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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurates

AHMEDABAD – 10 Nov, 2026 Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurates and lays foundation stones for various development works worth approximately ₹1,400 crore in Ahmedabad.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth approximately ₹1,400 crore in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and several other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah said that development works worth approximately ₹1,400 crore were inaugurated and their foundation stones laid today. Of these, works worth around ₹1,024 crore have been undertaken by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), while projects worth approximately ₹400 crore have been completed or



initiated through the Gujarat Government's Roads and Buildings Department and the Government of India.

Department of Legal Affairs Achieves Significant Milestones under Special Campaign 6

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Department of Legal Affairs Achieves Significant Milestones under Special Campaign 6; Reviews Over 27,000 Physical Files, Disposes of 15,679 Files and Generates ₹4.71 Lakh through Scrap Disposal.



The Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, has undertaken a series of initiatives and activities under Special Campaign 6, reaffirming its commitment to efficient governance, institutional strengthening, environmental sustainability, transparency and citizen-centric administration.

During the preparatory phase, the Department deputed senior officers of the Department to visit field offices of the department to sensitise them about Swachhata Hi Sewa and Special Campaign 6.

During the implementation phase of the Special Campaign, the Department undertook a comprehensive range of activities encompassing cleanliness drives, disposal of pending references, review and weeding out of obsolete records, digitisation-oriented record management, disposal of redundant ICT and electrical equipment, space optimisation and effective grievance redressal. Special emphasis was also placed on systematic file management, reduction of administrative pendency, environmental protection and the creation of a clean, organised and productive workplace.

Ministry of Power Successfully Concludes Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Ministry of Power Successfully Concludes Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters and Cleanliness Drive.

The Ministry of Power successfully concluded the Special Campaign 6 for the Disposal of Pending Matters, conducted from October 2 to October 31, 2026. The Special Campaign aimed at promoting cleanliness streamlining work, addressing pending grievances across the Ministry's PSUs and organizations under it.

During the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6, observed from 2 October to 31 October 2026, Ministry of Power and its CPSEs/Organisations 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.

Special Focus on E-Waste Management

In line with this year's theme, special attention was given to the effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste across offices under Ministry of Power. The CPSEs/Organisations identified e-waste generated at their respective establishments and took necessary steps for its segregation and disposal in accordance with the



E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022.

From Addiction to Recovery

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 At 32, Ramesh Kumar (name changed), a resident of Sultanpur district in Uttar Pradesh, faced significant challenges due to substance addiction. The condition adversely affected his physical and mental well-being, social relationships and economic stability.



His struggle created barriers to leading a stable and productive life. Despite these challenges, he remained hopeful of overcoming addiction, rebuilding his life and regaining his place in society with dignity.

The impact of addiction had also affected his family relationships and the trust he shared with those around him. He aspired to lead a healthy and responsible life, become financially independent and restore his relationships with his family and community.

A significant turning point came through the intervention of the Drug De-addiction Centre (DDAC), Sultanpur, supported under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The centre provided him with medical treatment, rehabilitation facilities, timely medicines, healthcare services, safe accommodation and other essential facilities required during his recovery.

Alongside medical care, he received continuous counselling, motivation, yoga sessions and emotional guidance. This sustained support brought positive changes in his mindset, behaviour and lifestyle, helping him overcome addiction.

The encouragement and care provided by the centre also helped him rebuild his confidence, improve social relationships and reintegrate into society with dignity.

Today, Ramesh Kumar has made significant progress towards leading a stable and self-reliant life. He has started his own business, improving his economic condition and achieving financial stability compared to his earlier struggles. He is now living responsibly and has regained social respect and confidence.

Expressing gratitude for the support and guidance received from the centre, he acknowledges its important role in helping him rebuild his life.

His journey reflects how timely medical intervention, sustained rehabilitation, counselling and emotional support can help individuals overcome substance dependence and move towards a life of dignity, independence and social reintegration.

TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality across Railway route between New Tinsukia Railway station

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality across Railway route between New Tinsukia Railway station and Guwahati Railway station under Assam LSA.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released findings of Independent Drive Test (IDT) conducted across Railway route between New Tinsukia Railway station and Guwahati Railway station in the state of Assam under Assam LSA, during the month of September 2026, for information of general telecom consumers. The purpose of this drive test is to assess and verify real time quality of mobile network services (both voice & data) provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). During the IDT, TRAI captures performance of TSPs for key Quality of Service (QoS) parameters like Coverage, Call Drop Rate (CDR), Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), data Download (DL) and



Upload (UL) throughput etc., which are then published to inform Consumers and encourage TSPs to improve their services.

INAUGURAL INDIA–MYANMAR BILATERAL TRI-SERVICES HADR EXERCISE 'RAHAT MITRA' CONCLUDES AT CHENNAI

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 The inaugural bilateral Tri-Services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'RAHAT MITRA', conducted between the Defence Forces of India and Myanmar on 05 and 06 Nov 2026, concluded at Chennai. The two-day exercise brought together personnel from the Indian Navy, Indian Army and Indian Air Force, along with a delegation from the Myanmar Defence Forces, to enhance operational interoperability, improve coordination and facilitate the exchange of Best Practices in disaster response operations.

The exercise commenced with a focus on joint planning and familiarisation with HADR capabilities. A Table-Top Exercise (TTX), based on a severe cyclone scenario, facilitated discussions on coordinated response mechanisms and joint disaster management protocols. The participating contingents also witnessed demonstrations of obstacle clearance and bridge-laying capabilities by the Indian Army and visited INS Sukanya to



gain insights into the Indian Navy's shipborne HADR capabilities. (https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2333709)

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Cinematographer and director Chezhiyan's 'Paper Flower' made its world premiere at the Tokyo International Film Festival!



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Cinematographer and director Chezhiyan's 'Paper Flower' made its world premiere at the Tokyo International Film Festival! Producer Prema Chezhiyan, daughter Aditha Chezhiyan participated Cinematographer and director Chezhiyan's film 'The Paper Flower' was selected for the World Premiere in the Asian Future section of the 39th Tokyo International Film Festival, and two screenings were screened. The film's producer Prema Chezhiyan and her daughter Aditha Chezhiyan, who is studying in Singapore, participated in this world premiere. Both screenings were filled with a housefull of viewers. Japanese fans watched the film with great interest. When the film ended, there was loud applause throughout the hall. In the Q&A session held after the screening, the audience raised various questions. Prema Chezhiyan answered them in Tamil and Aditha Chezhiyan in English. Their answers were also translated into Japanese during the program. The appreciation and comments expressed by the festival's selection committee members, film fans and media friends about the film 'Kaagitha Malar' were very moving. Tokyo International Film Festival Jury Member Kenji Ishizaha said: “In the digital age, even low-budget films can be made. We have seen some truly beautiful works in the film world. A prime example of that is Chezhiyan’s ‘Paper Flower’. This film is a world-class work. When people think of Indian films, they usually think of Bollywood films. However, we chose this film to show the world that there are many unique films being made in India beyond Bollywood. As we expected, everyone was surprised and highly appreciated the film. Film critic Katie Rife praised the sweet, bookish Tamil film “The Paper Flower” at the Tokyo International Film Festival, saying that it stood out from the rest and caught our attention. She also said that ‘Paper Flower’ Not only Japan, but film distributors from various countries around the world have also expressed interest in screening and distributing the film. Producer Prema Cheliyan expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who worked on this film, including editor Srikar Prasad, sound designer Tapas Nayak, Cheliyan's assistants Pichumani, R.P. Raja, Rajkiran, Joseph Irudayaraaj, Pechiyappan, actor Parantaka Cholan, actress Janani Senpaka, and the publishers Sudhir, Annam, Kathir and Babasi. He also said that this success, recognition and appreciation are all "dedicated to our beloved Cheliyan". Cheliyan's film 'Kaagitha Malar' will now continue its journey in various countries around the world. May his artistic journey continue to resonate throughout the world!



Future Runup Films Acquires South Indian Distribution Rights for Regin S. Babu’s Mystery Thriller ‘Bouma’ and Amal Neerad’s Action-Crime Drama ‘Deux’ Following the Success of ‘Bethlehem Kudumba Unit’

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Following the massive theatrical success of Bethlehem Kudumba Unit, leading distribution company Future Runup Films has announced its next major theatrical releases. The company has officially acquired the South Indian theatrical distribution rights for two highly anticipated Malayalam films Bouma, a mystery thriller produced by Advus Films, and Deux, an action-crime drama produced by Anwar Rasheed Entertainment.

Anup Kumar and Arun Narayanan of Future Runup Films have been focusing on bringing quality, content-driven films to the big screen. Their vision extends beyond Tamil Nadu, with plans to expand across all South Indian territories and eventually reach a pan-India audience. As part of this ambitious expansion, Future Runup Films will leverage its strong distribution network to bring these films to a wider audience across South India.

Bouma will be released theatrically in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry, while Deux will hit theatres in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Written and directed by Regin S. Babu, Bouma features an ensemble cast comprising Dileesh Pothan, Sagar Surya, Vineeth and Aditi Balan. The film's background score, composed by Christo Xavier, adds further intensity and mystery to this gripping thriller.

Directed by Amal Neerad, Deux is a stylish action-crime drama featuring an impressive ensemble cast that includes Naslen, Kunchacko Boban, Tovino Thomas, Soubin Shahir, Sharafudheen, Sreenath Bhasi and Rajisha Vijayan. The film's dialogues are penned by Unni R., while Christo Xavier has composed both the songs and the background score.

Speaking about the association, Anup Kumar said:

"Following the tremendous response to Bethlehem Kudumba Unit, we are delighted to collaborate with Advus Films and Anwar Rasheed Entertainment to bring these two exceptional films to audiences beyond Kerala. Director Regin S. Babu has crafted an extraordinary mystery thriller in Bouma, backed by a talented cast and the brilliant music of Christo Xavier. Similarly, Amal Neerad's Deux brings a high-quality action-crime drama to the big screen with an impressive ensemble cast. We are confident that audiences across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry will enjoy an exciting theatrical experience.

The official release dates, trailer launches and complete theatre lists for both films will be announced soon through the companies' official distribution channels.



‘Any time, any place’: Rahul challenges PM Modi to debate anti-national charge

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Gandhi’s statement came a day after PM Modi said that ideological supporters of the Naxal movement had infiltrated political parties and various organisations

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday mounted a fresh attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, renewing his challenge to debate him on who was an anti-national and controlled by foreign forces “any time, any place”. Gandhi’s statement came a day after PM Modi, during his visit to Chhattisgarh’s Bastar on Sunday, said that ideological supporters of the Naxal movement, whom he described as “dimagi Naxals” (people with a Naxal mindset), had infiltrated political parties and various organisations to instigate people against the Constitution and democracy.

In a post on X, Gandhi quote-tweeted an ANI video on PM Modi’s remarks, tagged the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and said, “Your faces said it all: you didn’t buy the PM’s lies. He called us Naxals. My challenge stands. Let him debate me on who is anti-national and who is controlled by foreign forces. Any time, any place. My guarantee: after the debate, the PM won’t have the guts to stand in front of a single jawan again.” In the video clip, PM Modi, who had travelled to the operations base of CRPF’s commando unit CoBRA in Karanpur, reiterated that the Naxalites had been eliminated but the threat is not yet over.

“While armed Naxalites have been wiped out from the forests, ‘Dimagi Naxals’ have taken control of several organisations. Even today, they are inciting people against the country’s Constitution and democracy. These ‘Dimagi Naxals’ have also infiltrated several political parties and different organisations. We must identify them, defeat them and ensure the security of the nation,” PM Modi said on Sunday.

PM Modi had made the same point on October 31 while speaking at an event near the Statue of Unity in Gujarat’s Ekta Nagar to mark the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It was during his Independence Day address in August that PM Modi first referred to ‘Dimagi Naxals’, saying naxalism’s ideological supporters were seeking opportunities to promote violence.

Congress leader Pawan Khera followed up on Gandhi’s post on X. “The question of whether or not to muster the courage after the debate will only come up when there’s a debate,” he said, tagging Gandhi.

Congress leader MP Jairam Ramesh accused the Prime Minister of using Diwali to target political rivals and alleged a pattern of branding those who disagree with his government.

The back-and-forth between the Congress and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party comes amid an ongoing Opposition campaign against chief election commissioner 9CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over the alleged vote theft and the special intensive revision of the electoral roll.

On November 1, the march and rally in the heart of New Delhi on November 1 was the largest show of strength by the INDIA bloc, which has been pushing for



Kumar’s removal over allegations of irregularities in the functioning of the Election Commission of India and SIR, which has already removed 130 million names from India’s electoral rolls, many of them under absent, shifted or dead categories.

On October 5, union home minister Amit Shah accused Rahul Gandhi of avoiding parliamentary debate, saying the government is ready to debate the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls.

“Rahul holds a copy of the Constitution in his hand but respects neither the document nor the position he holds,” Shah said, addressing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers in Karnal on the final day of the BJP’s “Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy” march.

On October 30, Shah told party workers in Uttar Pradesh that he was ready to call a special session of Parliament to discuss allegations of vote theft but added that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would never agree to it.

INDIAN NAVY TO CONDUCT PASSING OUT PARADE OF LARGEST BATCH OF AGNIVEERS AT INS CHILKA

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 INS Chilka, the Indian Navy’s premier ab-initio training establishment, will conduct the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the ninth batch of Agniveers of the Indian Navy and Naviks of the Indian Coast Guard on 13 Nov 2026. Adm Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, will be the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer of the Parade.

The parade will mark the successful completion of 16 weeks of ab-initio training by over 3,300 trainees, making it the largest batch to pass out from INS Chilka. The parade will mark the culmination of an intensive training programme designed to transform young recruits into disciplined, physically agile, mentally resilient and professionally competent sea warriors.

The training curriculum integrates academics, physical conditioning, swimming, parade training, outdoor activities and camp, providing a holistic foundation for the trainees' professional journey. Equal emphasis is laid on character building, leadership, discipline, camaraderie and teamwork, while instilling the core naval values of Duty, Honour and Courage.

The Passing Out Parade will be a moment of pride and accomplishment for the trainees, as their families witness the culmination of training journey and beginning of a new career. Besides this, Naval veterans and distinguished guests will also be present for the occasion.

The Valedictory Function will be presided over by VAdm Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command. Awards will be presented to meritorious trainees, the champion division and best instructor in recognition of their exemplary performance



and contribution to training. The event will also witness the unveiling of ‘Ankur’, the bilingual trainees’ magazine.

The Passing Out Parade will be streamed live on the Indian Navy’s official social media platforms, enabling citizens across the country to witness the occasion.

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Wonderla Chennai Announces Diwali Ticket Offer Starting at ₹999

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Chennai: Wonderla Chennai has announced a special Diwali ticket offer under the campaign “Indha Deepavali, Majaa Pattasukku Readya”. Tickets start at ₹999 per adult, excluding applicable taxes. The offer is valid for visits from November 6 to 15, 2026. Children below 85 cm can enter free of charge.

The park will feature festive lighting, floral rangoli and special decorations to celebrate Diwali. Visitors can also enjoy Jain and regular buffet options, along with a special night park experience on November 7, 8 and 9, with all land rides operating until 10 PM.

Commenting on the celebrations, Dheeran Choudhary, Chief Operating Officer, Wonderla, said that the initiative aims to bring families and friends together through festive



experiences, exciting rides and special ticket offers. Visitors can book tickets through Wonderla's official website and mobile app.

China spy row puts Jensen Huang's leadership under scanner; what's next for Nvidia

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 The probe into links with an alleged Chinese spy has hit the Nvidia CEO's public image and is likely to impact the company too.

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, who is in the eye of a storm over his affair with a suspected Chinese spy, faces an uncertain future as Nvidia's board launches a probe into the matter. While the board has expressed confidence that national security was not compromised, questions arise over Huang's leadership, his dealings with Chinese executives and the road ahead for the company. The 63-year-old CEO on Sunday admitted to having an affair with Alice Huang, a Chinese businesswoman suspected by US intelligence agencies of working for Beijing. His admission came after the company launched an internal probe. The probe into links with an alleged Chinese spy has hit the Nvidia CEO's public image and is likely to impact the company too, with a possibility of rise in regulatory and political scrutiny. Nvidia succession plan

Huang has no publicly known succession plan, with no clear No. 2 positioned to take over the tech giant. He has repeatedly said he wants to continue as CEO for decades. He has also built an informal organisational structure that avoids a conventional hierarchy, with his direct reports tasked with rapidly implementing his decisions, Bloomberg reported on Monday.

“Jensen is a very unique CEO. There is no known succession plan. There are no leaders in his company that would be the clear next to step up,” Daniel Newman, CEO of the Futurum Group, was quoted as saying by Bloomberg.

A Wall Street Journal report, meanwhile, highlighted Huang's growing family involvement in Nvidia, with both his children, Madison and Spencer, working in key business units. Madison works in the Omniverse division, while Spencer is part of the company's robotics group. Madison's husband, Nico Caprez, is also a Nvidia vice-president. Huang had reportedly told a close family friend when his children were young that “it would be his dream if one of them ran Nvidia one day”. However, neither child has been publicly designated as his successor.

Possible impact of Chinese spy link probe on Nvidia

The spy-row fallout could extend beyond questions over Jensen Huang's leadership to Nvidia's regulatory exposure, US-China chip trade and relationships with customers and investors.

The espionage allegations could expose Nvidia to greater regulatory and political scrutiny, particularly over its business with China. The controversy has raised questions about Huang's



dealings with Chinese executives, his lobbying for permission to sell advanced AI chips to China and the company's compliance with US export controls.

The US Congress is also moving towards an inquiry, with three Republican House committee chairs asking Huang to attend a closed-door briefing on November 18. Analysts and lawyers, cited by the South China Morning Post, said the fallout could have implications for Nvidia's leadership, its China business and its ability to operate independently.

The controversy could also weigh on investor confidence and Nvidia's market standing if the investigation raises questions about governance or leadership continuity. Brokerage Bernstein also flagged the company's dependence on Huang, who is closely involved in its long-term strategy and decision-making.

However, Nvidia's board has said it has no reason to believe national security or company secrets were compromised and that its independent investigation will examine all available information. The committee of independent directors will work with outside counsel to investigate the matter.

President of India to Confer 10th Edition Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 Awards

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 The President of India, Droupadi Murmu will confer Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at a ceremony to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 11 th November, 2026.

The 10th edition of the Swachh Survekshan on the theme of ‘ Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath ’ has been successfully completed. Under the aegis of the Department of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Swachh Survekshan (SS) Awards 2025-26 will honour India’s cleanest cities, celebrating their outstanding contributions to Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, will confer awards across various categories at Vigyan Bhawan, New



Delhi, in the presence of Sh. Manohar Lal, Union Minister of MoHUA and Power and Sh. Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State, MoHUA.

The SS 2025-26 awards serve as a celebration of the collective achievements of cities and States in the past decade and a renewed commitment to sustain on-ground achievements.

MY Bharat-NSS Organises Nationwide ‘Diwali Sneh Milan’ to Promote Substance Abuse-Free Festive Celebrations

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 MY Bharat-National Service Scheme (NSS) organised nationwide ‘Diwali Sneh Milan’ celebrations across 153 institutions under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan, recording 1,07,494 participations. The eighth weekly intervention marked the conclusion of the campaign's second month and brought together young people, families and community members to promote an addiction-free Diwali through community gatherings, cultural activities, collective pledges and voluntary service.

The initiative sought to extend the message of substance abuse prevention beyond educational institutions to homes and neighbourhoods, encouraging families and communities to take collective responsibility for promoting healthy choices and responsible festive celebrations. Activities at the remaining institutions will be held after the vacation period.

As part of the Nasha Mukt Deepotsav, volunteers, community elders and children lit earthen diyas, symbolising the victory of light over the darkness of



addiction. The Deepotsav and Sneh Milan gatherings together engaged over 41,600 participants, using the festive occasion to promote community participation in substance abuse prevention.

Medical Cost Growth in India Expected to Slow to 10.1% in 2027, Aon Report

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Aon plc (NYSE: AON), a leading global professional services firm, released its 2027 Global Medical Trend Rates Report, which projects that medical costs in India will increase by 10.1% in 2027, down from 11.5% in 2026.

While healthcare cost growth is slowing, it remains well above India's projected inflation rate of 4%. After inflation, the net medical trend rate is expected to fall from 7.4% in 2026 to 6.1% in 2027, meaning healthcare costs will continue to rise materially faster than general prices.

India's projected medical trend rate remains above the Asia Pacific average, which is expected to decline from 11.3% in 2026 to 9.7% in 2027. India’s rate is projected to be higher than China’s 6%, while remaining below several markets including Singapore (14.7%), Thailand (11.7%) and Indonesia (17.3%). These variations reflect differences in healthcare systems, demographics, disease burdens and healthcare utilisation patterns, reinforcing the need for locally informed benefits and healthcare strategies.

“Moderation in India's medical trend rate reflects easing cost pressures and improving conditions across many healthcare systems globally,” said Ashley DSilva, Head of Health and Wealth Solutions, India, Aon. “However, long-term structural challenges persist, including chronic disease, growing demand for healthcare services and greater use of advanced treatments. With local medical costs still rising at more than twice the rate of inflation, benefits budgets will remain under pressure. Employers need proactive, data-led strategies that combine their own workforce and claims insights with market benchmarks to optimise plan design, strengthen provider networks and support workforce resilience.”

Chronic Conditions Continue to Drive Claims

Chronic health conditions remain among the most significant drivers of medical costs across the region. Cardiovascular disease is the leading driver of medical claims, followed by ENT/lung and respiratory diseases and cancer. High blood pressure, physical inactivity and poor nutrition are also among the key risk factors expected to contribute to future healthcare claims.

The report outlines several strategies employers are adopting to manage rising healthcare costs. Globally, wellbeing initiatives remain the most widely expected approach, with 87% of employers expected to use this approach for 2027. Two-thirds of employers are also expected to use flexible benefits as a cost-mitigation strategy, reflecting a growing focus on personalising benefits to meet diverse workforce needs while helping employers manage costs.

“India's workforce is diverse and rapidly evolving, making a one-size-fits-all approach to benefits increasingly ineffective,” said Ariz Rizvi, Head of Health Risk Management, Health Solutions, India, Aon. “Organisations that use data and analytics to understand workforce needs can better balance affordability with access to quality care. Investment in prevention, flexible benefits and employee wellbeing can help employers build more sustainable health programmes while supporting productivity, talent attraction and retention.”

Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha Arrive at Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, Bomdila

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha Arrive at Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, Bomdila, on 8th November.

The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha arrived at Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery (Lower Gompa), Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, on 8 November 2026 and were enshrined at the monastery for public darshan. The Sacred Relics will be available for public darshan from 8 to 13 November 2026. The exposition is being organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the National Museum New Delhi, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International



Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi.

The first day of the public exposition on 8 November witnessed an encouraging response, with around 4,000 devotees visiting the monastery to have darshan of the Sacred Relics. Buddhist monks, dignitaries, senior citizens and persons with disabilities also offered prayers and paid their respects. From 9 to 13 November 2026, devotees from Bomdila constituency and neighbouring constituencies are scheduled to visit the monastery, to offer prayers and seek blessings.

Revised MRPs of 1,364 Anti-Cancer Formulations Come into Effect from Today

CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has capped trade margins on the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of 137 anti-cancer drugs, based on the recommendations of an Expert Committee constituted by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, on 17th October, 2026. The revised MRPs of these medicines come into effect from today, 9th November, 2026.

As on 8th of November, 2026, 85 Pharmaceutical Companies have reported revised MRPs for 1,364



anti-cancer formulations, covering 121 drugs. With 679 brands reporting price reductions of more than 50%. The highest reported reduction in MRP is 96.45%. As a result of the price reductions the estimated annual savings to consumers is expected to be ₹3,540.38 crore.

Consumers can check the revised MRP printed on the medicine pack and verify the medicine prices through the Pharma Sahi Daam mobile app or NPPA website (nppa.gov.in). No chemist or hospital pharmacy can charge more than the revised MRP. In case of overcharging or any other pricing-related complaint, consumers can register their grievance through the Pharma Jan Samadhan portal or contact the NPPA helpline at 1800-111-255.

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US-Iran war LIVE: Pezeshkian says Khamenei has issued directives to end standoff with Washington





CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 The United States and Iran remain locked in a prolonged war, with efforts to negotiate an end to the war yet to make significant progress. Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian has said Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei has issued directives on ending the state of “neither war nor peace” with the US. Pezeshkian also signalled Tehran’s willingness to engage in diplomatic talks, while making it clear that Iran will not bow to external pressure. He maintained that any dialogue must be conducted on fair and equal footing, without coercion, Iranian news agency ISNA reported.

The statement comes as US President Donald Trump is set to meet Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani at the White House, as Doha continues to mediate between Washington and Tehran.

Trump says fresh strikes on Iran ‘unlikely’

Trump has indicated that he is unlikely to order further military strikes against Iran if negotiations make progress and result in what he considers a strong agreement.

In a phone interview with CNN on Sunday, Trump said it would be "highly unlikely" that military action would be necessary if an agreement could be reached.

But he also warned that Washington had identified additional infrastructure targets in Iran, including 38 bridges, that could be hit if military operations resume.

Asked in an interview with CBS's 60 Minutes whether he planned to escalate military operations against Iran, Trump said: "Well I'm not looking to. I don't think there's any reason to."

Rubio lands in France for G7 foreign ministers' meeting

US secretary of state Marco Rubio arrived in France on Monday for the for G7 meeting. Rubio is in Paris for a two-day meeting, where discussions are expected to focus on the Iran conflict and Russia's war in Ukraine.

Earlier he said negotiations with Iran are not close to a breakthrough, despite continued efforts to find a diplomatic solution.

Speaking to reporters in Florida before leaving for the G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Paris, Rubio said the Trump administration remained open to diplomacy. However, he criticised Tehran's demands, describing them as unacceptable and, in some cases, "outrageous and ridiculous, and really not realistic".

US launches Task Force Iron Gate to restrict Iran's trade routes

Last week, the US has launched a new military task force, called Task Force Iron Gate, to restrict Iran's movement of weapons technology and other sanctioned goods across its land borders and through the Caspian Sea.

US Central Command (CENTCOM) said the initiative would expand the existing naval blockade by targeting the movement of advanced weapons systems, dual-use technology, sanctioned materials and illegal revenue streams, as per CBS news.

Netanyahu rival Gadi Eisenkot gets first chance to form Israel's next government

Israeli opposition leader and former military chief Gadi Eisenkot has been given the first opportunity to form the country's next government after the October 27 election failed to produce a clear parliamentary majority. President Isaac Herzog formally tasked Eisenkot with forming a government on Sunday. He has 28 days to secure the necessary support, with a possible 14-day extension.

Eisenkot's options include forming a broad national unity government, seeking support from Arab-led parties or negotiating with ultra-Orthodox political groups. The task is complicated by the fact that Netanyahu's Likud remains the largest individual party, while neither political bloc has secured a clear majority. If Eisenkot fails, Netanyahu could get another opportunity to form a government, potentially followed by fresh elections.

Israel preparing for possible renewed military operations in Lebanon

The Israeli military is preparing for a possible resumption of its offensive in Lebanon if the conflict with Iran escalates again, according to a report by Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth. The preparations reportedly include strengthening military positions along the Lebanese border and updating operational plans ahead of winter.

Pakistan’s military build-up and the strategic test facing India | Point Blank



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 India retains the military advantage, but sustaining that edge will require self-reliance, sustained modernisation and greater attention to threats from within.

The fighting may stop, but the strategic contest does not. That is the central message of Hindustan Times Executive Editor Shishir Gupta’s assessment of the changing India-Pakistan equation: Operation Sindoor has not diminished the challenge from Islamabad, and India must prepare for an adversary investing in military capabilities while cultivating powerful international partners. Speaking to HT Senior Anchor Aayesha Varma on Point Blank, Gupta described a competition extending beyond fighter aircraft, missiles and submarines. Its other dimensions include diplomatic bargaining, intelligence operations and information warfare. India, he argued, retains the military advantage, but sustaining that edge will require self-reliance, sustained modernisation and greater attention to threats from within. At the centre of Gupta’s assessment was Pakistan’s potential acquisition of Chinese fifth-generation fighter aircraft. Citing intelligence inputs, he said Pakistan could receive its first J-20 fighters as early as January or February 2027, although the timing could change. He also said Pakistani pilots were already training in China.

These are claims made in the interview, rather than confirmed deliveries established by the transcript. Nevertheless, Gupta’s concern was clear: a more capable aircraft, combined with longer-range air-to-air missiles, could substantially strengthen Pakistan’s aerial capabilities.

He pointed to Pakistan’s interest in missiles beyond the PL-15 used during Operation Sindoor, naming the PL-16 and PL-17. In his assessment, improvements in both the launch platform and its weapons would deepen the challenge for Indian planners.

Gupta also acknowledged potential limitations, questioning the endurance of China’s WS-15 engine. His broader argument, however, was that technical shortcomings should not obscure the significance of Pakistan potentially acquiring a fifth-generation fighter capability.

A build-up across air, land and sea

The aircraft question forms part of a wider military expansion that Gupta attributed to Field Marshal Asim Munir.

He described Pakistan as a “quasi-military state” in which the military leadership can prioritise defence acquisitions despite financial constraints. The equipment he highlighted included Chinese HQ-9B air-defence systems, eight Yuan-class or Hangor-class submarines, longer-range missiles, and armed drones and unmanned combat systems from China and Turkey.

Taken together, these acquisitions represent more than the purchase of individual weapons. In Gupta’s account, they reflect an effort to improve Pakistan’s capabilities across multiple domains, complicating India’s operational planning.

He rejected the assumption that the damage India inflicted during Operation Sindoor had permanently reduced the Pakistani threat. Although he credited India with damaging 11 Pakistani air bases and multiple air-defence installations, he argued that Islamabad’s subsequent modernisation made continued vigilance essential.

How Pakistan turns relationships into military leverage

How does a financially constrained country sustain such ambitions? Gupta’s answer centred on Pakistan’s ability to make itself useful to competing powers.

China remains its closest strategic partner. Gupta described a relationship encompassing weapons, surveillance support and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. In return, he argued, Islamabad accommodates Beijing’s interests and supports its political positions.

Yet Pakistan also maintains engagement with the United States. Gupta placed this relationship within a long historical context, while describing Islamabad’s outreach to Washington, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Iran as part of a wider effort to secure resources and influence.

His assessment was that Pakistan does not necessarily need its partners to share identical objectives. It seeks overlapping opportunities: military equipment from one relationship, financial backing from another, and diplomatic relevance from a third.

But Gupta also identified a limitation. Playing multiple sides can generate short-term advantages without producing lasting trust. Pakistan’s usefulness, he suggested, should not be confused with unconditional support.

India’s response: Range, defence and readiness

Gupta maintained that India was responding to Pakistan’s acquisitions rather than watching passively.

He highlighted efforts to integrate the Russian RVV-BD air-to-air missile, which he described as having a range of approximately 300 kilometres. He also referred to the indigenous Astra programme, including an anticipated Astra 2 test and a projected range exceeding 200 kilometres.

The underlying objective, in his account, is to expand India’s ability to engage threats at longer distances and strengthen its stand-off capabilities.

Air defence is another priority. Gupta referred to the expected arrival of India’s fifth S-400 system and the need to monitor Pakistan’s development of the Ababil missile, including its pursuit of multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles.

These timelines and specifications were presented as Gupta’s assessments in the conversation. His larger contention was that India must prepare simultaneously for Pakistan’s modernisation and the continuing challenge from China.

Tamil Nadu: Cop beaten to death after confronting men bursting firecrackers, 3 held



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 A scuffle then broke out during which one of them allegedly hit the officer hard with a rod following which the officer collapsed

Three individuals were arrested for beating a senior police officer to death in Tamil Nadu’s Theni district, police said on Monday. “We have arrested three of them right now. I cannot share any other details in this matter,” an officer told HT. Theni sub-division police also registered a case against the three. Investigations revealed that the 56-year-old Senthilkumar, a Theni district superintendent of police, was returning home when he saw the three bursting firecrackers in the middle of the road at Samadharampuram on Sunday night.

He questioned them for causing inconvenience to the public. When they ignored him, he took a video of them on his mobile phone, triggering an argument.

A scuffle then broke out during which one of them allegedly hit the officer hard with a rod following which the officer collapsed, police said.

A patrol team nearby took the officer to the district government hospital and despite medical intervention, the officer was declared dead on Monday.

The body has been taken for an autopsy, an officer said.

Meanwhile, superintendent of police KS Praveen Gowtham visited the site on Monday and conducted an inquiry into the incident.

The death of the officer in Theni is one of several crimes that occurred across various districts on Sunday over the last 24 hours. Theni is about 600km south of Chennai.

Several political parties including the main opposition in the assembly Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) slammed the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) over the murder of the officer in Theni and other incidents stating the law and order situation has worsened in Tamil Nadu.

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From Educational Support to Academic Excellence Through the NFSC Fellowship



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Dr. Amit Kumar, (name changed), as on date, is able to contribute to the economic and social well-being of his family. His journey reflects how timely financial and academic support can help students from economically weaker rural backgrounds overcome barriers, pursue higher education and translate their aspirations into meaningful professional achievements.

At 37, Dr. Amit Kumar has established himself as an Assistant Professor, reflecting a journey shaped by determination and the support received through the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) Scheme.

He faced financial, educational and social challenges while pursuing higher studies. His experience highlights the role of fellowship assistance in reducing financial barriers and enabling students to work towards their academic and professional aspirations.

Limited access to quality education, financial instability, inadequate transportation facilities and restricted opportunities created significant hurdles in his educational journey. Despite these constraints, he remained committed to pursuing higher education, achieving financial independence and supporting his family.

A significant turning point came through the NFSC Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The financial assistance and academic support enabled him to continue his higher education and research without undue financial strain. It helped him meet research-related expenses, purchase study materials and address other essential educational needs.

In 2024, following his upgradation from Junior Research Fellow (JRF) to Senior Research Fellow (SRF), he received additional government financial assistance of approximately ₹50,000. This support further strengthened his financial position and helped him continue his academic pursuits.

The assistance contributed to improved academic and professional opportunities, helping him move towards greater financial stability.

INS SURAT AT MUSCAT, OMAN



SURAT – 10 Nov, 2026 Indian Naval Ship Surat arrived at Muscat, Oman, on 08 Nov 2026 to participate in the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise ‘Naseem Al Bahr’ (Sea Breeze), followed by a Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman.

The exercise will comprise professional activities during the harbour and sea phases, including cross-deck visits, operational interactions and sporting events. These activities will provide opportunities for personnel of both Navies to exchange experiences and Best Practices, enhance interoperability and foster greater mutual understanding.

The port call underscores the strong and enduring maritime partnership between India and Oman, founded on longstanding ties between the two nations. It is in consonance with the Government of India’s vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) and provides an opportunity to build upon the momentum generated during the 13th edition of the Joint Military Cooperation Committee meeting held on 24 Nov 2025 (https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2193653).