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Manipur shutdown extended in Kangpokpi after bodies of 2 missing Kuki individuals found

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 CoTU initially called a 48-hour total shutdown from 5pm on October 29, which was subsequently extended by 24 hours

The Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU), a Kuki-Zo civil body, extended the ongoing total shutdown across Manipur's Kangpokpi district by another 48 hours following the recovery of the bodies of two missing Kuki individuals on Sunday.

The two identified as Thangginlun Chongloi (21) and Paoginlal Hangsing (20), were residents of Taphou Kuki village in Kangpokpi district. They were reportedly abducted on October 28, while travelling between Hengbung and Taphou Kuki village in the district. They were allegedly abducted by Naga groups.

A statement issued by CoTU on Monday said the shutdown was extended to protest the government's failure to rescue the two. The committee alleged that the two were killed because of the government's failure to act decisively.

CoTU initially called a 48-hour total shutdown from 5pm on October 29, which was subsequently extended by 24 hours and then by another 48 hours.

"Such governmental apathy is unacceptable and cannot be allowed to become another chapter of impunity," CoTU said.

The Kuki-Zo body also warned that if the government failed to take immediate action and ensure timely justice by 5pm on November 4, the community would be compelled to convene a "Mass Public Meeting" to collectively deliberate, determine and announce its further course of action.

On Sunday, CoTU spokesperson Ng. Lun Kipgen issued a five-point charter of demands. These included the removal of deputy chief minister Losii Dikho, a Naga legislator, from his post; immediate rectification of police jurisdiction by transferring Taphou Kuki village from Senapati police jurisdiction to Kangpokpi; removal of the NSCN-IM's Huthrong Brigade from its Oklong camp in Senapati district; handing over the case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA); and immediate arrest of those involved in the abduction and killing.

Tension erupted in Kangpokpi district on Sunday following the recovery of the two bodies. Police initially attempted to bring them to the Kangpokpi district hospital. Later that night, amid escalating tensions, the bodies were taken to the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Imphal under tight security and kept in the hospital's mortuary.

Officials said the post-mortem examinations were conducted at RIMS on Monday after the completion of due formalities. The bodies remain in the mortuary.

Ministry of Coal recognises outstanding performance of coal mines under Star Rating Programme for FY 2024-25; 50 mines receive Five-Star Ratings



RAIPUR – 3 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Coal today successfully hosted the Annual Star Rating Awards Ceremony for FY 2024-25 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, recognising excellence and outstanding performance in India's coal and lignite mining sector. The ceremony was graced by the Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Satish Chandra Dubey, in the presence of senior officials of the Ministry, representatives of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries, NLC India Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), and other stakeholders from the coal industry.

Ministry of Heavy Industries and its CPSEs and ABs conclude Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters 6 (SCDPM 6)



CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), along with its Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and Autonomous Bodies (ABs), has successfully concluded the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters 6 (SCDPM 6). This year, the campaign placed special emphasis on "Effective Collection, Segregation and Disposal of E-Waste", alongside cleanliness, reduction of pendency and improved workplace management.

During the implementation phase of SCPDM 6, observed from 2 nd October to 31 st October 2026, MHI and its CPSEs/ABs undertook various activities including comprehensive review of old physical and electronic files, identified unserviceable items, scrap and e-waste, and initiated measures for their proper disposal. These activities aimed at freeing up office space, improving record management and promoting cleaner, well-organised and efficient workplaces.

Bridge and Roof Ltd. employees take initiative to free up space at Chennai office through File Weeding

Special Focus on E-Waste Management

MSDE Empanels 19 Institutions as Centres of Excellence-Skills



CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today formally recognised 19 reputed institutions as Centres of Excellence-Skills (CoE-Skills). The Certificates of Recognition were presented by Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, MSDE, during a ceremony held at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi. The recognition is valid from 9 October 2026 to 8 October 2029.

The institutions have been empanelled through the Green Channel provided under the Guidelines for Empanelment of Centres of Excellence-Skills and Vocational Training Centres. The mechanism offers an expedited route for eligible institutions of established standing, including Institutes of National Importance, ITIs upgraded under PM-SETU, and Skilling Centres of Excellence operated or empanelled by Central Ministries, Departments and State Governments. Under this route, institutions submit essential information and their applications are placed directly before the Executive Committee for consideration, without nomination or the regular evaluation process. The mechanism seeks to accelerate empanelment of reputed and high-quality institutions through a streamlined approval process.

MY Bharat's 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' Campaign Engages over 11,800 Youth Through 60 Programmes Across 20 States/UTs



CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Over 11,800 youth participated in 60 editions of 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote', organised across 20 States and Union Territories today by Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), under the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. With the latest round of programmes, a total of 220 Yuva Samvaads have been conducted across 29 States and Union Territories, engaging 43,995 youth and 220 Youth Icons.

The nationwide campaign is being conducted from 26.10.2026 to 05.11.2026, with the aim of covering 500 universities, colleges and educational institutions across the country. It seeks to promote electoral awareness among young people, particularly first-time voters, and encourage their informed participation in the democratic process. The initiative familiarises them with voting rights, electoral procedures and civic responsibilities while providing opportunities to interact with elected representatives, Youth Icons and other distinguished personalities.

National Conference on "Gender Data and Statistics: From Evidence to Policy Insights | MoSPI and UN Women



NEW DELHI – 3 Nov, 2026 A one-day National Conference on "Gender Data and Statistics: From Evidence to Policy Insights" was organised by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with UN Women on 2 nd November, 2026 in New Delhi. The conference brought together policymakers, representatives from Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments, statisticians, researchers, academic institutions, technical experts and representatives of UN agencies to deliberate on strengthening the analysis and use of gender statistics for evidence-based policymaking.

The conference was organised to deliberate on and disseminate the findings of Women and Men in India 2025, a flagship publication of MoSPI, with the aim of deepening the understanding of key findings and their interlinkages across sectors, facilitating discussions among ministries and other stakeholders, and identifying opportunities to strengthen the analytical and policy use of gender statistics.

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda inaugurates Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at AIIMS Rajkot, reaffirms commitment to quality cancer care for every citizen



CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda, today inaugurated and dedicated to the nation the Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rajkot. Equipped with advanced radiation therapy technologies, the facility marks an important step towards improving access to specialised cancer care for people across Rajkot and the wider Saurashtra region.

With an investment of approximately ₹39 crore, the facility at AIIMS Rajkot has been established under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). The endeavour reflects the Union Government's continued efforts to address regional imbalances in the availability of tertiary healthcare services.

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Tata Motors registered 27% growth YoY with total sales of 47,652 commercial vehicle units in October 2026

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Tata Motors Limited sales in the domestic & international markets for October 2026 stood at 47,652 units, compared to 37,530 units during October 2025, up 27% YoY.

Tata Motors Limited registered a stellar performance in October 2026, achieving a 27% Year-on-Year (YoY) growth with total sales reaching 47,652 commercial vehicle units across domestic and international markets. According to the company's sales report released from Chennai on November 1, 2026, this volume marks a significant increase from the 37,530 units sold during October 2025.

The growth was visible across all primary vehicle categories, driven by steady domestic demand and an exponential surge in exports. In the domestic truck segments, Heavy Commercial Vehicle (HCV) trucks led by volume with 12,030 units compared to 10,737 units last year, marking a 12% increase. Intermediate, Light, and Medium Commercial Vehicle (ILMCV) trucks followed closely with 17% growth, moving 7,213 units against 6,169 units in October 2025. The Small Commercial Vehicle (SCV) cargo and pickup segment remained the highest domestic contributor by volume, growing 11% to 16,715 units from 15,018 units in the previous year.

Passenger Carriers also saw robust traction, posturing a 20% growth rate with sales rising to 3,826 units from 3,184 units.

Cumulatively, the total Commercial Vehicle (CV) domestic sales for the month stood at 39,784 units, a 13% increase over the 35,108 units recorded in October 2025. Within these domestic numbers, combined Medium, Heavy, and Intermediate Commercial Vehicle (MH&ICV) sales accounted for 19,263 units, up 16% from the 16,624 units sold in the corresponding month last year.

The most dramatic growth driver for the month came from Tata Motors' International Business, which skyrocketed by 225%. Exports jumped to 7,868 units in October 2026 from just 2,422 units in October 2025. When accounting for both domestic and international shipments, global MH&ICV sales grew to 20,712 units, reflecting a solid 16% YoY increase compared to the 17,827 units managed in the same period last year.



SRMIST Volleyball Women's Team Won the Gold Medal in the State Level Invitational Inter Collegiate Volleyball Women's Tournament

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 SRMIST Volleyball Women's Team Won the Gold Medal in the State Level Invitational Inter Collegiate Volleyball Women's Tournament Organized by Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation, Guduvancherry from 30th October to 1st November 2026.

Match Results:

1st League Match:

SRMIST Beat MOP Vaishnav College

Score: (25-15 / 25-16)

2nd League Match:

SRMIST Beat Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation

Score: (25-13 / 25-16)

Final League Match:

SRMIST Beat Ethiraj College

Score: (25-18 / 26-28 / 25-20)

Final Standings:

Winners: SRMIST

Runners: Ethiraj College

Third Place: Vinayaka Mission

Best Universal - M.Moniha (SRMIST)

Best Libero - Vithya Sree (SRMIST)



QR678® Wins Prestigious DASIL Award for Innovations in Hair Science

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Chennai: QR678®, an Indian-origin hair science and research platform, has received the prestigious DASIL Award for Pioneering Innovations in Hair Science and Regenerative Medicine at the 14th DASIL World Congress, held in Kochi, Kerala, from October 22 to 24, 2026.

The award, presented by the Dermatologic & Aesthetic Surgery International League (DASIL), recognises QR678®'s contributions to hair science, clinical research and regenerative medicine. The recognition was received by Indrajit Dutta, Senior Vice President, QR678®, along with members of its scientific, medical and leadership teams.

Developed through the translational research efforts of clinician-scientists Dr. Rinky Kapoor and Dr. Debraj Shome, the platform integrates clinical research, molecular biology, biotechnology and regenerative medicine to advance the understanding of hair and scalp health.

Commenting on the achievement, Indrajit Dutta said the award recognises the collective contributions of scientists, doctors and researchers and reinforces the platform's commitment to scientific research and innovation.

In 2026, researchers associated with QR678® completed 19 scientific papers and secured one patent award. The platform's intellectual property portfolio includes three awarded global patents, with 25 additional patent applications under consideration worldwide.

With over 36 published clinical papers, product approvals in more than 10 countries, a network of over 5,000 doctors and engagement involving more than 150,000 patients, QR678® continues to expand its international presence in hair science and regenerative medicine.



Delhi's smog came from farm fires lit after NASA's satellite passed

NEW DELHI – 3 Nov, 2026 On two Oct nights with the same weather, Delhi's air was far cleaner. India's weather satellite shows surge in evening crop burning in the 4 days before Nov 1.

Smoke from farm fires in Punjab and Haryana drove the sharp rise in Delhi's pollution on Sunday, which pushed the air into the "very poor" range on Monday, an HT analysis of air-quality, weather and satellite data has found. Most of the fires were lit in the evening, after the NASA satellite whose count is the standard measure of stubble burning had passed over the region.

Delhi's air quality index, which runs from 0 to 500, rose from 117 on Saturday to 261 on Sunday. By Monday morning the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) hourly reading had crossed 300, the threshold for "very poor" air. Monday's 4pm bulletin put the index at 324, the season's first very poor reading. The last very poor reading this year was on February 11.



1st International Maize Conference 2026 Calls for Higher Productivity, Innovative Breeding and Farmer-Centric Research

HYDERABAD – 3 Nov, 2026 The 1 st International Maize Conference themed "Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World," (M4FS) commenced at the JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad today, bringing together scientists, policymakers, agricultural institutions and industry stakeholders to discuss strategies for advancing maize research, productivity and value-chain development.

The conference highlighted high-yielding varieties and hybrids, improved nutritional quality, efficient resource utilisation, mechanisation, robust seed systems and maize's growing role in food, feed, fodder and energy security.

Addressing the conference Secretary, DARE and DG ICAR Dr. M. L. Jat, congratulated the maize research community on India's maize production reaching approximately 55 million tonnes, accompanied by substantial productivity gains over the past decade. He called for increasing production to 75 million tonnes over the next decade, alongside a further 1.5-fold increase in productivity through technological innovation, improved crop management and efficient resource utilisation.



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Toyota Kirloskar Motor Registers 30,360 Units Sales in October 2026

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Chennai: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced its sales performance for October 2026, recording total sales of 30,360 units. This includes 29,521 units sold in the domestic market and 839 units exported.

For the January–October 2026 period, Toyota Kirloskar Motor registered cumulative sales of 3,25,274 units, compared to 3,15,716 units during the corresponding period in 2025, registering an overall growth of 3%. Domestic sales increased by 4% to 2,99,140 units from 2,87,338 units in the previous year.

Meanwhile, exports stood at 26,134 units, compared to 28,378 units in the corresponding period last year, registering a decline of 8%.

Commenting on the sales performance, Sabari Manohar, Executive Vice President, Sales, Service and Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "The festive season has continued to generate encouraging customer interest across markets, reflecting the trust in Toyota's products and services. While market conditions continue to evolve, our focus remains firmly on creating value for customers through a diverse product portfolio, enhanced ownership experiences and customer-centric initiatives. We share the joy of festivities with our customers and dealer partners, whose continued confidence in the Toyota brand motivates us to further strengthen our efforts towards delivering reliable, sustainable and accessible mobility solutions."

He further added, "The recently launched New Toyota Glanza has also received an encouraging response from customers for its stylish design, feature-rich offering and compelling value proposition."

Shane Nigam's Next Begins Shoot with a Traditional Pooja Ceremony in Yercaud!

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Shane Nigam's Next Begins Shoot with a Traditional Pooja Ceremony in Yercaud! Tru Stories Production No. 2, directed by Sham Surya and produced by Vishal Vincent Tony, brings together an exciting ensemble featuring Shane Nigam, Sathyaraj, John Kokken and Farhaan Faasil! Adding another exciting project to his ever-evolving filmography, actor Shane Nigam's next film has officially commenced with a traditional pooja ceremony in the picturesque hill station of Yercaud. The auspicious ceremony marks the beginning of the film's journey, with the makers gearing up to kick-start the shooting schedule amidst the scenic surroundings of the hill station. Titled Tru Stories Production No. 2 for now, the yet-to-be-named project is backed by Tru Stories, following the production house's maiden venture.

Promising an interesting blend of talent and creative vision, the film brings together an exciting ensemble of actors, including Shane Nigam, veteran actor Sathyaraj, John Kokken and Farhaan Faasil. The combination of these performers has already sparked curiosity, making this one of the interesting projects to look forward to. For Shane Nigam, this outing marks another significant milestone in his cinematic journey. Known for his ability to portray diverse characters with conviction and intensity, the actor continues to explore interesting collaborations and promising subjects across industries. Sharing screen space with seasoned performers such as Sathyaraj and John Kokken, alongside Farhaan Faasil, adds further intrigue to this upcoming venture. The film is directed by Sham Surya and produced by Vishal Vincent Tony under the banner of Tru Stories. The project also brings together an accomplished technical team, with cinematography handled by Ashiq Abu, music composed by Ajaneesh Loknath and editing by Sreejith Sarang. The film's technical crew further comprises art director Veeramani Ganeshan, stunt choreographer PC Stunt and costume designer A. Kavitha. Adding to the anticipation, the project comes from the makers of Rifle Club, further raising expectations surrounding this exciting new venture from Tru Stories. With an interesting ensemble, a promising technical team and a fresh directorial vision, the film is poised to be an intriguing addition to Shane Nigam's upcoming slate. Further details regarding the film's title, storyline, additional cast members and other developments



will be announced by the makers in due course.

CAST: Shane Nigam Sathyaraj John Kokken Farhaan Faasil Pooja Ramachandran Munishkanth

TECHNICAL CREW: Director: Sham Surya Producer: Vishal Vincent Tony DOP: Aashiq Abu Music Director: Ajaneesh Loknath Editor: Sreejith Sarang Art Director: Veeramani Ganeshan Stunt Choreographer: PC Stunt Costume Designer: A. Kavitha Costume: Muthul Hafeez Make-up: Karthik Hari Executive Producers: M. Kannan, John Kokken Production Executive: S. Sivakumar Production Controller: Prajeesh KTK PRO: Riaz K Ahmed & Paras Riyaz Stills: Theni Anbu Publicity Designs: Yellowtooths

SRMIST Announces ₹23 Lakh Cash Rewards for Six Student Achievers in Recognition of International Sporting and Chess Excellence

CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 • The institution's students and alumna delivered outstanding performances at the 20th Asian Games Aichi–Nagoya 2026, held in Japan from September 19 to October 4, 2026, while three of its students earned the prestigious Grandmaster (GM) title during the academic year 2025–26.

Chennai, 2 November 2026: In a significant recognition of excellence, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) has announced cash rewards totalling ₹23 lakh for six students and an alumna in appreciation of their outstanding achievements at international competitions, bringing pride and distinction to both the institution and the nation.

The felicitation ceremony was organised to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the institution's students and alumna at the 20th Asian Games Aichi–Nagoya 2026, held in Japan from September 19 to October 4, 2026, as well as those of three students who earned the prestigious Grandmaster (GM) title during the academic year 2025–26. The event was presided over by Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Founder-Chancellor, SRMIST.

At the Asian Games, Thirumuru Ganesh Mani Ratnam, a third-year BCA (Data Science) student, emerged as one of the outstanding performers, winning Gold in the Compound Men's Team event and Bronze in the Compound Individual event in Archery. Shameena Riaz, a second-year B.Tech (ECE) student, won a Bronze Medal in Women's Squash, while SRMIST alumna Nethra Kumanan, who completed her MBA, secured a Bronze Medal in the ILCA 6 Women's Sailing event.

In recognition of their outstanding international achievements, SRMIST is awarding ₹20 lakh to the three Asian Games medal winners. While Thirumuru Ganesh Mani Ratnam will receive ₹10 lakh, Shameena Riaz and Nethra Kumanan will receive ₹5 lakh each.

Adding another historic milestone to SRMIST's sporting achievements, three of the institution's chess players, Srihari L.R., Hari Krishnan A. RA, and V. S. Rahul, earned the prestigious Grandmaster (GM) title during the academic year 2025–2026. This makes SRMIST the first university in India to produce three Grandmasters in a single academic year.

Srihari, a third-year B.Com student at the Vadapalani Campus, became India's 86th Grandmaster. Hari Krishnan, a second-year M.Com student at the Vadapalani Campus, became India's 87th Grandmaster, while Rahul, a second-year MBA student at the Kattankulathur Campus, became India's 91st Grandmaster.

Recognising this extraordinary accomplishment, SRMIST is awarding ₹1 lakh each to the three Grandmasters, amounting to ₹3 lakh.

In total, SRMIST is extending cash rewards amounting to ₹23 lakh to honour the six achievers



for their exceptional accomplishments, with ₹20 lakh awarded to the three Asian Games medal winners and ₹3 lakh to the three Grandmasters.

In his comments, *Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar* said, "At SRMIST, we believe that excellence is achieved through dedication, discipline, perseverance, and the determination to push boundaries. The remarkable accomplishments of our students and alumna at the international level, along with our three students earning the prestigious Grandmaster title in a single academic year, are a testament to the talent nurtured at our institution. These achievements bring immense pride to SRMIST and the nation. "

These achievements reflect the Founder Chancellor's vision and commitment to nurturing sporting talent, promoting excellence and developing future champions to contribute to India's 2036 Olympic aspirations.

Amazon Influencer Programme Surpasses 2 Lakh Creators, Expands Monetisation Through YouTube and Pinterest



CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Chennai: Amazon announced that its Amazon Influencer Program has crossed two lakh creators in India, doubling its network year-on-year. The company is expanding opportunities for creators to develop sustainable businesses through content-led commerce across Amazon.in, YouTube and Pinterest.

Creators can now tag Amazon products in their YouTube and Pinterest content, earn commissions on qualifying purchases and help customers make informed shopping decisions.

This year, creators have enabled nearly 40 million customers to shop for hundreds of millions of products on Amazon.in. Their contribution is gaining further momentum during the ongoing Amazon Great Indian Festival.

Nidhi Thakkar, Head of Social Commerce – Emerging Marketplaces, Amazon, said creators are transforming how customers discover, research and purchase products. Through its creator programmes and partnerships, Amazon aims to help storytellers turn their passion into entrepreneurship.

Gunjan Soni, Managing Director – India, YouTube, highlighted that over 450 million people in India conduct shopping-related searches on YouTube. The partnership allows creators to tag millions of products across Shorts, long-form videos and livestreams.

Nearly 70% of shoppers purchasing through Amazon creators are from non-metro cities, while approximately 75% of creators also belong to these regions. Earnings per creator have increased 60% year-on-year.

Amazon supports creators through Creator Rewards, Creator Connections, Creator Central and Creator University, offering performance-based incentives, brand campaigns, insights and learning resources.



Nissan Motor India records 50% year-on-year growth in domestic wholesales in October 2026



CHENNAI – 3 Nov, 2026 Domestic wholesales reach 3,600 units in October, up 50% year on year

Nissan records 85,124 units in total wholesales across domestic and export markets from January to October 2026

Gurugram, 02 November 2026: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL) today announced 50% year-on-year growth in domestic wholesales during October 2026, with volumes increasing to 3,600 units from 2,402 units in October 2025. This marks Nissan's eighth consecutive month of year-on-year domestic growth. From January to October 2026, the company recorded total wholesales of 85,124 units across domestic and export markets.

The performance reflects continued customer response to Nissan's expanding product portfolio, including the all-new Nissan Tekton, Magnite and Gravite, alongside the company's growing dealer network. Nissan continues to focus on sustainable growth in India through a broader product offering, wider customer access and enhanced ownership experiences.

Commenting on the performance, Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India, said, "Our 50% year-on-year growth in domestic wholesales in October reflects continued customer confidence in Nissan and the progress we are making in India. With 85,124 units wholesaled across domestic and export markets between January and October, we continue to build on the strength of our expanding portfolio and dealer network. As we approach Dhanteras and Diwali, we remain focused on serving customers through distinctive products and enhanced ownership experiences. We also value the continued support of our international dealers, distributors and customers, who contribute to Nissan's export performance."

Nissan recorded exports of 4,710 units during October, continuing to serve customers across international markets from India. Under its 'One Car. One World.' strategy, Nissan offers customers in India and overseas products built to consistent global quality standards, reinforcing India's importance within Nissan's global operations.

Designed around Nissan's SUV DNA, the all-new Nissan Tekton combines refined Japanese craftsmanship, intelligent technology, commanding performance and everyday practicality. Alongside the Magnite and Gravite, the Tekton plays an important role in Nissan's strategy to build sustainable scale and strengthen its presence across key segments of the Indian automotive market.

Indian Railways Observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and Swachhata Hi Seva 2026



NEW DELHI – 3 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Railways observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and organised activities under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 – Special Campaign 6.0 at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, on 30 October 2026.

To mark the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the 'Iron Man of India', Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO of the Railway Board, administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge at Vichar (Conference Hall), Rail Bhawan.

Members of the Railway Board, Directors General, senior officers and staff of the Ministry of Railways were present on the occasion.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed every year on 31st October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He played a pivotal role in the integration of the princely states into the Union of India and made an enduring contribution towards strengthening the unity and integrity of the nation.

As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 – Special Campaign 6.0, various activities were organised at Rail Bhawan to promote cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation. Health check-up camps were organised for Safai Mitras, recognising the importance of their health and well-being.

On the occasion, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, felicitated Safai Mitras in recognition of their dedicated services and contribution towards maintaining cleanliness at Rail Bhawan. The felicitation acknowledged their hard work and commitment to maintaining cleanliness and upholding the spirit of Swachhata in Indian Railways.

The event recognised the contributions of day-to-day maintenance staff, with senior members of the Railway Board felicitating employees for their dedication and hard work. The felicitation included staff from housekeeping and horticulture, reflecting the deep sense of unity within the Rail family and the spirit of working together as One Family. The occasion also coincided with the felicitation of 11 employees who retired after dedicating a significant part of their lives to the service of Indian Railways and the people of the country.

The celebrations reinforced the message of keeping offices clean and green while fostering a culture of teamwork, mutual respect and collective responsibility. It highlighted the spirit of Indian Railways as One Family, working together as One Team to serve the people of India.

CHITUKURINJI' ALL SET FOR THEATRICAL RELEASE ON 27th NOVEMBER 2026 MAKERS ANNOUNCE RELEASE DATE WITH UNIQUE 'THANK YOU' CUT FROM THE FILM!



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The makers of the upcoming Tamil feel-good romantic entertainer Chitukurinji have officially announced that the film will hit theatres worldwide on 27th NOVEMBER 2026. Adding a special touch to the announcement, the team unveiled a unique 'Thank You' teaser from the film, expressing their gratitude to the audiences for the love and encouragement extended to the film's songs and promotional content. The film's first single, 'Kurinji Mala Mela', has crossed an impressive 1.8 million views on YouTube, receiving an encouraging response from music lovers. The peppy wedding number, sung by Ramya Nambeesan, features lyrics penned by Ku. Karthik, with music composed by debutant Maara. The second single, 'Ullara', sung by Maara and Shilvi Sharon, features lyrics penned by Maara, Aslam M, and Megha Salila has also garnered a positive response from listeners.

Produced by Black and White Media Solutions Private Limited, Chitukurinji has generated considerable curiosity with its distinctive blend of romance, comedy and fantasy. The makers had recently announced the successful completion of the film's dubbing phase, following which the project moved into the final stages of post-production. Written and directed by debut filmmaker VJ Meenakshi Sundharam, Chitukurinji promises a refreshing cinematic experience, bringing together an engaging romantic narrative, humour and elements of fantasy. The film features Rajith Menon in the lead, alongside Deepshika and Naksha Saran, VJ Pappu and Sriram Karthik makes a special appearance.

One of the film's major highlights is its elaborate visual recreation of the year 1983. To authentically recreate the period, the team constructed a sprawling village set spread across nearly 80 acres on the scenic slopes of Palangi Hills in Kodaikanal, bringing a distinctive visual grandeur to the narrative. Further elevating the film's musical experience, its background score was recorded with a live orchestra featuring internationally acclaimed musicians at the renowned Budapest Scoring Company studio in Budapest, Hungary. Marking the debut of composer Maara, the film features cinematography by Francis Rajkumar A., editing by Mahendran Ganesan and art direction by Ramji. Chitukurinji is produced by D. Jude Anantth under the banner of Black and White Media Solutions Private Limited, with Rajesh R., Dr. KS. Senthil and Kadaiyanenthal R. A. Peter serving as co-producers and distributed by Shaalini Cine Creations. With its unique premise, nostalgic 1983 setting, soulful music and an entertaining blend of romance, feel good, comedy fantasy, Chitukurinji is gearing up to meet audiences in theatres worldwide on 27th NOVEMBER 2026.

CAST: * Rajith Menon * Sriram Karthik * Deepshika * Naksha Saran * VJ Pappu * G. M. Kumar * Thozhar L. V. Aadhavan * Rams * Hello Kandhasamy * Theni Murugan * Sujatha * Karate Raja * Advocate Babu * Easwarbabu * Manju

TECHNICAL CREW: * Written & Directed by: VJ Meenakshi Sundharam * Produced by: Black and White Media Solutions Private Limited * Producer: D. Jude Anantth * Co-producer: R. Rajesh, Dr. K.S. Senthil (Sasiram Pictures), Kadaiyanenthal R.A. Peter * Music: Maara * Cinematography: Francis Rajkumar A. * Editing: Mahendran Ganesan * Art Direction: Ramji * Choreography: Dheena * Audiography: Tony J * SFX: Kishore Kamaraj * Foley: Dinesh Narayanan * Dubbing Engineer: Mohamad Rizwan * VFX: Jeevarathinam R * Costume Designer: Harivardhani * Costumer: S. P. Sukumar * Make-up: Velmurugan * Publicity Design: Tamilchezhian * Stills: Ajay * Executive Producer: N. Kuzhandaivelu (Manju Cine Equipments) * Line Producer: Guruvel Karthik * Production Manager: A V Palanisamy * Public Relations: Riaz K Ahmed, Paras Riyaz * Digital Marketing: A. S. Bhaktheeswaran, RJ Mohamed Rafi Meerran, Shreeinidhi Bhaktheeswaran Digital Partners Uyire_media Infinity plus digital media Cinemax * Audio Rights: Saregama India Ltd. (RPSG Group) * Distribution Partner: Shaalini Cine Creations.



