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AIIA-iCAINE Marks Sixth Foundation Day with Launch of National Ayurveda AI Challenge in Collaboration with Techfest, IIT Bombay

NEW DELHI – 30 Oct, 2026 The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, celebrated the sixth Foundation Day of its incubation centre, AIIA-iCAINE, with the launch of a national innovation challenge in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Ayurveda, the signing of two strategic Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), the launch of an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Facility for Ayurveda and a

capacity-building workshop on entrepreneurship and design thinking. On the occasion, Prof. Vd. P. K. Prajapati, Director, AIIA, highlighted the incubator's continued efforts to promote innovation, strengthen industry-academia collaboration and translate Ayurvedic knowledge and research into practical solutions, products and enterprises. "Over the past six



years, AIIA-iCAINE has undertaken several initiatives to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in Ayurveda. The incubator has supported 52 problem statements and mentored more than 100

startup ideas. Furthermore, nine startups have received seed support of ₹3 lakh each, helping them advance their entrepreneurial journeys," he said.

Additional Secretary, MoSJE Smt Mona K Khandhar Visits Government Drug Rehabilitation Centre, Raiwala, Uttarakhand

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 The Government Drug Rehabilitation Centre at Raiwala, Uttarakhand, is promoting a holistic, dignity-centred approach to drug rehabilitation by combining medical care, professional counselling, structured daily routines and wellness activities to support residents on their journey towards recovery. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Smt Mona K Khandhar, visited

the Centre, managed by the Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM), and interacted with the residents to understand their experiences and learn about the rehabilitation programme being implemented at the facility. During the visit, Smt Khandhar expressed her intention to engage with the Ministry of AYUSH to explore the integration of appropriate traditional wellness practices, including yoga and



naturopathy, into drug rehabilitation programmes. She said the experience at the Raiwala centre could serve as a starting point for exploring pilot projects in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH adding the proposed initiative

could examine how yoga, meditation, naturopathy and other suitable wellness practices may complement evidence-based medical treatment and professional counselling under appropriate clinical supervision.

15TH MEETING OF REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR NARMADA CONTROL AUTHORITY (RCNCA) ADOPTS THE OPINION OF Ld. AGI AND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DATED 7TH JULY, 2026 AND APPROVES THE MODALITIES FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DUES OF NWD T AWARD PROJECTS WITHIN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR 2026-27

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 The 15 th meeting of the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA) was held On 27 th October 2026 through video conferencing under the Chairmanship of Shri C. R. Paatil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti & Chairman, RCNCA, with the participation of Shri Bhupendra Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Mohan Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan. The RCNCA adopted the opinion of Ld. Attorney General for India (AGI) and the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed on

7 th July, 2026 at New Delhi among the four States in the presence of Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation and Shri C. R. Paatil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, as a one-time settlement of all the pending inter-State dues, claims and financial liabilities and approved the modalities for payment of the outstanding dues. The adoption of the MoA marks a historic milestone towards ending the long term disputes of cost sharing issues of the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project by the States of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, thereby resolving the payments to be made as a one-time



settlement of pending dues. Shri C. R. Paatil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti thanked the Chief Ministers of the four States for their cooperation in adopting the opinion of Ld. AGI and the Memorandum of Agreement dated 7 th July, 2026 and in finalization of the modalities for payment of outstanding dues of NWD T Award Projects within this Financial Year 2026-27. He

said that under the able guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, every effort is being made to resolve inter-State river water issues. He also thanked the officers of the party States, DoWR, RD & GR and NCA for their efficient work on the MoA and for convening the 15 th RCNCA meeting to ratify it.

‘ESTIC 2026’ Concludes with a call by Dr Jitendra Singh for transformation through technology;

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Addressing the valedictory session of the “Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave” (ESTIC), 2026, at Bharat Mandapam here today, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr

Jitendra Singh called for transformation through technology. He also reaffirmed PM Sh Narendra Modi's advice to work on measurable outcomes for Viksit Bharat 2047. Emphasising the need to move beyond scientific discoveries towards their practical application, the Minister said that the success of India's research and innovation ecosystem must increasingly be assessed through its tangible contributions to



national development and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Building on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of outcome-oriented science and technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised the importance of identifying clear,

measurable targets for the next three years to assess the country's progress and strengthen its long-term scientific and technological capabilities.

Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh to inaugurate National Workshop on People's Plan Campaign 2026-27 in New Delhi tomorrow

NEW DELHI – 30 Oct, 2026 The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will organize a One-day National Workshop on the People's Plan Campaign (PPC) 2026-27 on 30th October 2026 in New Delhi. Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh will inaugurate the workshop and address the participants. Shri (Dr.) Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Shri Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Shri Rohit Kansal, Secretary, Department of Rural Development along with senior officials of the ministry will be present on this occasion.

The workshop will review key achievements and the evolving role of thematic Panchayat Development Plans that will help Panchayats prepare their development plans for the FY 2027-28. People's Plan

Campaign (PPC) 2026–27 booklet will be released and an MoU for setting up electric vehicle charging and battery swapping stations will be signed during the event. Technical sessions will focus on the quality of Gram Panchayat Development Plans, tied and untied grants under the 16th Finance Commission, Own Source Revenue (OSR) and the Samarth Panchayat Portal. Demonstrations on uploading plans to the eGramSwaraj portal and an open house for States/UTs to share experiences and discuss implementation and technical issues will also form part of the workshop. Around 400 participants, including officials from State/UT Panchayati Raj Departments, State Institutes of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, PPC State Nodal Officers, State and District Program Management Units (SPMUs/DPMUs) along with line Ministries and



Departments will take part in the event. The Workshop will be followed by orientation programs at the State, District and Block levels, such that Panchayats receive guidance while preparing quality, participatory and convergent plans for FY 2027-28. About People's Plan Campaign (PPC) The People's Plan Campaign provides the framework for the preparation and uploading of Gram Panchayat, Block Panchayat and District Panchayat Development Plans (GDPDs, BDPDs and DDPDs).

Plans prepared are uploaded at the Gram, Block and District Panchayat levels. PPC 2026-27, "Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas", began on 2nd October 2026 with Special Gram Sabhas held across the country. Run by the Ministry since 2018, the People's Plan Campaign helps Panchayats prepare their development plans, through Gram Sabha consultations, thematic planning, localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals and convergence of schemes and resources.

Supporting Research, Advancing Knowledge A Journey Of Academic Achievement

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 For Mr. Amit Kumar (name changed), a research scholar from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, doctoral research has been an opportunity to deepen his academic knowledge and work towards his aspiration of contributing meaningfully to higher education. Research and higher education contribute to the advancement of knowledge and the development of society. Pursuing advanced research involves a range of academic and living expenses. Financial planning is therefore an important part of a scholar's research journey, particularly when balancing research requirements with other responsibilities. Continued access to appropriate financial support can help scholars maintain focus on their academic work and make steady progress towards their

goals. The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) Scheme supported Mr. Kumar through fellowship assistance, House Rent Allowance (HRA) and contingency support. According to the beneficiary details, the cumulative assistance received was approximately ₹ 20 lakh. This support helped him manage expenses associated with his research and provided greater continuity in pursuing his academic objectives. The fellowship enabled Mr. Kumar to devote attention to his research work while progressing towards his doctoral goals. In addition to meeting financial requirements, the support contributed to a more secure and focused academic experience, allowing him to continue developing his knowledge and research



capabilities. Mr. Kumar has now completed his research work and is currently employed. His progress reflects the value of sustained academic effort, combined with institutional support that enables scholars to pursue advanced study and develop their professional capabilities. The NFSC Scheme reflects the Government of India's commitment to supporting eligible Scheduled Caste students in pursuing higher education and research. By providing financial assistance for eligible scholars, the

scheme helps strengthen access to research opportunities and enables students to work towards their academic and professional aspirations. Mr. Kumar's journey highlights how educational support can complement individual dedication and contribute to the growth of research talent. His achievement underscores the importance of creating an enabling environment in which scholars can pursue research, build expertise and contribute to a vibrant and inclusive higher education ecosystem.

Change in the pattern of train services

VISAKHAPATNAM – 30 Oct, 2026 Due to water level flowing above danger level at bridge no.1052 between Jhadupudi and Ichchapuram Sections of Visakhapatnam Division, the following changes have been made in the pattern of Train Service:

- I. Cancellation of Train Services:
1. Train No. 20853 Bhubaneswar – Dr MGR Chennai Central Superfast Express scheduled to leave Bhubaneswar at 12.10 hrs on 29.10.2026 is fully cancelled (Earlier it was notified vide press release no.478 dated 29.10.2026 that the train will be rescheduled to leave Bhubaneswar at 18.10 hrs)

2. Train No. 22851 Shalimar – Mangaluru Central Vivek Express scheduled to leave Shalimar on 29.10.2026 is fully cancelled (Earlier it was notified vide press release no.479 dated 29.10.2026 that the train will be rescheduled to leave Shalimar at 23.55 hrs)

3. Train No. 12863 Howrah – SMVT Bengaluru Express (running via

- Katpadi and Jolarpettai) scheduled to leave Howrah at 22.45 hrs on 29.10.2026 is fully cancelled
4. Train No. 12840 Dr MGR Chennai Central – Howrah Superfast Mail scheduled to leave Dr MGR Chennai Central on 29.10.2026 is fully cancelled (Earlier it was notified vide press release no.483 dated 29.10.2026 that the train will be rescheduled to leave Dr MGR Chennai Central at 06.00 hrs on 30.10.2026)

5. Train No. 20854 Dr MGR Chennai Central – Bhubaneswar Superfast Express scheduled to leave Dr MGR Chennai Central at 10.00 hrs on 30.10.2026 is fully cancelled due to cancellation of pairing rake

II. Diversion of Train Services:

1. Train No. 20603 New Jalpaiguri – Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express that left New Jalpaiguri at 16.45 hrs on 28.10.2026 and is now at Belda station is diverted to run via Hijli, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Vizianagaram.

2. Train No. 22504 Dibrugarh – Kanniyakumari
- Vivek Express that left Dibrugarh at 19.00 hrs on 27.10.2026 and is now at Rupnarayanpur is diverted to run via Hijli, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Vizianagaram.

3. Train No. 06076 Santragachi – Tambaram Special that left Santragachi at 21.30 hrs on 28.10.2026 and is now at Haldipada is diverted to run via Hijli, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Vizianagaram.

4. Train No. 12552 Kamakhya – SMVT Bengaluru Superfast Express (running via Perambur, Katpadi & Jolarpettai that left Kamakhya at 14.00 hrs on 28.10.2026 and is now at Damodar is diverted to run via Kharagpur, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Vizianagaram.

5. Train No. 15628 Silchar – Coimbatore Express that left Silchar at 19.10 hrs on 28.10.2026 is diverted to run via Hijli, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Vizianagaram.

6. Train No. 12663 Howrah – Tiruchchirappalli Superfast Express
- scheduled to leave Howrah at 17.35 hrs on 29.10.2026 and which was earlier rescheduled to leave Howrah at 00.30 hrs on 30.10.2026 is diverted to run via Kharagpur, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Balharshah

7. Train No. 12841 Howrah – Dr MGR Chennai Central Coromandel Express scheduled to leave Howrah on 29.10.2026 and which was earlier rescheduled to leave Howrah at 22.55 hrs on 29.10.2026 is diverted to run via Kharagpur, Tatanagar, Jharsuguda and Vizianagaram.

7. Due to water level flowing above danger level at bridge no.1052 between Jhadupudi and Ichchapuram Sections of Visakhapatnam Division, the following changes have been made in the pattern of Train Service:

Train No. 22606 Tirunelveli – Purulia Superfast Express that left Tirunelveli at 03.15 hrs on 28.10.2026 is diverted to run via Vizianagaram, Tittagarh, Jharsuguda and Kharagpur
- ## New President for Southern Railway Sports Association
- CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Shri R. Senthil Kumar, IRTS, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, (PCCM), Southern Railway, has taken over as the President of the Southern Railway Sports Association (SRSA). In his capacity as President of SRSA, Shri R. Senthil Kumar, IRTS, Principal Chief Commercial Manager will oversee initiatives aimed at the development of railway sports persons, improvement of training facilities, strengthening of sports infrastructure and promotion of participation in national
- and international sporting competitions. Southern Railway Sports Association plays an important role in nurturing sporting talent among railway employees and providing opportunities for sports persons to enhance their performance at various levels of competition. Under his leadership, SRSA will continue to focus on the promotion and development of sports in Southern Railway. Indian Railways has produced many sports stars who were conferred with the prestigious National Awards like Padma Shri,
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- Arjuna Awards, Dhyan Chand, Dronacharya and Khel Ratna awards and SRSA is one of the biggest contributors from South. The latest stars carrying SRSA legacy are Vithya Ramraj (Palakkad Division) who broke PT Usha's 42-year-old 400m hurdles
- National Record and won 3 medals at 2026 Asian Games in Japan, Baranica Elangovan who created history by winning India's first ever Asian Games medal in Women's Pole Vault (Bronze 2026), and R. Rajesh (Trichy) - Bronze in Men's 4x400m relay.
- ## Short Termination/Change in Origination of Train Services
- CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 For facilitating engineering works at Palakkad Jn Yard, the following changes have been made in the pattern of train services:
- Train No. 22651 Dr MGR Chennai Central –
- Palakkad Jn Superfast Express scheduled to leave Dr MGR Chennai Central at 21.30 hrs from 30th October to 12th November, 2026 will be short terminated at Palakkad Town. The train will be partially cancelled
- between Palakkad Town and Palakkad Jn □ Train No. 22652 Palakkad Jn – Dr MGR Chennai Central Superfast Express scheduled to leave Palakkad Jn at 15.50 hrs from 30th October to 13th
- November, 2026 will originate from Palakkad Town at 16.04 hrs. The train will be partially cancelled between Palakkad Jn and Palakkad Town.
- ## Kauvery Hospital Treats Complex Aortic Valve Regurgitation Using Specialised HANCHOR Valve Technology
- CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Procedure addresses severe heart valve leakage caused by a perforated leaflet in a patient with a history of mitral valve replacement This marks the first of its kind procedure in a patient with a perforated native aortic valve leaflet and a history of mitral valve replacement. Chennai, October 29, 2026: Kauvery Hospital, Alwarpet, Chennai, has successfully treated severe aortic valve leakage, known as Pure Native Aortic Regurgitation (PNAR), in a 63-year-old man with a transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) procedure using the specialised HANCHOR valve. The condition was caused by a perforation in the patient's native aortic valve leaflet. The patient also had a history of mitral valve replacement, adding to the complexity of the treatment. This is the first of its kind procedure where the HANCHOR valve has been used for TAVR in a patient presenting with this combination of clinical factors.
- The aortic valve regulates blood flow from the heart into the aorta, the main artery that supplies blood to the body. When the valve does not close properly, blood flows backwards into the heart, a condition known as aortic regurgitation. In this patient, the leakage was severe and associated with a perforation
- in one of the valve's leaflets, making treatment more complex. Treating pure native aortic regurgitation through a catheter-based approach presents a specific challenge. Unlike aortic stenosis, in which calcium deposits can help secure a replacement valve, patients with pure native aortic regurgitation often have little or no calcification to support the implanted valve. This makes stable positioning and secure anchoring more difficult. The patient's previous mitral valve replacement added another important consideration to the treatment planning. The HANCHOR valve is designed to address the challenge of valve anchoring in pure native aortic regurgitation. It combines a balloon-expandable frame with a dedicated anchoring element made of nitinol, a flexible metal alloy. The anchoring mechanism is designed to engage the native valve leaflets and help stabilise the replacement valve, including in situations where the surrounding anatomy offers limited support. During the TAVR procedure, the replacement valve was delivered through a catheter and positioned within the patient's existing aortic valve. This minimally invasive approach allows doctors to replace the faulty valve without conventional
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- open-heart valve replacement surgery, where clinically appropriate. Following the procedure, the post-procedure assessment reported no residual aortic regurgitation, no valve stenosis (abnormal narrowing) and no paravalvular leak, which is leakage around the implanted valve. No significant abnormality in the heart's electrical conduction was reported. The patient was discharged after three days. Dr. Rajaram Anantharaman, Senior Consultant Interventional Cardiologist Kauvery Hospital, Alwarpet, Chennai, said: "Pure native aortic regurgitation can be challenging to treat using a catheter-based approach because the limited calcium deposits in the native valve can make it difficult to secure a replacement valve. Also, the perforation of the aortic valve leaflet, combined with the patient's history of mitral valve replacement, added further complexity to treatment planning. The HANCHOR valve's dedicated anchoring mechanism helped
- us address the challenges of valve positioning. The immediate post-procedure findings were encouraging, with no residual aortic regurgitation or leakage around the implanted valve reported. This procedure demonstrates the importance of individualised treatment planning and specialised valve technology in managing complex structural heart conditions." Commenting on the treatment, Dr. Aravindan Selvaraj, Co-founder and Executive Director, Kauvery Group of Hospitals, said, "At Kauvery, we are committed to advancing patient care through clinical expertise, innovation and the adoption of appropriate medical technologies. Success stories such as this highlight the importance of combining specialised treatment approaches with careful clinical assessment to address complex cardiac conditions. We continue to focus on bringing advanced treatment options to patients while maintaining the highest standards of patient safety and care."
- ## Rescheduling of Train Service
- CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Train No. 12840 Dr MGR Chennai Central - Howrah Superfast Mail scheduled to leave Dr
- MGR Chennai Central at 19.00 hrs on 29.10.2026 (Today) is rescheduled to leave Dr MGR Chennai
- Central at 06.00 hrs on 30.10.2026 (Tomorrow) (Late by 11 hours) due to water level flowing above danger level at
- bridge no.1052 between Jhadupudi and Ichchapuram Sections of Visakhapatnam Division.
- ## Amazon Unveils Diwali Sale With Cashback, Shopping Loans and AI Tools
- CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Chennai: Amazon's Great Indian Festival Diwali Edition has gone live, bringing festive discounts, cashback benefits and faster deliveries across multiple product categories. The sale offers up to 80% off on electronics, fashion and beauty products, up to 70% off on everyday essentials, and flat 50% off on more than one lakh Home, Kitchen and Outdoors products. Customers can also access
- mobile deals of up to 40% off and No-Cost EMI for up to 12 months. HDFC Bank Credit Card and Credit Card EMI users can receive a 10% instant discount. Prime members are eligible for an additional ₹250 cashback on selected products. Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card customers can earn an extra 5% cashback, while Amazon Pay Later users can receive 10% cashback with flexible repayment options. Amazon Pay has also
- launched Shopping Loan at checkout on Amazon.in ahead of Diwali and Dhanteras. Eligible customers can access credit of up to ₹3.5 lakh for purchases of ₹50,000 and above, with repayment periods of up to 24 months. For smarter shopping, Amazon's AI-powered Rufus assistant provides personalised recommendations, price tracking and deal alerts. Lens AI helps customers find products using
- photographs, while AI-generated review highlights and buying guides simplify product comparisons. Amazon Now has expanded to more than 120 cities, offering deliveries within minutes across groceries, beauty, home essentials and other daily necessities. The Diwali Edition also features deals on Echo and Fire TV devices, alongside offers across appliances, smart TVs and other festive shopping categories.
- ## HVACR World to showcase energy-efficient cooling solutions and connect Indian manufacturers with MEASA markets
- CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 HVACR World will return to Dubai World Trade Centre from November 23–26, 2026, bringing together over 100 exhibitors and more than 12,000 industry professionals to showcase innovations in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. The event will feature Indian companies, including 22/7 Enterprise, Dessicant Rotors, Ess Kay Fabrication, HCE Dynamics, Mehta Tubes and
- Rishika Industries, connecting manufacturers with regional business opportunities. Josine Heijmans, Senior Vice President, dmg events, said, "Across MEASA, rising performance expectations and sustainability targets are increasing the need for efficient, reliable HVACR systems. Meeting this demand requires closer collaboration between manufacturers and
- businesses across the HVACR value chain to deliver performance throughout a building's lifecycle." Marwan Al Obaidi, Regional Director, Midea Building Technologies Middle East & CIS, said, "Demand for efficient, reliable and intelligent cooling solutions is growing as the Middle East's built environment expands. HVACR World provides an important opportunity to connect with industry
- professionals and showcase technologies that support energy efficiency, comfort and operational performance." The event will also feature HVACR Talks with industry experts, CPD-certified sessions, technical training and discussions on sustainable cooling, decarbonisation, refrigerant transitions and future-ready HVAC systems.
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Change in Train Numbers

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 South Western Railway has notified for changes in the train numbers for the existing timings and stoppages, due to and Palakkad jurisdictional change Division of Southern Railway: Bharat Express between Mysuru Railway: Trains, with the Division of South

SRMIST Student Sadhana Ravi Wins Double Gold at National Junior Athletics Championships 2026

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Ms. Sadhana Ravi, a II-B.Sc. Psychology student of SRM Institute of Science and Technology , Vadapalani Campus, has brought laurels to the institution by winning two Gold Medals at the 41st National Junior Athletics Championships 2026, held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, from October 23 to 27, 2026. Competing in the Under-20 Girls category, Sadhana delivered an exceptional performance, securing Gold Medals in both the Long Jump and Triple Jump events. She recorded an impressive 5.93 metres in Long Jump and 13.22 metres in Triple Jump, showcasing her athletic excellence, determination, and dedication. Her remarkable achievement reflects her commitment to sporting excellence and brings pride to SRMIST. The institution congratulates Sadhana on her outstanding success and wishes her continued achievements in athletics and her academic journey. SRMIST congratulates its champion on this remarkable double-gold achievement!



From Unsafe Working Conditions To Safety And Dignity A Success Story Under The NAMASTE Scheme

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 At 27, Ramesh Kumar (name changed), a sanitation worker from Rajasthan, is moving towards a safer and more secure future with support under the National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme. His journey highlights the importance of workplace safety, dignity of labour and institutional support in improving the lives of sanitation workers. Ramesh's journey demonstrates how timely assistance and focused welfare interventions can make a meaningful difference in the lives of sanitation workers and their families. His experience stands as an example of the role of the NAMASTE Scheme in advancing workplace safety, strengthening livelihood security and promoting dignity for those who contribute to essential sanitation services. Coming from a financially constrained family dependent on daily wage earnings, Ramesh faced several challenges in maintaining financial stability and meeting his family's basic needs. His work as a sewer worker involved occupational hazards and exposure to unsafe working conditions. The lack of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) further increased the risks associated with his daily responsibilities. Despite these challenges, Ramesh remained determined to improve his family's circumstances and pursue his livelihood with greater safety and dignity. Access to appropriate protective equipment was an important step towards achieving this goal. In 2025, under the NAMASTE Scheme , Ramesh received a PPE kit and safety kit to strengthen his workplace



protection. This assistance helped him access essential safety equipment for his occupational responsibilities and reinforced the importance of safe working practices in sanitation-related work. With the support received, Ramesh is now able to approach his work with greater confidence and a stronger sense of security. Access to protective equipment has helped address important workplace safety concerns and reduce his exposure to occupational risks. The assistance has also contributed to strengthening his livelihood security and supporting improvements in his family's overall living conditions. The NAMASTE Scheme reflects the Government of India's commitment to safeguarding the health, safety and dignity of sanitation workers. By promoting access to protective equipment, improved working practices and the welfare of sanitation workers, the scheme seeks to create a safer and more dignified sanitation ecosystem.

“Before Akka, I didn’t know I could play a female gangster”: Keerthy Suresh on

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 “Before Akka, I didn't know I could play a female gangster”: Keerthy Suresh on Becoming Bhavani The National Award-winning actress steps into a world of power, legacy and revenge as Bhavani in Netflix's gangster saga, Akka, premiering October 30. A kingdom built on loyalty. A legacy guarded for generations. And a rivalry that threatens to upend it all. In Netflix's Akka, Keerthy Suresh steps into the world of Pernuru as Bhavani, a woman whose power is rooted in a formidable legacy and whose resolve will be tested like never before. Celebrated for her compelling performances in Mahanati, Saani Kaayidham and Dasara, Keerthy takes on a role that pushed her into uncharted territory. “Before Akka, I didn't know I could play a female gangster,” she says. Set in a kingdom where women have ruled and protected their own for generations, Akka explores a world where power is inherited, loyalty is everything, and protecting a legacy comes at a price. For Bhavani, that means navigating difficult choices while standing firm in what she believes in. “Bhavani is a woman who knows what she stands for and will go to great lengths to protect her legacy,” Keerthy shares. “What makes her



interesting is that beneath her strength and authority are choices that are never easy, especially when the stakes are so high.” But the order that has defined Pernuru faces a formidable challenge in Rudra, played by Radhika Apte. An outsider whose ambitions and beliefs threaten the established order, Rudra sets the stage for a clash that goes beyond competing claims to power. As tensions rise and loyalties are put to the test, Bhavani finds herself at the centre of a battle that could change the fate of the kingdom. Written and directed by Dharmaraj Shetty and produced by YRF Entertainment, 'Akka' also stars Tanvi Azmi, Mahesh Manjrekar, Anshuman Pushkar and Monica Panwar. Akka premieres on Netflix on October 30, 2026.

Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda Reviews Cleanliness Initiatives under Special Campaign 6 at AIIMS, New Delhi; Inspects Newly Constructed Ashray Building for Patients and Attendants

NEW DELHI – 30 Oct, 2026 Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, today to review cleanliness, sanitation and waste management initiatives undertaken by the institute under Special Campaign 6. During the visit, the Union Health Minister also inspected the newly constructed Patient Waiting Lounge at the AIIMS Trauma Centre Extension Campus, developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ghaziabad, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative and proposed to be utilised as an Aashray Shelter for patients and their attendants. He also interacted with sanitation workers at the institute. The Union Health Minister was briefed on the initiatives undertaken by AIIMS under the



Swachhata Abhiyan, with particular focus on cleanliness, sanitation, waste management and the upkeep of institutional premises. Strengthening Cleanliness and Sustainable Practices under Special Campaign 6

INS TRISHUL CONCLUDES PORT CALL AT CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 Indian Naval Ship Trishul concluded her port call at Civitavecchia, Italy, on 28 Oct 2026 , as part of her ongoing operational deployment in the Mediterranean Sea. The port call provided an opportunity to further strengthen maritime engagement between the Indian Navy and the Italian Navy through professional interactions, cross-deck visits and cultural exchanges. During her stay, INS Trishul undertook a series of professional and cultural interactions with Italian counterparts. The ship was also opened to visitors, attracting a large number of enthusiastic members of the Indian diaspora and the local populace. As part of the professional interactions, the Commanding Officer of INS Trishul called on the Fleet Commander of the Italian Navy. The ship's crew also visited the Italian Navy's aircraft carrier ITS Cavour at Civitavecchia. These engagements provided opportunities for professional interaction and an exchange of experiences between the two navies. H.E. Ms Vani Rao, Ambassador of India to Italy, and Vice Admiral Aurelio De Carolis, Fleet Commander and CINCPNAV, Italian Navy, visited INS Trishul and interacted with the ship's crew. They also attended a cultural event hosted onboard,



which brought together the Mayor of Civitavecchia, senior officers of the Italian Navy and Coast Guard, Defence Envoys from 13 nations, civil dignitaries and members of the Indian diaspora. The event provided a platform for interaction among naval representatives, diplomatic officials and members of the wider community, further complementing the professional engagements during the port call. The port call reflected the enduring maritime partnership between India and Italy and the importance of sustained naval engagement in fostering mutual understanding and professional ties. INS Trishul has now proceeded for the next phase of her operational deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.



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Ministry of Textiles Highlights Jute Corporation of India’s Extensive Outreach and Cleanliness Activities under Special Campaign 6

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 The Ministry of Textiles appreciates JCI's dedicated contribution to Special Campaign 6 and its efforts towards achieving the campaign's objectives of cleanliness, better office management and sustainable governance .The Jute Corporation of India (JCI), under the Ministry of Textiles, has made significant efforts towards the successful implementation of Special Campaign 6, aimed at

promoting cleanliness, effective space management, disposal of redundant materials and e-waste, and enhancing overall efficiency in official functioning. As part of the campaign, JCI undertook various cleanliness and workplace improvement activities, focusing on the systematic management of office spaces, removal of obsolete and unwanted materials, and promotion of a clean, organized and productive working



environment. The Corporation also undertook initiatives to strengthen awareness regarding cleanliness, environmental sustainability and responsible waste management.JCI actively contributed to the campaign through various activities and social media outreach, highlighting its commitment to the objectives of Special Campaign 6. These initiatives reflect the Corporation's continued efforts towards efficient resource utilization, environmental responsibility and the institutionalization of cleanliness practices.

ABD Delivers Strong Topline Growth in Q2FY27



Allied Blenders and Distillers

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 - Income from Operations at ₹ 1,152 crore, up 15.8% y-o-y and 17.1% q-o-q -Reported Highest Ever Quarterly Sales Volumes of 10.0 million cases Chennai, 27th October 2026: Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD), one of the leading spirits companies in India, has announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2026. Snapshot of Consolidated Financial Results: Performance Highlights of the Quarter Q2FY27: Income from Operations at ₹ 1,152 crore, up 15.8% on y-o-y basis and up 17.1% on q-o-q. Reported highest-ever quarterly sales volumes of 10.0 million cases in Q2FY27 driven by growth across all 4 millionaire brands on q-o-q basis EBITDA at ₹ 143 crore, up 10.0% on y-o-y basis and 19.2% on q-o-q basis. Continued investments in the newly established super-premium to luxury portfolio and revamping of core brands, supporting the Company's premiumization-led growth agenda PAT at ₹ 69 crore, up 9.7% on y-o-y basis and 52.0% on q-o-q basis Excluding the ₹29 crore impact of global supply chain disruptions, like-to-like (LTL) EBITDA would have been ₹172 crore (higher by 32.3% on y-o-y basis), LTL EBITDA margin 14.9% (up 186 bps on y-o-y basis) and LTL PAT of ₹91 crore (higher by 44.3% on y-o-y basis) in Q2FY27 Commenting on the results, Amar Sinha, Managing Director of ABD, stated, "Q2FY27 marked an important milestone for ABD, with quarterly volumes crossing 10 million cases for the first time, supported by growth across segments. Also, we continued to invest in expanding our super-premium and luxury portfolio, including brand-building and distribution initiatives. The recent commissioning of our capacity-expansion projects has further strengthened our manufacturing capabilities and is expected to improve supply-chain efficiency and margin accretion. With the festive season ahead, we expect the topline growth momentum to continue. We remain focused on driving operational efficiencies and the disciplined execution of our capex programme, while closely monitoring inflationary trends." Performance Review for Q2FY27 and Recent Developments: Growth across the Portfolio and Regions Delivered 10.0 million cases in Q2FY27, compared to 9.0 million cases in Q2FY26, the reflecting overall volume growth of 11.1%, with growth across

Mass Premium & Others and Prestige & Above (P&A) categories. This strong volume growth momentum has been visible through H1FY27, during which we achieved record monthly sales on three occasions, culminating in our highest-ever monthly volume of over 3.5 million cases in September 2026. Premiumization momentum continued, with the P&A value segment salience at 58% in H1FY27, compared to 56% in H1FY26 while P&A volume salience is 46% in H1FY27, compared to 47% in H1FY26. Growth across key domestic and international markets driven by millionaire brands. ICONiQ White has been to be the world's fastest-growing Millionaire Whisky Brand across three consecutive calendar years—2023, 2024 and 2025. Volumes reached 3.2 million cases in Q2FY27, up 20.6% from 2.6 million cases in Q2FY26, with average monthly volumes continuing to exceed 1 million cases. Premium Whisky Portfolio: Launch of The Indian Edit Launched in September 2026, The Indian Edit strengthens ABD's premium whisky portfolio, blending Indian malt and grain spirits with fine Scotch malts and featuring packaging inspired by Indian heritage. Available in Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Tripura, Rajasthan and Goa, with further expansion to other markets, the brand has received an encouraging response from trade partners and consumers. Offered in 180 ml, 500 ml and 750 ml SKUs, the 750 ml pack is priced at ₹1,550 in Maharashtra. Officer's Choice Blue: Refreshed Identity with Premium Packaging Officer's Choice Blue unveiled a refreshed identity and premium packaging, featuring a sleeker bottle, a transparent label with matte gold foiling and an embossed "Trusted Since 1988" marker, celebrating its legacy while retaining its promise of quality and consistency. Rolled out from September 2026 across Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana and West Bengal, the refreshed packaging has received an encouraging customer response, with more markets to follow in phases. Commissioning of Bottling Unit in Moradabad: Strengthening Manufacturing Presence in Uttar Pradesh In October 2026, ABD commenced commercial operations at its bottling facility in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, with an initial capacity of 6 million cases per annum. The facility was part of the assets acquired in January 2026 for ~

₹70 crore and was subsequently upgraded with an investment of ~ ₹40 crore. The facility strengthens ABD's in-house bottling capabilities in one of its key markets and is expected to improve service efficiency while delivering cost benefits through increased in-house bottling and savings on franchise fees. Commissioning of Malt Distillery in Rangapur: Strengthening Captive Malt Capabilities In October 2026, ABD commissioned its captive malt distillery at Rangapur, Telangana, with an investment of ~ ₹75 crore and an annual capacity of ~ 4.0 million bulk litres. The facility is integrated with ABD's existing manufacturing complex, which also houses an ENA distillery, an IMFL bottling unit and a PET bottle manufacturing plant. The distillery is expected to support the captive malt requirements of ABD's growing P&A portfolio, reduce dependence on external sourcing and support the development of its future single malt whisky portfolio. International Markets: Expanding Presence across Geographies 1st International manufacturing facility: In August 2026, ABD announced its first overseas local production arrangement for Officer's Choice Blue in Malaysia through an asset-light co-bottling model with an established local partner. The initiative marks an important step in ABD's expansion in Southeast Asia, enabling faster market entry with limited capital deployment while maintaining oversight of product quality and brand standards. Continued Expansion: ABD expanded its international footprint to 42 countries in Q2FY27, compared to 36 countries in Q4FY26. During H1FY27, it has expanded in European and African markets and in Australia. ABD Maestro's super-premium and luxury portfolio continued to expand internationally and is now present in Australia, Canada, Ivory Coast, New Zealand, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and the UAE. Key Awards and Recognitions: Spiritz Conclave

& Achievers' Awards 2026 ABD Maestro Private Limited was named 'Company of the Year 2026 (Domestic)' and received Gold, recognising the strength of its super-premium and luxury spirits portfolio. RANGEELA Contemporary Indian Vodka won the competition's most coveted 'Grand Gold' Medal in the blind tasting category. YELLO Designer Whisky and AODH Irish Whiskey each received Gold, while ZOYA Premium Mixed Berries Gin received Silver. RANGEELA Contemporary Indian Vodka received Gold under 'Product Launch 2026 – Vodka', while AODH Irish Whiskey shared the Gold under 'Product Launch 2026 – Whisky Premium'. These honours highlight ABD Maestro's strong performance across categories and its commitment to building a super-premium and luxury spirits portfolio. About Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (www.abdindia.com) Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD) is one of India's leading spirits companies and the country's largest spirits exporter by volume, with a presence in 42 international markets. The Company operates across whisky, brandy, rum, vodka and gin. Its portfolio is anchored by "millionaire" brands, including the flagship Officer's Choice, which remains among the largest-selling whiskies globally. This is complemented by Sterling Reserve and the rapidly scaling ICONiQ White, which has been the world's fastest-growing millionaire whisky brand for 3 consecutive calendar years – CY2023, CY2024 and CY2025. As part of its premiumisation journey, ABD has expanded into the super-premium and luxury segments through its subsidiary- ABD Maestro Pvt Ltd. The company maintains a robust manufacturing footprint of 41 units including 10 owned bottling facilities, 2 owned ENA and 1 malt distilleries, 1 owned PET bottle plant and 27 non-owned manufacturing units (including 1 in Malaysia), supported by a pan-India distribution network that ensures scale and supply chain flexibility.

93rd Meeting of the General Council of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah

NEW DELHI – 30 Oct, 2026 In furtherance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhhi' and towards accelerating cooperative-led development that reaches every citizen and includes every section of society, the 93rd Meeting of the

National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) was held today at the Corporation's headquarters in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah. The meeting deliberated on various matters relating to NCDC's financial and



institutional achievements, Multi-State Cooperative Societies, strengthening of rural livelihoods and the Corporation's future roadmap. expansion of financing in the cooperative sector, development of new

National Career Service Centres for Differently Abled (NCSC-DA) Diwali Mela Showcases Craftsmanship and Entrepreneurial Talent of Persons with Disabilities

CHENNAI – 30 Oct, 2026 The National Career Service Centres for Differently Abled (NCSC-DAs), under the Directorate General of Employment (DGE), Ministry of Labour and Employment, organised a vibrant Diwali Mela to showcase the handmade products, craftsmanship, and vocational skills of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) trained at its centres across the country. The Mela brought together products crafted

by PwD trainees and alumni from NCSC-DA centres in Delhi, Thiruvananthapuram, Dehradun, Bhubaneshwar, Kolkata, and Mumbai. The exhibition featured a wide range of handmade and skill-based products, including jute and cloth bags, candles, electronic items, paintings, soaps, crochet products, dress-making and textile items, knitting, embroidery, woodwork and decorative festive products. The stalls provided



participants with a valuable platform to display their creativity, interact directly with visitors, receive feedback, and explore opportunities for sales, self-employment and market linkages. The products reflected both traditional craftsmanship and contemporary vocational training imparted at the NCSC-DA centres.

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National Workshop on ‘Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Adaptive Strategies’ inaugurated in New Delhi

NEW DELHI – 30 Oct, 2026 The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is organising a National Workshop on 'Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Adaptive Strategies', on 29 th - 30 th October 2026 in New Delhi. It is being organised under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) project - Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities (GCF-ECRICC). The project focuses on restoring

critical coastal ecosystems, including mangroves, coastal watersheds, seagrass, salt marshes and corals, while strengthening the livelihoods of communities living in highly vulnerable areas. Addressing the inaugural session, Shri Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary, MoEFCC, underlined that building coastal resilience to the impacts of climate change, while protecting livelihoods is imperative for India to achieve the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision set by



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He underlined the need to address climate risks to coastal regions and highlighted the importance

of mangroves, seagrasses, salt marshes and coral reefs for biodiversity, livelihoods and coastal protection.