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MY Bharat's 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' Campaign Engages Over 11,000 Youth Through 62 Programmes Across 16 States/UTs

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Over 11,000 youth participated in 62 editions of 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote', organised across 16 States and Union Territories on 31.10.2026 by Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), under the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The programmes were held at 62 colleges and educational institutions as part of the nationwide campaign, being conducted from 26.10.2026 to 05.11.2026, with the aim of covering 500 universities, colleges and institutions across the country. The initiative seeks to promote electoral awareness among young people,



particularly first-time voters, and encourage their informed participation in the democratic process. It familiarises them with voting rights, electoral procedures and civic responsibilities while providing opportunities to interact with elected representatives, Youth Icons and other distinguished personalities on democratic participation and nation-building.

Sarbananda Sonowal Administers National Unity Pledge to Ministry Officials, Student Cadets

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), Sarbananda Sonowal administered the National Unity Pledge to officers, employees and maritime cadets at his official residence here today, marking National Unity Day, or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, observed each year on the birth anniversary of



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to contribute with sincerity to ensure the internal security of my country." Sonowal paid floral tribute to Patel, India's first deputy

prime minister and home minister, widely remembered as the "Iron Man of India" for uniting more than 560 princely states into a single nation after independence.

Legislative Department Participates in 'Run for Unity' on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

NEW DELHI – 1 Nov, 2026 The Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, participated in the 'Run for Unity' organised at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi, on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on 31 October 2026. The event was flagged off by the Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, in the presence of dignitaries. The occasion marked the 151st birth anniversary



Secretary, Legislative Department, participated in the event along with senior officers and staff of the Department. Their participation reflected the Department's commitment to the ideals of national unity, integrity and collective

responsibility. The 'Run for Unity' provided officers and staff an opportunity to reaffirm their dedication to the values that strengthen the nation and contribute to the successful conduct of the event. Samrat/Sagar/Pranab

15 Day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 To Start At Dilli Haat, New Delhi, From Tomorrow

NEW DELHI – 1 Nov, 2026 The 15 day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 will be organized at Dilli Haat, INA in the National Capital, from tomorrow until November 15, 2026. The Mela is being organized by the Union Ministry of Social Justice And Empowerment. On 2nd November Monday, the Mela will be formally inaugurated by Dr Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment. Ms V. Vidyavathi, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Shri Prabhat Tyagi, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), Shri Ashutosh Jain, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Divyangjan Finance and



Development Corporation (NDFDC) celebrate India's traditional crafts, festive lighting and cultural the Ministry, will be present on the occasion. Themed ' प्रकाश और परंपरा – ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ ' , the event will besides other senior officers and officials of lighting and cultural heritage through artisan products, live craft demonstrations and cultural programmes.

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Concludes Special Campaign 6.0 with Focus on Swachhata, Record Management and Digital Governance

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA) has successfully concluded its participation in Special Campaign 6.0 for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency, conducted from 2nd to 31st October 2026. The campaign focused on improving workplace cleanliness, strengthening record management, reviewing pending matters and promoting efficient and sustainable administrative practices. The campaign, steered by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, aims to institutionalise Swachhata in government offices and enhance administrative efficiency through systematic record management, timely disposal of pending matters and improved utilisation of office space. During the preparatory phase, the Ministry identified targets relating to record management,



cleanliness and disposal of obsolete materials. The implementation phase witnessed focused efforts towards achieving the identified targets and improving the overall efficiency of office functioning. Key Achievements under Special Campaign 6.0

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Rocking star Yash's Children Ayra and Yatharv Have Their First Movie Experience with Ramayana

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Rocking star Yash's Children Ayra and Yatharv Have Their First Movie Experience with Ramayana. For Rocking Star Yash's children, Ayra and Yatharv, Namit Malhotra's Ramayana will always hold a special place, with the epic marking their first movie experience at the LA premiere. There is something rather special about the fact that the first film experience for Yash and Radhika Pandit's children comes with a story as timeless as the Ramayana. We have learnt that seven-year-old Ayra and Yatharv, who turns seven today, October 30, had their first movie experience with Namit Malhotra's Ramayana at an early premiere of the film. While details of how the children experienced the film remain private, the connection makes for a heartwarming story. For Yash, who steps into the role of Ravana in the ambitious cinematic adaptation, the project is an important milestone in his career. For his children, it will always be associated with their first experience of watching a film. The film is co-produced by Rocking star Yash and he also plays Ravana in the movie. Adding another beautiful layer to the story are the meanings



behind their names. Yash and Radhika have previously spoken about the thought that went into naming their children. Ayra's name draws inspiration from Airavathi, another name for Goddess Lakshmi, while Yatharv means 'complete'. The couple also revealed that his name brings together elements of their names, including those of Yash, Radhika and Ayra. And now, with Ramayana becoming their first movie experience, there is a lovely connection between the family and an epic that has been passed down through generations. As Namit Malhotra brings this timeless story to the big screen, the film is set to become a memorable

part of the family's story, too. For Yash, who is bringing the larger than life character Ravana to life in Ramayana, this moment must carry an emotion beyond words. Envision children experiencing cinema for the first time through a story that has shaped India's identity, values, and imagination for generations. And, a story that brings together a father's cinematic journey and his children's first steps into the magical world of storytelling. The film is produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime focus and co-produced by Yash's Monster mind creations. Releasing in just five days on 5th November. Book your tickets now!

Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Addresses 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of IIPA; Calls for Transformative Reforms in Public Administration to Realise Viksit Bharat @ 2047

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 The Vice-President of India and President of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today addressed the 72nd Annual Meeting of the General Body of the Indian Institute of Public Administration in New Delhi. Union Minister and Chairman of the IIPA Executive Council, Dr. Jitendra Singh; Director General, IIPA, Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagde; members of the General Body and Executive Council; faculty members; representatives of Regional and Local Branches; and other dignitaries attended the meeting. Vice-President of India and President of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today addressed the 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of IIPA in New Delhi. The Vice-President

called for citizen-centric governance, better coordination across all levels of administration, a balanced approach to economic growth and environmental sustainability. He urged IIPA to prepare civil servants for the challenges of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. Union Minister and Chairman of the IIPA Executive Council, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Director General, IIPA, Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagde, members of the General Body and Executive Council, faculty members, representatives of Regional and Local Branches, officers and staff of the Institute and other distinguished guests attended the meeting. @DrJitendraSingh Highlighting the significance of the occasion coinciding with Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Vice-President

paid tribute to the Iron Man of India, describing him as the architect of India's political integration, who united hundreds of princely states into one nation. The Vice-President appreciated the significant institutional reforms undertaken by IIPA during 2026, including the redesigned 52nd Advanced Professional Programme, the structured Internship Programme and the engagement of officers from the Central Civil Services and Central Civil Accounts Service. He observed that these initiatives had strengthened the Institute's administrative and financial architecture. He also commended Dr. Jitendra Singh for his guidance and support and appreciated the Director General, faculty and staff for their efforts in advancing IIPA as a premier institution for public administration.

Businesses get additional bulk discounts during Amazon Great Indian Festival

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Chennai: Amazon Business is bringing last-minute festive savings to business customers as part of the Amazon Great Indian Festival, offering discounts of up to 84% on selected products across multiple procurement categories. With Diwali around the corner, businesses can purchase office essentials, upgrade equipment and improve workplace facilities through deals on electronics, furniture, supplies and lighting. The festive offers include discounts of up to 33% on laptops, including gaming and

business models, and up to 49% on televisions and air conditioners. Businesses looking to improve their office spaces can explore ergonomic chairs and other furniture at discounts of up to 84%, along with additional bulk discounts of up to 11% on eligible purchases. Office supplies such as copier paper and cash-counting machines are available at discounts of up to 55%, with further savings on multi-unit purchases. Office lighting products, including decorative wall lights and table lamps, come with discounts

of up to 75%, along with additional bulk discounts of up to 4%. The range includes products from brands such as Dell, HP, Samsung, Xiaomi, TVS Electronics, Godrej and Green Soul. Amazon Business customers can also receive additional cashback of up to ₹9,999 on select categories. Furthermore, eligible purchases made using HDFC Bank credit cards and EMI transactions qualify for a 10% instant discount, helping businesses maximise their festive procurement savings.

Southern Railway observes National Unity Day

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Southern Railway observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and reinforce pledges for national unity and integrity. At Southern Railway Headquarters, Shri Vipin Kumar,



Additional General Manager administered the Ekta Diwas Pledge to the Officers and staff of Southern Railway Headquarters. Special events such as unity

pledge ceremonies and 'Run for Unity' marches, and were conducted across the Southern Railway headquarters and all the divisions and Workshops of the zone.

Traffic Diversion For 5th Chennai Run Marathon

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 On account of "5th Edition of Chennai Runs Marathon" organized by Madras Round Table-1 on Sunday Nov 01, 2026, in the following 4 categories of Marathon (i-e) 21.1 Km, 10 Km, 5 Km and 3 Km Run at morning 04.15 hrs from Napier bridge to ML Park Junction via. Kamarajar Salai, DGS Dinakaran Salai, Greater Chennai Traffic Police will make following traffic arrangements made from 03.00 am: All the outgoing vehicles coming from

RBI North intending towards Labour Statue will be diverted at War memorial - Flagstaff road - Wallajah Point -Anna salai to reach their destination. The vehicles coming from Anna Statue will not be allowed to Labour Statue and they will be diverted at Wallajah Road x Bells Road Jn to Bells Road to reach their destination. The vehicles coming from Bharathi Salai will not be allowed to Kannagi Statue and they will be diverted at Bharathi Salai X Canal

Road Jn towards Wallaja Road to reach their destination. The vehicles coming from Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai towards Gandhi Statue will be diverted at V.M. Street towards Royapettah High road, Luz Corner, R.K.Mutt Road to reach their destination. Vehicle coming from South Canal Road will be allowed towards Santhome High road and will not be allow to take right turn towards MRC Junction Public and Motorists are requested to cooperate.

Rockstar DSP records with 100 folk rythm players from all over India for Yellamma Title song



CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Ever since its announcement and first look, the film has sparked huge excitement. Now, Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad is bringing the raw power of folk music alive, recording the YELLAMMA song with 100 traditional folk rhythm players representing diverse cultures from across India! With Rockstar DSP making his acting debut and Balagam fame Venu Yeldandi at the helm, this ambitious project, presented

by Dil Raju and produced by Shirish, is raising expectations sky-high! 100 Folk Rhythm Players. One Powerful Musical Explosion! The YELLAMMA song is gearing up to strike a massive chord. Get ready to witness this musical storm... SONG OUT SOON! YELLAMMA GRAND WORLDWIDE RELEASE ON MARCH 5, 2027, IN TELUGU, TAMIL, HINDI, MALAYALAM & KANNADA!

English rendering of PM's speech at the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas programme in Kevadia, Gujarat

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 I will say, "Sardar Patel," and all of you respond, "Immortal forever, immortal forever." Sardar Patel – Immortal forever, immortal forever. My dear countrymen, Today's event is somewhat different. Until now, we have always held this programme on Unity Day in the morning. This time, there has been a slight change. We have all gathered in the evening. In the morning, lakhs and lakhs of citizens participated in the Run for Unity with a pledge of national unity. We saw the enthusiasm of the people in the Run for Unity. Yesterday evening, I witnessed magnificent presentations at the Bharat Parv Pavilion. And now, on this national occasion, we are present at the feet of Sardar Patel. Friends, This is the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity. The participation of the entire nation in its construction, the

unique aura of this place, and the extraordinary energy and inspiration of Unity Day fill one's heart with pride and gratitude upon coming here. Pride in being a citizen of this great nation, and gratitude towards Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who united more than 550 princely states after Independence. With an iron resolve, he bound this nation together in the thread of unity. Freedom is essential for any nation. When a nation is free, it determines its own future. But freedom receives the right direction through a republic. A republic shows us the path of taking decisions within the framework of the Constitution. The Constitution keeps us accountable to the people. And unity gives us the strength to move forward as one nation. That is why in our country, Independence Day, Republic Day, and Unity Day are all celebrated with great enthusiasm as national festivals.

The Vice-President said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the spirit of unity championed by Sardar Patel is being channelled into the national mission of Viksit Bharat @2047. He observed that India's journey from 1947 to the present reflected courage, determination and collective resolve, while the journey towards 2047 must be marked by even greater ambition, aspiration and commitment.

Changes in the pattern of Train Services

skipping stoppages at
Madurai, Sholavandan,
Kodaikanal Road,
Dindigul and
Manapparai. Additional
stoppages will be
provided at
Aruppukkottai,
Manamadurai,
Sivaganga, Karaikkudi
and Pudukkottai
□ Train No. 16321
Nagercoil – Coimbatore
Express scheduled to
leave Nagercoil at 08.00
hrs on 02nd, 04th, 11th,
13th, 16th, 18th, 20th,
23rd November, 2026

**AIR CHIEF MARSHAL ASHUTOSH DIXIT PVSM
AVSM VM VSM ASSUMES CHARGE AS CHIEF
OF THE AIR STAFF OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE**

CHENNAI – 1 Nov,
2026 Air Chief
Marshal Ashutosh
Dixit PVSM AVSM
VM VSM assumed
charge as the 29th
Chief of the Air Staff
on 31 October 2026.
He succeeds Air
Chief Marshal AP
Singh, PVSM
AVSM, who
superannuated after
42 years of
distinguished

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was commissioned into the Fighter Stream of the Indian Air Force on 06 December 1986.

Over a career
spanning four

will be diverted to run
via Virudunagar,
Manamadurai,
Karaikkudi,
Tiruchchirappalli & Karur
skipping stoppages at
Tirumangalam,
Tirupparankundram,
Madurai, Sholavandan,
Kodaikanal Road,
Ambaturai, Dindigul,
Eriodu and Palaiyam .
Additional stoppages will
be provided at
Aruppukkottai,
Manamadurai,
Sivaganga, Karaikkudi,
Pudukkottai &
Tiruchchirappalli

Rescheduling of Train Services:
☐ Train No. 16127 Chennai Egmore - Guruvayur Express scheduled to leave Chennai Egmore at 10.40 hrs on 02nd, 04th & 07th, 11th, 14th November, 2026 will be rescheduled to leave Tambaram at 12.10 hrs (Late by 1 hour)

□ Train No. 17656
Puducherry - Kakinada
Port Circar Express,
scheduled to leave
Puducherry at 13.30 hrs
on 02nd & 07th, 14th
November, 2026 will be
rescheduled to leave
Puducherry at 14.15 hrs
(late by 45 mins).

□ Train No. 22676
Tiruchchirappalli -
Chennai Egmore Cholan
Superfast Express,
scheduled to leave



decades, the Air Chief has rich experience across diverse domains such as Operations, Flight Testing, Capability Development and Joint Staff assignments. An accomplished Fighter Pilot, Qualified Flying

Tiruchchirappalli at 12.10 hrs on 03rd & 10th November, 2026 will be rescheduled to leave Tiruchchirappalli at 12.35 hrs (Late by 25 mins)

Regulation of Train Services:

□ Train No. 20498
Firozpur Cantt
Rameswaram Superfast
Humsafar Express, that
left Firozpur Cantt at
05.55 hrs on 31st
October, 2026 will be
regulated for 2 hours at
a convenient location en
route.

□ Train No. 17077
Charlapalli -
Tiruchchirappalli

Express scheduled to leave Charlapalli at 17.20 hrs on 03rd, 10th November, 2026 will be regulated for 30 minutes at a convenient location en route.

□ Train No. 22673
Jodhpur - Mannargudi
Express, scheduled to
leave Jodhpur at 16.50
hrs on 05th, 12th
November, 2026 will be
regulated for 2 hours at
a convenient location en
route.

□ Train No. 07535
Charlapalli - Nagercoil
Special, scheduled to
leave Charlapalli at
19.45 hrs on 06th, 13th
November, 2026 will be
regulated for 1 hour 40
minutes at a convenient
location en route.

Instructor and Experimental Test Pilot, he has over 3,500 hours of flying experience on a wide range of aircraft, including the Mirage-2000, various MiG variants, Jaguar and several transport aircraft.

National CSR Meet for School Education organised through Vidyanjali

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 The Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Union Ministry of Education, organised the National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Meet for School Education through Vidyanjali – a school volunteer programme, today in Gurugram, Haryana. The meet aimed to strengthen collaboration between the Government, corporate organisations, States/UTs and implementing agencies to leverage CSR for transforming school education.

An important component of the Meet was the CSR-State Interaction, which brought together representatives from corporate organisations, State Nodal Officers, DoSEL, the

Programme Management Unit (PMU) and the National Informatics Centre (NIC). The interaction provided an opportunity to explore avenues for collaboration, facilitate networking between CSR organisations and States and discuss potential projects for supporting schools based on their identified requirements.

Representatives from states and union territories showcased their experiences and initiatives under Vidyanjali. Presentations were made by Andhra Pradesh on the implementation of Vidyanjali, Karnataka on the adoption of schools, Mizoram on the role of community participation, and Delhi on innovations and related activities under the programme. Implementing

agencies, including ChildFund India, SARD India, Inspiring Seniors Foundation and ETI Foundation, also shared their experiences and perspectives on facilitating CSR engagement and supporting school development through Vidyanjali.

The technical sessions featured representatives from leading corporate organisations, including the State Bank of India (SBI) and Bharti Airtel, who shared their experiences and initiatives undertaken towards supporting school education. Their presentations highlighted the role of corporate participation in strengthening school resources and creating opportunities for improved learning environments.

Additional Secretary,
DoSEL, Ms. Archana

Sharma Awasthi; Economic Advisor, DoSEL, Ms. A. Srija; and other senior officials of the Ministry were present on the occasion.

Vidyanjali is an initiative of DoSEL aimed at strengthening government and government-aided schools through structured community and private sector participation. It provides a digital platform connecting schools with volunteers, organisations and CSR partners to facilitate contributions in the form of services, activities and assets. Its CSR framework includes the CSR Module and Adopt-a-School Module, enabling organisations to support school requirements and contribute towards school development.

MoHUA Conducts Participatory Workshop to Chart a Shared Roadmap for Clean Delhi

NEW DELHI – 1
Nov, 2026
Department of
Capital
Development,
Ministry of Housing
and Urban Affairs
(MoHUA) in
collaboration with
Swachh Bharat
Mission-Urban
organised a
workshop on
Planning a Shared
Roadmap for Clean
Delhi, bringing
together sanitation
inspectors,

supervisors, urban local body officials and key stakeholders to collectively deliberate on practical solutions for making the national capital cleaner, healthier and more liveable. Ms. D. Thara, Secretary, Department of Capital Development, MoHUA, along with senior officials from



NDMC, MCD, DDA,
and MoHUA,
participated in the
workshop.

The workshop, “Planning a Shared Roadmap for Clean Delhi,” was envisioned to bring stakeholders together to understand these challenges and

co-create practical solutions. For the first time, functionaries from the top to the lowest level, came together on a common platform to deliberate on critical issues and chart a collective path towards a cleaner Delhi.

**PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES the Dhvaj
Stambh Pujan, Dhawaja Pujan and Dhwajaroohan
ceremony of Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik**

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the Dhvaj Stambh Pujan, Dhawaja Pujan and Dhawajarojan ceremony of Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik, Maharashtra today (October 31, 2026). She also addressed a public programme on the occasion.

In her address, the President said that the tradition of the Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Maha Kumbh is as ancient as it is rich. The Kumbh gatherings held on the banks of the Ganga in Haridwar, at the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj, on the banks of the Shipra in Ujjain, and on the



banks of the Godavari at Nashik, are renowned across the globe. The continuous organization of these gatherings over

centuries stands as a testament to the strength of our nation's historical, cultural, social, and spiritual traditions.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Positions IIPA's Nationwide Outreach for Inclusive Capacity Building in Governance

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Administration Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh

has emphasised nationwide outreach by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) as a key priority for ensuring inclusive capacity building in governance. Stressing the need to move beyond the national capital, he said that expanding IIPA's geographical reach would help make its learning



resources, the presence of the Vice President of India and President of IIPA, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, along with senior officials, members of the Institute's governing bodies and representatives of its academic and administrative community.

Addressing IIPA's 72nd Annual General Body Meeting, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Chairman of the IIPA Executive Council, spoke in

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL AP SINGH SUPERANNUATES AFTER 42 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE NATION

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Air Chief Marshal AP Singh PVSM AVSM, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), superannuates from the Indian Air Force on 31 October 2026, bringing to a close an illustrious career spanning 42 years of distinguished service to the nation.

Beyond fighter pilot and an Experimental Test Pilot, he has made significant contributions to the operational capability, combat preparedness and modernisation of the Indian Air Force. His tenure as the Chief of the Air Staff was marked by decisive leadership and an unwavering focus on operational readiness, particularly during



with the last air warrior in the chain of command or interacting with young officers, airmen and cadets, he consistently emphasised professionalism, accountability, initiative and pride in service. His ability to connect with young minds, and inspire confidence reflected his belief in nurturing the next generation of air warriors and leaders.

Throughout his tenure, he focused on creating a technologically empowered and future-ready Indian Air Force, with emphasis on indigenisation,

Last date for submission of applications under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for academic year 2026-27 extended till November 15, 2026

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 The Union Ministry of Education extended the last date for submission of applications under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) for the academic year 2026-27 till November 15, 2026 . The extension would provide eligible students additional time to complete their applications on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and facilitate timely verification by the concerned authorities.

The revised schedule is as follows:

Process	Institute Nodal Officer (L1)	November 30 and
Last Date	Verification	District Nodal Officer (L2) by December
Submission of Application	District Nodal Officer (L2) Verification	15, 2026.

The National Scholarship Portal (NSP) has been open for student applications since June 1, 2026. Students are required to complete their One-Time Registration (OTR) on the portal before applying for the Scholarship. As on 30.10.2026, 90,483 fresh and 1,99,531 renewal applications had been submitted. Students who have already submitted their applications should ensure that the applications are verified by the concerned Institute Nodal Officer (L1) by

prescribed academic requirements. Eligible students studying in state government and government-aided schools and also schools managed by local self governments, receive ₹12,000 per annum, which is transferred directly to their bank accounts through DBT.

For appearing in the selection test, students must have secured at least 55 per cent marks or equivalent grade in Class VII, with a 5-percentage point relaxation for SC/ST students. The parental income of the applicant should not exceed ₹3.50 lakh per annum.

NMMSS is aimed at supporting meritorious students from economically weaker sections and encouraging them to continue their education beyond Class VIII up to Class XII. The scheme provides one lakh fresh scholarships every year to eligible Class IX students who qualify in the selection examination conducted by the respective State/UT Governments. The scholarship is subsequently continued from Classes X to XII through renewal, subject to the

INAUGURAL BIMSTEC MARITIME SECURITY EXERCISE

CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Translating Vision to Action Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity

The inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise, being conducted from 30 Oct to 03 Nov 2026, marks a significant milestone in advancing maritime cooperation among the member states of BIMSTEC. Bringing together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the exercise reinforces the shared commitment of member states towards regional security, stability and prosperity in the Bay of Bengal.

Building upon the outcomes of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit



domain awareness, disaster relief, improve search and rescue, coordination and regional engagement make it an important pillar of maritime security in the Bay of Bengal.

As BIMSTEC nations come together for this inaugural exercise, they reaffirm their commitment to a secure, open and inclusive maritime domain. The exercise embodies the spirit of "Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity" and demonstrates regional solidarity in pursuit of peace, stability and sustainable development.

under the theme "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open", the exercise provides a practical framework for enhancing maritime cooperation and operational linkages among participating nations. It reflects BIMSTEC's collective resolve towards "Translating Vision to Action" by advancing cooperation in areas of mutual maritime interest and strengthening regional security mechanisms. The Bay of Bengal remains a critical maritime space connecting South Asia and supporting trade, connectivity, energy security and economic growth. The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, humanitarian assistance and