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CM VIJAY INAUGURATES RS. 2.23 CR AAVIN LAB REVIEWS PROGRESS OF NEW FACILITY

Chennai, 08 Oct 2026: Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay today inaugurated a Rs 2.23 crore annex building of the Aavin State Central Laboratory at Madhavaram, inspected milk processing and distribution operations at the dairy and reviewed the construction of a Rs. 152.26 crore new dairy plant with a capacity to handle seven lakh litres of milk a day.

The newly opened laboratory has been equipped with advanced facilities to conduct drinking water tests in accordance with standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). It will also carry out wastewater tests as per Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board norms.



The laboratory will cater to the quality-testing requirements of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation and District Cooperative Milk Producers' Unions, enabling tests to be conducted accurately and quickly in accordance with international standards.

Vijay inspected milk handling and distribution operations at the Madhavaram dairy, which processes around 4.50 lakh litres of milk every day. Milk is distributed mainly to consumers in north Chennai through an average of 120 vehicles.

Established in 1963 as a joint initiative of the Government and UNICEF, the Madhavaram dairy initially had a processing capacity of 50,000 litres a day.

Its infrastructure was subsequently expanded, increasing the capacity to around 4.50 lakh litres a day.

The Chief Minister also inspected the construction of the new dairy plant being established at Madhavaram at an estimated cost of Rs. 152.26 crore to meet Chennai's future milk requirements.

The fully automated modern dairy will have

the capacity to handle seven lakh litres of milk a day. Vijay reviewed the progress of construction with officials and directed them to expedite the works.

Milk and Dairy Development Minister C. Vijayalakshmi, MLAs M. L. Vijay Prabhu and N. Senthil Kumar, Tamil Nadu Housing Board Chairman V. Siva, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fisheries and Fisheries Welfare Department Secretary Anu George, Dairy Development Director and Aavin Managing Director S. Sivarasu and senior officials were present.

PM TO INAUGURATE 10TH EDITION OF INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS ON 8 OCTOBER

Chennai, 08 Oct 2026: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) on 8 October 2026 at around 10 AM at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

Organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), the event will be held from 7 to 10 October. The theme of IMC 2026 is “Scale Without Boundaries”, reflecting India’s growing capabilities in digital innovation, next-generation

connectivity and technology-led growth.

The four key pillars of IMC 2026 will be - **Srishti**: Building the Future; **Samvardhan**: Fueling Growth; **Sashakt**: Expanding Opportunities; and **Suraksha**: Strengthening Trust. It will focus on innovation and next-generation digital infrastructure, technology-led economic growth, inclusive digital access, and the development of secure and resilient digital ecosystems. IMC 2026 will bring together global technology leaders, policy makers, industry experts, startups, investors and innovators to



explore emerging domains - smart mobility, stadium experiences, industrial robotics and transport technology.

The 2026 edition will cover nine established anchor sectors, including 5G and 6G, next-generation AI networks, semiconductors, non-terrestrial networks, cyber security, quantum communication, enterprise transformation, circular economy and ESG, and

electronics manufacturing. The event will also expand its sectoral focus to four new

domains - smart mobility, stadium experiences, industrial robotics and transport technology.

IMC 2026 is expected to attract more than 1.5 lakh attendees from over 100 countries, with participation from 500+ partners and exhibitors, 600+ startups and 900+ thought leaders.

The event will feature more than 2,000 technology use cases and over 120 sessions.

MODI'S ZEN-Z DIALOGUE IN KASHI ON OCT 25

Chennai, 08 Oct 2026: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to hold a Zen-Z Dialogue with thousands of youth in Kashi on October 25.

Preparations for the event have begun.

According to sources here on Wednesday, the event is planned to be held on the campus of either Banaras Hindu University (BHU) or Sampurnanand Sanskrit University.

Around 30,000 youth aged between 18 and 25 are expected to participate in the proposed event. Dis

trict and metropolitan at Namohat, while a watchtower is also being constructed in Domri for security purposes. Various security agencies, including the Special

Protection Group (SPG) and Special Task Force (ATS), are actively involved in the preparations.

In the proposed air show, various military aircraft will perform aerobatics for approximately 90 minutes. We expect approximately 3 million spectators to arrive from both banks of the Ganges to witness this grand event. In view of this,

Police Commissioner routes.



Mohit Agarwal has directed officials to identify potential crowd pressure locations and prepare a detailed crowd management plan.

The Police Commissioner has directed all major ghats and spectator sites to establish separate entry and exit routes, barricades, holding areas, queue management, and designated pedestrian routes.

KAUVERY HOSPITAL RADIAL ROAD LAUNCHES SAMATVA, BRINGING OBESITY AND METABOLIC CARE TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF

Chennai, 08 Oct 2026: Kauvery

Hospital Radial Road has launched SAMATVA, Centre for Obesity, Metabolic Health & Life style Transformation, a dedicated centre offering comprehensive and coordinated care for people with obesity and related metabolic health concerns. Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan, former Governor of Telangana and former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, launched the clinic.



The latest National Family Health Survey-6 (2023-24) indicates that 44.2% of women aged 15-49 in Tamil Nadu are overweight or obese, highlighting the growing burden of excess weight and its associated health risks. Against this backdrop, SAMATVA takes an integrated approach that moves beyond conventional weight-loss programmes. The centre brings together

The multidisciplinary team at SAMATVA includes physicians, endocrinologists, gastroenterologists, hepatologists, and allied health professionals, enabling patients to access coordinated care under one roof. The approach focuses not only on weight reduction, but also on improving metabolic health, reducing obesity-related health risks and supporting sustainable lifestyle

changes.

Commenting on the launch, Dr. Piyush Bawane, Clinical Lead, Medical Gastroenterology, Kauvery Hospital, Radial Road, said, “Obesity can have a significant impact on metabolic health and is often associated with conditions such as diabetes, fatty liver disease, hypertension and cardiovascular risk. At SAMATVA, our approach is to assess these associated conditions comprehensively and develop an appropriate treatment plan for each patient. This allows us to address obesity as a health condition while also managing the broader metabolic risks associated with it.”

FROM KTM CUP TO THE AUSTRIAN GP: SIX RIDERS INSIDE KTM’S MOTOGP PADDOCK

Chennai, 08 Oct finishers; Karthik R 2026: KTM, the and Jobin Kharmalki, world’s No.1 premium the top two in the motorcycle brand, took Amateur category; and six riders from KTM Lani Zena Fernandez Cup Season 3 to and Saimah Ajaz Baig, Austria, where they the Women’s cate spent the Austrian gory’s first and second- Grand Prix weekend place finishers, inside the Red Bull travelled to Austria KTM Factory Racing after a season that environment, met culminated at Kari Pedro Acosta and Motor Speedway in watched him take his Coimbatore. maiden MotoGP victory for the factory at its home Grand Prix.

Johann Emmanuel and Mohamed Mikail, the Pro category’s first and second-place and KTM Motohall to

DOROTHY FILM IS RECEIVING A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE AUDIENCE BOTH COMMERCIALY AND CRITICALLY

Chennai, 08 Oct come that transgender 2026: 'Dorati' is a film released by Jio Studios, produced by Sikya Entertainment and Dhammam Films, directed by Karthik Subbaraj, starring Rishikanth, Sanand, and Keerthy Suresh. The film is receiving a positive response from the audience both commercially and critically. Following this, the film's thanks giving event was held today.

Producer Achin Jain said, "Thank you to the fans and the crew for making this film a great experience."

Shabitha said, "We have been working for the transgender community for the past 16 years. Even though we have created a lot of awareness and made many films, 'Dorothy' has always been special. After watching the film, I started crying profusely. This film is the voice of our community. It was my sister-in-law who accepted me in real life too. So, 'Dorothy' moved me. The law has

What they experi enced in Austria was a different view of racing, from the work behind the scenes at the KTM Racing Factory and KTM Motohall to

When that is the case, what is the problem with the climax of this film? The transgender community will reach many more heights. This film is a testament to that."

Malavika said, "Karthi-hero, Subbu- heroine, Raj-Ilaiyaraja sir have come together as Karthik Subbaraj in the film 'Doraathi'. Every scene of the film is memorable. Karthik Subbaraj has brought out two wonderful actors, Rishikant and Sanand. Even if you don't respect us, don't insult us. The prize we got this year is 'Doraathi'. It should definitely get an Oscar. The bitter experience of the song given by Yuvan Shankar Raja in Uroram Puliyamaram has been removed by his father Ilayaraja in the song Meenakshi and Kamatchi. Thank you to everyone."

Director Vasantha balan said, "We are imposing many wrong things in cinema, thinking of patriarchy



the preparation, “The trip to Austria communication and was an incredible teamwork behind a experience. I learnt a MotoGP weekend. For lot about the work that Johann Emmanuel, the goes on behind the visit to the KTM scenes in a racing Racing Factory offered season at the KTM an insight into every Racing Factory, and I thing that goes into a was genuinely racing season away impressed by KTM’s from the track. He also history in Dakar and got a closer look at their 20-year winning KTM’s Dakar legacy. streak,” Johann said.



and mass.'Dorothy'has music, and we have come as a blow to all eyes to watch films like that. Like Romeo and Dorathy. Dorathy is a Juliet, 'Dorothy' is also 100 times better film than The Last Farmer and Kottukkaali. Rishi and Sanand have definitely get a broken the mass hero National Award. The template and become cinematography is the great heroes. You have strength of the film. a big responsibility. Raja sir has blessed this film with his music. Keerthy is the life of Congratulations to this film. Thank you.”

Director Karthik Subbaraj said, "Cinema is a powerful weapon. It has the power to change people's minds. Many people told me that this film will definitely change the way people have viewed the transgender commu nity till now. I consider that the success of this film. I also consider it my personal success. The blessing we received was Raja sir's music. Another hero of the film is Thiru sir. Thank you to everyone."

8 REASONS PANEER DESERVES A PERMANENT SPOT ON EVERY PLATE

Chennai, 08 Oct Paneer shows up in 2026: Ask any home starters, mains, snacks cook what makes a and even sweets, meal feel complete, making it one of the and paneer is rarely far few ingredients that from the answer. Soft, spans an entire menu. It versatile and endlessly is a festive favourite adaptable, it has quietly too. Come celebrations become one of the most or family get-trusted ingredients in togethers, paneer Indian kitchens, dishes are almost vegetarian and non- always on the table, vegetarian alike. Here from paneer tikka to shahi paneer. It suits growing appetites. Its mild taste and soft texture make it a favourite with children, which also makes it easier for families to include more protein in daily meals. It keeps you fuller for longer. A paneer-based dish alongside rice or roti makes for a more satisfying meal, useful for anyone managing busy, active days. It adapts to whatever the day calls for. It works across the whole meal, not just one course.

It brings real protein to the table. Paneer offers good quality protein in every serving, making it an easy way to add nutrition to a meal without changing how it tastes or feels. It fits effortlessly into everyday cooking. From a quick paneer bhurji at breakfast to a rich curry at dinner, it adapts to whatever the day calls for. It works across the whole meal, not just one course.

DP WORLD REAFFIRMS LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIA AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN H.E. ESSA KAZIM MAKES FIRST VISIT

Mumbai, 08 Oct position as a global 2026: DP World has manufacturing, reaffirmed its long- consumption and term commitment to export hub, DP World India’s economic continues to invest in growth and global capabilities that trade ambitions, as connect businesses to H.E. Essa Kazim, international markets, Executive Chairman, enhance supply chain made his first visit to resilience and support the country in his new the country’s evolving role, accompanied by trade requirements. Mr. Yuvraj Narayan, A key engagement Group Chief Executive during the visit was a Officer, and members meeting with Mr of DP World’s Global Gaurav Dayal, IAS, Board of Directors. Chairman of the Jawa

The visit reflects the strategic importance of India to DP World’s global growth agenda and its commitment to building world-class trade and logistics infra structure in partnership with the country. As India strengthens its



added to a Chettinad not always need a big gravy or grilled shift, sometimes it is Bengaluru-style, simply about making paneer takes on local thoughtful choices with ingredients that while staying true to are already part of our itself. It is a small, kitchens. Paneer is a simple habit with a big perfect example of that, impact. You do not familiar, versatile and need a dramatic diet genuinely useful for change to eat better. how Indian families eat Something as familiar every day."

Speaking on the their routines, paneer same, Shantanu Raj, remains one ingredient Head of Marketing, that continues to Godrej Jersey, said, deliver, meal after "Good nutrition does meal.



International Container scored the importance Terminal (NSICT), the of sustained collabo association has played ration between the a role in the develop public and private ment of India’s public- sectors in developing private partnership the infrastructure, model in port infra connectivity and structure. capacity needed to support India’s next phase of trade-led growth.

The discussions focused on strengthen ing this longstanding relationship and explor ing opportunities for H.E. Essa Kazim and future collaboration, Mr. Yuvraj Narayan including the develop inaugurated Phase 2 of ment of Vadhavan Port the Nhava Sheva and further investment Business Park (NSBP) in the JNPA Special in the presence of Economic Zone. The members of the DP engagement under World board.

ELEVENLABS CHARTS NEXT PHASE OF INDIA GROWTH AT FIRST SUMMIT IN BENGALURU

Chennai, 08 Oct each month, up 2026: ElevenLabs, the roughly 2.5x over the company transforming past year. how people and businesses interact with AI, today hosted its first India Summit in Bengaluru. The company announced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) to advance its adoption of voice AI.

India is Eleven Labs’ second largest market, outside of the US. The company now works with more than 250 businesses and enterprises across India. Indian businesses recorded 100 million conversations on ElevenAgents over the past year, with more than 70% of them in Hindi, Kannada, Tamil and Telugu. Over 25,000 Indian developers and businesses are actively building with its API

ElevenLabs has been built around local deployment requirements, including language and code-

MIVI ONE 5G GOES ON SALE WITH FLIPKART BIG BILLION DAYS; PRICE STARTING AT ₹11,999*

Coimbatore, 08 Oct cardholders, followed 2026: MIVI, the by open access from homegrown consumer October 9, 2026. technology brand, has Positioned as “Pretty launched its first-ever Powerful,” MIVI One smartphone, MIVI One 5G is powered by the 4nm Qualcomm Snapdragon 4 Gen 2 Flipkart as part of the 5G Mobile Platform, Available from making it the only October 8, the smart Snapdragon-powered phone starts at an 5G smartphone in its effective festive price segment. It features a of ₹11,999 for the 6.75-inch HD+ 120Hz display, 50MP dual-camera system, 8MP front camera, 6000mAh battery with 18W fast charging, Stock ₹13,499 and ₹14,999 respectively, including applicable bank/UPI offers. The device will have early access from 12 AM on October 8 for eligible Flipkart Plus, VIP and Black members and eligible

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switching capabilities, million minutes and data residency and handling 30% of integrations with inbound calls while Indian telephony reducing costs by 50%.

New government partnership and expanded impact work Mati Staniszewski and Karnataka's Minister for Information Technology and Biotechnology, Shri Priyank Kharge, formalised the company's first partnership with an Indian state government through an MoU with the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS).

Indian enterprises are already deploying ElevenLabs technology across sectors. Razorpay uses Eleven Agents for Hinglish outbound calls to merchants, completing more than 35,000 calls with an approximately 28% connection rate, on par with human call centres. CARS24 has deployed 400+ voice agents, automating 3

Conversational agents move into production The partnership will explore the adoption of voice AI in Kannada across areas including skilling, citizen services and grievance redressal, alongside work on responsible AI and voice restoration.



and comes in Blue, Pink, Green, Burgundy and Navy Blue.

Himanshu Tandon, Chief Business Officer, Mivi, said the MIVI One 5G marks an important milestone as the brand enters the smartphone category. He highlighted MIVI’s

GODREJ CONSUMER PRODUCTS EXPANDS IN INDONESIA WITH NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN KENDAL

Mumbai, 08 Oct strengthening GCPI’s since 2010. Its products business, and we 2026: Godrej Consumer Products Indonesia (GCPI), operating as a subsidiary of India-based Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL), today inaugurated the first phase of its new manufacturing facility in the Kendal Special Economic Zone, part of an IDR (Indonesian Rupiah) 500 billion (approx. INR 250 crore) investment in Kendal to strengthen the company’s manufacturing footprint in Indonesia.

The investment builds on GCPI’s presence in Indonesia since 2010. Since then, the business has grown 4.5 times while brands including HIT, Stella, Mitu and NYU reach approximately 1 in 4 Indonesian households. The first phase has been developed across 2.5 hectares of GCPI’s 5.5 hectare site in Kendal and is dedicated to Household Insecticides,

AMAZON GREAT INDIAN FESTIVAL 2026 BRINGS LOWEST PRICES OF THE YEAR AND FASTER DELIVERIES

Chennai, 08 Oct on fashion and beauty, 2026: Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026 is and up to 75% on home and furniture.

As part of a special offer on October 8, select customers in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi and Hyderabad can purchase the iPhone 16 at its lowest price of the year and receive it within minutes through Amazon Now.

Prime members can get an additional 5% off on the largest-ever selection and ₹250 cashback on lakhs of products. Customers can also avail an instant 10% discount with SBI Credit and Debit Cards and Credit Card EMI. Prime members using

The inauguration brought together the Ambassador of India to Indonesia, the Deputy Governor of Central Java, the Regent of Kendal and a senior representative from Indonesia’s Ministry of Investment and Downstream Industry/BKPM, alongside key stakeholders, partners and senior leaders from GCPL and GCPI, reflecting the shared importance of investment, local economic development and long term growth in Indonesia. “India and Indonesia share deep rooted historical and cultural ties, and there is tremendous potential to build an equally strong economic partnership. Godrej, one of India’s most prominent business houses, has been present in Indonesia since 2010. Its products business, and we have made significant impact in the Indonesian market due to quality and affordability. Its new manufacturing facility in Kendal is a concrete example of this partnership in action. The facility will serve both Indonesia and export markets, strengthening the connection between investment, manufacturing and trade. We would like to see many more such examples of Indian and Indonesian businesses investing, growing and creating value together.” said Sandeep Chakravorty, Ambassador of India to Indonesia.

For GCPL, the Kendal facility represents the next phase of its long term commitment to Indonesia, strengthening local manufacturing while building greater capacity for future growth.

“Indonesia is an important part of our



the Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card can earn unlimited 5% cashback.

Amazon Now has expanded to more than 120 cities, offering deliveries within minutes

across categories including grocery, beauty, home and mobile accessories. Customers can also avail up to 50% off on groceries and everyday essentials.

Highlighted smart phone offers include

Where we see opportunity, we do not shy away from investing. We also believe Kendal will become a platform for exports around the region,” said Aasif Malbari, Managing Director & CEO, Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL).

the Apple iPhone 16 at ₹74,999, Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra at ₹84,999, Samsung Galaxy A56 5G at ₹31,999 and OnePlus Nord CE6 at ₹33,999.

Amazon Bazaar is offering up to 70% off across fashion, beauty, kitchen and home categories, while Amazon Business customers can avail discounts of up to 70% across categories, along with additional savings on bulk purchases.

NISSAN CELEBRATES THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH ‘A NISSAN FOR EVERY DRIVE – CELEBRATION COMES HOME IN A NISSAN’

Chennai, 08 Oct stocks last.*

2026: This festive season, Nissan is celebrating the joy of togetherness, new beginnings and memorable journeys with its festive proposition, “A Nissan For Every Drive – Celebration Comes Home in a Nissan.” Bringing the spirit of celebration to every drive, Nissan is offering customers an opportunity to drive home their preferred Nissan with a range of festive benefits across the Nissan Magnite, Nissan TEKTON and Nissan Gravite, till

The Nissan Magnite range starts at ₹5.69 lakh, with customers eligible for festive benefits of up to ₹65,000. The Magnite is also available with a CNG option.

The Nissan TEKTON Range starts at ₹10.49 lakh, with customers eligible for festive benefits of up to ₹70,000.

The Nissan Gravite range starts at ₹5.73 lakh, with customers eligible for festive benefits of up to ₹35,000. The 7-seater



- MPV is also available with a CNG option.
- Beyond the festive benefits, the Nissan Service Promise offers customers added peace of mind through:
 - Free 3-year* roadside assistance and standard warranty
 - Option of up to 10 years* of paid extended warranty
- 3-year* pre-paid maintenance programme
- 90-minute* Express Service
- Lowest cost* of maintenance at @40P/KM
- * Terms and conditions apply.
- Offers and benefits are available till stocks last.

LG ELECTRONICS INDIA ANNOUNCES ‘CELEBRATION OF TRUST’ DIWALI OFFERS

Coimbatore, 08 Oct

2026: LG Electronics India has announced its ‘Celebration of Trust’ Diwali campaign, offering a range of benefits on select home appliances and consumer electronics. The offers include cashback of up to 26% or ₹30,000, fixed EMI options starting from ₹888, zero down payment and extended warranties.

Speaking on the launch, Sanjay Chitkara, Co-Chief Sales & Marketing Officer (CSMO), LG Electronics India, said



Customers can also avail themselves of a 3-year warranty on select LG TVs, a free mini refrigerator worth up to

make the festive season more rewarding through attractive cashback, easy EMI

options, zero down payment and extended warranties. The offers will be available until

November 15, 2026, through nearby stores and LG’s official website.

‘ZEBRA’ DIRECTOR EASHVAR KARTHIC TO HELM SIBIRAJ’S UNDERDOG FILMS PRODUCTION NO.1

Chennai, 08 Oct

2026: Actor Sibiraj has always been inclined towards the motto of ‘Quality over Quantity’, choosing projects that allow him to explore different genres and characters. With his wide array of films across theatrical and OTT platforms, the actor has continued to strike the right chords with audiences. Taking his journey a step further, Sibiraj has now ventured into film production with the

production house, "Underdog Films", announced today on the special occasion of his birthday.



Underdog Films' maiden venture, tentatively titled ‘Production No.1’, is already under production, with filmmaker Eashvar Karthic, who directed the blockbuster Zebra, at the helm. Sibiraj is producing the film and also playing the lead role, marking an exciting new chapter in his career as both an actor and producer.

With the coming together of Sibiraj and Eashvar Karthic, the project brings together an interesting combination of talent, while details about the film’s genre, storyline and other members of the cast and crew are being kept under wraps for now. The makers will officially announce the remaining cast and crew in the days to come.

WEEKLY GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MEETING FOR PRISON PERSONNEL CHENNAI, 06.10.2026:

Chennai, 08 Oct

2026: Dr. Sandeep Rai Rathore, IPS, Director General of Police / Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Tamil Nadu, conducted a Grievance Redressal Meeting every Tuesday for the personnel of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, as part of employed-welfare oriented approach.

The initiative provides an opportunity for both Executive and Ministerial personnel of the Department to directly submit their representations relating to service matters, transfer requests and other

genuine grievances before the Head of the Department.

During the Grievance Redressal Meeting held on 06.10.2026, around 75 petitions were received by the Director General. Over the past three months, around 750 grievance petitions have been received, of which approximately 400 petitions have been positively disposed of through this weekly grievance redressal initiative, in accordance with the applicable rules and administrative procedures. The remaining petitions are under examination and are being considered on their individual



merits.

The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services has stated that due priority would be accorded to deserving cases, particularly those involving single parents, spouse employment grounds, Prisons and Correctional Services places on record its appreciation for the continued support and guidance of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the Government of Tamil Nadu towards the welfare of prison personnel.

ment to ensuring direct access to the Head of the Department, prompt consideration of genuine grievances and a transparent, responsive and employee-friendly administrative system.

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services places on record its appreciation for the continued support and guidance of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the Government of Tamil Nadu towards the welfare of prison personnel.

The weekly grievance redressal initiative reflects the Department’s commitment

RAMAYANA MAKERS UNVEIL NEW POSTER OF ARUN GOVIL AS KING DASHRATH, FROM ICONIC RAM TO THE KING OF AYODHYA

Chennai, 08 Oct

2026: The makers of film’s ensemble, bringing an actor deeply associated with the epic into a new and pivotal role.

The makers took to their social media to unveil the new poster, with the caption: “He once brought Ram to life for a generation. Now, he returns to the world of Ramayana as the King of Ayodhya. Arun Govil as King Dashrath. ”



The newly unveiled poster presents Arun Govil as the mighty King Dashrath, father to Lord Rama, offering audiences a first look at his character from the two-part epic. The reveal brings together a powerful connection between the actor and the revered epic, with Govil having immortalised the role of Lord Ram for generations of Indian audiences.

Known and loved across the country for his portrayal of Lord Ram, Govil now steps into the role of Dashrath, the king of Ayodhya and father of Rama. His casting adds another layer to the

The poster captures Govil in the regal avatar of King Dashrath, with the detailing of his look reflecting the stature and authority of the King of Ayodhya. The reveal also marks an interesting shift for audiences who have grown up seeing him as Ram, as he now portrays the father of the character he made iconic.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Ramayana features Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai

Pallavi as Sita, release worldwide on Rocking Star Yash as 5th November 2026, Ravana, Sunny Deol as followed by Part 2 in Hanuman and Ravi Diwali 2027, in Hindi, Dubey as Lakshman. Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam across India. The film will release in IMAX, with Sony Pictures distributing the film globally (excluding India), while Dharma Productions will act as distributors for the Hindi-speaking market.

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