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TVK'S MARAGATHAM,SATHYABAMA TAKE OATH AS MLAS. MINISTERS CONGRATULATE BYPOLL WINNERS

Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: Sathya Babam, who won the Madurantakam and Dharampuram Assembly by-elections respectively, were sworn in as Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on Monday, three days after the results were declared.

Tamil Nadu Legisla Thursday, paving the
tive Assembly Speaker way for the newly
J. C. D. Prabhakar elected legislators to
administered the oath take their oaths and
of office to the two formally enter the
newly elected legisla Assembly.
tors at a ceremony held
on the Assembly
premises in Chennai.
The swearing in
formally enabled the
two representatives of
the Tamilaga Vettri
Kazhagam (TVK) to
assume their responsi
bilities as Members of
the House.

Maragatham congratulated the two
Kumaravel won the newly elected
Madurantakam (SC) Members.
constituency in
Chengalpattu district, The oath-taking
while Sathyabama marks the completion
emerged victorious in of the immediate
the Dharapuram (SC) electoral process in the
constituency in two constituencies,
Tiruppur district. Both with the winners now

LOK SABHA SPEAKER PAYS FLORAL TRIBUTES TO SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL

Chennai, 13 Oct	Secretary-General
2026: Lok Sabha	of Lok Sabha, Shri
Speaker, Shri Om Birla	Utpal Kumar Singh,
paid floral tributes to	and Secretary-General
former Lok Sabha	of Rajya Sabha, Shri
Speaker, Shri Shivraj	P.C. Mody, also paid
V. Patil, in the Central	their tributes.
Hall of Samvidhan	Born on 12 October
Sadan on his birth	1935 in Chakur village
anniversary today.	

Deputy Chairman, Maharashtra, Shri
Rajya Sabha, Shri Shivraj V. Patil
Harivansh; Members dedicated his life to
of Parliament; former public service. After
Members and other earning a Master's
dignitaries also paid degree in Law from
floral tributes to Shri Bombay University, he
Patil, on the occasion. began his legislative



set to participate in the announcement of legislative proceedings the results, which and represent the confirmed their concerns of their victories.

respective constituent With the Speaker cies in the House.

Madurantakam and both Members have
Dharapuram are both now formally assumed
Scheduled Caste office. The ceremony
reserved Assembly also marked their first
constituencies. Mara official step as elected
gatham Kumaravel's representatives in the
election gives the TVK Tamil Nadu Legisla
representation from tive Assembly, where
Madurantakam, while they will discharge
Sathyabama's victory their legislative duties
brings the party a seat and represent their
in Dharapuram. Their constituents.

induction adds two elected representatives to the party's strength in the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

The two legislators are expected to take up constituency-related issues and raise public concerns through the legislative process. Their formal entry into the House follows the bypoll campaign and

to legislative responsibilities for the two TVK representatives. They will now join other Members in the Assembly's proceedings and work on issues affecting their constituencies.

KER PAYS FLORAL I SHIVRAJ V. PATIL

career in 1972 as a of the Tenth Lok Member of the Maha Sabha, an office he rashtra Legislative held from 10 July 1991 Assembly, eventually to 22 May 1996. He serving as the Speaker also played a pivotal from 1978 to 1979. He role in the constitution was first elected to the of 17 Departmentally- Seventh Lok Sabha in related Standing 1980 from the Latur Committees on 31 parliamentary consti March 1993, a tuency, representing it landmark initiative that across multiple conse strengthened Parlia cutive Lok Sabha ment's role in ensuring terms. greater accountability

Shri Patil had the rare distinction of being unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Executive. Shri Patil passed away on 12 December 2025.

TN BASTION OF PEOPLE'S POWER, SAYS CM. VIJAY THANKS VOTERS, ALLIES; VOWS TO STAND BY PEOPLE

Chennai, 13 Oct selfies and recorded videos of their first rides. curiosity marked the first day of passenger operations on Chennai Metro's Yellow Line on Monday. Families, students, office-goers and senior citizens thronged stations to ride the new 15- km corridor between Poonamallee Bypass and Vadapalani.

Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, the corridor links west Chennai neighbourhoods such as Poonamallee, Kattupakkam, Iyyappanthangal and Porur with the existing Metro network.

It gives residents a faster alternative to Poona mallee High Road and Mount-Poonamallee Road. Families explored the stations with their children, while youngsters clicked

INS SAHYADRI REACHES RUSSIA FOR NDRA-2026

Chennai, 13 Oct Navy, providing an opportunity for both sides to exchange operational experience and improve mutual understanding.

The exercise will be conducted in two phases, beginning with harbour - based engagements, followed by coordinated operational activities at sea. The programme will include professional

The deployment series of maritime will involve profes evolutions designed to sional engagements improve coordination and coordinated mari and cooperation bet time activities between ween the participating the Indian Navy and forces.

the Russian Federation



also links the network to the Chennai Beach Tambaram Chengal pattu suburban line and the MRTS corridor.

the MRTS corridor. Trains will initially “With the Metro run every 10 minutes coming closer to our and cover the stretch in homes, even students about 35 minutes, with and senior citizens can fares from Rs 10 to Rs travel more comfor 40. Each threecoach tably. The connectivity train can carry around to St Thomas Mount 750 passengers. The and the suburban corridor is designed for railway network is a fully automated driver major advantage,” said less operations, but Gomathi, a resident of trains will run with Porur. safety drivers to begin

Of the 17 stations planned on the stretch, 11 are now open: Poonamallee Bypass, Poonamallee Bus Ter minus, Poonamallee Government Hospital, Karayanchavadi, Kumananchavadi, Kattupakkam, Iyyap

with. With the Yellow Line now operational, Chennai has three Metro corridors, giving residents of the western suburbs wider access to workplaces, colleges, hospitals and transport hubs.

Beyond operational training, the exercise will feature social and cultural engagements, allowing personnel from both navies to interact and strengthen camaraderie and people-to-people ties.	The deployment also builds on the momentum generated by the 23rd India - Russia Annual Summit, held on December 4 and 5, 2025, reflecting the continued engagement
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INSSahyadri's participation aligns between the two countries in the defence and

SAGAR vision - Exercise INDRA is Mutual and Holistic part of the ongoing Advancement for bilateral engagement Security and Growth between the two navies, with the 2026 Across Regions - and underscores the long standing de fence and further strengthen maritime partnership professional ties and between New Delhi enhance their ability to and Moscow. operate in coordination

at sea.

71% WOMEN INVEST FOR RETIREMENT, YET ONLY 30% EXPECT THEIR CORPUS TO LAST BEYOND 10 YEARS: AXIS MAX LIFE'S BHAROSA TALKS IRIS 6.0

New Delhi, 13 Oct 2026: Axis Max Life Insurance Limited (“Axis Max Life” / “Company”) today unveiled the women-specific findings of the sixth edition of its annual Bharosa Talks India Retirement Index Study (IRIS 6.0), conducted in partnership with Kantar. The findings point to stronger financial preparedness among women, with 50% investing in FDs/RDs specifically for retirement, compared with 44% of men, alongside aspirations to achieve financial independence earlier. However, the journey from financial intent to building a retirement corpus that can sustain them over the long term remains substantial.

Women recorded an IRIS 6.0 score of 49, at par with men. Their Financial Preparedness Index strengthened from 50 in IRIS 5.0 to 52 in IRIS 6.0, while Health Preparedness moderated marginally from 47 to 46 and Emotional Preparedness stood at 57 compared with 58 last year.

The improvement in financial preparedness is reflected in greater action towards retirement. 71% of women have started investing for retirement, up from 65% in IRIS 5.0, outpacing the increase among men from 68% to 70%. Assuming their financial needs are addressed, 69% of



women aspire to retire at an earlier stage of life. Together, these retirement age of trends reflect a 58–60 years, including growing sense of ownership and agency over their long-term financial well-being.

At the same time, the findings underscore the importance of turning intent into sustained action. Starting early, investing consistently, and making informed financial decisions can help women build a stronger retirement corpus, enhance their financial confidence, and ultimately create the freedom to define retirement on their own terms.”

Sumit Madan, MD & CEO, Axis Max Life Insurance, said, “The findings of IRIS 6.0 highlight an encouraging shift in how women are planning for retirement. More women than men claimed investing in FDs/RDs specifically for retirement (50% versus 44% respectively), while many are also aiming to achieve financial independence

IMA TAMBARAM TO ORGANISE NAMMA HEALTH MEGA EXPO 2026, FEATURING 26 THEMED MEDICAL PAVILIONS

Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: As part of its golden jubilee celebrations, the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Tambaram, will organise Namma Health Mega Expo 2026, a three-day public health exhibition themed ‘Together for a Healthier Tomorrow’, from 17 to 19 October 2026 at West Tambaram, with the aim of promoting public health awareness and well-being.

The expo will feature 26 themed pavilions covering every field of medicine - from the basic medical sciences, to specialties and super specialties including neurology, obstetrics & gynaecology, and cardiology. These pavilions will offer curated health-awareness sessions for families, students and senior citizens, along with live demonstrations throughout the day to guide visitors on various aspects of healthcare and preventive health. The expo is expected to attract 8,000 to 10,000 visitors every day. Six medical colleges, nearly 50 hospitals and around 300 to 400 doctors will participate in the event.

Thiru D. Sarath Kumar, Hon’ble Minister for Human Resources Management, Government of Tamil Nadu, is scheduled to inaugurate the expo in the presence of Dr. K. M. Abul Hasan, Honorary Secretary General-Elect, IMA Headquarters. The event will be attended by Dr. B. Sridhar, President, IMA Tamil Nadu State Branch; Dr. M. Thiraviam Mohan, Honorary State Secretary, IMA Tamil Nadu State Branch; Dr.



A major attraction at the venue will be a 42-foot-tall medical-themed Navaratri Golu that uniquely blends the cultural tradition of Navaratri Golu with the themes of medicine and healthcare.

In her comments, Dr. L. Yesodha, President, IMA - Tambaram, said, “The expo will provide a valuable opportunity for the public to understand their health better and take informed steps towards a healthier life. Visitors can benefit from essential health checks, including blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, haemoglobin and BMI assessments, along with awareness sessions on anaemia and PCOS. The expo will also feature practical demonstrations, including CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use, hands-on CPR training, and a simple two-minute self-check to identify potential diabetic foot problems.

Each health pavilion will focus on a specific disease, organ or health concern, presenting medical information in a simple and accessible manner. Covering areas from heart health, diabetes and cancer awareness to mental health, women's wellness, immunisation, emergency care and organ donation, the pavilions aim to promote preventive healthcare, dispel misinformation and empower the public to make informed health decisions.”

ALSTOM POWERS CHENNAI METRO PHASE II WITH ITS DRIVERLESS METROPOLIS TRAINSETS

Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: Alstom, a global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, has commenced passenger services with its advanced driverless Metropolis trainsets on Corridor 4 of Chennai Metro Phase II, inaugurated in the presence of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. The 26-km corridor connects Poonamallee Bypass to Light House through 28 stations, comprising 18 elevated and 10 underground stations. Alstom has completed manufacturing 36 trainsets, comprising 108 metro cars, to enhance urban connectivity with a faster, safer and more sustainable commuting experience.

Designed at Alstom’s engineering centre of excellence in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and manufactured at its Sri City facility in Andhra Pradesh, the next-generation trainsets are configured for driverless operations at speeds of up to 80 kmph. Each three-car train can accommodate up to 1,000 passengers and features air conditioning, regenerative braking, real-time passenger information displays, CCTV cameras, emergency evacuation doors, dedicated spaces for women and persons with disabilities, and advanced cybersecurity. Inspired by Chennai’s cultural heritage, the train designs incorporate elements of Bharatanatyam mudras and Tamil Nadu’s tradi-



tional kolam art. The Phase I. In addition to the 108 cars delivered for Phase II, manufacturing of 96 additional driverless Metropolis metro cars ordered in 2025 is commencing at Sri City.

Olivier Loison, Managing Director, Alstom India, said the commencement of passenger services marks a proud milestone and reinforces the company’s long-standing partnership with Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL). Alstom has supported trains serve Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow, Kochi and Mumbai, as well as the Agra–Kanpur and Indore–Bhopal metro projects.

With six industrial sites and five major engineering centres in India, Alstom continues to support the country’s rail infrastructure development and Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. Its metro trains serve Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow, Kochi and Mumbai, as well as the Agra–Kanpur and Indore–Bhopal metro projects.

ICICI BANK BRINGS BACK ‘FESTIVE BONANZA’ WITH EXCITING DEALS ACROSS SHOPPING, TRAVEL, AND LIFESTYLE BRANDS

Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: ICICI Bank's annual 'Festive Bonanza' returns with attractive offers across leading brands in online shopping, mobile phones, electronics, travel, furniture and home decor, fashion, quick commerce, and more.

The Bank offers instant cashback up to ₹7,000 on the new iPhone Duo^, iPhone 18 Pro and Pro Max, and up to ₹15,000 on some Apple products. ICICI Bank credit card holders can also exclusively opt for cards, internet banking, Apple's 'iPhone for Life' programme.

It allows them to pay for select iPhone models in 24-month

interest free install offerings, an ICICI Bank Spokesperson said, "Festive celebrations are about joy and togetherness, and we want to make them even more special.

With this year's 'Festive Bonanza', we have partnered with leading brands to bring exciting offers that make our customers' shopping experience more rewarding, convenient and memorable.

Our customers can avail these offers by using ICICI Bank's credit and debit cards, credit card EMIs and internet banking."

CITY EXPRESS BY MARRIOTT DEBUTS IN INDIA WITH THE OPENING OF CITY EXPRESS BY MARRIOTT UDAIPUR NATHDWARA HIGHWAY

Chennai, 13 Oct broadens the range of
2026: City Express by travel experiences we
Marriott, part of offer across the coun
Marriott Bonvoy's try," said Cristiano
global portfolio of over Rinaldi, Chief Lodging
30 extraordinary hotel Product & Services
b r a n d s , t o d a y Officer, Asia Pacific
announced the opening excluding China,
of City Express by Marriott International.
Marriott Udaipur "Built around quality,
Nathdwara Highway, simplicity and value,
marking the debut of the brand responds to
the City Express by the needs of today's
Marriott brand in South travelers with modern
Asia. comforts and an effici

City Express by Marriott is designed for both business and leisure guests who focus on quality, efficiency and simplicity. Every element of the brand experience is thoughtfully curated to provide convenience, modern comfort, and value.

“India represents an important growth market for Marriott International, and the debut of City Express by Marriott further proudly marks the introduction of our 22nd brand in the country. India continues to present tremendous opportunities across every travel segment,



and the introduction of the City Express by Marriott reflects our commitment to offering the right brand, in the right destination, for varied traveler needs”, said Kiran Andicot, Senior Vice President – South Asia, Marriott International. “As demand continues to grow beyond gateway cities, this brand strengthens our ability to serve value-conscious guests seeking quality, reliability and comfort, while further expanding Marriott Bonvoy’s portfolio across emerging markets and high-growth travel corridors.”

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**MOTOROLA'S #BIGBILLIONMOTODEALS ARE NOW
LIVE ON FLIPKART BIG BILLION DAYS, BRINGING**

Madurai, 13 Oct with a 50MP Sony
2026: Motorola, a LYTIA™ 710 camera,
global leader in mobile a 1.5K True Colour
technology and India's Quad-Curved Display,
leading AI smartphone Snapdragon® 7s Gen 4
brand, has announced processor, 7000mAh
#BigBillionMotoDeals silicon-carbon battery
as part of its "It's the and 68W TurboPower
Time to Moto" cam ™ charging, starting at
paign during Flipkart's ₹29,749. The motorola
Big Billion Days Sale edge 70 pro features
2026. The sale is now the MediaTek Dimen
live, offering festive sity 8500 Extreme
pricing across its latest platform, triple 50MP
smartphone portfolio, pro-grade cameras and
including the motorola a 144Hz 1.5K True
edge 70 fusion, Colour Quad-Curved
motorola edge 70 pro, Display, starting at
motorola edge 70 pro+, ₹36,999. The moto
moto g37 POWER and rola edge 70 pro+
motorola signature, brings a quad 50MP
making premium pro-grade camera
smartphone upgrades setup, 3.5X periscope
more accessible to telephoto lens, 50X AI
consumers. Super Zoom

The motorola edge 70 fusion offers AI-powered photography, 6500mAh battery and 90W Turbo Power™ charging at ₹44,999.



The moto g37 system, 8K Dolby POWER combines a Vision® recording, MediaTek Dimensity 100X Super Zoom Pro, 6400 chipset, 7000 Snapdragon® 8 Gen 5 mAh battery, 120Hz platform and exclusive display, Gorilla Glass 24x7 Signature Club 7i and MIL-STD-810H benefits, starting at durability, starting at ₹57,249.

₹15,999. At the premium end, Motorola signature features a DXOMARK Gold Label Certified triple Sony LYTIA™ camera. All five smart phones are available with special festive pricing during the Flipkart Big Billion Days Sale 2026.

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**BONFIGLIOLI TRANSMISSIONS LIMITED'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER
TO OPEN ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 PRICE BAND HAS
BEEN FIXED AT ₹ 558 TO ₹ 586 PER EQUITY SHARE**

Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: The Floor Price is 55.8 times, and the Cap Price is 58.6 times of the face value (₹10 per share) of the Equity shares

missions Limited (The “Company”) shall open the Bid/Offer in relation to its Initial Public Offer of Equity shares on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

· Bid/Offer will The Price Band of open on Thursday, the Offer has been October 15, 2026, and fixed at ₹ 558 to ₹ 586 close on Monday, per Equity Share. October 19, 2026 (“Bid (“Price Band”). Dates”)

Dates”) Bids can be made

· The Anchor for a minimum of 25 Investor Bid/Offer Equity Shares and in Period shall be on multiples of 25 Equity Wednesday, October Shares thereafter. 14, 2026 (“Minimum Bid Lot”).

· Bids can be made for a minimum of 25 Equity Shares and in multiples of 25 Equity Shares thereafter (“No. of Bids”)

The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Wednesday, October 14, 2026. The Bid/Offer shall open on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

· RHP Link: https://www.icicisecurities.com/console/uploads/actual/BONFIGLIOLI-TRANSMISSION-LIMITED---RHP_1791727263_81.pdf

The offer comprises an Offer for Sale aggregating up to 43,239,042 Equity Shares by Bonfiglioli S.p.A (Promoter Selling Shareholder). The face value of each equity



share is ₹10 only. over 25 years of

Bonfiglioli Transmissions Limited ("The Company") is one of India's largest technology-led providers of mechanical and electro-mechanical power transmission and industrial drive solutions.

The company manufactures a wide range of mission-critical, precision-engineered gear motors, gearboxes and drive systems for diverse end-user markets. The company's legacy is built on the globally recognised Bonfiglioli brand, which has a presence of nearly 70 years worldwide and solutions industry.

The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the stock exchanges being the BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with the BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

SKYSCANNER UNVEILS 2027 TRAVEL TRENDS: INDIANS SEEK PEACE, UNIQUE FINDS AND WELLNESS

Chennai, 13 Oct The trends reflect 2026: Skyscanner has changing travel unveiled its Travel preferences, with 75% Trends 2027 report, of Indians believing highlighting seven that disconnecting emerging trends from phones would shaping Indian travel: help them feel more Signal Severance, connected to nature, Pilgra-merch, Sten Do 91% likely to book Surge, Grand hotels offering nutri Odysseys, Gymcation, tious breakfast options, Sound Bound and and 80% having visited Currency Chasers. The a specific destination report reveals that 58% or store to purchase of Indians plan to travel exclusive products. abroad more in 2027, Meanwhile, 73% while 56% expect to prefer shared or spend more on flights combined celebrations and 44% on accommo for pre-wedding trips. dation. Based on a 89% have drawn travel survey of 2,000 Indian inspiration from travellers, the findings history or mythology, highlight a growing and 69% always or preference for meaning often consider ful experiences, well currency strength when ness, cultural explora choosing destinations. tion and value-driven Music-led experiences travel. are also gaining



popularity, with travel (+133%). The best-
 lers seeking unique value destinations
 venues and cultural include Jaisalmer,
 immersion. India (-43%); Tash

Skyscanner's top trending destinations for 2027 include Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (+748%); Rupsi, India (+502%); Okinawa, Japan (+279%); Malvan, India (+258%); Tirana, Albania (+237%); Podgorica, Montenegro (+236%); Sandakan, Malaysia (+189%); Pokhara, Nepal (+166%); Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (+139%); and Phu Quoc, Vietnam

7TH EDITION OF DIPLOMATIC PREMIER LEAGUE AND FIRST-EVER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT EXCLUSIVELY FOR DIPLOMATS INAUGURATED IN CHENNAI

The inauguration of the Diplomatic Premier League (DPL), along with the first-ever pickleball tournament exclusively organised for diplomats, was inaugurated in Chennai. The initiative promotes sports, international friendship and cultural exchange by bringing together members of the diplomatic community on a common

Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: Stayfree®, one of India's leading menstrual hygiene brands, has launched Stayfree® ProComfort Period Panty, expanding its menstrual hygiene portfolio with a comfortable, body-hugging fit and 360° leakage protection. Designed for heavy-flow days, overnight use, long commutes and travel, it features an Air-Soft Cover, superior absorption and breathable comfort. Available in three sizes—M-L, L-XL and XL-XXL—the product is priced at ₹50 for a pack of two

ICG COMPLETES HIGH-ALTITUDE EXPEDITION TO MOUNT MUKUT

Chennai, 13 Oct	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Darjeeling.	with the team establishing Base Camp-I on October 1 before overcoming extreme weather conditions to reach the summit.	The Uttarakhand Chief Minister commended the team's exceptional grit and endurance, stating that the achievement exemplifies courage and national pride.
2026: Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami	The expedition marked Phase V and the final milestone of an intensive 18-month preparatory training programme, aimed at preparing the team for the ultimate challenge of scaling Mount Everest during the ICG's Swarnim Jayanti celebrations in 2027. It commenced on September 15, 2026,	The operational experience and valuable lessons gained during the successful expedition will serve as a crucial foundation for the team's final preparations for the historic Mount Everest expedition in 2027.	Additional Director General Indian Coast Guard, Anand Prakash Badola also congratulated the team for its exemplary teamwork in navigating the challenging Himalayan terrain.
Flagged-in the 17-member Indian Coast Guard (ICG) mountaineering team at a grand ceremony on October 12, 2026 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.			
The team successfully scaled Mount Mukut, a 7,045-metre peak, on October 07, 2026, under the expert guidance of the			