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KIA INDIA AND ASDC LAUNCH AUTOMOTIVE SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN MUMBAI

Chennai, 22 Oct industry-ready work 2026: Kia India, in force to meet the partnership with the evolving needs of Automotive Skills India’s automotive Development Council sector.

The Mumbai centre will train 150 candi dates in three job roles: Four-Wheeler Service Technician, Auto motive Service Advi sor and Auto motive Sales Executive. Faridabad will also train 150 candidates, while Bengaluru and Kolkata will accom modate 30 candidates each. Training will be provided free of cost, combining classroom instruction, hands-on practical learning and workplace exposure.

The centre marks the first of four planned facilities across Farida bad, Mumbai, Benga luru and Kolkata, aimed at training 360 candidates and enhan cing youth employ ability. The initiative seeks to build a skilled,



Commenting on the programme’s role in bridging the auto motive industry’s skills gap. Mr. Amar Sheth, Vice President, FADA, emphasised its potential to strengthen dealership workforce capabilities across servicing, customer advisory and sales. The initiative reinforces Kia India’s commit ment to youth em powerment, skill development and inclusive community growth.

Mr. Vinkesh Gulati, Chairperson, ASDC, highlighted the

AU HEART TO CART SHOPPING FESTIVAL 2026 RETURNS WITH EXCLUSIVE OFFERS ON EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS, PREMIUM BRANDS AND ATTRACTIVE UPI REWARDS

Chennai, 22 Oct spends in a wide range 2026: AU Small ofcategories. Finance Bank (AU SFB), India’s largest Small Finance Bank, announced the eighth

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partnered with 35 complimentary luxury and premium couple’s trip to Goa, brands, enabling AU subject to applicable Credit and Debit terms.

Benefits beyond shopping

The festival also extends to customers planning larger purchases and financial commitments, with eligible benefits across home loans, vehicle loans, personal loans, gold loans and loans against property.

For business customers, AU SFB is offering benefits across AU QR, Soundbox and POS solutions. Top customers with the highest collections through AU QR will also stand to receive a complimentary vacation. All festive offers are subject to applicable eligibility criteria, transaction thresholds, validity and terms and conditions. Complete details are available through the AU Offers website, AU 0 1 0 1 A p p a n d branches.

Rewards through MobileApp(AU 0101)

Customers can also save and earn rewards through the AU 0101 app across UPI transac tions, bill payments, mobile recharges, travel bookings, gift cards and OneTrack, along with select benefits from brands such as Swiggy and Zepto. The highest UPI spender on AU 0101 will stand to receive a

AON STUDY FINDS SALARIES IN INDIA PROJECTED TO RISE 9.1% IN 2027 AS EMPLOYERS BALANCE GROWTH AND COST PRESSURES

Chennai, 22 Oct salary growth in 2027 workforce and data science roles 2026: Aon plc (NYSE: at 10.1%, followed by business value.” increasing by approxi AON), a leading global energy at 9.9% and real mately 10% from professional services estate and infrastruc 2025. firm, today released ture at 9.8%.

“Strong domestic consumption, 17.1% in 2024. The of AI signals a shift from experimentation to enterprise-wide application. The next priority is translating that momentum into measurable producti vity and growth. Employers that establish credible baselines, identify the capabilities that create differentiated value and align workforce investment accor dingly will be best placed to realise AI’s full potential,” added Chaudhary.

The projected more targeted salary increase of 9.1% approach to pay. A for 2027 is broadly modest rise in non- merit adjustments, particularly in manu facturing and techno logy, reflects greater compensation budgets focus on market alignment, scarce skills and critical talent. Employers are increasingly focused not only on how much they spend, but where that investment can deliver the greatest

Salary increase projections vary by industry. Non-banking financial companies are projected to lead

CM ANNOUNCES RS. 50 LAKH FOR PARATHLETE KASTHURI RAJAMANI

Chennai, 22 Oct congratulated Kasthuri 2026: Chief Minister Rajamani for bringing C. Joseph Vijay on laurels to Tamil Nadu Wednesday announced and India through her achievement at the a cash incentive of Rs 50 lakh for Tamil Nadu international sporting para athlete Kasthuri event. Recognising her outstanding perfor mance, Vijay said the Tamil Nadu Govern ment would provide a special cash incentive of Rs 50 lakh in appre ciation of her achieve ment. He said Kasthuri Rajamani's success,

In a social media post, the Chief Minister

PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO VISIT CHHATTISGARH FROM OCTOBER 22 TO 23

Chennai, 22 Oct On October 22, the will grace ‘Seva On October 23, the 2026: The President of President will release a Samman Parv’ and President will attend India, Smt Droupadi commemorative coin ‘Yuva Prabodhan’ on Muriya Darbar and Murmu will visit in honour of Pujya the occasion of the grace a public Chhattisgarh from Mata Hasi Devi Ji at Nuakhai festival in programme on the occasion of Bastar October 22 to 23, 2026. Lok Bhavan, Raipur. Raipur.

On the same day, she



achieved through self- his best wishes to the confidence, hard work athlete for continued and perseverance, success in future would serve as an competitions and inspiration to young expressed hope that she para athletes across would bring more Tamil Nadu. The Chief honours to Tamil Nadu Minister also extended and the country.

On October 23, the President will attend Muriya Darbar and grace a public programme on the occasion of Bastar Dussehra at Jagdalpur.

SRM IST BADMINTON WOMEN TEAM WON GOLD MEDAL IN THE SOUTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY WOMEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2026-27

Chennai, 22 Oct the All India Inter-2026: The SRMIST University Champion Women’s Badminton ship for the eighth Team delivered an consecutive time, outstanding perfor demonstrating its mance at the South consistent excellence, Zone Inter-University determination, and Women’s Badminton d o m i n a n c e i n C h a m p i o n s h i p universitybadminton.

2026–27, hosted by Quarter finals KLE Technological University, Hubballi, SRMIST Chennai Beat Dr Manmohan Singh Bangalore City University, Score-2-1 22 October 2026. The team clinched the Gold Medal and secured qualification for the All India Inter-University Women’s Badminton C h a m p i o n s h i p , scheduled to be held at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, from 9 to 12 February 2027.

Adding to this remarkable achieve ment, the SRMIST Women’s Badminton Team has qualified for

CONCLUSION OF THE NINTH EDITION OF INDIA-BRAZIL-SOUTH AFRICA MARITIME EXERCISE (IBSAMAR IX 2026)

Chennai, 22 Oct ing, gaining valuable 2026: The ninth edition insights into each of the India-Brazil- other’s procedures, South Africa Maritime capabilities and (IBSAMAR) Exercise methods of operating at 2026 concluded at sea.

Simon’s Town, South Africa, on 20 Oct 2026. It brought together the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies for a series of profes sional interactions and maritime evolutions aimed at enhancing interoperability, streng thening operational cooperation and foster ing greater mutual understanding among the three maritime forces.

The closing cere mony marked the culmination of ten days of joint activities conducted during the harbour and sea phases. Participating personnel engaged in profes sional exchanges, operational inter actions and joint train

SRMIST Chennai Beat Dr Manmohan Singh Bangalore City University, Score-2-1 Semi finals SRM IST Chennai Beat KLEF, Guntur, Score-2-0 Finals SRM IST Chennai Beat JAIN University Bangalore, Score-2-1 Finals Standings 1 . S R M I S T Chennai - Winners 2.Jain University Bangalore-Runners

Addressing the gathering at the closing ceremony, the Com manding Officer of INS Tarkash high lighted that exercises such as IBSAMAR provide a unique plat form for translating longstanding diplo matic relationships into meaningful naval cooperation. He under scored that the true strength of such exercises lies not only in conducting joint



3.KLEF University Guntur-3rd Place	Team Manager Dr Suresh
4. University Of Madras-4th Place	Team Coach Dr YC Louis Raj
Name of the Players	A Total of 102 Teams from South Zone level Participated in the Tournament
Manager & Coach	
1.R.Pravandhika - Dip in Yoga	
2.U.Reshika- III-B.Sc(Psychology)	For further details, please contact:
3.Andluri Tanvi Reddy -II-BBA	Badminton women Team Manager : Dr. Suresh-99426 35251
4.Prashansa Bonam -II-BBA	Badminton Women Team Coach :Dr.Y. C.Louis Raj: 94438 81007
5.Muskaan Khan - III-B.Sc(Psychology)	



evolutions at sea but actions, common also in the relationships training and a shared forged among understanding of personnel through maritime operations. shared experiences, Professional bonds forged among the crews of participating assets endure beyond the exercise, streng thening institutional linkages and laying the foundation for future cooperation.

IBSAMAR exempli fies the enduring maritime relationship between India, Brazil and South Africa. Located across three continents and connec ted by the maritime domain, the three nations share a com mon interest in safe, secure and stable seas. The exercise also reaffirmed the impor tance of jointmanship at sea, with interoper ability developed through repeated inter

PIRAMAL FINANCE REPORTS PAT OF ₹ 545 CRORE IN Q2 FY2027, UP 67% YOY

Chennai, 22 Oct Growth AUM, which 2026: Piramal Finance excludes the discon Limited (‘Piramal tinued legacy business. Fin’), one of India’s Retail disburse ments leading Non-Banking increased 34% yoy to ₹ Financial Companies 14,646 Cr, reflecting (NBFCs), reported sustained customer Profit After Tax (PAT) demand and continued of ₹ 545 Cr, up 67% business momentum. year-on-year (yoy), for the second quarter ended September 30, 2026. With this, H1 Fy2027 PAT stands at ₹ 1,006 Cr, up 67% year-on-year (yoy).

Assets Under million, further streng Management (AUM) thening its presence increased 24% yoy to ₹ across India. 1,13,112 Cr, driven by The Company completed an equity

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS REVIEWS OVER 2.46 LAKH FILES DURING SPECIAL CAMPAIGN 6

Chennai, 22 Oct drives, improved space 2026: The Special management, disposal 158 rules have been focus on the reduction Campaign 6 of the of scrap, weeding out reviewed and simpli of pendency in public Department of Military of records and beautifi fied. Revenue of grievances, references Affairs, Ministry of cation of available ₹50.60 lakh has also received from Mem Defence is being spaces. the disposal of scrap so bers of Parliament, the implemented from During the first two weeks of the Campaign, over 2.46 The progress of the Campaign is being monitored on a daily basis to ensure the effective achievement

The Campaign is focused on achieving lakh files have been reviewed, cleanliness drives have been undertaken at 3,553

DRI SEIZES MORE THAN 9 KG METHAMPHETAMINE IN INTENSIFIED CRACKDOWN ON SYNTHETIC DRUG TRAFFICKING IN BHOPAL; ONE HELD

Chennai, 22 Oct intelligence, officers of which was seized and 2026: In a significant DRI intercepted an the passenger was crackdown on synthe Indian male passenger arrested under the tic drug trafficking, the travelling by bus from provisions of the Directorate of Revenue Delhi to Bengaluru Narcotic Drugs and Intelligence (DRI) has upon the bus’s arrival at Psychotropic Sub seized 9.139 kg of Bhopal ISBT. Exami stances (NDPS) Act, methamphetamine and nation of the passen 1985. arrested one person at ger’s baggage led to the the Inter-State Bus recovery of 11 plastic Terminal (ISBT), packets containing Bhopal, on 20th crystalline metham seizure highlights 9.139 kg, concealed DRI’s sustained efforts inside packets of salwar suits and carried to disrupt the move in two mid-sized synthetic drugs trolley bags. Field through the country’s testing confirmed the presence of metham phetamine in the recovered substance,

Acting on specific



capital raise of ₹ 3,850 State Bank of India crore, comprising a (SBI), as an Indepen QIP of ₹ 2,100 crore dent Director for a five-year term.

With a distin guished career of nearly four decades, his experience, judgement and deep understand ing of financial services will be invaluable, and the company looks forward to his counsel and guidance.

Today, the company also announced the appointment of Mr. Dinesh Kumar Khara, former Chairman of the

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This seizure comes amid growing concerns over the trafficking of synthetic drugs in the country. In recent major operations, DRI seized 231.8 kg Meth tablets in the North-Eastern region, suspec dismantling narcotics trafficking networks and preventing dangerous drugs from reaching illicit markets.



where the consignment was allegedly intended for onward smuggling to Sri Lanka through maritime route.

Through sustained intelligence-led enforcement, DRI remains committed to dismantling narcotics trafficking networks and preventing dangerous drugs from reaching illicit markets.

SAMANTHA RUTH PRABHU GETS EMOTIONAL ON CELEBRITY MASTERCHEF TAMIL AS CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF PALLAVARAM'S DURGA HOTEL COME ALIVE

Chennai, 22 Oct days, walking straight into Durga Hotel, the memory proves too powerful to keep at a distance. Samantha Ruth Prabhu finds herself as she revisits a simpler time through the taste of a dish she has never forgotten. The moment captures the deeply personal relationship between food and memory: how a familiar flavour can bring back a place, a time and the people who made it special.

“In Pallavaram, Durga Hotel—the thayir vadai there, that was another core memory,” says Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

When she is asked to close her eyes and imagine travelling back to her school



that words often cannot. Produced by Endemol Shine India, Celebrity MasterChef Tamil brings together familiar faces from the Tamil entertainment industry, challenging them to step out of their comfort zones and enter the kitchen. The celebrity contestants take on a series of culinary challenges that test their creativity, cooking skills and

ability to perform under pressure, while celebrating the flavours and food traditions that are intrinsic to Tamil culture. The show features Samantha Ruth Prabhu as celebrity judge, alongside chefs Venkatesh Bhat, Sashi Cheliah and Shreeya Adka, with RJ Vijay as host. The series premiered on 19 October 2026 on Sony VIZHA and is also available to stream on Sony LIV.

MOD INKS ₹ 770 CR CONTRACT TO PROCURE IMPROVED LOW LEVEL LIGHT WEIGHT RADARS FOR INDIAN ARMY

Chennai, 22 Oct Delhi on October 21, 2026: The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with M/s Bharat Electronic Limited (BEL) to procure Improved Low Level Light Weight Radar (LLLR-I) at a cost of approximately ₹ 770 Cr in the presence of the Defence Secretary, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New



The LLLR(I) system has the capability of detecting and tracking fighter size targets and mini/micro drones, it has additional capability of prioritizing aerial targets. This will enable the Army to successfully counter the threat of the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS). Aligning with the Government’s vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, the procurement is a significant step towards indigenization of Air Defence platforms with a boost to India’s Defence manufacturing ecosystem, including Micro Small & Medium Enterprises and building a resilient, self-reliant and globally competitive Defence Industry.



secure and predictable cross-border trade. By enabling the advance electronic exchange of origin data on trade in goods, the arrangement will deepen customs cooperation and support the effective implementation of trade facilitation measures.

The initiative also reflects a forward-looking approach to

MINISTER BUSSY ANAND INSPECTS FLOOD-HIT TNAGAR ON SCOOTER. INITIATES IMMEDIATE ACTION

Chennai, 22 Oct reportedly submerged under two to three feet of rainwater, with overflowing storm water drains causing water to enter shops and commercial establishments. Several businesses, including Vummidi Bangaru Srihari Sons Jewellers, were among the establishments affected. Traders told the Minister that the flooding had brought business to a standstill, damaged goods and electrical equipment, and created concerns over electrical short circuits and public health hazards.

Opting to travel by scooter as movement by car was difficult due to the inundation, the Minister reached the affected commercial hub and inspected the situation, even as officials were preparing to visit the area.

The stretch between Panagal Park and Pondy Bazaar was



urgent intervention to restore normalcy in the busy shopping district. Responding to their grievances, Bussy

Anand directed the authorities to take immediate action to address the crisis. The traders' key demands included deploying high-capacity motor pumps to drain water from Panagal Park and Pondy Bazaar main road, clearing blocked stormwater drains and desilting the drainage network. They also sought the urgent deployment of a

154 POLICE PERSONNEL DIED IN LINE OF DUTY ACROSS INDIA IN A YEAR

Chennai, 22 Oct B. Selvam and Head Constables B. Suresh Kumar, R. Kumbresan, P. Bravin, R. Pandian and M. Mahesh Kumar. Aggarwal said police and security personnel had sacrificed their lives while protecting the country's borders, controlling violent mobs, combating insurgencies and extremism, and maintaining law and order.

Addressing police personnel during the Police Commemoration Day observance at the Police Martyrs Memorial in Chennai, the DGP paid tribute to the fallen personnel and recalled their sacrifices in protecting the country and maintaining law and order.

The six personnel from Tamil Nadu were Special Sub-Inspector

the freedoms forces of various states and Union Territories.

The DGP also paid tribute to the families of deceased personnel, acknowledging their sacrifices and the hardships they endured following the loss of their loved ones.

Among the forces that lost personnel during the period were the Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Assam Rifles, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Railway Protection Force (RPF), besides police duty.

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