition of 2026 Indian Navy’s biannual Conference) is scheduled over a period of three days from 29 Sep 2026 to 01 Oct 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi. As the Navy’s Apex Level forum, the Conference provides an avenue for senior Naval leadership, including outstation Operational and Area Commanders, to undertake a comprehensive review of Operational preparedness at the military-strategic level and engage with Senior Government functionaries through an institutionalised mechanism.

The Conference will be pivotal in underscoring Indian Navy’s contribution towards safeguarding India’s maritime interests, including ‘Security of Energy’ amidst the ongoing conflicts in West Asia. The Navy’s resolute conduct of the ongoing Operation Urja Suraksha and its emergence as a credible maritime force further bolsters its stature as a Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond.

On the Opening Day, Hon’ble Raksha Mantri will share his vision and guidance on

national maritime perspectives and expectations from Indian Navy. The Chief of the Defence Staff and the Chief of the Army Staff will also engage with Naval Commanders to foster tri-Services synergy and integration.

On a broader canvas, the Navy’s apex leadership will assess overall preparedness to optimise force levels and enhance combat readiness in consonance with three foundational pillars of ‘JAI – Jointness, Aatmanirbharta, Innovation’, in pursuit of the GoI’s vision of Aatmanirbharta and Viksit Bharat 2047.

The Indian Navy continues to maintain a high tempo of operations, steadfast on its course as a Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive, and Future-reinforcing the need to Ready Force in the imbibe cutting-edge service of the nation.

RADIKAA SARATHKUMAR - PRESIDENT TAMILNADU TELEVISION PRODUCER ASSOCIATION INAUGUARATES TELEVISION AND OTT PRODUCERS COUNCIL OF SOUTH

Chennai, 29 Sep shared voice for 2026: In a landmark regional content collaborative initiative, creators. key industry bodies across the Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada entertainment sectors have officially come together under a unified umbrella to form the Television and OTT Producers Council of South.

This historic multi-language association brings together separate regional unions across four major South Indian television and digital hubs to operate under a single collective organisation, establishing a powerful

The primary objective of the newly formed Council is to resolve widespread industry issues, standardise artist scheduling, safeguard production investments, and foster stronger unity across the South Indian digital and television landscape. By establishing a structured cross-industry framework, the association aims to prevent overlapping issues that previously stalled ongoing productions and created financial strain for producers. Moving forward, the organi



sation will serve as a supportive bridge between actors, technicians, and production houses, ensuring smooth regulated and transparent operations across state borders. The executive board is led by President Prasad from Telugu, alongside Vice Presidents representing Udhayashankar from Tamil, Aravind from Kannada and Jayakumar from Kerala. Rajavelu will be the General Secretary. Together, this unified leadership panel marks a pivotal step towards protecting producer interests, elevating production standards, and driving sustainable growth for the South Indian entertainment industry.

CSR INITIATIVES INAUGURATED AT PALLIPURAM BY ROX HI-TECH LIMITED AND JEEVIDHAM TRUST!

Pallipuram, 29 Sep environment for school children. 2026: As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, ROX Hi-Tech Limited, Chennai, in collaboration with Jeevidham Trust, inaugurated two community-focused projects at Pallipuram in Minjur.

The initiatives included the construction of a toilet facility at the Government Adi Dravidar Welfare Primary School, Pallipuram, aimed at improving sanitation and providing a safer and more hygienic

The second initiative was the establishment of a small-scale areca leaf plate-making unit for the Agni Siragugal Women Self Help Group, Pallipuram. The initiative is intended to support women in the community by providing an opportunity for livelihood generation and promoting sustainable, eco-friendly products.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Mr. Senthil Kumar, Director, ROX Hi-Tech Limited,



Chennai, as the Chief Guest. Representatives of ROX Hi-Tech Limited, Jeevidham Trust, the school, the Women Self Help Group and members of the local community participated in the programme.

The toilet facility at the school carries a commemorative plaque identifying it as a CSR initiative by ROX Hi-Tech Limited and implemented by Jeevidham Trust, while the areca leaf plate-making initiative was launched for the Agni Siragugal Women Self Help Group as part of the 2026 project year.

S. THARUN OF SRMIST WINS GOLD MEDAL IN TAMIL NADU STATE RANKING TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Chennai, 29 Sep 2026: Our SRMIST Table Tennis Player, S. Tharun of I-MBA, VDP Campus Won the Gold Medal in the 6th Tamil Nadu State Ranking Table Tennis Championship (Men's Singles Category) held at ICF Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 26th and 27th September 2026.

Match Results:	Finals:
Quarter Finals:	Tharun (SRMIST) Beat Abhinand (Chennai Achievers), Score:(4-3)
Tharun (SRMIST) Beat Preyesh (Southern Railways), Score:(3-0)	Final Standings:
Semi Finals:	Winner: Tharun (SRMIST)
Tharun (SRMIST) Beat Balamurugan (SRMIST) Score:(4-1)	Runner: Abhinand (Chennai Achievers)
	Third Place: Balamurugan (SRMIST)



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ROCKING STAR YASH'S FIRST OFFICIAL POSTER FROM RAMAYANA IS OUT! COMMANDS THE FRAME IN THE POWERFUL AVATAR OF RAVANA

Chennai, 29 Sep further fuelling anticipation around his portrayal in the epic. 2026: Namit Malhotra's Ramayana, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is among the most highly anticipated films of the year. With anticipation around the epic continuing to soar with every new reveal, the makers have now unveiled the first official poster of Rocking Star Yash as Ravana, offering a striking glimpse of the larger-than-life avatar he brings to the screen.

Since the trailer's release, Yash's portrayal of Ravana has emerged as one of the film's most talked-about elements. Making an immediate impact from his very first appearance, the actor brings an imposing intensity and formidable aura to the iconic character, of unparalleled knowledge and a formidable ruler of Lanka, and Yash has perfectly embodied his commanding demeanour and personality. The striking visual further offers a glimpse into the grandeur and scale with which Ravana has been envisioned for the bigscreen.

RANBIR KAPOOR AS LORD RAMA: RAMAYANA MAKERS SHARE SPECIAL BTS GLIMPSE ON THE ACTOR'S BIRTHDAY

Chennai, 29 Sep character, but as a 2026: On the occasion of Ranbir Kapoor's birthday, the makers of Ramayana have unveiled a special behind-the-scenes glimpse featuring the actor as Lord Rama, offering audiences a closer look at his preparation and transformation for one of the most revered roles in Indian mythology.

The BTS video also showcases how features director Nitesh Tiwari speaking about the importance of casting the right actor for a film like Ramayana, given the immense faith and emotional connect that millions of people have with the epic. Ranbir Kapoor, who essays Lord Rama, also opens up about taking on the role, sharing how he did not approach it as just another film or

responsibility to do justice to the revered figure. The glimpse also features Ranbir's co-stars Arun Govil, who plays Dashrath, Sai Pallavi, who portrays Sita, and Ravi Dubey, who essays Lakshman, speaking about the qualities that made Ranbir suited to the role of Lord Rama.

The BTS glimpse



Bringing to life one of the greatest tales ever told, Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana seeks to translate the epic's scale, emotion and timeless characters into a cinematic spectacle. Ranbir Kapoor essays Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi plays Sita, Yash takes on the role of Ravana, Sunny Deol portrays Hanuman, while Ravi Dubey plays Lakshman. The film will be released in

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari and produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios in association with 8-time Oscar-winning DNEG and Yash's Monster Mind Creations, the two-part epic will release worldwide in IMAX, with Part 1 arriving in Diwali 2026 and Part 2 in Diwali 2027.



Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, and produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios in collaboration with 8-time Oscar-winning DNEG and Yash's Monster Mind Creations, Ramayana is envisioned as a two-part epic. It is distributed by Sony Pictures globally (excluding India), with Dharma Productions acting as distributors for the Hindi speaking market. The film will release worldwide in IMAX, with Part 1 arriving in Diwali 2026 and Part 2 in Diwali 2027 releasing in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam across India.