

KRISHNA WATER SHARING, RIVER-LINKING PROJECTS VIJAY TO MEET ANDHRA CM NAIDU IN VIJAYAWADA

Chennai, 14 Oct Ganga agreement, 2026: Tamil Nadu Andhra Pradesh is Chief Minister C required to supply 12 Joseph Vijay will meet tmcft of Krishna water his Andhra Pradesh annually to Tamil Nadu counterpart N Chandra from the Kandaleru babu Naidu in Vijaya reservoir. Of this, 8 wada today to discuss tmcft is to be released water sharing between between July and the two states, particu October and the remain larly the release of ing 4 tmcft between Krishna river water to January and April.

Chennai under the However, concerns Telugu Ganga project, have repeatedly been besides interlinking of raised over Tamil Nadu rivers and other inter not receiving its full state water disputes.

The meeting, agreement. The talks scheduled for 4.15 p.m., is expected to focus on ensuring Tamil Nadu receives its agreed share of Krishna water to meet Chennai's drinking water requirements. The two Chief Ministers are also likely to discuss the proposed Godavari-Krishna Cauvery river-linking project and concerns over the construction of dams across rivers flowing from Andhra Pradesh into Tamil Nadu.

Under the Telugu Nadu has been seeking

CM VIJAY PAYS MARTYR SANKARALINGANAR

Chennai, 14 Oct Minister recalled his

2026: Joseph Vijay on unwavering determi

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Ganga agreement, Andhra Pradesh is required to supply 12 tmcft of Krishna water annually to Tamil Nadu from the Kandaluru reservoir. Of this, 8 tmcft is to be released between July and October and the remaining 4 tmcft between January and April.

However, concerns have repeatedly been raised over Tamil Nadu not receiving its full allocation under the agreement. The talks are expected to address the shortfall and explore measures to ensure a regular supply of water to Chennai, which depends on Krishna water as one of its major drinking water sources.

The two leaders are also likely to discuss the Godavari-Krishna Cauvery interlinking project, which envisages transferring surplus water from the Godavari basin to water deficit regions in southern states. Tamil

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Minister recalled his unwavering determination to secure the name Tamil Nadu for the state through a peaceful protest.

Vijay said Sankaranarayanan remained steadfast in his principles and his commitment to the dignity and autonomy of Tamil Nadu, refusing to compromise even at the cost of his life. "His unparalleled sacrifice, which demonstrated that the identity of the Tamil people was



Krishna Water Shortage, Proposed Dams & River Linking Plans

early implementation before visiting the
of the project to Kanaka Durga temple
improve water avail at 6 p.m. to offer
ability for irrigation prayers.

and drinking water	Later, Vijay will
purposes.	participate in the
Another issue	Vijayawada Utsav 2.0
expected to figure in	cultural programme at
the discussions is the	8 p.m. He is scheduled
construction of dams	to depart from Vijaya
across interstate rivers.	wada airport at 9 p.m.
Tamil Nadu has	and reach Chennai
expressed concerns	around 10 p.m.

that such projects could reduce downstream water flow and affect irrigation and drinking water requirements in the state.

According to the Chief Minister's itinerary, Vijay will leave Chennai at 2 p.m. and arrive at Gannavaram airport near Vijayawada at 3.30 p.m. He will meet Naidu at 4.15 p.m.

The visit comes after Vijay's proposed trip to Karnataka to hold discussions with Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on the Cauvery water dispute and the Mekedatu dam project was cancelled following opposition to his visit in Karnataka. The cancellation reportedly followed a request from Shiva kumar.

3 TRIBUTE TO ARALINGANAR



greater than life itself, inspire future generations.
deserves to be remembered.

inscribed in golden letters in the history of Tamil Nadu and India,” Vijay said.

The Chief Minister then Madras State became
said Sankaralinganar's renamed Tamil Nadu.
determination to He died on October 13, 1969,
protect Tamil Nadu's 1956, after fasting for
unique identity and the 76 days. The state was
rights of Tamil people officially renamed
should continue to Tamil Nadu in 1969.

EXIM GODOWNS, PAVED CARGO YARDS, UPGRADED CRUISE TERMINAL. PM INJECTS RS. 158 CR BOOST TO CHENNAI PORT

Chennai, 14 Oct	each, adding 18,000 sq	include stormwater
2026: Modi inaugu	m of covered storage,	drainage, electrifi
rated a set of key	were built at a cost of	cation, lighting, toilets
infrastructure projects	Rs. 51.81 crore and	and drinking water.
at Chennai Port	completed in Septem	They offer improved
Authority during a visit	ber 2026. The port's	storage conditions for
to Chennai, with a total	existing 55,000 sq m of	steel products, auto
investment of Rs. 158	sheds and warehouses	mobiles, project cargo
crore. The projects	handles cargo such as	and over-dimensional
expand storage	steel coils for	consignments, while
capacity, upgrade the	automakers, cement,	boosting efficiency,
cruise terminal and add	fertilisers, food grains	drainage and dust
a modern seafarers'	and pulses. The added	control.
club within the harbour	capacity is expected to	
area.	help the port retain	The Rs 46 crore

The initiatives reflect the government's focus on building a modern, efficient port. The existing cargo, attract new business and generate additional revenue. The terminal has doubled its handling capacity from 400 to 800 containers per year.

and future-ready port infrastructure, in line with the Viksit Bharat 2047 and Amrit Kaal visions. Together, they will strengthen storage, improve cruise passenger movement and facilitate trade.	Developed under the Sagarmala Programme at a cost of Rs. 43.55 crore, 9.9 hectares of paved storage yards now serve the Marshalling Yard and Jawahar Dock (East) backup	features dedicated embarkation and disembarkation zones, around 28 immigration counters, customs areas, escalators, high-capacity lifts and barrier-free access. Passengers can now
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Four EXIM areas. Completed in enjoy lounges with June 2026, the yards Karaikudistyle archi godowns of 4,500 sq m

FACULTY AND COURSE MEMBERS OF 66TH NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE COURSE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Chennai, 14 Oct 2026: The faculty and course members of the 66th National Defence College Course called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (October 13, 2026).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the security and technological landscapes are changing rapidly, bringing new and complex challenges. These developments call for greater preparedness, strategic foresight and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Fast decision-making mechanism is also becoming more

security extends beyond military capabilities. It requires close cooperation between scientific institutions and the armed forces to translate innovation into practical solutions. Recent conflicts have highlighted the importance of cost-effective technologies that complement advanced defence systems and make the best use of available resources.



tectural elements, Wi-Fi-enabled waiting areas and digital information systems, backed by baggage scanners and CCTV surveillance. NBCC executed the work, which was completed in June 2026.

Built by NBCC at a cost of Rs .16.81 crore, the Seafarers' Club gives visiting seafarers and maritime personnel a comfortable space to rest and recharge. Facilities include accommodation rooms, a gym and sauna, indoor games, a library, a conference hall, a salon, a shopping area, a restobar and dining facilities.



She underlined the technology and emphasised the need for a balanced approach.

the Research, Development and Innovation Scheme, for strengthening the link between innovation and national security.

The President said that the use of Artificial Intelligence in various domains of science, national security and economic activities is increasing. She said that decision making cannot be outsourced exclusively to this economy has demonstrated its capabilities to absorb disruptions created by external factors.

India has accomplished this without compromising the strategic freedom of

BAYER'S DIRECTACRES PROGRAM SCALES TO OVER 200,000 ACRES, ADVANCING RESOURCE-EFFICIENT RICE CULTIVATION IN INDIA

Mumbai, 14 Oct persistent labour

2026: Bayer has shortages are challeng
e x p a n d e d i t s ing the viability of
DirectAcres initiative conventional transplan
to over 81,000 hectares ting methods. Direct
(more than 200,000 Seeded Rice (DSR),
acres) in 2026, which involves sowing
marking a significant seeds directly into the
milestone in its efforts field, offers an alter
to advance resource- native with the
efficient rice cultiva potential to reduce
tion in India. The water use by up to 30-
initiative reflects 40%, greenhouse gas
Bayer's commitment emissions by up to 45%
to helping farmers and reliance on manual
adapt to evolving labour by up to 50%,
agricultural challenges compared with conven
through solutions that tional transplanted
balance productivity, rice. Actual outcomes
farm economics and can vary by geography,
the efficient use of cultivation practice and
natural resources. farm conditions. Along

Rice cultivation in
India is at an inflection
point. Increasing
pressure on water
resources, rising
cultivation costs and



ing the value proposi
tion for farmers.

D i r e c t A c r e s addresses these
challenges through a
cropping-system
approach rather than
treating DSR as a
standalone technology.
Bayer brings together
its capabilities in Seeds
& Traits, Crop Protec
tion, Digital Farming
S o l u t i o n s a n d
agronomy with tailored
mechanization and
digital advisory to
support farmers
through the transition.
The model connects
farmers and local agri-
entrepreneurs with

mechanization part
ners, digital advisory
and public- and
private-sector stake
holders, helping create
the enabling ecosystem
needed for adoption at
scale.

By addressing
challenges such as
weed management,
machinery access and
crop establishment, the
initiative aims to make
DSR more accessible
and economically
viable for smallholder
farmers, while encoura
ging more efficient and
resilient farming prac
tices across the broader
croppingsystem.

PEPSICO INDIA ADVANCES PORTFOLIO TRANSFORMATION WITH GREATER CHOICE, NUTRITION AND INNOVATION FOR INDIAN CONSUMERS

New Delhi, 14 Oct strides in expanding its

2026: As PepsiCo India low- and mid-calorie
continues to grow its offerings. Today, more
food and beverage than 70% of its
business, it is evolving beverage portfolio
its portfolio to meet the comprises zero-sugar
changing needs of or mid-calorie options,
India's increasingly with the ambition to
discerning consumers. progressively increase
Balancing the taste this to 90–100% over
consumers love with a time. The company is
growing interest in advancing this through
wellness, the company reformulation and a
is expanding its Better- growing range of
for-You choices choices across low and
through reformulation, no sugar variants,
new products and including Pepsi Black,
formats, and the use of 7UP Zero Sugar,
diverse ingredients. Gatorade Zero and
This is complemented Nimbooz.

by greater transparency
around nutritional and
product attributes,
giving consumers more
variety and the infor
mation they need to
make choices that suit
their individual prefe
rences and consump
tion occasions.

PepsiCo India's
beverage business has
made significant



offerings, including and Red Rock Deli.

Red Rock Deli baked
variants with 40% less
fat and Kurkure Jowar
Puffs, a millet-based
innovation that cele
brates India's agricul
tural heritage. These
innovations are part of
PepsiCo's broader
effort to provide
consumers with more
choices that align with
diverse tastes, prefe
rences and lifestyles.

Together, these
actions reflect PepsiCo
India's consumer-led
approach to portfolio
transformation,
evolving established
products and creating
new choices for the
changing tastes, life
styles and occasions of
Indian consumers.

ASTRA STUDIOS AND VERSE INNOVATION LAUNCH THE ASTRA-SPARK ALLIANCE AT MIPCOM, OPENING AN AI-NATIVE CO-PRODUCTION MODEL TO GLOBAL STUDIOS, STREAMERS AND BRANDS

Mipcom Cannes, 14 combines Astra's

Oct 2026: Astra cinematic craft and
Studios, backed by production expertise
India's leading with SparkStation's
production house continuity AI engine
Hombale Group, and end-to-end pipe
VerSe Innovation line. The aim is high-
today joined forces to quality professional-
form the Astra-Spark grade film, series,
Alliance. The announ animation and brand
cement coincides with content at a speed and
Astra Studios' launch cost the industry has
of AstraLabs, its not seen before.

The problem it
solves: AI can produce
compelling images, but
it has not reliably
carried a filmmaker's
vision through an
entire project.
Continuity of faces,
wardrobe, locations
and performance
across shots and
sequences is the main
reason AI video has not
entered professional
workflows. Production
cost has long limited
which stories get made.
Astra-Spark addresses
both: it moves AI from
compelling images to
coherent storytelling,
with artists and produc
tion teams directing
every stage.
The alliance



At the heart of
Astra-Spark is a slate
of original properties
designed to prove that
AI can move beyond
striking images to
deliver coherent,
cinematic storytelling
at scale. The alliance
combines Spark
Station's cinematic
continuity AI engine
with AstraLabs' story
telling and production
craft, creating a new
production architecture
for filmmakers, strea



makes AI output
cinema

Cinematic craft and
production discipline
across animation,
VFX, games art,
immersive and branded
content.

AstraLabs, Astra's
new technology IP
arm, builds real
production needs into
the workflows, from
story development and
shot construction to
final refinement.

Via the Astra-Spark
Alliance, an original
slate built on the
architecture and its
proving ground.

What each partner
brings

ASTRALABS BY
ASTRA STUDIOS

The craft: what

A live client base:
VFX and animation
work with leading film
and ad houses, the first
route to market.

SPINNY BRINGS HOME 1,370 CARS ON THE FIRST DAY OF NAVRATRI; ONE CAR HANDED OVER EVERY 41 SECONDS

Chennai, 14 Oct the busiest hour, from

2026: For many Indian noon and 1 pm, saw
families, the first day of 112 deliveries.

Navratri is the day to
bring something new
home. On October 11
this year, Spinny,
India's leading used-
car platform, delivered
1,370 cars across 24
cities in India- its
highest-ever deliveries
in a single day.

Festivals are often
when Indian families
make their biggest
decisions together, and
a car is rarely one
person's purchase.

The day's deliveries
were 1.7 times
Spinny's previous
single day record, and
96% over the deliveries
made on the first day of
Navratri last year. One
car was handed over
every 41 seconds, and



when deliveries slowed handover on the day
during Shradh as they choose - so
families waited for the families can spend the
festival to begin. festival with each
other.

Spinny aims to
make that decision feel
lighter, with clear this Navratri began
information about each with a set of keys - and
car, a price customers the freedom to go
can understand and a further.

KAUVERY HOSPITAL LAUNCHES A COMPREHENSIVE SUITE OF ADVANCED ECMO AND MULTIORGAN LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

Chennai, 14 Oct transfers.

2026: Kauvery Hospital, Vadapalani, has launched a suite of specialised Extra corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) services to support patients with complex clinical needs as part of a comprehensive critical care approach that considers the heart, lungs and other organs collectively.

The hospital's Kauvery Centre for ECMO & Advanced Life Support offers a range of specialised services, including VV-ECMO for severe respiratory failure, VA-ECMO for cardiac failure, V-AV ECMO (Hybrid ECMO) for combined heart and lung failure, awake ECMO, and ECMO-supported road and air

V V - E C M O primarily supports the lungs by oxygenating the blood and removing carbon dioxide, while VA-ECMO provides both respiratory and circulatory support when the heart is unable to pump blood effectively. V-AV E C M O (Hybrid ECMO) combines the benefits of both approaches to provide support for patients with combined heart and lung failure. In appropriately selected patients, awake ECMO enables them to remain conscious while receiving the life support they need.

ECMO-supported
air and road transfers
enable critically ill
patients at hospitals
without ECMO



facilities to access this advanced life-support intervention. Kauvery Hospital's specialised team travels to the referring hospital to assess the patient and initiate ECMO support when clinically indicated. The patient is then transferred to Kauvery Hospital, Vadapalani, under continuous ECMO support, where advanced facilities and a multidisciplinary team of specialists provide further treatment.

As the clinical challenges often

extend beyond initiating ECMO, patients may require simultaneous support for other failing organs, careful fluid management, specialised dialysis and coordinated care across multiple disciplines. To address these complex needs, the Kauvery Centre for ECMO & Advanced Life Support has a dedicated multidisciplinary team of experienced specialists, supported by continuous monitoring and treatment decisions tailored to each patient's evolving condition.

AUDIO LAUNCH OF THE MOVIE 'HAIKU'!

Chennai, 14 Oct good ideas and an

2026: Haiku is a film entertaining element directed by Yuvaraj have not been released Chinnaswamy and recently. 'Haiku' will produced by Dr. T. fill that gap. Congra Arulanandu and tulations on the film's Mathew Arulanandu huge success."

under the banner of Vision Cinema House and starring Egan, Sridevi and Femina George in the lead roles. The audio launch of the film, which will be released in theaters worldwide on October 23rd, was held.

Minister Rajmohan
said, "I am happy that
my brother Egan's film

is being released on the same screen where many of Thalapathy's films have been released. Egan is a hard worker. Heartfelt congratulations to everyone, including the director, the film crew and today's hero Sidhu. Films that have

Producer Kalaipuli Thanu said, "The similarities and differences between the two characters have been accurately portrayed. Sidhu has given wonderful music for it. The songs are also excellent. The film will be a huge success. Egan will achieve great heights."

Lyricist Mohanraja said, "Congratulations to the director for this title. Haiku is a vision, a love. I like many haiku poems. I want to take haiku to this generation as well. Thank you to Siddhu for giving me a chance

in this film. Egan
should win even
bigger."

Music composer Sithu Kumar said, "Haiku' is my 15th film. Thank you to my family and friends. Vision Cinema House has always been special to me. Egan is a sweet person. He will go to a big place in Tamil cinema. Thank you to all the cast and crew. Everyone will definitely like the film."

Producer Arulanadu said, "This is the third film from Vision Cinema House. Egan has worked hard for 18

'RAVEN' - A FILM FEATURING KARUNAS AND '8 THOTTAKKAL' FAME ACTOR VETRI TO BE RELEASED TOGETHER

Chennai, 14 Oct R.V. Saran are present

2026: A Film That Reflects the Depth of Human Relationships.

Produced by Bonport Creative Solutions Private Limited, the new film 'Raven', featuring Karunas, is progressing with its shooting schedule in full swing. The film explores the depths of human relationships and emotional connections.

Actors Karunas and '8 Thottakkal' fame Vetri play the lead roles in the film. They are joined by Vani Bhojan, Anumol, Renuka, Vishweshwaran, 'Ratchasan' Vinoth Sagar, Sampara, and several others in important roles.

Producer Chettu
rajan Rajagopal and

ing the film. V. Vetri Vel Selvakumar is making his directorial debut with this film. The film's cinematography is handled by V. Vetri Vel Selvakumar himself. The film's music is composed by Ajoy. The film also features a special song by singer Aishwarya, along with lyrics, a special song sequence, and a dance sequence.

Speaking about the film, director V. Vetri Vel Selvakumar said:

“‘Raven’ is a crime thriller. I am creating a story inspired by incidents that have taken place in the lives of people around us. In particular, this film is being made with the aim of presenting a story that is relevant to today’s society,



drawing inspiration ‘Ratchasan’ Vinoth from incidents that Sagar, Sampara, have taken place over Saravanan Sathi, and the past 30 years in others.

Tamil Nadu and across the world. Rather than presenting these incidents merely as a collection of events, we are creating a crime thriller that explores the deeper aspects of human relationships. This film is being made with the intention of presenting that truth in a compelling manner.

Producer : Bonport Creative Solutions Private Limited,
Production : Bonport Creative Solutions Private Limited.
Written and Directed by : V. Vetri Vel Selva kumar, Cinematography : Chetturajan Rajagopal & R.V. Saran, Music : Ajoy, Art Direction : S

R A V E N – Kabilan, Editing : V.
Technical Team Vetri Vel Selvakumar,

Cast : Karunas,	Choreography
Vetri, Vani Bhojan,	:Vasanth, S. Dinesh,
Anumol, Renuka,	Costume Design : S.
Vishwesh waran,	Kabilan, Publicity
	Design : Kannan G.

RAMAYANA MAKERS ANNOUNCE WORLDWIDE RELEASE OF PART 1 ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

Chennai, 14 Oct while Rocking Star

2026: Marking the first day of Navratri with a special announcement, the makers of Ramayana have unveiled a new ensemble poster featuring Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Ravie Dubey as Lakshman and Rocking Star Yash's Ravana towers over them, creating a visual contrast between the characters at the heart of the story. The elaborate sets, costumes and detailing offer a glimpse into the world being brought to life for the two-part epic.

Yash as Ravana, while announcing that Part 1 of the two-part epic will release worldwide on 5th November 2026. Taking to social media, the makers shared the announcement with the caption:

The announcement celebrates the beginning of a new era with the message, “Yeh Ram Ke Yug Ka Aarambh Hai” and

“On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, we celebrate the beginning of a new era. Yeh Ram ke Yug ka Aarambh hai.

confirms that advance bookings will open this Dussehra. The poster captures Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama alongside Sai Namit Malhotra's Ramayana Part 1: In cinemas WORLD WIDE, across all premium formats, from 5th November.

Pallavi as Sita and Advance bookings
Ravie Dubey as Laksh open on Dussehra.”
man in the foreground,



Bringing one of the world's most revered epics to the big screen, Ramayana features Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Rocking Star Yash as Ravana, Sunny Deol as Hanuman and Ravie Dubey as Lakshman. Creations, Ramayana is envisioned as a two-part epic. Part 1 will release worldwide on 5th November 2026, followed by Part 2 in Diwali 2027, in Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Malayalam across India. The film

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari and produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios in collaboration with 8-time Oscar-winning DNEG and Yash's Monster Mind 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.

IBM AND MEITY STARTUP HUB SIGN MOU TO ACCELERATE DEEP-TECH INNOVATION AND STARTUP GROWTH IN INDIA

Coimbatore, 14 Oct initiatives. The collabo Dr. Panneerselvam enterprise technologies 2026: IBM and MeitY ration brings together Madanagopal, CEO, and innovation plat Startup Hub (MSH), an MeitY Startup Hub’s MSH said, “India’s forms to solve business initiative of the nation wide innovation startup ecosystem is use cases. This Ministry of Electronics network and IBM’s emerging as a global includes technical and Information enterprise AI, hybrid engine for technology guidance and enable Technology (MeitY), cloud and quantum innovation. Through ment on technologies Government of India, computing expertise to this collaboration with such as IBM watsonx, have signed a Memo help high potential IBM, we aim to an enterprise ready AI randum of Understand startups build, validate strengthen indigenous and data platform; IBM ing (MoU) with plans and scale technologies deep tech capabilities, Bob, an AI coding to accelerate India’s for India and global foster technology-led agent for enterprises; deep tech startup eco markets. It comple entrepreneurship and IBM Sovereign Core, system by enabling ments IBM Ventures’ create greater oppor an AI-ready software startups with access to ongoing engagements tunity for innovators to stack for digital IBM’s technology in India by expanding build solutions that sovereignty; technical expertise, mentorship, pathways for enterprise contribute to a Viksit orientation on IBM’s enterprise engagement technology startups to Bharat.” As part of this hybrid cloud, and opportunities, skilling connect with custo collaboration, startups quantum computing; programs, and eco mers, investors and will get access to and security and auto system development industry experts. IBM’s portfolio of mation solutions.

INFOSYS FOUNDATION ENABLES OVER 2.5 LAKH JOB OFFERS ACROSS INDIA THROUGH INFOSYS SPRINGBOARD LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

Bangalore, 14 Oct and strong ecosystem partnerships. Since its launch last year, the Infosys Springboard Livelihood Program has enabled employment opportunities for youngsters through a network of 20 imple 96,000 job offers for 2026: Infosys Founda tion, the philanthropic and CSR arm of Infosys, today announ ced that the Infosys Springboard Liveli hood Program has enabled more than 2.5 lakh job offers across India, marking the halfway milestone towards its aspiration of creating half a million job opportu nities in India by 2030. This reflects the Foundation's commit ment to creating sustainable livelihoods through industry-relevant skilling, employment pathways, inclusive and equitable livelihood opportu nities. Infosys Founda tion collaborated with AssisTech Foundation (ATF) for the employ ment platform and will work with The Associa tion of People with Disability (APD) to expand access to career opportunities for people with disabili ties.



NEW PRINCIPAL CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER FOR SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Chennai, 14 Oct tation Manager of associated with Real 2026: Shri Tej Partap Southern Railway. Time Train Informa Singh has assumed charge as Principal Chief Safety Officer (PCSO), Southern Railway with effect from 06th October 2026. He is an Officer of the Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS) of 1998 Batch. Prior to his posting as PCSO, Shri Tej Partap Singh had held the post of Chief Freight Transpor Shri Tej Partap Singh has a vast experience in various facets of Railway Traffic/Transportation, including Coaching, Freight, Safety and General Administra tion. He had successful stints in the Centre of Railway Information System (CRIS) as the Regional General Manager and was



Management Progra mmes at Insead, Singa pore, ICLIF, Malaysia and a training in High Speed Rail Technology training at China. Further, he is an active participant in several Marathon runs.

ASICS DEEPENS CHENNAI MARKET PRESENCE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH FRESHWORKS CHENNAI MARATHON, LAUNCHES ASICS RUNNING CLUB

Chennai, 14 Oct the ASICS Running 2026: ASICS, the Club is now extending global Japanese its community to sportswear brand, Chennai, bringing today announced its runners together partnership with the through regular Freshworks Chennai training, group runs Marathon (FCM) as its and coaching support. Official Sports Goods The club will give Partner. The partner runners in the city a ship, alongside the dedicated space to launch of the ASICS build consistency, train Running Club (ARC) together and progress in Chennai, marks a across different stages of their running deeper investment in journey. the city’s thriving running culture. While FCM connects ASICS with Chennai’s esta blished running community, ARC will foster a consistent, year-round connection with runners through training, experience and shared progress.



With a growing Twenty Miler, Half presence across India, Marathon and 10K. The Freshworks Chennai Marathon will take place on January 3, 2027, marking its 15th edition. Powered by Chennai Runners, the marathon brings together runners across four race categories: the Full Marathon, Twenty Miler, Half Marathon and 10K. As Official Sports Goods Partner, ASICS Mind, Sound Body’, will engage with runners through the race build-up and event weekend. From ARC training sessions, promotional runs, marathon expo to ASICS House, the partnership will bring the brand closer to participants, with ASICS athletes and coaches also joining the event. The associa tion reflects ASICS’ belief in the role of movement in physical and mental well-being, rooted in its founding philosophy of ‘Sound Mind, Sound Body’, while strengthening its presence within India’s growing running culture. Rajat Khurana, Managing Director, ASICS India & South Asia and Executive Officer, ASICS Corpo ration, said, “The growth of running culture in India reflects a broader shift in how people are approaching fitness and well-being, with the sport becom ing an increasingly important part of everyday life.

STAR HEALTH URGES CHENNAI TO SEEK EARLY CARE AGAINST DENGUE, FLU AND SCRUB TYPHUS

Chennai, 14 Oct cases in Chennai this 2026: Chennai is in the year, according to the middle of a crowded Greater Chennai fever season. Accord Corporation. Viral ing to the Tamil Nadu fevers and respiratory Health Department, the infections are also state has recorded being reported. 21,655 dengue cases between January 1 and October 7 this year. The Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has intensified source reduction, vector con trol and environmental sanitation measures across the state in view of the prevailing trend of fever cases.



Dengue is only part of the picture. Scrub Insurance Company Cases recorded between April and September were over 4.6X those in the same period last year and have already exceeded the total for the whole of FY26. Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited (NSE: STARHEALTH; BSE: 543412), one of India’s leading standalone health insurance companies, is streng thening access to Virtual Doctor Consul tations, guided care support and Home Health Care across

Chennai. respiratory infections: fever with cough, sore throat and body ache; can become serious in senior citizens and people with existing conditions. Care at home, under medical supervision

Star Health Insurance’s data points to growing adoption of medically supervised treatment at home. Home Health Care utilisation among eligible policyholders in Chennai more than doubled between April and September 2026.

• Dengue: sudden high fever with severe headache and body ache, spread by mosquitoes that breed in stored clean water. • Scrub typhus: sudden high fever with a pronounced headache and body ache, sometimes with a small dark scab at the mite bite site.

Doctors advise immediate medical attention for breathing difficulty, persistent high fever or signs of dehydration.

Which fever is it? What to watch for

• Influenza and