

MADURANTAKAM, DHARAPURAM TURNOUT CROSSES 60% BY MID NOON. VIJAY WAVE ENSURES HIGH TURNOUT IN TN BYPOLLS

Chennai, 07 Oct 2026: Polling in the as the principal crucial byelections to campaigner for the the Madurantakam and TVK, crisscrossing Dha rapu ram A s both constituencies sembly constituencies during the hectic gathered momentum c a m p a i g n a n d on Tuesday, with voter addressing a series of turnout crossing the 60 roadshows and public per cent mark as the meetings.

Vijay's roadshows attracted large and enthusiastic crowds, giving the TVK leadership considerable confidence ahead of the polling. Party workers and supporters lined the roads at several places as the Chief Minister sought votes for the party candidates and projected the by-elections as an important test of public support for the ruling party.

The sustained campaign by Vijay over the past two weeks also helped keep the two constituencies in the political spot light. His repeated appearances and direct interaction with voters generated considerable enthusiasm among TVK cadres.

The A IADMK and DMK also left no stone unturned. Senior leaders and cadres of both parties undertook intensive campaigning,



holding roadshows, Election officials moved quickly to address the complaints and restore normal polling. The disruptions did not have a major impact on the overall voting process.

49 candidates in fray

In Madurantakam, 27 candidates are contesting. They include Maragatham Kumaravel (TVK), Parandhaman (DMK), Kanitha Sampath (AIADMK), Sugandhi (CPI-M), Janakiraman (NTK) and Independents.

In Dharapuram, 22 candidates are in the fray, including Sathyabama (TVK), Suganya (DMK), Bhanumathi (AIADMK), Lakshmanan (CPI) and Karthika (NTK). Minor glitches at booths.

Though polling was largely peaceful, minor glitches were reported at a few polling stations. Delays in commencing polling and technical issues at some booths caused brief tension and prompted voters to wait for some time.

Brisk polling was also reported from Thattanchavady constituency in Puducherry.

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VIJAY SEEKS RELEASE OF 20 TN FISHERMEN, 270 BOATS

Chennai, 07 Oct 2026: Chief Minister boats had created widespread anxiety and fear among coastal fishing communities. He stressed that a lasting solution was necessary as such incidents continued to recur despite the issue being taken up on several occasions.

Fishermen from Ramanathapuram and adjoining coastal districts have traditionally carried out fishing activities in the Palk Strait and depend heavily on the sea for their livelihood, he said.

The Chief Minister pointed out that fishing boats were the principal livelihood assets of fishermen and that their prolonged seizure could push affected families into severe economic distress. The arrest of fishermen also leaves their families facing uncertainty and hardship until their return, he added.

Highlighting the latest incident, the Chief Minister said nine fishermen from Rameswaram were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on Oct 3. Their mechanised fishing boat bearing registration number IND-TN-10-MM-0457 was also seized.

Vijay said the early release and repatriation of the detained fishermen, along with the retrieval of their boats, was therefore crucial to

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Director General of



provide relief to their families and restore their livelihood.

Referring to the recurring nature of the problem, the Chief Minister said the existing institutional mechanism for dialogue between India and Sri Lanka on fishermen related issues needed to be strengthened.

He urged the Union Government to appropriately reconstitute the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on Fisheries and convene its meeting at the earliest.

The Joint Working Group should be used effectively to discuss the problems faced by fishermen from both countries and work towards constructive and sustainable solutions, Vijay said.

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PRIME MINISTER SHARES AN ARTICLE ON HOW INDIA'S WATER-GOVERNANCE MODEL IS OFFERING USEFUL LESSONS FOR THE WIDER GLOBAL SOUTH

Chennai, 07 Oct 2026: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today, shared an article on how India's water-governance model is offering useful lessons for the wider Global South. Shri Modi said that water security is not only about building infrastructure but also

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ASIAN PAINTS WOOD ADHESIVES LAUNCHES HYDRONAA AND ULTRAA WITH RECORD-SETTING WOODEN MOSAIC

Chennai, 07 Oct Created by an

2026: Asian Paints Organization’. Wood Adhesives has launched Asian Paints Hydronaa and Asian Paints Ultraa, two new wood adhesive products designed for durability, ease of use and performance. To mark the launch, 250 distributors from across India created a 384 sq. ft. wooden mosaic, which has been recognised by the Asia Book of Records as the ‘Largest Wooden Mosaic Artwork



repairability and bond strength for everyday woodworking applications. Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints Ltd., said the initiative celebrates the company’s distributor partners and their contribution to the brand’s journey. He added that bringing 250 distributors together to create a single artwork reflects the belief that individual strengths can come together to create something greater, while marking the launch of Hydronaa and Ultraa.

AFFORDABLE FESTIVE SHOPPING PICKS AVAILABLE ON AMAZON BAZAAR

Chennai, 07 Oct the Great Indian LED Outdoor Up/ Toad 23 Wireless 2026: Amazon Bazaar Festival, customers can Down Wall Light, Optical Mouse is avail up to 70% off priced at ₹235, is available at ₹256.

is showcasing a selection of affordable products priced under ₹300 as part of the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026. The range covers fashion, beauty, home décor and electronics, offering customers options for festive shopping, home styling and gifting.

Amazon Bazaar offers more than 3 crore products to choose from. During

DRI CRACKS DOWN ON CROSS-BORDER GOLD SMUGGLING ALONG INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER; SEIZES OVER 8.3 KG FOREIGN-ORIGIN GOLD; 4 ARRESTED

Chennai, 07 Oct intelligence led 2026: Continuing its sustained crackdown on organised gold smuggling, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized around 8.3 kg foreign-origin gold valued at approximately Rs. 12.37 crore in intelligence-led operation in an operation along the Indo-Bangladesh border. Four persons have been arrested in connection with the smuggling activities.

In a significant

Fashion options include a Women’s Black Floral Print Peplum Top at ₹265 and a Men’s Solid Linen-Cotton Shirt at ₹298.

Amazon Bazaar, available exclusively on the mobile application, offers a curated range of

In electronics, Wireless Bluetooth Neckband Earphones are priced at ₹299, while the Portronics More, Save More.”

A total of 72 gold biscuits, each weighing 116 grams, were recovered from the possession of the said four persons. The total foreign origin gold weighing around 8.3 kg valued at approximately 12.37 crore was seized under relevant provisions of Customs Act, 1962 and all the four persons involved were arrested. Further investigations are underway.

The operation was a culmination of long discreet surveillance



done by DRI officials along the Indo-Bangladesh Border in Cooch Behar district. DRI remains steadfast on dismantling organised gold-smuggling networks operating through cross-border corridors. And identifying the wider syndicates behind the movement and distribution of smuggled gold.

INDIA’S PROTEIN PARADOX: AWARENESS IS RISING, BUT CONSUMPTION REMAINS A CHALLENGE, FINDS PEPSICO INDIA x EUROMONITOR STUDY

Chennai, 07 Oct encing dietary choices, misinformed, with convenient, credible 2026: Indian consumers are increasingly paying attention to nutrition, but awareness does not always translate into dietary choices. A new study by PepsiCo India, in association with Euromonitor International and the Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR) studies how consumers think about protein, fibre and oats, and what can make better nutrition more practical and accessible.

Some key findings from the study are: Awareness doesn’t always mean understanding: While 74% of consumers claim to be aware of their daily protein requirements, 56% are misinformed – either unaware, unsure or unable to accurately identify their daily requirement. Protein is falling short on the plate: 70% of respondents consume less than 41g of protein, well below recommended intake levels, with the intake gap seen across all five cities surveyed. The knowledge gap is even wider for fibre: While 59% claim to know their daily fibre requirement, 89% are

Titled ‘The State of Protein & Fibre in Urban India’, the study surveyed 1,250 respondents aged 18–50 years across Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata and Kochi, examining protein and fibre awareness and intake, lifestyle and breakfast habits, factors influ

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INTERIO BY GODREJ LAUNCHES WORKSCAPES, A MODULAR WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS CATEGORY DESIGNED TO ADAPT TO EVOLVING ORGANISATIONAL NEEDS

Chennai, 07 Oct Collaboration Tables, recon figured without Godrej, we have been 2026: Interio by Privacy Solutions, structural changes, building our B2B Godrej announced the Mobile Markerboards allowing users to shape portfolio around these launch of Workscapes, and Space Dividers, spaces around evolving changing needs, and Workscapes is our solutions category Power Solutions, work needs. latest step in this designed to help Elements, Meeting and geometries, tactile organisations create, Presentation Tools, and finishes and visually together mobile, compatible furniture and support elements that can be configured across different work modes and spatial needs, enabling flexible workplaces without the constraints of fixed layouts. Bringing together mobile, compatible furniture and support elements that can be configured across different work modes and spatial needs, enabling flexible workplaces without the constraints of fixed layouts.

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Workscapes is expected to contribute 10% to Interio by Godrej’s B2B and institutional business in FY27. The portfolio brings together adjusted, expanded and

At Interio by

For fibre, access to the right options is an even bigger barrier: generations: 61% 69% say there is a lack of convenient, credible recommended daily fibre-focused food options, rising to 74% in Kochi, 72% in Kolkata and 71% in Mumbai.

The study was unveiled at an event supported by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), bringing together voices from nutrition, public health and industry.

Anchored in the study findings, the discussion explored the gap between nutrition awareness and consumption, and the need to make better nutrition more accessible, familiar and easier to consume every day.

With softened geometries, tactile finishes and visually quiet forms, the collection combines functionality with a welcoming design language.

Speaking about the launch, Sameer Joshi,

Designed and developed in India, Workscapes reflects our focus on indigenous design and our ability to create workplace solutions that are relevant to Indian businesses, while creating environments that are welcoming, functional and ready to evolve with the future of work.”

VIDYUT JAMMWAL HOLDS HIS BREATH FOR 15 MINUTES AT STREET FIGHTER EVENT

Chennai, 07 Oct he was the best choice to play the yogi character. The actor meditated on stage with cosplayers dressed as Dhalsims for straight 15 minutes, giving the world a look at his yogic superpower.

After he completed his silent meditation, Vidyut revealed he used a special technique of Patanjali Yoga Sutra, which helped him not only hold his breath for 15 minutes but also achieve greater milestones in life. He revealed he also teaches this technique to youngsters. The idea is to meditate, to



understand that things kuch nahi karna hai; ek baar tham jao, ek baar ruk jao. That skill will really really take you very far. This is what I can tell you, thank you for witnessing this,” he told the young generation.

A Paramount Pictures release, Street Fighter will be released on 16 October 2026 across India in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.



This year, TBBD network ahead of the festive season. AI-powered features, including personalised recommendations, voice and image-based shopping and conversational assistance, will further enhance the customer shopping experience.

PM MEMENTOS BRINGS SIKKIM'S CULTURAL HERITAGE CLOSER TO CITIZENS

Chennai, 07 Oct The inclusion of these Buddhist tabletop artefacts places Sikkim's heritage on a national platform, allowing objects that were once part of a ceremonial exchange to find a new connection with citizens and collectors.

One of the featured pieces is a finely crafted brass sculpture of Lord Buddha, which was gifted to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by the Governor of Sikkim. The second artefact is a Tibetan

Buddhist tabletop prayer wheel, or Mani Khorlo, embossed with the sacred “Om Mani Padme Hum” mantra, reflecting the artistic and spiritual ethos of the Himalayan state.

The 8th edition of PM Mementos is currently live and has been extended until 31 October 2026.

The presence of these two artefacts in this year's auction speaks to the diversity of India's cultural landscape. It also highlights the important role that initiatives such as PM e-Auction portal: <https://pmmementos.gov.in>

CAPACIT'E INFRAPROJECTS LIMITED RECEIVED LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE (LOA) AMOUNTING TO ₹368.98 CRORE FROM CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED

Chennai, 07 Oct open land parcels including Civil, Infraprojects Limited Architectural Finishes, Plumbing, E&M, VAC, Lifts and all associated works.

Commenting on the development, Mr. Rahul Katyal, Managing Director, Capacit'e Infraprojects Limited said: Capacit'e Infraprojects is proud to be associated with the construction of Buildings near Thiruman Chennai Metro Rail Station Limited. This project along the viaduct in marks a significant



milestone in our journey, further strengthening our presence in the public sector space.

We look forward to contributing meaningfully to India's urban transport development and reinforcing our position as a trusted partner in nation-building initiatives.”

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SRMIST HOCKEY WOMEN'S TEAM WON THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE DR. J.P. SUKUMAR MEMORIAL STATE LEVEL OPEN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Chennai, 07 Oct Match 01: SRMIST Beat PKR College, Erode Score: (3-0)

Match 02: SRMIST Beat Tamil Nadu Police Score: (2-1)

Finals: SRMIST Beat KOM Puliyampatti, Erode Score: (1-0)

Match Results: SRMIST Beat KOM Puliyampatti, Erode Score: (1-0)



Final Standings: Nadu Participated in the Tournament

Winners: SRMIST

Runners: KOM Puliyampatti, Erode

A Total of Top 8 Teams from Tamil Nadu participated in the Tournament. For further details, please contact: Dr.K. Govarthan (Hockey Team In charge) - 63744 14335.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE FIRST CONVOCATION OF AIIMS BILASPUR

Chennai, 07 Oct that treat the patient.

2026: The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced the first convocation of AIIMS Bilaspur in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, today (October 6, 2026).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the primary objective of the medical profession should be to serve humanity. She highlighted that a sick person visiting a doctor carries not only the fear and uncertainty associated with their illness but also hope. She emphasised that the empathy and compassionate behaviour of doctors gives courage to the patient, apart from their knowledge and skills

The President said that quality medical care at a minimal cost is the hallmark of AIIMS. She said that for the people of the country, AIIMS signifies medical treatment by the nation's most competent doctors. She said that many AIIMS have been established across various parts of the country with the objectives of enabling a larger number of people to benefit from this trust and allowing more meritorious students to receive top-tier medical education and serve the nation.



that AIIMS Bilaspur bears a special responsibility due to its geographical location. Delivering quality healthcare services on time to populations residing in the remote areas of Himachal Pradesh is a multifaceted challenge. She said that AIIMS Bilaspur must emerge as a premier center for advanced tertiary healthcare. She highlighted the need to strengthen healthcare services in hilly areas by leveraging telemedicine, specialist consultations for remote

areas, training of medical personnel, and the use of the latest technologies.

The President said that for the common people, bearing the cost of medical treatment for a serious illness imposes a heavy financial burden. To alleviate this hardship faced by vulnerable sections of society, the Government of India provides health insurance cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year under the ‘Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana’.